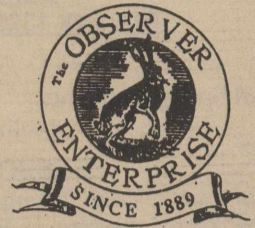


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Voters urged to go to polls on August 9th

Ettie Hubbard, County & District Clerk, and Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza are teaming up to encourage the people of Coke County to get

CC Commissioners adopt interim agreement

Beginning August 1, 1997, Coke County residents can reach the sheriff's office 24 hours a day, seven days a week, simply by dialing 453-2717.

Action implementing the new service was taken at a specially called meeting Monday, July 21, of the commissioner's court when the commissioners approved an interim two-month agreement with the deputies wives to act as dispatchers for the sheriff's office. The commissioners expect to advertise for bids for the service soon for the next fiscal year.

In response to concerns that after 5 pm it was difficult at times to reach the sheriff or a deputy, call forwarding was added to the sheriff department's telephone number, and the number will be forwarded to one of the deputy's homes each night. No longer will a person have to call each deputy at home until he reaches someone. The main number at the sheriff's office will be manned around the clock.

The hope, according to Sheriff Mike Harris and the commissioners, is that response time will be decreased and better law enforcement services provided to the citizens of the county.

The Observer/Enterprise was told that, beginning August 1, 1997, DO NOT CALL INDIVIDUAL DEPUTY'S HOMES. That will simply delay service. Just call 453-2717.

Judge Jackie Walker noted that any medical or fire emergency calls still should be made by calling 911.

In other actions: the court voted not to regulate dangerous wild animals in the county; appointed Christine Corley as an alternate election judge to replace Richard Villaret for the upcoming election in August; and discussed duct work on the Robert Lee Recreation Center.

out and vote in the upcoming August 9 Constitutional Amendment Election. Mrs. Hubbard and Secretary Garza want the people of Coke County to take the initiative in shaping our state constitution.

Early voting for the August 9 Election began Monday, July 21, 1997, and runs through August 5, 1997. Polling place for early voting is in the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse.

"Voter turnout in Coke County for the last Constitutional Amendment Election in 1995 was 7%. We need to improve this number. The passage of this amendment will increase your homestead tax exemption from \$5000 to \$15,000," stated Mrs. Hubbard.

"Historically, a ballot with propositions does not generate as much voter excitement as a ballot featuring candidates and contested races," said Secretary Garza. "Even though the August 9 ballot will contain only one proposition, that doesn't make this consti-

Bronte Pharmacy under new ownership

After more years than most of us care to remember, Elmer Hurley, pharmacist in Bronte, has turned the reins over to a new owner. Randy Springer recently purchased the pharmacy in Bronte.

Randy has been a pharmacist for 21 years. He owned Smith Drug in Winters until 1991. He then worked for Eckerd Drugs in Fort Worth for 6 years. He was active in city politics in Winters, serving as mayor or city councilman for a total of 13 years.

He and his wife, Julie, have four children; two sons, Chadd, who is a police officer in Vernon and 6 year old Reece; two daughters, Staci, a sophomore at Tarleton State University, and Lindsey, who is twelve years old.

Julie Springer is the marketing representative for North Runnels Home Health in Winters. She is also executive secretary for the Winters Chamber of Commerce and the Hale Museum in Winters.

The Springers are currently making their home in Wingate.

tutional amendment any less important to Texas."

As a kick-off to the August 9 election, Secretary Garza will spend the first week of the early voting period visiting more than a dozen Texas cities all around the state. This extensive "Get Out and Vote" tour is part of a multimedia effort to educate and motivate voters to go to the polls.

For more information, contact Ettie Hubbard at 453-2631 or 453-2650, or Lisa Glass in the Secretary of State's office at (512) 463-1419.

WCCCD

seeks recipes

Recipes are still being accepted for the West Coke County Community Development's fundraiser cookbook. Get your favorites in by the middle of August. The committee is attempting to put together a classic collection of recipes to sell for under \$10.00. Some of the recipes to be included will be some from well-loved community cookbooks now out of print, such as the Coke County Home Demonstration Club Cookbooks. If you or your family have favorite recipes, even though the cooks might be deceased, please submit these, also. These older recipes are part of our history.

Please contact Joan Davis, 453-2301; Phelan Wrinkle, 453-2713; or Joann Runnion, 453-2438 with recipes or information. Also working with the committee are Robin Honse, Debbie Wilkes, and Peggy Davis and they can be contacted, too. The WCCCD's address is PO Box 226, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. Help us make this cookbook a good one!

Silver

Homecoming set

Sunday, July 27th has been set as the date of the Silver Homecoming. Church services will begin at 10:00 am at Silver Baptist Church and conclude at 11:00 am. A barbecue meal will be served at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. Brisket, beans, and tea will be provided, guests should bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert.



Loy Wrinkle of Bronte, under the watchful eye of his appaloosa colt, displays some of this year's cantaloupes from his garden. For the past several years, Loy has been selecting and growing cantaloupes for improved sugar content. As an added benefit, Wrinkle's cantaloupes have a thinner skin, which results in a meatier melon.

The proof, as they say, is in the pudding. Free samples of Wrinkle's cantaloupes will be available at El Ranchero Restaurant in Bronte in the near future.

BHS registration

The registration schedule for Bronte High School students has been released. Students should plan to come by and register according to the following schedule: Monday, July 28 - Freshmen and any new students to BHS; Tuesday, July 29 - Sophomores; Wednesday, July 30 - Juniors; Thursday, July 31 - Seniors.

Students may come by anytime between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Registration should not take long and will be done at the high school office.

4-H's place at District

Nine 4-H members recently submitted Record Books for county competition. 4-H members must keep and record their project work for the year when entering a category. All nine members advanced to District Competition. Receiving awards were:

Junior

Photography - Shannon Honse, 1st County - 2nd District; Beef - Clay Antilley, 1st County - 4th District; Food & Nutrition - Cara Eaton - 1st

County - 6th District; Clothing - Kyla Millican - 1st County - 5th District; Sheep - Cassidy Wink - 1st County.

Intermediate

Agriculture - Colby Eubanks - 1st County - 2nd District; Whitney Millican - 2nd County - 1st District; Goats - Casey Eubanks - 1st County - 3rd District; April Cowart - 2nd County - 4th District.

