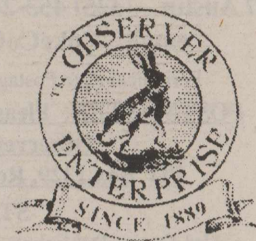


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Wind power turbine meeting set for March 29

Change is in the wind. The wind power turbines are moving into Coke County. Greg Wortham, executive director of the Texas Wind Energy Consortium in Sweetwater, has been invited to speak at the Coke County Courthouse at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 29.

Questions as to the regional benefits, employment opportunities, small business inclusion, industrial possibilities, and development prospects will be discussed. The short term impact on the county will be apparent soon. Mr. Wortham will bring concrete information on the long term effects of wind farms.

Coke County residents are invited to learn more about the wind energy business in Coke County by attending the meeting with Mr. Wortham at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 29, at the Coke County Courthouse.

Driftwood Benefit Dance slated

Driftwood will be playing for a benefit dance on Saturday, March 24 in Blackwell at the fire station. The dance will be preceded by a fish fry. The fish fry will be from 5:30 to 7:30pm with the dance directly afterwards from 8pm till midnight. For more information contact Daryl at 453-2980.

AON to sell

chicken spaghetti

The AON Service Club will be selling pans of chicken spaghetti on Sunday, March 25, to benefit the Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Tiffany at 453-2036.

City of Robert Lee announces

Budget Hearing

The City of Robert Lee will conduct a Budget Hearing at City Hall on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 6 pm. The proposed budget will include a rate increase of 2% on the base sewer rate. Residential and small business owners will see a .29 cent increase and commercial users will see an average of .34 cents to \$1.45. The rate increase is

needed to help address necessary upgrades to the system that are needed to stay within certain standards set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

CERT Basic classes slated

The Concho Valley Council of Governments is hosting CERT Basic classes on March 24, 31 and April 7 from 9 am until 5 pm at the Concho Valley Council of Governments Training Center in San Angelo. They will also be hosting a Wound Care Practice on March 24 from 1 pm - 5 pm and a Traffic Control Class on April 7 from 1 pm - 5 pm. For more information, contact the CVCOG at (325) 944-9666 or nicole@cvcog.org.

Coke County Annual Easter Egg Hunt

This year, Coke County businesses and individuals will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2007, at 10 am. All children through 2nd grade are invited to come hunt. There will be lots of eggs to find, plenty of refreshments to enjoy, and a surprise visit from a very furry friend!

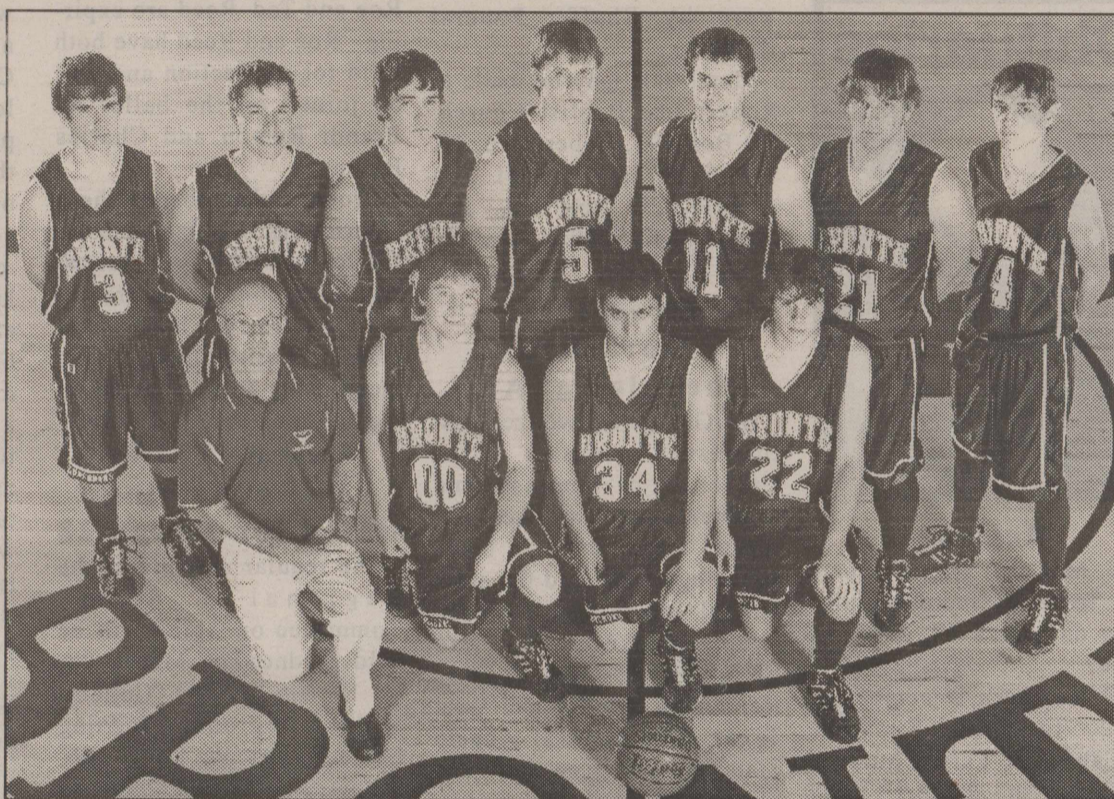
Weather class set for Bronte

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a weather class on Monday, April 9 at 7 pm at the Fire Station in Bronte.

Coke County Foundation to fund \$8,000 in scholarships

Four Bronte and four Robert Lee high school seniors will be the recipients of \$1,000 scholarships this spring, as a result of recent action by the Coke County Foundation. The \$8,000 scholarship total makes the foundation the largest local donor of scholarships in Coke County.

