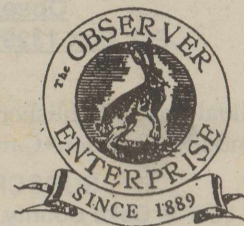


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County coaches discuss upcoming football season

by Jo Nell Blair

Robert Lee and Bronte High School football teams will begin regular season play tonight (September 3rd). Robert Lee will begin the season at home against May, while Bronte will begin its season on the road facing the Menard Yellowjackets.

Robert Lee will, in a sense, begin a new era. With the retirement of long-time Athletic Director Ed Poehls and the entrance of new AD Ray Brown, the athletes for the Steers are having to make adjustments, not only in game plans, but in attitude.

According to Coach Brown one of the strengths of the team is in the numbers. Forty-one athletes will be suiting up this year, twenty-two of those will be on the varsity squad. Five offensive and the same number of defensive players are returning starters. The major strength of the team, though, lies in senior leadership and character, said Brown.

When asked about a weakness in the team, Coach Brown stated if there was a weakness, it was in trying to learn a totally new system without the benefit of spring training. He stated "learning a system on the run, so to speak" will be a difficult barrier for the athletes to overcome.

The Robert Lee Steers were placed dead last in both the coaches and Standard Times writers' pre-season poll in District 12 1-A. When I asked the coach how he felt about the polls he replied that it doesn't affect the way they will approach the season, it will be business as usual for the team. He said, "I think the kids view it as kind of a challenge."

The Steers finished up the 1998 season with an overall record of 3-7 and went 1-4 in district competition. Coach Brown hopes to improve on that record, and feels that if the team can stay healthy and continue to learn the new system and improve at their present pace they can be competitive in a tough district that includes Roscoe, Roby, Rotan, Sterling City and Water Valley.

On the other side of the coin, Bronte's Longhorns have continuity on their side with the return of Coach Keith

McCutchen as the AD.

Last year Bronte had no JV squad and that will be the case again this year as the team will suit up 25 players. Returning starters include 6 defensive and 4 offensive players.

Senior experience was listed as the strength of this team by Coach McCutchen. He is looking forward to the experience these seniors have to lead the team.

In the category of weakness, the coach stated the depth had to be the biggest concern for the coaches and players.

The Horns had two scrimmages during pre-season play. Coach McCutchen felt the team had improved in the second scrimmage and he was pleased with the way they will be heading into regular season play.

Bronte held first place in the West Texas Football Pre-Season Standard Times' writers poll and was placed second on the coaches' poll. Coach McCutchen stated he felt "alright" about their place on the poll. He said there are several teams in their district that could take first place. He feels the District Champ will be determined by who plays well consistently. District 13 1-A includes Santa Anna, Cross Plains, Eden, Baird, and Miles. The coach said regardless of whether they hold first or last place in the poll, they still have to play hard to win.

Coach McCutchen wound up the phone conversation by stating he is looking forward to the season.

Robert Lee will host the May Tigers tonight with game time set for 7:30 pm. The Longhorns will be in Menard, kick-off for that game is 8:00 pm.

Here's hoping that both teams will have successful, injury free seasons. Best of luck Steers and Longhorns!

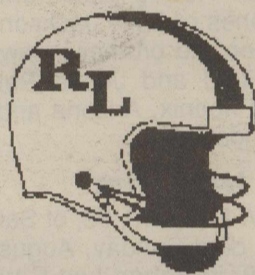
Coach Hyde discusses season

by Jo Nell Blair

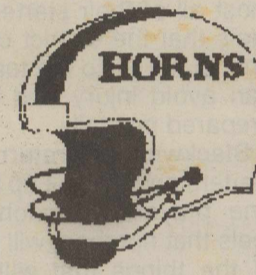
Blackwell Coach Duane Hyde is playing his cards close to the vest. In a Wednesday morning phone interview, he was careful not to sound overconfident.

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Football Season



begins



TONIGHT!

ROBERT LEE STEERS

BRONTE LONGHORNS

vs.

vs.

May Tigers

Menard Yellow Jackets

Robert Lee, 7:30 pm

Menard, 8:00 pm

Officials debate whether or not to pray

by Joan Davis

The opening of the football season in Texas this fall has a new focus that is not on the players, coaches, or the cheerleaders. It's whether the invocation or prayer should be offered up as part of the pre-game activities. It has been as much a part of the sporting event as the "Star Spangled Banner", the marching bands, the banners, and the joy of the fans on opening night. Who hasn't felt choked up at the sight of our team, in new uniforms, the beautiful field, and all the pageantry, followed by the invocation, etc? This part of the opening of the season is especially meaningful to rural West Texas. We are serious about our God.

Now comes the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to remind us that student-led or school connected prayer at games is unconstitutional and declared so back in February, 1999. Many superintendents and school boards are checking out repercussions against their districts and taking "wait and see attitudes".

A number of opinions have come out of the surrounding school districts. San Angelo School district will follow the law and have no plans for the prayer. Odessa may observe a moment of silence. Further west, "Andrews will continue

student-led prayer at least until challenged by a lawsuit", said Pete Francis, superintendent.

Closer to home, Superintendent Alan Richey at Bronte has said publicly that Bronte ISD is investigating options around the ruling. They might be able to let a student lead prayer through a school board ruling. In an informal poll of superintendents, Mr. Richey was in a meeting and unavailable for comment on Tuesday afternoon.

Superintendent Bill Hood of Robert Lee says the school board will be meeting tonight (Tuesday night) and it will be discussed at length. Knowledgeable attorneys on school law have already advised him that a school lawsuit would enjoin Hood, Principal Wallace, and the school board with probable monetary implications. Hood said he personally feels the eroding of our rights. If we do not pray for the safety of our fans and players, the fairness of the game, and lesson of sportsmanship, are we removing God's protection, we ask?

Lane Jackson said Tuesday that his first reaction was, "We will pray - that's our right." As the Blackwell CISD superintendent talked with others, he changed his mind. And per-

sonally, I had never considered this side - Jackson says, "we spend our teaching careers instilling respect for authority in students, but all of a sudden, we don't like this law or rule, so we will disobey. Our focus should be to change it some way legally."

I spoke with Rep. Rob Junell just before lunch by phone Tuesday to get his take on the ruling. Junell always has a common sense approach that soothes our ruffled feathers. He understands our struggle and public outcry to the edict but says, "Saints through the ages have faced persecution for praying; there is no Texas law or city ordinance against the prayers of individuals. They can't be arrested if a fan or grandparent grabs a megaphone and says - let us observe either a silent prayer or an oral prayer (a generic prayer for the safety of all involved and fairness of play). School districts may feel they must comply due to consequences, but that can only happen, if a lawsuit is filed. If you want to pray, go ahead. In fact, I'll defend you." Now, there it is in black and white.