Pecan Baptist to hold revival

Pecan Baptist Church will have revival services Sunday, August 3rd through Wednesday, August 6th. The Sunday morning service will begin at 11:00 am, and services during the week will begin at 7:30 pm. Brother Lynn Stephens of Lufkin, Texas, will be the revival pastor.

BNH News

The CNA class is over and they will be honored Friday night, July 25, at 7 pm.

The public is invited to attend the awarding of their certificates, as well as family night for the residents.

Refreshments will be provided.

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**News & Views for
the 17th District
by U.S Congressman
Charlie Stenholm
Reporting Fraud
& Abuse**

Some individuals have the impression that if we just control fraud and abuse in the federal government, our budget would be balanced. Unfortunately, our deficit and debt problems are larger and more complicated than that and require tough decisions about competing programs and goals.

That having been said, however, rooting out waste, fraud and abuse is a critical part of meeting the responsibility to spend every federal dollar as carefully and wisely as possible. That's why I support action recently by the Department of Health and Human Services to expand and improve a Hotline for the public to report fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. This service, which is now nationwide, is part of a larger campaign against health care fraud, waste and abuse.

The vast majority of participants in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, including providers (doctors, hospitals, home health providers, etc.)

**"Hay Hotline"
to end**

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry recently announced the Texas Department of Agriculture has discontinued the Hay Hotline started last year to help Texas ranchers facing severe hay shortages caused by the drought.

The free telephone service linked ranchers looking for hay with suppliers nationwide willing to donate or sell it.

"Farmers and ranchers have always jumped in to help other producers in time of need," Perry said. "The hotline was a great example of producers helping producers."

During the height of the drought, two or three TDA employees spent eight hours a day answering hotline phones. Calls peaked at 3,683 in May 1996 and averaged 1,957 a month between May and August.

TDA supplied ranchers with a list of hay suppliers broken down by state. Suppliers were also listed on TDA's Internet web site.

Six months ago TDA stopped accepting out-of-state calls on the hotline, limiting the service to in-state hay providers.

and beneficiaries try to follow the rules of these programs. In the instance of the few "bad apples", though, experience has shown that beneficiaries are a valuable line of defense in combating fraud and abuse. There are many safeguards set in law and regulation to accomplish that goal, but nothing works better than individual citizens personally taking responsibility to see that federal dollars are not abused.

A two-year demonstration project which preceded this nationwide effort yielded 40,000 calls and resulted in identifying more than \$6.2 million owed to Medicare. Most of that was a direct result of complaints from beneficiaries or their relatives. In this demonstration, there has been a return of \$23 for every \$1 spent.

With this recent system change, each caller to the toll-free Hotline during operating hours will be speaking directly to a Hotline representative, instead of being asked to leave a taped message. Callers are not required to identify themselves.

The Hotline is located and staffed within the Office of the Inspector General and will operate from 8 am to 5:30 pm, eastern time, Monday through Friday.

The toll-free Hotline number is 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477).

Texonics: doc: a condition caused by the absence of light.

Phillips

Irene Kiker Phillips, 90, died Wednesday, July 16, 1997 in the Bronte Nursing Home after a valiant battle for life. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 19, 1997 at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte, with burial in the Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Irene was born January 7, 1907 in Coke County, Texas. She was a life-long resident of Coke and Tom Green Counties. She was the seventh of nine children born to Alonzo and Della Kiker. She was the first of the Kiker children to be born in Coke County. She married Walter Phillips in Coke County on January 10, 1925. Irene was a life-long Methodist. She played the piano and organ at churches in Bronte and San Angelo. Music and her students were a great joy of her life. She taught music in Bronte and San Angelo for many years. Every one of her students have become accomplished musicians.

Irene and her husband, Walter, were also stock farmers in Coke County for many years.

Irene is survived by a son and daughter-in-law; Stan and Shirley Phillips of Austin, daughter-in-law, Jan Phillips of Jersey Village, Texas; a sister, Lillian Robbins and husband, Carroll, of Bronte; one brother, Norman Kiker of Bronte; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; son, Rudy; grandson, David; and seven brothers and sisters.

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Feil

Hertha Margaret Wuemling Feil, 84, of Tennyson, died Monday, July 7, 1997, in a local hospital.

Graveside services were Tuesday, July 8, 1997, in Midway Cemetery near Arden

Obituaries

with Rev. Glenn Roenfelt officiating.

She was born December 11, 1912, in Germany. She married Bill Feil August 14, 1931, in San Angelo, Texas. They resided in Midway until 1946 when they moved to Tennyson. She was preceded in death by Bill Feil on October 27, 1995.

Hertha Feil is most remembered for her sewing and upholstery, afternoon refreshments and roasting marshmallows, but mostly remembered...

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Brown of Duncanville and Corine McCarty of Tennyson; a son, Robert Feil of Tennyson; two brothers, Hans Wuemling of Hico, and Ludwig Wuemling of Iredell; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and eleven step-great-grandchildren.

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Stegall

Otis Leonard Stegall, 73, of Robert Lee, died Monday, July 14, 1997 in Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo.

Masonic graveside services were held on Wednesday, July 16, 1997 at 10:00 am at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mr. Stegall was born June 17, 1924 in Grandfield, Oklahoma. He married Phillipa on December 24, 1964. She preceded him in death on October 2, 1990. He was a Marine veteran, a Master Mason, and 32nd Degree Mason member of Burkburnett Lodge Number 1027. He was also a Baptist and an electrician before his retirement.

Survivors include his two step-sons, Jim Hubbard of Robert Lee and Eddie Crenshaw of San Antonio; one step-daughter, Betty Matthews of San Angelo.

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**Back to School
conference set**

Back by popular demand is a two day ESC XV educator's conference to kick off the new school year. The conference, which will include three nationally recognized keynote speakers and 14 mini-sessions, will be held at Education Service Center, 612 S. Irene, San Angelo, on Monday, August 4, 8:30 - 4:30, and Tuesday, August 5th, 8:00 - 2:00. Registration will be accepted for either or both days. Call ESC XV at 915-658-6571 to register and to select desired mini-sessions.

Keynotes include "Winners All! Creating Caring and Effective Environments" by Dr. Richard Villa, Vermont; "Behavior Problems? A Bag of Tricks" by Dr. B.J. Wise, Washington; and "The Wonders of Teaching" by Dr. Joyce Kohfeldt, North Carolina.