The local organization is working with the Permian Basin Area Foundation to award these scholarships. Bronte and Robert Lee high school seniors may download



Bi-District Champions! The Bronte High School Varsity Boys Basketball team were named Bi-District Champions recently. Team members include (back row, left to right) Jonathan Marrs, Phillip Rawlings, Johnathan Ehl, Eric Hendrickson, Logan Rawls, Adam Halfacre, Albert Force, (front row, left to right) Coach Rocky Rawls, Brett Wills, Matt Allen and Paul McConnell. Logan Rawls and Albert Force were both selected for the All District Team, with Eric Hendrickson and Johnathan Ehl named to the Honorable Mention team. Logan Rawls was also named to the Region 2 All Region Team.

the scholarship application forms off the website at www.pbaf.org. When you access the website, click on scholarships on the left-hand side of the page. From there you will proceed to Coke County, where you can print out the 2-page application under the title Coke County Community Fund Scholarship. You may also apply online on the pdf form provided; however, both Robert Lee and Bronte schools are planning on forwarding all the applications together in one mailing prior to the scholarship deadline.

Scholarship funds are available to Coke County high school seniors who are preparing to enter college or a vocational school in the summer or fall enrollment period. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Financial need.
- Exhibition of extracurricular involvement in school, church, and community activities.
- Academic proficiency, plus the desire and dedication to succeed in a college or vocational school environment.

If you are interested in applying for one of these

scholarships, please contact your school counselor (at Bronte, Micah Arrott, and at Robert Lee, either Sheri Millican or Dwin Nanny). The deadline for these applications is March 31, 2007. Please contact your counselor for more information, including the local deadline for completing and mailing the applications.

Garage Sale to Benefit Pecan Baptist Church

The Pecan Baptist Church sanctuary was destroyed by fire on October 9, 2006, and a rebuilding project is in progress. If you are planning to do some spring cleaning and need a place to go with your treasures, please consider donating them to the benefit garage sale for Pecan Baptist Church on April 21, 2007, from 8 am - 4 pm. Location of the sale will be the large recreation hall in Robert Lee. The proceeds from this garage sale will go toward the purchase of new hymnals and stained glass windows for the new sanctuary. The rec hall will be open to accept your items from 2 pm - 7 pm on Friday, April 20, 2007. If these hours are not convenient for you, please contact Bobbie Box at 453-4330 or

Donna Waldrop at 473-0353 to arrange a time for you to drop off your items or arrange for them to be picked up. Sorry, no clothing will be accepted. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Election filing deadline passes

Filing for inclusion on the ballots for upcoming local elections closed this past Monday, March 12.

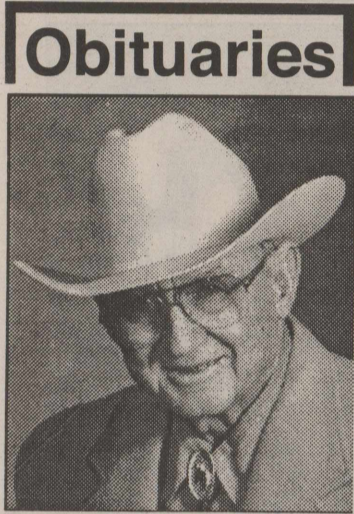
West Coke County Hospital District has two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall are expiring. The incumbents will be joined on the ballot by Don Fields.

The East Coke County Hospital District has two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins are expiring and both incumbents have filed for re-election.

The city of Robert Lee has to fill three 2 year council seats. City officials whose terms are expiring are John Carver, Jackie Walker and Gary Payne. Incumbents Jackie Walker and Gary Payne will be joined on the ballot by Barbara Jenkins, Manuel Abalos and Troy Wimberley.

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Obituaries

McCabe
 J.F. McCabe, Jr., of Robert Lee, Texas, passed peacefully away on March 17, 2007, at home.
 J.F. was born December 8, 1922, to John Franklin McCabe and Fern Chumley McCabe in Robert Lee, Texas.
 He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Wayne Douglas McCabe.
 J.F. married Winnie Doris Snead on November 17, 1943, in Robert Lee. They made their home in Robert Lee where they raised their son, Jeffrey McCabe. They were married for 63 years.
 He is survived by his wife Doris McCabe, son Jeffrey McCabe, brother Victor McCabe, nieces, and numerous relatives and friends.
 Funeral services were held Monday, March 19, 2007, at 2 pm at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with Ray Aldridge and Jason Martin officiating. Burial followed the service at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements

were by Shaffer Funeral Home.
 Memorials may be made to Robert Lee Baptist Church, PO Box 493, Robert Lee, TX 76945 or Hospice of San Angelo, PO Box 471, San Angelo, TX 76902.

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Genealogy Workshop
scheduled at ASU
 Dr. George Schweitzer, distinguished professor at the University of Tennessee and a genealogist who uses historical reenactment to teach genealogy, will lead the sixth annual genealogical workshop sponsored by the Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection at Angelo State University on Saturday, March 31.

The program will run from 8:30 am to 4 pm March 31 in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte Rosemont on the ASU campus.

There will be a charge for registration and luncheon. Persons interested in registering should contact the Friends of the Library by phone at (325) 942-2164 or by mail at Friends, ASU Station #11013, San Angelo, TX, 76909-1013.

Angel Food distribution day set March 31
 The Angel Food Ministries distribution day is set for Saturday, March 31 at 3 pm at Central Baptist Church in

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...Local Elections

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The city of Bronte has to fill two 2 year and one 1 year council seats. They are currently held by Elton Moore, Misti Bedford and Paula McWright, who have all filed for re-election.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on two 3 year terms. The terms of Kevin Roe and Tod Reed are expiring. Roe and Reed have both filed for re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Brandi Ramon and Charles Blount.

Bronte Independent School District has two vacancies to fill for full three-year terms. Positions open are currently held by Terry Charles and Quinda Feil-Duncan. The incumbents will be joined on the ballot by Paul Williams.

Concho Valley Aging meeting slated for March 28

The regular meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging will be held Wednesday, March 28, at 10 am at the Concho Valley Regional Training Center, 2801 W. Loop 306, Ste. A, San Angelo. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print, or Braille, are requested to contact Rosie Quintela at 325-223-5704 two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
 SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams.