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...Coaches (ct'd. from page 1)

Blackwell has been a perennial favorite in the polls to take the District 10-1A six man crown. But, Coach Hyde, unaware of the Standard-Times poll that has Blackwell placed in the number one slot, was quick to point out that Trent, last year's champ, has a good returning sprinter, and Loraine is returning almost all of their starters. He feels that the district championship will go to the team that can avoid injury and is best prepared mentally.

Blackwell will return three starters and will suit up twenty-one players. Coach Hyde feels that numbers will be one of the things that will be of most concern to the team. Of the twenty-one players only 8 are upper classmen, the rest of the team is made up of sophomores and freshmen. He stated that an injury in a key position would be tough to overcome.

The strength of the team will lie in the fact that a successful JV team from last year will be stepping up and offering their experience to the varsity squad.

The drowning death of Blackwell athlete, Jose Sanchez, Jr., early this year quite naturally had an adverse effect on the team. The players only had 3 days in pads before their first scrimmage and, according to the coach, they looked a little rusty. The next scrimmage against Blanket showed a lot of improvement in the squad. Coach Hyde stated they moved the ball offensively quite well and although the

defense was a little behind, they too, were much improved.

CNA classes to be held in Bronte

CNA classes will begin September 15, 1999 at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. Any person interested in attending the classes should fill out an application prior to September 15, 1999. Classes consist of 75 hours of training in a 14 day course to mature individuals who demonstrate an interest in providing care to the elderly and disabled. Applicants must be committed to attending all classes in order to receive certification. After completion of 16 hours of classroom training, students will be given the opportunity to work in the facility performing skills they have mastered in class. They will be paid for time worked on the floor. Employment opportunities will be offered to graduates based on staffing needs.

For more information contact Elizabeth Baird, RN Program Director or Marcy Holland, LVN S.D.C. at 900 S. State Street, Bronte.

Detour announced

Commissioner Pat Percifull has recently announced that portions of Cedar Cove and Dripping Springs in the Lake Spence area are in the process of being paved. This project is expected to last about two weeks. All persons visiting or living in the area are asked to use Fields Lane.

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Upcoming

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The Disciple Bible Study is being offered by the First United Methodist Church and is open to anyone in the community who is interested

in learning more about the Bible. The 17-week course, which began this week, is non-denominational, and will cover the Old Testament. A second course, covering the New Testament, will be offered later. This week is the last week to sign up for the course, which meets on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. Anyone interested in the class is urged to contact Rev. Jim Reeves at 453-2417.

Death Notices

Jones

Ruby Lehde Jones, 74, of Burnet, Texas and formerly of Robert Lee died August 26, 1999 at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas. She was born December 30, 1924 in Port Arthur, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm Saturday, August 28, 1999 at Sweetwater Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband Billy Murray Jones of Burnet; two sons, Keith Jones of Round Rock and Scott Jones of Lake Jackson; one sister and brother-in-law, Muriel Reid and Jesse Pat Reid of Phoenix, Arizona and four grandchildren.

Newsom

Alva V. Newsom, 93, of San Angelo, died Sunday, August 29, 1999, in Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside service was at 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 1, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Joe Stone officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Nita Stovall Duncan and her husband, Bob, of Robert Lee; a son, Jim Newsom and his wife, Frankie, of San Angelo; six sisters, Ada Stuard, Nancy Bollinger, Idell Hardeman, Lucy Mika, Willie Stewart and Oma Hamrick, all of San Angelo; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Courthouse closing

The Coke County courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 6, in celebration of Labor Day. Offices will open at 8:00 am with business as usual on Tuesday morning.

Labor Day Youth Concert

The Labor Day weekend in Robert Lee will be highlighted by a weekend Christian Concert held for the youth and co-sponsored by the churches of Robert Lee. The concert, featuring the band "Sold Out", from San Angelo, will begin at 7:30 pm in the amphitheatre with a free hot dog and snacks supper starting at 7:00 pm. The concert is free and is part of a community effort to provide more activities for the youth of Robert Lee.

FSA to hold Producer's Meeting

There will be an Agriculture Meeting September 14, 1999 at 7:00 pm in the Coke County District Courtroom. Speakers for the meeting will include Tommy Antilley, County Extension Agent; Dennis Cumbie, Ag Credit Manager for FSA; Bruce Deere, NRCS Manager and Dwayne Vincent, FSA Manager. Anyone interested in Coke County Agriculture and related government programs is invited to attend.

Pageant Assoc. to meet

The board of directors of the Coke County Pageant Association will meet Thursday, September 9th. This meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Robert Lee City Hall. All officers and directors are urged to attend this meeting.

Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, September 5, 1999 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Festival set for September

It's a red-hot weekend of cool jazz and blues when the fifth annual Cactus Jazz and Blues Festival heats up this September 9-11 in San Angelo.

Thursday, September 9, guitarist Stanley Jordan will perform, followed by jazz and blues vocalist Sweet Baby J'ai on Friday, September 10th and saxophonist Tom Braxton on Saturday September 11th.

For more information call 915-653-6793.

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First United Methodist Church
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(915) 453-2417

Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
Northside Church of Christ
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(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

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Wed. 7 pm

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Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
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11 am, Worship

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(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
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Rev. Loyd Thurman, Pastor
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Wed. 7 pm, Worship
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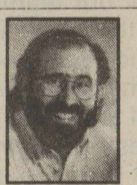
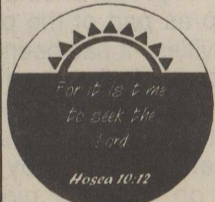
Bro. Miller Robinson, Int. Pastor
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Robert Lee Baptist Church
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Stenholm invites residents to FUNDay

Congressman Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host FUNDay on Saturday, September 11, 1999 at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds east of Stamford. Festivities will begin at 4:30 pm and continue into the evening.

The annual event draws people from throughout the vast 17th Congressional District.

The program includes barbecue, entertainment, and a drawing for flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. The Cooper Fiddlers from Cooper High School in Abilene will provide entertainment.

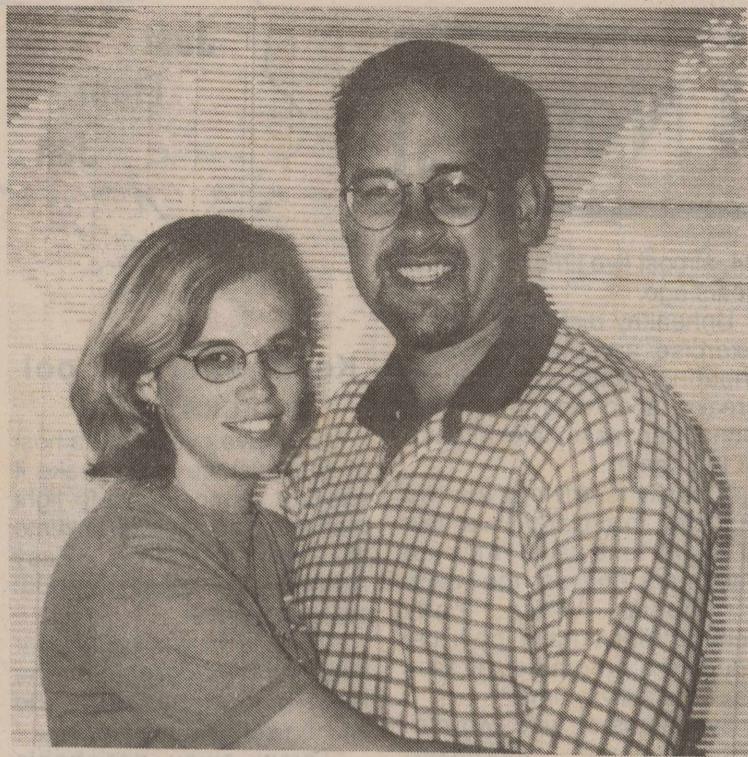
"Cindy and I want to invite everyone to come and spend the day in Ericksdahl," said Stenholm. "FUNDay is a great time to meet new people and visit with old friends."