Sampling of mini-sessions includes "Hands-On Activities for Reading" and "Materials for Diverse Learners" by Dr. Joyce Kohfeldt; "Establishing a Classroom Conducive to Learning" by Joleta Edinburg, Lorenzo, TX; "Legal Issues Update" by Jim Walsh, Attorney, Austin; "Motivating Students Using School-Wide Privileges" by B.J. Wise; and "Conferencing with Parents" by Dr. Art Flores, San Antonio.

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We would like to have all recipes in before
August 15, 1997.

Nasal flu vaccine safe

A nasal influenza spray is safe and effective in preventing flu in children, say researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and nine other US sites.

The result is a breakthrough in the battle to immunize children against flu without the fear or pain of a shot.

Only one percent of the 1,070 children who received the nasal vaccine in the national trials developed culture confirmed influenza during last year's flu season versus 18 percent of the 532 same age children who received placebos.

"The spray could well have widespread public health implications," said Dr. Pedro A. Piedra, a pediatrician in Baylor's Influenza Research Center and an attending physician at Texas Children's Hospital, also in Houston.

"We recognize that children are major carriers of flu," he said. "Every year influenza sweeps through schools, and the children take it home to their parents."

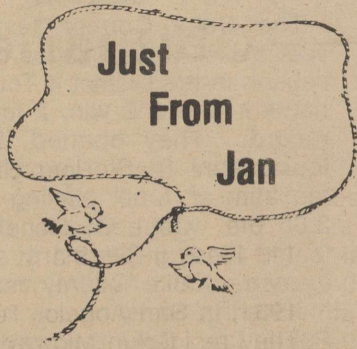
Because this new vaccine is more easily administered, it could help control flu in school age populations and thus control it in the adult population, Piedra said.

The large field trial enrolled 1,602 children from 15 months of age to 6 years. The Baylor portion of the trial was conducted primarily at Houston-area Kelsey-Seybold clinics.

The study targeted healthy young children because they experience the highest incidence of influenza and are an important source of its spread. Most children have had flu two or three times a year by the age of 5.

The new vaccine, made from weakened virus, cannot cause influenza. It is designed to stimulate antibodies in the upper airways that protect against naturally acquired infection.

Influenza affects as many as 50 million people a year in the US, mostly between late fall and early spring. More than 20,000 people, most of them elderly, die annually from flu and its complications, and an estimated \$4.6 billion is spent each year on direct medical costs related to flu.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Food safety on the road

Whether taking a family vacation via travel on the highway or picnicking for a weekend outing, following safe food handling tips can avoid an after the event catastrophe.

With warm weather temperatures, perishable food can easily remain in dangerous temperature range unless it is kept in a suitable cooler. For this reason, planning ahead is important. A well insulated and stocked cooler is critical for transporting perishable items such as meat, poultry, eggs, fish and milk products. Dairy or meat-based dips or salad spreads need to be kept cold during transportation.

Some foods don't require cold storage and may be a better choice if car space is limited. Peanut butter and jelly and some cheeses, or canned meats may be a good choice if a cooler is not available.

Pack foods safely. Load perishables directly from the refrigerator to the cooler. For some foods, pre-freezing before packing in the cooler may be a good idea. Be sure to securely package any raw meat or poultry foods so that juices will not drip or leak and contaminate other foods. A full cooler will maintain a cold temperature longer than a partially filled cooler, so it's a good idea to plan to keep the cooler filled, using additional ice or foods like fruit or vegetables to fill the space. It's a better idea to keep the cooler in the passenger section of the car, if possible.

etables to fill the space. It's a better idea to keep the cooler in the passenger section of the car, if possible.

If there is any doubt that perishable foods have reached a temperature above refrigeration temperatures (40 degrees F) for any period of time, it is best to discard these and any leftover foods. Plan to pull from the cooler only the foods that will be eaten for one meal or snack.

One of the best safety precautions is to plan for good hygiene and cleanliness as much as possible. Hands and utensils are critical. If soap and water are not available, plan for moist towelettes. Soiled dishes can be packaged and cleaned thoroughly when the day's destination is reached.

When snacking is warranted on the road, plan for healthy and easy-to-eat snacks, as well as those that are easy to store and won't make a mess in the vehicle. Some fresh and dried fruits are a good snack, as is dried cereal, vegetable pieces such as carrot sticks, cheese and crackers and some precooked bread products such as nutritious cookies or muffins.

Texonics: far: combustion

Texonics: hep: a cry for assistance, as in "HEP! There's a far!"

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Monday, July 28

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Wednesday, July 30

Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler.

Friday, August 1

Menu unavailable, call the Senior Center at 473-6471 for Friday's menu.

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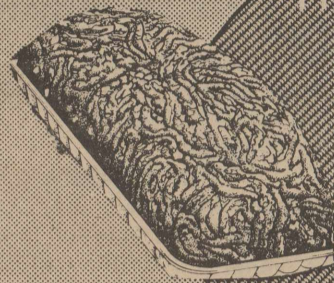


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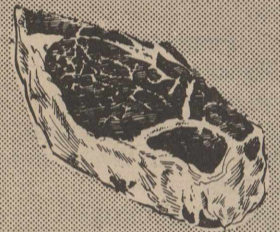
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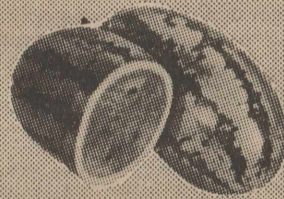
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RL Elementary School supply list

Robert Lee Elementary has released the following list of supplies needed by students attending school this fall. The school year is set to begin August 14.

Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 Box of 8 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Rounded Scissors (no plastic blades)
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Pkg. of Construction Paper
- 1 Set of Watercolors

Kindergarten

- Crayolas (no more than 24)
 - School Scissors
 - School Glue
 - Pencils (not husky)
 - 1 Pkg. Assorted Construction Paper
 - 1 Pkg. Manilla Drawing Paper
 - 1 Spiral Notebook
 - Cigar Box or School Box
 - Towel for Rest Time (no vinyl mats)
 - 1 Large Box Kleenex
 - 1 Old Shirt for Painting
- Please put your child's name on everything (even each crayon).

