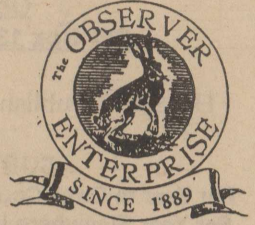


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Football teams gear up for the season

Unless you have recently landed on Texas soil from some foreign country, you know that Friday night football season is just around the corner. Both Bronte and Robert Lee players began two-a-days August 7 and had their first full-pad workouts Monday. Both teams are in very similar positions this year after losing a large portion of their starting lineups to graduation last May.

In a recent phone interview, Bronte Head Coach Keith McCutchen stated that 39 players have turned out for the season for the Horns. Of the 39, only 8, 4 offensive and 4 defensive, players are returning starters. Coach McCutchen expressed concern with the loss of both offensive and defensive linemen to

graduation. He feels that the major weakness the team might have would be in those areas. He also explained that because of graduation, the team lost some leadership and that some of the players on this year's team will have to step up to fill in that leadership role. On the plus side, he felt that the team was strong in the skill and backfield positions.

Coach McCutchen said the kids are eager to start the season and that he is pleased with the performance he received from the players during two-a-days; he also indicated that full-pad workouts on Monday went well.

The Horns will scrimmage San Saba Thursday, August 22 in Coleman at 6:00 pm.

The Steers will have a roster of 45 suit up for the season. According to Coach Ed Poehls, Robert Lee will also have 8 returning starters, 4 offensive and 4 defensive. Coach Poehls said the main area of concern for the Steers this year will be filling the skill spots lost in last May's graduation. He feels that replacing the 16 seniors that graduated will be the biggest weakness of the squad. He said that last year's Junior Varsity players must step up to fill key positions. The positive side of the story for the Steers is that 11

seniors will be on the roster. Coach Poehls said the strength of the team will be the leadership that the senior players will provide. He feels that leadership will "prove to be an asset in our drive to success this season".

When asked how workouts have gone thus far, he said that although the weather had been extremely hot the team has worked hard and the kids haven't seemed to notice the heat.

Robert Lee will travel to Santa Anna Thursday, August 22 for the first scrimmage of the season. The game is set to begin at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner's position open

Due to the vacancy left by the retirement of Bill Lockett, you can file for Precinct 2 Commissioner in several ways:

1. Contact your party chairman, as he/she can certify one name to be placed on the ballot.

A. Democratic Chairman - Patti Ivey

(1) Prec. Chairman - Marilyn Bivins

B. Republican Chairman - Kathy Pentecost

2. File as an Independent

A. Requires a petition

(1) Contact clerk's office

3. File as a write-in candidate

A. Requires a petition

(1) Contact clerk's office

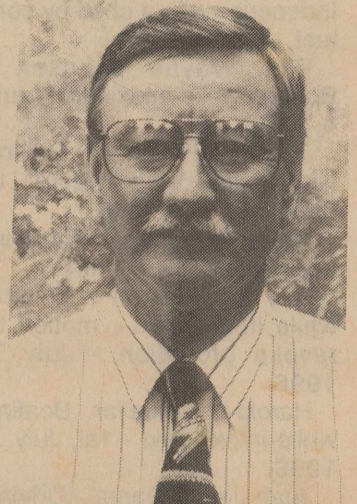
If you think you would be interested, there is a time element involved. September 3 would be a good date to remember. The party chairmen must have nominations filed by September 3. If your party does not nominate you, you have until September 7 to file.

Br. All-Sports Booster Club to hold meeting

There will be a very important All-Sports Booster Club meeting Monday, August 19, 1996, at 7:00 pm. All parents of junior high and high school athletes are encouraged to attend. Please be present at the meeting so we can get the school year of 1996-97 off to a great start!



Debbie Wilkes



Richard Johnson

4-H volunteers recognized

Debbie Wilkes and Richard Johnson were among thirty-four adult 4-H supporters honored in San Angelo July 25 during the District 7 Silver Clover Recognition Banquet. The banquet was held at Enrique's Restaurant.

