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## Local elections slated for this Saturday, May 15th

Local elections will be held this Saturday, May 15. Opposed races in the county include the Robert Lee mayoral election, both school board elections, and the Bronte city council election.

Both Robert Lee and Bronte schools will be holding an election for board members. Both cities, Bronte and Robert Lee, will also be holding elections to determine council members and a mayor. Both hospital districts, east and west, have cancelled their elections due to no contested races.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill two council seats currently held by Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland. Both council incumbents have filed for re-election. Mayor Garland Davis' term is also expiring. Filing for the office of Mayor are Kenneth Green, Joe White and Kimble Middleton.

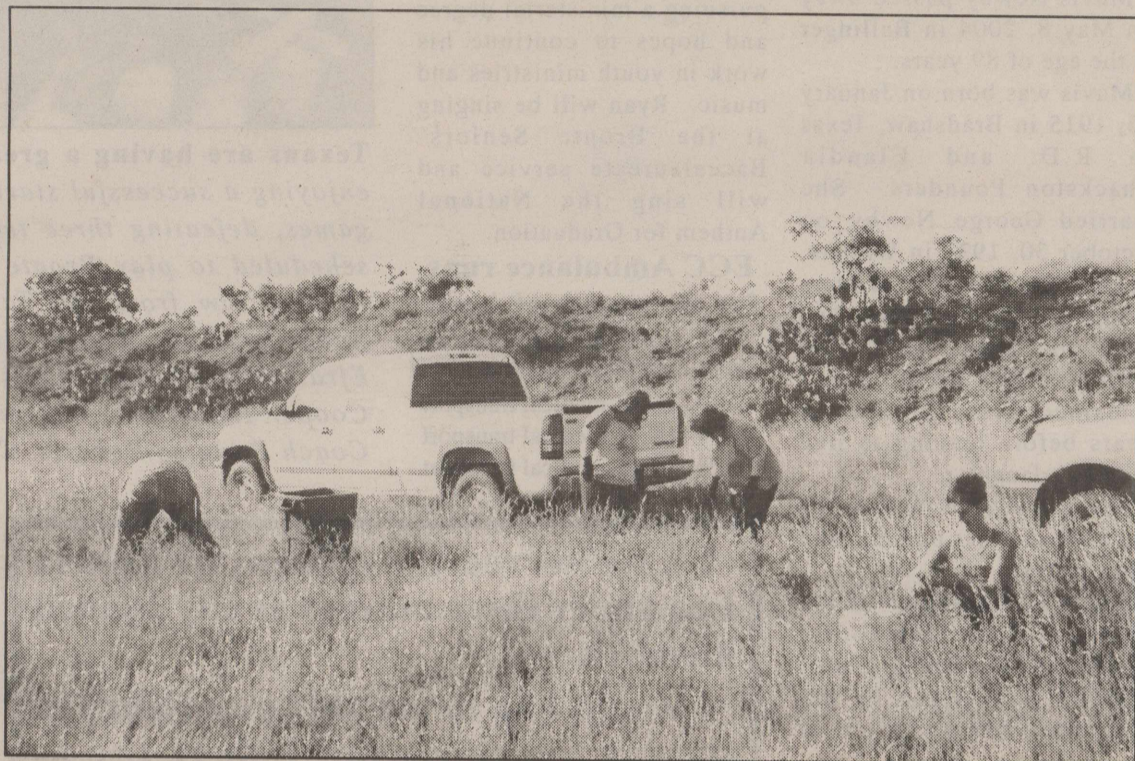
The city of Bronte will have to fill three 2 year council seats

currently held by Martha Ratliff, Charles Sonnenberg, and Leslie Rolls. All incumbents have filed to retain their seats on the Council. Challenging them will be Scott Graves. Mayor Martin Lee's term is also expiring and he has filed for re-election.

Bronte ISD has two vacancies to fill for full 3 year terms. Positions open are currently held by Terry Charles and Gary Acker. Terry Charles and Gary Acker have filed to retain their seats on the Board. They will be joined on the ballot by Paul Williams.

Two places on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees are coming open. These places are three year terms. The terms of Darrell Pitcock and Bill Burns are expiring. Darrell Pitcock has filed for re-election. New candidates filing include Kevin Roe and Gayle Bolding.

Polls will open at 7 am Saturday and remain open



**Bluebonnet Brigade!** Members of the Bluebonnet Brigade met Monday, May 10, 2004, to gather more plants for distribution in other areas of our county. Shown are (from left) Joe White, Heather Williams, Mary Williams, and Kim Spain. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 6 pm at the Observer/Enterprise office in Robert Lee.

until 7 pm. Polling locations include: Robert Lee School Board and Robert Lee Mayoral elections, Coke

County Courthouse; Bronte School Board and Bronte City Council elections, Bronte City Hall.

### Pesticide Applicator License Training set

Producers who wish to obtain a Certified Applicators license to apply restricted chemicals can go through a training session conducted by the Coke County Extension office. If you are interested, registration and training materials must be ordered by May 20 by contacting the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

### CC Retired

#### Teachers to meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 17, 2004. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Annual dues are due. Please plan to pay Monday or mail to our treasurer, Mary Lawhon.

### Graduation issues set

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools during the latter part of May. The issue honoring the Bronte class is set for May 21, with the issue honoring

the Robert Lee class being the following week, May 28.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in either of these special editions, please call 453-2433.

