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Robert Lee "City-Wide Spring Clean-Up"

The "City-wide Spring Clean-Up" event is scheduled for the third and fourth 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 Friday trash pick-up will be serviced on Saturday, April 22. Trucks will begin at 7 am.

Residents are encouraged to haul brush, tree limbs, shingles, bricks, and lumber materials to the City Landfill on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Residents with a water bill will receive free disposal at the landfill on April 15 & 22. Brush placed at curbside MUST be bundled and in lengths of not more than 4 - 5 feet.

Trashaway personnel will not pick up appliances, loads stacked on trailers, or household trash, tires, batteries, chemicals or wet paint.

Due to the fact that appli-

ances cannot be landfilled at San Angelo, they will not be picked up curbside. On April 29th a roll-off will be available at the Wastewater Plant from 8:00-12:00 noon for a free disposal to City residents.

Please be available to help load anything over 50 pounds. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 453-2831.

Mountain Creek Golf Club tournament

On April 22, 2006, there will be a three-person, 27-hole Select Shot. Tee time will be at 9:00 am. For costs and more information call the Mountain Creek Golf Club at 453-2317.

Volunteer Appreciation program set

A long time volunteer in Robert Lee said, "Rural Texas rides on the shoulders of volunteers." On Saturday evening, April 22, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, in the RLISD auditorium, volunteer appreciation will be the topic of a talk by Nicki Harle, Director of the Texas Midwest



County Teams Win Area Championships! The Robert Lee Steers and the Bronte Lady Longhorns brought home Area Championship trophies recently. Full details are on the respective School Pages in this issue of the Observer/Enterprise. The Lady Horns were named Area Champs at the District 15-16A Area track meet at Bangs, Thursday, April 13, 2006. Members of the team include (back row, from left) Coach Amy Bohensky, Coach Mike Bohensky, Hannah Holland, Emilie McMullan, Ariel Coalson, Cindy Barba, Coach Hilliard, Coach Bedford, (middle row, from left) Megan Gibbs, Katie Cooper, Marcy McMorris, Jessi England, Holly Huskerson, (front row, from left) Lindsey Butler and Sarah Basquez.

Community Network. A native of Baird, Texas, and a board member of the Office of Rural Community Affairs, she will bring together the impact of volunteering and the economic survival of rural communities.

Refreshments will follow in the cafeteria. Several agencies in Robert Lee will have displays in the cafeteria to create an awareness of their work. A brochure has been prepared which lists the history and goals of more than 30 volunteer-driven agencies in Robert Lee and Coke County. A brief history of Robert Lee's nine churches are also included.

Certificates have been made for each of the agencies expressing appreciation to the volunteers who serve so graciously.

BH&RC to host Area Agency on Aging counselor

Have questions about Medicare Part D? Which prescription drug plan should you choose? How do you avoid penalties? Are VA benefits enough? How do I avoid scams?

Patsy Fernandez, benefits

counselor for the Area Agency on Aging, can answer all of these questions. She will also help you choose a plan and then set you up.

Patsy will be at Bronte Health and Rehab Center on April 27 to help. She will present general information to the public from 9:30-9:45 am. For personal assistance, an appointment is required.

For more information or to schedule an appointment in Bronte, please contact Sherri Munsey, LBSW at 473-2408 or 656-2039. Please remember that you must bring ALL your prescriptions (actual bottles preferred), actual price of medications you are taking (if possible), Medicare card, Medicaid information (if you have it), and proof of income.

Rabies Clinic slated for April 29

The annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic, sponsored by the Coke 4-H Club, will be held Saturday, April 29, 2006, at the South end of the show barn at the Robert Lee Park.

The clinic will be held from 2 pm until 4 pm. All pets 4 months of age or older should

be immunized against rabies annually. A veterinarian will be in charge.

Bronte City Wide Garage Sale

scheduled for May 6

If you are planning to have a garage sale on May 6, you need to call Bronte City Hall at 473-3501 to get your name/address on the city maps to be distributed the day of the sale. The garage sale is being advertised in Abilene, Sweetwater, Ballinger, San Angelo, Bronte, and Robert Lee.

RLISD

Pre-K/Kindergarten registration set

Registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten 2006-2007 will be held in the Robert Lee School cafeteria on May 9 at 9:30 am. To be eligible for Pre-K, your child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1. For Kindergarten, your child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1.

Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, up-to-date shot record, and social security card.

If you have any questions, call Judy Shook at 453-4555.

