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Early Voting continues through Friday, Feb. 29

The March 4 Primary Election will be upon us before we know it and several deadlines are closing in fast. Early voting continues through Friday, February 29. Early voting will be held in the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse in Robert Lee. Hours for early voting will be Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm and Friday, 8 am - 1 pm. There will also be two days voters on the east side of the county will be able to vote in Bronte. On Thursday, February 21 and Tuesday, February 26, residents will be able to cast their vote at the First National Bank in Bronte from 9 am until 1 pm. And if voters would like to apply for a ballot by mail, their application must be received in the County Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 26. Again, this is received, not postmarked. Primary Election day will be Tuesday, March 4. Polling locations are:

Precinct #1 - Robert Lee Senior Citizens Building;
Precinct #2 - Bronte Senior Citizens Building;
Precinct #3 - Coke County Courthouse;
Precinct #4 - Bronte City Hall.

All voters are reminded that they need to bring their voter registration card when they go to vote. Voters are also reminded that they may vote in either primary, Republican or Democrat, but not both.

Roping Club meeting set

The Coke County Roping Club will have their annual organizational meeting on Sunday, March 2. All those interested are asked to assemble at the arena in Bronte at 3 pm. For more information contact Wayne or Morgan McCutchen at 473-3201.

Red Hat Club meeting set for March 4

The Red Hat Ladies are going away, East to Ballinger for a fun filled day.

Lunch will consist of a potato that's stuffed.

No doubt this will be more than enough.

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Until we come home feeling smart and classy.

Lunch will be at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger and serving will begin around 11 am. Come a bit early and enjoy visiting and maybe have a cup of coffee before Lunch. Be prepared to pay \$5.00 for your lunch.

BHRC to host CNA class

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center will be sponsoring a CNA class to be held at a later date. Applications are available at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center and will be taken until February 22. For more information, contact Moverine Ellis, Director of Nurses, at 473-3621.

City of Bronte General Election to be held

The first day a candidate may file an application was February 11, 2008 for a place on the ballot for the City of Bronte General Election, which will be held May 10, 2008. An election will be held for the positions of Mayor and three (3) Council Members, terms are for two years. City officials' terms expiring are Mayor Gerald Sandusky and Council Members Alvin Jones, Elton Moore, and Jim Guthrie.

Applications may be picked up at the Bronte City Hall at 114 S. Washington. Deadline for returning the application is 5 pm on March 10, 2008.

Mayor Sandusky and Council Members Jones and Guthrie have filed for reelection.

RL City

Elections slated

February 11, 2008 was the first day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot for the City General Election which will be held May 10, 2008. Applications may be picked up at the City Secretaries' office at the Robert Lee City



Bi-District Champs! The Bronte Lady Longhorns finished a storybook season with a loss to Buena Vista in Ozona on Friday night, February 15. The Lady Longhorns fought the entire game for control but the Buena Vista Longhorns utilized their speed to gain the lead in the second quarter and maintain that lead until the end of the game. Sparks of momentum would surge through the Bronte team, then the momentum would be lost to a rebounding error or turnover. Leading scorer for Bronte was Chelsea Cook with 10 points. Casey Harris and Estephania Flores each had 7 points; Chelsea Meek had 6 points; Johnnye Michael, 5 points; and Holly Huskerson had 4 points. The Lady Longhorns finished 18-12 overall and were named runner-up in district 11A and were bi-district champions. Congratulations Bronte Lady Longhorns!

Hall through 5 pm on March 10, 2008. An Election will be held for the position of Mayor, and Two (2) Council Members. Terms are two years. City Officials terms expiring are Mayor, Joe White; and Council Members, Beth Prather, and Bonita Cartrite.

Interested In Forming A Local Mah-Jongg Group?

If playing games is good for the mind, then playing Mah-Jongg regularly may be one of the best workouts seniors can use to keep their minds sharp and agile.

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The Santa Fe Crossing Senior Citizens Center in San Angelo is offering March classes in modern American

Mah-Jongg for seniors 55+ interested in tasting this exotic game.

Call Jim McCutchen at 655-9326 for information or to enroll.

Tornado Warning Drill for Schools set for Wednesday

February 24 - March 1 is Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have a way to receive a warning?

At approximately 9:30 am, on Wednesday, February 27, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. We will transmit this warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some of your local Radio and TV stations, and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 9:45 am.

The warning will be issued for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford,

Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

For more information, please contact Hector Guerrero at: hector.guerrero@noaa.gov or Buddy McIntyre at: buddy.mcintyre@noaa.gov.

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3rd. Then on the following day, March 4th, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornados struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

For tips on what to do in the event of a tornado, see page 5 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

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your right
to vote!**

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Death Notices

Robbins
 Mary Robbins of San Angelo died in a Dallas hospital on Monday, February 18, 2008. Arrangements are currently pending with Shaffer Funeral Home.

