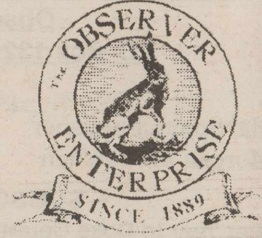


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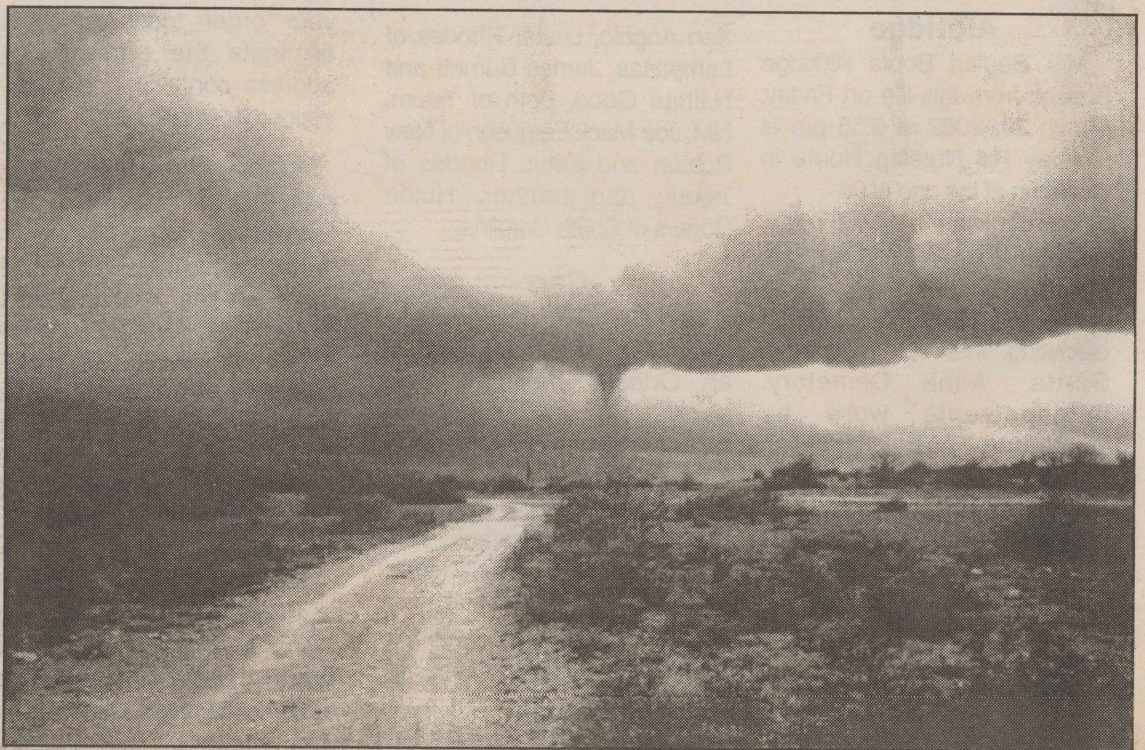
Friday, April 5, 2002

## Spring turkey season opens Saturday, April 6

Saturday, April 6, will be opening day for Spring Turkey Season in Coke County and will continue through Sunday, May 12. In addition to your Texas hunting license you must also purchase a \$5 turkey stamp. Since the spring season has a gobblers only bag limit, your kill is required to have one leg, with the spur attached, as proof of sex, until final disposition of the carcass. The number you can harvest depends on your tags remaining following the fall season. Original bag limit for Coke County turkeys was four allowed. Most of the other

TPW regulations are the same: shotguns or other legal means; decoys, baiting, and calls are allowed; no shooting of roosting turkeys; fill out tags - cut out month and date before attaching securely; and legal hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Predictions are for more young males or jakes than usual, adequate mature toms but sometimes jakes do not react the same to calls as toms. Also jakes aggravate the toms and interfere with responses of hens, and in general, cause confusion.



Michael Cervenka captured this twister on the Cervenka Ranch 3 miles east of Bronte on Highway 158 Saturday, March 30, 2002.

## Runoff primary election scheduled for April 9th

Coke County will hold a runoff primary election on Tuesday, April 9, 2002. Although no county elections will be on the ballot, state and federal contests will be decided.

Early voting for the runoff election began on Monday, April 1, and continues through business hours on Friday, April 5, in the county clerk's office at the Coke County courthouse, in Robert Lee.

Polling locations for the runoff primary election April 9 will be as follows: Republican Party voters (precincts 1,2,3,4) will cast their ballots in the county courthouse; Democratic Party voters - precincts 1 and 3 will vote in the county courthouse while precincts 2 and 4 will cast ballots at the Depot/Hayrick Lodge in Bronte.

### City of Robert Lee completes water plant improvements

Watering restrictions in the City of Robert Lee are being lifted at this time. The City Council is very appreciative of the cooperation and understanding which has been exhibited by the citizens of the community during this extended period of time.

The project recently completed consisted of filter

"media" replacement which requires a complete change-out of gravel, sand, and charcoal in the filtering process.

The City feels that this project will improve the quality of the water, including, odor, taste, and cleanliness. This project will not improve the chlorides (salt); however, the improvements made will meet state regulations.

The chloride content in the water will only be improved by quality improvements in the water coming from Lake Spence. This will require improvements in the drought conditions which exist on the watershed of the lake.

The City Council wishes to extend appreciation to all residents who have accepted the watering restrictions which have been in effect over the past several weeks.

This restriction is now being relaxed, and the resident users of city water may resume a normal watering schedule for your lawns, trees and plants.

Again, the Council does appreciate the voluntary rationing which has been in existence during the last several weeks.

### Tornado disaster fund

A special account has been set up at the First National Bank in Bronte for David and Brendi Gentry to help with expenses after the tornado destroyed their home Saturday, March 30, 2002. Anyone wishing to make donations can contact the First National Bank in Bronte.

### Coke County Pageant meeting slated

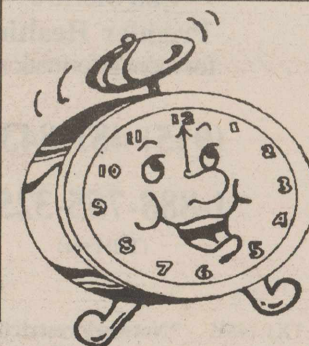
The Coke County Pageant Association will meet April 11th, 7:00 pm, at the Robert Lee City Hall.

### Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, April 7, 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.



A tornado damaged this home 5 miles Northeast of Bronte Saturday, March 30, 2002. David Gentry survived the onslaught by taking shelter in the hall. The storm also destroyed several outbuildings, trailers, fences and equipment belonging to Joe Ash, owner of the property.



## Spring Forward

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



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**-- Death Notices --**

**Aldridge**

Mrs. Beulah 'Boots' Aldridge passed from this life on Friday, March 29, 2002 at 6:55 pm at Holiday Hill Nursing Home in Coleman at the age of 96.

Service was held Monday, April 1, at First Baptist Church in Santa Anna with Rev. Bruce Hess and Rev. Ray Aldridge officiating. Interment followed at Santa Anna Cemetery. Arrangements were by Henderson Funeral Homes in Coleman.

Survivors include 3 sons & daughter-in-law, Warren and Marion Aldridge and Dub and Ruth Aldridge all of Santa Anna, Van & Sue Aldridge of Grapevine; daughter-in-law, Freddie Aldridge of Santa Anna; 12 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren.

**Murtishaw**

Iris Murtishaw, 92, died Monday, March 25, 2002, in a Bronte nursing home. Service will be at a later date. Arrangements were by Dodson Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughters, Kitty Lou Anderson of Denton, Charlene Buechler of Kerrville, Patsy Ann Devore of Houston and Carolyn Holmes of Barre, Vermont; sons, Clyde Rhodes of

San Angelo, Lester Rhodes of Lampasas, James Burnett and Nathan Good, both of Tatum, NM, Joe Mack Ferguson of New Boston and Estus Rhodes of Texas; and brother, Hulon Rogers of South Carolina.

**Carr**

Cleo Carr, 77, of Monahans died Friday, March 29, 2002, in an Odessa hospital. No services are planned. Arrangements were by Harkey Funeral Home.

Survivors include husband, Bob Carr of Monahans; son, Bobby Carr of Austin; daughter, Wanda Cates of Austin; and brother, T.C. McCutchen Jr. of Robert Lee.

**Moore**

Jessie Copeland Moore, 90, formerly of Robert Lee, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, in a Webster nursing home. Service was held Tuesday, April 2, in Laurel Land Memorial Chapel with burial in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Survivors include daughters, Barbara Toole and Mildred Doris Copeland, both of Santee, CA; Joan C. Lawson of Robert Lee and Norma Wylie of Deer Park; brother, Earnest Fulton of Fort Worth; and sister, Edna King of Fort Worth.

**Praise and Worship service slated**

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Tuesday, April 15, 2002 at First Baptist Church, Paint Rock for a Praise and Worship service.

The executive board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 pm. The meal will be served at 6:30 pm.

The praise and worship service will begin at 7:15 pm.

The public is invited to attend.

**San Angelo Writer's Club news**

The San Angelo Writer's Club will meet at 7 pm Tuesday, April 9, in the conference room at VistaCare Family Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Drive, San Angelo.

Judy Niemann, a free-lance writer and SAWC member, will speak on travel writing, but also will provide practical information that can help anyone interested in writing for publication.

Guests are welcome. For more information, call Sue South at 944-1321.