Spring turkey season begins March 31

by Hal Spain

County residents should prepare themselves for the "return of the camo" here next weekend, as the spring turkey season is set to begin on Saturday, March 31. Spring turkey enthusiasts are some of the most respected of all hunters, as their type of hunting requires the utmost in skill and plain old good luck.

Most of us who hunt regard old Ben Franklin's unsuccessful efforts to make the wild turkey the national bird a major error in judgment by Congress. The turkey has long been regarded by the public as a less than brilliant thinker. The reality is the opposite of this mistaken perception. If memory serves me correctly, the wild turkey's vision is somewhere around ten times that of the human species. That one fact makes spring turkey hunting a true art form. The spring turkey hunter will utilize camouflage, all manners of turkey calls, and a dogged willingness to remain absolutely still for long periods of time in order to call the wily gobbler into shooting range.

Perhaps the only other tool available to the spring turkey hunter is the season itself, which coincides with the breeding period, when some gobblers may be thinking more about romance than avoiding the danger that lurks at the base of the cedar bush.

Another admirable trait of the spring turkey hunter is that he or she is the ultimate optimist. I don't have any

figures to back this up, but I would imagine the success rate of the fall deer hunter to be about 65 to 80 percent, when you consider the average bag rate over a number of years, all conditions considered. The average success rate of the spring turkey hunter is, in my opinion, somewhere between 10 to 20 percent. You have to be an optimist when you consider you're going home empty-handed anywhere from four out of five to nine out of ten outings.

Spring turkey season will run from March 31 through May 13 in Coke County and throughout most of the rest of the state. The spring season is for gobblers only, with a bag limit of four (all seasons combined). In addition to a hunting license, an upland game bird endorsement (\$7.00) is required.

If you are considering joining this elite group of gobbler enthusiasts this spring, we applaud your efforts and remind you to keep a sharp eye out for snakes while you are enjoying this fascinating and beautiful game bird in Coke County.

'64 Study Club News

The '64 Study Club met on March 13, 2007 with 24 members present. Hostesses for the evening were: Jennie Tinkler, Melba Gray, Bette Herley, Reba Tabor, Josie Castleberry, Dale Fields, and Charlotte Northcutt. A very interesting program was presented by Jr. High UIL students including Kacey Roberts, Meagan Ross, and James Roberts. Ladies celebrating birthdays in March are Caryl Benton, Faye Blair, Josie Castleberry, and Beverly Sinclair.

Area Churches
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 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3291
 Preacher John V. Driggers
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Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 6 pm Youth
 and Worship
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2417
 Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
 Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
 & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2176
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
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 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
 on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
 Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Jason Martin, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 Joe Hodges, Pastor
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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

Bronte City Wide Garage Sale set for May 5

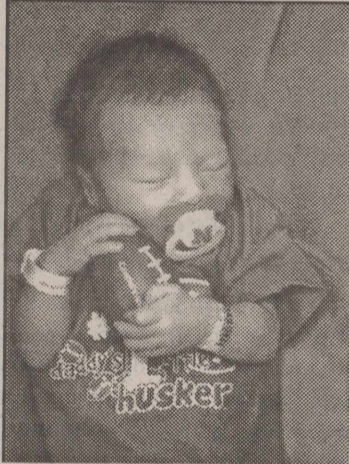
It's time for Bronte's annual city wide garage sale. The Sorosis Study Club is sponsoring the annual garage sale so that it costs individuals nothing. The garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 8 am.

If you want to participate in the garage sale, please call the City Hall at 473-3501 and get your name on the list.

This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and store rooms, and sell, sell, sell! Remember to call City Hall if you would like your address on the free maps to be handed out the morning of the garage sale.



Look Who's New!



Jaren Dane Kolasa

Jaren Dane Kolasa was born Tuesday, March 6, 2007, 6:43 am, at United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls, Texas. He weighed 6lbs, 14oz was 19 3/4 inches long. Jaren's parents are Doren and Jessica Kolasa of Wichita Falls and his grandparents are Joe David and Teri Key of Robert Lee. Great-grandparents include David and Alene Key of Robert Lee and Buzz and Virginia McMillan of Big Spring, Texas.

Luminaria Ceremony slated

The Luminaria Ceremony will be held during the Coke County Relay at 10 pm on Friday, May 11, 2007. Hundreds of luminarias will light the way under the stars and a moment of silence will fall during the Ceremony of Hope. Luminarias are glowing bags that to the naked eye appear to be nothing more than sacks filled with sand and candles. But upon a closer examination they are exactly like people, each carries a name and has a story to tell. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope that is our reason to participate in this relay and also demonstrates the diligence with which will continue to fight cancer.

Purchase a luminaria in honor of someone who is still fighting the disease or someone who has beaten the disease and in memory of



Caudle - Hatchett engagement announced! Mr. and Mrs. David Caudle of Early are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Angela Rene', to Dusty Ryan Hatchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Hatchett of Zephyr.

The bride elect, granddaughter of J.W. and Sue Caudle of Bronte, is a 2002 graduate of Early High School and a 2005 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1999 graduate of Zephyr High School. He is currently employed by USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services in Taylor County.

The couple plan to wed on May 5, 2007, at 6 pm at Early First Baptist Church with Brother Eddie Ailshie officiating.

someone who lost the battle. The names In Honor of or In Memory of will be read during the Ceremony of Hope.

Send your donation with the completed luminaria form to Dian Coulter, P.O. Box 274, Bronte, TX 76933.

Arrott named to Dean's List

The School of Law at Texas Tech University has announced its Dean's List for the Fall 2006 semester. Named to the

list is former Bronte resident Nicholas Arrott.

Mr. Arrott is a first-year law student, and a 1996 graduate of Bronte High School.