County Rainfall Totals

	January	February	March	Total for Year
Edith Area • Dee & Dessie Kendall				
2005	.5	2.75	3.1	6.35
2006	0	.70	3.50	4.2
Valley View Area • Bobby and Jeffie Roberts				
2005	.41	2.27	2.41	5.09
2006	.04	.22	3.46	3.72
Divide Area • Dolores McCabe Seal				
2005	.75	2.55	1.29	4.59
2006	.07	.22	4.68	4.97
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2005	.5	3.7	4.5	8.70
2006	.4	.4	3.5	4.30
Bob Blackwood • 4 miles E. of Robert Lee				
2005	.61	2.63	2.60	5.84
2006	.08	.32	5.34	5.74
Bronte Area • Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg				
2005	.65	2.76	3.07	6.48
2006	.62	.28	3.11	4.01
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2005	.6	4.35	1.9	6.85
2006	.3	.3	5.00	5.60

Quarterly Rainfall Report! A quick look at the rainfall report above will make you thankful for the month of March. With the exception of a shower or two in February, the county had gone without measurable rainfall since October 26, 2005.

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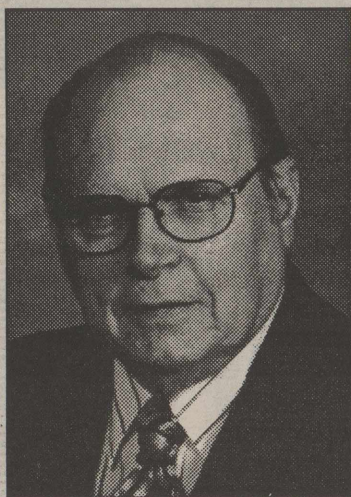
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Death Notices



Bowman

Elgin Clark Bowman, 78, passed away at the Robert Lee Care Center, Thursday, April 13, 2006.

Funeral services were held at 4 pm, Saturday, April 15 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, with burial in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Clark was born and raised in Iredell, Texas. Married to Bobbie Jo Gosdin, they raised 3 children, living in the Iredell, then Fort Worth areas. He retired as a United States Postman, who walked many blocks of Benbrook, Texas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Clark loved baseball and initiated the start of Little League Baseball in Benbrook. He was able to coach the game there for over 25 years and touched many lives. He also served as a Sunday school teacher for many years. Clark spent many hours working in his shop building woodcrafts and furniture. He loved helping people, especially children. He was briefly married to Jo LaVerne Dodd Henry.

Clark later enjoyed square and round dancing. It was while square dancing that he met and married Rheba June Taylor. They lived in Benbrook for several years before relocating to Robert Lee. He was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rheba, parents, Travis Otto and Addie Faye Bowman, one brother, Marvin Bowman, one son, Rick Bowman, and one grandson, Daniel Ross.

Clark is survived by his children Nick and Diane Bowman of Meridian, Fred and Ginger Shattuck of Chapel Hill, Tennessee; step children, Charlie Taylor, Mark and Deana Thomas of Springtown, William and Cindy Taylor of San Angelo, Randy and Vonie Davis of Weatherford, and Ricky and

Becky Ross of Robert Lee; one sister-in-law, Irma Blair of Robert Lee; one aunt, Oza Smith of Walnut Springs, one cousin, Linda and Tommy Weir of Morgan; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

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Caston

Clemence (Clem) R. Caston, died Thursday, April 13, 2006, at his residence. Clem grew up in the Wildcat community.

Clem was born Sept. 18, 1929 in Artesia, N.M. He was the son of Joe and Bessie Johnson Caston.

Memorial services were April 17, 2006, in Odessa.

He was preceded in death by wife Louise, brothers, Henry Caston, Carlton Caston, sisters, Mary Jo Harmon, and Betty Lou Harp.

Survivors include J.C. Caston, Odessa, Lowell Caston, Ft. Stockton, Evelyn Copple, LaGrand, Oregon, Leta Caston, J.D. Harmon, Robert Lee, Inez Caston, Farmington, NM, J.B. Harp, Abilene and a host of nieces and nephews.

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The Coke County Food Pantry serves residents of Coke County who can provide proof of a physical address within the county. The Coke County Food Pantry receives no money from Federal or State agencies. As the cost of living rises we know that there are those who continue to need help. The Coke County Food Pantry is open each Wednesday from 2:00-5:00 pm and is located at 710 Washington in Robert Lee. Residents of Bronte and Blackwell needing transportation to Robert Lee may meet the Thunderbird van at the old depot in Bronte. The van departs about 2:45 so riders need to be at the pick-up station between 2:30 and 2:40 pm.

Memorials or donations may be mailed to the Pantry's NEW ADDRESS: Coke County Food Pantry, Box 601, Robert Lee, Tx. 76945 or may be given to Joan Burns or Mary Bessent. Cards acknowledging your gift or memorial will be sent to the person(s) designated by the donor.

Bronte Senior Citizen Center Memorials

R.T. Caperton

Tony & Debbie Mackey
Betty Morgan

Dorothy Collins

Pete & Mary Percifull

Bronte class of '59 slates reunion

The Bronte Class of 1959 will have a class reunion on Saturday, April 29, 2006. The reunion will be held in the Bronte Housing Community building at 116 N.E. Railroad.

