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## County athletes named to S-T All-West Texas football team

Six county football athletes have recently been named to the San Angelo Standard Times All-West Texas football team. Two athletes from Bronte were named on the 1-A team, and four from Robert Lee were named to the Six-man team.

Wide receiver Lahne Burns, a junior at BHS, caught 23 passes for 402 yards, with a 17.5 yard average and four touchdowns. Utility back Brett Wills, who is a senior at BHS, rushed for 521 yards and five touchdowns. He also caught 14 passes for 256 yards and five touchdowns.

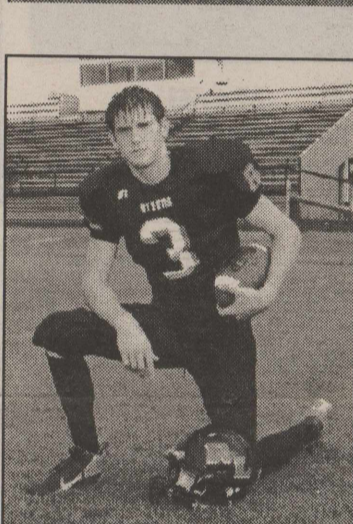
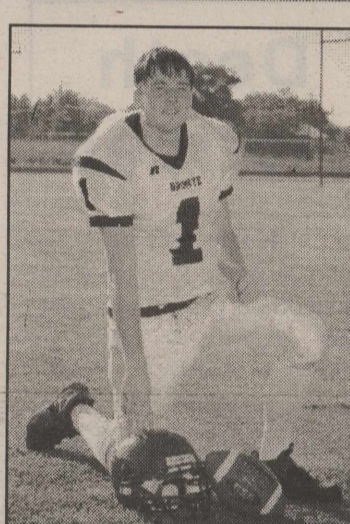
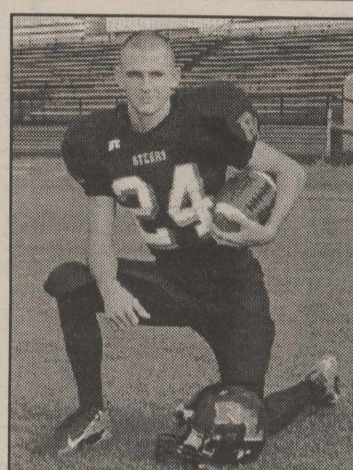
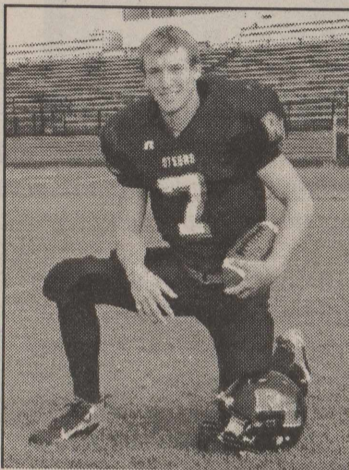
Robert Lee had four players named to the All-West Texas team. Junior spreadback Josh Gallegos was the offensive MVP of District 3, averaging 131 rushing yards, 15 receiving yards, and 35 passing yards per game. He was also an all-district and all-region special teams player. Senior utility back Taylor Percifull was named to the All-West Texas team after being voted a first team all-district wide receiver and cornerback who averaged nine tackles per game. He was also a second

team all-district kicker. The District 3 Defensive MVP was senior Brody Dillard. Brody averaged nine tackles per game and was a first-team All-District and All-Region selection at defensive end. He was also named to the second team as an all-district quarterback selection. Senior defensive back Cameron Hodge was a first team all-district and all-region safety. He also averaged 110 yards per game rushing, scoring an average of three touchdowns per game. He was also a first team all-district utility player.

### Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship deadline today

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation has been established by their family.

The Scholarship is for students 20 years of age and



**All West Texas!** These Coke County high school football players were named to the All-West Texas Team. They include (clockwise from top left) Brody Dillard, a senior at Robert Lee High School; Josh Gallegos, a junior at Robert Lee High School; Cameron Hodge, a senior at Robert Lee High School; Taylor Percifull, a senior at Robert Lee High School; Brett Wills, a senior at Bronte High School and Lahne Burns, a junior at Bronte High School.

older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to the City Hall by January 11, 2008. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on January 16.

### BHRC Auxiliary meeting slated for Thursday, Jan. 17

The Bronte Health and Rehab Auxiliary will meet at 1 pm on Thursday, January 17 in the living room at BHRC. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. All interested persons are invited to join them as they begin another exciting new year helping the residents at BHRC. Call Janet Wommack at 473-5388 or Lanette Fletcher at 473-6791 for more information.

### Coke Co. Historical Commission to meet January 21

The Coke County Historical Commission will meet Monday, January 21, 3 pm, in the Coke County Courthouse. While this is a County holiday, the Commissioner's Courtroom will be available for this meeting.

Suzanne Campbell of the West Texas Collection at Angelo State University will be the speaker for this initial meeting. She will include information on the proper preparation of newspapers for transferring them to microfilm; the importance of family histories, and historical preservation of buildings.

While local historians know of Angelo State's exciting West Texas Collection; this is an opportunity for all interested historians to meet Ms. Campbell and hear of the many historical preservation possibilities necessary to insure that Coke County's unique history will be documented for the future.

### Upcoming Election deadlines

The first day to apply for ballot by mail for the primary election is January 4, 2008. The last day to register to vote will be February 4, 2008. The first day for early voting will be February 19, 2008, and will end February 29, 2008. February 26, 2008 will be the last day to apply for ballot by mail (received not postmarked).