"In addition, a few of my colleagues will be visiting, and they need to know the concerns of the people here in West Texas. This year I will be bringing Representative Mike Doyle, Representative Leonard L. Boswell and Representative Rosa DeLauro. Mike Doyle is a 3rd term Congressman from Swissvale, Pennsylvania; he serves on the Science Committee for Basic Research, Energy and Veterans' Affairs for Health. Leonard Boswell is a 2nd term Congressman from Davis City, Missouri; he serves on the Agricultural Committee. Rosa DeLauro is a 5th term Congresswoman from New Haven, Connecticut; she serves on the Appropriations Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development, FDA & Related Agencies; Labor, Health & Human Services & Education."

Tickets for FUNDay, which remain at \$10 per person, will be available at the gate. Children's activities will also be provided. For more information, contact the Stenholm Campaign office at 1-800-391-0704 or 915-773-5521.

Youth Christian Concert to be held

Several churches in Robert Lee are co-sponsoring a Christian Youth Concert in the amphitheatre, Saturday, September 4th, beginning at 7:00 pm. The concert will feature the Christian band "Sold Out" from San Angelo. The concert is free and soft drinks and hot dogs will be provided.



Jim and Sharen Naico of Robert Lee are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Gery to Sharon Denise Sovel of Irving. Gery is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and presently employed by Dallas Compressor in Irving. Sharon is the daughter of Don and Carolyn Murray of Arlington. She is a graduate of Bayside High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and presently employed by the Associates of Irving.

Gery and Sharon will exchange vows at Heritage Park in Irving, Texas, Saturday, September 11th at 7:00 pm. Joining in this life of love is Sharon's daughter, Ashley Marie. The family will make their home in Irving.

Fire danger

by Jackie Walker
Coke County Judge
The conditions are extremely dangerous at this time for fires. Be careful when driving in pastures and on right-of-ways. Be sure and put wire over burning containers and then only burn when the wind is not blowing. If we don't want a burn ban, we must exercise extreme caution.

We need to remember the

volunteer firemen and equipment. Let's do our part and help them out. Grass fires are expensive and man power is short.

Holiday Closing Notice

In observance of the Labor Day holiday the Robert Lee City Hall will be closed Monday, September 6. The Robert Lee Landfill will be closed Saturday, September 4. Have a safe Labor Day holiday.

An Invitation

Zera Fields will be 90 years old on Saturday, September 4, 1999. Please come by the Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall between 2:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon and help her celebrate.

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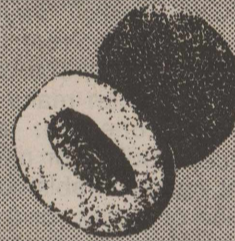


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LOOK

Robert Lee School News

Back to school eye exams recommended

As summer ends and kids head back to the classroom, the Contact Lens Council (CLC) encourages parents to have their children screened for vision problems as part of September's back to school routine. A visit to a pediatrician or an eye care specialist can rule out common misdiagnoses of learning disorders in school age children and better prepare a child for his education.

"Children can be easily mislabeled as 'poor learners', when in actuality, they may simply have a visual problem," says Dr. Stuart R. Dankner, a prominent pediatric ophthalmologist in Baltimore, Maryland. A past president of Maryland Society for Sight and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), Dr. Dankner works extensively with children and cites two conditions most frequently overlooked without proper vision screening; amblyopia and focusing problems. "Both conditions can affect how well a child learns," he cautions.

"Amblyopia, commonly referred to as 'lazy eye', is entirely preventable if diagnosed early enough," says Dr. Dankner. Amblyopia is generally caused by one of three things that can make vision weaker in one eye: an eye muscle problem or misalignment called strabismus; occlusion or disuse; or a focusing problem in one eye that causes the other to grow

"lazy".

While amblyopia occurs when vision is weaker in one eye, focusing problems involve trouble with both eyes, and fall into three categories: myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), and astigmatism, a curvature of the cornea that can cause vision distortion. Eye specialists can correct each of these focusing problems.

The CLC and eye care professionals encourage parents to schedule regular vision screenings for their children and to consider contact lenses for vision correction. More children are wearing contact lenses for vision correction, as lens wear becomes easier and more convenient than ever before. There have been numerous recent developments in contact lens technology that allow for correction of specific problems, such as astigmatism.

The AAO has compiled a list of risk factors for parents of school-age children. These include misaligned or 'lazy eye'; squinting or recurrent headaches that cannot be explained medically; a family history of amblyopia or strabismus (a misalignment that causes amblyopia); or premature birth. If a child exhibits any of these symptoms or falls into any of these categories, the AAO recommends that he or she see an eye specialist.

Childhood type 2 diabetes on the rise

Type two diabetes, often called adult-onset diabetes, is putting increasing numbers of children at risk.

Until recent years, the disease seldom occurred in children. In 1993, the Texas Children's Hospital Diabetes Care Center in Houston treated approximately 900 patients with diabetes, 18 of which were type two. This year the center will see some 1,000 patients, but the type two census has increased to

84, almost five times that of six years ago.

Unhealthy diets and lack of exercise are the main contributing factors to the increase, according to Barbara Schreiner, associate director of the center.

"Obesity is driving type two diabetes in children, just like in adults," she said. "Kids are sedentary and eat too many fast foods. Also, many schools don't have physical education programs, or they have cut activity time."

Symptoms of type two diabetes include: increased thirst, increased urination, skin infections that don't heal, and darkened pigmentation of skin folds.

While people with type one diabetes do not make enough insulin, those with type two make too much, and their bodies cannot use it properly.

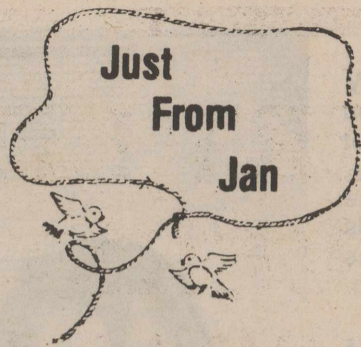
Most of the children the center sees are between 10 and 16 years old, although some are as young as 8. In both children and adults, type two diabetes is more common in ethnic groups, including African-Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans.