Class members in this group include Tommy Bell, Ellen Brock (Martin), Diane Casey (Coulter), Ronnie Cole, Steve



Burns and Blair join NRHHA! North Runnels Home Health Agency welcomes back Cookie Burns, RN to service the Robert Lee area along with JoNell Blair, LVN.

Colvin, Ray Eubanks, Albert (Buddy) Grace, Jr., Epsie Jo Hageman (Hanna), Frances Johnson (Gamble), Jettie Lou Kirkland (McKnight), Abel Martinez, Modene McGuire (Yocham), Linda Smith (Martz), Olivia Reyes (Basquez), Stover Taylor, Jimmy Tomlinson, and Juanita Wrinkle (White).

Family and friends are invited to visit with this group from 2-4 pm.

For additional information, please contact Modene at 432/534-8982 cell, 432/693-2418 home.

ASU schedules Genealogy workshop

Gay E. Carter, a University of Houston librarian with 25 years of experience in genealogical research, will lead the fifth annual genealogical workshop sponsored by the

Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection at Angelo State University on Saturday, May 20.

A reference/documents librarian at University of Houston-Clear Lake, Carter will cover the U.S. Serial Set, the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) and use of the Internet in genealogical research. The popular daylong workshop will run from 8:30 am to 5 pm May 20 in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont on the ASU campus.

Persons interested in registration fees and registration should contact the Friends of the Library (fees lower prior to May 5) by phone at 325-942-2164 or by mail at Friends, ASU Station #11013, San Angelo, TX, 76909-1013.

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Area Churches

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Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte

(325) 473-4811

Tim White, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 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. Larry Tianen

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

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Pastor: Basilio Esquivel

Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am

& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne

Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685

Portis Ribble, Minister

Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;

Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee

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Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724

Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennysen Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennysen

Joe Hodges, Pastor

(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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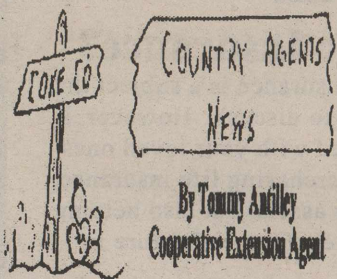
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Fort Chadbourne Sunrise Service! A glorious sunrise service was held Easter Sunday at historic Fort Chadbourne. Approximately 100 people of all denominations, from Bronte and the surrounding communities attended. With the congregation facing east, the service was held in front of the barracks where a newly erected cross stood. Recently built by the OK Smarts Retired Military Group, this group of men and women had spent two weeks in March at the Fort, donating their time and efforts to the ongoing restoration of Fort Chadbourne. Musical entertainment was enjoyed by all before Rev. Larry Tianen, of the First United Methodist Church of Bronte, gave the sunrise message. Many attending expressed their hope that this will become an annual event.



Turfgrass Best Management in Drought

For most areas of the state, 2005 was one of the driest years on record. Even though some areas of the state recently have received some welcome rainfalls, forecasts are still for this drought condition to continue, at least until sometime in the summer months. While there is not a lot homeowners can do to save their lawn if water becomes unavailable for use on landscapes, proper lawn management this spring will have a major impact on how long the lawn can survive drought conditions. Listed below are some of the best management practices for managing turfgrasses during drought conditions.

(A) Fertilizations: As long as water is available, apply the recommended rate of nitrogen for the turfgrass site. Do not apply excess nitrogen and create excess topgrowth in the turfgrass plants during the spring months. Creating excess topgrowth will affect the plant's ability to develop a deep, extensive root system. For most turfgrasses,

apply 0.5 to 1.0 pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 sq.ft. in the spring months. If lawn irrigation is severely restricted or completely turned off, then discontinue applying any more fertilizer, especially nitrogen, to the lawn. If a soil sample has not been taken, recommend the homeowner have the soil in their lawn tested to make sure there is adequate phosphorus and potassium to meet the plants needs. Potassium is a key nutrient in stress tolerance for turfgrass plants, including drought tolerance. If soil potassium levels are low, then apply a fertilizer in the spring that has both nitrogen and potassium in the fertilizer. For more information

on proper spring timing of fertilizer application for your area, refer to publication "Lawn Fertilization for Texas Warm Season Grasses: Frequently Asked Questions (SCS-2005-15)" for more information. It is available at the following link: <http://aggie-turf.tamu.edu/answers4you/fertilization.htm>

(B) Mowing: As long as the turfgrass plant is growing, then continue to mow. Make sure the lawn is mowed often enough to never remove more than 30 to 40% of the leaf blade. Removing excess leaf area will stress the turfgrass plants and thus make them less tolerant of drought conditions. If the grass stops

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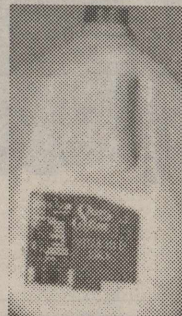
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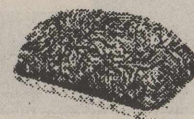
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day! Robert Lee Elementary 4th grade students, along with their teachers, Denise Roberts, Kelli Crain and Principals, Dwin Nanny and Wayne Simpson, visited the Farm Bureau Mobile Learning Barn (top photo). Sutton Page of Farm Bureau demonstrated how important agriculture is to everybody. Bobby and Jeffie Roberts demonstrated "Butter Making" to the students as a part of the Farm Bureau Ag Day, which was held March 23, 2006.