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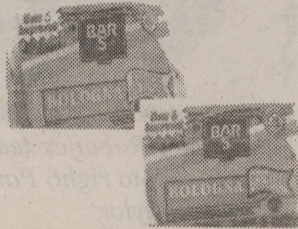
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Natural Light 24 Pack \$12.99

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Robotics Team! The Bronte High School Robotics team recently competed at the State Contest in Austin. Team members include (left to right) Paul McConnell, Mason Jackson, Ron Cooper - sponsor, Rick Wheless and Juston Taylor.

Bronte UIL News

On Monday, March 5, several students traveled to Wall High School for a practice UIL meet. Juston Taylor placed fifth in 12th grade Calculator and Crawford

James placed eighth in 9th grade Science.

The District UIL Contest is scheduled for Friday, March 30, at Water Valley.

Bronte Longhorn track results

The Bronte Longhorn Varsity and JV boys competed in Cross Plains last Friday at the Pioneer Relays. This was the first meet for the majority of our guys and they all did an excellent job of competing. This group of guys has done a great job during our workouts to prepare themselves physically for competing, and their work will continue to show week by week. For those guys that competed the week before at Winters, we are already seeing improvements. They will be traveling to Eden this Friday for the Bulldog Relays.

In the varsity running events, Matt Allen came in sixth place in the 800m run and Cody Waller placed sixth in the 3200m run. As for the field events, Mason Jackson placed fifth in the pole vault and Adam Halfacre came in fifth in the shot put. Eric Hendrickson placed second in the shot put and sixth place in the discus.

In the junior varsity running events, Jacob Scott placed fourth in the 100m dash, third in the 200m dash,

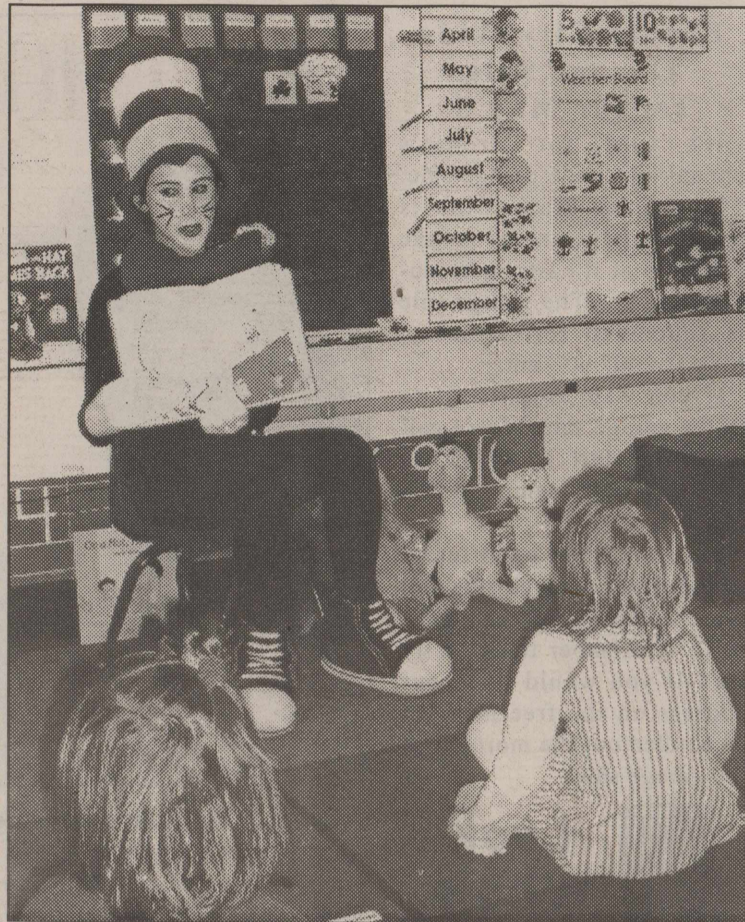
and third in the 400m dash. Rob Rosson came in third in the 110m hurdles and second in the 300m hurdles. Reece Springer placed sixth in the 110m hurdles and fifth in the 300m hurdles. In the field events, Will Macon placed sixth in the shot put.

BHS Robotics team goes to state

The State Robotics Contest was held in Austin during February. Students from Bronte attending the meet were Paul McConnell, Mason Jackson, Rick Wheless, and Juston Taylor. Ron Cooper sponsored the students to the meet where they placed fifth out of 42 high school teams from across the state.

Earlier, during the month of November, students from Bronte participated in the robotics contest hosted by the Educational Service Center Region 15 at the San Angelo Convention Center. Bronte schools won second, third, fourth, and fifth in Division I (High School) and second, third, and fifth in Division II (Junior High) out of 54 schools that competed.

Next year the competition will use the new NXT models of the LEGO Robots instead of the old "yellow brick" RCX model. This new robot should prove to be easier to program and capable of doing more complex maneuvers.



Cat in the Hat! Bronte Elementary students were treated to a visit from the "Cat In The Hat" on Dr. Seuss' birthday on Friday, March 2.

Check Out Coke County Library

Head Start and all children three to five years old, parents, and siblings can gather at the Library at 9:45 am for the trek to the Courthouse for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone should bring their Easter baskets to gather the goodies that the courthouse staff and the Easter bunny distribute on the grounds.

Head Start graduation from Story Time at the Library is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 at 10 am at the mini park. Head Start children and staff had braved the elements all year to walk to the Library for a story on Wednesdays. Their listening and participation skills have grown over the year giving them a sound basis for elementary school.

A book sale has been scheduled for Friday, May 4, from 8 am to 12 pm and Saturday, May 5, from 9 am to 2 pm. A good selection of both hardback and paperback books will be available.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in

Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop on the Library porch. Call 453-2495 for information.

At what age should a child start using a computer?

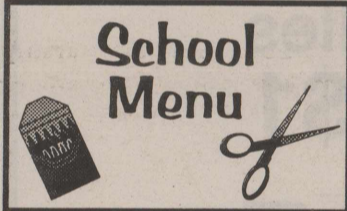
Parents used to worry about their kids never becoming computer literate. Those days are gone. Most children now master computer literacy faster and more naturally than book literacy.