**BVFD works to eliminate address confusion**

As an emergency responder, it is important to locate the emergency as soon as possible. However, many people have failed to present identifiable markings at their residence. There is a big difference between knowing the address and finding the address. Improper addressing could result in delays and be deadly to residents. To eliminate this addressing problem, the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department is initiating a program involving the sale of reflective address signs. These signs are made of fade resistant reflective material highly visible day or night.

These signs may be purchased from the Bronte VFD for a nominal charge. Place your order today and help eliminate the problem with address confusion. To place your order call 473-2105.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

As the drought continues the water situation for many communities continues to worsen with each passing day. One such community is the City of Bronte. But we are lucky because we have city officials that have continued to look for other sources of water for us here in Bronte. They need to be commended for their efforts. Currently we have several wells that are supplementing our water supply and as the hot weather approaches and windy days continue the evaporation of Oak Creek will only increase making those wells all the more precious.

As you know, the City of Bronte officials are looking into the possibility of applying for a STEP Grant. These grant funds are needed to drill two water wells and to install a transmission line from the well site. The City of Bronte is in dire need of an additional source of water for our community. If approved for the grant the funds will only pay for the drilling of the water wells and the materials for the water line. The installation of

the water line will be the responsibility of the city through volunteer labor. The city was told that if they can show that there are enough volunteers to help install the water line, the city has a good chance of getting this grant. The is where we as citizens of Bronte will need to do our part.

Two public hearings have been held. The first one was to let the public know about the grant and the public input. The second was to get volunteers to sign up for their help. I was disappointed that the younger generation of our community was not represented more at either hearing. Does the younger generation of our community not enjoy the luxury of having water when they turn on their faucets to get a drink or bathe? The attendance of the meetings and volunteer sign-up sheets show a disappointing lack of interest by the younger generation. I'm sure that I'm stepping on somebody's toes with this. Excuses will be - "we have families to take care of, we work, we're busy with our children's activities, I'm involved with this board or that one", etc. Guess what, I'm part of this younger generation and I have a family also. Will you sit back and let someone else do your part or will you take part of this project and feel good knowing that you helped?

People, we all can volunteer our time in many different ways. Help is needed with the construction of the line, being an equipment operator, running errands, help feeding the volunteers and even baby-sitting. Even if your are not physically able to help there are other ways to help by financial contributions and donations of equipment that you might have access to. Possibilities of volunteering are limitless.

Citizens of Bronte please help do what you can to help with this cause. The thought of running out of water is pretty frightening. In the past when Oak Creek was full and water plentiful, we probably never thought about the possibility of turning on our

faucets and not having water to drink or bathe. We always think it will rain one of these days, but will one of these days be too late? This project is for you and your families. A chance for us to pull together as a community. With help it can be done. I encourage you to go by the City Hall and sign up on a volunteer sheet and help do your part. I have.

Signed a concerned citizen  
Name withheld by request

**San Angelo Senior Games slated for May 16-18**

Registration is now underway for the 2002 San Angelo Senior Games to be held May 16-18. The Senior Games are open to anyone 50 years old or older in 2002. Events include bowling, basketball around the world and free throw, horseshoes, washers, and dance. Registration forms may be picked up at Santa Fe Crossing Senior Center or call 915-659-1015. Deadline for registration is April 30th.

**Coke County Court Disposition March 6, 2002**

The State of Texas vs: Justin Wayne Lowery  
Charge: Theft by check  
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11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir  
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11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

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Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
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Sat. 6 pm

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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting



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Judy Fort, Texas Department of Agriculture representative, meets with local leaders and citizens to discuss changes on the state level in the area of economic development.

**Fort speaks on economic development**

Approximately twenty people met March 28, 2002, at Robert Lee City Hall to hear Judy Fort of the Texas Department of Agriculture speak about changes on the state level in the area of economic development.

She reported that a new agency, Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), has been formed and charged with addressing problems in rural Texas. The agency has been funded, but disbursement of funds has yet to be worked out.

Ms. Fort spoke about economic development sales tax corporations and named some of the steps necessary for the corporations to take. Corporations will be responsible for the City Council and to the tax paying citizens. She noted that having a vision for the city was a priority. She suggested a survey of local businesses to determine needs of existing businesses.

**Meeting targets economic development**

Economic Development Sales Tax Corporation members and members of the Robert Lee City Council met April 1 at 6:30 in City Hall with Nikkie Harle, executive director of the Texas Midwest Community Council, to discuss corporation organization and responsibilities.

Ms. Harle pointed out that Abilene was the first city to adopt an economic sales tax since its inception in the mid 1980's. There are over 800 cities in Texas which now utilize the economic development sales tax to improve and enhance job opportunities and city quality of life. She noted that in small towns too much of the sales tax revenue goes to larger cities because of shopping opportunities. Part of the purpose of the economic sales tax is to enhance local businesses and to encourage new, non-competitive business activity to keep these funds local.

Ms. Harle encouraged the corporations to elect officers, adopt by-laws, and be aware of the needs of the city. She said that it was a corporation's responsibility to seek businesses that were reliable and stable. She said the purpose of the tax was to enhance local businesses first. She suggested incentives to

local and incoming businesses should be considered.

A plan for growth and expansion and a local business survey were two areas to be explored, Ms. Harle suggested. She pointed out the necessity for marketing and working with state and federal agencies concerned with rural economic development. Ms. Harle pointed out that the corporations would be reporting to the Attorney General's office once a year on expenditures.

The board met briefly following Ms. Harle's presentation to elect officers and discuss by-laws and future meetings.

**Robert Lee "Spring Cleanup"**

The "Spring Clean-Up" event will happen on the second and third Saturdays of April. As always it is sponsored by the City of Robert Lee and Trashaway services. This clean-up allows residents, of the city, a chance to get rid of clutter from around their homes and businesses.

Residents with a Tuesday route trash pick-up will be serviced on Saturday, April 13th, 2002. Residents on a Friday route will be serviced on Saturday, April 20, 2002. Trucks will begin service at 7:00 am.

We want to encourage you to haul brush, tree limbs, shingles, bricks, and lumber materials to our landfill on Saturdays from

9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

The trash truck personnel will not pick up loads stacked on trailers, household trash, tires, batteries, chemicals or paint. Please be available to help load anything over 50 pounds. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 453-3831.

**Bronte VFD runs Bronte VFD Memorials for March 2002**

**Virginia Boecking**  
Billy Joe & Diane Lockett  
**WCC EMS Memorials for March 2002**

**Omelia May Thompson**  
Marian and Bud Thompson  
**Ross Torres**  
Ernest Clendennen Inc.  
**East Coke County Memorials**

**Doug Snead**  
Lois Wallace

**Dorothy McClure**  
Ronald and Kerwin Denton family  
Joe Ed & Wilma Scott  
LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott

**Flora Smith**  
Cotton, Joyce and Sam Morgan  
LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott  
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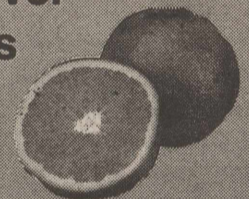
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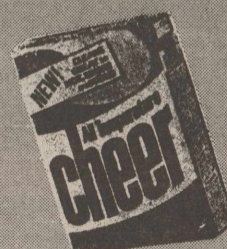
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Bronte elementary pre-registration

Bronte Elementary has scheduled pre-registration for the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students residing in the Bronte school district for Thursday, April 18, from 2:30 - 4:00 pm.

In order to enroll you must bring the following documents with you: immunization record, social security card, birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e. utility bill, rent receipt, etc.) If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please call the elementary office at 473-2251.

## Bronte high school students honored

The State Board of Education sponsors the Texas Celebrations of Educational Excellence program to honor selected students from high schools all over the state of Texas. Students are chosen based on their outstanding academic achievements. A ceremony will be held on the campus of Angelo State University, Wednesday, April 10 to honor the students in the area. Students will receive medallions and a congratulatory

letter signed by Governor Rick Perry.

Bronte High School students selected for this honor were seniors: Katy Frazee, Lacy Schoenfield, Amy Morgan, Mindy Boyd, Morgan McCutchen, and juniors: Jenna Herold, Heather Richey, Khanni Beauchamp, Jonathan Tomes and Joe'l Sefcik.

## Bronte Longhorn Relays results

### Boys Varsity

400 M: Cody Lee, 2nd, 54.72  
200 M: Cody Lee, 3rd, 25.26  
1600 M: Cody Lee, 5th, 5:55.35  
Shot Put: Scott Snyder, 5th, 40'31/4"  
High Jump: Cody Lee, 3rd, 5'8"

The Varsity Boys placed 5th in the meet with 24 total points.

### Boys JV Division

Shot Put: Josh Eubanks, 5th, 33'10"  
Discus: Casey McKee, 2nd, 105'4"; Josh Eubanks, 6th, 89'9"  
Triple Jump: Chase Williams, 5th, 31'81/4"  
400 M. Relay: Garrett Jackson, Josh Eubanks, Tyson Baker, Joel Webb, 1st, 48.55

800 M: Chase Williams, 2nd, 2:31.11  
1600 M. Relay: Josh Eubanks, Joel Webb, Garrett Jackson, Tyson Baker, 2nd, 3:59.20

The JV Boys placed fourth in this meet with 59 total points.