RL Area track results

The Robert Lee High School boys track team placed first at the area meet with 116 points. Results are as follows:

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, April 24
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
Tuesday, April 25
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
Wednesday, April 26
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Thursday, April 27
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
Friday, April 28
Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 24
Fish, mac & cheese, black eyed peas, roll, mandarin oranges, milk
Tuesday, April 25
Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, peaches, milk
Wednesday, April 26
Hot dog, chili, cheese, fritos, pork & beans, apple, milk
Thursday, April 27
Chicken O's, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll, pears, milk
Friday, April 28
Sub sandwich, ham & cheese, salad, pickles, baked chips, fruit cocktail, milk

Discus - 4th) Eleasar Vera, 118'6"; High Jump - 2nd) Kevin Honse, 6'0"; 3rd) Cameron Hodge, 5'10"; 7th) Josh Gallegos, 5'6"; Long Jump - 3rd) Josh Gallegos, 19'8"; Pole Vault - 3rd) Taylor Percifull, 11'0"; 5th) Chris Torres, 10'6"; 3200m - 6th) Michael Rodriguez, 12:50.35; 400m relay - 1st) Cameron Hodge, Kevin Honse, Brandon Soliz, Josh Gallegos, 44.19; 800m - 3rd) Chris LaRue, 2:10.02; 110m hurdles - 2nd) Cameron Hodge, 16.21; 100m dash - 8th) Brandon Soliz, 12.24; 800m relay - 6th) Chris Torres, Brody Dillard, Taylor Percifull, Chris LaRue, 1:40.39; 400m dash - 1st) Kevin Honse, 51.86; 300m hurdles - 5th) Chris LaRue, 43.84; 200m dash - 2nd) Josh Gallegos, 23.66; 1600m run - 2nd) Chris

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Torres, 4:56.34 - 1600m relay - Josh Gallegos, Brandon Soliz, Cameron Hodge, Kevin Honse, 3:38.19.

The girls track team also fared well. Cara Eaton set a new school record in the pole vault with a jump of 5'6", with the old record being 5'4". Other results include: Discus - 1st) Becca Skinner, 107'7"; 400m relay - 3rd) Meagan Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Brettmie Reed, Cara Eaton, 55.54; Shot Put - 5th) Arin Minjarez, 31'6"; 3200m run - 8th) Jodi Sheldon, 17:00.21.

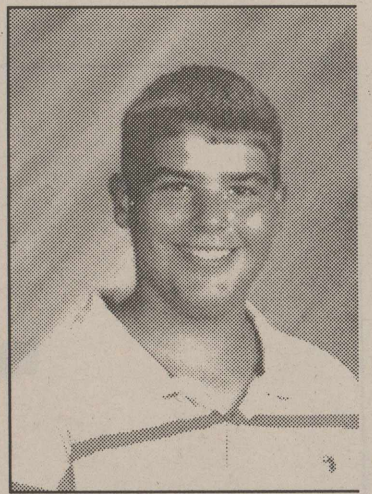
National Award Winner named

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Garrett Wade Blair from Robert Lee has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Garrett Wade Blair, who attends Robert Lee High School, was nominated for this national award by Tammy Roe, a teacher at the school. Garrett will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreci-



Garret Blair

ated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a qualified sponsor.

Garrett is the son of Terri and Joe Dee Blair from Robert Lee. His grandparents are Dean Kinsey and the late Wesley Kinsey of Robert Lee and Curtis and Faye Blair of Robert Lee.



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Contemplating Life Insurance?

For one reason or another, life insurance is a subject that most people typically don't like to discuss. However, it is a matter that must be addressed with your loved ones and your insurance agent. By purchasing life insurance, you are not only protecting your assets, but also helping your family members manage their financial future in difficult times.

While there are many different types of life insurance policies, they generally fall into two categories - term and permanent.

Term insurance is the simplest form of life insurance. It provides financial protection for a specific time, usually from one to 30 years. These policies are relatively inexpensive and are well-suited for temporary goals, such as insurance protection during the child-raising years or while paying off a mortgage. They provide a death benefit, but do not offer cash savings.

Many people view term insurance as a cost-effective way to protect their families and still have money to put into other investments.

Permanent insurance (such as whole life and universal life) provides long-term financial protection. These policies include both a death benefit and, in some cases, cash savings. Because of the savings element, premiums tend to be higher. However, the premium in a permanent policy remains the same, while term can go up substantially every time you renew it. This type of insurance is good for long-range financial goals.

