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Incumbents returned to county offices

A total of 1,112 voters cast their ballots in Tuesday's general election, making the turnout a whopping 44.18 percent of Coke County's 2517 registered voters. This percentage may easily approach a record county turnout for a non-presidential general election.

County voters were favoring the incumbents on Tuesday, as incumbent county judge Roy Blair had a total of 669 votes over his challenger Hal Spain, with a total of 492. In the only other contested race for county treasurer, incumbent Phelan Wrinkle got the nod over Andra Arrott by a margin of 621 to 511.

Other incumbents who were returned to office in uncontested races were Mary Grim for County/District Clerk; Josie Dean, Tax Assessor/Collector; Robert Feil, County Commissioner, Pct. 2; Bobby Blaylock, County Commissioner Pct. 4; Joan Davis, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Grady Coulter, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; and Marshall Millican, Constable, Pct. 1.

County voters agreed with the rest of the state in returning Kay Bailey Hutchison to her Senate seat. Incumbent governor Rick Perry also took the nod locally and statewide, as well as Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst and Attorney General Greg Abbott. Susan Combs got the nod in the

State Comptroller's race. In the state representative's race for District 72, Drew Darby was expected to win easily over challenger Dennis Higgins. However, due to a large number of voters in the San Angelo area requesting paper ballots, results in this election were not known at presstime.

Holiday Closing

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 13 to observe the Veteran's Day Holiday. Residents are reminded that in the event of a water emergency they may call the City Hall answer service to reach the person on call after hours, weekends, and holidays.

Residents are also reminded that effective November 1, the City Landfill will only open on the first and third Saturday of each month.

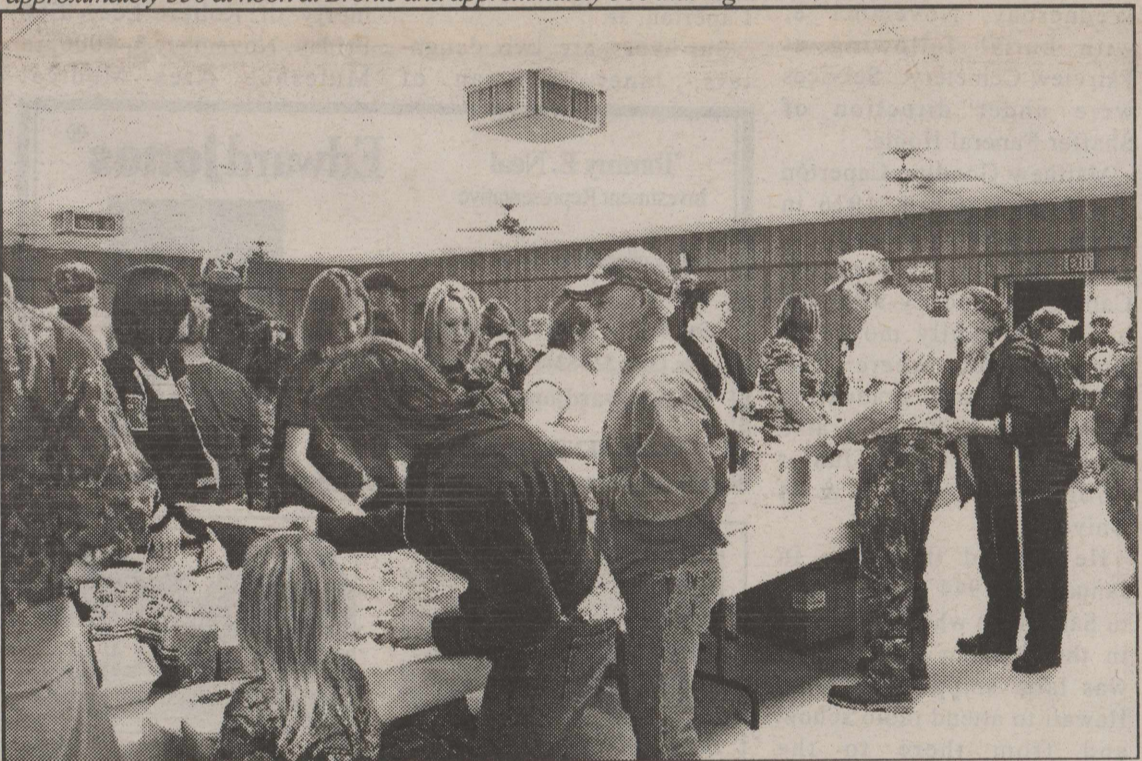
Night of Praise at Central Baptist

Central Baptist Church of Bronte will be having a Night of Praise, Sunday evening, November 12, beginning at 6 pm. The night will be full of special music and some congregational singing.

If you wish to be part of the Night of Praise, please contact Pastor Tim White by Saturday, November 11 at noon, to be placed on the program. Your song or songs that honor God will be highly appreciated. Then everyone



Come and Get It! These were the scenes of the serving lines at the Bronte (above photo) and Robert Lee Hunter's Barbecues, held this past Saturday, November 4. This year's barbecues hosted approximately 350 at noon at Bronte and approximately 500 that night in Robert Lee.



is invited to come and enjoy the Night of Praise.

Senior Thanksgiving meal set

The Robert Lee Senior Center will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal at the large recreation center on Tuesday evening, November 14, 2006, beginning at 5:30 pm. All senior citizens in the county are invited. The meal will be potluck and will feature turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. Also, enchiladas will be available for those who are not fond of the traditional fare. Call 453-4780 for more information and to RSVP. Last year over sixty people attended and had a fabulous time. Come celebrate and be thankful for America!

Angel Food Ministries needs volunteers

The Angel Food Ministries is needing volunteers to assist with food distribution at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte on Saturday, November 18 at 2 pm. If you would like to volunteer or just have questions, call 473-5341 or 473-2124.

Golf tourney slated for Bronte

There will be a 27 hole, two person select shot golf tournament on Saturday, November 18. The tournament will be held at Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte, with tee off time at 9 am. For more information, call 473-2156.

Coke County Football

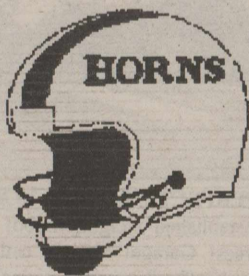
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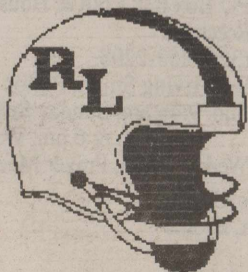
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Obituaries



Caperton

Matt Caperton passed from this life on Sunday, November 5, 2006 in San Angelo, Texas. Family visitation was from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas. Services were at 2 pm at the First Baptist Church of Bronte on Wednesday, November 8, with burial following at Fairview Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Matthew Goodloe Caperton was born March 4, 1926 in Clyde, Texas to Emmett L. and Lillian (Coleman) Caperton. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Bronte, Texas where Matt attended school, graduating in May of 1943. He also attended San Angelo Junior College and Texas A & M University.

He entered the Navy in January of 1944 and was sent to San Diego where he served in the Seaman Guard. He was later shipped to Oahu, Hawaii to attend radio school and from there to the Marshall Islands. He served as radioman and teletype operator during the war.

Matt and his second grade sweetheart, Armilda Jean Looney, of Robert Lee were married December 26, 1946. Matt and Mil began their married life in Robert Lee and later moved to Bronte where Matt began an occupation that would be the center of his life—the selling, buying and trading of cars and trucks.