### Coke FSA announces soybean referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will offer soybean producers the opportunity to request a referendum on the Soybean Promotion and Research Order May 3, 2004 through May 28, 2004. To be eligible to participate, producers must certify and provide documentation that shows that they produced soybeans and paid an assessment on soybeans during the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003. Producers may obtain a form to request a referendum from County FSA Offices either in person or by mail.

Forms may also be obtained from:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-soy.htm>

You may come by or call our office at (325) 453-2751 if you have any questions regarding certification or any other program question.



**Coke County 4-H Wins at Judging Contest!** At the District 7 Livestock Judging Contest held in Mason last week, the Coke County 4-H Junior team won several awards. The team placed second in swine classes, eighth in sheep classes, ninth in beef classes and fifth overall team competing against more than 40 teams from across the district. Individual placings were Allison Millican winning first in swine, first in sheep and second overall high individual. Blake Millican placed sixth in swine and Briana Brisbin placed seventh in swine. 4-H members participating included, Allison Millican, Blake Millican, Briana Brisbin, Emilee Yanez and Kacey Roberts.

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**Obituaries**

**Newby**

Mavis Newby passed away on May 8, 2004 in Ballinger at the age of 89 years.

Mavis was born on January 23, 1915 in Bradshaw, Texas to R.D. and Claudia Thackston Pounders. She married George Newby on October 30, 1931 in Winters, Texas. They lived in Winters before moving to Robert Lee in 1968, where they lived until George's death. Mavis remained here for several years before leaving to live with her daughter.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and three sisters.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Bridge Club.

Mavis is survived by her daughters, Georga Jones of Ballinger and Ginger Bryan of Harker Heights, Texas; one sister, Mae Goin of Odessa; five grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Graveside service was held at 11:00 am on Monday, May 10, 2004 at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

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**Central Baptist to honor BHS Class of 2004**

Central Baptist Church of Bronte will be honoring this year's Bronte High School seniors and their immediate families with a barbeque supper on Sunday evening, May 16, 2004, at 7 pm. The supper will be held in the fellowship hall of the church at 325 Franklin Street in Bronte. The meal will feature brisket, sausage, chicken and all the trimmings. There will be gifts for the seniors and a door prize will be awarded. For more information, please call 473-3405 or 473-4811.

**Central Baptist Church welcomes new Youth Pastor**

Central Baptist Church of Bronte has called Ryan White, son of Pastor Tim and Laura White, as the new Youth Pastor. Ryan attended Jacksonville Baptist College this past year, and was part of the college choir and singers ensemble. He has decided to attend a local college

and live at home next year to work in the church.

Ryan graduated from Forney High School of Forney, Texas, in 2003. He is pursuing a ministerial degree and hopes to continue his work in youth ministries and music. Ryan will be singing at the Bronte Seniors' Baccalaureate service and will sing the National Anthem for Graduation.

**ECC Ambulance runs for the month of April**

4-11 - 14:58 medical transport  
4-14 - 05:35 no transport  
4-19 - 09:45 medical transport  
4-19 - 09:45 medical transport  
4-24 - 08:25 medical transport

**I have served the citizens of Robert Lee under three mayors as city council member.**

**I would like to use this experience in serving the citizens of Robert Lee as your mayor.**

*Please cast your vote for*

**KENNETH C. GREEN  
as Your Next Mayor**

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Kenneth C. Green

**Churches of Coke County  
Invite You to Worship**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson  
Bronte  
(325) 473-3291  
Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
(325) 473-4811  
Tim White, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wed. 7 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2360  
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331  
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth  
and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte

(325) 473-3281  
Rev. Carol Fiero  
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 Youth

**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2417  
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship  
Wed. 7 pm Choir

**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
101 Houston • Robert Lee  
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296  
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel  
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am  
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm



**Texans are having a great season!** The Robert Lee Texans Baseball team is enjoying a successful start to their 2004 season. They have won their first four games, defeating three teams from Ballinger and a Winters' team. They are scheduled to play Bronte tonight at 6 pm at home. Team members include: (bottom row, from left) Taylor Sheldon, Jayton Torres, Bianca Huapilla, James Roberts, Jacob Torres, Sidney Sheldon, Shelby Davis, (middle row, from left) Efrain Olguin, Eric Wells, Justin Gartman, Zach Skinner, Laredo Williamson, Cooper Hinderliter, Dawson Brisbin, Samantha Arellano, (top row, from left) Coach Douglas Roberts, Coach Cody Hinderliter, and Coach Kerry Gartman.

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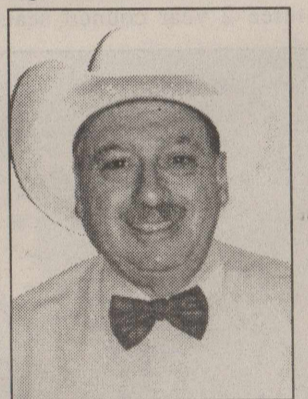
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**Balance**