The function recognizes individuals or institutions instrumental in 4-H's success. Each of the honorees were nominated and selected by a panel of judges from the 23-county area of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's District 7.

The event, formerly known as the District 7 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, has been sponsored for the last 29 years by the ten rural electric cooperatives serving the area covered by Extension's District 7. The banquet is the only event of its kind in the state.

The sponsoring cooperatives are: Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Cap Rock Electric Cooperative Inc./Lone Wolf Division, Central Texas Electric Cooperative, Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Hamilton County Electric Cooperative, McCulloch Electric Cooperative, Midwest Electric Cooperative, Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, and Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Pfeifer to visit RL church

The Most Reverend Bishop Michael Pfeifer will be celebrating mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church on Saturday, August 17, at 5:30 pm. A potluck dinner will immediately follow mass in the old rec hall.

Football sig pages to start soon

Football season is right around the corner and accordingly, The Observer/Enterprise will begin calling on local businesses to help support our local teams on the football pages. This is a great way to show your support for our kids in their endeavors. If you would like to put your name on the sig page for either Bronte or Robert Lee, or both, just call, and we will be glad to add your name or business to the list. This page is not just for businesses. If you are a parent or grandparent or just a big fan, this is a great way to let the teams know you are behind them.

If we fail to call on you or your business, just give us a call at either office location and let us know how you would like to be listed.

Health Fair

The second annual Health Fair will be held Wednesday, August 21, from 10 am until 3 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the West Coke County Senior Citizens will be co-sponsoring the event. The general public is invited to attend free of charge. Several health agencies will be providing booths.

RL Sports Boosters to meet

The Robert Lee Sports Boosters will have a meeting Monday, August 19, at 7:00 pm at the school.

Anyone interested in participating in Sports Boosters for the 1996-97 school year is invited to attend.

Personal

Pam Horak, daughter of James and Jessie Lammers of Bronte, recently visited Atlanta, Georgia with her son and daughter, Rachel and David. They watched two days of Olympic competition in which Jeff Rouse, a friend and former swimmer on the swim team of which Rachel and David are members, swam backstroke and came away with a gold medal. Jeff also won a silver medal in Barcelona and holds the world record for the 100 meter backstroke.



Rachel and David Horak, grandchildren of James and Jessie Lammers of Bronte, and their mother, Pam Horak, visited Atlanta recently to see 2 days of Olympic competition.

Pictured are (l.-r.): Rachel Horak, Jeff Rouse, Olympic swimming gold medalist and friend of the Horaks, his former QDD swimming coach, Don Regenbogen, and David Horak.

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County Arrests and Charges filed

The following arrests/charges were filed in July in Coke County.

Michael Andrew Mecher - Indecency with a child by contact, July 3, 1996.

Ellis Wayne Johnson - Boating while intoxicated, July 4, 1996.

Juan Jesus Garza - Driving while intoxicated - failure to appear, July 6, 1996.

Gary Dale Chrane - Public intoxication - July 6, 1996.

Roy E. McMinn - Driving while intoxicated - motion to revoke probation - July 7, 1996.

Harold Lee Mueller - Boating while intoxicated - 1st, July 7, 1996.

Juan Jesus Garza - Driving while intoxicated - failure to appear, release of sureties, July 25, 1996.

Matthew Dean Hodges - Public Intoxication - July 29, 1996.

Daniel F. Percifull - Assault - July 30, 1996.

Out of County Warrants:

Charles Edwin Hughes, Jr. - Judgement NISI - Unlawful possession of marijuana, July 20, 1996. Tom Green County Warrant

Raymond Cody Sizemore - Forgery, July 24, 1996. An-

draws County Warrant District Court Dispositions

The 51st District Court met July 22, 1996 and handed down the following dispositions.

The State of Texas vs. Theresa Fernandez; charge - Theft; Plea: Ten years deferred adjudication, \$2694.00 restitution.

The State of Texas vs. Gilberto Gloria; charge - Driving while intoxicated, motion to revoke probation; Plea: 2 years Texas Department of Corrections, \$500.00 fine.