"Today computer chips are as much a part of toys as batteries, even toys for babies. So kids are using miniature computers from the first weeks of life," said Dr. John Laurence Miller, a learning specialist and author of "Mind Magic."

Children old enough to draw with paper and pencil are also old enough to draw with a mouse. Kids who can write and receive postal mail are old enough to send and receive email.

According to Miller, children who are ready to do research in a children's public library are also ready to use a children's online research tool like "AskforKids" or "Yahoo!Kids." And children who use offline reference works, such as a dictionary or encyclopedia, can use comparable works on the Internet.

"Once they have experience with both physical and virtual media, they and you are in a position to decide when to prefer one and when the other, with proper supervision," said Miller.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 26

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, March 27

Sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 28

Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

Thursday, March 29

Blueberry muffins, toast, jelly, juice, milk

Friday, March 30

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 26

Bar-B-Que on bun, macaroni and cheese, pickle spears, chips, peach cobbler, milk

Tuesday, March 27

Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit fluff, roll, milk

Wednesday, March 28

Soft taco with cheese, refried beans, salad, Spanish rice, tortilla, banana pudding, milk

Thursday, March 29

Chicken and noodles, corn, baby carrots with ranch, Texas toast, ice cream cup, milk

Friday, March 30

Hamburger, bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, assorted fruit, peanut butter cookies, milk

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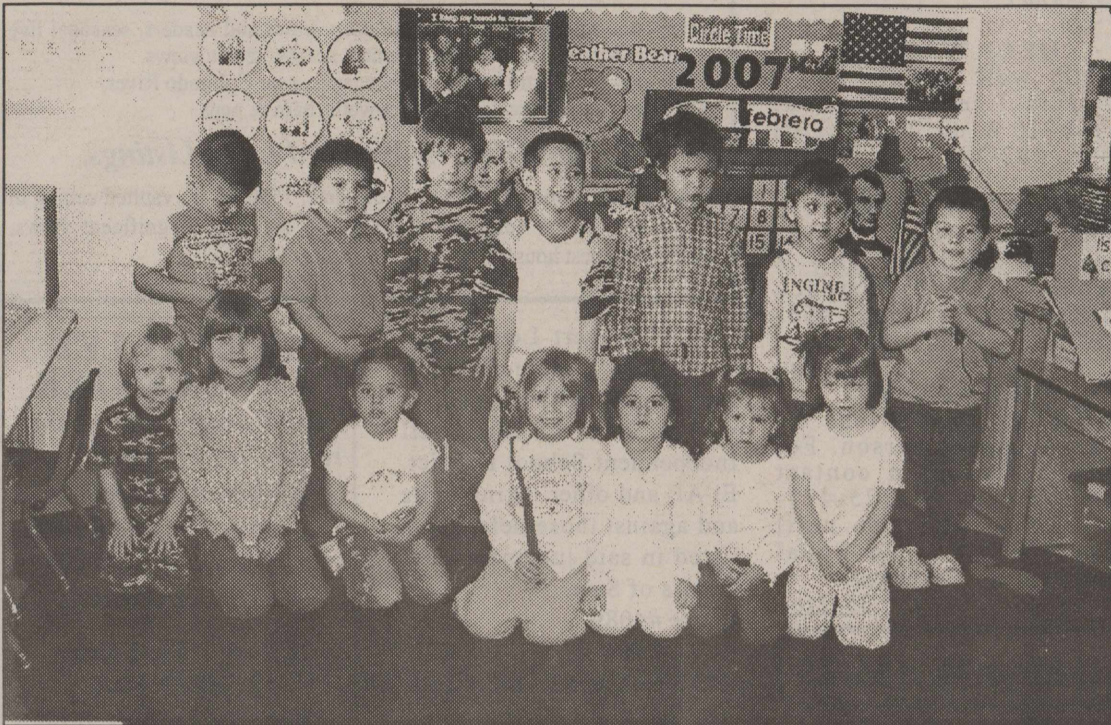
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



One Shot Program! On February 20, Jan Yanez, Coke County Cooperative Extension Agent, presented "Dental, Nutrition and Healthy Brushing" to the Coke County Head Start students. Those attending were Reagan, Autumn, William, Richard, Kaleb, Sydney, Isaiah, Isabella, Jasmine, Johnathan, Haleigh, Nehemiah, Sydah, Michael and Kobe.

RL Steer track results

The Steers finished overall in second place at the track meet in Panther Creek on March 8, 2007. During the running events, Michael Rodriguez placed second in the 3200m run with KW Roe close on his heels in third. Josh Gallegos, Jeremy Martinez, KW Roe, and Jimmy Womack, placed second in the 400m relay, and Jeremy Martinez placed fifth in the 800m run. The 800m relay team, Josh Gallegos, Michael Rodriguez, KW Roe, and Jeremy Martinez, placed second in their race. In the

400m dash, Jimmy Womack came in third, and Josh Gallegos placed first in the 200m dash. Michael Rodriguez came in third in the 1600m run. In the field events, Tony Munoz placed first with Eleasar Vera close behind in second in the shot put. In the discus, Eleasar Vera came in first, Tony Munoz placed third, and Garrett Blair placed sixth. Josh Gallegos placed first in the long jump.

Dogie track news

The Dogies finished fourth overall with 63 points out of thirteen teams in the March 8, 2007 track meet. During the running events, Logan Philley, Brody Dillard, Jorge Rostro, and Daniel Nowlin placed first in the 400m relay, with Logan Philley also placing first in the 400m dash. In the 1600m relay, Haden Dillard, Logan Philley, Luke Sheldon, and Jorge Rostro placed fourth. In the 2400m run, Jorge Rostro placed third with Luke Sheldon coming in fourth. In the field events, Haden Dillard placed fifth in the shot put, with Logan Philley tying for second in the high jump, and Luke Sheldon placing third in the pole vault.

4-H Photography Contest results

Coke County 4-H Clubs recently held their annual photography contest. Results are as follows.