If you purchase permanent insurance, your premiums will pay a death benefit and may also build cash value that can be accessed in the future.

As a Germania representative, I want to help you make the best insurance decision. Should you have any questions or if you need coverage, please feel free to call me.



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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Cross Walk! The First United Methodist Church of Bronte sponsored a Cross Walk, April 14. There were 35 walkers, ranging in age from 3 to 76. They walked about 2.8 miles. Pictured here are a group of kids who participated. They include (top to bottom, left to right) Cambrey Lange, Shandee Vaughn, Darby Duncan, Jordan Rowan, Austin Mertz, Sterling Curnutt, Dalton Ogle, Caitlin Lange, and Kimberly Ogle.

Lady Longhorns win Area Championship

The Bronte Lady Longhorns earned 117 points to finish first at the District 15-16A Area track meet Thursday, April 13, at Bangs. The Lady Longhorns finished 34 points ahead of second place Santa Anna to capture their second consecutive Area title. Katie Cooper and Holly Huskerson each had 19 points for the team. Marcy McMorris set two personal records in the pole vault, clearing 8.6 and 9.0 on first attempts. Bronte will advance eight girls to the

Regional track meet in nine events, including three relay teams. The Lady Longhorns earned gold medals in three events and finished second in five events.

Earning gold medals for the Lady Longhorns were Katie Cooper - pole vault 9.06'; the 400m relay team of Katie Cooper, Marcy McMorris, Lindsey Butler and Sarah Basquez with a time of 52.13 seconds; and the 1600m relay team of Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Hannah Holland and Holly Huskerson with a time of 4:26.02.

Placing second for Bronte were Sarah Basquez - 100m dash, Holly Huskerson - 300m low hurdles, 800m relay team of Katie Cooper, Lindsey Butler, Hannah Holland and Sarah Basquez, Marcy McMorris - pole vault, and Lindsey Butler - 200m dash.

Holly Huskerson placed third in the 800m run. Jessi England placed third in the 400m dash and fourth in the 800m run. Placing fifth in the 100m hurdles was Emilie McMullan. Hannah Holland placed sixth in the triple jump, while Sindy Barba placed fifth in the 400m dash.

The Lady Longhorns have two weeks to prepare for the Regional track meet at Abilene Christian University in Abilene on April 28-29. Event schedules for the Regional track meet will be available at The Barber Shop, First National Bank, or the Bronte ISD Administrative Office.

Bronte ISD Board meeting held

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on April 12, 2006, at 7:00 pm in the Board Room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Bob Frazee, Gary Acker, Terry Charles, Kendall Gibbs, Scott Frasier,



Bronte Boys Golf Team Advances to Regionals! The Bronte High School Boys Golf team placed second at the District golf tournament. This qualifies them for the Regional tournament to be held April 24-25 at Maxwell Municipal Golf Course in Abilene. Logan Rawls (second from left) took District Medalist honors. Team members include (from left) Kyler Lee, Logan Rawls, Zach White, Philip Rawlings and B.J. Bilbrey.



Coke County Ag Day! Michelle Bearden and her Bronte 4th grade class participated in the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Ag Day on March 23. She was assisted by Gloria Allen. Farm Bureau Directors John Stephens, Bobby Roberts, and Alonzo Robbins, along with Farm Bureau Fieldman Sutton Page, and Jeffie Roberts are pictured in front of Joe Harmon's stock trailer containing a milk cow and sheep. The students were able to hold a baby lamb.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, April 24
Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, April 25
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Wednesday, April 26
Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, April 27
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Friday, April 28
French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 24
Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rosemary applesauce, roll, milk

Tuesday, April 25
Hot dogs, chili & cheese, baked beans, tator tots, assorted fruit, bun, banana pudding

Wednesday, April 26
Enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, apple crisp, milk

Thursday, April 27
Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup, bread sticks, milk

Friday, April 28
Ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, grapes, chips, sugar cookie, milk

and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Michael Bohensky, Terry Marrs, and Rick Howell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Scott Frasier.

The Board approved a new stair lift and the 2006-2007 student transfer list. The Elementary summer school dates were approved and they are June 5-26 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. The Board approved an agreement with Coke County to lease the new voting machines and approved the Bronte ISD Wellness Policy. Promethean Boards were approved and discussion was held on the nurse position.