### Varsity Girls

100 M: Lauren Williams, 1st, 13.82; Callie Johnson, 5th, 14.33  
200 M: Tasha Reed, 3rd, 28.42  
400 M: Codi Monsey, 1st, 1:04.07  
800 M: Jasmine Kresta, 5th, 2:59.30  
1600 M: Kailey Howell, 2nd, 6:14.32  
3200 M: Kailey Howell, 2nd, 14:47.76  
400 M Relay: Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney

McCutchen, Codi Monsey, 1st, 52.68

800 M Relay: Heather Richey, Lindsay Springer, Jasmine Kresta, Callie Johnson, 5th, 2:04.02

1600 M Relay: Codi Monsey, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen, Tasha Reed, 1st, 4:20.60

300 M Hurdles: Heather Richey, 3rd, 56.20

Long Jump: Codi Monsey, 1st, 16'4"; Tasha Reed, 5th, 13'9"

Shot Put: Lindsay Springer, 2nd, 30'41/2"; Tasha Reed, 4th, 28'01/2"

Discus: Lacy Schoenfield, 4th, 87'7"; Lindsay Springer, 5th, 76'8"; Ashley Kelly, 6th, 73'2"

High Jump: Codi Monsey, 1st, 5'1"

The Varsity Girls were the high scoring team of the relays, scoring 138 total points, followed by Robert Lee and Sterling City tied for second and third with 129 points.

## Eighth grade to sponsor "Parents' Night Out!"

The eighth grade class at Bronte Junior High will sponsor a "Parents' Night Out" on Saturday, April 13. The class will babysit children from 6 - 10 pm, ages K-6th grade, in the High School Commons area.

There will be basketball, kickball, movies, and popcorn. Cost per child will be \$2.00/hr. Each additional child within the same family will be \$1.50/hr. Contact Coach Lloyd with any questions at 473-2521.

## New tax relief for farmers

According to John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency, there is new legislation that offers immediate tax relief through additional depreciation on farm equipment and property.

The most significant provision for farmers is a 30% additional first-year depreciation allow-

ance. Signed into law by President Bush on March 9, 2002, the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, is retroactive to 2001 allowing capital investments from the previous year be depreciated.

Under current law, farmers and other small businesses can immediately deduct up to \$24,000 of the cost of investment in qualifying machinery and equipment. This is scheduled to increase to \$25,000 by 2003. The remaining amount is depreciated under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS).

In addition to the existing provision, the Act provides an additional first-year depreciation deduction equal to 30 percent of qualified property for investments made after September 10, 2001 and before September 11, 2004. Most depreciable farm property would be considered qualifying property, including farm machinery and equipment, crop storage facilities and single purpose agricultural and horticultural structures.

Since the provision is retroactive to 2001, farmers can immediately benefit from the change on their 2001 returns although they may need to file an amended return. For 2002, the amount of farm capital investment that could be written off is estimated to increase by about 15 percent of \$1.8 billion as a result of this provision. This should reduce Federal income and self-employment taxes paid by farmers by over \$500 million. Annual tax savings in 2003 and 2004 are expected to be only slightly smaller at just under \$500 million per year.

To illustrate the potential benefits of this legislation assume that after September 10, 2001, a farmer purchases a combine that costs \$100,000.

The farmer would be able to expense \$24,000 under the section 179 expensing election. Under the new law, the farmer would then be allowed an additional first-year depreciation deduction of \$22,800, which is equal to 30% of the remaining cost (basis) of \$76,000 (\$100,000 - \$24,000). Finally, the remaining cost (basis) of \$53,200 (\$76,000 - \$22,800) could be depreciated under the current depreciation rules.

This would permit an additional depreciation deduction of \$7,980. Thus, the farmer would be able to deduct a total of \$54,780 of the \$100,000 investment in the first year. This is an increase of \$19,380 as a result of the 30% additional first-year depreciation provision. Assuming the farmer is in the 15% Federal marginal income tax bracket, the Federal income and self-employment tax savings would equal \$5,440.

Fuston said, "Although this is not a farm program, our agency administers many programs to support farm income and we want to make sure that farmers are aware of this legislation so that they can take advantage of the tax savings." Fuston added that farmers should consult with their accountant to discuss the application of the new legislation to their individual situation.

## Bronte ISD early release Friday

Bronte ISD will have an early release day Friday, April 5, 2002, and will dismiss classes at 12:35 pm. Buses will run at that time.



### Breakfast

**Monday, April 8**  
Donut, orange half, trail mix, toast, milk  
**Tuesday, April 9**  
Pancake & sausage on a stick, orange juice, milk  
**Wednesday, April 10**  
Scrambled eggs, grape juice, toast, milk  
**Thursday, April 11**  
Breakfast burrito, apple juice, milk  
**Friday, April 12**  
Cereal, apple sauce, teddy grams, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, April 8**  
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, brownies, milk  
**Tuesday, April 9**  
Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, mixed fruit, baked beans, milk  
**Wednesday, April 10**  
Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, chocolate cake, milk  
**Thursday, April 11**  
Taco salad with cheese, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, corn chips, pink panther cake, milk  
**Friday, April 12**  
Chick-fil-lay sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, bun, chocolate chip cookies, milk



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Billy Joe Hunter, aggravated assault, 03-05-02  
 Luke Robert Large, possession of controlled substance Penalty Group 1, possession of controlled substance Penalty Group 2, 03-09-02

James Brandon Logan, possession of controlled substance Penalty Group 1, possession of controlled substance Penalty Group 2, 03-09-02

Peter Hewitt, criminal trespass, 03-10-02

Edward Martin McDuffie Jr., criminal trespass, 03-10-02

Rhett Lee Clark, criminal trespass, 03-10-02

William Carter Dennis, criminal trespass, 03-10-02

Jake Kendall Phelps, criminal trespass, 03-10-02

Luke Stanley Ogden, criminal trespass, 03-10-02

Kelly Taylor Bellmar, criminal trespass, 03-10-02

Steve Jerry Alba, criminal trespass, 03-10-02

Rick Lawrence Blackhart, criminal trespass, 03-10-02

Gabriela Medina, felony criminal mischief, 03-13-02

Jason Robert Slade, possession of marijuana, 03-17-02

Frank Ontiveros, aggravated assault on public servant (2 counts), 03-26-02

Deniece Trushell Marts, criminal trespass - violation of probation, 03-28-02

**Coke County Court Dispositions March 20, 2002**

The State of Texas vs: Randy Todd Long  
 Charge: Possession of marijuana

Plea: Deferred adjudication 12 mo., fine \$650.00, court cost \$210.00, Drug Offender Course, 60 hrs community service

State of Texas vs: Charles Pat McDaniel  
 Charge: Possession of marijuana

Plea: 6 months Deferred Adjudication, \$350.00 fine, court cost \$176.00, 40 hrs community service

The State of Texas vs: Roy Dwayne Pickett II  
 Charge: Driving while intoxicated, 1st

Plea: 90 days jail probated 18 mo., \$1,000 fine, \$236.00 court cost, DWI School, 40 hrs community service

The State of Texas vs: John Paul Murillo  
 Charge: Possession of marijuana

Plea: 12 mo deferred adjudication, \$300 fine, \$201.00 court cost, Drug Offender Course, 40 hours community service

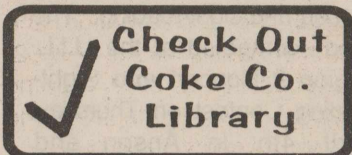
**Coke County Court Disposition March 26, 2002**

State of Texas vs: Walter Bradford Smith  
 Charge: Assault causes bodily injury to a family member

Plea: Fine \$300, \$211.00 court cost

State of Texas vs: Walter Bradford Smith

Charge: Interfering with emergency call  
 Plea: dismissed



Coke County Library Story Hour and Head Start children participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Courthouse lawn, Tuesday, March 26. The Courthouse staff and donors create a fun-filled time for young children, and their time and effort is appreciated.

The library is the recipient of a Health Information Center provided by the County Extension Office through funding from the Texas Department of Health. The Center includes heart-healthy cook-books, diabetic care and cooking, prenatal care, arthritis care and numerous other books concerning health. Also included is Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary. These books provide valuable information for researching health concerns. This collection provides Coke County citizens with the latest medical information.

Another great collection of paper back books has been donated to the library. The books appeared on the library porch Monday morning. The Easter Rabbit must have made a special delivery. There are best-selling romance, detective and action books in this book lover's collection.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4, Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start Story Time is Wednesday at 9:30. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market.

**Personal**

Jim and Sheila Farrar, and Lauren Hammerton of Houston spent Easter weekend in the home of her parents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. They attended the Easter Sunrise Service in the Amphitheatre in Robert Lee.

**Mother and son earn degrees**

Norma Lynn Pruitt Albright and son Brian Pruitt Albright have completed 18 months of intensive computer study at South East College. Mrs. Albright is the owner of Farmers Insurance, the Albright Agency in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and Brian is currently employed with Dillards in McCain Mall, North Little Rock, AR. Each has obtained an associate degree in computer science and computer information systems. Each student is qualified as a computer programmer, help desk professional, database researcher, network consultant, software technician, database business owner, software developer, web page designer, technical writer, quality and assurance testing analyst, Internet developer, data communications analyst, network control operator, user support analyst, computer security coordinator, data recovery planner, technical operations specialist, computer systems recovery planner, technical operations specialist, computer systems recovery planner, technical operation specialist, computer systems hardware analyst, micro computer support specialist, and project development coordinator. Both of the students are proficient in seven different languages.

The students graduated with President's honors and were placed on the Dean's List. The graduation was held Feb. 23, 2002, at 10:00 am, at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, AR.

Brian is a graduate of Permian High School, Odessa, and attended Midland College and Odessa College. Norma is a graduate of Bronte High School and Baylor University in Waco, and they are former residents of Odessa and Bronte.