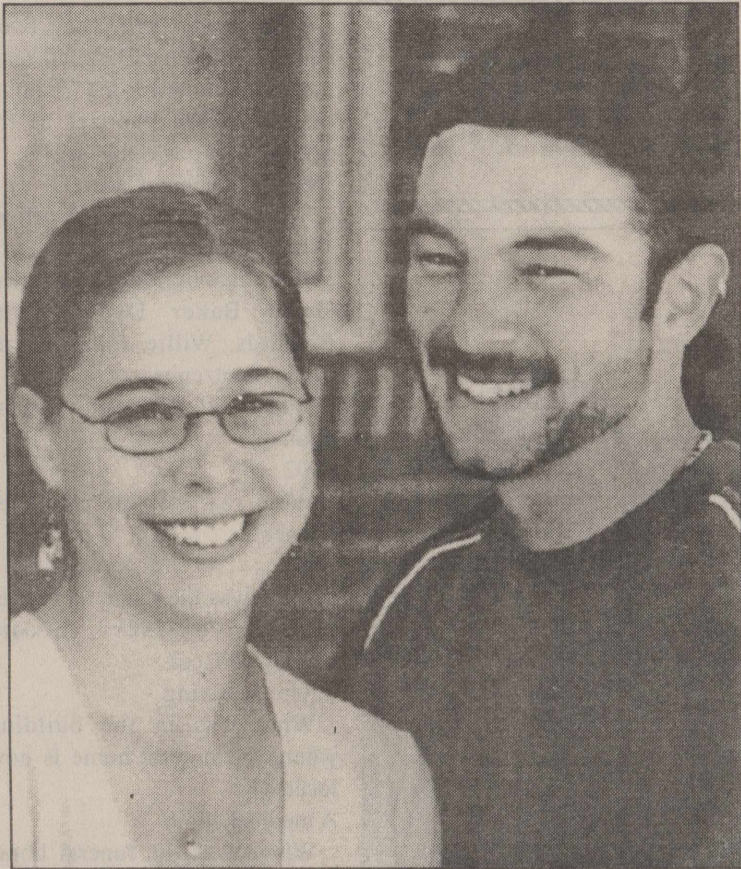
By Mary Williams

I had planned to write an article on how well balanced my life had become since we moved to Robert Lee. This was probably prompted by the fact that, due to a stress fracture of my left foot, I had been walking around rather unbalanced for awhile. But then something happened.

Life has a way of keeping us on our toes and throwing curves every now and then, so we do not become complacent. To make a long story short, we had to move, and quickly. The end result is that, through the kindness and generosity of a very special lady here in town, we were able to buy the house we have wanted since before we moved here. But as I found out, in real estate, things do not always move as quickly as we would like. And sometimes, no matter how good everyone's intentions are, situations arise that put people at odds with one another. (It is good to know these same situations, when handled with understanding and compromise, can also bring people together). There were some very stressful days in the past few weeks. Stressful to the point that I recalled a conversation with some ladies shortly after we moved here. I had not been here long enough to experience any of the negatives. At that moment, I wondered if this was the beginning of my disillusionment with Robert Lee.

One afternoon at work, after a disturbing phone call concerning the house, I began to feel discouraged and helpless. At that dark moment, a memory of one of my many drives down Sanco road popped into my head. In my mind's eye, I saw the mountains and the sky and the beautiful vegetation. And I realized that the dark moment was just that - one dark moment out of a year of happiness, and that one moment would pass, if I let it.

The moment did pass, and in its place was the realization that since we moved to Robert Lee, for every stressful moment experienced,



**Engagement announced!** Donald and Mary Jane Cooper of Bronte announce the engagement of their son, Jason, to Andrea Evans, daughter of Lee and Sandie Evans of Fort Collins, Colorado. A June 19, 2004, wedding is planned.

Andrea is a 1994 graduate of Rocky Mountain High and a 1998 graduate of Grinnell College. She is in the Anthropology department of the University of New Mexico, working on her doctorate in Human Evolutionary Ecology.

Jason graduated from Bronte High School in 1994 and began an apprenticeship building custom furniture in South Carolina. He is currently building custom cabinets and furniture in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jason has a daughter, Breanna, and is the grandson of Margie Cooper and the late Dick Cooper of Bronte.

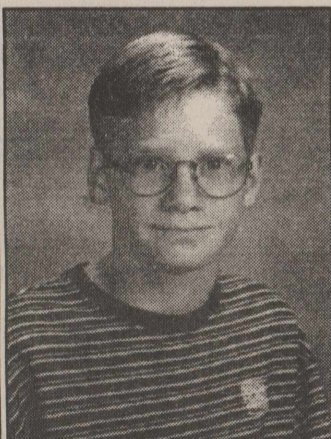
there have been months of contentment and peace like I have experienced nowhere else. For every discouraging encounter, there have been hundreds of positive, encouraging interactions. For every harsh word, there have been countless words and gestures of love and support.

I think of the people I have met here, and how so many of them have a certain light in their eyes. I know it is their kind and gentle spirit showing through. I think of all the people what have done so many wonderful things for us since we have been here. They are angels on Earth. I think of my friends I have made here, and how I cherish each moment with them. They lift my spirit and brighten my days.

We have moved into our

new house and we love it. My foot is better now, and I have regained most of my balance in walking. But I have decided against writing an article on how well balanced my life in Robert Lee is. In reality, it is not well balanced at all, for the positives far outweigh the negatives, and the light far outweighs the dark. In fact, my life in Robert Lee is top-heavy with blessings and goodness!