The following dates are for

the Primary Runoff Election Date. February 8, 2008 is the first day to apply for ballot by mail, if you did not request runoff ballot on the application for primary ballot. The last day to register to vote is March 10, 2008. March 31, 2008 is the first day of early voting. April 1, 2008 will be the last day to apply for ballot by mail (received not postmarked), and April 4, 2008, last day of early voting.

For additional information, contact the County Clerk's office in the courthouse at 453-2631.

### Windbreak

#### Seedlings available

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Order your seedlings now through Monday, January 28, 2008. Delivery is set for February 7, 2008.

For more information and availability, contact the Soil and Water Conservation District office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or come by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee.

### County Rainfall Totals

	October	November	December	Total for Year
Edith Area • Dee & Dessie Kendall				
2006	1.85	0.00	1.90	17.65
2007	0.00	0.75	0.00	32.81
Valley View Area • Bobby and Jeffie Roberts				
2006	1.43	0.00	1.18	14.81
2007	0.64	0.07	0.27	33.65
Divide Area • Dolores McCabe Seal				
2006	2.06	0.01	1.44	17.35
2007	0.33	1.04	0.41	31.90
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2006	2.30	0.00	1.90	15.50
2007	0.50	1.50	0.40	46.75
Bob Blackwood • 4 miles E. of Robert Lee				
2006	1.77	0.00	1.34	16.02
2007	0.19	0.94	0.37	36.03
Bronte Area • Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg				
2006	2.30	0.01	1.21	18.95
2007	0.66	1.44	0.27	42.54
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2006	3.00	0.00	1.30	22.55
2007	0.20	1.20	0.50	43.05



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**Farm Bureau Delegates!** Robert Lee voting delegates, Jeffie and Bobby Roberts, from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau recently attended the 74th annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention December 1-3 in Waco.

## Obituaries



### Martin

Natalie Beth Martin, 45, of Lubbock, went to be with the Lord Thursday, January 3, 2008.

She was born December 19, 1962, in Lubbock to Joseph Lee Fletcher III and Sue Hardy Fletcher. Beth grew up and spent the majority of her life in the San Angelo area. She was a graduate of Bronte High School. She worked as a dedicated employee for the Health and Human Services Commission. Beth loved the Lord with all her heart and has always had a strong relationship with Him. She had recently become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was a beloved and cherished daughter, mother, friend, and family member. Beth lived her life to the fullest. She was always smiling, laughing, and lending a helping hand. Her contagious smile and wit will be greatly missed, along with the comfort you could always find in her presence. Beth has touched many lives with her ready love. She was an active person and was always ready to jump into some sort of project, activity, or sport. Beth married Donald Butler in 1983 and they had three beautiful children.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Dortheda and Bethel Hardy.

Beth leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Sue Fletcher; two sons, Lyndon and Mitchell Butler; one daughter, Lindsey Butler; and numerous family members and friends. Pallbearers will be her cousins.

A Memorial Service was held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

located at 3211 58th St. Lubbock, Texas at 7 pm on Sunday, January 6. Visitation was Sunday at Shaffer Funeral Home at 509 S. State St, in Bronte, TX, followed by a graveside service at 3 pm, Monday, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were through Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice.

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## Death Notices

### Knighen

Archie Alice Knighen, age 76, devoted Christian mother died peacefully with her family at Medical Center, Odessa Texas, at 3:15 pm on Friday, January 4, 2008, after sustaining a severe head injury in a sudden fall.

Alice is survived by her children Allan Knighen and wife Patricia of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Margaret and husband Ron Leach of Odessa, James and wife Jackie of Mescalero, New Mexico, and Brian and wife Jeannie of Odessa; her eight grandchildren B.J., Kalabie, Shelby, Adrienne, Jessica, Jadanna, Jaron, Joy, and 2 great grandsons.

She is preceded in death by her parents Alice Will and James Archileas Cain.

Services were entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

### Pipeline Group to host Public Awareness Meeting

The Pipeline Group will be holding a Public Awareness Meeting open to landowners and farmers who are located or work near a pipeline right of way. The meeting will be

held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 3636 N. Bryant Blvd, San Angelo, Texas on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 7:30 am. A free continental breakfast will be served for all the attendees from Coke, Crockett, Irion, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sutton, and Tom Green counties.

To attend this meeting you must register by calling 1-800-982-8752 or online at www.pipelinegroup.com.

### Candidates for Primary Election told

The following is a list of persons who are running for the offices listed in the March 4, 2008 Primary Election.

- County Attorney Nancy Arthur
- County Sheriff Rick Styles
- Randall Jacks
- George Brickey
- County Tax Assessor - Collector Josie Dean
- County Commissioner Precinct #1 Troy Montgomery
- County Commissioner Precinct #3 Gaylon Pitcock
- County Constable Precinct #1 Marshall Millican
- County Constable Precinct #2 Marty Boyd

### Farm Bureau Leaders attend annual convention

Robert Lee voting delegates from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 74th annual Texas Farm Bureau

convention December 1-3 held in Waco. They were Bobby and Jeffie Roberts.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1000 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Louisiana.

Addressing the delegates were Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo, TFB president; Don Smith of Sulphur Springs, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director. The business session covered the final day of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo.

Voting delegates representing the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau at the 74th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Waco December 1-3 were Bobby and Jeffie Roberts.