Albright is owner of "computer people.com" and currently creates computer programs for insurance companies across the southern United States. The



Norma Lynn Pruitt Albright and son, Brian Pruitt Albright

students are daughter and grandson of Noah and Dorthey Pruitt of Bronte.

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**Local judge attends seminar**

Judge Jack G. Moore was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held March 24-27, 2002 in San Antonio, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Creating a Bias-Free Court, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Miscellaneous Hearings, Juvenile Law, DOT Regulations,

**Coke County Court Disposition March 5, 2002**

The State of Texas vs: Billy Leon Sterling  
 Charge: DWI corrected to deadly conduct  
 Plea: Fine \$1,500, court costs \$236.00, 30 days jail probated 12 mo., 40 hrs community service

**Coke County Court Disposition March 15, 2002**

State of Texas vs: Edward Martin McDuffie Jr.  
 Charge: Criminal trespass  
 Plea: 7 days jail, \$211.00 court cost, credit for time served

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Jodee Helwig (second from right) signs a letter of intent with Wayland Baptist University in Plainview during a special assembly at Robert Lee High School Wednesday morning, April 3, 2002. Attending the signing were (from left) Jodee's coach, Wayne Alexander, and her parents, Audrey and Donnie Devoll. Jodee received a four-year full scholarship to play basketball at Wayland Baptist.

## RLISD board elects next superintendent

The RLISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Monday, April 1 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing the district's next superintendent. After meeting for two hours, the board elected High School Principal Lindsey Wallace to assume the

position of superintendent on July 1. He will replace Weldon Koepf, who will retire in June.

Mr. Wallace was elected following the statutory 21-day waiting period after being named the sole finalist at a meeting held on March 8. The district will now advertise for applications for the position of High School Principal.

## RLISD offering summer school

Robert Lee ISD will be offering summer school for bilingual students entering kindergarten and first grade next fall. However, we must have ten students who will commit to the program. If you would be interested in having your child participate in this program, please contact Janet Wallace, elementary principal, at 453-4555. She will set up testing dates for your child in order to determine eligibility.

## RLISD to participate in special event

Each year Robert Lee ISD participates in the Take Our

Daughters to Work Day program. This program is promoted annually nationwide by the Ms. Foundation for Women. This day provides an opportunity for districts to extend plans for career investigation activities by encouraging parents to take daughters and sons to their place of employment. The national TODTWD focuses primarily upon students in the junior high school age range. This is the age group that will gain the most benefit from this opportunity. Nationally, the TODTWD is the fourth Thursday in April each year. Robert Lee ISD has selected Friday, April 26, 2002, as the recognized date for TODTWD for RLISD students. For additional information, please contact school officials at 453-4555.

## RLHS Band competes at Cisco Music Festival

On Wednesday, March 27th, 2002, the Robert Lee High School Band successfully competed at the Cisco Music Festival Concert and Sight-

reading Contest in Cisco. The Steer Band received a Division 1 Superior Rating in both concert and sight-reading. The band competed at the U.I.L. Region 2 Concert and Sight-reading Contest on Thursday, April 4th in Anson and performed at 8:45 am at the Anson High School Auditorium.

## RLISD board cancels May election

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 pm in the high school library. Among actions taken at the meeting was the cancellation of the May 4 trustee election. Incumbents Jim Gray and Mark Riley filed for the two three year terms. No one filed for the one-year unexpired term now held by Jess Williamson. According to state law, if all candidates are unopposed in an election, the election may be canceled and the candidates declared elected.

In other action, the board approved offering two college classes to high school students this summer via two-way video distance learning. Two history classes will be offered, one from Howard College and one from Western Texas College. Trustees also approved recommendations from the Textbook Committee to adopt new science textbooks for next year.

Trustees also got a look at the 3 plans available from the new school employee health insurance program, which goes into effect for Texas on September 1, 2002. The district will be required to contribute \$211.33 per month for each employee who enrolls in the plan. The state of Texas will pay \$75 per month for each employee. In addition, each employee will receive \$83.33 per month from the state which

they may apply toward insurance premiums, medical reimbursement costs, or as salary. Current employees will be choosing their coverage and enrolling in the plan during the month of April.

Board members also approve a tax exemption for the Hayrick Masonic Lodge under a new law that allows exempting property owned by charitable organizations. After approving an updated local policy on electronic communication and data management, the board cast ballots for the Region 15 Education Service Center Board of Directors.

Elementary Principal Janet Wallace and High School Principal Lindsey Wallace reported on attendance, student activities, curriculum matters, and student achievement. Superintendent Weldon Koepf reported on the progress of reorganization of the Small Schools Special Education Cooperative. He reported that longtime director Marsha Lindahl had resigned, effective at the end of this year, and Nina Reid will be promoted to the director's position.

After approving teacher contracts for next year, the meeting was adjourned.

## Lady Steers finish fourth in Big Spring Golf Tourney

The Lady Steers also traveled to Big Spring and finished fourth in an eleven team field. Idalou won the tournament with a team total of 375 followed by Tahoka and Post, both with 391. The Lady Steers shot a 403. Whitney Millican captured the third place medalist with an 89. Other scorers included: Shanna Wojtek 98, Julie Riley 105, and Lindsey Roe 110.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

#### Monday, April 8

Orange juice/apple juice, pancake w/sausage, cereal, milk

#### Tuesday, April 9

Orange juice/apple juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

#### Wednesday, April 10

Orange juice/apple juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

#### Thursday, April 11

Orange juice/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

#### Friday, April 12

Orange juice/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, April 8

Bean chalupa, salad, cheese, Spanish rice, pineapple, milk

#### Tuesday, April 9

Barbecue, wieners, macaroni & cheese, black-eyed peas, bread, fruit, milk

#### Wednesday, April 10

Fish sticks, hush puppies, hash browns, pork & beans, jello w/fruit, milk

#### Thursday, April 11

Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, rolls, applesauce, milk

#### Friday, April 12

Hotdog, chili & cheese, tator tots, fruit cocktail, ice cream, milk

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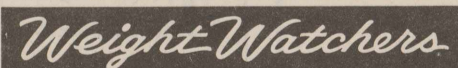


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**Steers golf results**

The Robert Lee boys golf team traveled to Big Spring last week and came home with the Runner Up trophy, as they finished in a tie for first place in the Coahoma Invitational Tournament, held at the Commanche Trials Golf Course. The Steers shot a 335, good enough for a tie for the top spot with Grape Creek, but lost by one shot in a team sudden death playoff on the first hole. Salomon Saucedo led the Steers with an 81 followed by brother Omar's 82. Other Steer scoring included Evan Braswell 84, Stewart Millican 88, Josh Alexander 89, and Cody Bridges 93. There were seventeen teams entered in the tournament.

**Steer varsity track results**

The Robert Lee Steers were team champions in the Bronte Longhorn Relays held March 28, 2002.

3200 M run - 3rd - A. Mulkey - 12:17.9

Long jump - 2nd - B. Ballew - 18' 5 1/2", 3rd - A. Lott - 17' 10 1/4", 5th - T. Clendennen - 17' 4 1/4"

High jump - 2nd - C. Eubanks - 5' 8"

Shot put - 1st - C. Riley - 45' 11", 2nd - C. Abalos - 44' 7", 3rd - A. Cates - 44' 4"

Discus - 2nd - C. Abalos - 130' 4", 3rd - C. Riley - 126' 10", 4th - S. Edging - 124' 3"

Pole vault - 1st - S. Millican - 13', 2nd - T. Pitcock - 11' 6"

Triple jump - 3rd - C. Eubanks - 37' 4"

400 M. relay - 1st - Millican, Ballew, Clendennen, Lott - 44.86

110 M H hurdles - 1st - A. Lott - 15.7, 3rd - C. Eubanks - 19.02

800 M run - 3rd - J.J. Reyes - 2:12.53

100 M dash - 2nd - T. Clendennen - 11.62

400 M dash - 1st - B. Ballew - 51.82, 4th - C. Eubanks - 55.8

300 M I hurdles - 1st - A. Lott - 42.44

1600 M run - 4th - A. Mulkey - 5:41.26

1600 M relay - 1st - Millican, Eubanks, Reyes, Ballew - 3:38.1

Robert Lee also won the plaque for the "Over-All points" with the combined point totals for Varsity boys, JV boys and girls.

**Steers JV boys track results**

The Robert Lee JV boys placed second in team totals in the Bronte Relays held March 28.

3200 - 3rd - Sean Barnett - 15:49

High jump - 1st - Cole Flanagan - 5' 6", 2nd - Brian Abalos - 5' 5"

Shot put - 2nd - Chris Eubanks - 41' 3", 4th - Phillip Rangel - 33' 10"

Discus - 1st - Chris Eubanks - 112' 2", 3rd - Robert Sailer - 96' 4", 5th - Sean Barnett - 94' 2"

Triple jump - 1st - Brian Abalos - 36' 3"

400 Meter relay - 5th - Adam Caston, Phillip Rangel, Sean Barnett, Chris Eubanks - 52.81

110 meter hurdles - 1st - Brian Abalos - 18.35

800 meter run - 5th - Shelby Sailer - 2:43.62

100 meter dash - 4th - Cole Flanagan - 12.51

400 meter dash - 4th - Adam Caston - 59.59

300 meter hurdles - 1st - Brian Abalos - 44.74

1600 meter relay - 3rd - Adam Caston, Cole Flanagan, Shelby Sailer, Phillip Rangel - 4:15.18

**Lady Steers varsity track results**

The Lady Steers team tied for 2nd place with 129 points in the Bronte Relays.