Valenzuela
 Concepcion "Conchita" Valenzuela, 57, of Robert Lee, died Friday, February 15, 2008, in a San Angelo hospital. Family visitation was at the funeral home Sunday, February 17, 2008. A rosary was held Sunday night at 6 pm at the funeral home. Funeral Mass was Monday, February 18, 2008, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 2 pm with burial following in the Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Conchita is survived by her brother Ismeal Valenzuela and his wife Anna of San Angelo, two sisters, Christina Torres and husband Stephen of Robert Lee and Helen Tijerina of San Antonio. She is also survived by 15 nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews.

ACT Test to be offered at Bronte High School
 The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 12, 2008. Registration is open to anyone but juniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the high school counselor's office or online at www.actstudent.org. Fee waivers are also available for students who are on free or reduced lunches. In order to avoid late fees, please register by March 7, 2008. For more information, please call the counselor's office at Bronte High School at 473-2521.

Sorosis Study Club holds meeting
 The Sorosis Study Club met Thursday, February 14, 2008, in the home of Marilyn Bivins.

Guests supplying entertainment were four Bronte High School band members who attended the Region 7 Solo and Ensemble Contest in Brownwood, and Mrs. Rosson their piano accompa-

nist. The four students were Kelsey Sedden, Geoffrey Ehl, Will Macon, and Jonathan Dannheim. As a result of this presentation, the club donated \$40 to the Band Booster Club.

Members of the study club made tote bags to be sold at the basketball game on February 5. Proceeds in the amount of \$125 were donated to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life.

The Sorosis Study Club will host the birthday party at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center on February 29, 2008.

A memorial contribution was made to the Veterans Memorial Fund on behalf of former member, Dorthey Pruitt.

The Chinese Auction was won by Marilyn Bivins.

Members present were: President Lanette Fletcher, Joan Lightfoot, Jean Fancher, Kay Stiles, Glenda Draper, Jane Cumbie, Jane Wheat, Doris Sims and hostess, Marilyn Bivins. Guests were

Mrs. Leah Rosson, Will Macon, Kelsey Sedden, Geoffrey Ehl, and Jonathan Dannheim.

CCRTA meeting held
 The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, February 18, 2008. Jerry Horn gave the invocation prior to the luncheon. It was held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Unit President, William Hood, presided at the business session. School reports were heard from Bronte ISD by Donna Poehls, principal, and from Robert Lee ISD by Aaron Hood, superintendent.

A report sent by Nina Brewer, community service chairman, stated that the total volunteer hours by unit members for the year 2007 was 37,918 hours. Sug Lawhon had the most volunteer hours for the year. Janet Wommack, health care chairman, reported that the total number of steps reported by unit member was 3,650,000. She announced that Beth Prather had the highest number of steps taken for the year.

Lynda Gottschalk of Winters, District XV President, spoke to the group. She and Paul Gothard, legislative chairman, gave information on RTA priorities for the 81st Legislative Session. After hearing the informative reports and the group discussion, members filled out the individual forms of the Priority Survey.

The meeting was attended by 24 members and 4 guests.

Members: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, Jamie Boren, Glenda Draper, Harrell Foshee, Janice Foshee, Judy Gibbs, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, June Gulley, William Hood, Mimzi Horn, Jerry Horn, Sug Lawhon, Pat Lee, Judy McGlothlin, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Gerald Sandusky, Mickey Stevens, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack. Guests: Lynda Gottschalk, Aaron Hood, Donna Poehls, and Alan Richey.

Retired School Personnel Walk For Better Health

The members of the Coke County unit of Texas Retired Teachers walked 81,093,600 steps; the equivalent of 405,468 miles in 2007 as they participated in the Texas Retired Teachers Association's (TRTA) WALKS-A-MILLION Program. The purpose of the TRTA WALKS-A-MILLION Program is to encourage the organization's 64,000 members in the 257 Local Units throughout Texas to walk on a daily basis in order to maintain good health and at the same time keep health insurance costs down.

The Coke County unit is proud to announce that Beth Prather walked the most steps in 2007, 3,650,000 steps. She will receive a certificate of recognition from the TRTA.

Janet Wommack, Health Care Committee Chairman, coordinates the WALKS-A-MILLION Program at the Coke County unit. William Hood, President of the Coke

County unit, expressed his appreciation to all the WALKS-A-MILLION Program participants.

Search for Texas' 2008 Outstanding Older Worker underway


Experience Works, the nation's largest training and employment organization for mature workers, is searching for Texas' outstanding older worker. Outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will be honored in Washington, D.C., and in their home states for their contributions to the workforce and local communities.

Nominees or applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Texas, currently employed, and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The honoree must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., the week of September 22-26 for the Prime Time Award events. The visit will include meetings with congressional representatives, a tour of the city's landmarks, and the awards banquet and ceremony. Honorees have an opportunity to meet, share their stories, and celebrate their accomplishments. Family, friends or colleagues can send in a nomination, or older workers can self nominate.