### Hydrant Flushing to Resume

By Mark Sides, RLVFD Chief

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will resume checking and flushing hydrants on Monday evening, January 14. Hydrants within the area bordered by Commerce Street, Hwy 208, and Riverview Drive will be checked. Residents are advised to check for silt or rust in the water prior to doing laundry or using their hot water. Silt and rust can be flushed from the residential water system by fully opening the lowest cold water valve or faucet in the house until the water runs clear.

## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331

Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship,  
 6 pm Youth  
 and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281

Rev. 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. George Bradley, 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

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, School  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
 Portis Ribble, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2482

Jim Dominey, 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

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**Edward Jones**







**60 Year Mason!** Lewis Heuvel (front row, far left), of Robert Lee, was honored by the Grand Lodge of Texas for his 60 years of service to the Masonic Lodge. The pin and certificate were presented by Shawn Pascuzzi and members of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 of Robert Lee.

**Lewis Heuvel honored by the Grand Lodge of Texas**

Lewis E. Heuvel of Robert Lee was honored by the Grand Lodge of Texas for his 60 years of service to the Masonic Lodge. The pin and certificate were presented by Shawn Pascuzzi, District Deputy Grand Master District 77, of the San Angelo and members of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 of Robert Lee. The Masons and friends of Mr. Heuvel gathered at the Robert Lee Care Center January 7, 2008, for the presentation and to honor Mr. Heuvel and his wife, Anna Mae.

Members of Hayrick Lodge No. 696 present were Bobby Blaylock-Worshipful Master, John Jacobs, Bobby Roberts, Donald Robertson, David Chesshir, and George Gray.

Lewis Heuvel became a Master Mason January 15, 1948, in Coahoma Lodge No. 992 in Coahoma, Texas. He transferred his membership to Hayrick Lodge No. 696 in Robert Lee, Texas on April 10, 1951. On May 11, 1981 he transferred his membership to Graham Lodge No. 20 in Brenham, Texas. Mr. Heuvel continues to be a member of Graham Lodge No. 20.

**Eastern Star School of**

**Instruction slated**  
Macla Edmonson of Eldorado was appointed Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 Sections 1 and 2, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, by Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas. Mrs. Edmonson has completed her plans for the "Western Swing" School of Instruction to be held January 14 and 15, 2008, at the Mason Lodge, 130 South Oakes Street in San Angelo.

Over 100 members from across Texas are expected to attend the two-day event. Members from the two

sections include Ballinger, Brady, Bronte, Ft. McKavett, Eldorado, Paint Rock, Robert Lee, Sonora, San Angelo and Winters.

The event will begin with the "Pickin' and Grinnin' Banquet" Monday, January 14, 2008, at 5:30pm. San Angelo Mayor J. W. Lown will be present to present Proclamations to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert of Princeton and Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Jerry Trees of San Antonio.

The School of Instruction will begin at 9 am Tuesday, January 15, 2008, and will close at 3 pm.

**Performances and Classes at ASU Brass Festival**

Angelo State University's Department of Art and Music will host its annual Brass Festival, highlighted by

performances and instruction by a renowned soloist and a military quintet, Saturday, Jan. 12, in the ASU Carr Education-Fine Arts Building.

Registration for the festival begins at 9 am January 12 and activities will conclude about 3:30 pm. All classes, recitals and performances are open free to all brass performers and the public. Musicians are encouraged to bring their horns and participate in activities throughout the day.

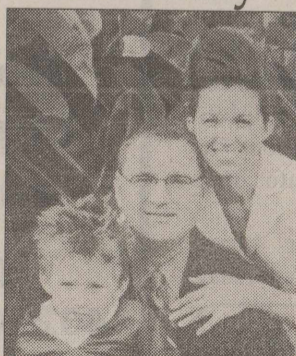
For more information, call Dr. Edward Surface in the ASU Art and Music Department at 942-2044, Ext. 236.

**To Advertise  
Call 453-2433**

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in Robert Lee, Texas  
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Saturday, January 19 • 7 pm  
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**Evangelist Christopher Calk  
& Family**



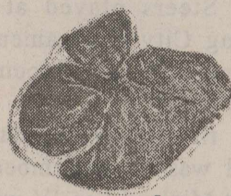
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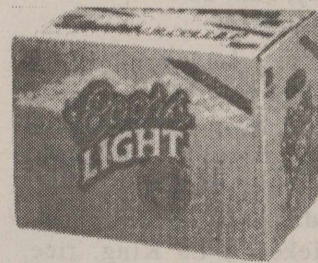


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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Robert Lee Seniors selling Krispy Kremes

The Robert Lee High School Senior Class of 2008 is taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts. The doughnuts will be delivered on Thursday, January 17 and will also be available at the Robert Lee/Bronte basketball games in Robert Lee on that day. For more information contact Cynthia Dillard at 453-4555.

## Robert Lee JV Boys Results

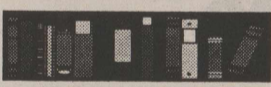
On January 3, 2008, the Robert Lee JV boys played against Winters with a final score of Robert Lee 31, Winters 45. Scoring for Robert Lee were KW Roe-6, Michael Rodriguez-9, Stetson Nesbit-3, Cayetano Carrera-5, and Garrett Blair-8.

## JV Boys place 3rd at Bronte Tournney

Robert Lee JV boys played in a tournament in Bronte on January 5, 2008. The first game Robert Lee played was against Miles, with a final score of Robert Lee 37, Miles 49. Scoring for our JV boys were KW Roe 3, Michael Rodriguez 2, Blake Hewitt 2, Stetson Nesbit 9, Haden Dillard 10, Cayetano Carrera 5, and Garrett Blair 6.