Shot put - 1st - B. Sparks - 35' 7.25, 6th - J. Riley - 26' 8"

Discus - 1st - B. Sparks - 102' 5"

Pole vault - 2nd (tie) V. Cerritos and S. Wojtek - 7', 5th - Jes. Fluhmann - 6'

Triple jump - 1st - S. Wojtek - 32' 4"

High jump 3rd - K. Solis - 4' 8", 5th - R. Wallace - 4' 4"

3200 - 1st - N. Sanchez - 14:17.99, 3rd - M. Rodriguez - 15:00.09, 5th - A. Womack - 15:48.53

400 relay - 2nd - B. Soliz, K. Soliz, R. Wallace, S. Wojtek - 54.12

100 hurdles - 5th - Jen. Fluhmann - 18.45

800 relay - 3rd - B. Soliz, K. Soliz, S. Wojtek, C. Middleton - 1:57.08

400 - 5th - R. Wallace - 69.74, 6th - L. Roe - 77.05

200 - 2nd - S. Wojtek - 28.38

1600 - 5th - N. Sanchez - 6:21.59, 6th - M. Rodriguez - 6:30.80

1600 relay - 3rd - B. Soliz, K. Soliz, R. Wallace, C. Middleton - 4:47.35

**RL Jr. High track results**

On the 26th, the Robert Lee Junior High held their track meet and took 1st place with 187 points.

**"A" girls**

**Field events**

Triple jump - 2nd - Sarah Philley - 26' 9", 4th - Kyla Millican - 26' 7"

High jump - 2nd - Cara Eaton - 4' 6", 3rd - Kelsy Duncan - 4' 2"

Shot put - 1st - Tasha Aguirre - 28' 6 3/4", 2nd - Tiffany Bagwell - 27' 11", 5th - Carolina Vera - 24' 9 3/4"

Long jump - 2nd - Brettanie Reed - 13' 10 1/2", 5th - Andra Braswell - 12' 11", 6th - Cassidy Wink - 12' 4 3/4"

Discus - 2nd - Tasha Aguirre - 74' 6", 3rd - Tiffany Bagwell - 70', 4th - Carolina Vera - 61' 7"

**Running events**

2400 m run - 4th - Stephanie

Trejos - 13:27.57

400 m relay - 2nd - Brown, Wink, Duncan, Eaton - 56.81

100 m hurdles - 2nd - Kelsy Duncan - 18.96, 6th - Kayla Medrano - 21.35

100 m dash - 4th - Jordan Brown - 15.02, 6th - Kyla Millican - 15.20

800 m relay - 1st - Millican, Wink, Reed, Eaton - 2:02.14

400 m dash - 3rd - Andra Braswell - 1:13.43

300 m hurdles - 1st - Kelsy Duncan - 58.52

200 m dash - 1st - Cara Easton - 29.88, 2nd - Brettanie Reed - 30.21, 6th - Jaden Alexander - 34.09

1600 m run - 3rd - Bridgette Barnett - 7:30.82, 6th - Kayla Medrano - 8:41.46

1600 m relay - 2nd - Wink, Millican, Reed, Braswell - 5:03.92

**"B" girls**

**Field events**

Shot put - 1st - Becca Skinner - 24' 5", 3rd - Dixie Johnson - 21; 1 3/4", 4th - Rosa Rojas - 20' 8"

Long jump - 3rd - Shelle Wright - 11' 3 1/2", 4th - Anally Gallegos - 11' 0"

Discus - 1st - Becca Sinner - 63' 6", 4th - Rosa Rojas - 45' 8", 6th - Katie Bessent - 42'

**Running events**

100 m dash - 4th - Shelle Wright - 15.58, 5th - Cara Cavness - 16.22, 6th - Chelsey Rowoldt - 16.82

200 m dash - 3rd - Amanda Thurman - 34.71

**Harmons gather at Paint Creek**

Family and friends of Floyd and Jessie Harmon gathered on Paint Creek near Robert Lee at the home place of his late parents, Thomas and Amanda Harmon, for their 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Weiner Roast. Floyd and Jessie began their married life here 69 years ago. Bobby and Jeffie Harmon Roberts own this land, and their son and family, Douglas, Denise, Kacee, and James Roberts reside on the place.

Those present on the evening on March 31, 2002, for a lot of reminiscing, hunting eggs, and eating were Floyd and Jessie Harmon; Bobby and Jeffie Roberts; Douglas, Kacee, and James Roberts; Marshall, Sheri, and Stewart Millican; Nola Harmon; Corey Pitcock; and Kenneth and Inez (Harmon) Harper, all of Robert Lee; Lawana and Howard Perry of Carlsbad; Dorene and Wayne Mashburn; Rena Johnson; and Rusty Meurer, all of San Angelo; Troy, Susan, and Cayla Millican



Coke County Judge Jackie Walker (from left), Coke County Cooperative Extension Agent Jan Yanez, Coke County Librarian Beth Prather and Coke County Clerk Mary Grim attended the book donation ceremony on March 27. The ceremony was in honor of the Texas Department of Health donating a number of health-related books to the Coke County Library.

of Sterling City; Rick and Cheri Mashburn of Salado; Jim and Sheila Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; Kannan Millican, Andrea ?, Crystal Hammerton, and Ryan Stanford, all of Stephenville; and James and Blanche Harmon of Benbrook.

**WCC emergency ambulance runs for March 2002**

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- 03-03-02 - 5:35 pm - medical transport
- 03-08-02 - 8:55 am - medical transport
- 03-08-02 - 6:10 pm - medical transport
- 03-09-02 - 12:20 pm - medical transport

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- 03-09-02 - 12:20 pm - refused service
- 03-09-02 - 12:20 pm - refused service
- 03-09-02 - 12:20 pm - refused service
- 03-10-02 - 9:50 am - medical transport
- 03-19-02 - 1:22 pm - medical transport
- 03-20-02 - 5:25 am - medical transport
- 03-22-02 - 6:15 am - medical transport
- 03-22-02 - 6:25 pm - medical transport
- 03-23-02 - 1:00 am - medical transport
- 03-24-02 - 8:15 am - Medi vac
- 03-26-02 - 10:40 pm - medical transport



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### New Farm Bill meeting slated for April 9

The Coke County Cooperative Extension Service will sponsor a meeting on Tuesday, April 9, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Robert Lee Senior Citizens Building to discuss alternative marketing strategies and how the new Farm Bill will affect agriculture in the future. Jason Johnson, Cooperative Extension Economist will be on hand to present basics about Alternative Marketing Strategies and also give some insight on how the new Farm Bill will affect agriculture over the next few years. There could be some new provisions in the Farm Bill that could greatly affect how we do business over the next few years.

For more information or if you require special auxiliary aids to attend this meeting, please contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

### Robert Lee VFD news

by Marian Thompson  
Secretary

Members of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department met on April 1, for a regular scheduled meeting.

President Larry Martin presided. 11 members and 2 visitors were present. The minutes and the Treasury reports were accepted as read.

The department received a letter from Sheriff Styles thanking the fire department for their assistance during the hostage situation on the 26th.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson read the monthly report. There were 13 fire department calls, 2 regular meetings, 83 hours activities, 1 assist WCEMS LZ, 5 county, 8 city, 143 1/2 man hours, 28 3/4 truck hours, 48 truck miles one way, 3 fires, 4 MVA, 1 Asst. Sheriff, 1 gas leak, 2 bee swarms, 1 false alarm (smoking brakes).

There were 10 fire department volunteers who assisted the sheriff's department by setting up road blocks, assisting with the LZ for the DPS helicopter, and bringing food and water to the law officers who were on the scene for 6 1/2 hours. The group discussed the situation and the foolish things people did, like running the road block, taking heavy equipment through the EMS parking lot while the helicopter was on the ground instead of taking directions from the firemen.

They discussed the 3 fires we had in March, and the storms of March 29th and 30th. Firemen spent a total of 34 hours on Skywarn Duty. At least 5 persons saw funnel clouds within the City of Robert Lee. Fortunately they did not come to ground. After the storm cell passed Robert Lee, the Spotters went to the

Bronte area to assist them if needed. One Spotter had a camera and took pictures of the tornado lifting and scattering a barn and hitting a residence in Runnels County.

Wednesday, the 3rd of April will be a work night and Monday the 8th will be Training Classes. The fire department meets the first and third Monday of each month. Training classes are on the second Monday. Our meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department should contact Fire Chief Rick Drennan, City Fire Marshall/Dispatcher Bud Thompson, or ask any fireman.

Cadets are ages 16 to 18 years, with parent consent and they will receive Fire and Rescue Training.

### E-commerce may harm environment

E-commerce saves trips to the mall, cutting down on gasoline used and pollutants emitted, so conventional wisdom suggests a burgeoning digital economy must mean big benefits for the environment.

Maybe not. Texas A&M University geographer Daniel Sui and colleague David Rejeski of the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., warn that society must also consider and be ready to deal with possible negative impacts of e-commerce, such as demands for increased electricity generation to power more computers or growing materialism on the part of computers. "Scholars and policy makers agree that the Internet's rapid

development is changing our society in fundamental ways as we move in the 21st century," Sui said. "Perhaps the most conspicuous change brought by the Internet has been an emerging digital economy, as characterized by the growth of Web-based businesses to deliver goods and services on a global scale.