Michael Bohensky, CCJJC Principal, Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, and Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal, gave their reports.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a facilities update, informed the Board about a pilot program for grand locator, and updated the Board on the Trustee election, which will

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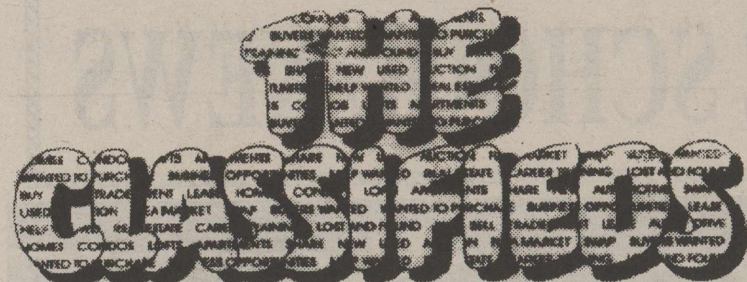
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for the prayers, food, flowers, visits, and phone calls from everyone. We really appreciate it. Laura and Doug Bell

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The R.T. Caperton family finds it hard to express the appreciation we feel for all of you who have supported R.T. and Zelma throughout the last years of their lives. Your concern and kindnesses - cards, calls, visits, gifts and prayers - have been so important to all of us.

We'd like to especially recognize the First United Methodist Churches of Bronte and Blackwell, as well as the First Baptist Church of Bronte. They have been constantly faithful to pray for us. Cynthia Robinson, our extended family sister has gone the extra mile over and over again. Our neighbors, Joe and Glenda Draper have been the best of friends, always there when needed, and that's been alot of times. Kay and Alonzo Robbins have been invaluable. And of course, there's best friends Royce and Jean Fancher and Tuny and Mary Glenn - the Traveling Gang. But again to all of you who have been so good to our family - we salute you.

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of Bronte I.S.D., Texas. Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on May 13, 2006 for voting in a General Election to elect three trustees for full three-year terms. Location of polling place: City Hall-114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas 76933. Early voting by personal

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appearance will be conducted each weekday at Bronte ISD Superintendent's Office-210 South Jefferson, Bronte, Texas between the hours of 8:00 am-4:00 pm beginning on May 1, 2006 and ending on May 9, 2006. Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Gina McCutchen, Box 670, Bronte, TX 76933. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business on May 5, 2006.

SS//Wayne Coalson
President

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A los votantes registrados del Bronte I.S.D., Texas. Notifiquese, Por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrieron desde las 7:00 am hasta las 7:00 pm el 13 de Mayo de 2006 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir eleccion tres administradores por un periodo de tres anos. DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES, City Hall-114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas 76933.

La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a vienes en Bronte ISD Superintendent's Office-210 South Jefferson, Bronte, Texas entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 1 de mayo, 2006. Las solicitudes para boletas que votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Gina McCutchen, Box 670, Bronte, TX 76933. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 5 de mayo, 2006.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Robert Lee ISD will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 6:45 pm in the RLISD High School Library. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the RLISD Drug Policy. There will be a second public hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 6:45 pm for the same purpose.

...BISD Board News

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be held on May 13, 2006. Early voting will be held from May 1-9, 2006, at the Superintendent's office. Mr. Richey has recently been elected to be a new member of the UIL Legislative Council.

The Board gave approval of real property purchases, approved non-certified positions, and completed their Board evaluation.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 10:00 pm.

...Turfgrass

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growing due to drought conditions, then discontinue mowing the grass.

Slightly raising the mowing height will help reduce some stress on the turfgrass plants. However, raising the mowing height doesn't mean the turfgrass plants will use less water as some people believe. Listed below are recommended mowing heights for the different turfgrasses in home lawns during drought conditions.

Common Bermuda grass 2 to 2.5 inches; Hybrid bermuda grass 1 to 1.5 inches; St. Augustine grass (sun) 3 to 3.5 inches; St. Augustine grass (shade) 3.5 to 4.0 inches; Centipede grass 3.5 to 4.0 inches; Zoysia grass (japonicas) 1.5 to 2.0 inches; Buffalograss 2.0 to 3.0 inches.

Irrigation: As long as water is available, continue to water the lawn. However, it is very important that supplemental water be applied wisely and not wasted. Applying excess amounts of irrigation water in the spring will not mean the soil will hold water longer going into the summer months. In fact, applying excess water to lawns in the spring will result in a turfgrass plant with a shortened, weak root system going into the hot, dry summer months. Water the landscape as infrequently and deeply as possible. However, soil type and soil depth will often dictate how often landscapes need to be watered. As a general rule, apply 1.0 inch of water per week in the spring and fall months and 1.5 to 1.75 inches of water in the heat of summer if adequate rainfall does not occur. Note, a majority of warm season turfgrasses can survive with less.

Conduct an audit of the irrigation system to make sure it is working as efficiently as possible and to determine how much water the system is applying. First part of an audit is to inspect the irrigation system for any problems that would affect irrigation uniformity, such as broken sprinkler heads, heads not rotating, heads not popping up high enough and misaligned heads (heads not vertical). Fix any problems noted during the inspection. The second phase of an audit

is to determine how fast the water is being applied (measured in inches per hour) and how uniformly the water is being applied (measured in percent). Listed below are the steps for conducting this part of an irrigation audit.