First Grade

- 6 #2 Pencils
- 1 Large or Green Eraser
- 1 Pkg. Construction Paper
- 3 - 100 Count White Index Cards (3x5)
- 2 Large Boxes Tissue
- Small Supply Box
- 1 Pair Good Sharp Scissors (that will cut paper)
- Crayons
- 1 Large Elmer's Glue (no colored please)
- Wooden Ruler with Centimeters and Inches
- 1 Recipe Box for Index Cards
- Small Individual Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Box Water Colors
- 1 Box Quart Size Zip-lock Bags
- \$3.00 for Weekly Reader
- No Markers Please
- Please Label Everything

Second Grade

- 1 Small Spiral Notebook
- 4 #2 Pencils
- 1 Large Pink Pencil Eraser
- 1 Pkg. Construction Paper
- 1 Box Tissue
- Supply Box (small)
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Glue
- Ruler (centimeters & inches)
- 1 Small Box Baggies (zip-lock - quart)
- No Markers Please
- Please Label Everything

Third Grade

- 4 Pkgs. Wide-ruled Notebook Paper (white only)
- 12 #2 Pencils
- Pencil Eraser
- 1 Spiral Notebook
- Large Box Map Colors (bright colors)
- 1 Pkg. Assorted Construction Paper
- 1 Pair Big Scissors (good - able to cut fabric)
- Large Box Crayons
- 2 Large Glue Sticks (white or clear)
- Washable Markers
- Ruler (centimeters & inches)
- 2 Red Pens
- 1 Pkg. (100) Index Cards
- 6 Quart Size Zip-Lock Bags
- Pencil Sharpener with a holder for shavings
- 1 Box of Tissue
- Red, Blue, Green, Black - Pocket Folders with Brads
- Small Supply Box
- \$3.50 for Weekly Reader
- Please Label Everything

Fourth Grade

- Wide Ruled Notebook Paper

- 2 Small Spirals
- 1 3 Ring Notebook (large rings)
- 6 Dividers
- 6 Ped Pens
- 6 #2 Pencils
- Map Colors
- Crayons
- Elmer's Glue
- 2 Large Erasers
- Scissors
- Protractor
- Calculator
- Supply Box
- Zipper Pouch
- Wooden Ruler
- 1 Pkg. Assorted Construction Paper

- Bottled Drinking Water
- Ziploc Bags
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- No Trappers!

Fifth Grade

- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- Scissors
- 12" Ruler
- Clear Protractor
- Glue Stick or Elmer's Glue
- 4 #2 Pencils
- 2 Red Pencils or Pens
- Markers, Crayons, or Map Colors
- 2 Spiral Notebooks (no college ruled)
- 1 Pkg. Mixed Colors Construction Paper
- 1 3 Ring Notebook Binder (no trappers)
- 1 Set Three Ring Subject Dividers (multi-color)
- 1 Zipper Pouch for Notebook
- 1 Hole Punch
- 1 Ream White Copy Paper
- 1 Pkg. 3 Ring Notebook Paper (not college ruled)
- No Pencil Sharpeners Please!

Sixth Grade

- Loose-leaf Notebook with Large Rings (no trappers please)
- Divider Pages
- Notebook Paper
- Zipper Pouch for Pencils
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Compass
- Protractor
- Scissors
- Elmer's Glue
- Glue Stick
- Map Colors
- Markers
- Crayons
- 3 1/2" Floppy Disk
- 1 Box Tissue

RLHS English Supply List (Heard)

RLHS English students are

requested to have the following supplies by the first day of class if possible.

AP English III & IV

- 2 Spiral Notebooks; 1 Pocket Folder; Highlighter; Blue or Black Pens; 1 Red (or different color than blue or black) Pen; 1 Box Kleenex; Pocket Thesaurus.
- English III & IV**
Spiral Notebook; Pocket Folder; Notebook Paper; Blue or Black Pens; Red Pen; 1 Box Kleenex.

RL band members attend camp

Ten members of the Robert Lee band attended the Angelo State Band Camp from July 13 to July 19. They received instruction in flags, drum majoring, and took private lessons on their instruments and played in a band.

Each band member had to try out for a band. Robert Lee had members in the Cadet Band. They were Ashley Townsend, Kim Smith, Angela Abalos, Jeanne Eaker, Gina Torres, and Gigi Barnett. Macy Hill made the Concert Band. Clara Gill made the Varsity Gold Band. Melissa Smith made the Honors Band.

Students came from all over to attend the camp. Some came from out-of-state. Many came from El Paso, Waco, Brownfield, and other towns. About 875 students attended the camp.

Students were kept busy during the day attending various music classes from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm in the afternoon.

Mr. Ratliff also attended classes for band directors and played in the Director's Band which will be playing in San Antonio this coming Sunday.

Emert named to Dean's List

Carrie Emert of Robert Lee has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 1997.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

We would like to offer a Big Thanks to the following folks for making the DPS Law Enforcement Golf Tournament a Big Success.

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- Kent, Bonnie, Ted, Doug & Spencer
- Cearley
- Oscar Armstrong
- Ken Brackeen
- David Hodnett
- Tom Francis
- All The Players

County All-Stars finish season

The Coke County 11-12 year old All Stars finished the season in the District 4 Tournament with a 2 win, 2 loss record. They opened the tournament in Sterling City the 29th of June, playing at 3:00 pm. Coke County defeated Sterling City 9-1 in six innings. Coke County next met North Concho on July 1 in Robert Lee. Coke County defeated North Concho 15-5 in four innings. San Angelo Western was the next opponent for Coke County and gave Coke County their first loss. Coke County played a very good defensive game, but came up short 4-12 in six innings. Coke County's final game against San Angelo Southern ended in four innings with Southern defeating Coke County 15-1.

This year's All Stars were Ryan Ragland and Chris Morgan from Blackwell. From Bronte were: Lyndon Butler, B.J. Hall, and Cody Lee. These five young men played on the Bronte team. From Robert Lee were Jaziel Gallegos, Stewart Millican, Sean Edging, Brian Abalos, Travis Pitcock, Ty Gardner, and Omar Saucedo.

The coaches for the Coke County All Stars were Darrel Pitcock from the RL Indians, and Courtney Shaffer from the Bronte Red Devils.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Please send me the Observer for a year. Enclosed find my check.