**In Memory of  
CASEY NEAL  
EUBANKS**



April 24, 1984  
May 17, 1998

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& MISS YOU!**

Mom, Dad, Lori,  
Colby & Nana

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Lady Horns advance to Regional Finals!** The Bronte Lady Longhorns 4 x 100 meter relay team advanced to the Regional Finals at Abilene Christian University on May 1, 2004. Team members include (from left) Lindsey Butler, Kanah Coalson, Callie Johnson, and Sarah Basquez. Cheyenne Webb (not pictured) did an excellent job as alternate by stepping in at the last minute to run for Lindsey Butler.

## All Sports Booster Club election slated for May 18

The Bronte All Sports Booster Club will hold election of officers for the school year 2004-2005 during the annual banquet on Tuesday evening, May 18. The banquet, honoring BHS athletes, is informal this year and is being held at the Pavilion in the Park in Bronte. The fish fry is

scheduled to begin at 6:30. The price of the dinner is \$6.50 per plate. However, the dinner is free to BHS athletes.

Wear your Bronte t-shirts, tennis shoes and bring your baseball glove for this BASB sponsored "Evening in the Park."

### Bronte Trivia

[The following was a part of the program at the recent Bronte Chamber of Commerce non-banquet.]

Did you know one of Bronte's first trade days was held in 1907.

Do you know where the oldest house in Bronte is?

522 S. Jefferson

Who owned the Chrysler/Plymouth dealership in Bronte?

Frank/Otto Wojtek

What year and month was the great Flood?

August 1953

How many cotton gins were in Bronte at one time?

3

What was the last business in the Coke Co. Annex building in Bronte?

El Ranchero

What year did the Texas Rangers Caravan Baseball team come to Bronte for the Chamber of Commerce banquet at the school? Who was manager?

1998 and Johnny Oates

Where was the WTU office? Who worked there?

White brick building downtown. Gwen Baker Dyess, Lana Richards, Willie Johnson and Wade Stautzenberger.

When did WTU move from Bronte?

2002

What year was the new bank opened?

1983

What was the name of Shirley Denton's business before Shirley's Place?

Taylor's Sewing

What was in the building where the funeral home is now located?

A medical clinic

Where was the funeral home before?

At the Southeast Corner of the Town and Country parking lot

What was in Tom's Tire World building?

McGinnis Oil and Butler's Oil

What year was Bronte's last tornado?

2002

Who did we beat out for the gazebo that was at the Depot?

San Antonio

Who is the pavilion named after?

Royce Lee and James Arnold Tidwell

Where is the only concrete pavement in Bronte?

Between the bank, the Longhorn Barbeque, Shirley's Place and Paul Knight's body shop

What was located where the T&C is now?

Home Motors owned by ? and the West Apartments were demolished for the first T&C building. Later, they bought out Carlton Barbershop, Kemp Cleaners, Lester Webb Station and Shaffer Funeral Home to increase the size of T&C

Where is the present day location of these buildings now? What was the name of the store?

McCallum and Wright Co.

What was one of the Chamber of Bronte's first projects?

Fishing tournament

Who named many of the streets of Bronte?

Sorosis Club. Luther McCutchen asked that his street be named Pecan Street. Bill Thomas's daughter wanted her street Kennedy, named after President Kennedy.

How did Bronte get street signs?

The Sorosis Club purchased them. J. T. Henry had his ag boys build the posts. The signs had the name on one side only so they had to have 4 signs to be able to read the street name from all directions.

Many of the house numbers in Bronte were changed. Why?

Because someone found out that the streets were supposed to be even on the east side of the street and odd on the west side of the street.

What was the TF Sims stored named?

Red and White Grocery

Where was it located?

WTU building

Name some of the former mayors of Bronte?

Royce Lee, R.T. Caperton, JA Tidwell, Chester Wilson, JT Henry, Jap Stephenson, Ernest Ivy, HO Whitt, Wink Kiker

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## School Menu

### Breakfast

Monday, May 17

Cereal, orange half, cinnamon toast, milk

Tuesday, May 18

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Wed., May 19

French toast sticks, assorted juice, milk

Thurs., May 20

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Friday, May 21

Pop tarts, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

### Lunch

Monday, May 17

Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, tator tots, sliced peaches, milk

Tuesday, May 18

Chicken fajita, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, flour tortilla, jello, milk

Wed., May 19

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, chocolate cake, milk

Thurs., May 20

Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, roll, milk

Friday, May 21

Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk

## COKE COUNTY KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

### Revenues

Tax Revenues (See Note 2F)	\$1,629
Interest Income	742
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,371</b>

### Expenditures

Directors' Fees	\$375
Clerk Expense	600
Election Expense	0
Office Rent	300
Office Expense	102
Meeting Expense	15
Audit Expense	450
Bond	86
Tax Collection	105
Dam Maintenance	615
Inspection Expense	42
Miscellaneous	148
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,838</b>

Excess (Expenditures)	(\$467)
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Fund Balance, January 1, 2003 \$44,858

Fund Balance, December 31, 2003 \$44,391

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Millican wins again!** Lance Millican, a sophomore at Robert Lee High School, attended the United States Calf Roping Association Heart of Texas Classic Calf Roping in Brownwood and San Saba the weekend of April 17-18, 2004. On Saturday, Lance placed 4th in the average which qualified him to rope for a Dodge truck later this year. On Sunday, he placed 1st in the average and had the fastest time in the final round to win the Heart of Texas Classic saddle. This also qualifies for a position to rope in the US CRA World Champion Showdown Finals in Stephenville this September. Lance is the son of Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee.

ing will begin at 6:30 in the auditorium.