The search for America's Oldest Worker for 2008 is also under way, as is the search for outstanding employers of older workers. An online nomination form or a printed nomination form can be accessed at www.experienceworks.org. The deadline for nominations is June 1.

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 Wed. 6 pm

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 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
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 6 pm Youth
 and Worship
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

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 & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

St. James Catholic Church
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 (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, Worship
 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

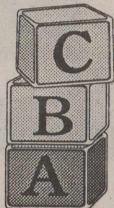
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
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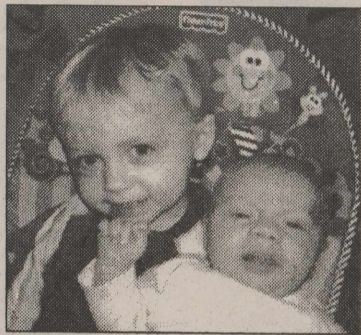
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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting



Look Who's New!



Brenner Keanan Sherwood

Brayden Michael Sherwood is happy to announce the birth of his little brother, Brenner Keanan Sherwood. Brenner was born December 28, 2007, and weighed 6 lbs 10 ozs. The proud parents are Mike and Bree (Bolding) Sherwood of Shippensburg Pennsylvania.

Brenner's grandparents are Rusty and Ginger Sherwood of Ft. Loudon, Pennsylvania, and Bobby and Gayle Bolding of Robert Lee. His great grandparents include Marvin "Pap" Rosenberry of Ft. Loudon, Pennsylvania, Leota "Grandma" Bolding of Granbury, Texas, and Maudie "Mamaw" Conley of Robert Lee.

Preparing for a Smooth Digital Television Transition

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

On Thursday, February 7, an AMBER Alert message flashed across TVs all over Texas, as the Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcast information on a 5-year old Austin boy who had just been abducted. Thanks to the swift action of authorities and implementation of the AMBER Alert system, the boy was safely recovered thirteen hours later and returned to his family. For more than 40 years, variations of the EAS have worked in concert with radio and television broadcasters, cable companies, and satellite providers to inform the public of emergencies. Today, it warns citizens about severe weather hazards, helps mobilize communities to search for and recover kidnapped children, and enables the government to immediately address the nation in the event of a national emergency.

One year from now, on February 17, 2009, the nation's full power broadcasters (large TV stations covering multiple cities) will switch from an analog to a digital broadcasting format. This change will dramatically enhance the clarity of television broadcasts, resulting in less interference,

sharper pictures, and better sound. The efficiency of digital broadcasting may also allow for new and diverse television programming.

Most importantly, transitioning to digital television, or D-TV, will free up the frequencies on which data is transmitted to the public, otherwise known as broadcast spectrum, for important safety activities that will increase the nation's ability to respond to terrorist attacks and national disasters. Digital broadcasting will continue to transmit emergency messages, like AMBER Alerts, but some of the spectrum space will be reallocated to implement a nationwide public safety communication system to support police, fire departments, rescue squads and other first responders. The challenges facing first responders on September 11, 2001, and during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita illustrate how badly this capability is needed, and the 9/11 Commission recommended a nationwide public safety system in its final report to Congress.

So what does the D-TV transition mean for you?

Nationwide, about 13 percent of homes have older television sets and receive over-the-air programming using antenna or "rabbit ears." In Texas, this number is much higher, with more than 20 percent needing to take steps to prepare for the transition. These households will need converter boxes to change digital broadcasts into an analog format so their TVs can display public safety and emergency broadcasts. If a television is only equipped with an analog tuner, it will work as it does now until analog broadcasting stops at midnight on February 17, 2009. After the transition, consumers can keep their older, analog TVs if they

obtain a set-top converter box.

A converter box will translate the digital broadcast signal into an analog signal that an older TV will display. Each television that is neither outfitted with a digital tuner nor connected to a cable or satellite service requires its own converter box. D-TV converters will be available nationwide at electronic stores and other U.S. retailers.

The coming transition poses special challenges for border communities. Last year, I introduced legislation that allows broadcasters along the southern border to continue analog broadcasts for five years, but maintains Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authority over broadcasts, based on public interest.

To help defray the cost of obtaining converter boxes, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration will issue up to two \$40 coupons per household to go toward the purchase of converter boxes. Consumers may apply for their coupons until March 31, 2009 by calling 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009) or by visiting www.dtv2009.gov. The coupons must be used within 90 days of being issued.

Those subscribing to a cable or satellite television service may not be affected by the D-TV conversion, but consumers should contact their cable or satellite provider to make sure service will not be disrupted. Many newer televisions are already equipped with a digital tuner and will not require a converter box to function after the transition. If you are not sure, you should contact the manufacturer to check the capabilities of your TV.