SS rep. to visit area

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his August visit to Bronte and Robert Lee. He will be in the Conference Room of the County Courthouse in Robert Lee on August 22 between 11:00 and 11:30 am. On that same day, Mr. Gregg will also be in the Council Room at the City Hall in Bronte between 1:30 and 2:00 pm.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Key Feed celebrates 50 years of business

On August 19, 1946, David Key purchased a small feed store from A.E. Latham in downtown Robert Lee. Fifty years and several tons of feed later, the business still operates under the ownership of his son, Joe David.

A few months after returning from the Army, David bought the feed store from Latham, who had owned it for about six years. David then married Alene Gaines in 1947, and they had two children, Joe David and Dee Anna.

David's father, who was a trucker, would keep the store supplied by hauling feed back from Fort Worth after transporting a load of livestock for sale. The early building was easily recognized by its Purina checkerboard front and was located on Main Street between Bilbo Drug and Snead Barber Shop. Inside were 100 lb. sacks of livestock feed and planting seed.

In all, Key Feed Store has been in four different buildings in its 50 years, all on the same street. The store has changed with the times as well. When it started, a 100 lb. sack of feed cost around four dollars, and about two and a half tons of feed were sold each day. The biggest selling item was chicken feed in a cloth sack, and all the feed was moved by hand. Today, the feed store offers a bigger diversity of products than the early one, and the feed is moved mostly by forklift. But the store's slogan remains the same: "Top Quality Products and Old-Fashioned Dependable Service - we appreciate your business."

David's son, Joe David, became a partner in the business after graduating from Texas Tech University in 1974. He married Teri McMillan in 1976. They have two children: Jason, who is a student at Stephen F. Austin State University, and Jessica, who is a junior at Robert Lee High School. Joe David took over the business in 1986 when David retired. Joe Harmon was hired to help in 1987

and is still working at the store. In 1990, he married Dee Anna Key, who now works at Robert Lee State Bank.

Both David and Joe David would like to express their thanks to their customers over the years by offering an open house in honor of Key Feed Store's 50th Anniversary. It will be held August 19, 1996, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Since it is the customers who have made this accomplishment possible, David, Joe David, Joey, and their families hope to see you there.

Commissioners' Court meetings highlighted

The following is a brief overview of the past two Commissioners' Court meetings:

- An agreement was signed for assessment and collection services, Robert Lee Ind. School District.
- Discussed and approved a resolution requesting Rob Junell to carry a bill to the legislature to abolish the office of constable in Coke County during this legislative session.
- Bill Luckett's name was dropped from the CDL employment list, due to retirement.
- Reported on airport inspection; formal report to follow soon. Airport in good condition.
- Discussed and approved leaving road and bridge fees as they are.
- Discussed and approved request from Lane Arthur to do private business in courthouse.
- Discussed and approved resolution regarding airport funding through the Texas Highway Department.

- Visited with the Appraisal Board moving to the courthouse. Actual savings is very small, but the Appraisal Board and the county feel it could be a profitable move. Appraisal Board is to discuss and make a formal request of the county.

- Treasurer's affidavit approved cash \$717,600.95 and C.D. and other assets, \$532,000.00.

- Discussed and approved Extension report.

- Discussed and approved agreement for assessment and collection services for Coke County Underground Water Conservation District.

- Discussed and approved bid to Carpet Shop to carpet both the Robert Lee and Bronte recreation halls.

- Judge updated court on formation of workforce board.

- Discussed and approved food contract with City of San Angelo.

Keith Fletcher and Kenneth Rasco requested a visit with the court regarding abolishing constable's office. Keith Fletcher presented several reasons for not abolishing the office. Commissioners assured them it was no reflection on the work of the Constables, but economics.

The Commissioners had set the salary of the constables last year while working on budgets at \$165 per month, reduced from \$1000 per month, with abolishing the office in mind. They did this so those running would not be expecting \$1000 per month.

More than one fourth of the people who suffer a stroke in a given year are under age 65, says the American Heart Association.

Death Notices

Weeks

Lilly Maudine Weeks, 92, of Lamesa, Texas, died Saturday, August 10, 1996.