I was born at Robert Lee (Paint Creek actually), in 1934. My parents are Bud and Yvonne Jones; they live at Hermleigh. I graduated in 1952 with ten others, one was Joan Hester Davis.

I come to town two or three times a year and bring my parents. We moved to Irving in September of 1952, but Robert Lee is still "home".

Thank You,
Pat Jones Watson

AON Memorials listed

The following memorial was made to the Kirk Bagwell Scholarship Fund in the month of July.

Carroll Hemphill

Gary Sam & Nita Gaye Williams, Douglas & Denise Roberts, Ricky and Elena Sanchez.

AA convention to be held in Brady

Brady will be the site of the Alcoholics Anonymous 50th year celebration. The event will begin August 15 with registration and will continue through August 17. For more information on the event contact Renee at (915) 597-5179.

Health Notes

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

Understanding Alzheimer's

LEGAL CONCERNS. One of the first concerns of the family and the patient should be legal. It doesn't really matter if you've been diagnosed because you should start talking to people earlier than that about what happens if I live, but decline mentally or physically and become incapacitated. It is too late once you've been incapacitated. Then you don't get to make choices.

There is such a thing as preventive law. It is like insurance. You don't need it until you need it, but when you need it, you'd better have it.

Without preventative measures, the decision-making process could end up in court where the family will most likely face additional legal hassles and expenditure.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS. Five legal documents lead the discussion list: a will, power of attorney, a health care power of attorney, a living will or directive to physicians, and a designation of guardian.

While the will is the most important document in planning for your death, the most important document to have now, during your lifetime, is a durable business power of attorney.

The health care power of attorney document allows you to designate someone to make health care decisions for you after you become incapacitated.

The living will, or directive to physicians, gives instructions describing how far treatment should be extended if your condition is terminal.

The designation of guardian is the naming of a person to represent your interest if you become incapacitated. It also allows you to name who you do not want to serve as guardian. You can appoint someone you trust and know will be on your side. Otherwise, the court will.

The health care power of attorney is especially important for families. It takes a lot of the burden off the family and, if it is implemented well before symptoms of incapacitation or a diagnosis, each of the spouses can give the other power of attorney.

Meet Our Staff

Darlene Moore

Darlene, Home Health Aide, went to work for North Runnels Home Health March 6, 1995 in Winters, Texas. She transferred to the Robert Lee office in November, 1996. Darlene now lives in Wingate, Texas with her husband, Robert. They have two sons and one granddaughter.



Darlene Moore

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BISD Board minutes released

The Bronte Independent School District held its regular board meeting on July 10, 1997 at 7:00 pm in the board room. All members were present with the exception of David Scott.

The board heard the reports of the principals, Rick Howell and Terry Marrs.

The board adopted the local and legal policies, TASB-DNA on PDAS.

Appointed Terry Marrs, elementary principal, as Textbook coordinator and 504 coordinator.

Discussion was held concerning the bus route and bus driving.

Accepted proposal from Xerox on copy machines.

Approved the keeping of lunchroom prices at the current prices: K-5 \$1.25; 6-12 \$1.50; Breakfast for students - \$.75; Adult tray - \$2.00; Visitor's tray - \$3.00.

Accepted the bid from Gandy's Dairies.

Amended the 1996-97 budget.

Hired Michelle Grady as Coach/Teacher.

Hired Genni Taylor Colombo as secondary Special Ed teacher.

Hired Kary Rawlings as 6th grade teacher.

Discussed salary schedules.

Alan Richey, superintendent, gave an update on the facilities.

Approved accepting the proposal from Newman Sports for the refinishing of old and new gym floors.

Approved the roofing of two wings and girls' dressing room roof.

Heard updates on CCJJC.

The board set July 31, 1997 as the date for the budget hearing and budget workshop at 7:00 pm in the board room.

Discussion was held concerning the TASB convention in September.

Heard board initiatives: memorial for Jim Dunnam, sprinkler system for track.

Paid the June 1997 bills.

Adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be July 31, special meeting.

Gosneys graduate

Kimberlee and Alyssa Gosney, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Gosney (Donna Sheppard) of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, recently completed graduation requirements at separate universities.

Kimberlee received a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources from Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama in March. She had previously received a Bachelor of Science in Finance from AU. She is currently employed by Frost Bank in Austin, Texas.

Alyssa received a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular Biology from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee in May. She was on the Dean's List her last three semesters and graduated Cumme Laude. She will attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine beginning in late July.

Both girls are graduates of Muscle Shoals High School and are great-granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith of Bronte.

ECCHD board meets

The Board of Directors of East Coke County Hospital District met on Monday, July 14, 1997, at the Bronte Nursing Home.

The administrator reported that the application for certification as a skilled nursing facility has been approved by Texas Department of Human Services, which will qualify the facility to admit Medicare skilled patients. It was also reported that contracts have been finalized to provide speech, respiratory, physical and occupational therapy. Eight beds have been approved for this service and several patients are now receiving care under this new program.

Considerable discussion was given to implementing an Alzheimer's unit. This could be accomplished with minor adjustments. The board instructed the administrator to develop a plan with cost estimates and report back at the next meeting.

A slight increase in room rates was approved, depending on the level of care received, to be effective September 1.

Other items reported included results of the TDHS survey, nurses aide training class, and approval of monthly bills and financial report.

Personal

Recent visitors with Oleta Braswell of Bronte were her granddaughter and family, Ginger and Matt Williams and their children, Hunter and Dillon from Oman, Saudia Arabia. While here they also visited Ginger's grandmother, Essie Childress in Robert Lee.

Other visitors with Oleta were her grandson and family, Blake and Valerie Braswell and their children, Kaitlyn and Marley, from Midkiff. Many other family members in the area gathered at Oleta's home to visit with the visitors while they were here.

New services available at BNH

East Coke County Hospital District announces that Sundance Rehabilitation Corporation is now providing services at Bronte Nursing Home. They will be providing physical, occupational, and speech therapy to residents who need these services.

Bronte Nursing Home opened their eight bed Medicare wing July 1, 1997, and now can admit patients that need skilled nursing care directly from the hospital.

"Sundance will provide the therapies," stated Jeanene Andrews Lee, Administrator of ECCHD.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Tyler Colby Cloud

Tyler Colby Cloud was born July 15, 1997, weighing in at 9 pounds, 3 ounces at Odessa Regional Hospital.