Junior and Intermediate Division

Still Life 1st) Meagan Ross, 2nd) Meagan Ross; People - 1st) Meagan Ross, 2nd) Meagan Ross, 3rd) Josh Tennison, 4th) Charissa Caston, 5th) Charissa Caston; Plants - 1st) Meagan Ross, 2nd) Meagan Ross; Natural Landscape - 1st) Meagan Ross, 2nd) Meagan Ross, 3rd) Charissa Caston, 4th) Josh Tennison; Special Effects - 1st) Meagan Ross, 2nd) Meagan Ross; Animals - 1st) Meagan Ross, 2nd) Meagan Ross, 3rd) Charissa Caston, 4th) Josh Tennison; Architectural Elements - 1st) Meagan Ross. Each photographer will be advancing his or her photos to District competition, which will be held during District Roundup at ASU in May.

Senior Division
Landscape - 1st) Ginny Caston; People - 1st) Ginny Caston; Animals - 1st) Ginny Caston, 2nd) Ginny Caston. Ginny's photos will advance to State competition, which will be held during State Roundup in College Station this summer.

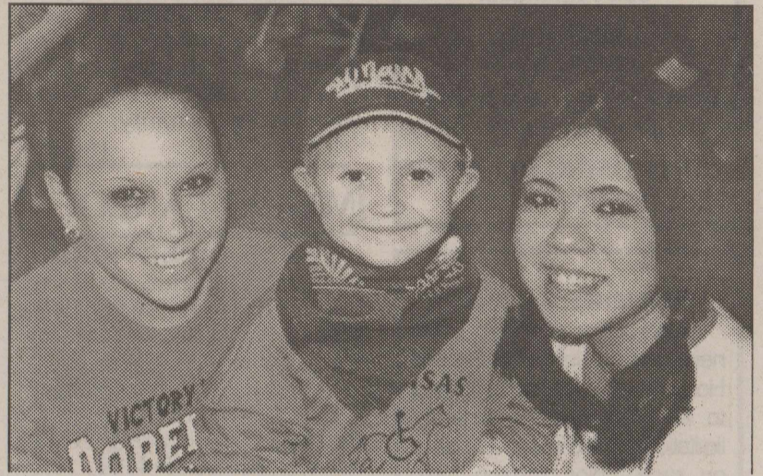
Free Money Available for College-Bound Students

Money for college is out there, but only if you apply for it.

That's the message from The Institute for Higher Education Policy, which esti-



Sonrisas Rodeo! A few Robert Lee High School Spanish Club members take a quick break for a photo with one of the Sonrisas Special Rodeo participants. They include (top photo, left to right) Erica O'Neil, Dixie Johnson, (bottom photo, left to right) Kendra Fuentes and Justina Gloria



mates that there are billions of dollars in college scholarships available each year. Awards can range from a few hundred dollars to a full ride for all four years, and best of all, they do not need to be repaid.

"Searching for scholarships may take a little time and energy, but remember -- it's free money," says Kathleen deLaski, president of The Sallie Mae Fund, a national charitable organization. "Even if you spend five hours applying for scholarships and receive only one \$500 scholarship, that's still the same as earning \$100 an hour. Money is available, but you have to take the first step and apply."

Indeed, The Sallie Mae Fund will once again provide \$2.5 million in college scholarships to roughly 1,000 deserving students pursuing higher education this fall. Applications, eligibility and deadline information are now available online at www.salliemae.org.

And deLaski stresses that these awards are not limited to the class valedictorian or star athletes. "Scholarships are awarded based on a number of factors -- from your interests to where your parents work to exceptional writing skills displayed in an essay contest," she says.

Here are some tips from

deLaski and other Sallie Mae experts on how to tap into free money for college:

- * Apply for as many awards as you qualify for. Even small awards can be helpful in covering the cost of books.

- * Pay close attention to deadlines. Missing a deadline is a sure way to become disqualified.

- * Look for scholarships offered by a variety of sources, including companies, unions, foundations, community organizations, churches and more.

- * Tell family, friends, teachers and others in your community that you are looking for scholarships. They may know something you do not.

- * Understand the conditions of an award -- such as maintaining a specific GPA or participating on an athletic team.

- * Watch for scholarship scams. You should never have to pay for scholarship advice or information.

- * If you get a scholarship, be sure to write a thank you note to the organization. You may want to reapply for the scholarship in the future so it is important to make a good impression.

"It may seem out of your reach, but once you take that first step and apply, you quickly see how worthwhile it all is," said 2006 Sallie Mae Fund scholarship winner and Spelman College junior Leanna Pearson.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 26

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Tuesday, March 27

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Wednesday, March 28

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Thursday, March 29

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Friday, March 30

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 26

Chicken spaghetti, carrots, roll, pears, chocolate pudding, milk

Tuesday, March 27

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, bread, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, March 28

Fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, chili beans, orange, milk

Thursday, March 29

Burrito, salad, corn, applesauce, cookie, milk

Friday, March 30

Hamburger, pickles, tator tots, salad, shape-up, milk

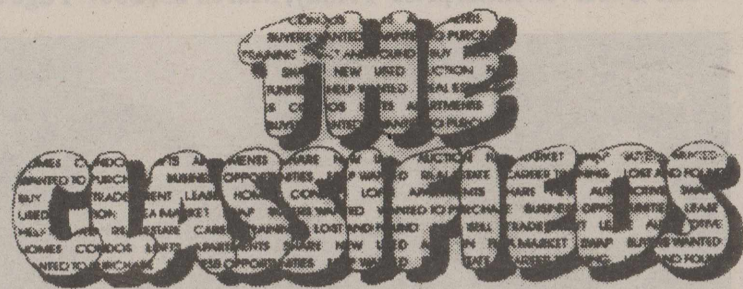
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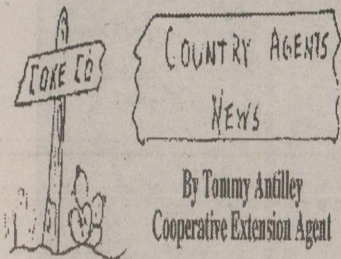
Coke County Relay for Life set May 11

All cancer survivors are invited to join as honorary guests in the Survivor Lap on Friday at 7 pm, which will kickoff the 2007 relay.