"Studies by the U.S. Department of Commerce indicated that e-commerce is becoming the new engine for economic growth, with 56 percent of U.S. companies using the Internet to sell their products" he observed. "By the end of next year, on-line retail sales may reach \$40 to \$80 billion."

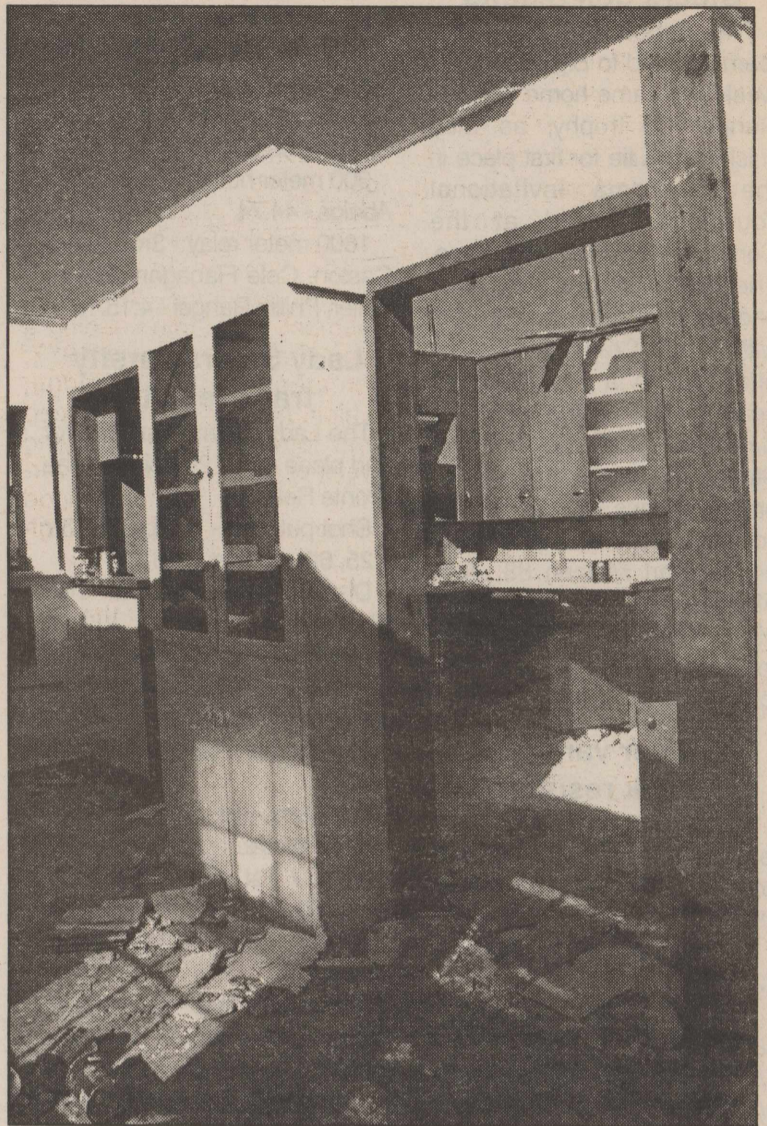
### East Coke County ambulance runs for March 2002

- 3-3-02 - 1:30 - motor vehicle accident
- 3-3-02 - 1:30 - transfer to Airmed
- 3-4-02 - 6:00 - trauma transport
- 3-12-02 - 4:45 - medical transport
- 3-15-02 - 10:28 - trauma transport
- 3-21-02 - 8:15 - medical transport
- 3-24-02 - 12:05 am - trauma transport
- 3-26-02 - 12:00 pm - medical transport
- 3-29-02 - 9:40 - medical transport

### San Angelo CHS reunion

The San Angelo Central High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will be holding a joint class reunion on August 30-31, 2002.

All classmates are invited to join in the planning stages for the reunion. For the class of 1967, contact Herschel Carmichael at 658-7221 and class of 1968, Shireen Jackson at 653-4638.



The tornado which destroyed the Gentry's home near Bronte March 30, cleaned out the kitchen cabinets, but left the glass doors of the china cabinet intact.



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The following was written in 1979 for a Folklore Class at Angelo State University.  
**Oral history of West Coke County**

by Bonita Copeland  
 (continued from last week's issue)

The county has a history of some illegal social events. In 1933, Sheriff Percifull and other officers found and confiscated an illegal plant in the woodland of a farm near the now abandoned Fort Chadbourne. It was a crude affair but it was supposed that it was delivering the goods or rather the booze--as it was connected up and fire had just died out under one of the containers. The sheriff never did find anyone who laid claim to the still.

In the 1960s another confiscation took place, again on the east side of the county. This time the operators were on the scene. This still is stored in the old county jail which is no longer used for a jail.

To be fair to the east side I must include the tale of another social event, this one taking place on the far west side of the county. The people involved in this were not Coke Countians. An Easter Sunday afternoon, April 14, 1963, two Texas Rangers, Sheriff Childress and other deputies were uninvited guests at what they called a "two ring poultry show" taking place at a secluded spot in the northwest corner of Coke County. (Only one road into the site near the river created an easy trap for the social gathering). Seventy-seven men were arrested and paid fines for illegal cock fighting. The county collected over \$1500 in fines that day.

The thrill of black gold discovery in the county in 1946 was similar to that of the old-time prospector finding that shiny stuff in "them thar Hills." On November 17, 1946 Coke County gained its first major oil well and as the result of this discovery, the county began to enjoy the greatest period of prosperity in its history. This first field, and largest discovery is located in the Northwest part of the county near the before mentioned Silver Peak. Since then there have been discoveries in many parts of the county.

In the early 1950s many families who lived in the oil fields and worked for oil companies on the far Northwest of the county felt kinship with the pioneers. This area is rugged near the earlier mentioned Goat Mountain. This part never had in the history of the county been more than sparsely populated. It was mainly known to the rancher and cowboy spoken of earlier.

These families had modern homes but good roads and bridges were yet to come. When rains came and low water crossings were not passable, children walked over the river on a swinging bridge or were carried on a trolley to meet school buses on the other side. These facilities were provided by the oil companies until a later time when good roads and bridges were built. Some anxious prospective parents made special arrangements to be met on the other side of the river, and then carried some 25 or more

miles to the hospital if the unborn chose to come into the world when the river couldn't be crossed by car. Vehicles were sometimes stationed on both sides for company employees who had to go elsewhere on business.

The good roads and bridges did come. Some remember when rains ending a long drought came in 1957, threatening a new bridge, which had to be reinforced and lengthened. Low lying wells of the oil field were serviced in a motor boat. Flood water has not risen as high since that time.

For 80 years people watched red water of the Colorado River roll through the county, and thought about how to hold it within. Through the years plans for a dam on the river have come and gone, as have surveyors when money and provisions played out. To make a long story short, many dreams were fulfilled in 1969. Now E. V. Spence Reservoir backs up behind Robert Lee Dam.

There is not only plenty of water available, but an ideal summer recreation facility has been added to the economy of Robert Lee and the county.

The reservoir, when full, covers 14,950 acres of land, and the capacity is 488,750 acre feet of water. The waters are well stocked with game fish, providing excellent fishing. Sailing, water skiing, and boating are popular sports.

This paper only touches the general area and but a few communities and historical high spots.

In conclusion I want to add that Coke County has a newly organized pageant association. Mrs. Wilson Bryan, a retired music teacher, has led in this organization and each summer directs a pageant portraying some of the history of the county. She and her husband were instrumental in the building of a new amphitheatre, where last summer's pageant was presented. More than 150 people, many of whom were descendants of early settlers, made up the cast.

**NOTES:**

Mrs. J. N. Yarbrough, 86 years old, Robert Lee, Texas published 41 articles in the weekly Robert Lee Observer during the year of 1954. Mrs. Yarbrough used this material in a thesis in 1953, and it is included in a forthcoming book (now in the hands of the publisher) on Coke County History. Mrs. Yarbrough was my high school English teacher in Robert Lee (1945-1949). I have talked with her about this project and she has given me suggestions and permission to use her published material. I believe all the quotes within the paper are hers that are not attributed to someone else.

Mr. Ulmer S. Bird, Sanco, Texas was the editor of the Robert Lee Observer when the above mentioned articles were published. There were some articles he wrote himself concerning the Sanco Community history that I have used.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin, retired ranchers, 78 and 73 years of age, Robert Lee, Texas told me about Edith, some things about Dripping Springs, and about social affairs in the old community

school buildings. They operated the Edith general store and post office during the years 1929 through 1937.

Mrs. Cortez Russell, 88 years of age, Robert Lee, Texas, told me about the first church in Robert Lee.

My father, Melvin Childress, 66 years old, Robert Lee, Texas, was county sheriff in the 1960s. He told me about the stills, the Cock Fight and the early sheriff shooting the young man's horse.

Mrs. Mark Chumley, 84 years old and a native of Coke County, lives with her husband in Robert Lee, Texas. They are retired ranchers. Their land and old family home has been deeded to their children.

Mrs. Jewell G. Pritchett, From the Top of Old Hayrick, (Abilene, Texas, H. V. Chapman & Sons, 1979). I used Mrs. Pritchett's book for a few statistics and the statement that the Dripping Springs site appeared in the Texas Almanac as a natural wonder.

My husband, Leslie Copeland, 52 years old, (Robert Lee, Texas) and I lived 8 miles west of Silver in the 1950s and 1960s. He still works for Perkins Prothro Oil Company in the same area. We moved to Robert Lee in 1968 and he now drives there to work. I am a native of Coke County and his roots have been transplanted here from

near Portales, New Mexico, since 1947.