He entered the car business with his father, E. L. and his brother, R. T. in 1949. They formed Caperton Chevrolet Company and remained in business until June of 1970. Matt and Mil moved to Big Spring in the fall of 1971 as Matt took a position with Pollard Chevrolet and with

the exception of a few years, was there until his retirement in 2003. Many of Matt's family and friends feel that had he regained his health, he would still be selling cars.

Active in community affairs, Matt served in various capacities while living in Bronte. Those activities include Bronte School Board, City Councilman, Housing Board Authority, East Coke County Hospital District and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the American Legion, the Lions Club and the First Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Armilda; two brothers, R. T. Caperton and Leslie Dean Caperton; one sister, Savannah Ruth Belcher; and his son, Matthew G. Caperton, Jr.

Survivors are two daughters, Janet Hickman of

Bronte, Texas, and Savannah Almazan of Big Spring, Texas, and one son, Mark Caperton of Austin, Texas, nine grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and family members who will miss all the good stories.

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to Barbara Johnson for her care and concern for Matt during his lengthy illness. The family would also like to thank Dr. Cheraku and his staff.

Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church in Bronte, P.O. Box T, Bronte, Texas 76933.

Matt loved life and he loved people. On the occasion of his 78th birthday, Matt made this statement about his life: "If I left this world today, I would be leaving a very rich man. I have been blessed with family love, great friends, great jobs, working with great people—and loving and enjoying every minute of it."

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Death Notices

Garrett

"Big" Jim Garrett, 75, formerly of Robert Lee, died Friday, November 3, 2006, in Muleshoe Area Medical

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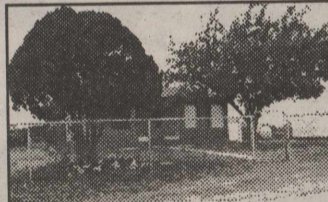
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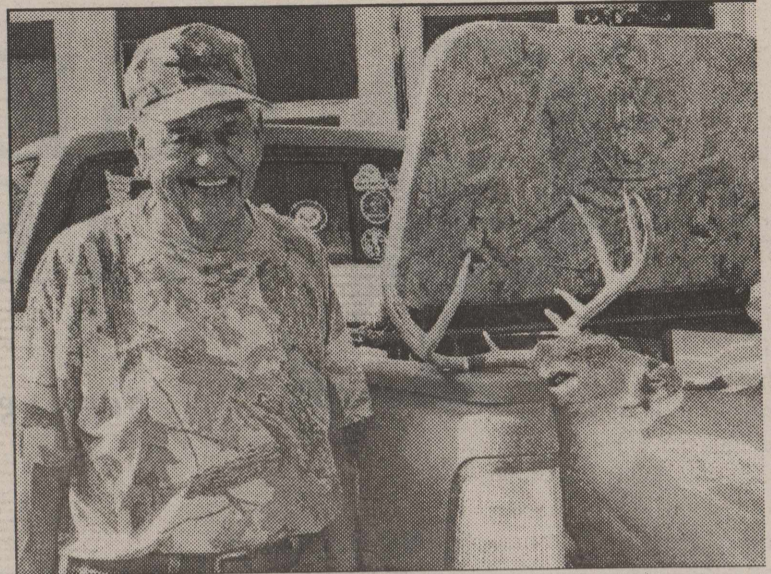
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Still Huntin'! Fred Mendoza, Sr., of San Antonio, shot this 10 point deer, at the age of 92 years young. He used a .264 Winchester Mag at 100 yards and only took one shot! Fred and his sons were hunting about two miles south of Silver.

Center.

Graveside services were held on Monday, November 6, 2006, at Bailey County Cemetery with Don Sharp officiating.

He is survived by two

brothers, Phil Garrett of Muleshoe, Texas and Bill Garrett of Hartselle, Alabama.

Arrangements were by Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe, Texas.

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 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

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215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Martin Benefit Fund set

The Chad Martin Benefit Fund has recently been set up at Robert Lee State Bank. Chad Martin, a seventh grader at Robert Lee Junior High and son of Lorrie and Larry Martin, will be needing a serious surgery involving the expansion of his chest cavity. He was born with a sunken chest. Now, as he has hit a major growing stage, his lungs and heart do not have enough room to grow. He also has to have his gall bladder removed.

Please keep this family in your prayers!

4-H Fundraiser gearing up

The Coke County 4-H Clubs are now holding their annual fundraiser. These 4-H members are taking orders for cutlery, food items, candles and baking dishes. These will make great Christmas gifts. If you are interested please contact a 4-H member to place an order or call the Extension office at 453-2461. Orders are to be turned in by Wednesday, November 15 so they can have the items back in time for Christmas.

Winters Arts & Crafts show coming up in November

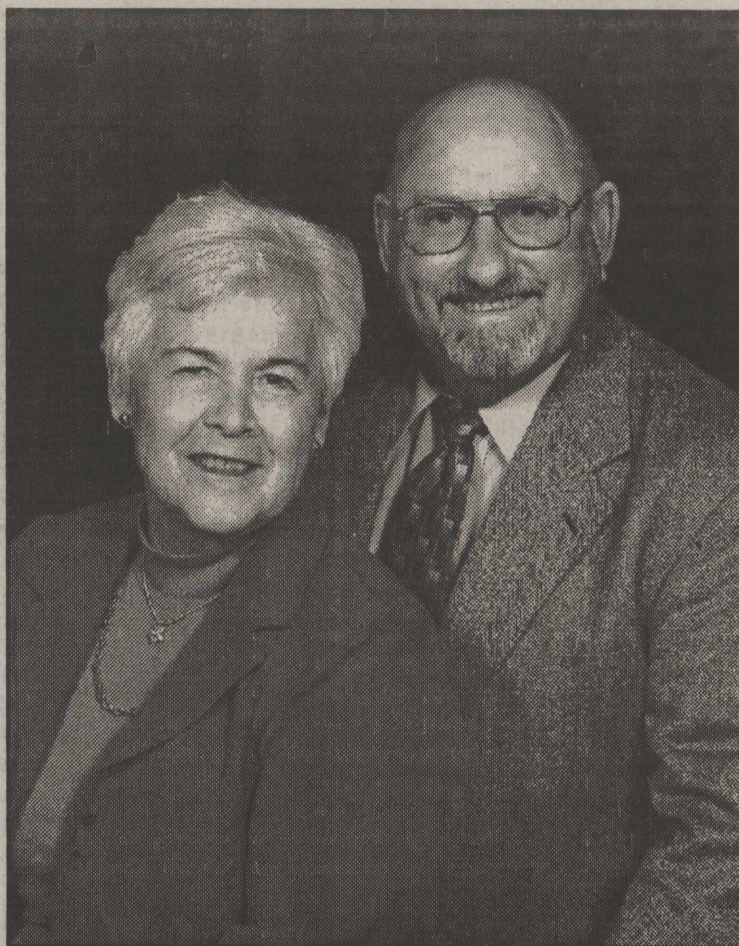
The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting vendor applications for the annual Arts & Crafts Show on Sat., November 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held in the Spill Building on Main Street in downtown Winters. For reservations, please contact the Winters Chamber of Commerce at 325-754-5210, P. O. Box 662, Winters, Texas 79567, or e-mail wacc@wtxs.net.

Proclamation November Official Home Care month

Across this great state, many Texans make the decision to seek professional in-home care for disabled, elderly or chronically ill family members and loved ones. Home care providers offer assistance with daily activities and provide professional medical care. By providing the warmth and comfort of the home environment and the professional care of the hospital setting, home care offers many Texans the opportunity to live with their families and friends while receiving the care that they need.