The second game the JV boys played was against Roscoe with a final score of Robert Lee 43, Roscoe 19. Scoring for the JV boys were KW Roe 12, Michael Rodriguez 4, Stetson Nesbit 15, Haden Dillard 5, Cayetano Carrera 6, and Garrett Blair 2.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, Jan. 14**

Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**

Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**

Pizza, juice, milk

**Thursday, Jan. 17**

Biscuit, cereal, juice, milk

**Friday, Jan. 18**

Stock Show

### Lunch

**Monday, Jan. 14**

Rib-b-que, broccoli & cheese, corn on cob, pineapple, bread, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**

Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, orange, trail mix, milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**

Fish sticks, mac & cheese, green beans, bread, fruit cocktail, milk

**Thursday, Jan. 17**

Hotdog, chili, cheese, Fritos, pork & beans, carrot sticks, pears, milk

**Friday, Jan. 18**

Stock Show

The Robert Lee JV Boys placed third overall in the Bronte Tournament. That brings their record to 9-4 for the year.

## Robert Lee Steers basketball results

The Steers played at the Sterling City Tournament in Sterling City on December 27-29, 2008.

The first game the Steers played was on December 27 against Midland Lee JV with a final score of Robert Lee 60, Midland Lee JV 75. Scoring for the Steers were Gallegos 8, Percifull 9, Philley 4, Hewitt 2, Martinez 20, Hodge 3, Dillard 2, Brosh 8 and Roe 4.

On December 28, the Steers played against Midland High JV with a final score of Robert Lee 59, Midland High JV 42. Scoring for the Steers were Gallegos 12, Percifull 3, Philley 5, Martinez 17, Hodge 3, Dillard 12, Brosh 6 and Roe 3.

On December 29, the Steers played against Rocksprings with a final score of Robert Lee 53, Rock Springs 50. Scoring for the Steers were Gallegos 7, Percifull 7, Philley 4, Martinez 15, Hodge 4, Dillard 9, Brosh 3 and Roe 4.

## RL Steers defeat Winters

On January 3, 2008 the Steers played their first game of the New Year, defeating Winters 46-38. Scoring for the Steers were Gallegos 9, Percifull 8, Philley 6, Martinez 6, Dillard 15, and Brosh 2.

## RLISD School Board meeting minutes told

On Monday, December 17, 2007, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 7 pm.

Members present at the meeting were: K. Roe, W. Washam, T. Reed, J. Roberts, I. Torres, B. Ramon, and T. Sawyer; there were no absent members.

At 7 pm President Roe called the meeting to order. With the pledge and invocation being led by Wes Washam.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2007, which was seconded by Irma Torres, all for.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Tod Reed, all for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented, which was seconded by Brandi Ramon, all for. Wes Washam made a motion to approve the budget amendment from Function 51 to Function 11, which was

seconded by Tod Reed, all for.

Wayne Simpson gave the elementary report: 142 enrolled for PK-6; 96% ADA for November. Roger Henderson gave the secondary campus report; 119 enrolled 7-12; 97% ADA for November.

A public hearing was held for the District AEIS report. Roger Henderson and Wayne Simpson presented the District Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report for RLISD.

Roger Henderson presented the 2007-2008 District Improvement Plan. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to adopt the 2007-2008 District Improvement Plan, which was seconded by Tod Reed, all for.

Kevin Roe read the 2007 Continuing Education Hours for the RLISD Board Members. Wes Washam exceeds required training; Irma Torres exceeds required training; Tom Sawyer Jr. completed required training; Kevin Roe completed required training; Jeffie Roberts exceeds required training; Tod Reed exceeds required training; Brandi Ramon, recently appointed to the board, has not completed the required training.

Wes Washam made a motion to deny the written request to waive penalties and interest owed on back taxes, which was seconded by Tod Reed, all for.

Supt. Hood made the recommendation to award the bid for band instruments to Tarpley Music for \$9,247. Tod Reed made the motion to accept the recommendation, which was seconded by Jeffie Roberts, all for.

Supt. Hood gave public hearing regarding Taxation of Goods-In-Transit and recommended to tax Goods-In-Transit as Ad Valorem Taxes by Resolution. Wes Washam made a motion to accept the recommendation, which was seconded by Irma Torres, all for.

The board recessed at 8:10 pm and reconvened at 8:17 pm into regular session.

Supt. Hood gave his report on the facility update and architect timeline. He reported the results of the Appraisal District Board Election. Tom Sawyer, Jr., Jeffie Roberts, and Wes Washam volunteered to be on the Facility Committee.

The board recessed at 8:35 pm, entered into closed session at 8:48 pm to complete Superintendent Evaluation. The board reconvened into open session at 9:23 pm.