Mrs. Ruth Williams, 62 years of age, Robert Lee, Texas, my neighbor and a native of the county, helped me collect many, many newspapers that carried Mrs. Yarbrough's articles and others that I used.

**Social Security news**

by Fredi Franki  
 Social Security Manager  
 San Angelo Office

If you think computers are just for the young folks, you're in for a surprise. The fastest growing group of computer users is senior citizens, according to some recent studies.

For example, last week after I had finished speaking at a community meeting, a "mature" lady said this, "I just love the online stuff that's available on Social Security's website. Here I am, a busy 71-year old office worker, with no time to go to my local Social Security office to ask for a Medicare replacement card. My old one became too faded to read. What did I do? I logged on to www.ssa.gov and in seconds I had ordered a new card. I was amazed at how soon it arrived in my mailbox - in less than two weeks!"

This opened an opportunity for me to tell her about our

growing list of online services. Here's what you can do when you visit our website:

\*Use the *Benefit Planners* to help you plan your financial future. Calculate customized estimates of your future Social Security benefits.

\*Apply for retirement or spouse's benefits.

\*Request a Form SS-5 to correct or change your name on your Social Security number card or get a replacement card.

\*Replace your existing Medicare card.

\*Sign up for direct deposit of your monthly retirement, spouse's or survivors benefits or change to another financial institution for receiving your direct deposit.

\*Subscribe to *eNews*, our online newsletter, for the latest Social Security information.

This well-formed lady already knew about filing for retirement benefits online. She said, "I tell all my friends to visit the *Benefit Planners* and be sure to use the website when they're ready to file for benefits. The website is available **24 hours a day, seven days a week**. What could be more convenient and easy to use?"

What else was there for me to say?

**NOTICE OF Trustee ELECTION**  
**(AVISO DE ELECCION Administradores)**

To the Registered Voters of Bronte I.S.D., Texas:  
 (A los votantes registrados del Bronte I.S.D. 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 Saturday, May 4,  
20 02, for voting in a School Trustee election, to elect two (2) trustees for full three-year terms  
 (Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de mayo  
 de 20 02 para votar en la Elección para eligar dos administradores por un periodo de tres años)

**LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES**  
**(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**

City Hall 114 South Washington  
 Bronte, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at  
 (La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Bronte I.S.D. Superintendent's Office - 210 South Jefferson  
 (location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 (date)  
 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el miércoles, 17 de abril, 2002 (fecha)

and ending on Tuesday, April 30, 2002 (date)  
 (y terminando el martes, 30 de abril, 2002 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:  
 (La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)

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

Glenda Draper  
 (Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
 (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

PO Box 670  
 (Address) (Dirección)

Bronte, Texas 76933  
 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

*Recommended but not required*

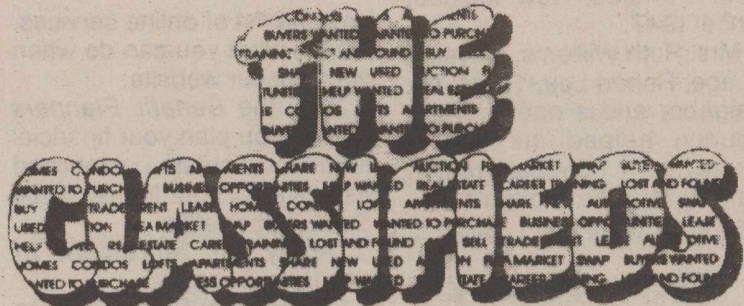
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on  
 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 26, 2002  
 (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 19 day of February, 20 02.  
 (Emitada este día 19 de febrero, 20 02)

*Wayne Carlson*  
 Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)





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Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

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**COKE COUNTY JUDGE**  
 Roy Blair  
**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1**  
 D. Joan Davis  
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**GARAGE SALES**

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Saturday, 8 am - ? 108 Driftwood in Bronte (across highway from nursing home).

**CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE**  
 Bronte, May 4th. Register at City Hall by April 19th.

**HOUSE OF BARGAINS**  
 602 Commerce, Robert Lee. Lots of new & used items. Open Thursday - Saturday.

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Saturday, April 6th only. 7 am - 2 pm, 1102 Washington, Robert Lee. Clothes & miscellaneous.

**Garage Sale**  
 Downtown Robert Lee  
 Friday & Saturday  
 April 5 & 6  
 9 am to 4 pm  
 Some Antiques



### 3-FAMILY

#### GARAGE SALE

201 West 16th Street (In back yard), Robert Lee. Saturday, April 6th, 8:00 am to ???. Baby stuff, 3-piece sectional couch, glider rocker with foot stool, weight bench, golf clubs, glass wear, decorations, clothes, jewelry, purses and lots of odds and ends.

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#### GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 6th, 8-12; Vacuum; toys; clothes; craft supplies; housewares & more! Meagan Ross; 909 W. 12th, Robert Lee.

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## CARD OF THANKS

#### THE FAMILY OF

Noverta Reyes would like to thank everyone for the calls, food, flowers, prayers and the meal provided by the First Baptist Church ladies. God Bless You.

Olivia Basquez

36-1t

#### THE POWER OF PRAYER!

God heard his people as they came together in prayer for our family. Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all those that helped during our time of need. Special thanks to the Coke County Sheriff's Department and all other law enforcement and volunteer agencies involved. We thank God for sending Troy Montgomery by our house at that particular time and we thank Troy for going to get help so quickly. Thanks to the Robert Lee Care Center employees for preparing us a wonderful meal. Also special thanks to Linda Arledge, Mary Bessent and Jackie Walker for staying with us throughout this whole ordeal and taking such good care of us. Please continue to pray for us. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Jimmy & Janie Munoz Family

36-1tc

#### WE WOULD LIKE TO

express our thanks for the gifts of flowers, food, cards, calls & support during our loss. Also a special thanks to the EMS & to all who prepared the meal after the service. May God bless you all.

The Ross Torres Family

36-1tp

#### THANKS TO ALL OUR

neighbors, friends & family for their kindness during my stay in the hospital. A special thanks to Bro. Morris Johnson & Bro. Jim Reeves.

George & Jimmie Snapp

36-1tc

## NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to 42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Coke County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 22nd day of February 2002. Interested individuals may

review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2000 census date. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Coke County, Texas.

Mary Grim  
County Clerk  
36-3tc

#### AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

Conforme a 42.035 Tejas EleccionCodigo, la Corte de Comisario, Condado Coke, Tejas, avisa cambio en las fronteras politicas de condados segun se adopto por la corte de comisario y aprobado (pre-cleared) por Estado Unidos Ministerio Justicia el 22nd de Febrero 2002.

Los individuos interesados pueden repasar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del oficial Condado (County Clerk) durante horas de ofician regulares.

Los cambios en recintos de la eleccion del condado fueron hechos necesario por cambios de los recintos de comisiones del condado en conformidad con la constitucion de Estados Unidos y 42 U.S.C. 1973, tambien sabido como Derechos Al Voto, despues del desbloquear do los datos 2000 de censo. Cambios en eleccion recintos del condado fueron disenados para alcanzar el equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro recintos de la corte de las comisiones, y para asegurar los derechos al voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado Coke de Tejas.

Mary Grim  
Ofical de Condado  
(County Clerk)  
36-3tc

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Glen E. Chapman, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 2002, in Docket No. 1604, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to: Charles Lit Chapman.

The residence of Independent Executor, Charles Lit Chapman, is in Alvin, Brazoria County, Texas, the post office address is:

c/o James A. Carter & Associates

515 W. Harris, Suite 100  
San Angelo, Texas 76903

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 1st day of April, 2002.

JAMES A. CARTER & ASSOCIATES  
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION  
515 W. Harris, Suite 100  
San Angelo, Texas 76903  
915/655-4889

FAX No. 915/657-2070

By: James A. Carter,  
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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT AMENDMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER PERMIT NO. 00997

#### APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.

West Texas Utilities Company, P.O. Box 660164 (N6ENV), Dallas, Texas 75266-0164, which operates the Oak Creek Power Station, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a major amendment to TPDES Permit No. 00997 to authorize a net intake credit for total suspended solids at Outfall 002; authorize the disposal of filter backwash via evaporation; and to authorize the disposal of filter backwash via irrigation over 6.52 acres. The current permit authorizes the discharge of once through cooling water at a daily maximum flow not to exceed 60,000,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001; low volume wastewater on a flow variable basis via Outfall 002; and the disposal of water softener regenerate; metal cleaning wastes, and boiler cleaning waste via evaporation on a flow variable basis. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on September 6, 2001.

The facility is located adjacent to Oak Creek Reservoir, approximately ten miles north of the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas. The effluent is discharged to Oak Creek Reservoir; thence to Oak Creek; thence to the Colorado River Below E.V. Spence Reservoir in Segment No. 1426 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving waters have high aquatic life use for Oak Creek Reservoir. The designated uses for Segment No. 1426 are high aquatic life use, contact recreation, and public water supply. No significant degradation of high quality receiving waters is anticipated.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision (as contained in the technical summary and/or fact sheet), and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Coke County Library, 706 Austin Street, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the applica-

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tion. Generally, the TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application.** If no comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LISTS.** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this per-

mit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from West Texas Utilities Company at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Michelle Gregory at (214) 777-2238.

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LaDonna Castanuela,  
Chief Clerk

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#### Protecting patients privacy

Insurance customers, including health insurance customers, must notify their insurers, in writing, if they want to protect personal financial information from being shared with other entities, according to rules issued recently by the Texas Department of Insurance.