The Texas Association of Home Care (TAHC) includes more than 600 licensed Home and Community Support Services Agencies that provide home care and other community support services. The support network formed by this dedicated group of home care professionals continues to play a vital role in health care delivery.

To highlight the importance



Golden Anniversary! Grady and Dian Coulter will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 22, 2006. They were married November 22, 1956, at 7 pm in the San Angelo home of Dian's sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Buddy Millican. Grady is the son of Austin Coulter and Gladys Coulter Pearson (both deceased). Dian is the daughter of Turney Coulter (deceased) and Irma Casey Blair of Robert Lee. The couple have four sons, Nelson, of Girard, Texas; Turney, of Jayton, Texas; Tim, of Cottonwood, Texas; and Layne, of Jayton, Texas. Grady and Dian also have four lovely daughters-in-law, 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Bronte.

A come-and-go reception honoring Grady and Dian will be held at the Bronte Community Center on Sunday, November 19, from 1 pm until 5 pm. An opportunity for friends and family to publicly offer memories and/or comments will occur at 3 pm.

of this issue and to promote the availability and advantages of home care, TAHC and home care providers throughout the State of Texas have designated November for a month of awareness.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about home care options and to recognize the invaluable contributions of home care providers. Their work helps ensure a better quality of life for many Texans and their loved ones.

Therefore, I, Roy Blair, Coke County Judge, do hereby proclaim November 2006, Home Care Month in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 23rd day of October 2006.

Roy Blair
Coke County Judge

Texas NRCS sets Dec. 15 deadline for EQIP

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has set a December 15, 2006, sign-up deadline for the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Immediately following the end of the sign-up period, all applications will be ranked. Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan and will begin implementing conservation practices next spring.

For more information, contact the local NRCS office or visit the Texas NRCS Web Site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

THANK YOU

A hearty CONGRATULATIONS to my opponent and the other winners in Tuesday's election and a BIG THANK YOU to my supporters.

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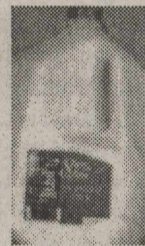
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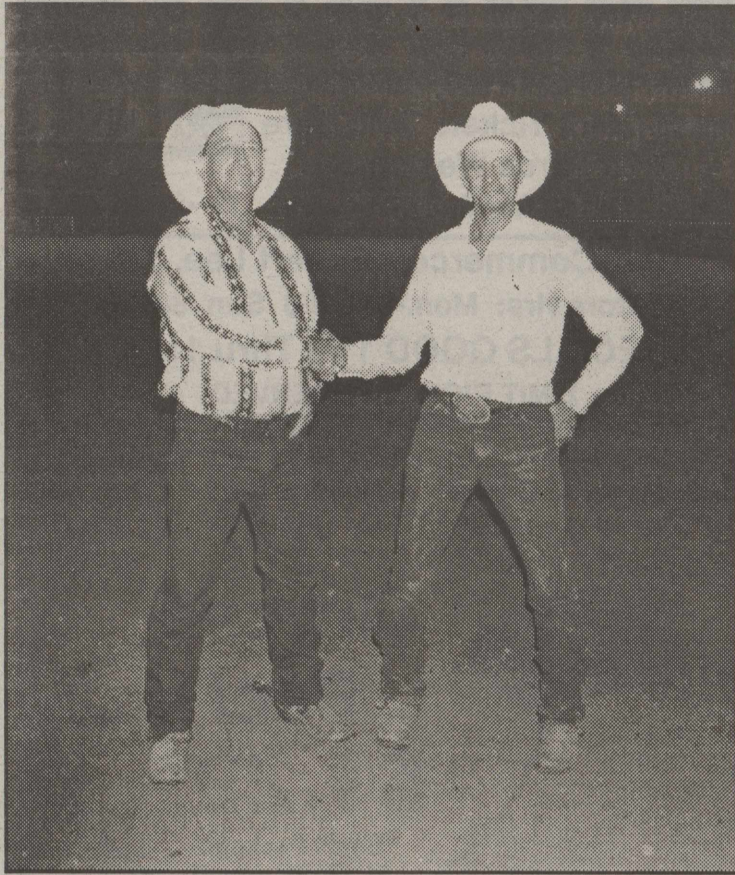
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Top Ropers! The Coke County Roping Club held their final buckle roping of the year on Sunday, October 8, 2006, at the Coke County Roping Arena in Bronte. Winning the buckle as Top Heeler was Roger Graves (left), with Glenn Gillette winning the Top Header buckle.

Use caution in school zones

TxDOT would like to remind motorists of the following 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.

Letter to the Editor

As a proud parent of a Bronte Lady Longhorn, I want to congratulate the Varsity volleyball team and coaching staff on a fantastic season. After losing only one game in district, the Lady Horns proved they are winners and went on to the Area playoffs. This is an excellent group of young ladies who made it an exciting season for their fans. Congratulations again!

Terry Austin

Ombudsman seeking volunteers

Did you know that more than 60% of nursing home residents do not have any family or visitors? Advocate for nursing home residents who need a voice. The Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging is looking for self-motivated and objective individuals to become an Ombudsman volunteer.

The Ombudsman volunteer will receive training and volunteer two to three hours per week at an assigned nursing home assisting elderly Texans to protect their rights. They assist residents, families and staff to obtain the highest quality of care for the residence. Must be able to be assertive, work independently and accept supervision.

For more information, contact Terry Lockhart, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll free 1-877-944-9666. The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services funds services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley.

Cody Bridges receives 3 scholarships

Cody Bridges of Crane, formerly of Robert Lee, has been awarded scholarships from the Texas Turfgrass Association; West Texas Golf Course Superintendent's Association and the Texas Nursery Association for the 2006-2007 school year.

He is the son of Glenn and Loretta Bridges of Crane and the grandson of Jackie Walker and great-grandson of Cova Sparks, both of Robert Lee. Cody is currently a student at Western Texas College majoring in golf course/landscape technology.

Cody is a sophomore student and has earned a 4.0 grade point average for the past two semesters. He is

employed by Patterson Ranch Golf Course in Snyder. He is also serving as president of the student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Chapter at Western Texas College.

Lower Your Heating And Energy Costs At Home

With lower temperatures come higher heating costs. And with Americans already spending more than \$160 billion a year to heat, cool and light their homes, cost-consciousness is more important than ever.

According to recent research from the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC), 57 percent of homeowners who recently remodeled or purchased a new custom-built home saw increased household energy costs, and virtually all respondents anticipated costs would continue to rise.

That's why PERC and other energy experts are urging homeowners to scrutinize their heating and energy choices to keep their homes comfortable and their wallets fuller.

"Americans are not powerless when it comes to their energy choices," said Scott Morgan, host of HGTV's "Dream Builders" show. "Homeowners can see a big difference by making a few small changes in the home, developing an energy plan and taking advantage of new tax credits. And families building new homes have a huge opportunity to make smart energy choices that will pay off over the long term."

As such, PERC is encouraging homeowners to save on energy costs by creating a three-step energy plan:

- * Explore fuel payment plan options to spread your projected annual costs over many months, balancing the costs of seasonally higher bills.

- * If you use a fuel that requires delivery, such as propane, set up a regular delivery schedule with your retailer. Consider filling your

tank before the start of the heating season rather than waiting until it is empty.