### Robert Lee PTO news

The Robert Lee PTO cookbooks The Best of Robert Lee ISD, have arrived! The cookbooks are filled with wonderful recipes from the staff, students, PTO members, and other family members of our school.

The cookbooks sell for \$10 and make great gifts. To get your copy of The Best of Robert Lee ISD, contact Laura Bell (453-9104) or Katie Drennan (453-2343) or any member of PTO.

### Robert Lee FFA Ice cream supper slated

The Robert Lee FFA Chapter will host an ice cream supper on Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 pm in the Robert Lee Cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a bowl of ice cream.



**Look Who's New!**

**Eva Angelina**

**Christina Tijerina**

She weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20" long. She was born at 5:10 pm on May 10, 2004. Born to Erika Tijerina and Eric Phillips from Fayetteville, NC. Grandparents are Robert Tijerina of Robert Lee and Eva & Jim Ferguson of Huntsville.

**Check Out  
Coke Co.  
Library**

The Coke County Library is gearing up for the summer reading program which will begin June 1, 2004. Several really good prizes have been collected for the Friday drawings, and there is a special prize being awarded by KTXS TV which will be revealed later.

Recent statistics show that children who are not read to from early childhood have only one-half of the vocabulary entering school as those who have been read to as young children. Students who don't read have one-fourth of the vocabulary of students who read by the time they are in the 10th grade. Daily reading results in increased vocabulary and has a durable effect. In other words, the vocabulary established during

regular reading stays with a person throughout their learning experience.

The library has received some very nice book donations recently. Both children's books and adult books have been donated. The library also has a collection of National Geographic Traveler Books for the armchair travelers who want to save gas this summer.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the book drop on the porch of the library.

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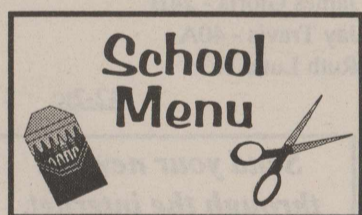
**Come by for a free wiper blade inspection before the spring storm season gets here!**

**453-4561**

Ask For: **Randy Flanagan • Buck Duncan • Billy Wayne Roe**

### RLISD schedules meeting for 6th grade parents

There will be a meeting with 6th grade parents regarding student schedules for next year on Tuesday, May 18. The meet-



### School Menu

#### Breakfast

- Monday, May 17**  
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, May 18**  
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
- Wed., May 19**  
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Thurs., May 20**  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Friday, May 21**  
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

#### Lunch

- Monday, May 17**  
Bean chalupa, salad, tamale, cheese, Spanish rice, pears, milk
- Tuesday, May 18**  
Pizza, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Wed., May 19**  
Ham & cheese sub, salad, pickles, chips, trail mix, milk
- Thurs., May 20**  
Chicken O's, macaroni & cheese, green beans, bread, peaches, milk
- Friday, May 21**  
Hamburger, salad, pickles, tator tots, fruit cocktail, milk

## Cathy's Flowers & Gifts Congratulates the Robert Lee High School Class of 2004

Brian Abalos	Jessica Fluhmann
Joshua Alexander	Shannon Honse
Felipe Arellano	Tyler Lott
Sean Barnett	Amber Perez
Angelica Barrera	Phillip Rangel
Monica Barrera	Monica Rodriguez
Evan Braswell	John Sawyer, III
Julia Cruz	Rory Service
Amber Ferrell	Tammy Townsend
Cole Flanagan	Rachel Wallace
Jennifer Fluhmann	

Robert Lee seniors have made gift selections at

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### Area Youth Fair slated for May 15

The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board Youth Advisory Group, is sponsoring a Youth Fair at Sunset Mall in San Angelo on Saturday, May 15, 2004, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Anyone age 14 through 21 will benefit from this event. There are a number of activities planned including:

- \*easy resume preparation,
- \*summer jobs for youth,
- \*crimes that affect your career,
- \*Job Corp, info about college,
- \*how to dress for the interview
- \*and much more.

Local businesses have donated many door prizes, such as

- \*a diamond ring,
- \*backpacks,
- \*video games,
- \*gift certificates for food and merchandise
- \*a one year membership to the YMCA and
- \*a Sunset Mall gift certificate, to name a few

There will be a drawing at least every 30 minutes. This is a free event for youth ages 14 through 21. Contact Cathy Ballard at 325-655-2005 if you would like more information.

### Sunglasses, sunglasses, sunglasses

Do you have several pairs of sunglasses that you no longer wear? Do you know what you plan to do with these unused sunglasses? Well, here is the answer.

Jan Jones, retired nurse from Central High School, San Angelo, Texas, has a health clinic on Pelican Point, Honduras, Central America. Every summer for the past 25 years she has gone down to Honduras and opened a health clinic. There are no medical facilities on this island and just a few hospitals on the main land.

Pelican Point is mainly a fishing village. The fishermen have a high incidence of pink-eye, eye infections, and then cancer of the eye. Jan is asking everyone who has sunglasses they will not use anymore to donate them to her medical clinic.

A box has been placed at Robert Lee City Hall and another box at Bronte City Hall for you to drop your unwanted sunglasses. The boxes will be picked up on Monday, May 17 as Jan will be in the area on Tuesday, May 18. She usually goes to Pelican Point in mid June.

For more information call Diane Luckett at 473-4821.