A memorial service was held at 3:30 Monday, August 12, at the Lamesa Church of Christ with burial in Lamesa Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Branon Funeral Home.

Survivors include three sons, Preston Weeks of Bay City, James Weeks of Midland, and Jodie Weeks of San Angelo; two daughters, Gladys Womack and Renea Faye Hogge, both of Lamesa; two brothers, Wayland Porter of Denver and Herbert Porter of Carlsbad; a sister, Eula Lee Hardy of Houston; 16 grand-


children, including Debbie McCabe of Robert Lee; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Lee

Vernon Woodrow Lee, 79, of Bronte died Friday, August 9, 1996, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held Sunday, August 11, at 2:00 pm at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Beth Parker of Bronte, and Luann Ford of Boerne, Texas, five step-grandchildren, and one step great-granddaughter.



*Once she was young and sassy
Now she's old and classy
Happy 30th Birthday, Julie!*

HEALTH FAIR

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Carthel-Irish wed

Jennifer Jan Carthel and Patrick Michael Irish were wed Saturday, August 3 at 6:30 pm at the First Baptist Church in Canyon, Texas. Rev. John McBroom, uncle of the bride, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Janie Carthel of Canyon. She is a 1993 graduate of Canyon High School and a Junior Sociology major at Texas Tech University. She is employed by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The groom is the son of Mike and Rhea Irish of Lubbock, and the grandson of Mrs. Raymond McCutchen of Robert Lee and Mrs. J.L. Irish. He is a 1991 graduate of Monterey High School in Lubbock and a Senior Management Information Systems major at Texas Tech University. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and employed by St. Mary's Hospital of Lubbock.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore an elegant sheath of ivory satin and schiffli lace designed by Mary's. The sleeveless bodice encrusted with sequins and pearls, featured a halter neckline, basque waist which was highlighted at the back with a satin box. The detachable semi-cathedral length train featured cutouts adorned with pearls and lace appliques. The elbow-length veil of ivory tulle featured a braided crown of pearls like that of the bodice of the gown. The bride carried a European nosegay of Arianna and Madam Vega roses, Ivory lillies, Freesi Alstromeria, and Queen Anne's lace nestled on a cloud of ivory tulle and streamers.

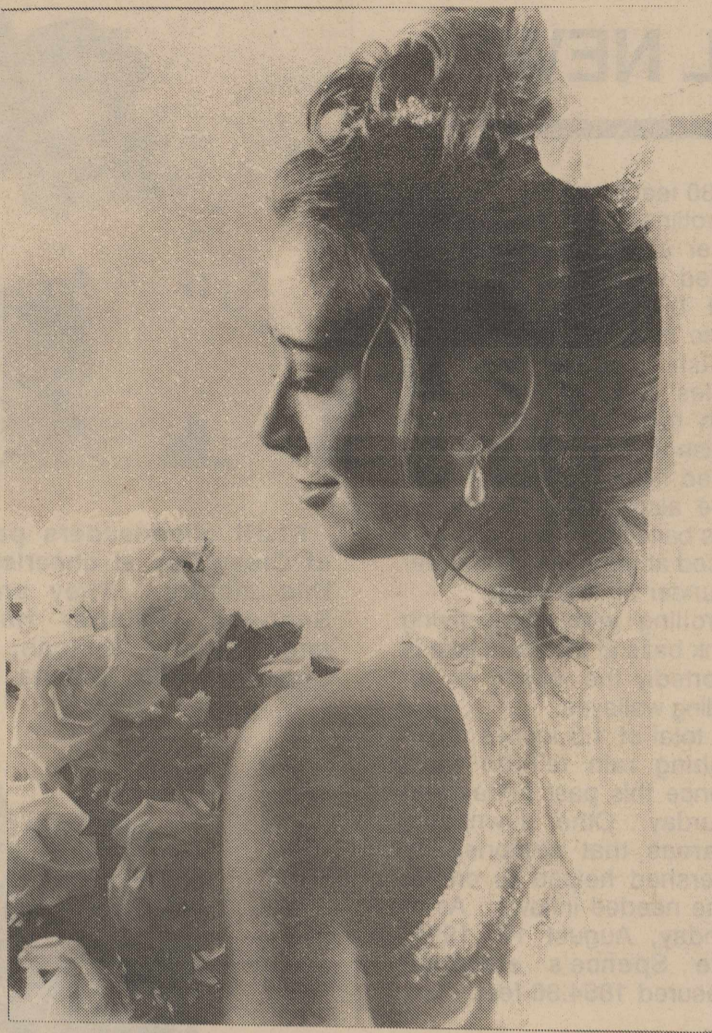
Maid of Honor was Jonie Carthel, sister of the bride, of Canyon; bridesmaids were Mary Elston of Lubbock, Angie Sides of White Deer; and Becky Irish, sister of the groom and friend of the bride, Lubbock. They wore sleeveless floor-length fitted gowns of Shantung in the shades of candlelight and hunter green. They carried burgandy and candlelight roses accented with baby's breath and streamers. Carissa Crist, cousin of the bride, and Missy Harman, cousin of the groom served as flower girls. Cassandra Crist and Nicole Crist, cousins of the bride, registered guests.