"It's too bad that people have to request their privacy rather than the insurance company being required to request permission to share this information," said Lewis Foxhall, MD, a Houston physician and chair of the Texas Medical Association Privacy Task Force.

The new rules cover disclosure of personally identifiable financial information collected by an insurer. This includes information gathered from insurance applications, collected in the claim payment or adjustment process, or obtained from consumer reporting agencies.

"But the biggest problem is there are still no rules protecting the privacy of personal health information held by HMOs, insurance companies, utilization review agents and other regulated entities that hold such information," Dr. Foxhall said. "TDI is now promising these protective rules in 2002 and we can only hope that they will be as much of a priority for the Commissioner as they are for our patients."

"We're pleased that TDI is moving in the right direction; such rules, if adopted, would more adequately address TMA's concerns over the confidentiality of patient information, and reflect the intent of state and federal privacy laws already on the books."

The proposed rules regarding financial disclosures do not protect individuals applying for insurance coverage. The rules also do not protect individuals participating in employer-sponsored plans or individuals participating in labor union health plans because these plans are shielded from state regulation by the federal Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974.

Insurance companies must notify customers of their privilege to "opt out" of disclosure of personal financial information. Once a customer takes that step, in writing, it remains in effect until the customer, again in writing, notifies the insurer that it is OK to release personal financial information.



**Out of the Ordinary**

by Jane Austin Bruckner  
 (Out of the Ordinary columns will remind you of your heritage, talk about things that matter, and perhaps give you a different point of view. This week features the woman behind Craddock Motor Company. Francis Wylie Lomas, local genealogist writes about her Grandmother Lela Craddock. The complete story is published in Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas, published by Eakin Press.)

**Lela Morrow Craddock**

by Frances Wylie Lomas  
 My grandmother was a business woman before it was fashionable. In 1914 Lela Morrow married Jess Craddock, who had established Craddock Motor Company earlier that year in Robert Lee. Lela shared his interest as well as his labors in the auto world. Many a customer was surprised to find a woman behind the parts counter; female auto parts managers were rare in those days in Texas. She was knowledgeable and quick. If the customer needed something she did not have, she ordered it.

Several years later Lela continued to hand out parts as well as do the bookkeeping. In 1923 the named was changed to Coke Motor Company. Sometime in the mid-twenties my granddad had purchased three additional buildings in Robert Lee. One day a man came in and talked to Lela about renting one of the buildings and he had the ready cash. Without further exchange, she rented one to him. A brief time of carpentry work passed before the new store was opened - a liquor store. Needless to say, it was an even shorter time until the building was vacant. Besides raising a family of four, she was very active in the First Methodist Church and the Women's Missionary Society.

In 1944 they sold the business in Robert Lee and moved to Colorado City where they had purchased the Ford dealership. She continued working as a bookkeeper until 1954 and being active in church work until her death. I was probably the only little girl to sit in the back of a new convertible on the showroom floor and cut out paper dolls with sharp-pointed scissors!

At home, cooking was one of her least favorite things to do, so she found either the fastest or the easiest way to make meals. I do remember the tasty chicken and dumplings at her table.

There was always a folding table set up with a jigsaw puzzle in the works, the more complicated, the better. She taught every grandchild to play Scrabble while at her house, and she never "let" us win. We had to earn the win...and she played for real too! While we were involved in these mind-boggling games, we would sip frosted Cokes. And maybe we'd have two in one day, which wasn't allowed at home.

Grandmother Lela lived alone after my granddad died in 1977,

until she moved to the care center nine years later. At age ninety-three, in 1988, she died, surrounded by our love.

Look for the next story featuring banker Bill Allen's grandmother Amelia.

**Blackhawk down**

Kay Bailey Hutchison  
 U.S. Senator

In March 2002, eight soldiers were killed while carrying out Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan. Observers noted the eerie similarities between this tragedy and the 1993 battle in Somalia portrayed in the recent movie.

Blackhawk Down, in which 18 Army Rangers lost their lives.

In both cases, U.S. special operations forces entered hostile territory by helicopter. The missions proceeded smoothly until several of the aircraft were hit by enemy fire. A U.S. soldier fell from his aircraft in both instances, and in the ensuing fighting, the casualties mounted. The battles left hundreds of the enemy dead, but at the cost of the lives of some of America's finest.

The comparisons between these two military operations are chilling indeed. Perhaps the greatest parallel, as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld pointed out, was the tremendous bravery of the soldiers involved.

However, there are key distinctions. The fundamental difference was the lack of a national security objective in the 1993 conflict. Our mission in Somalia was vague. Americans did not understand why our soldiers were placed in harm's way. The impact of this uncertainty became clear to me soon after the tragedy, when a man walked up to me on an airplane from Washington, D.C., to Dallas. He said, 'Hi Senator. My name is Larry Joyce. I'm your constituent.'

I asked what had brought him to the capital.

'I was burying my son in Arlington National Cemetery,' he told me. 'Senator, I am a military man. I had two tours of duty in Vietnam. My only son, Casey, was on his very first mission as an Army Ranger in Somalia, and he is never coming home. And Senator, I can't tell you why.'

I vowed that day that I would never face a parent like Colonel Joyce again and not be able to tell him why his son or daughter died.

Later, at Senate Congressional hearings about the events in Somalia, I met Larry Joyce again, and we spoke of his son's death. Colonel Joyce feared that Casey had died in vain in Mogadishu. I assured him that if our nation learned the appropriate lessons from Somalia, and never again sent military personnel in harm's way without a national security interest at stake, his son and the other heroes killed that day would not have died in vain.

Our soldiers are now engaged in deadly combat in Afghanistan. These young men and women are highly trained, unquestion-



You can see the foundation of what used to be the Gentry's well house in the foreground. What you can't see are the other barns and sheds that used to be behind the twisted fence. This destruction is due to a tornado that touched down approximately 5 miles northeast of Bronte Saturday, March 30, 2002.

ably professional and singularly brave - just like the soldiers in Somalia. However, the situation for our troops today is far different. They have a clear purpose, vital national interests are at stake, and they have the overwhelming support and resolve of our government and our people. President Bush addressed the nation to explain the importance of the military action before it had even begun. He built an international coalition to prosecute the war, and has made sure that the U.S. military has every available resource for success.

March marked the six-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks that sparked the war, and the support of the American people has not wavered. We have a President and Congress who are committed to wiping out terrorism against our citizens and protecting freedom for our children.

We have learned this important lesson from Somalia. Sergeant Casey Joyce did not give his life in vain.

**Have you written your will?**

While a discussion of your will is probably not popular cocktail conversation, writing a will is probably one of the most important things you will do in your lifetime. Yet every year, thousands of Americans die without leaving a will expressing their wishes for the final disposition of their property. When this happens, the estate could end up in court with family members feuding and the court dictating how your property will be divided.

Having a will that specifies how you want your estate divided will greatly benefit your family during an already difficult time of stress and grief. A will can also minimize tax implications at the time of your death so that your beneficiaries receive your estate rather than the government.

**Basic elements of a will**

- \*Your name and place of residence
- \*Brief description of your assets
- \*Names of spouse, children and other beneficiaries
- \*Alternate beneficiaries
- \*Specific gifts, such as treas-

ured family heirlooms, auto or residence

- \*Establishment of trusts, if desired
- \*Name of independent executor to manage your estate
- \*Name of guardian for your children
- \*Name of alternative guardian should your first choice be unable to care for your children
- \*Your signature
- \*Witnesses' signatures
- \*Self-proving affidavit (to avoid having to find your original witnesses when your will is probated).

A will is especially important if you have young children. If you die without designating a guardian for your children, the court will determine who gets custody.

Remember to share with your attorney the existence of any accounts that you might have that are joint accounts with rights of survivorship or "pay on death" accounts. Your will does not dispose of these! This is also a good time to review your beneficial designations on insurance and retirement benefits.,

**Safeguard Important Documents**

Always keep a comprehensive list of your important documents and store original documents in a safe and easily accessible location. If you have an attorney, you might consider storing original documents in his office.

Always keep copies of documents at home, with a notation as to the location of the originals.

Important documents might include:

- \*Bank accounts where you have deposits
- \*Insurance policies
- \*Credit card numbers
- \*Names and phone numbers of key financial advisers such as your attorney, banker, accountant
- \*Social Security number
- \*Retirement accounts
- \*Income tax returns for last three years

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas encourages you to update your will every few years. Changes in marital status, birth of a child, or move to a new state means your will needs updating.

When you obtain your will,

also consider the value of preparing a durable power of attorney, appointing a trusted person to act for you in the event of your incapacity. Other helpful documents to consider include a medical power of attorney, directive to physicians (living will), and instructions regarding body dispositions.

No one wants to dwell on death, but ensuring that your loved ones are taking care of and that your estate is handled according to your wishes is important for your peace of mind.

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**USDA announces funding availability**

Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development has just announced that federal funds are available for USDA's Rural Development Community Facilities Loan program. The effort is part of USDA's national program to help rural areas build and enhance essential community facilities.

"USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program helps rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations," said Daniel. "With lower populations and tax bases than urban areas, rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

In Fiscal Year 2001, a total of \$6.3 million in direct and guaranteed loans were obligated. Community Facilities loan funds may be used to construct, enlarge or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services. These loans and grants are made to public entities and non-profit organizations. Examples of eligible projects include rural health-care clinics, town halls, fire trucks, county safety equipment, jaws of life, early warning systems, community centers, libraries, day care centers, and schools.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Brownwood Local Service Center at (915) 643-1585, extension 4.