The next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday,

January 16, 2008 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

## Robert Lee ISD Honor Roll

### Pre-K

**Perfect Attendance**

Casey Skipworth, Nikkole Harendt, Ian Paredes

### Kindergarten

**Perfect Attendance**

Sydney Hayes, Jonathan Skipworth, Tara McCormick

### First Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Joshua Jackson, Zachary Brown, Chelsea Wyatt, Oscar Ramirez, Gracey Strock

### Second Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Cesar Rangel, Elexis Sanchez, Jorge Mendoza, William Coppedge, Adam Minjarez, Hailey Padgett, Daniel Mendoza, Ryann Harless, Elana Gloria, Jayce Bower, Margo Mendoza, Meghan Bohannon, Chaiston Golden, Christian Hodges, Mariah Munoz

### Third Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Anna Huapilla, Trace Oleksiuk, Kaden Hayes, James Wyatt, Kandace Skipworth

### A Honor Roll

Matthew Curry, Kaden Hayes, Nicole Jones, Ryan Martin, Casey Scruggs

### Fourth Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Justice Saucedo, Mathew Paterson, Jordan Bowser, Kershtan Netherland, Kaleb Torres, Jacob Strock

### A Honor Roll

Brady Clawson, Rani Coppedge, Kodi Drennan, Hunter Hamrick, Bailey Hooten, Jacob Jackson, Kershtan Netherland, Myrka Rangel, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Madison Wright

### Fifth Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Katelynn Chancellor

### A Honor Roll

Tristen Hildebrand, James Roberts, Jerry Wofford

### Sixth Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Kevin Saucedo

### A Honor Roll

Bridget Byers, Michael Curry, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard, Bianca Huapilla, Jesse Sheets, Taylor Sheldon, Everett Wilson

### Seventh Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Faylin Bell, Beeanca Bower, Dawson Brisbin, Cooper Hinderliter, Hazel Howard, Zachary Sanchez, Zach Skinner

### A Honor Roll

Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

## A/B Honor Roll

Faylin Bell

### Eighth Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Jose Fabian, Samantha Fernandez, Tyler Henderson

### A Honor Roll

Tyler Henderson, Lisa Myrice, Meagan Ross

### A/B Honor Roll

Jose Fabian, Kimberly Roach, Victoria Roe, Raquel Rojas, Diana Vera

### Ninth Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Dustin Brown, Haden Dillard, Herzon Estrada, Blake Hewitt, Logan Philley, Kacee Roberts, Jorge Rostro, Connie Saucedo, Luke Sheldon, Joshua Tennon, Sarah Walker

### A Honor Roll

Heidi Austin, Kelsey Reed, Kacee Roberts, Jorge Rostro

### A/B Honor Roll

Lacy Brown, Haden Dillard, Blake Hewitt, Logan Philley, Skyler Rainwater, Luke Sheldon, Josh Tennon, Sarah Walker

### Tenth Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Devin Batten, Briana Brisbin, Cayetano Carrera, Tanner Hanigan, Piedad Juarez, Nancy Landeros, Blake Millican, Jacob Moreno, Stetson Nesbit, Emilee Yanez

### A Honor Roll

Cayetano Carrera, Piedad Juarez

### A/B Honor Roll

Emily Arellano, Devin Batten, Briana Brisbin, Sarah Jones, Nancy Landeros, Stetson Nesbit, Colton Reed, Emilee Yanez

### Eleventh Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Holly Austin, Taylor Foster, Jeremy Martinez, Mira Myrice, Olga Perez, Mason Ross

### A Honor Roll

Alexis Garren, Mira Myrice, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Cori Torres

### A/B Honor Roll

Holly Austin, Garrett Blair, Taylor Foster, Prescilla Lara, Jeremy Martinez, Olga Perez, Norma Rojas, Jimmy Womack

### Twelfth Grade

**Perfect Attendance**

Molly Burns, Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Justin Hewitt, Corbin Martin, Taylor Percifull, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

### A Honor Roll

Molly Burns, Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Briana Longoria, Corbin Martin, Andrea Pineda, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

### A/B Honor Roll

Justin Hewitt, Cameron Hodge, Kelsey Martin, Megan Percifull, Taylor Percifull, Ashley Sawyer, Luke Thurman, Heather Williams

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**Bronte Project Graduation meeting set for Jan. 14**

There will be a meeting for the Bronte Senior Class Project Graduation on January 14, 2008, at 7 pm at Cindy Saunders' home. All senior parents are requested to attend. If you have any questions or need any further information, please call Cindy at 473-2028.

**BHS Senior Class to raffle beef**

The Bronte Senior Class Project Graduation is raffling two sides of beef with freezers. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Saunders at 473-2028 or Mike Harris at 473-2203.

**Bronte offering free passes to Senior Citizens**

Bronte ISD is offering free passes for Senior Citizens 65 and over for District Basketball games. Bring proof of I.D. to Superintendent's office beginning January 7, 2008, from 8 am to 4 pm weekdays.

**Bronte ISD Board Meeting minutes**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on December 18, 2007 at 8 pm in the Board Room. Those in attendance were: Wayne Coalson, President; Bob Frazee; Jeff Schoenfield; Terry Charles; Kendall Gibbs; Quinda Feilduncan; Scott Frasier; and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were: David Bedford, Donna Poehls, and Michael Bohensky.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David

Bedford.

Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, reported 187 students and Michael Bohensky, Secondary Principal, reported 153 students. David Bedford discussed the District improvement plan. The Principals discussed the AEIS report for the District. Gold Performance Acknowledgments for Elementary: Commended on Reading/ELA, Commended on Science, and Comparable Improvement: Reading/ELA, Gold Performance Acknowledgments for High School: Attendance, Recommended High School Program, Texas Success Initiative (TSI) ELA, Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Mathematics, Commended on Writing, Commended on Social Studies, and Comparable Improvement: Mathematics.

The Board approved the Campus and District improvement plan and the retainer with Walsh Anderson law firm. The Board discussed auction plans and tentatively set the date for February 9, 2008. The Board also discussed the breakfast program and grades 4-12 will eat prior to the school day. Free breakfast will still be served to all students.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave TEA update and new Ag facility update.