- * The federal government is offering a tax credit of up to \$500 for qualifying energy-saving improvements made during the 2006 and 2007 calendar years. Credits are available for many home improvements including high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment such as propane water heaters and furnaces. For more information visit www.energytaxincentives.org

And with the average American home losing up to 50 percent of its energy through inadequate insulation and inefficient appliances, according to experts like HGTV's Morgan, PERC is offering these easy tips to help consumers lower their energy bills:

- * Inspect and tune-up your residential heating system regularly. A heating system that runs well is more efficient and saves money.

- * Change your furnace filter regularly. Clean filters will increase efficiency.

- * Consider switching to a propane water heater. Propane water heaters can save up to one third as compared to electricity, and they heat more than twice as much water in an hour as a comparable electric model.

- * Turn down your water heater to 115 degrees Fahrenheit. You could save more than 10 percent on your water heating bill.

- * Wrap your water heater in an insulating blanket.

- * Increase your water heater's efficiency by draining it every six months to remove mineral deposits and sediment.

- * Vacuum dust off refriger-

erator coils every three months. It takes less energy to cool that way. Check the gaskets around the door and make sure it shuts tight.

- * Install flow-restricting showerheads. You can reduce hot water usage by up to 50 percent without affecting shower pressure.

- * Run washing machines, clothes dryers, and dishwashers with a full load.

For additional energy savings tips from PERC, visit www.usepropane.com.

Free Radon Test Kits Available to Texans

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is offering Texans free kits to test for radon levels in their homes.

Radon is an odorless colorless gas that develops with the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. The gas can come up from the soil and into a home or building through pipes, drains, cracks in the foundation or other openings.

If radon is inhaled over a long period of time, it can increase the risk of lung cancer, according to Kay Soper, DSHS environmental specialist.

"Radon isn't a big problem in Texas, but it's important to know if radon is present at harmful levels in your home. That's why we're offering the free kits," Soper said. "It's very easy to test for radon, and if a high level is found, it can be reduced with proper ventilation."

Test kits can be ordered by calling 1-800-293-0753 or by e-mailing radon@dshs.state.tx.us. The radon test kit includes a small charcoal-filled plastic case, detailed instructions and a postage-paid envelope.

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Roy Blair

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A map of radon zones in Texas is online at www.dshs.state.tx.us/radiation/radon.shtm.

According to the EPA, radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States each year.

(Editor's Note: The following stories and letter are being printed in celebration of Veteran's Day.)

ASU to host

Candlelight Vigil

Angelo State University is hosting a Candlelight vigil on Saturday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day. In honor of fallen ASU alumni, the Angelo State ROTC invites the family members of WWII veterans (which includes Coke County's own, Frank Tubb) to contact the ROTC office to confirm their attendance at the Veterans Vigil. To confirm attendance or for more information, call 942-2036.

(Editor's Note: The following story and letter were given to us by Ava Lou Davis, in honor of her brother, Frank Tubb. The story was originally printed in the October 1, 1999, edition of the Observer/Enterprise.)

Real heroes deserve being remembered

The name of Frank Tubb is among the 29 names on the Angelo State University memorial to alumni killed in World War II.

Ava Lou Davis said it meant so much, finding that people cared about her brother and his comrades 54 years after their deaths off the coast of China.

Frank Tubb, her brother, was a graduate of Robert Lee High School, where he played football and excelled in track. He later attended San Angelo College, and when World War II broke out, he joined the Army Air Corps and was assigned to the 345th Bomber Group.

A faded picture shows the young man, tall and thin, standing by his plane, smiling into the camera.

March 15, 1945, found him serving as tail gunner and radio operator for Bold Venture, a B-25 flying over the South China Sea near Hong Kong.

To make a long story short, the plane crashed on the side of a mountain just

off the coast. The crew, including Frank, died.

Ava and her family didn't find out what happened to Frank's remains until four years later when he and two crewmates were placed in a group burial in Fort Smith National Cemetery in Arkansas. His parents, Mary and Arthur Tubb, and other family members attended the ceremony.

The story doesn't end there.

Charles Gilmore, Bold Venture's co-pilot, wasn't aboard the plane the day it crashed. He was back at the base, in the sick bay.

Gilmore now lives in a suburb of Denver. Not long ago, he was contacted over the internet by Ian Quinn, an airline pilot based in Hong Kong. Quinn, a member of the Hong Kong Historical Aircraft Association, regularly flies over the area where Bold Venture went down.

Quinn was writing a book that included information on the 345th Bomber Group. He knew the story of Bold Venture, but wasn't sure of the exact crash location. Gilmore sent him a photo of the site.

Using the photo as a guide, Quinn flew over the area in a helicopter and found the spot where Bold Venture went down. He found fragments of the plane still at the location.

On March 15 of this year, exactly 54 years after the crash, Quinn placed a wreath on the site in memory of the crew of Bold Venture.

"I was touched that, after all these 54 years, this man cared enough to put a wreath on the spot," Ava said.

"My mother kept saying there was no cross to mark their grave," Ava said. "She didn't know if they had been buried or left on the side of the mountain. My parents would be proud to know that 54 years later some caring person placed a wreath where their son died."

"After all these years, someone still remembers. Someone cares. And that means so much."

Letter from the Other Pilot

Yesterday I received a phone call from Ava Lou Davis. She is from Robert Lee and is the sister of Frank Tubb. During our conversation, she told me about the memorial at the university. She wondered if I might send a short note about Frank, which I am pleased to do, and also with her permission, tell you about a lasting friendship.

When Frank joined the Air Force he had a desire to fly and following his studies in radio communications. He was assigned to Greenville, South Carolina where he was named radio/gunner on a B-25 bomber crew. The crew was made up of six strangers, but Frank's dry wit and ready smile was the catalyst for the strangers becoming a tightly knit crew of best friends.

After further training in the states, we were sent to the Pacific Theatre where we flew many missions against the Japanese. The crew was later split up when the two pilots were assigned their own planes. However, as often as possible, the crew would alternate their flights-flying first with one pilot and then with the other.

On March 15, 1945 while making a bombing run on an enemy freighter, their plane was severely damaged and crashed on land just northwest of Hong Kong. Everyone died in the crash. Their loss was a terrible shock, but after completing my missions I was returned to the U.S.

After the war, the bodies of the crew were returned to the states for burial at Fort Smith National Cemetery in Arkansas. While attending the interment of the crew members, I met some of Frank's family. It was easy



Frank Tubb

to see why Frank had such a great personality-it was a family trait. Friday there will be twenty-eight more veterans included in my prayers.

Since that time it has been my pleasure to know and love Frank's family, and we have shared a wonderful friendship to this day.

While my thoughts are always on my crew, on


The other pilot

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



4-H Food Show! The Coke County 4-H Food Show was held on Saturday, November 4. The 15 participants included (back row, left to right) Brooke Bedford, Brayde Knight, Marley Braswell, Emilee Yanez, Hanna Hamrick, Jael Williams, Kaitlyn Braswell, Erika Puentez, (front row, left to right) Cambri Kelso, Kourtney Kelton, Bailey Hooten, Kodi Drennan, Brady Clawson, Hunter Hamrick and Blaine Yanez.

Longhorns rack one up against Miles Bulldogs

The Longhorns defeated the Miles Bulldogs Friday night 14-7. The Longhorns scored first on an eight-yard TD pass to Albert Force from Sam Rawlings to take a

6-0 lead. In the 3rd quarter Bronte recorded a safety for an 8-0 lead. The Horns last score came on an Albert Force 14-yard run to take a 14-0 lead. Miles scored late in the game to make the final 14-7.