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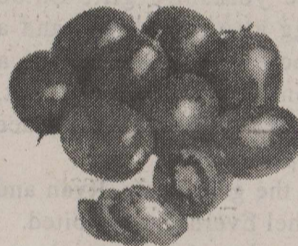
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Care Package for Brown Family

A care package is being put together at Bronte ISD by the PALS class to send to Chris Brown and his family. Chris was involved in a serious car accident last fall and is currently undergoing therapy in Dallas. Anyone wanting to send cards, letters, snacks, money, or other items may bring them to the Bronte High School or Elementary office by 3:30 pm, Thursday, February 21.

Senior Parents FAFSA Workshop set for Bronte

Representatives from the Howard College Financial Aid Office will be at Bronte High School on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 6 pm to help parents/senior students fill out their online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the Auxiliary Computer Lab. All parents are invited to attend regardless if their son or daughter is planning on attending Howard College. Parents and/or students will need to bring a copy of their 2007 tax return and FAFSA pin numbers. If a parent or student has not yet

registered for a pin number, please visit www.pin.ed.gov. Please call Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor at 473-2521 to register for the session, or if you have any other questions.

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 students exhibit at San Antonio Stock Show

Several Bronte students recently exhibited livestock at the San Antonio Stock Show.

In the Junior Gilt Show, Paige Royall exhibited a third place yorkshire gilt, Chloe Grigg also a york gilt and a duroc gilt, Ashley Royall a second place hampshire gilt, and Beau Grigg a sixth place hampshire gilt.

In the goat show, Ryan and Rachel Everheart exhibited.

In the barrow show, Chelsea Cook exhibited a tenth place crossbred, Ashley Royall a crossbred, and Paige Royall a crossbred.

In the steer show, Creed Coalson exhibited a third place maine-anjou, Carson Kelso a sixth place angus, and Dalton Ogle a thirteenth place limousin.

Thanks to the parents and grandparents for all their support.

Marie Hall Scholarship available

The Marie Hall Scholarship is available to all students planning on attending Angelo State University, Howard College, Odessa College, Midland College, Sul Ross State University, Texas Tech and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. Applications are available on the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School or online at www.pbaf.org. Apply by April 15.

Haggard Scholarship deadline March 15

Graduating seniors from Coke County may apply for the J. Alex and Ruby Henson Haggard Scholarship. Students must be planning on majoring in agriculture or ranch management, architecture, library science, historic preservation, or landscape architecture. Apply by March 31, 2008. Applications are on the scholarship bulletin board at BHS or online at www.pbaf.org.

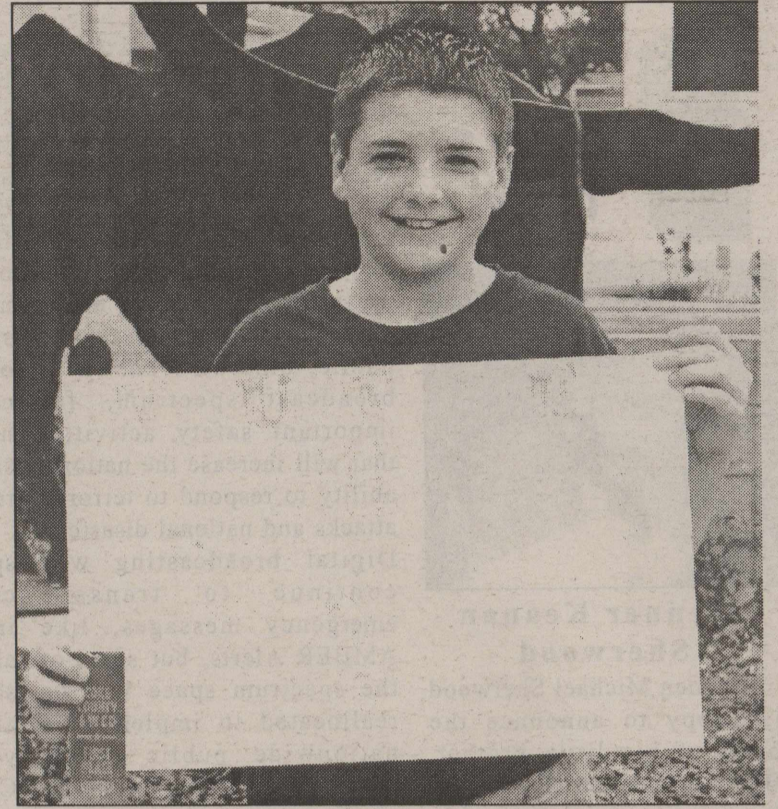
Bronte ISD Board meeting held

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting, February 17, 2008 at 1:30 pm in the Board Room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, President; Bob Frazee; Terry Charles; Jeff Schoenfield; Kendall Gibbs; Quinda Feil-Duncan; Scott Frasier; and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Donna Poehls, David Bedford, and Michael Bohensky.

Scott Frasier opened the meeting with prayer.

Donna Poehls, Michael Bohensky, and David Bedford gave Principal's reports.