Survivors who wish to participate in the Survivor Lap will need to register at the Survivor Table beginning at 5:30 pm and will also need to pick up their purple T-Shirt and sash to wear during the Survivor Lap at 7 pm. In honor of those who are survivors, they will be provided a complimentary hamburger meal at 5:30 pm for those participating in the Survivor Lap at the Bronte track field.

The strength and courage of each cancer survivor helps community and friends see that cancer survivorship is real and that progress is being made to battle all kinds of cancer, one step at a time.

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to participate, please complete the survivor form and return as soon as possible to: Joe and Glenda Draper, P.O. Box 655, Bronte, TX 76933 or Eddy and Sue Spiller, 724 Brunson, Bronte, TX 76933.



Easy Gardening.... Mulching

Mulching your garden shows you really care about your plants. A mulch is any substance spread on the ground to protect plant roots from heat, cold or drought or to keep fruit clean.

Mulching is a long established horticultural practice. Farmers know that shallow cultivation of the soil's surface after a rain slows the rate of water loss from the soil. The shallow layer of dry surface soil acts as a mulch.

Mulches can be classified as inorganic or organic. Inorganic mulches include plastic, rocks, rock chips and other non-plant materials; whereas, organic mulches include straw, compost, sawdust and similar materials. Plastic is the only inorganic mulch used in vegetable gardens.

A thin layer of mulch on the soil surface (especially in sloping gardens) reduces the washing away of soil particles by rushing water. Also, mulches prevent raindrops from splashing on the soil surface. Saving soil moisture is an important use of mulch in Texas. A mulch layer on the soil surface allows the soil to soak up more water. Mulch also reduces the rate of water loss from the soil. A 3-inch layer of mulch on the soil surface dries much faster than the soil below it. Thus it prevents water from moving into the air.

Mulches modify soil temperature in home gardens. Applied in late fall, winter mulch insulates plant roots, crowns and stems of winter crops from extremely low temperatures. Proper mulching in summer months keeps the soil cooler. Soil covered by black or clear plastic or dark organic mulch in early spring warms faster than bare soil. This allows earlier planting of warm-season crops.

Organic mulches enrich the soil as they decay and provide a better environment for plant growth. Soils high in organic matter are easier to till and better suited to vegetable gardening. Adding organic material make soils more crumbly, especially clay soils that pack and crust.

Mulches help plants by gradually increasing soil fertility. An organic mulch such as straw or newspaper can be turned under the soil at the end of the season. This helps build the soil's organic matter contents. Turn the mulch under as soon as the gardening season is over so it breaks down before the garden is replanted.

Most mulches also provide excellent weed control. Mulches do not prevent weed seeds from spouting. However, weed seedling emergence is blocked by a mulch layer thick enough to exclude light. A 3-inch layer of mulch on the soil surface keeps most annual weed seedlings from coming through. Weeds that break through are removed more easily from mulched soil. Hard-to-control weeds such as nutgrass and Johnson grass may come through the mulch layer but can be pulled more easily or covered by fluffing the mulch with a fork.

A well-mulched garden can yield 50 percent more than an un-mulched the same size. Space rows closer as there is little or no need to cultivate the soil. Plant food is more available in cooler soil, and the extra soil moisture increases plant growth and yields. You will harvest more fruit because of less fruit rot. Fruit does not touch the soil, and soil is not splashed up on the fruit. This is true for tomato fruits that rot

easily when resting on the soil surface. Potatoes can be mulched heavily as the vines grow. This causes tubers to form in and under the mulch layer. These potatoes are less susceptible to soil rot, easier to harvest and less likely to be bruised during harvest.

Garden mulching reduces maintenance. A good mulch layer eliminates the need for weeding, and mulched vegetables are cleaner at harvest time. Fruits of tomato, melon and squash plants never touch the soil.

Many materials are available for mulching a garden. Some examples are compost, straw, gin trash and sawdust.

* Compost is generally the best mulching material for the home garden. It is usually free of weed seeds and is inexpensive. Prepare compost from materials present in your yard. It is not necessary to purchase expensive materials for mulching.

* Straw is short lived and coarse textured. More straw is needed for the same effect as compost or lawn clippings. Generally, less of the finer-textured materials is required to provide a 3-inch layer of mulch after settling, compost, however, usually requires only about 4 inches to provide a 3-inch mulch layer.

* Gin trash is commonly available in Texas. It is risky to use, however, without knowing its source and prior treatment. Make sure that the farmer did not use arsenicals on the cotton. Arsenicals are long-lived chemicals that can be present in gin trash for several months or years. Also, gin trash may contain weed seeds and diseases. Compost gin trash before applying it to your garden to make it safer and easier to use. The heat generated by composting kills most weed seeds and most disease organisms that infect plants.

* Plastic is effective mulch if used properly. Use black plastic in the spring and early summer to warm the soil. Black plastic keeps light from the soil and prevents weeds from growing. Clear plastic warms the soil, but weeds can grow

beneath the plastic. A disadvantage of plastic is that it cannot be turned into the soil at the end of the season.

When selecting materials, consider these factors.

Cost of the material. Do not spend money on mulching material when suitable materials are available at little or no cost.

The crop you plan to mulch. Never use material from the crop that is to be protected. For example, do not use potato vines from the spring crop to mulch fall potatoes for the possibility of disease is increased.

When the mulch is to be used. Select light-colored mulch during the summer and early fall to reflect heat. Use dark-colored mulch in early spring to help warm the soil to permit earlier planting and hasten early

growth.