- * Place 5 to 6 straight edged cans (cat food, tuna, etc.) in one zone of the irrigation system. Note, the more cans you use, the more accurate the test.

- * Turn that zone on and run it for a set period of time, say 30 minutes.

- * Take a ruler and measure the depth of water in each can and record it.

- * Calculate the average depth of water from all of the cans.

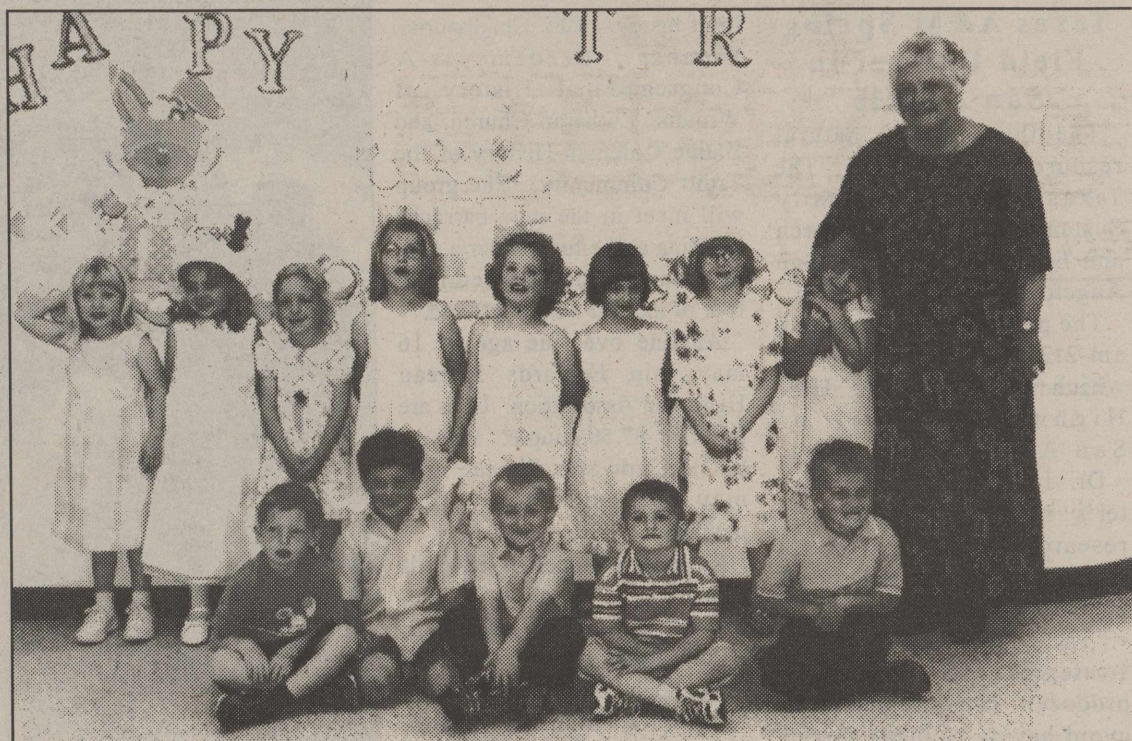
- * Repeat this sequence for all zones.

Do not apply irrigation water to run-off. Runoff wastes water. If run-off occurs before the required amount of water can be applied, then turn the irrigation system off and apply the rest of the water needed later in the week.

Weed Control Programs

By now, spring application of preemergent herbicides for the control of summer annual weeds should have been applied. However, if they have not been applied, application of a preemergent herbicide at this time will still control a majority of the summer annual weeds. Application of preemergent herbicides should be use on St. Augustine grass and centipede grass lawns with caution in the spring. While these herbicides are selective for turfgrasses, they can cause root pruning in these particular grasses, especially if they are under stress. Also, bermuda grass and/or zoysia grass areas that were not watered during the winter months should be treated with caution.

The summer grassy and broadleaf weeds are just starting to appear in turfgrass sites. For the broadleaf weeds, use one of the two-way or three-way hormone herbicide combination products. For grassy weeds, use



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one of the herbicides containing MSMA or DSMA. Note, for the arsenical herbicides to work, daytime temperatures need to be in the upper 80 to lower 90 degree range. For hard to control grassy weeds such as dallisgrass, it will probably take 2 to 3 applications applied at a 7 to 10 day interval. It is very important to not water or mow the turfgrass for at least 24 and preferably 48 hours after treating with one of the arsenical herbicides. Note, remember that the arsenical products such as MSMA and DSMA cannot be used on St. Augustine grass or Centipede grass lawns.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library has received notification of a reunion to be held in Johnson City, June 2, 3, and 4, for descendants of Young, Lackey, Donaho, Harlow, Jenkins, Pearson, Duncan, Lewis and allied families. Contact Roy Young, P.O. Box 759, Apache, OK 73006. Detailed information is available at the library.