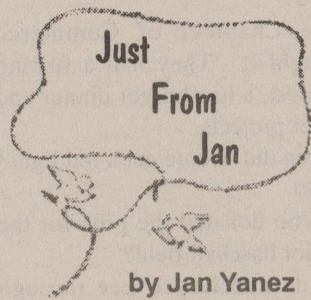
### Texas Folklife Festival slated for June

What better way to travel the world in four days than to visit the 33rd annual Texas Folklife Festival! Mark your calendar for June 10-13, 2004, at the Institute of Texan Cultures in downtown San Antonio; savor authentic international cuisine, delight in the music and colorful costumes of the finest entertainers, and browse through the arts and crafts market.

The Festival runs 5-11 p.m., Thursday, June 10, and Friday, June 11; noon-11 p.m., Saturday, June 12; and noon- 9 p.m., Sunday, June 13.

Group and other discounts are also available. To order

advance tickets (May 1-June 1) visit [www.texasfolklifefestival.org](http://www.texasfolklifefestival.org), or write to Texas Folklife Festival, 801 S. Bowie St., San Antonio, Texas, 78205-3296, or for more information call 210-458-2390.



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

### 7 Ways to Stop Stress Now

Someone once said, "A diamond is just a lump of coal that has withstood a lot of pressure." If that were the case, we should all be shining brightly by now.

Sure, stress can motivate us to get things done--that's the upside. But the downside can be really ugly. Stress, according to a study in the New England Journal of Medicine, can lead to physical problems such as high blood pressure, and can accelerate some effects of aging. And we all know that stress may contribute to emotional upheaval--irritability, anger and even depression.

Here are seven easy strategies--one for each day of the week--to help you meet stress head-on and conquer it:

1. Breathe. Yes! It's that simple. Breathe deeply, but don't hyperventilate. Inhale as though you were sniffing a delightful scent. then stretch your arms high over your head as you slowly and completely exhale.
2. Set boundaries. Just like the stressed-out mom who sat in the playpen to keep away from the children, you can erect some barriers. Decide what you will do--and when. Better still, decide what you won't do and dare to say "no". Try to avoid anything, and anyone, who wastes your time.
3. Clarify your goals. Decide exactly what needs to be done, and plan a smart way of accomplishing each task. Oh, and give yourself a pat on the back every time you achieve even one of your goals, no matter how small.
4. Put yourself first. That's right! If you aren't functioning at your peak, your work and your relationships will suffer. Find time for yourself, and try to do at least one relaxing thing each day: Take a bubble bath, or read a chapter of a favorite book.
5. Give yourself a break. It's okay to goof off, cancel a lunch date, or miss a deadline now and then. In six months or 10 years, who will remember?
6. Get spiritual. Get in touch with your spiritual values, and align your plans and activities with them. For instance, read an inspiring book, then figure out how to incorporate what you learned into your day-to-day life.

7. Take five. Right now stop what you are doing to cherish the moment. Savor whatever you're drinking or eating. Or go outside and smell the air, the flowers and the trees. Feel the wind, sunshine or rain on your face. Listen for tiny sounds. Take a moment every day to marvel at the wonders all around you.

### The Smut on Smoking

Cigarette smoke is a collection of over 4,000 chemicals; including 401 poisons, such as fingernail polish remover (acetone), cyanide (a rat poison), formaldehyde (an embalming fluid), and at least 63 distinct cancer-causing chemicals (carcinogens). It also contains tar, a conglomeration of solid particles that combine to form a sticky brown substance that can stain teeth and clog lungs.

Smoking is the single most important preventable cause of premature death in the United States. It is responsible for one out of every five deaths in the United States. On average, someone who smokes a pack or more of cigarettes each day lives 7 years less than someone who never smoked.

About 87% of lung cancers are caused by smoking. Tobacco is the single biggest cause of cancer and accounts for more than half of all cancer deaths in smokers. Smoking is the main cause of chronic bronchitis and

emphysema. Smoking is also associated with cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, pancreas, uterus, cervix, kidney and bladder.

Smoking is also responsible for heart disease, lung disease and premature wrinkles.

### 'Click It or Ticket'

State officials announced recently that Texas will once again participate in the national Click It or Ticket program to get more motorists to buckle up.

The Texas Department of Transportation reports that safety belt use in Texas in the last year has increased from 81% to almost 85%, thanks in large part to the campaign's combination of extensive advertising and stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt and child safety seat laws.

From May 24 to June 6, which includes Memorial Day weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety and hundreds of local law enforcement agencies will participate in the statewide crackdown on drivers and passengers failing to buckle up themselves or their children.

TxDOT says pickup drivers are a major focus of this year's effort.

"Though pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll as cars, pickup drivers and their passengers are the worst offenders when it comes to not buckling up," said Carlos

Lopez, director of traffic operations. "Wearing a safety belt increases your chance of surviving a pickup rollover crash by 70 percent."

Campaign supporters are counting on new television, radio and billboard advertisements to drive home the point that wearing a safety belt can save motorists from death or serious injury in a crash, not to mention a ticket and a fine. The TV public service announcements feature both humor and drama. In one, state troopers and officers from law enforcement agencies statewide deliver a musical buckle up reminder; the other depicts a graphic pickup rollover crash.

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to use safety belts. Children under 17 have to be buckled up in the front or back seat. Child safety seats are required for children under four years old or less than 36 inches tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.