When using mulches, spread on freshly cultivated weed-free soil before plants are large enough to interfere. Apply an organic mulch thick enough to leave a 3-inch layer after settling. Four inches of fine materials, like compost, should be adequate. Remember that coarser materials, such as straw, settle and may require 6 inches or more initially. If you use newspaper, place three layers on each side of the row. Add more mulch during the season if you are working with organic materials. The mulch settles and gradually rots during the growing season where it meets the moist soil surface. Adding additional layers assures continuous weed control, a clean resting place for the fruits of your labor and creates a pleasing appearance all season long.

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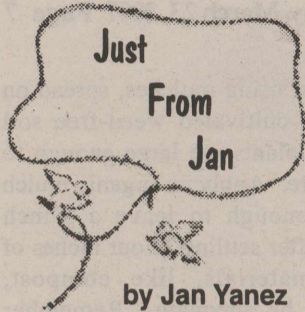
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Quick Clutter Control For A Tidy Home

Spring is traditionally the time to open the windows and clean out the cobwebs. Here are some tips to tidy up your home.

1. Whenever you have a few minutes to spare put away five or ten items that are not in their correct place. These could be toys that the kids have left somewhere, letters that need filing away or odd socks that need putting in a drawer.

2. Dump junk mail the moment you receive it. Deal with other mail at least once a week filing away what you need to keep in an indexed concertina file, card or plastic file wallets or even large brown envelopes.

3. The five boxes method. This will clear clutter from any room or area of the house, but can look awful while in progress. Set aside a time when you won't be disturbed, put on a tape of upbeat music and have a treat in the fridge for lunch. First job is to label the boxes - Rubbish, Give Away/Sell, Keep, Sentimental and Not Sure. You then go through everything in the area consigning each item to one of the boxes. Theoretically, by the time you have got rid of the Rubbish and Give Away/Sell boxes, you should have enough space to store the Sentimental and put the Keep items back in an orderly way. The Not Sure box should be sealed up, stored in basement or attic and if not needed after six months or one year, given away unopened, so that you're not tempted to keep

the contents all over again.

4. Be ruthless. If you haven't used an item in the last two years you are not likely to need it again. Do you really want a clutter free, streamlined home or not?

5. If you can't face an entire room, break the job down into manageable tasks - the kitchen junk drawer, the letter pile, the hats, coats and shoes area. That way you won't be put off decluttering as just too big a task.

6. Treat yourself to items that make staying tidy easier. Cardboard storage boxes are great for sewing and craft

items, Christmas decorations, treasures that your children have made. Plastic or fabric hanging shoe bags are perfect for storing small toys and dolls or for hair brushes, clips, cosmetics and toiletries. Invest in some of those drawer dividers that separate drawers into a dozen little compartments - but don't fill them with junk!

7. Clean and put away fifty per cent of your ornaments. Not only will this give your home a more modern minimalist look, you will get your dusting done in half the time.

8. Consider enlisting the

help of a family member or friend to be your organizing buddy. She helps you with your house - you help with her clutter disposal. Hearing yourself try to explain why you need a whole kitchen cupboard full of plastic containers can help you get them into that Rubbish box.

9. Don't keep buying things. Stop and think, do I really need this and have I got somewhere to keep this? Some people work on a one in, one out system, i.e. if you buy a new sweater, toy for the children etc. then one goes to the charity shop or is

given to a friend.

10. Don't give up. It will take time. All the clutter didn't come into your home in one day and you won't get rid of it all in one day. Keep on sorting, dumping, tidying and labelling, cut back on bringing new clutter home and it is a battle that can be won. You will have more time, a neat home and less stress as a reward for your efforts.

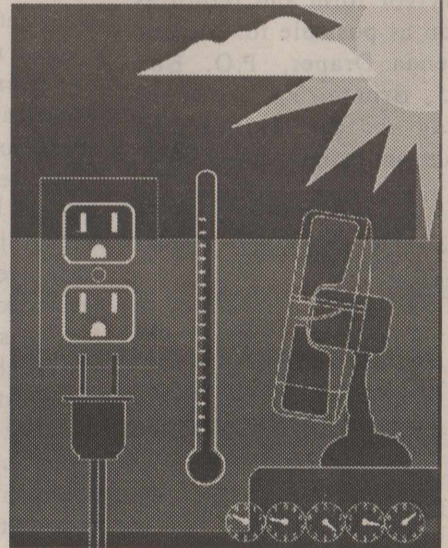
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Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler while saving energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

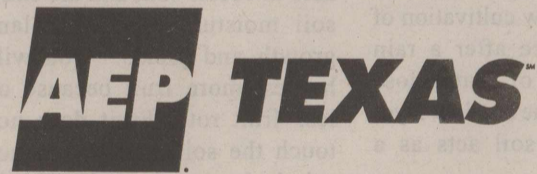


It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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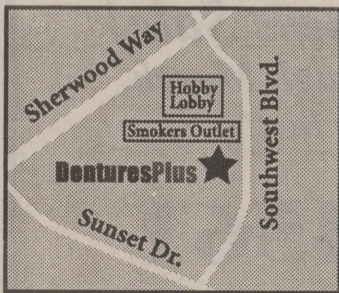
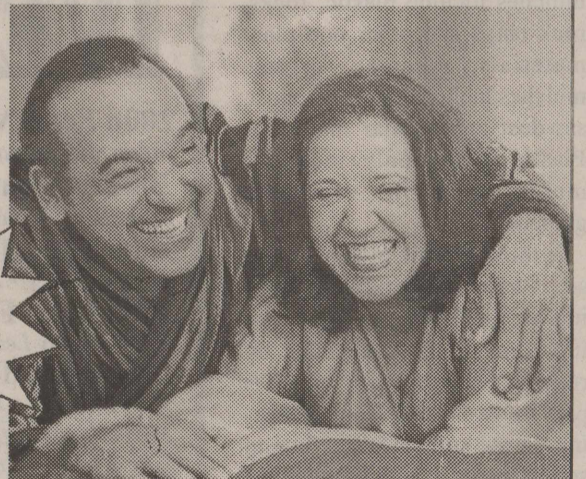


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