On offense the Longhorns were led by the offensive line of Jonathan Marrs, CJ McClure, Larry Rosales, Cody Wallace, Zack Bennett, Reece Springer, Matt Allen, and Adam Halfacer. Philip Rawlings had 117 yards rushing.

Coke County 4-H Food Show held

The annual Coke County 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, November 4 with 15 participants. The 4-H'ers were questioned on their knowledge of nutrients in their dish, preparation of the dish and the new Food Guide Pyramid. The first place winners will advance to District competition which will be held in Abilene on November 18. Results include:

Junior Division

Main Dish - first place Hanna Hamrick;
Fruits and Vegetables - first place Bailey Hooten;
Breads and Cereals - first place Brady Clawson;
Nutritious Snacks and Desserts - first place Hunter Hamrick.

Intermediate Division

Main Dish - first place Erika Puentez;
Fruits and Vegetables - first place Brooke Bedford;
Breads and Cereals - first place Kaitlyn Braswell,
Nutritious Snacks and Desserts - first place Jael

Williams.

Senior Division

Main Dish - first place Emilee Yanez.

Other participants in the food show received red ribbons, which included Kourtney Kelton, Kodi Drennan, Blaine Yanez, Marley Braswell, Cambri Kelso, and Brayde Knight. The 4-H members have done an outstanding job in the Food and Nutrition project this year.

BISD bands perform at Miles football game

The Bronte bands, grades 5 through 12, performed at the Miles football game. They played during the game and then found their places on the football field at halftime for rousing renditions of "Rock Around the Block" and "Go Longhorns". They really appreciated all the cheering and clapping from the stands. Mr. Dannheim was very proud of the awesome sound.

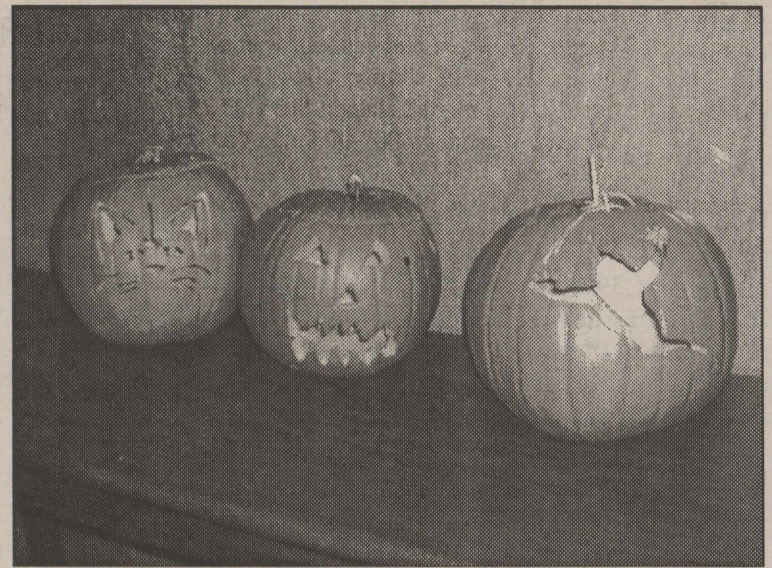
The Bronte bands will have their Christmas concert on December 11. The concert is currently scheduled for an 8:00 start. The 4th grade recorder class, the 5th grade band, the 6th and 7th grade combined bands, and the 7th grade and high school combined bands will present their program.

The band appreciates their parents, teachers, and school administration for their awesome support of the band this year.

BHS participates in UIL practice meet

Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater was the site of the UIL Math/Science Practice meet on October 21. The results are as follows.

9th grade Science - Bill Miller, 3rd;



Pumpkin Contest! The Annual Coke County 4-H Pumpkin Contest was held Monday, October 30. Kourtney Kelton had the "Purrrriest", Kyle Kelton had the "Best Carved" and Kellie Thorn had the "Spooookiest".

9th grade Math - Jacob Scott, 6th;

9th grade Number Sense - Jacob Scott, 7th;

11th grade Science - Cody Wallace, 9th, C.J. McClure, 10th;

11th grade Math - C.J. McClure, 5th;

12th grade Calculator - Justin Taylor, 2nd;

12th grade Number Sense - Eric Hendrickson, 2nd;

12th Grade Math and Science - Eric Henderickson, 2nd.

BISD competes at annual Robotics contest

The third annual Robotics contest was held Monday, November 6 in San Angelo at the Convention Center. The sponsors for the Bronte teams are Jerita Taylor and Ron Cooper. The following teams from Bronte and their results are included below.

Division 1

2nd) High School "The Pozerz" - Chelsea Cook, Bill Miller, Rob Rosson and Shelbi Waller;

3rd) High School "BT" Kids - Justin Taylor, Rick Wheless, Paul McConnell

and Mason Jackson; 4th) The High School "A Team" - Audie Miller, Kolten Pena, Jason Horton and Emily Fiveash; and

5th) High School "38 Special" - Crawford James, Wesley Suter, Jacob Scott, and Kasey Glover.

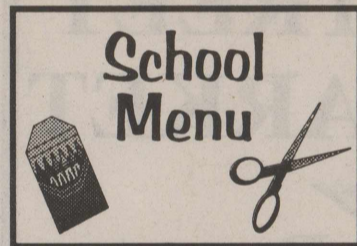
Division 2

2nd) 8th Grade "The Terminators" - Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Dakota Rawls, and Shandee Vaughn; 3rd) 8th Grade "The Bakalakadakas" - Heath Richey, Terron Charles, Kerwin Rawls and Kelsey Sedden;

5th) 7th Grade "The Bombinators" - Alexia Pena, Harley Wallace, Jill Scott and John Deller.

Also participating in Division 2 were 6th Grade "GT" - Kaitlyn Braswell, Brooke Bedford, Jael Williams, Caleb Rosson, John Ireland and Ethan Sedden; 7th Grade "The Robotech's" - Katie Austin, Kimber Lee, Mackenzie Gibbs and Austin Mertz.

The second and third place teams also received gift certificates for LEGO Educational Products.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, November 13

Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, November 14

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Wednesday, November 15

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Thursday, November 16

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Friday, November 17

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 13

Pizza, corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk

Tuesday, November 14

Spud day, diced ham & cheese, potato (baked), baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday, November 15

Nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce & tomatoes, orange slices, tortilla chips, corn bread, milk

Thursday, November 16

Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, roll, pumpkin pie, milk

Friday, November 17

Corn dog, French fries, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apple, rice krispie bars, milk

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September 15	Open				
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* 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	6	54
* November 3	Miles	Here	7:30	14	7
* November 10	Christoval	There	7:30		