If the disease - which is screened with a finger stick or urine test - is detected in its early stages, it often can be managed with diet and exercise, Schreiner said. But if this approach does not work, medication may be necessary.

Early diagnosis is especially important because of complications - heart attacks, strokes, blindness, and amputations - caused by long-term damage to blood vessels.

RL Project Grad Bake Sale

Robert Lee Project Graduation Class of 2000 will hold a bake sale Friday, September 3rd at Robert Lee State Bank. The sale will begin at 9:00 am and will continue until all baked goods are sold.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Keep after school snacks safe

Microwave ovens and a host of convenience foods make it easy for youngsters to fix light meals for themselves anytime the "hungries" strike. Easy fixin' doesn't always equal safety, however.

Here's a crash course for kids and their parents on the most important food and kitchen safety rules.

*Throw away perishable sandwiches or other refrigerator foods that you may have brought home in lunch buckets. The food may have spoiled. Don't take any chances.

*Place books or bookbags on the floor, not on eating counters or kitchen tables to avoid spreading outside germs on clean surfaces.

*Wash your hands before you prepare or eat food. Use clean utensils, too.

*Do not leave cold items like milk, lunch meat, hard cooked eggs or yogurt out on the counter at room temperature. Return food that needs to be kept cold to the refrigerator as soon as possible.

*Wash fruits and vegetables with water before eating. Do

not eat bread, cheese or soft fruits and vegetables that look bad or have spots of mold.

When children are old enough to use the microwave and range, there are other dangers to consider. Follow this advice for safe microwaving:

*Never turn on an empty microwave; this can ruin the oven.

*Use only microwave-safe cookware. Never place metal objects in the microwave.

*Read package directions carefully.

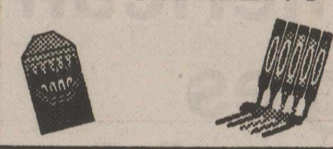
*Use pot holders to remove items from the microwave.

*If a dish is covered with plastic wrap or waxed paper, turn up one corner to let excess steam escape. Steam burns are painful - be very careful when uncovering hot dishes.

"Meet at the Flag Pole"

The annual "Meet at the Flag Pole" for a short prayer service will be held at 7:30 am on Wednesday, September 15. Those who are interested may meet in front of the courthouse at the flag pole for a few minutes before going to work.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

- Monday, Sept. 6**
Holiday
- Tuesday, Sept. 7**
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk.
- Wednesday, Sept. 8**
Orange Juice, Banana Nut Muffin, Cold Cereal, Milk.
- Thursday, Sept. 9**
Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk.
- Friday, Sept. 10**
Orange Juice, French Toast, Sausage Patty, Milk.
- Lunch**
- Monday, Sept. 6**
Holiday
- Tuesday, Sept. 7**
Nachos, Corn, Pinto Beans, Gingerbread, Milk.
- Wednesday, Sept. 8**
Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Peas & Carrots, Sliced Bread, Applesauce, Milk.
- Thursday, Sept. 9**
Turkey w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
- Friday, Sept. 10**
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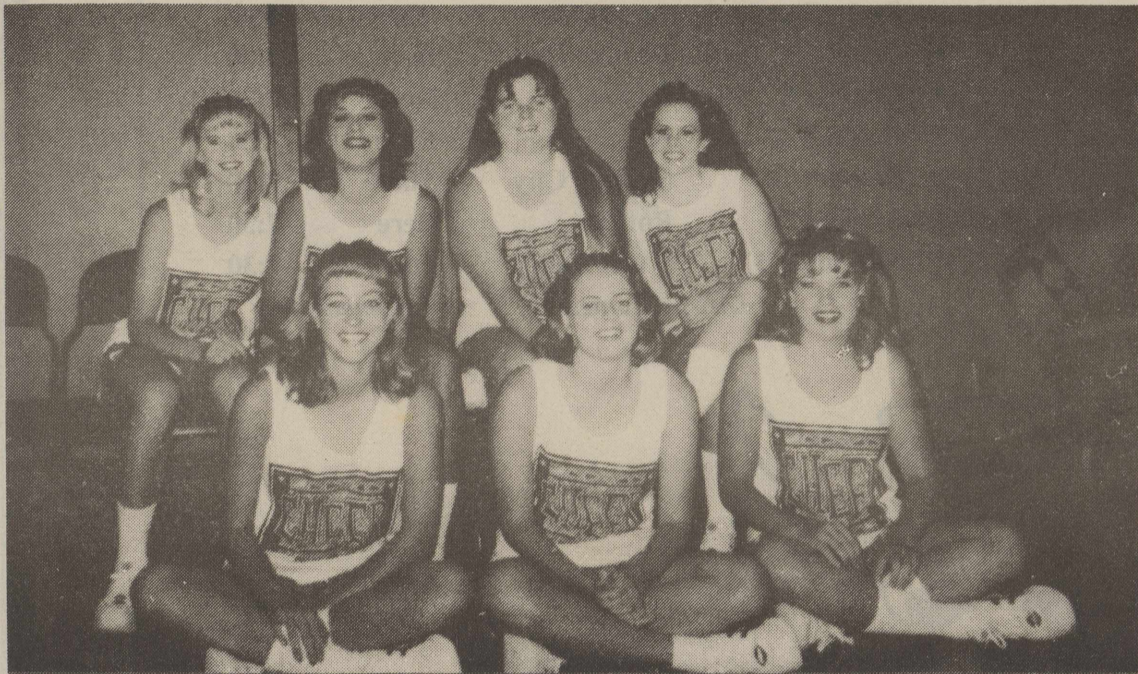
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Bronte School News



BHS Cheerleaders attending NCA Cheerleading camp were (back row, l-r), Jennifer Sturgill, Kala Arrott, Gale Porter, mascot, and Kara Thompson; (front, l-r), Brooke McCutchen, Tamara Sedden and Kayla Hilliard.

BHS Volleyball results listed

JV results

Bronte's JV maroon team went up against Midland Trinity August 17 and lost 5-15 and 2-15. Chrissie Isreal had 1 assist, Tiffany Riordan had 1 kill and Kyla McGinnis had 1 ace.

The JV white team faced Midland Trinity varsity, they also came up short losing 8-15 and 2-15. Joel Sefcik posted 1 assist, Kelly Cooper 1 kill, and Heather Richey 1 kill and 1 block.

The girls had more success against Mullin August 28th.

SCHOOL MENU

- Breakfast**
Monday, Sept. 6
 Holiday
Tuesday, Sept. 7
 Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk.
Wednesday, Sept. 8
 Pancake & Sausage on a stick, Apple Juice, Donut, Milk.
Thursday, Sept. 9
 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk.
Friday, Sept. 10
 French Toast Stix, Apple Sauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk.
Lunch
Monday, Sept. 6
 Holiday
Tuesday, Sept. 7
 Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peanut Butter Cookies, Milk.
Wednesday, Sept. 8
 Lasagna, Steamed Broccoli w/ Cheese, Sweet Corn, Bread Sticks, Apple Crisp, Milk.
Thursday, Sept. 9
 Nachos, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Nacho Chips, Sugar Cookies, Milk.
Friday, Sept. 10
 Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Bun, Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.