Wayne Coalson, President, announced the Board Member training credits for



District Runner Up! Ty Lee, a sixth grader, at Bronte Elementary School was named the District Runner Up in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest.

2007. All Bronte ISD Board members completed the required continuing education credits. The Board called to order the school board election for May 10, 2008. Two positions currently held by Kendall Gibbs and Scott Frasier are up for this year. Update 82 was approved and discussion was held on the tentative 2008-2009 school calendar and the purchase of a new bus. The Board approved turf management and buying a new mower.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, reported on the new UIL alignment and auction results. Mr. Richey also gave a financial update and a TEA update.

The Board approved changes in stipends and supplemental pay. Discussion was held on the Principals and Superintendent evaluations and contracts. The Board discussed reduction in force plan.

The President adjourned the meeting at 7 pm.

Many scholarships available

If your family is a member of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative and you are a senior, you are eligible to

apply for a \$1,500.00 scholarship. Applications are available in the counselor's office at Bronte HS. Applications must be in to the Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. business office by April 1, 2008.

The Concho Valley Electric Cooperative offers four \$1,000.00 scholarships. Two scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors and two are awarded to other students of higher learning. The applicant must be an active CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC or by the dependent of a CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC. Applications are available on the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School or online at www.cvec.coop. The deadline to apply is April 24, 2008.

The Permian Basin Area Foundation offers a variety of academic scholarships to those pursuing higher education and vocational training. Students who are residents of Coke County are encouraged to download an application at www.pbaf.org. For more information, you may call the organization at 432-682-4794.

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 25

Cereal, apple sauce, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

Thursday, Feb. 28

Sausage roll, juice, milk

Friday, Feb. 29

Blueberry muffin, toast, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 25

Chicken nuggets, gravy, macaroni & cheese, corn, roll, fruit choice, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Frito pie, chili, cheese, tossed salad, ranch style beans, apricot halves, corn chips, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Chicken & noodles, green beans, tossed salad, roll, rosie apple sauce, milk

Thursday, Feb. 28

Nacho Grande, refried beans, lettuce, tomato, mixed fruit, nacho chips, milk

Friday, Feb. 29

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

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Oak Creek Lake is Full!!

As all of us "lake people" know, when summer arrives, the lake will be crowded with many weekend partiers.

We need to all get out and vote to keep our Sheriff, Rick Styles, in office. He and his loyal deputies have stood by us when no one from the City of Sweetwater (who owns the lake) would.

Please vote to keep Rick Styles as Sheriff of Coke County!

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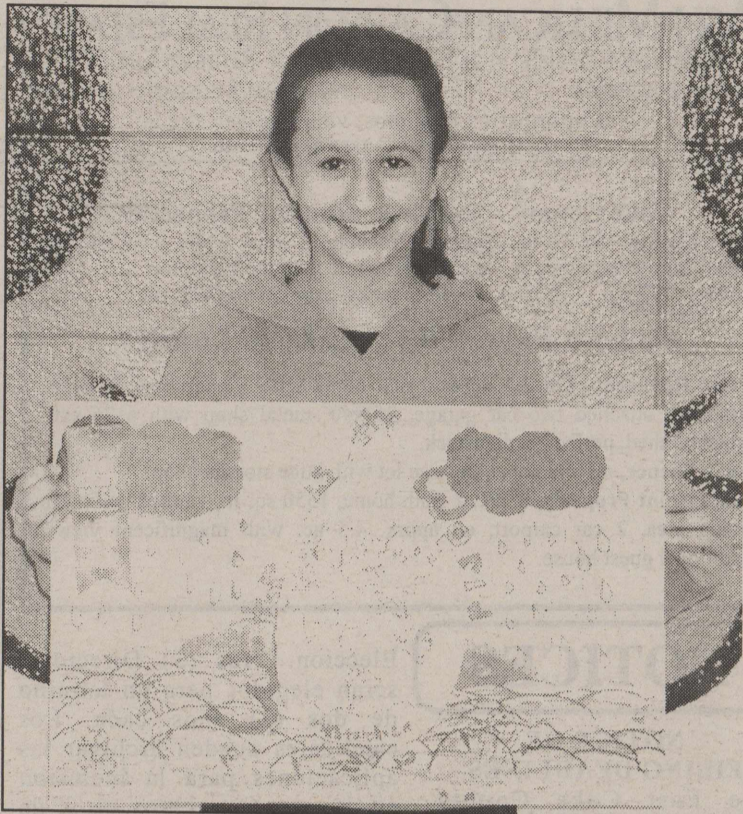
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Robert Lee, Texas

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



District Winner! Jesse Sheets, a Robert Lee Elementary sixth grader, was named the district winner in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest.



Outstanding Class! The Robert Lee Elementary Sixth Grade Class was named the Outstanding Class in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest.

Robert Lee ISD holds public meeting

On Monday, February 18, 2008, a Community Meeting was held in the Courtroom of the Coke County Courthouse at 7:00pm. Kevin Roe opened the meeting as he read the Public Forum Guidelines.