Proud parents are Gary and Jill Cloud. Tyler has a brother, Dylan.

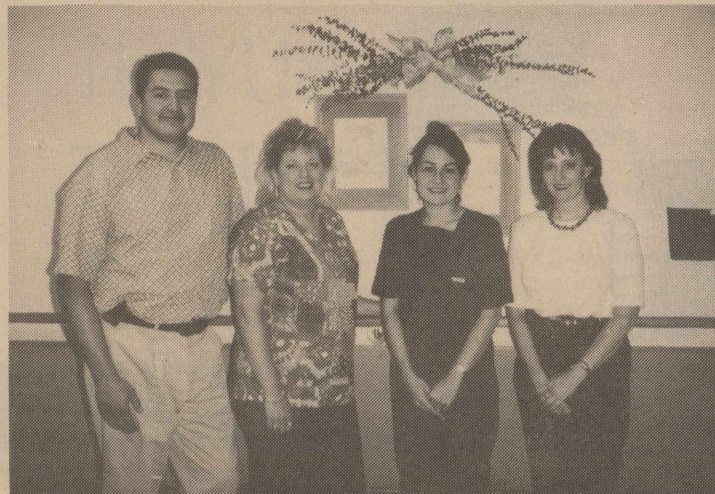
Grandparents are Sharon Kennedy of Winters, Bob Strickland of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Delos Cloud of Washington, DC. Great-grandparents are Janet and Elmer Hurley and Marie Strickland of Bronte.

BNH Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary helped with the nursing home fireworks social on July 4. A good time was had by all. During the ice cream social the residents wore their visors that the auxiliary made for them. The fireworks display was put on by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, and was excellent. The auctioneer, Ed Cumbie, had the crowd opening their pocketbooks.

Memorials

J.B. Mackey
Keith and Lanette Fletcher; Mike and Velva Hartman; Alonzo and Kay Robbins; Irving and Rosalie Cumbie; Bill and Glenda Fletcher.



Sundance Rehabilitation Corporation recently began offering services at Bronte Nursing Home. Employees of the corporation that will be offering therapy to residents are (l-r), Wally Ramirez, Clinical Director of Occupational Therapy; Teresa Chavez, Clinical Director of Speech Therapy - Midland area; Esmerelda Vargas, Clinical Director of Physical Therapy; and Carrie Davis, Clinical Director of Speech Therapy - Abilene area.

Michael Andrews

Keith and Lanette Fletcher; Bill and Glenda Fletcher.

Annie Cope

Keith and Lanette Fletcher; Bill and Glenda Fletcher.

Annie Laurie McShan

Keith and Lanette Fletcher; Margaret Brunson Family; Bill and Glenda Fletcher.

Rudy Phillips

Margaret Brunson Family.

G.A. Braswell

Van Braswell Family.

Jerry Proctor

Margaret Brunson Family.

Jobs waiting for grads

Good news for graduates - downsizing hasn't worked.

Texas A&M University management expert Michael Hitt said this year's graduates face a more promising job market as companies realize they cut their staffs too deeply in the early 1990s and are now trying to repair the damage.

Economic growth alone cannot account for the job growth, Hitt said. Rather, companies are starting to realize that downsizing hasn't been as effective as expected, and has had unanticipated consequences. They are now attempting to rebuild their staffs.

"I really don't think it's the economy growing that's causing this, it's more that companies cut too much earlier," he said.

Companies lack the workforce they need to do the job, he said. They are turning to the Class of '97 to fill positions that had been cut during previous rounds of lay-offs.

The job growth is great for students, who suddenly find themselves in demand and often entertaining several job offers, but they still lack the experience of those people they replace.

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The Family of Irene Phillips
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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
everyone who sent flowers, cards, food, warm thoughts, and kind words, during the loss of our loved one. Your kindness and friendship is greatly appreciated.
Thank You,
The Hertha Feil Family
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THE FAMILY OF RUDY PHILLIPS
would like to express our appreciation to everyone for the love expressed through calls, visits, cards, flowers, and memorials. Your concern and prayers have been our support system. Thank you for remembering Rudy and sharing your love so freely.
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I WISH TO EXPRESS
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BIDDER'S NOTICE

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Specifications and bid documents may be obtained in the Superintendent's office, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas.

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BRONTE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will hold a Special Board Meeting at 7:00 pm July 31, 1997, in the Board Room for the purpose of public input concerning the budget for the 1997-98 School Year. This hearing is being held so that your input can be considered in the formulation of the budget. The Board of Trustees will hold its workshop immediately following.

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THE ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture and Homemaking. Admission to these programs is open to all students enrolled in Robert Lee High School.

It is the policy of the Robert Lee ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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Robert Lee Independent School District will take steps to assure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For more information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX coordinator, Bill Hood, at Robert Lee ISD, Robert Lee, Texas, 453-4555, or the Section 504 coordinator, Bill Hood at Robert Lee ISD, Robert Lee, Texas, 453-4555.

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Sports skills teaching to improve

Whether learning to ride a bicycle or skiing down a mountainside for the first time, almost everyone has had to master complicated motor skills.

A team of Texas A&M University and Max Planck Insti-

tute scientists is developing better ways to teach sports skills. The group's research looks at the ways instructions and feedback influence how people learn to coordinate complex motor skills.

The researchers hope to determine whether learning simple motor skills, like those typically used in the laboratory, may occur differently from learning a more complex skill, such as hitting a ball with a tennis racquet.

"In lab tasks, we've found that if you give people too much guidance, it tends to degrade learning," said Dr. Gabrielle Wulfe of the Max Planck Institute of Psychological Research in Munich. "The results were surprising. When we examined variables that have been found to enhance learning of simple skills, we did not get these effects for the learning of more complex skills."

Charles Shea, Texas A&M health and kinesiology professor, said these findings buck what was previously believed.

Texans urged to buy flood insurance

As Texas lakes and rivers begin to recede after this summer's flooding, disaster officials again encourage property owners throughout the state to purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). They also emphasize that residents remember that there is a 30 day waiting period before a NFIP policy goes into effect.

With the height of hurricane season upon Texas, and the awareness that such storms have an inland as well as coastal flooding impact, now is the time to act so that the 30 day waiting period can begin.