They dropped the first match 5-15, but came back to take the next two with scores of 15-10 and 15-6. Lindsey Williams had 1 kill and 3 aces; Lindsay Springer had 1 ace, Tiffany Riordan 1 kill and 1 ace; Jenna Herrold 2 aces; Heather Sturgill 2 kills and 2 aces; Kayla Hilliard 1 kill.

Bangs was next up for the girls. They lost 15-3, 5-15 and 13-15. Individual stats were as follows: Kelly Cooper 1 kill, Lindsey Williams 1 ace, Heather Richey 3 kills, 1 block, Crystal Jackson 1 kill and Lindsay Springer 3 kills.

Varsity results

Bronte's varsity participated in the Central Tournament and faced some tough competition against Big Spring. The team lost 6-15 and 7-15. Kala Arrott had 3 kills and 1 block in the tournament; Lauren Williams 2 blocks; Brooke McCutchen 3 kills; Jade Richards 1 kill; 5 assists; Stormy White 2 kills; Cara Sefcik 2 kills; Britni Adams 1 kill and Lacy Schoenfield 7 assists.

BHS Class of '89 reunion planned

The Bronte High School Class of 1989 is having their 10 year reunion Homecoming weekend, September 10 and 11 with a luncheon Saturday at 11:00 am at the Bronte Housing Community Building. We invite former schoolmates and teachers to come by and visit after lunch. For more information, call Misti (Taylor) Bedford at 817-270-2242 or Christy (Bivins) Hortenstine at 512-365-1513.

Bass tourney set for September 19

The 12th annual Runnels County Bass Club & Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Open Bass Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 1999, at O. H. Ivie Reservoir. For more information, contact the Runnels County Bass Club at PO Box 773, Ballinger, TX 76821, or call (915) 365-2775.

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are moving to new location effective

September 1, 1999.

Our law offices will be located at
206 West Main, Bronte.
 (former Bronte Housing Office)

8:30 am to 5 pm
 Tuesday & Thursday

BISD Trustees meet

Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a walk-through of the facilities and a Public Hearing for the 1999-2000 Budget on August 30, 1999 at 8:00 pm. A special board meeting followed at 8:45 pm. David Scott and Jeff Schoenfield were absent.

The TEA Accountability Report was reviewed. The Bronte Elementary School received an Exemplary Rating for the fifth year in a row. The Secondary School received a Recognized Rating.

The 1998-99 Budget was amended.

Motion was made and approved to adopt the 1999-2000 budget.

Discussion was held by the Board concerning a tax rate for 1999-2000.

Motion was made and approved to accept the Tax Assessor/Collector's Annual Report.

September 16, 1999, 8:00 pm was set for the Public Meeting to discuss the 1999-2000 budget and proposed tax rate. The regular board meeting for September will follow the public meeting.

Motion was made and approved to adopt the Commissioner's recommended domain for the Superintendent's appraisal.

Motion was made and approved to adopt the local policy (FM) on student absences for extra-curricular activities.

Motion was made and passed to approve the waiver for CCJJC.

Motion was made and passed to approve the contract with Wackenhut Corp. for 1999-2000.

Motion was made and passed with one absence to pay the July and August bills.

Discussion was held concerning the cafeteria and personnel. Alan Richey, Superintendent, informed the board of the hiring of Angel Cervenka as Special Ed Secretary/Site Manager of Distance Learning Center.

Alan Richey, Superintendent gave his report which included the following: facilities update, TEA audit at CCJJC, TASS convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 16.

Miles Cotton Festival

The community of Miles will celebrate its 22nd annual Cotton Festival Saturday, September 11 in the Miles City Park.

Festivities begin at 8:00 am with the opening of the arts and crafts booths, followed by a parade through downtown Miles at 10:00 am.

A variety of events including pork-rib and brisket cookoffs are on the agenda for the day.

Miles is located on US Highway 67 between San Angelo and Ballinger. For more information contact the Miles Opera House at 915-468-3001 or the Miles Messenger at 468-3611.

Bronte pep rally schedule released

Pep rallies for Bronte Junior High and High School will be as follows: Jr. High - Thursdays 12:55 - 1:10; High School - Fridays 3:10 - 3:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend the pep rallies and support the teams.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
As Labor Day approaches, I'd like to remind the people of the Concho Valley that the holiday weekend will be much more than a final vacation opportunity before the summer draws to a close and youngsters go back to school. It will be the weekend when, for the 34th consecutive year, some 75 million Americans will tune in to support the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon.

Tens of thousands more will participate in special Labor Day weekend events in San Angelo and around the country - all to help "my kids". I encourage readers of the *Observer/Enterprise* to participate in local MDA events orchestrated by dedicated volunteers, and to watch the Telethon on KLST-TV, Channel 8 on September 5-6.

This year's show will be the biggest and best yet, with Telethon anchor Ed McMahon and I introducing an incredible lineup of stars. Those stars performing, making appearances or cameo appearances include: Jason Alexander, Brandy, Mariah

Commissioners' Court Minutes reported

Commissioners' Court met Monday, August 23 in special session with the following members of the court present: Coke County Judge Jackie Walker, Commissioner Paul Burns, Commissioner Wayne McCutchen, Commissioner Pat Percifull, Commissioner David Rawlings and County Clerk Mary Grim.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and a prayer led by Judge Walker. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

County Clerk Mary Grim recommended the precincts be consolidated for the upcoming Amendment Election. Precincts 3, 9, & 10 will be consolidated as will Precincts 4 & 5.

Election judges for the combined precincts will be Donnie Thompson for Precincts 4 & 5 and Donna Schultz for Precincts 3, 9 & 10.

Blackwell resident John Dagenhart requested posting signs be placed at Hamilton Road Bridge as an alternative to closing the bridge. No action was taken.

Dennis Potton of Lone Wolf Resources made a presentation and the quarterly visit to Wackenhut was conducted.

Personal

Jim and Sharen Naico are proud to announce a new-comer to their home. Mary Jo Naico has returned as a resident of Robert Lee after roaming a few states the past 15 years. Mary Jo attended Robert Lee Elementary, graduated from high school at Rose Hill, Kansas, attended colleges at Houston and Dallas, and graduated with a Masters Degree in Administration of Justice at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi. She is presently employed with GTE and looking forward to pursuing her career in the criminal justice field.

Carey, Carrot Top, Cher, Norm Crosby, Sheryl Crow, David James Elliott, Whitney Houston, Judge Judy, Larry King, Cyndi Lauper, Lucy Lawless, Bill Maher, Maureen McGovern, Tom Petty, LeAnn Rimes, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Diane Schuur, Martin Short, Kevin Sorbo, Martha Stewart, Pam Tillis, Alex Trebek, Tina Turner, Shania Twain, and Christopher Walken.