Since the Click It or Ticket campaign first began in 2002, Texans have responded by buckling up in record numbers. With almost nine of every ten motorists in Texas now using safety belts, TxDOT estimates that in the last two years 205 lives have been saved and nearly 5,000 fewer people have been injured in traffic crashes.

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## Repossessed Vehicles Sold To The Public Due To Overstocked Inventory Conditions At Local Dealership

SAN ANGELO, TX - Bank Repossessed cars and trucks will be sold directly to the public. These vehicles are some of the most hunted for bargains in the Automotive Industry. A large selection of brand new Model cars, trucks, vans, sport utility vehicles, as well as dozens of rental and lease return vehicles, auction vehicles, and dealership used vehicles will be offered for immediate sale at incredible savings to the buyer.

Banks often unload repossessed vehicles to dealerships at rock bottom prices. This week MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC is passing on the savings to the buyers. The dealership is overstocked and must make room for already scheduled-to-arrive vehicles. They are willing to sell these bank-repossessed vehicles regardless of profit.

This Wednesday, May 12th through Saturday, May 15th over 200 new, repossessed

and other pre-owned vehicles will be available, some for thousands below normal values.

"This is an incredible opportunity for bargain hunters! They may never see savings like these again." - Alvin Beaty, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC.

Every repossessed, off-lease and other preowned or new vehicle will be available, some only \$37 down\* then start making payments. "It's so easy," said Alvin Beaty.

**"This is a Huge Sales Event! For 4 Days the San Angelo Area Bargain Car Shopper will save like never before"**  
ALVIN BEATY, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC

"We'll even mark each qualifying vehicle right on the windshield. Just pick your vehicle and pick your payment."

The selection of vehicles ranges from luxury, 4x4s, SUVs, even economy cars; almost every price range imaginable will be avail-

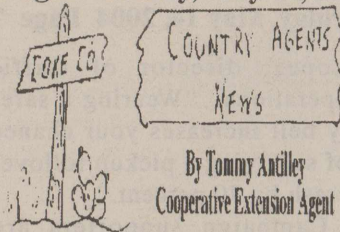
able. "Many of the vehicles are still under factory warranty" said Alvin Beaty. "That's a great reason to buy now!"

The dealership is under an inventory crunch and must sacrifice these vehicles regardless of profit. This Wednesday through Saturday, they will have extra sales and finance staff to assure prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible.

This event is the opportunity many new & used car shoppers have been looking for. "Our excessive inventory is a problem for us, but it's an opportunity for the bargain shoppers," said Alvin Beaty. The \$37 down Repo Event ends Saturday, 6:00 p.m., May 15th. The remaining inventory will be sent to auction.

Questions regarding this event can be directed to (325) 949-1811. MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC is located at 4105 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

\*Bank Approval Required On all credit applications, \$37 Possession Fee plus tax, title and license fees. Negative trade equity will be added to amount financed. Amount of down payment may vary with credit worthiness. Example: '94 Dodge Shadow -\$99 mo. Stk#U2554A, 54 months @9.15%. Several lenders to choose from. Customer Responsible for taxes, title, tags. Vehicles subject to prior sale. Limit 2 vehicles per household. See dealer for details Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC 2004.



By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

### Organic Fire Ant Control

As fire ant mounds continue to pop up, help is only two steps away. The best way to control the red imported fire ant is the Texas Two Step method. This plan follows an integrated pest management approach that involves minimal risk to people, pets, and the overall environment. The first step is to broadcast bait. The bait should contain a food source and an insecticide. This is carried by the worker ants to the rest of the colony, where it becomes a shared food source and kills the entire colony. The second step is to treat mounds individually. Applying a mound drench will provide immediate control but should only be done in mounds around a home's foundation or in high traffic areas.

### Beware of Herbicide Sales by Telephone

It is nearing spring and you may start getting some sales pitches from salesmen over the phone for new "Miracle Chemicals". Every year, they try to sell you something that is supposed to kill weeds for 3-5 years, kill every kind of brush imaginable, etc. These herbicides have a variety of trade-names that are not readily recognizable. The salesperson will contact producers and promote their product as a broad-spectrum herbicide for control of weeds and brush. They promise a quick and long lasting kill of the unwanted plant. The products vary in content, however it often contains 2,4-D and may contain bromacil, mecoprop (MCP), dichlorprop (2,4-DP) and petroleum distillates make up more than 96% of the mixture. The cost of the product is usually high.

Most of these products may kill unwanted plants, but they probably are killing them using a ground sterilant that kills everything. These products must have an EPA approved label, therefore, when these persons contact you, ask for a sample label to see what is actually in them. Most of the time, they will make excuses because they don't want you to know what is in them.

Considering cost, effectiveness and percent of kill, you can kill the unwanted plants easier, cheaper and better with our standard herbicides that have been tested and proven. If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

### Don't Throw Brush Control Dollars Out The Window

Whoa! Not so fast. Sure, we have had some warm weather lately with the temperatures in the 90's, but it's still too early to leaf spray mesquite and prickly pear. Even with the Brush Busters individual plant treatment, which has become so popular the last couple of years, the ground is still too cold and the plants are not fully developed to obtain adequate control of mesquite and prickly pear.