"Flood insurance can provide financial relief from flood damages to both buildings and contents," said James E. McClanahan, Federal Coordinating Officer. "Most property owners insurance policies do not cover flood damage."

In a federally declared disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) helps the State in aiding those affected by the disaster. As a condition of the 1994 National Flood Insurance Reform Act, residents who live in the floodplain and who receive disaster assistance, will be required to purchase and maintain flood insurance for the life of the damaged dwelling if they are to be eligible for similar help in the future.

Under law, both property owners and renters who receive assistance from the Individual and Family Grant Program - and who live in the floodplain (called a Special Flood Hazard Area, also known as the 100 year floodplain) - must purchase and maintain flood insurance for the life of the damaged dwelling. For renters, flood insurance must be maintained as long as the unit is occupied by the grantee.

Upon receiving an Individual and Family Grant award, the State purchases flood insurance for the property owner or renter for a period of three years. After the three-year expiration, the property

owner, at their expense, must maintain the insurance coverage. Texans who allow the mandated flood insurance to lapse will find some forms of state and federal assistance unavailable in future disasters.

In the case where a US Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan is made, the property owners must purchase flood insurance and maintain it for the life of the loan.

While federally declared and SBA declared disasters are few and far between, lesser flooding events occur regularly in Texas. Property owners, renters, and business owners who have policies with the NFIP can be reimbursed for losses even if a disaster declaration is not made. Other individuals may not be as fortunate.

Flood insurance backed by the federal government is available through any licensed property agent in Texas or by calling the NFIP toll free at 1-800-427-4661.

Hearing loss affects family

Spouses and children of people with profound hearing loss are often "the forgotten family".

"Hearing loss affects the whole family," said Robert L. Beck, an associate professor of psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "As with any family issue, good communication is the key."

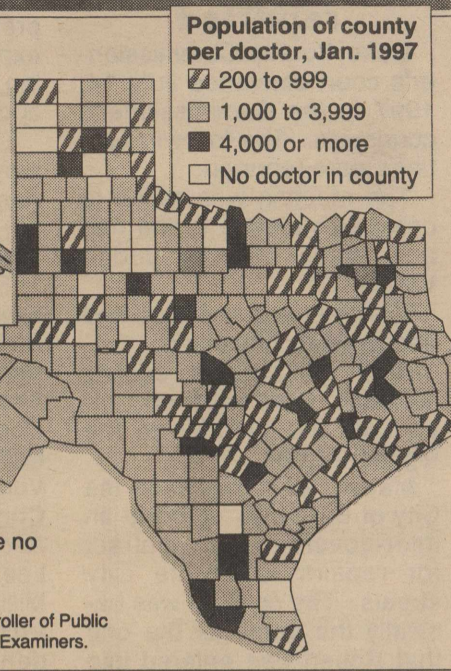
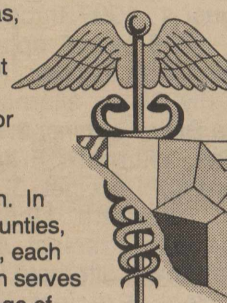
Often, someone who is losing their hearing is so focused on their own fears and anxieties, that they are unaware of how their hearing loss is affecting their loved ones.

"Family members may feel helpless and sometimes even hopeless in not being able to communicate satisfactorily with the hard-of-hearing person," said Beck. "Frustrations

Keeping an eye on Texas

Distribution of doctors uneven across the state

In Texas, there are about 2,000 people for every licensed physician. In some counties, however, each physician serves an average of more than 4,000 residents. Other counties have no doctors at all.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Board of Medical Examiners.

are seldom expressed for fear they might hurt the hard-of-hearing person."

Beck adds that, if not expressed, these frustrations may be turned inward and place additional stresses on the relationship.

For hearing members of the family, Beck suggests you:

*Express your feelings. Tell the hard-of-hearing family member how you feel about their hearing loss. Are you frightened, concerned about the family's future, or even angry at the hearing loss? Share it, don't keep it to yourself.

*Don't tiptoe around the hearing loss. Avoiding talking about the hearing loss can lead to more discomfort. It could also lead the hard-of-hearing family member to think that you don't care.

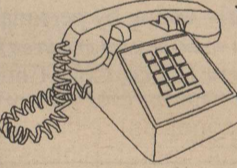
*If you are the hearing parent, do not serve as a "gatekeeper" between your hard-of-hearing spouse and your children. This promotes an

artificial relationship that is damaging to the children and to the hard-of-hearing parent. Children must learn that nothing has changed when it comes to relating to their parents.

For the family member who has the hearing loss, Beck says it's important not to use the hearing loss as an excuse to "tune out" but rather stay involved with your family, career, and friends.

"There is a vast difference between existing and living. Living demands participation. As difficult as the hearing loss may be to cope with, it must not result in a diminished life. Life does go on."

Texonics: daints: a more or less formal event in which members of the opposite sex hold each other and move rhythmically to the sound of music.



Who are you going to call if you need full time skilled nursing care or therapy while recovering from

PNEUMONIA **BROKEN HIP OR LEG** **STROKE** **HEART ATTACK**

or any other condition which confines a person to bed for an extended period of time?

WEST COKE COUNTY NURSING HOME

is now a skilled facility under Medicare rules.

What does this mean to you? If you have a medical problem that requires therapy (Physical, Occupational, Speech, Respiratory or IV) or Skilled Nursing, these needs can now be met at the Nursing Home in Robert Lee.

How about seeing your loved ones every day because there is no drive to San Angelo?

Request to be moved to West Coke County Nursing Home instead of the hospital's skilled unit.

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION, CONTACT ROGER ALEXANDER, ADMINISTRATOR AT 453-2511.

Commissioner's court actions reported

Coke County Commissioner's court convened July 14, 1997 in the Commissioner's courtroom. The following actions were reported.

The meeting was called to order with pledge to the flag and prayer led by Judge Walker.

Minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

Bids on surplus county supplies were opened, reviewed, and awarded to the highest bidder.

Mayor Lee represented the City of Bronte in regard to an inter-governmental contract for repairs to Bronte City streets. The contract was basically the same as the one that Robert Lee entered into earlier this year. The contract was approved and work will begin on repair of Bronte streets. Mayor Lee requested that the Court proceed further with forming a road district, as a road district seems to be the only method of putting county dollars from a bond into the city streets. Court will discuss this further and if a favorable decision is made to proceed, several town meetings will be held to get the opinion of the public before forming a road district.