The groom wore an Alexander Julian, six button double-breasted tuxedo with an ivory paisley vest and bow tie. He wore a burgandy rose boutonniere accented with candlelight baby roses and baby's breath.

Best Man was Jaimie Ruiz, a fraternity brother of the groom, from San Antonio. Groomsmen were Larry Davison of Corpus Christi; John Griffin of Snyder; and Chris Lovejoy of Fort Worth. Cody Crist, cousin of the bride, and Clay Anderson, cousin of the groom, served as ring bearers. Ushers were Chris Deyer of Lubbock and Tom Patterson of Canyon.

A reception honoring the couple was held at the fellowship hall of the church.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica the couple will make their home in Lubbock.



Mrs. Michael Patrick Irish

Can you cast your ballot?

Coke County residents will have the opportunity to check the status of their voter registration records at a voter registration booth at the Health Fair on August 21. The November election deadlines are fast approaching, and everyone desiring a say in local, state and federal government needs to make sure their records are correct.

An incorrect address, name change, or faulty precinct information can limit your right to vote. Residents should check their voter registration cards for accurate information, or come by the booth and let us check your records for you.

Anyone wishing to register to vote in Coke County can do so at the voter registration booth or by contacting the Coke County Voter Registrar in the Coke County Tax Office.

Remember - the last day to register to vote for the November election is October 6th by mail and October 7th in person.

All corrections to your records must be in by the same dates.

RLBC to hold revival

Robert Lee Baptist Church would like to invite everyone in the community and surrounding area to a revival to be held August 25 - 28, 1996.

Services will be Sunday, August 25, at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. There will also be noontime services Monday through Wednesday and evening services beginning at 7:00 each night.

* Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio are among the nation's ten largest cities.

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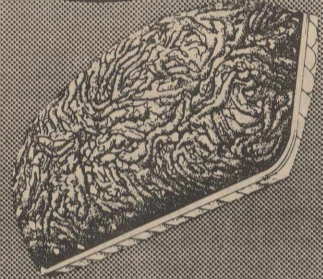
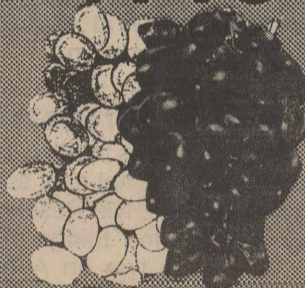
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL PTA Update

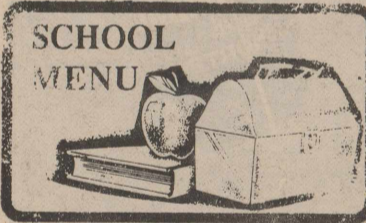
Robert Lee PTA is proud to announce that a 30'x50' concrete slab has been completed for the elementary students for the '96-'97 school year.