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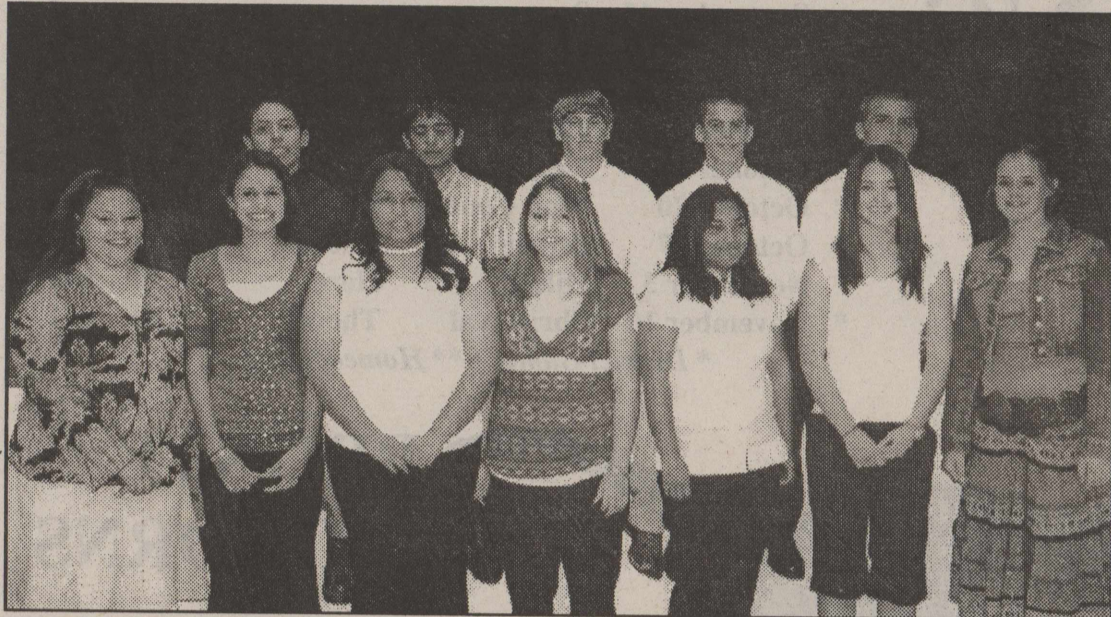
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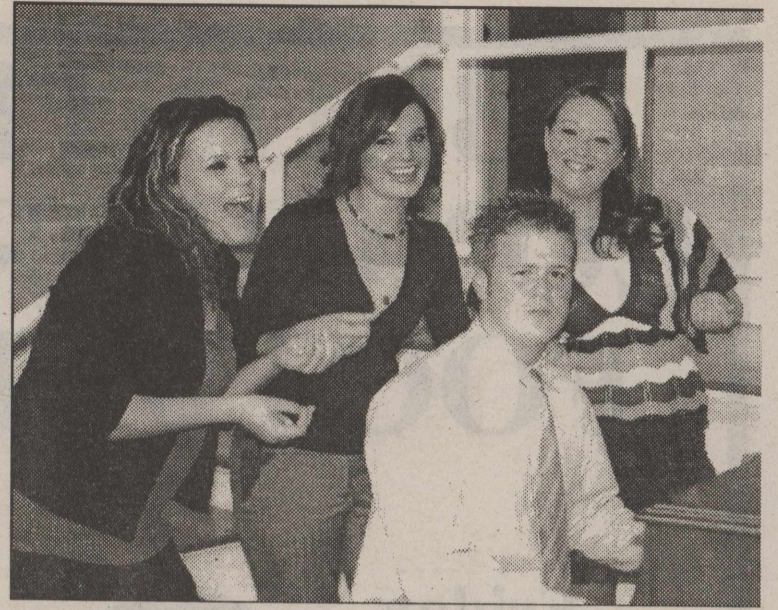
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Beta Club! The Robert Lee High School Beta Club recently inducted new members (top photo). They include (back row, left to right) Jeremy Martinez, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Kaden Duncan, Garrett Blair; (front row, left to right) Gabby Saucedo, Norma Rojas, Prescilla Lara, Rosa Rojas, Cori Torres, Meagan Percifull and Holly Austin. All 2006-2007 Robert Lee High School Beta Club members are pictured below.



Beta Club Officers! The Robert Lee High School Beta Club has elected new officers for the 2006-2007 school year. They are (from left to right) Casey Nesbit, Vice-President; Brettne Reed, Treasurer; Chase Roe, Secretary and Rebecca Skinner, President.

RL Steers drop one to Water Valley Wildcats

By Tom Sawyer

The Robert Lee Steers lost their first district game to the

Wildcats which brings up a 3 way tie for first place with one game left to play. The Steers face Westbrook, Ira makes the trip to Water Valley in what will decide the district championship. All three teams have lost one district game, Ira lost to the Steers and the Steers lost to Water Valley, and Water Valley lost to Highland. This week will be critical for our Steers and their pursuit for the district crown. Good Luck Steers. STEER PRIDE!!!

Game Summary

1st Quarter

Steers - 3 yard run by Gallegos with 8:43 left, Gallegos PAT kick;

Steers - 63 yard run by Hodge with :55 left, Gallegos PAT kick.

Robert Lee - 16,
Water Valley - 0

2nd Quarter

Wildcats - 15 yard pass with 7:32 left, PAT failed;

Wildcats - 15 yard pass with 4:52 left, PAT kick good;

Wildcats - 3 yard run with 1:44 left, PAT kick blocked;

Steers - 53 yard pass to Hodge from Dillard with 1:22 left, PAT pass failed;

Wildcats - 9 yard run with :29 left, PAT kick good.

Robert Lee - 22,
Water Valley - 28

3rd Quarter

Wildcats - 40 yard pass with 7:16 left, PAT kick failed;

Steers - 44 yard run by Hone with 6:04 left, Gallegos PAT kick;

Wildcats - 35 yard pass with 3:35 left, PAT kick good;

Wildcats - 3 yard run with 1:18 left, PAT pass good.

Robert Lee - 30,
Water Valley - 49

4th Quarter

Steers - 19 yard pass to Hodge from Dillard with 9:53 left, PAT kick blocked;

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, November 13

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Tuesday, November 14

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Wednesday, November 15

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Thursday, November 16

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Friday, November 17

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 13

Chicken a La King, rice, egg roll, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, November 14

Frito pie, corn, salad, orange, milk

Wednesday, November 15

Corndog, tator tots, pork & beans, banana pudding, cookie, milk

Thursday, November 16

Turkey & dressing, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, roll, milk

Friday, November 17

Sub sandwich, baked chips, pickles, salad, apple, milk

Thank You

to the Coke County Voters for your continued support in the November 7th General Election.

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County/District Clerk

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Wildcats - 1 yard run with 3:20 left, PAT kick blocked;
Steers - 60 yard run by Gallegos with 3:06 left, Gallegos PAT kick.

Robert Lee 44,
Water Valley - 55

Steer Stats

Taylor Percifull - 6 tackles; Brody Dillard - 15 tackles, 2 for 2 passing for 62 yards and 2 TD's, 2 receptions for 43 yards ;

Josh Gallegos - 14 tackles, 13 carries for 149 yards and 2 TD's, 3 of 11 passing for 55 yards;

Kevin Hone - 9 tackles, 2 carries for 58 yards and 1 TD, 1 reception for 12 yards;

Cameron Hodge - 11 tackles, 7 carries for 99 yards and 1 TD, 2 receptions for 62 yards and 2 TD's;

Chase Roe - 14 tackles; Eleasar Vera - 4 tackles.

See everyone this week when the Steers go to Westbrook. Go Steers!!!!

RLISD

Thanksgiving meal set

Robert Lee ISD will have their Thanksgiving meal on November 16. They will start at 11 am. Please let the school office or cafeteria know by Monday, November 13 at 453-4555 if you plan to eat and inquire on cost of meal.

Last-Minute College Financing Options Still Available

For many undergraduate students and families, the start-up of college also will be accompanied by last-minute financing needs.

"Finding last-minute money to pay for college is doable, and parents don't have to take a second job or another mortgage on their home to accomplish it," says Martha Holler, spokesperson for Sallie Mae, the nation's leading provider of education funding.