Request from Horace Scott to dedicate the landfill road to the county was tabled until the attorney can further study the situation.

Judge Walker reported the regional standing on the grant application and stated that the state scoring should be finished shortly. After completion of state scoring the county will know the decision on the funding.

The treasurer reported the following: Cash - \$762,615.19, other assets - \$556,396.00; Prior month: Cash - \$826,099.55, other assets - \$556,396.00; Prior year: Cash - \$573,579.50, other assets - \$732,000.00.

Jan Yanez reported for the Extension Office for the prior month. The office has been rather busy.

Sheriff Harris reported on the Sheriff's department activities for the prior month.

Dispatching for the Sheriff's office was discussed. Bud Thompson presented a plan for dispatching from his home from 5 pm to 8 am, weekends and holidays. Mr. Thompson would need \$1000 per month for a starting salary, this would be increased to \$1250 per month, if this plan proves to be agreeable to all parties. A phone and radio would also be furnished to Mr. Thompson. An alternative plan that would have the deputies' wives, assisted by the constables, serving as dispatchers from their homes was also discussed. This plan would cost \$900 per month, \$300 to each dispatcher.

The court tabled actions concerning dispatching until the next meeting. Under either plan, the only number needed to reach the Sheriff's department, day or night, would be 453-2717. The present 911 system will remain the same.

The court approved buying out the contract on the copier in the tax office. The appraisal

district will purchase the copier.

Kristy Roe, tax collector, presented the problems and expenses involved in changing the appraisal firms for the appraisal district.

The following election judges and alternates for August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998 were appointed. They are as follows: Precinct 1, Sally Gloria, alternate Eula Faye Blair; Precinct 2, Marilyn Bivins, alternate Fran Sonnenberg; Precinct 3, Alene Key, alternate Myna Kay Copeland; Precinct 4, Lora Belle Brown, alternate Richard Villarreal; Precinct 5, Effie Corley, alternate Pearl Mae Andrews; Precinct 9, Jennie Lee Tinkler, alternate Conrad Millican; Precinct 10, Kimberly Philley, alternate Jim Clendennen.

Consolidation of precincts for the August 9, 1997 voting was approved. They will be as follows: Precinct 1 - Robert Lee Senior Center; Precinct 2 - Bronte City Hall; Precincts 3, 9, & 10 - County Courthouse; Precincts 4 & 5 - Old Depot in Bronte.

Election judges for the consolidated precincts August 9, 1997 will be: Precinct 1 - Judge Sally Gloria, alternate Eula Faye Blair; Precinct 2 - Judge Marilyn Bivins, alternate Fran Sonnenberg; Precincts 3, 9 & 10 - Judge Jennie Lee Tinkler, alternate Alene Key; Precincts 4 & 5 - Judge Lora Belle Brown, alternate Effie Corley.

A request for keeping the swimming pools open until after Labor Day was rejected due to the cost and planned repairs to the filter system on the Robert Lee pool.

Judge Walker informed the court of pending plans for a new funding method for Senior services. She will keep the court informed as plans develop.

A request from Melvin Terral for relief of tax penalty and interest was approved.

A cooperative agreement for Title IV-D program between the State of Texas and Coke County was approved.

A discussion was held regarding air conditioning for the ladies restroom at the Robert Lee recreation hall. This request was tabled until further research is done.

Mrs. Roe reported that a seizure sale will be held August 2, 1997. The sale will be advertised in the local paper.

Bills were paid and the meeting adjourned.

Crockett Birthday festival

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the annual David Crockett Birthday Festival, Saturday, August 2, 1997, in the Town Square.

Come and join the fun in the parade, the Fun Run, or the lawnmower races. Stroll through the park and enjoy the arts and crafts and exhibits. Or try some homemade ice cream and David Crockett birthday cake.

For more information, contact the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at (915) 392-3737, or write to: PO Box 1135, Ozona, TX 76943.

Personal

Oleta Braswell of Bronte had her grandson and his family, Van and Stacey Braswell, and children, Evan, Andra and Jessie, of McCamey, visit in her home recently. They also visited other relatives in the area while they were here.

June arrests/charges released

Coke County Sheriff's Department released the following list of arrests and charges for the month of June.

Bobby McMeekin, Sr. - Theft by check, forfeiture of bond 2 counts, 6-1-97.

Brandon D. Rushin - Theft: property by check, 6-3-97.

Estaban Garza - Burglary of a building - revocation of probation, 6-5-97.

Demetrio Zuniga - Driving while intoxicated, motion to revoke probation, 6-5-97.

Maria Juanita Guerrero - Disorderly conduct, 6-5-97.

David Rainwater - Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, 6-6-97.

Jeffrey Gross - Making a false report to a police officer, 6-6-97.


Jon Dale Thompson - Minor in possession of alcohol, 6-8-97.

Verdie Lee Fikes - Violation of protective order, Go off bond, 6-17-97.

Verdie Lee Fikes - Theft Class "C", Go off bond, 6-17-97.

Michael Shannon Fitzgerald - Making a false statement to a

peace officer, 6-23-97. John Alan Morgan - Making a false report to a peace officer; failure to identify; forgery, 6-23-97.



MDA won't yield in its quest to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases.

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Muscular Dystrophy Association
1-800-572-1717

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Coke, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Coke, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on August 9, 1997, for voting in a special election to

adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el August 9 de 1997 para votar en la Elección Especial para (para adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 75a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.))

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONE(S) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
Pct. #1 - Old Recreation Hall - Robert Lee
Pct. #2 - City Hall, Bronte
Pct. #3, 9, 10 - Courthouse, Robert Lee
Pct. #4, 5 - Old Depot, Bronte

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)
Clerk Office, Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas
(location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

Between the hours of _____ a.m. and _____ p.m. beginning on _____ (date)
(entre las _____ de la mañana y las _____ de la tarde empezando el _____ (fecha))

and ending on _____: (y terminando el _____) (date) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Ettie Hubbard
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

P.O. Box 150
(Address) (Dirección)

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

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
August 1, 1997
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 21 day of July, 1997.
(Emitada este día _____ de _____, 19____.)

Robert Walker
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)