I have been getting several calls on controlling brush species now that the mesquites have put out, but we must not forget that all important "Window of Opportunity" that can make or break a brush control project. For leaf spraying, whether by hand or plane, that window starts once all of the mesquite leaves have turned a dark green, and the soil temperature is at least 75 degrees at a foot to 18 inches deep - any time before that and you are wasting money - if you're interested in killing mesquite, that is. Even though our mesquites have put on leaves, they have not matured enough and the ground is still way too cold.

Now is also the worst time to treat prickly pear with herbicides, because the plants are moving carbohydrates upward to produce new pads and flowers. Herbicides applied too early won't be carried down the plant into the root system, a necessary step for good pear control.

The best time to treat pear aerially is in late summer until fall, when the pads are mature and the fruit is a dark red. Pear can be treated by hand with some success, but the optimum time to get more "bang for your buck" is still in late summer and fall.

If you have time between feeding livestock and praying for rain, now is a great time for treating small re-growth cedar with the Brush Busters leaf or soil spot spray methods. These treatments can be used year round, but are most effective when we receive rain two to three weeks following treatment.

So, if you are after mesquite and prickly pear, better wait until the time is right or you may well be throwing good money out the window, and I'm sure it won't be the window of opportunity either.

If you wait until the time is right, using the Brush Busters treatment for pear and mesquite can obtain excellent results. We have had several demonstration plots around this area the last several years and have obtained almost complete control of small mesquite, cedar and pear.

For further information on brush control, especially the Brush Busters techniques, call the Coke County Extension office at (325)453-2461.

### ECC Ambulance Memorials

**Evelin Mangum Rippto**  
Tennyson Baptist Church  
**Murl Andrews**  
Billie Bruce  
J W & Sue Caudle  
Concho Valley Elect Coop  
Barbara Renfroe  
Hometown Hardware  
Davy & Sherry Davidson  
**James Graves**  
Wayne & Shayne Coalson  
**Jack Moore**  
Elected officials  
Coke County Courthouse employees  
James & Anne Moore  
The Bridge Club  
Senior Citizens Ctr. Volunteers  
Mary H. Moore  
Leon & Mary Prause  
... **Bronte Trivia**

(Continued from page 4)

Who sold milk in Bronte

before the Joe George Wilkins Dairy and the Jeff Dean Dairy?  
DK Glenn and Mr. Cumbie

There was a bakery in downtown Bronte. Who owned it?  
Gilreaths, the bread was unsliced.

What are the names of these hills outside of Bronte?  
Nipple Peak, Kickapoo

Many years ago there was a two story building behind the bank with an outside stairway. Who owned it?  
Woodmen of the World

There was a processing plant in Bronte near the railroad. What did they process?  
Turkeys, and it was owned by the Abbots.

Where was Pecan Mott?  
On the creek where the baseball field is now located.

What year was the school built in?  
1922

Where was the dance hall in Bronte?

In the back of the Cactus Cafe, where the Home Health Care building is now. There was a little balcony where the band played from. Ernest Shorty

Pruitt was one of the musicians. Name some of the men who worked to start the Singing Winds Golf Course.

Junior Bell, Luther McCutchen, Martin Lee, Clytus Smith, Clint Low, Bill Thomas and others.

How did Bronte purchase the land for the junior baseball field?

The Chamber of Commerce bought it. They had a fishing contest, a hamburger dinner and other projects.

When did Bronte get a red light?  
2000

Who donated the pipe for the senior baseball field?

Clyde and Royce Lee through the Hoblitzale Company.

Name some men who worked on the senior baseball field.

Martin Lee, Bill Thomas, Bill Terry, Bill Moody, Horace Griggs, and others.

Name the grocery store in 1908?

Keeny

Name medical doctors that you remember in Bronte?

Dr. Leonard, Dr. Harris, and Dr. Adams

Name another year Bronte

flooded? 1908

What year was the Glenn agency built? 1984

How many water towers were in Bronte at one time? 3

What is the next upcoming event in Bronte?

Fort Chadbourne Days

### Dyess schedules Big Country appreciation

Dyess Air Force Base has scheduled its immensely popular annual air show for May 22 with the featured acts being the Shaw AFB F-16 demo team and the World War II-era performance, Tora, Tora, Tora.

Tora, Tora, Tora is a re-creation of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor featuring old bombers and fighters.

Numerous fighter, bomber and cargo aircraft will be on display as well as ground demonstrations, the jet truck and the Smokin' Guns Car Show.

The air show at Dyess is free, gates open at 8 am. The opening ceremony is at 9:00 am.

For more information, contact Dyess Public Affairs at (325) 696-2862.

# IT'S A HOLD UP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

You are hereby ordered to attend the  
**"3rd Annual Fort Chadbourne Days Living History" Event**  
on May 15th, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Activities include:**

- Fort Tours
- Book signing
- Buffalo Tours
- Cavalry drills
- Infantry drills
- Food vendors
- Living Historians
- Cattle working demo
- Arts and Craft vendors
- Black powder shooting
- Live entertainment
- Texas Fiddlers
- Lone Star Cloggers
- Military Gun Display
- Concho Valley Archeology Dig

**Admission:**

**Adults - \$3.00**

**Kids - \$1.00**

For more information call:  
**Fort Chadbourne Foundation**  
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[fortchad@taylorlortel.com](mailto:fortchad@taylorlortel.com)  
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Fort Chadbourne is  
located halfway between Abilene  
and San Angelo, TX on Hwy 277,  
12 miles north of Bronte.