Discussion was held on reduction in force plan.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:50 pm.

**Lady Longhorns take first district win**

The Bronte Lady Longhorns Basketball team won their first district game of the season with a hard fought victory over Garden City. The final score was 38-31. Leading scorers for the Lady Longhorns were Chelsea Cook 14; Stephanie Flores 12.

**Bronte JV Boys Basketball Update**

The Bronte JV basketball team had three games this past week. They started out the week on Monday in Loraine where the Longhorns came up with their 7th win of the season beating Loraine 62-25. The JV Longhorn bunch then hosted a basketball tournament this weekend where they finished 2nd beating Roscoe in the first round and then losing to Miles in the Championship. The Bronte JV lost to Loraine by a final score of

62-25. Scoring for Bronte were Mackey 14, Casillas 10, Martinez 8, White 8, Scott 5, Perez 4, Charles 4, Ellis 3, Everheart 2, Harris 2, and Horton 2. Record 7-5.

In the Bronte JV tournament, Bronte first played Roscoe and won 31-19. Scoring for Bronte were White 14, Casillas 7, Horton 6, Mackey 2, and Harris 2. Record 8-5.

The last game of the tournament was against Bronte JV and Miles, with Miles winning 48-42. Scoring for Bronte were Casillas 11, Horton 10, Mackey 10, Martinez 4, Perez 4, Everheart 2, and Charles 2. Bringing the Bronte JV Boys record to 8-6.

**BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS**

**Bronte High School Basketball Schedule**

* January 11	Blackwell	There	TBA	JV Boys, V Girls & Boys
* January 15	Sterling City	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 17	Robert Lee	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 22	Garden City	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 25	Water Valley	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* January 29	Blackwell	Here	TBA	JV Boys, V Girls & Boys
* February 1	Sterling City	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* February 5	Robert Lee	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
* February 8	Garden City	There	5:00	JV & V Boys

\* District Games

Varsity Boys Coach: Rocky Rawls  
 Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Ellis Miller  
 Varsity Girls Coach: Carol Moore  
 Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Pam Hilliard  
 Superintendent: Alan Richey

Principal: Terry Marrs • Assistant Principal: Michael Bohensky  
 Athletic Director: Keith McCutchen

**Bronte Junior High School Basketball Schedule**

January 12	Robert Lee "B" Tourney	There	TBA	B Boys & Girls
January 14	Water Valley	There	4:00	A&B Boys & Girls
January 17 & 19	San Angelo "B" Tourney	There	TBA	8th B Girls
January 21	Menard	There	5:00	A&B Boys & Girls
January 24 & 26	Eden "B" Tourney	There	TBA	B Boys & Girls
January 28	Sterling City	There	5:00	A Girls & Boys
Jan. 31 & Feb. 2	Water Valley "A" Tourn.	There	TBA	A Boys
Jan. 31 & Feb. 2	Irion Co. "A" Tourney	There	TBA	A Girls
February 4	Robert Lee	Here	5:00	BG, AG, AB

Boys Coach: Brandon Moore  
 Girls Coach: Amy Bohensky

**Note to BHS Sophomore/Junior Parents**

Results of the PSAT test the juniors took last fall will be passed back to the students Tuesday, January 15 and results of the PLAN test for the sophomores at Bronte High School will also be passed back that day. Both tests help prepare students for college readiness and provide valuable information about aptitude in various academic areas, including

showing strengths and weaknesses. In addition, the PLAN test provides areas of career aptitudes based on a career interest inventory the sophomore students completed. Please ask your son or daughter for a copy of the results. The test booklet will also be returned to the students.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Jackie Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor at (325) 473-2521.

**School Menu**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, Jan. 14**

Cereal, apple sauce, toast, jelly, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**

Sausage roll, juice, milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**

Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

**Thursday, Jan. 17**

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, juice, milk

**Friday, Jan. 18**

Stock Show

**Lunch**

**Monday, Jan. 14**

Pizza, tossed salad, corn, assorted fruit, banana pudding, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**

Spud day, baked potato, chili, cheese, baby carrots with ranch, sliced peaches, Texas toast, milk

**Wednesday, Jan. 16**

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, roll, milk

**Thursday, Jan. 17**

Sliced turkey sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tator tots, pink panther cake, milk

**Friday, Jan. 18**

Stock Show

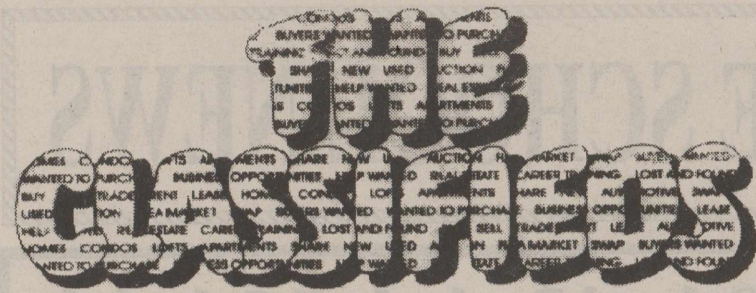
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**CARD OF THANKS TO THE TENNYSON & BRONTE COMMUNITIES**  
Just a simple Thank You seems inadequate to express our gratitude for all you have done for Chris and us. There are so many of you that we need to say Thank You to, that we couldn't possibly get to each and every one of you personally, so we hope you will accept this with our heartfelt Thanks.