PTA officers have hopes of promoting high objectives through the school year and would like to inform everyone of upcoming service committees and their chairmen. They are Membership Drive Chairman - Judy Millican; Elementary Teacher Appreciation - Becky Ross; Junior High and High School Teacher Appreciation - Kaye Pitcock; Open House Chairman - Cindy Bessent; Open House Dinner - Marsha Wink and Kelly Millican; VIPS Chairman - Brenda Gray.

Officers for the year are President - Brenda Gray; Vice-President - Kay Torres; Secretary - Diana McCabe; Treasurer - Donna Schultz; Public Relations - Kim Phillely; Historian - Lorrie Martin. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist with any committee project should contact a chairman or a PTA officer.

Robert Lee State Bank has adopted the VIPS program and will support in the mission to help support the school.

Anyone wishing to help out in any capacity to promote the welfare of RL students, faculty, or the community is welcome to attend any meeting. The first PTA meeting of the year will be held August 19, 1996 in the school cafeteria at 7:00 pm.



Breakfast

Monday, August 19
Orange Juice, Breakfast Bagel, Milk

Tuesday, August 20
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Milk

Wednesday, August 21
Orange Juice, Biscuit, Sausage w/Gravy, Milk

Thursday, August 22
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk

Friday, August 23
Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito w/Picante Sauce, Milk

Lunch

Monday, August 19
Steakfingers w/Gravy, Sliced New Potatoes, Spinach, Sliced Bread, Brownies, Milk

Tuesday, August 20
Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Red Beans, Cornbread, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Wednesday, August 21
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Peanut Butter, Tator Tots, Apple-sauce Cake, Milk

Thursday, August 22
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Yellow Cake, Milk

Friday, August 23
Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Macaroni and Cheese, Pears, Milk

RL ISD

August events

August 19 (Monday) - 5th Band, 3:30-4:30; PTA, 7:00 pm, cafeteria.

August 20 (Tuesday) - Picture Day, K-12; 6th Band, 3:30-4:30; School board meeting.

August 22 (Thursday) - Football scrimmage at Santa Anna, 5:00.

August 26 (Monday) - 5th Band, 3:30-4:30.

August 27 (Tuesday) - 6th Band, 3:30-4:30.

August 29 (Thursday) - Football scrimmage at home against Midland Christian, 5:00.

Sign language classes scheduled at RL ISD

Donya Pena from the Small Schools Co-op will conduct sign language classes from 3:30-4:30 on Tuesday afternoons. The first class will begin August 27.

If you would like to attend, please contact Lane Jackson, Robert Lee ISD, at 453-4557 for further information.

CRMWD report

Weekend rains totaling 1.62 inches brought not only some inflow into O.H. Ivie Reservoir, but also cooled things off a bit. At Lake Ivie on August 12, 1996, water temperatures were 79.8 degrees F at the surface and 63.9 degrees F at the bottom, and its elevation measured 1541.42 feet.

Fishing conditions for black, smallmouth, and white bass improved somewhat. Lots of nice black bass, some up to 8 pounds, were caught with plastic worms while drift fishing in water 10-30 feet deep along the points, flats, and main lake. Smaller black bass went for spinner and crank baits during the cooler hours. Around rocky points, smallmouth bass were hitting plastic worms in water 10-30 feet deep. Most white bass were pulled out of the main lake while trolling. During the day, crank baits were best; however, night fishing with minnows under lights in water 20-25 feet deep at the main lake produced good results.

Night fishing for crappie using minnows continued to provide some action. Best locations were main lake, ridges, and brushy areas in

20-30 feet of water.

Trotlines set in 10-30 feet of water at the main lake and baited with shad, live, stink, and blood baits attracted some nice channel and blue catfish. Some tipped the scales close to 10 pounds. With rods and reels, these catfish were also caught over baited holes. Yellow catfish were also pulled off of trotlines baited with live baits and placed at the main lake in water under 20 feet deep.

Trolling with deep-diving crank baits at the main lake is reportedly the way to go for landing walleyes.