Aaron Hood, RLISD Superintendent, gave a presentation on the Wind Turbines. A question and answer session was held on a possible May 2008 Bond Election.

RL Lady Steers post final scores

On January 29, the Lady Steers took on Garden City with a loss. Robert Lee 33 - Garden City 63. Scoring for Robert Lee were: Perez 4, Minjarez 9, Hinderliter 4,

Burns 4, Percifull 2, and Walker 8.

February 1, 2008 brought Robert Lee and Blackwell together for one last game of the season with Robert Lee winning 40 - 21. Scoring for the Lady Steers were: Perez 5, Skinner 3, Minjarez 18, Hinderliter 4, Burns 2, Percifull 1, Walker 3, and Saucedo 4.

The last game of the season (February 5, 2008) for the Robert Lee Lady Steers was lost to Bronte. The final score for this game was Robert Lee 28 - Bronte 57. Scoring for Robert Lee were: Skinner 3, Perez 3, Minjarez 10, Hinderliter 2, Burns 2, and Percifull 8.

The Lady Steers finished 4th in district with a 4-6 record and an 11-18 overall record.

Tornado Safety Rules

If at home:

- If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter go there immediately.

- Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.

- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

- Get away from the windows.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

- Use arms to protect head and neck.

- If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:

- Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

- Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large

hallways, or shopping malls.

- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

- Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:

- If possible, get inside a building.

- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of potential flooding.

- Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:

- Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

- Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

- If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of potential flooding.

Clay Antilley scholarship due by March 1

The Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at the San Angelo Area Foundation in memory of Clay Kennedy Antilley of Robert Lee, an avid member of 4-H and FFA, who attended as many stock shows as was possible. The San Angelo Area Foundation will be accepting scholarship applications for this fund in the spring of 2008.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a graduate of a Coke County high school located in Coke County, Texas, and have been a resident student of said high school for three consecutive semesters beginning the junior year. In

addition, the student must demonstrate outstanding achievement in a Coke County FFA or 4-H club and participated in school, community and agriculture related organizations. Scholarship applications will be available on our website January 1, and are due to the Foundation office by March 1.

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What We Say - What God Says

We say "It's impossible" - God says "All things are possible": ...And He said the things which are impossible with men are possible with God. • Luke 18:27

We say "I'm too tired" - God says "I will give you rest": Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. • Matthew 11:28-30

We say "Nobody loves me" - God says "I love you": For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. • John 3:16

We say "I can't go on" - God says "My grace is sufficient": ...And He said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness • 2 Corinthians 12:9

We say "I can't figure things out" - God says "I will direct your steps": Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. • Proverbs 3:5-6

We say "I can't do it" - God says "You can do all things": I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me. • Philipians 4:13

We say "I can't forgive myself" - God says "I forgive you": There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. • Romans 8:1

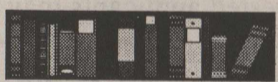
We say "I'm afraid" - God says "I have not given you a spirit of fear": For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. • 2 Timothy 1:7

We say "I can't manage" - God says "I will supply all your need": But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. • Philipians 4:19

We say "I'm always worried and frustrated" - God says "Cast all your cares on me": Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. • 1 Peter 5:7

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 25

Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Biscuit, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, Feb. 28

Pizza, juice, milk

Friday, Feb. 29

Burrito, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 25

Bean chalupas, tamale, salad, Spanish rice, pears, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, roll, orange, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Chili, crackers, salad, carrot sticks, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, Feb. 28

Steak fingers, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, peaches, milk

Friday, Feb. 29

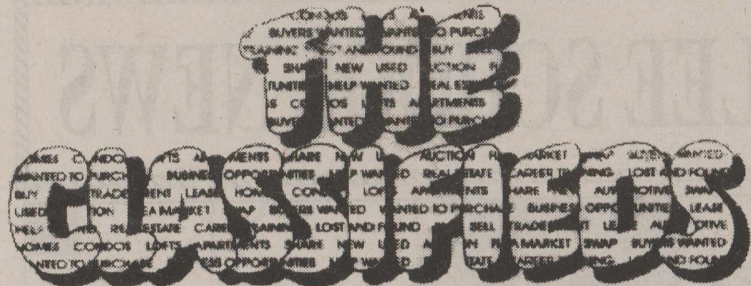
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Political Calendar
The Observer/Enterprise
has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.
Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.
CONSTABLE PRECINCTS 1 & 3
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COKE COUNTY SHERIFF
Rick Styles (Dem.)
Randall Jacks (Dem.)