The spring book sale is being planned for Friday and Saturday, May 5-6. There will be a good selection of hardbacks both fiction and non-fiction. Also, paperbacks will be available and some young adult and children's books. Money from this sale will be used to provide prizes for the summer reading program.

On Wednesday, May 17, Head Start Story Hour graduation ceremonies will be held in the Gazebo.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; and Friday, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the library 24/7 book drop.

Amateur Radio Club classes set

The San Angelo Amateur Radio Club will conduct a 2-day class to prepare students

to take the Federal Communications Commission Technician Class amateur radio examination. The entry-level Technician license requires no knowledge of the Morse code.

The classes will be held on May 6 and May 13 from 9 am-4 p.m. in the San Angelo Health Foundation Meeting Room at the San Angelo Visitor's Center, 426 West Avenue B.

There is no cost to take the class, but a study guide/license manual will be required to take full advantage of the course. License testing will follow the second class-session on May 13th.

Registration is required by April 22.

For more information, go to http://www.w5qx.org/license_class.html or contact Glenn Miller at 949-4775 (after 5:00 p.m.) or by e-mail to aa5pk@hotmail.com.

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Texas A&M Spring Field Day set in San Angelo

The third annual natural resources field day at The Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo is set for April 27.

The program will be from 9 am-2:25 pm at the center, which is located on U.S. Highway 87 north of San Angelo.

Dr. John Walker, the center's resident director of research, said this year's theme is "Reducing Risk in Uncertain Environments."

"The field day focuses on strategies and techniques producers can implement to avoid having to make forced decisions when disaster strikes," Walker said. "These disastrous episodes might include anything from drought to wildfires to an animal disease outbreak scare. We'll also feature an extensive trade show of commercial and educational exhibitors who serve the San Angelo trade area."

The morning sessions will include talks on grazing, livestock and wildlife management, weed and brush control, and rangeland monitoring."

The afternoon session will start at 1 pm after a catered lunch. The session will feature a talk on making management decisions based on long-range weather forecasts. The field day will conclude with an Emergency Relief Funding panel conducted by personnel from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Farm Services Agency and Farm Bureau.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

For more registration information and costs or to obtain a registration form contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461 in the courthouse.

Edwards Plateau Historical Assoc. Spring 2006 meeting scheduled

The spring meeting of the Edwards Plateau Historical Association will convene in Fort Chadbourne, Texas on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 10 am. Runnels County Historical Commission will host. Faith Grote of Llano is president of EPHA and David Allbright, Ballinger, is chairman of the Runnels Co. Historical Commission.

The Edwards Plateau Historical Association meets twice each year on the first Saturday in May and October for presentation of research papers of area history. The papers must be researched and documented, and a copy given to the association to be published in "The Edwards Plateau Historian."

Each edition of "The Historian" contains a collection of papers for the preceding five years.

At this spring's meeting, Garland Richards will present a

brief history of Ft. Chadbourne, Frances Bredemeyer-A Congregational History of Winters' Lutheran Church, and Elaine Coleman-History of the Truitt Community. The group will meet in the new barracks building at the fort. After a sack lunch and business meeting, a tour of the fort will be offered.

Anyone over the age of 16 may join Edwards Plateau Historical Association. Dues are \$6/yr or \$7.50/couple. Persons outside Edwards Plateau area may become non-voting members.

Counties included in Edwards Plateau are Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Mason, Llano, Burnet, Sutton, Kimble, Gillespie, Blanco, Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kerr, and Bandera.

The public is invited to the meeting and there is no charge. Those planning to attend should bring a sack lunch for the noon meal. Drinks will be furnished by the Runnels County Historical Commission.

Seating is limited, so if you plan to attend call by May 1, either David Allbright at 325-365-2894; Joyce Carberry at 325-754-1484; or write or call Betty Thomason, 104 Laurel Dr., Winters, TX 79567, phone 325-754-4592 or email bthomason1@worldnet.att.net.

Winters hosting Mayfest Celebration

Are you interested in a fun day? Then come to the Mayfest Celebration in the Winters City Park complex on Saturday, May 6. The annual event is hosted by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. Festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the Arts & Crafts Show in the Community Center. Vendors will offer a variety of gifts, homemade crafts, food items, plants and much more. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy more vendors and entertainment in the park. An exciting assortment of children's games and activities will take place throughout the day. The ever-popular softball tournament will be in the nearby sports area with prizes awarded to the winning teams.

Anyone interested in a vendor booth, providing entertainment or competing in the softball tournament is asked to call the Winters Chamber of Commerce at 325-754-5210 or e-mail at wacc@wtxs.net. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 1.

Input requested on Benefit Auction

Gene Montgomery, Coke County Commissioner Pct. 1, is requesting input from county residents regarding an annual county consignment auction. The proposed auction would benefit various charitable organizations in Coke County. To contact Commissioner Montgomery, call 473-0146.

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