With your support, MDA can continue to provide unparalleled help - clinics, wheelchairs and braces, support groups, and summer camps for kids with neuromuscular diseases. MDA will also be able to accelerate its research seeking treatments and cures for 40 neuromuscular disorders, including the world's first human gene therapy trials for a muscle wasting disease.

The help of the great people of the Concho Valley makes this progress possible. Thanks and God bless you.

Sincerely,
Jerry Lewis
National Chairman
Muscular Dystrophy Association

1999 Blackwell High School Football Schedule

September 3	Westbrook	Home	7:30
September 10	Hermleigh	Away	7:30
September 18**	Leuders Avoca	Home	7:30
September 24*	Veribest	Away	7:30
October 1*	Highland	Home	7:30
October 8*	Trent	Away	7:30
October 15*	Loraine	Home	7:30
October 22	Open		
October 29*	Paint Rock	Away	7:30
November 5*	Novice	Home	7:30

** Homecoming

*District Game

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, September 14, 1999 in Robert Lee High School Library located at 1323 Hamilton St., Robert Lee, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.448900	\$0.000000 *	\$1.448900	\$4,713	\$2,816
Less State-Funded Tax Relief	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0	\$0
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$1.448900	\$0.000000	\$1.448900	\$4,713	\$2,816
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service **	\$1.646930	\$0.000000 *	\$1.646930	\$4,970	\$3,393
Proposed Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.000000 *	\$1.500000	\$4,526	\$3,675

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

** The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$117,000.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$32,600	\$38,930
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$11,080	\$13,540
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.448900	\$1.500000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$160.54	\$203.10
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$42.56	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.673954. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.673954.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$337,237
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

Coke Co.

Library news

September must be here. School has started, scrimmages have been held and Labor Day is the last get-away until Thanksgiving. Story Hour at the Coke County Library will begin September 7, Tuesdays, at 10:00 am. The Head Start program will have a library time on Friday mornings.

Young children bring unabashed interest and excitement to the library. Every bit of a child's interest is focused on books, and pictures and words. To be a part of that short time in a child's life is such fun. Any adult in the community who has time to be a part of this excitement is welcomed to stop by the library during either of the Story Hours.

The library receives two magazines of interest to young children. One of them is *Guideposts for Kids* and is published by Guideposts, Inc. Subscriptions run \$15.95 per year, but the library copy is provided free. The magazine is of interest to elementary age children. The organization also publishes *Guideposts for Teens*. In last month's issue some Turf Trivia was offered. Grass is made up of individual plants. The average lawn contains over nine million plants. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson kept sheep to trim the grass and in the Middle Ages most castles had lawns of flowers and grasses. They were kept short by people dancing on them. The first riding mowers were introduced in 1893 and were

steam powered (and difficult to steer). This, of course, is true when it rains.

Many patrons have returned over-due books this month. The fine-free days will be extended a few more weeks.

RLVFD Donations & Memorials

The following donations and memorials to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department for the month of August are as follows:

Carlton Caston

Robert & JoAnn Reese; Louise Walker; Kenneth & Nancy Rasco; Joe & Charlotte McKnight; Jenkins Insurance Agency.

Pearl Reddy

Bob & Polly Large; Coleta Fenley; Louise Walker; Joe & Glenda Mathers; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Standefer; Joe & Charlotte McKnight.

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R.O. & Doris Penny

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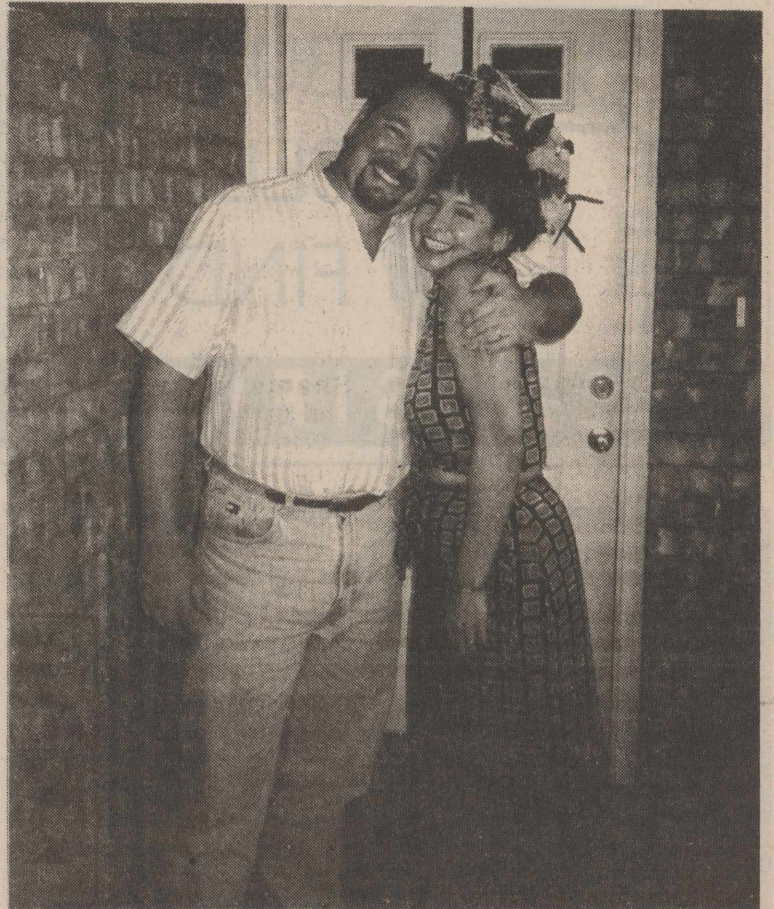
Blair receives Masters

Mrs. Terri Jean Blair of Robert Lee recently was awarded her Master of Education Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Angelo State University. The summer graduation produced a number of Masters Degrees for 1999.

Mrs. Blair has had a full work load. She has a husband, Joe Dee Blair, and three children. The children, Cody attends Blackwell schools, Mandy is a Miles student, and Garrett chose to attend school in Robert Lee, are busy. All this and Mrs. Blair teaches Junior High and High School Special Education in Blackwell, while driving to ASU to school.

Blackwell Baptist Church celebration

First Baptist Church in Blackwell will celebrate its 90th anniversary September 10 -12, 1999. Several guest speakers will be in attendance for the celebration. For more information concerning speakers and other events contact Rev. Jackie C. Gestes, II at (915) 282-2281.



Mark and Dora Mioduski recently made Bronte their new home. Mark, a Navy veteran, served aboard the USS Independence during the Desert Storm conflict. Dora has worked at Ethicon since 1985 as a material handler.

Sr. Companion Program seeks volunteers

A program that pays volunteers, increases quality of life and promotes independent living for seniors of the Concho Valley is interested in recruiting persons 60 and over to pass on the gift of an extended life to others. The Senior Companion Program builds a sense of community and assists others in activities of independent living, all while earning a tax free stipend. Volunteers assist with a client's activities of daily living, taking care of basic home maintenance tasks, and other details of independent living.