A total of 1.3 inches of refreshing rain fell on Lake Spence this past Friday and Saturday. Other downpours in areas that comprise its watershed helped to create some needed inflows. As of Monday, August 12, 1996, Lake Spence's elevation measured 1854.36 feet.

Dyess air show slated for September

Big Country Appreciation Day, Dyess' annual air show, is scheduled for September 8 and will feature the Air Force Thunderbirds flight demonstration team and more than 100 other demonstrations and displays.

The main gate opens to the public at 9 am; flying events begin about 10 am. Admission and parking are free. For more information about Big Country Appreciation Day, call the 7th Wing Public Affairs Office at 915-696-2863.

4-H enrollment party

A 4-H enrollment party will be held Friday, August 16, from 8:30-11:00 pm at the Robert Lee rec hall. Anyone enrolled in 3rd-12th grade interested in joining 4-H is invited to attend.

Correction

In last week's story about the "Ole Coke County" Pageant, the late Ulmer Bird was incorrectly identified as Ulmer Brown.

Love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction.



RLJH cheerleaders pause from the activities of Crazy Day at cheerleading camp to smile for this picture. They are, back row, l-r: Dixie Simpson, Jennifer Hamilton, Jodee Helwig, and Whitney Millican; front row, l-r: Tiffany Copeland and Shanna Wojtek.



RLHS cheerleaders for the 1996-97 school year go crazy over Crazy Day at the cheerleading camp they sponsored August 5-9. They are, back row, l-r: Macy Hill, Stacy Hendry, and Meagan Hill; front row, l-r: Tracy Millican, Holly Copeland, and Becca Emert; and Ross Schultz, mascot.

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(The block is filled with numerous handwritten signatures and names of students and staff.)

Davis reunion held in RL

The Robert Lee recreation building was a lively place Saturday, August 10, 1996, as ninety-six descendents of Granville (Gran) and Martha (Matt) Davis met for a family reunion. There were three guests present, also.

The morning was spent visiting, recalling days past when some lived here as others remembered all the mischief they got into as well as the exciting adventures around the area, playing various card games and Wahoo, and getting acquainted with new family members.

Gran and Matt had ten children, and there are two surviving, both of which were present at the reunion. They are Bob L. Davis of San Antonio and Geraldine "Dean" Kinsey of Robert Lee.

Before lunch, each family stood as a group and a spokesperson introduced each one. There seemed to be some difficulty in remembering a few of the grandchildren's names, but with a little prompting, everyone was identified!

Everyone enjoyed a lunch with barbecue and beans cooked by Add Davis. Family members brought side dishes and desserts.

After lunch we were blessed with a rain and excitement by the locals prompted a youngster from Rhode Island to ask, "Is it a miracle when you get rain here?" The answer was an emphatic "Yes!"

During the afternoon the youngsters enjoyed swimming, volleyball, tennis, etc. while the older group was entertained with singing and music by Sheridan Cook, Jim Bob Davis, Add Davis, and Brent Selzer. Dale Selzer joined in on one of the songs and most everyone added to "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "How Great Thou Art." Tamber Eurell sang a special for everyone, also.

There were descendents of six of the ten children present, which included all of the children or surviving children of Mike, Bob, Dean, Bernice, and Pete.

Present by families were:

Mike: Jack and Lone Raymon of Kingsland; Add and Barbara Davis; Javan Vosburg, Sr. of Robert Lee; Javan, Jr., Marsha, Luke and Liz Vosburg; Caleb and Jill Vosburg of San Angelo; Doug, Gale, Trevor, and Abi Pierce; Steve, Debra, and Stephanie Rives of Grape Creek; Nadine Davis; Craig Davis of Abilene.

Emory (Doo-Dad): Ava L. Davis; Peggy Davis; Butch and Carolyn Davis of Robert Lee; Waymond (Copie) and Jean Davis of Dime Box; Sherril Davis of Lewisville; Waid and Susan Davis of Coppell; Donna and Brandon Poehls of Bronte; Barry, Leigh, Will and Lindsey Davis of Grand Prairie.