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2 BR / 1BA House. 413 Highland, Robert Lee. 453-4362 or 450-3868. \$17,000.
29-3tp

FOR SALE
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29-4twp

FOR RENT
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27-tnc

FOR RENT
3 BR/2 Bath Brick Home in Robert Lee. \$550/month. 817-995-3507. Leave message.
29-tnc

TAKING APPLICATIONS
for one, two & three bedroom apartments. Washers, dryers, RO water systems in each unit. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.
16-eow

MISCELLANEOUS

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HELP WANTED
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38-tnc

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CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU
A heartfelt Thanks to the wonderful people of Robert Lee for all the concern, prayers, cards, and flowers sent during my illness.
Thanks!
Terry Wojtek
31-1tc

THANK YOU
The Sims, Davis, and Sawyer families would like to say a very heartfelt thanks to all of our dear families and friends for all of the wonderful things you did for us at the passing of our dear Kenney. The food, floral tributes, calls, visits, and the attendance at the funeral service were all greatly appreciated. The service was a beautiful tribute to her. She would have been very pleased.
Thank you and God Bless you all,
Sims, Davis & Sawyer families
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES
The East Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 10, 2008 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot until March 10, 2008. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center during normal business hours, 9am-5pm, Monday thru Friday.
30-3tc

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES
The West Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 10, 2008 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 9, 2008 and March 10, 2008. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9am -5pm, Monday thru Friday.
LA NOTA DE LA CLASIFICACION LAS FECHAS TOPES
La Junta directiva Occidental del Distrito del Hospital del Condado del Coque por la presente avisa de la clasificacion las fechas topes para el mayo 10, 2008

Eleccion. Tres (3) Directores seran elegidos para un termino de dos (2) anos cada. Los candidates pueden archivar las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion entre el 9 de febrero de 2008 y el 10 de marzo de 2008. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en el Centro del Cuidado de Sotavento de Robert Lee durante horas de oficina normales, 9am - 5pm, el Lunes por el Viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Roger Alexander, el Administrador.
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31-1tc

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Layline Petroleum I, LLC, 820 Gessner Road, Suite 1145, Houston, TX 77024 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Menielle Sand, N.E., I.A.B. Unit Lease, Well Number 3403. The proposed injection well is located 8 miles NW of Robert Lee in the I.A.B., NE (Penn. 5150) Field, in Coke County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5121 to 5167 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

31-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE TO BILL EASLEY AND DESCENDANTS OF EDITH MAE EASLEY

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Texas Property Code, Sue Diane Luckett, PO Box 21, Bronte, Texas, seeks reimbursement of the prorata share of a total of \$2,500.00 paid on ad valorem taxes on the property from Bill Easley and descendants of Edith Mae Easley who may own an approximately undivided 3/4 of the following real property, described as Lots 11 and 12, Block 49, Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas.

Greg Gossett, Attorney
PO Drawer 911
San Angelo, TX 76902
31-4tc

...Scholarships

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The Monsanto Company, in association with the National Association of Farm Broadcasting, will offer the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program to award \$150,000 in scholarships for 2008. You are not required to be an FFA member to apply for this scholarship. If you are interested, please go to www.monsanto.com or www.ffa.org to apply.

USA Today and America's Milk Processors are pleased to announce the 11th Annual Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (Sammy) award program. From now through March 7, 2008 teachers, coaches, principals, counselors, athletic directors, parents and relatives are encouraged to nominate a senior athlete for the SAMMY 2008 Award. Applications and official rules are available online at www.sammy.bodybymilk.com.

The San Angelo Area Foundation (SAAF) has also posted their scholarship online at www.saafound.org. The application deadline is March 1, 2008. Many area scholarships may be applied for through the use of this one application being submitted. For more information and a list of the scholarships offered, please visit the website.

Students planning on majoring in Geology, Hydrology, Environmental Science, Environmental Law, Environmental Education, Forestry, Oceanography, and Ecology may apply for the 2008 Ozarka "Every Drop Counts" Scholarship. Applications are available on the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2008.

Bronte High School seniors

may now apply for the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship. The applications are available on the counselor's page on the BHS web site at www.bronteisd.net.

Applications must be turned in to the counselor's office on or by April 8, 2008.

...Antilley Scholar.

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To obtain more information about this and other scholarships at the San Angelo Area Foundation, please visit our website at www.saafound.org. Memorial contributions to this fund may be made online or may be mailed to the Clay Antilley Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o San Angelo Area Foundation, 2201 Sherwood Way, Suite 205, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

...Hutchison

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I encourage consumers to arm themselves with information and prepare well in advance of the transition. There are a number of resources available to help consumers get ready. Learn more from the FCC at www.dtv.com, or visit the broadcast industry's D-TV website, www.dtvanswers.com. To speak with someone by phone, call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322).

Not since the conversion from black-and-white to color television in the 1950s, or from multiple party line telephones to private household lines nationwide, has the U.S. communications industry undertaken such sweeping change. However, with the right information and preparation, consumers can have a smooth transition and continued access to the public information that helps keep us all safe.

If a layoff looms, be prepared

By Jason Alderman

The days when most folks joined a company right out of school and remained until

retirement are long gone. Today, people intentionally change jobs numerous times during their lifetimes. Unfortunately, such changes aren't always voluntary, as anyone who's been laid off knows.