For starters, students should investigate whether their school offers the option of making monthly tuition payments over the course of the school year. This is an interest-free alternative to making large, one-time payments due at bill time. For a small fee, families can reduce the amount they need to borrow to cover the cost of college.

Students should ask their campus financial aid office for more information on this option.

When looking for education financing, families should first consider funding options that do not need to be repaid, such as scholarships and grants, said Holler. Once those options are exhausted, students should begin to consider education loans to cover their education expenses.

The Federal Stafford Loan is the most common type of student loan for undergraduate and graduate borrowers. However, students are limited by what they can borrow.

A Federal PLUS loan can help bridge the financial aid gap. PLUS Loans are the lowest-cost way to finance a child's education, allowing parents to borrow as they need, including money for tuition, room, board, books, supplies, even travel, to cover the cost of attendance at their child's college of choice.

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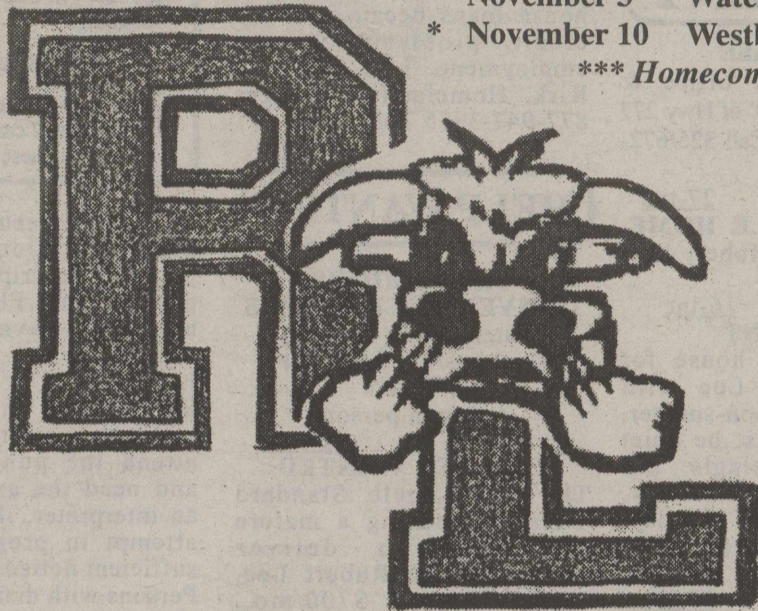
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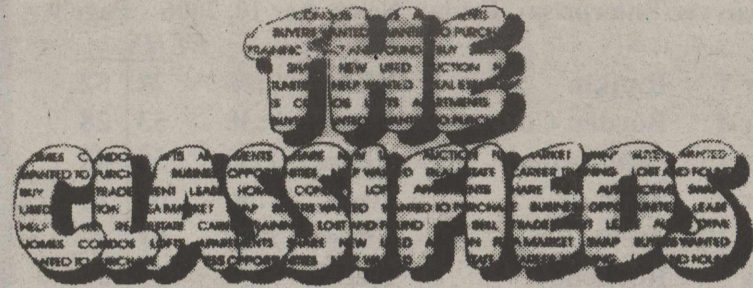
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October 13	Open		
* October 20	Ira	Here	7:30 68 43
* October 27	Highland	There	7:30 54 42
** November 3	Water Valley	Here	7:30 44 55
* November 10	Westbrook	There	7:30

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Thank you, Angie Davis
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THANK YOU
seems like such little words to express our love and thanks to everyone who have helped us during Winton's surgery & recovery. All the phone calls, cards, visits, and many prayers that went out for us will never be forgotten. A special thanks to our dear neighbors for bringing food. We have been blessed by so many and may God bless each of you as you continue life's journey.
Winton & Virginia Milliff
17-1tp

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PUBLIC NOTICE FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Robert Lee was funded under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program in order to make significant water treatment plant improvements. A portion of this project is located within the 100-year floodplain. The City is interested in discussing alternatives to this project, securing public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project, and discussing possible measures to minimize any adverse impacts. Therefore, the public hearing is being held as follows:
Date: 11-13-06
Time: 7:00 pm
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"Parents can borrow for college, but they cannot borrow to pay for their retirement," explains Holler. "Most families qualify for PLUS Loans, and everyone gets the same low interest rate regardless of their credit history."

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Another option or an additional funding source is the private loan. Many lenders, including Sallie Mae, offer private education loans, which can address last-minute college-financing needs. Such loans can be designed for undergraduate, graduate, health profession students and for others attending four-or-five-year schools at least half time.

Interest rates and fees are usually based on credit history, so the better the student's or co-signer's credit, the lower the interest rates and fees.

For more information on last-minute college-financing options, visit www.collegeanswer.com on the Internet. At this Web site students and families will find a number of resources on planning and paying for higher education, as well as tips on reducing college costs.

Bronte Baptist Church hosting Revival

Bronte's First Baptist Church will be hosting Revival Services November 12-15. Sunday services will be at 10:55 am and 6 pm. There will also be a potluck on Sunday. The church's hospitality ministry is furnishing the turkey, dressing, and ham. Everyone is encouraged to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. Monday through Wednesday, services will be at noon (including potluck lunch) and 7 pm. Leading in these services will be revivalist Robert Barge and worship leader Gregory Smith.

Robert Barge lives in Fort Davis. A native of Alabama, he has served as youth minister in several churches (including First Baptist Church in Abilene) and as pastor of First Baptist Church in Fort Davis. Since October of 2004, he has been involved in revival ministry through "Wherever Ministries." His first book, *The Souljourn*, was published in 2005. Robert loves

the outdoors and enjoys camping and hiking. He and his wife Vicki have two children. Robert says, "It is my deepest prayer that your church experiences true revival. May God bless the days we spend together to bring tremendous change in your congregation. May God's people allow God's Spirit to stretch them beyond their comfort zone so that they walk by faith. May God's people allow God's Spirit to stir them to restore broken relationships. May God's people allow God's Spirit to kindle a flame that will roar throughout your church and community. May the kingdom of God grow where you are as a result."

Gregory Smith is a worship leader and singer/song writer who has a passion for leading people to the Throne of God through music and authentic worship. He has played guitar for over 30 years, and has been involved in working with youth and single adults in camps and retreats for many years. Most recently Gregory served as worship leader at The Heights in San Angelo. He resigned in July 2006 in order to devote more time to his calling to his evangelistic music ministry, "Sounds of Praise Music Ministries." Raised in San Angelo, he is the son of Darrell and Kay Smith and is active in overseas mission through Gospel Vision Foundation.

Pastor Morris Johnson says, "We stand in need of a time of refreshing from the Lord so that we may effectively glorify Him and serve Him in this community."

Everyone is invited to these special services. First Baptist Church is located in Bronte at 424 S. Washington. For more information, call 473-2331 or 473-5661.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 9, 2007, for the purpose of electing three

directors. Directors filing for re-election to the board are Gerald Sandusky, Ronnie Robbins, and Elton Moore. For further information concerning the election, contact President Gerald Sandusky by 5 pm on Monday, November 27, 2006.