To the Senior Class of Bronte HS, student body, teachers, and staff, our special Thanks for all you have done. The fundraisers you have put together have all been outstanding. Our Students are a special group of young people and we as a community should be very proud of them. I know that Russell and I are very proud to know them. They have truly been a blessing to us as

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Thank you,  
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Melva Winkler  
Winnie Pitcock  
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I'm sure you know who you are, but I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the Christmas card you sent me. Usually, the traditional presents under the Christmas tree from Santa is something expected during the Christmas holidays, but my present in the mailbox was something least expected, but greatly appreciated. So, again, I thank you for the card because it really helped by putting it toward my college classes I'm taking this next semester.

Estephania Flores  
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**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Coke County is taking applications for a Senior Citizens Director in Bronte, Texas. Applications may be picked up in the Judge's office in the Courthouse in Robert Lee. Applications will be taken until 9am, January 21, 2008. For further information, you can call 453-2922.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of Trustees for Robert Lee ISD will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. At this meeting, information about the effects of wind turbines on the district and a possible May 2008 bond issue will be discussed. Public input on these issues is encouraged at this meeting.

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**Letter to the Editor**

Hal,  
This is true. About a half century ago, media reports and speculation told of foreign countries sending intelligent young, couples to have kids in the United States. This was said to conquer us from within. I am no longer scoffing.

Loy Wrinkle  
**Audubon Bird Count held**

The annual Audubon Bird Count was held January 14 in Robert Lee. Although the weather was exceptionally cold, fifteen people gathered to collect information which will be seen in national and international media.

To birding enthusiasts, great interest was caused by the sighting of a Golden-crowned Sparrow in this area. The groups of birders who heard of the sighting each drove some 20 miles to document the existence. One got a photograph of the bird. Visitors have already come from Austin, Fort Worth and Houston to add the bird to their list.

Plenty of red-winged blackbirds were sighted, and there were 174 cormorants and 143 mourning doves. Twelve different types of ducks were counted. Most species appeared in 15-40 count flocks. There were several species that only one was sighted. One hopes there were two.

All in all there were 88 species counted, the lowest count was 55 in 2001 in freezing weather and 111 in 1974.

Those who helped with this effort were Pat Hunter, Donna and Alvin Kelly, John Adams, Rose Marie and Mary Stortz, Emily Stoudt, Allen Wemple from Midland; Rocky Counts and Noel Gregston from Robert Lee; Eric Breden from Andrews; Richard Redmond from Bandera; Sammy Hunnicut from Big Spring; Kathy Newton and Valarie Walmsley from Odessa.

The Caliche Loop members report many visitors to the birding sites in and around Robert Lee. While serious birders have been known to drive or fly to an area to see a special species and then leave, many come for the day to take advantage of Robert Lee's special natural settings. These visitors contribute to Robert Lee's reputation.

**Smith in stable condition following accident**

Rob Smith, who is a patient in the ICU Burn Unit of the University Medical Center in Lubbock, is at present listed in stable condition. He is at this time unable to read cards

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**Update on Soldier boxes**

Robert Lee and Bronte sent out 17 boxes in November and 13 Christmas boxes for our troops in December. We sent out Christmas boxes to those that had someone close to them in Iraq and Afghanistan. We had the ladies from the Victory Assembly of God and Southside Church of Christ, and Especially For You to send home made goodies. The business we picked up had other goodies we sent also. We want to thank those who make it possible to send these packages that have paid for the postage, which we would have been unable to send any of this. All the businesses and churches and individuals who have given things, we are so appreciative and none of this would have been possible without your help. All together since July we have mailed out 104 boxes. The Southside Church of Christ, Robert Lee Baptist Church and their youth, plus Lakeview schools in San Angelo, and the Robert Lee Care Center residents, made some Christmas cards, others sent Christmas cards. We were able to put cards in each box that was sent and they were handed out to the troops. Todd Sinclair, Zac and Trevor Lewis and Wayne Crayford were all so especially glad to be able to hand out the goodies to the troops they were with. They all said to thank you and most of them broke down when they got the Christmas cards. Most of those young men and women got nothing

from home; no letters, cards or packages. So what we are doing is very important and gives our troops encouragement. Thank you for caring and doing the things you have done.

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Pat Gunnells

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

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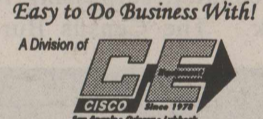
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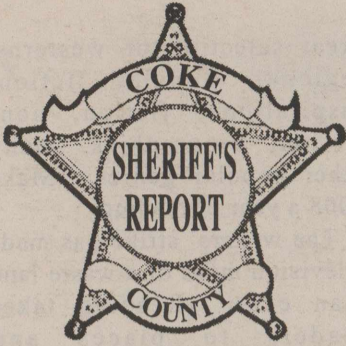
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**Arrests and Dispositions December 2007**

Hoover, Marcos, DWI 1st, 12-01-07;  
 O'Reilly, Erin, Driving While License Invalid, 12-02-07;  
 Mendoza, Phillip, DWI, Evading Arrest and Detention with a Vehicle, 12-14-07;  
 Cherry, Jamie, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 12-15-07;  
 Gomez, Derek Anthony, Violate Restrictions on Occupational License, 12-16-07;  
 Allen, Heath William, Driving While License Invalid, 12-16-07;  
 Thomas, Derek, Aggravated Assault F.V., Assault F.V., 12-17-07;  
 Fernandez, Jessica Eulalia, Driving While License Invalid, 12-23-07.