If you've recently been laid off or fear one is around the corner, here are a few ways to cope with what lies ahead:

Rein in expenses. It may take months to find another job, which could wipe out your savings. If you don't already have one, create a budget and stick to it like glue. Know exactly how much money you have and track all expenses. Postpone major purchases (car, vacation, new clothes) and trim smaller expenses: Avoid restaurants and cook at home; cancel cable TV; wear a sweater and turn down the thermostat - there are hundreds of ways to save money.

Have a rainy-day fund you could live off for at least three months.

Curtail retirement savings. If you're still employed but fear the worst, this may be the one and only time it makes sense to temporarily halt your 401(k) plan contributions. You may need that money to survive the next few months and early 401(k) withdrawals come with steep penalties. Besides, you may be able to make a lump-sum contribution later if it was a false alarm. Consult a financial professional about your particular situation and if you don't know one, www.plannersearch.org is a good place to start your search.

Ask about severance benefits. If you're laid off, find out what benefits are available. Many employers offer severance pay or help with COBRA health insurance premiums; however, they have no legal obligation to do so. (Continued on next page)

Who is Randall Jacks?

I have lived in Coke County for over 15 years and have never met Mr. Randall Jacks. I guess I should know him. Considering the volume of signs and political fliers I have seen would make me think he is running for a presidential nomination.

This is what I do know:

- Rick Styles hired Randall Jacks. Now Randall Jacks wants Rick Styles' job. **What type of man is that?**
- Randall Jacks has had more employers than I can count. Rick Styles has been a part of Coke County law enforcement for over 18 years. **That is loyalty!**
- Rick and his loyal deputies have done a great job enforcing the law in Coke County.
- Rick has been married for over 39 years and is a member of the First Baptist Church in Bronte. This proves he is a man of lasting commitment and loyalty.

Early voting has already begun. I urge each and every one of you to please get out and vote for Rick Styles as Coke County Sheriff!

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Carl Beal, 246 Wheat Circle, Blackwell, Texas 79506.

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...Layoff Tips

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Many companies also provide outplacement counseling, which may include professional assistance with resume writing, interview skills and job searches, or even office equipment usage.

If your company doesn't offer outplacement, visit www.careeronestop.org, a U.S. Department of Labor-sponsored website featuring career resources and connections to local career centers that provide employment and training opportunities. AARP also has a comprehensive guide to surviving job loss, including discussions about age discrimination and employee rights (www.aarp.org/money/careers/jobloss).

Apply for unemployment benefits. If you become unemployed and meet certain eligibility requirements, you may qualify for unemployment insurance while looking for a new job. Go to www.servicelocator.org/OWSLinks.asp for details.

Polish your resume. You may be competing against hundreds of other job applicants, so make sure your resume stands out from the crowd. It should accurately reflect your accomplishments and show potential employers you have the experience and qualifications they seek. Use concise, strong language and an organized appearance. It's a good idea to update your resume regularly, especially after a promotion or changed job responsibilities.

Alert your network. Let family and friends know you're looking; they may know about opportunities or spread the word on your behalf. Seek out networking events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, local colleges, trade associations

or other business and social organizations - even volunteer work.

Track job-search expenses. If you itemize income tax deductions, many job-search-related expenses are deductible, including resumes, business cards, phone calls, unreimbursed job interview trips and career counseling.

For more tips on what to do if you lose your job or during other unexpected life events, visit Practical Money Skills for Life, Visa's free personal financial management site (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/unexpected).

Flu Vaccine, Personal Precautions Offer Protection

With flu classified as widespread in the state for the last two weeks, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials are reminding people to take precautions to reduce the risk of getting and spreading the viral illness.

According to health officials, getting a flu vaccination is one of the best ways to prevent getting and spreading the illness. Vaccination is recommended for people ages 6 months and older. Flu vaccines are available in shot and nasal spray forms. Only healthy people ages 2 through 49 years who are not pregnant may receive the spray form.

DSHS health officials offer the following additional precautions:

- * Wash your hands frequently with either soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;

- * Cover your coughs and sneezes;
- * Stay home if you're sick.

The Texas flu season typically runs October through March.

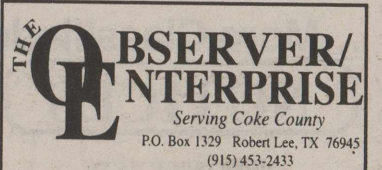
The flu vaccine, which takes about two weeks to

become fully effective, can be given at any time during this period. People wanting the flu vaccine should call their health care provider, local public health department, 2-1-1 or check online at www.211Texas.org about availability.

Flu is not a reportable condition in Texas, but DSHS relies on reports from a surveillance network to

classify flu activity in the state. The widespread classification applies when there are increases in flu-like illnesses and recent laboratory-confirmed flu cases in at least half of the state's regions.

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