What to know before hiring a home contractor

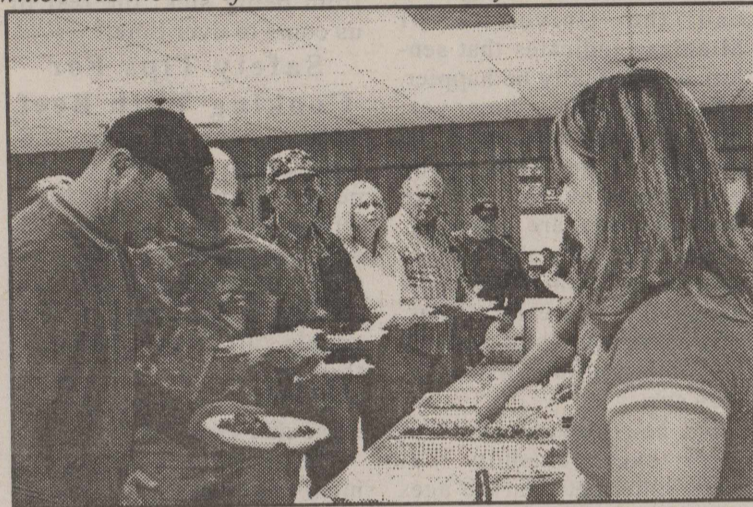
No matter if you are planning a major home improvement project or simply trying to fix things around the house, finding the right contractor is crucial.

Pete Thomas, President of The Home Improvement Network, a contractor referral service, offers these useful tips:

- * Get at least three estimates for your project.
- * Ask friends and neighbors for referrals, and avoid choosing blindly from directory services that can include fly-by-night companies or those that change names to dodge legal problems.
- * Ask for references and check them.
- * Request certificates of insurance. A contractor should have three types of coverage: general liability, workman's compensation, and auto insurance.
- * Look for an established contractor who's been in business for years. Chances are he will be there to make good on his warranty.
- * Examine the warranty. How long is it in effect and what does it cover specifically?
- * Don't decide solely on price. If one bid is much lower, examine the cost of materials as they could be of inferior quality. You usually get what you pay for.
- * Look for designations which indicate a higher degree of professionalism. For example, in the remodeling industry, contractors may earn a CR (Certified Remodeler) or CGR (Certified Graduate Remodelers) designation.
- * Follow your instincts. Do you like the contractor? Does he listen well? Does he return phone calls promptly?



Hungry Hunters! The seats were filled at the Bronte Bank Parking Lot (above), the site of one Coke County Hunter's Barbecue, as well as the tables of the Robert Lee Rec Hall, which was the site of the West Coke County Hunter's Barbecue.



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Happiness Increases As You Age

Television, movies and popular music may tell us otherwise, but a new study suggests that older people may be happier than younger ones.

Back in 1965, the rock band The Who wailed the line "I hope I die before I get old," but they may have fallen victim to a commonly mistaken belief that the happiest days of people's lives occur when they're young.

In fact, a new study from researchers at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and the University of Michigan indicates that seniors may actually be happier.

Interestingly, however, stereotypes continue to abound among both young and old whereby people think seniors are unhappy. According to the study, older people "mis-remember" how happy they were as youths, just as youths "mis-predict" how unhappy they will be as they age.

The new research involved more than 540 adults who were either between the ages of 21 and 40, or over age 60. All were asked to rate or predict their own individual happiness at their current age, at age 30 and at age 70, and also to judge how happy most people are at those ages.

The older respondents tended to be happier than the younger ones at their current ages. And yet, participants of all ages thought that the average 30-year-old would be happier than the average 70-year-old, and that happiness would decline with age.

"Overall, people got it wrong, believing that most people become less happy as they age, when in fact this study and others have shown that people tend to become happier over time," says the study's lead author Heather Lacey. "Not only do younger people believe that older people are less happy, but older people believe they and others must have been happier 'back then.' Neither belief is accurate."

The findings have implications for understanding young people's decisions about habits -- such as smoking or saving money -- that might affect their health or finances later in life. They also may help explain the fear of aging that drives middle-aged people to "midlife crisis" behavior in a vain attempt to slow their own aging.

Stereotypes about aging abound in our society, Lacey says, and affect the way older people are treated as well as the public policies that affect them. That's why research on the beliefs that fuel those one-size-fits-all depictions of older people is important, she explains.

"People often believe that happiness is a matter of circumstance, that if something good happens, they will experience long-lasting happiness, or if something bad happens, they will experience long-term misery," says

Peter Ubel, the senior author of the new study. "But instead, people's happiness results more from their underlying emotional resources -- resources that appear to grow with age. People get better at managing life's ups and downs, and the result is that as they age, they become happier -- even though their objective circumstances, such as their health, decline."

Lacey adds, "It's not that people overestimate their happiness, but rather that they learn how to value life from adversities like being sick. What the sick learn from being sick, the rest of us come to over time."

Safety Tips For Cooking With Beef

Nearly nine out of ten U.S. households - or 251 million people - will eat beef at home within the next two weeks, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). Following a few simple rules when preparing this popular protein should help make for a healthy and enjoyable experience.

The NCBA is advising that most fresh beef be consumed within three to four days of purchase if refrigerated and within six to 12 months if frozen. Ground beef, however, should be consumed sooner, typically within one to two days of purchase if refrigerated and within three to four months if frozen.

Furthermore, you should always defrost your meats in the refrigerator instead of at room temperature, according to the NCBA.

The same rule applies when working with marinades - always marinate in the refrigerator and never at room temperature. Tender beef cuts such as t-bones, porterhouse, tenderloin and rib-eye steaks need only be marinated 15 minutes to two hours for flavor. Less tender cuts like flank, skirt and top round steaks should be marinated at least six hours. A tenderizing marinade should penetrate about 1/8th inch into the meat.

The NCBA also suggests that if a marinade is to later be used for basting or a sauce, reserve a portion of it before adding the beef. Marinade that has been in contact with uncooked meat must be brought to a full boil before it can be used as a sauce. And never save and reuse marinade.

When you're ready to cook your beef, there are a few temperature levels you should keep in mind. The NCBA advises that steaks be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 145 degrees Fahrenheit and can have a pink center, while ground beef be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit until the center is no longer pink. You may want to consider using an instant-read thermometer to ensure proper doneness.

Finally, you can help prevent food borne illness by following for easy steps:

* Wash your hands well in hot soapy water before and

after handling meat.

* Keep raw meat and meat juices from coming into contact with other foods.

* Use a clean thermometer to measure the internal temperature of cooked meat to make sure it is thoroughly cooked.

* Refrigerate or freeze prepared meat within two hours of a meal. Also, set your refrigerator to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower and your freezer to zero degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

For recipes and more tips about cooking with beef, visit www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com.

Choosing a Child Safety Seat

Selecting and installing the right child safety seat is important. That's why many local police and fire departments and auto dealers offer free clinics or individualized assistance.

"Cars, child seats and kids come in different shapes and sizes, so make sure the combination of your car and seat work well with your child.

Up to 80 percent of all child restraints are improperly used, so take your time and read your vehicle's owners manual and child seat instructions," says Bob Yakushi, Director Product Safety, Regulatory, Accessory Quality for Nissan North America.

As your child matures he or she will need three different types of seats: a rear-facing seat as an infant, a front-facing seat as a toddler and, later, a booster seat.

Yakushi offers the following tips:

* Children should be in child restraints until they are eight years old or 80 pounds.

* Seat belts are designed for adults, so booster seats are best for restraining four to eight year olds.

* If your child is too large for a child seat but can't comfortably rest his knees at the edge of the vehicle's seat, use a booster seat.

* Don't let your child put the shoulder belt behind his head or under his arm because it would be less effective in a crash.

For more information, visit www.carseat.org or www.nhtsa.gov. If you own a Nissan or Infiniti, www.nissanusa.com and www.infiniti.com have lists specifying seats for each vehicle.

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