A stipend is provided to the companion that is tax free and does not count against other governmental benefits that a senior may be receiving, such as social security or disability monies. Other benefits include yearly physicals, transportation reimbursement and training.

Those interested in becoming a Senior Companion or care givers that may need a recurring respite are encouraged to call the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments. Enrollment in the program is open through the 4th of October, with training beginning the 6th. Those interested in becoming a companion are encouraged to call 944-9666 or 800-728-2592 for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Bronte Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 8:00 PM, September 16, 1999 in Bronte High School Library located at 220 S. Jefferson St., Bronte, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.380752	\$0.000000 *	\$1.380752	\$1,574	\$5,575
Less State-Funded Tax Relief	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0	\$0
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$1.380752	\$0.000000	\$1.380752	\$1,574	\$5,575
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service **	\$1.518268	\$0.000000 *	\$1.518268	\$1,484	\$6,614
Proposed Rate	\$1.450000	\$0.000000 *	\$1.450000	\$1,417	\$6,372

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

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Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$32,170	\$38,550
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$10,740	\$13,264
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.380752	\$1.450000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$148.29	\$192.33
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$44.04	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.609688. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.609688.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$294,907
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0



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MISC

BAKE SALE

RL Project Graduation/Class 2000. Robert Lee State Bank. Friday, September 3, 9:00 am - sold out. 06a-1tc

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WANTED

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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, 606 W. 9th, Robert Lee. Gas stove, furniture, clothes, shoes, and some tools. 06-1tp

MOVING SALE Tools, welder, torch, big air compressor, tin, misc. items. Edith Road, next to Paint Creek Cemetery, 1st driveway on left, signs on 158. Come & see. Friday, 3rd and Saturday, 4th - 8? 06-1tp

YARD SALE - BRONTE - 401 Cumbie - Starts Friday, Sept. 3 - 1 pm - Saturday - 9 am - 2 small couches 1 chair - ironing board - men's jeans - ladies' clothes - shoes - odds and ends - some new items. 06B-1tc

GARAGE SALE Friday, Sept. 3 and Saturday, Sept. 4, 8-1 both days. Propane BBQ grill, small sofa, misc. items, some collectibles. 301 S. Washington, Bronte. 06B-1tc

GIANT MOVING SALE Furniture, clothes, bedding, kitchen stuff, something for everyone. Priced to sell. 1/2 mile S. of Blackwell on Hwy 70. Saturday only 7:30 am. 06B-1tc

GARAGE SALE Boats, motors, campers, guns, fishing tackle, etc. 214 N. State, Bronte. 06B-1tp

GARAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, 8 am - 2 pm. 504 W. Jones, Bronte. 06B-1tp

NOTICES

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Coke County Underground Water District will hold a meeting at 7:30 pm on September 13, 1999 at the Coke Co. Underground Water Conservation District Office, County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is 0.014420 per \$100 of value. 06a-1tc

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

The East Coke County Hospital District will hold a meeting at 6:30 pm on September 13, 1999 at Bronte Health & Rehab Center Board Room located at 900 S. State St., Bronte, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is 0.456839 per \$100 of value. 06B-1tc

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: August 20, 1999, in the Observer/Enterprise, published in Coke County.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River Municipal Water District, PO Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a State permit to conduct weather-modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.

2. The Colorado River Municipal Water District has a valid Texas weather-modification license that was originally issued in 1975 and has been renewed annually. The most

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recent license renewal was granted by the Commission on October 16, 1998 and expires on August 31, 1999. An application by the District for renewal of its license for 2000 was filed by the CRMWD on June 15, 1999 and is now being considered by the Commission.

3. The purpose of weather-modification operations is to increase rainfall to affect the inflow of fresh water into the J.B. Thomas and E.V. Spence reservoirs located in Borden, Coke, and Scurry Counties of Texas. The requested period of the permit is four years from the date of issuance by the TNRCC.

4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be conducted by and on behalf of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, PO Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869.

5. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area includes the counties of Lynn, Garza, Kent, Fisher, Nolan, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Martin, and Dawson.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area described as bounded by a line beginning at a point of origin at Big Spring, in Howard County, and running along Highway 87 in a northwesterly direction to Lamesa; thence, north-northeast on Highway 87 to the north border of Dawson County; thence, east along the northern boundary lines of Dawson, Borden, and Scurry Counties to Highway 84; thence, southeast along Highway 84 to Roscoe, in Nolan County; thence, south-southeast to Maryneal; thence, southerly to Robert Lee, in Coke County; thence, westerly to Highway 87 at a point approximately thirteen miles northwest of Sterling City, in Sterling County; and thence, northwesterly along Highway 87 to the point of origin at Big Spring, Texas. That is, the target area includes all or part of Howard, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Nolan, Coke, and Sterling Counties.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation include a licensed meteorologist who will select cumuloform or other appropriate clouds for seeding, using a weather-radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports. The licensed meteorologist will direct one or more aircraft equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense either glaciogenic or hygroscopic seeding material into the updraft portions of selected clouds to perform seeding operations.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-160, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.

9. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailing a petition that requests a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last day the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit.

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.

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Oil industry relief means relief for West Texas

by U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm

Folks living in rural communities have figured out something at the micro level which often seems harder to grasp when populations enlarge and become more complex: things which have an impact on my neighbor have an impact on me.

So, for example, the crisis of

the oil patch in recent years carries consequences not only for those directly involved in oil, but also for infrastructure industries which support oil and gas, and for those endeavors which depend on the industry's revenues.

The few cents saved at the gas pump seem far less desirable when the price of that cheap gas is figured in terms of lost jobs, closed businesses, schools starved of valuable tax dollars, and communities which suffer an overall economic down-turn.

Beginning in November 1997, independent oil and gas producers began experiencing critically low oil prices. In fact, if you account for inflation-adjusted dollars, oil prices have been at an all-time historical low over the past 20 months.

Prices bottomed out so badly that the challenge rose far beyond a little belt-tightening and profit loss. Recent prices of oil sank below what it actually costs to find and produce crude. In other words, there was no profit at all as oil companies were forced to sell at prices less than their costs.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America has estimated their industry lost over 56,400 jobs and \$25 billion during this time. Many service and production companies simply closed their doors and shut down 136,000 wells, many of which will never be reopened.

With a lingering stereotypical image of the high-rolling Texas oil man left over from the 80's boom, appreciation of the crisis has been slow in coming. In fact, only as coalitions of representatives from a variety of stressed industries have come together have we begun gaining the mutual understanding and political clout necessary to remedy some of these problems.

I am very happy to report that just before Congress left for its summer break back in our home districts, we approved a loan guarantee pro-

gram for oil and gas producers. This guarantee by the federal government should reassure financial institutions considering loans to qualified oil and gas producers and service companies attempting to ride out these rough times. With oil prices beginning to rise slightly, there is reason to hope that the industry can turn the economic corner if it receives help at this vital time.

The maximum loan amount will be \$10 million, and the government will guarantee up to 85 percent of each loan. All loans will need to be paid in full by December 31, 2010.