**County Court Dispositions Plea Hearing 12-19-07**

The State of Texas vs. Aaron Wood, Charge: Driving While License Invalid, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$224.00;  
 The State of Texas vs. Mark Busby, Charge: Driving While Intoxicated, Plea: Fine \$1000.00, Court Cost \$389.00;  
 The State of Texas vs. Amanda Gonzales, Charge: Driving While License Invalid, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$224.00;  
 The State of Texas vs. Corey Puckett, Charge: Possession of Marijuana

<2oz, Plea: Fine \$350.00, Court Cost \$274.00;

The State of Texas vs. Thomas Parr, Charge: Purchase/Furnish Alcohol to a Minor, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$224.00;

The State of Texas vs. Jonathan Roe, Charge: Driving While Intoxicated, Plea: 90 days Probated 12 Months, Fine \$600.00, Court Cost \$339.00, 40 Hours Community Service;

The State of Texas vs. James Gloria, Charge: Assault Family Violence, Plea: 180 days Probated 12 Months, Fine \$700.00, Court Cost \$249.00, 40 Hours Community Service;

The State of Texas vs. Shaylon Arrott, Charge: Driving While Intoxicated, Plea: 180 days Probated 18 Months, Fine \$1000.00, Court Cost \$414.00, 80 Hours of Community Service, DWI School, 3 Days Jail.

**Massive Growth in Texas Offers Huge Opportunities**

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

As the New Year begins, the U.S. Census Bureau projected that our nation's population has soared to 303.1 million, up 2.8 million from its estimate in early 2007. From July 2006 to July 2007, Texas gained almost 500,000 new residents.

Former Texas demographer Dr. Steven Murdock, who was recently approved by Congress to head the Census Bureau, quipped, "Growth is a double-edged sword. With challenges come opportunities. The key is to have the opportunities be greater than the challenges."

In Texas, a rapid and widespread growth trend continues to gain momentum. Since 1994 Texas has been the second most populous state in the country, surpassing New York. The Census Bureau

estimates place three Texas cities among the top ten numeric gainers between 2000 and 2006, with Houston showing the third largest increase in population, San Antonio the fifth, and Fort Worth the sixth. Among cities with a population of more than 100,000, McKinney was the fastest growing community in the country, with a 97.6 percent population growth rate between April 2000 and July 2006.

Such growth creates opportunities for increased state revenue and economic advancement. It is critical that our state's education, transportation, infrastructure, and social services keep pace. We do not want to see our state become overburdened by the challenges that accompany accelerated growth.

Across the state, communities are grappling with growing pains, but we have seen a wide range of successful public/private partnerships and local projects to directly address local problems.

In Houston, now the fourth largest city in the U.S., traffic congestion remains a top growth-related challenge. A holistic approach is needed to improve transportation infrastructure. This includes continued efforts to lighten traffic by widening major arteries like I-10 and Highway 59. In 2001, the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County developed METRO solutions, a comprehensive transit system plan to solve the region's traffic congestion and air quality problems. The plan was approved by voters in 2003 and to date provides 7.5 miles of rail service, curb to curb transportation for people with disabilities, 113 miles of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, and 25 Park and Ride lots with over 30,000 available parking spaces. The \$2 billion Phase 2 expansion is currently

underway and will expand these capabilities.

Tremendous growth in the Dallas-Fort Worth area has also posed transportation challenges. Texans living in Central Dallas have come to rely on Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), which has provided fast, modern, convenient transit service to Dallas and 12 surrounding cities for work, shopping and entertainment. DART is currently moving more than 200,000 passengers per day across a 700 square mile service area, and it has unquestionably eased the growing pains of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

In Austin, city officials have responded to rapid growth by proposing a light rail plan for Central Texas which was recently approved by the voters. The Capitol MetroRail will transport urban commuters in the fall of 2008 and is currently undergoing testing for safety. This system is one part of a three-step strategy to reduce congestion on IH-35, improve freight mobility, speed NAFTA trade between Laredo and Dallas and spur economic development in the Austin-San Antonio Corridor.

San Antonio, now the second largest city in Texas, has become widely known as "Military City, U.S.A." for being home to more active duty military personnel than any other city. Since the Base Realignment and Closure process ended, we have worked very closely to ensure San Antonio's future role in our military and have established it as one of the great places in America for veterans' health care. In September, I joined with local officials to announce that a new \$67 million Level One Polytrauma Center will be built at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital

campus, the fifth of its kind in the country. It will be one of the most advanced hospitals for veterans, charged with addressing the specific needs of service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

El Paso has been working for many years to address a critical water shortage that could have threatened its future. Water is critical for economic development and future growth. In August, I attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a state-of-the-art desalination plant that will supply 27.5 million gallons of water, part of an aggressive 50-year conservation plan in response to severe droughts and a diminishing underground water supply. The success of this facility, the largest inland desalination plant in the world, played a major role in creating the environment necessary for El Paso's Fort Bliss to increase its size with over 9,000 new troops as part of the "Grow the Army" initiative.

These examples represent only some of the best ideas, born at the local level, carried out through the cooperation of city, county, state, and federal officials, and in many cases funded in large part by the federal government.

Looking forward, the State of Texas will face major challenges, including addressing the more than 5.5 million uninsured, increasing the state's use of available Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding, improving our public education system, working to create new tier one institutions among our public colleges and universities, ensuring that Texas leads the nation in meeting our domestic energy needs, and securing our long international border with Mexico.

The federal government should support the most effective, proven local solutions and I will continue working with local officials to deliver federal funding for the projects that are the most critical for the future of Texas.

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