As a fiscal conservative, I am particularly pleased that the estimated cost of this guarantee, \$125 million, was entirely paid for by the bill. Since the Senate had previously approved the language, it is now being sent to the President, who is expected to sign the bill into law in the near future.

Rising above the recent crisis will take time, but good news for the oil patch is good news for all of West Texas and is as welcome as a good rain in August.

RSVP luncheon slated

"Celebrating Volunteerism" is the theme of the Eighteenth Annual Concho Valley Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Awards and Recognition Luncheon. The event is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 1999 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and will include presentation of certificates to all RSVP volunteers, lunch and a short program. The program with local TV host Pat Attebery as Mistress of Ceremonies will open with Harriett Sansone singing the National Anthem. Included also will be a Proclamation presentation by Jean Ryon, Mayor Pro Tem, and comments by RSVP Director, Dolores Schwertner. Entertainment will be pro-

vided by Harriett Sansone, soloist.

This past year 752 Concho Valley RSVP volunteers were effective solutions to many different challenges contributing 122,556 hours of service through meaningful and valued volunteer assignments in Coke, McCulloch, Menard, Schleicher, and Tom Green Counties. Through the efficient and cost-effective delivery system known as RSVP these talented senior adult volunteers of the Concho Valley, serving in over 130 non-profit organizations and health agencies, addressed critical needs in the areas of health and nutrition, education, the environment and public safety. At a minimum of \$5.15 per hour this service is valued at \$631,163.40.

RSVP is one of the largest volunteer efforts in the nation - matching problems that need to be solved with people aged 55 and older who are willing to help. RSVP, sponsored locally by the West Texas Rehab Center, is part of the Senior Corps which is a network of programs operated by the Corporation for National Service. To learn more about the September 10th recognition event, the RSVP program, or about opportunities to participate in the program you may call 223-6388.

Griffin

receives degree

A Bronte student at Angelo State University was among 238 students to receive degrees during the summer commencement at the university.

Monty Don Griffin received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Kinesiology.

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Home study hunter education offered

A convenient new option for those interested in completing a hunter education course is now available in the form of a home study book and video.

Instead of spending 10 hours in the traditional classroom course, hunters now have the option of completing approximately six hours of the course at home, at their own pace. Final certification involves one day of hunter skill (field and live-firing) and hunter ethics exercises, and a score of 80 percent or better is required on the written exam.

"This new home study course allows us to deliver courses more conveniently - especially to those who live in outlying areas - while improving the quality of instruction," said Terry Erwin, TPW hunter education coordinator. "Students learn better when the course is hands-on. Instructors are able to evaluate skills along with knowledge. And, everyone has more fun - a key component to motivation and learning."

The *Outdoor Life Hunter's Field Guide* was developed jointly by, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW), the Nevada Division of Wildlife, and *Outdoor Life* and is distributed by Creative Publishing International. The home study materials are sold individually as a book, in video format, or as a set with an additional workbook.

The *Outdoor Life Hunter Education Training Course* materials are now in stock at retailers such as Oshman's and Academy Sports & Outdoors, and are expected to be in Wal-Mart and K-Mart stores sometime in

September.

The home study materials are similar to the material covered in the classroom course, with an emphasis on hunter ethics, outdoor skills safety, respect for game laws, gun safety, landowner rights, respect for nature, survival tips and first aid awareness.

Although a hunter education course is not required to purchase a license, all Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971, are required to meet these hunter education requirements: *hunters 17 and older must successfully complete a hunter education course; *hunters between the ages of 12 and 16 must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older; * hunters under 12 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

For more information on Texas Parks and Wildlife hunter education courses, including home study testing

St. Therese Festival

St. Therese Catholic Church in Carlsbad will host their annual festival Sunday, September 12. The event will begin at 11:00 am and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 3636 N. Bryant Blvd. in San Angelo.

Bluegrass festival set in Anson

The Anson Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Fifth Annual Bluegrass-Gospel Show this year. The dates for the event are September 24 and 25.

For more information contact the Anson Chamber of Commerce at 915-823-3259.

sites, check TPW's web site www.tpwd.state.tx.us. Or call TPW's toll-free number 800-792-1112, ext. 62 to obtain a listing of courses by county.

Quail info offered at symposium

The bobwhite quail is here today, but may be gone tomorrow. To understand why, and what, if anything, can be done the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas A&M University department of wildlife and fisheries sciences have organized a statewide symposium in October in Abilene.

The symposium, "Preserving Texas' Quail Heritage into the 21st Century," will be held October 13-15 in the Abilene Civic Center, 415 Pine Street.

"The bobwhite's plaintive whistle is not nearly as common as it was 25 years ago," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and symposium coordinator. "One quail biologist predicts that bobwhites will be extinct in the southeastern United States by the year 2005 -- that's just five years away. While those of us in West Texas may snicker at such dire predictions, quail hunters east of Interstate 35 don't have any problems accepting it. And it appears that the 'quail decline' may be moving westward.

"Texas is the last frontier for wild quail hunting, and I encourage landowners not to rest on our laurels," Rollins said.

"As quail hunters and land managers, we must try and halt, and hopefully reverse, the decline in bobwhite numbers. Education is a prerequisite. The goal of this symposium is to provide a forum

that will ultimately result in a better 'appreciation' of Mr. Bobwhite and his habitat needs.

"The steering committee has planned a program that we believe provides a good foundation for quail managers and several controversial topics. The speakers bring with them a wealth of academic knowledge and practical experience. The optional tour on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 13, will showcase some of the best quail habitat anywhere.

"If you're interested in quail, this is one conference you don't want to miss. Seating is limited to the first 300 people who register, so make reser-

vations early."

The symposium opens October 13 with the optional pre-conference tour on the Newell Ranch two miles west of Albany on Highway 180. A Brush Sculpting demonstration site will be featured.

A minimum of five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available for persons holding a private (pesticide) applicator's license with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

For further information contact Rollins at 915-653-4576 or e-mail d-rollins@tamu.edu. A brochure and registration form can be downloaded from the Internet at <http://texnat.tamu.edu>.

Keeping an eye on Texas

More than 529,948,148 meals served

In a single school year, more than half a billion cafeteria meals are served: 389 million lunches and 140 million breakfasts. Each day, on average, 2.2 million students, or 57.8 percent, ate lunch in 6,377 school cafeterias statewide, and 6,241 school cafeterias served breakfast to about 800,000 students, or 16.1 percent.

School Menu			
Number of Meals Served*			
(in millions)	Lunch	Breakfast	Total
Free	222	109	331
Paid	132	20	152
Reduced Price	35	11	46
TOTAL	389	140	529

*August 1998—May 1999

Illustration by Gilbert Conwoop

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Education Agency.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2000 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 13, 1999, at 6:30 P.M. in the Appraisal District office in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$119,000.00. This is a 2.58% increase over the 1999 budget.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is two full-time and one part-time. The number of employees compensated by the current year's budget is two full-time and one part-time.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District. If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, the proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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