Pete: Sonny and Daisy Black of Dublin; Sylena, Windy, and Michael Black of Stephenville; Randy and Bubba Black of Cleburne; Sheridan Cook of Burleson; Sherry DeBoer of Fort Worth; Betsy Myers of Colorado City.

Bernice: Don, Gina, Donna, Ricky, Tony, and Curtis Bell; Jimmy and Beverly Bell; Tancie Bell and Tamber Eurell;

Doug, Laura, Faylin and Shaylee Bell of Robert Lee; Eric, Debra, and Everett Wilson of Irving; Kim Harrison of Jal, New Mexico; Nettie Bob Roberts of Mayhill, New Mexico; Paula, Craig, Luc and Zack Mailloux of N. Kingston, Rhode Island.

Bob: Bob and Nona Davis; Charles Davis of San Antonio; Ken and Kitty Davis of Conroe; Jim Bob Davis of Arlington.

Dean: Wes and Dean Kinsey; Joydell Deen; Vallary, Melanie, Kindra, and Dixie Johnson of Robert Lee; Dale, Martha, Ferrell, and Brent Selzer of Dallas; Terri, Mandy, Cody, and Garrett Blair of Nolan; LaJohnna, Misty, and Justin Rogers of Rockwall; John Kinsey of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Michelle, Justin, and Ashley Waxler of Andrews.

It was decided to meet again in two years with Add and Barbara Davis in charge of arrangements. This was a day that will always be remembered and the kind of reunion that makes you look forward to the next one.

Community Action Group discusses local needs

Several weeks ago, the Observer/Enterprise ran an article from the Community Action Group asking for volunteers to provide transportation for those who are in need of medical services and have no means of transportation to get that medical attention. The Community Action Group is pleased to report that we have at this time several volunteers in Robert Lee and Bronte willing to help provide that community service need. We would like to ask that you use our clinics in Robert Lee or Bronte if at all possible. If not, we will try to get you to San Angelo. Call 453-2641 in Robert Lee or 473-3501 in Bronte, and they will contact our volunteer coordinator.

Most of you have seen the Thunderbird Van in each of our communities, which is administered through the senior centers in Robert Lee and Bronte. Did you know that the van is not just for senior citizens? It is a rural public transportation van. The van is available to take riders to San Angelo on Tuesdays, and they alternate on Thursdays for special medical needs in our communities. If you are over 60, a donation is suggested, and those under 60

pay a minimal fee. Call your senior center to find out what is available on the Thunderbird Van. Those individuals who are on Medicaid will receive transportation also.

One of the main concerns at our Community Action Group meeting was communication. How do we effectively communicate to our community what is available to meet their needs? We met with Susan Wortham of the Texas Department of Health to discuss primary medical care.

Most of us feel very fortunate to live in Coke County. Help us make it better for all of us. We still need more volunteer drivers.

Why women need vitamin D/calcium

Adding calcium and vitamin D to the diet could help prevent osteoporosis and colorectal cancer, leading causes of disability and death in postmenopausal women, a new study hopes to determine.

The Women's Health Initiative (WHI), a long-term nationwide study of American women, will recruit more than 45,000 postmenopausal women who will receive either a combined calcium and vitamin D pill or placebo.

"There have been no studies focusing on the long-term effects of calcium supplementation in postmenopausal women," said Mary Pat Bolton, lead nutritionist for the WHI Clinical

Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The WHI may provide definitive answers on ways to prevent bone loss and hip fractures later in life."

WHI researchers hope the study findings will ultimately decrease the risk for osteoporosis, a disease that depletes bone mass resulting in bone weakness and brittleness. Women most at risk are slim, small-boned, and fair-complexioned, with a family history of the disease.

Up to half of all menopausal women will be affected by the disease, according to Bolton, who believes a lack of calcium early on is partly to blame.

"Calcium intake is crucial during childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood to help women build the dens-

est bones possible to carry them through life," she said.

The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) for calcium is 800 milligrams for women, which is provided by three eight-ounce glasses of milk. About one-third of American women take in less than 500 milligrams of calcium daily.

After menopause, the need for calcium is even greater, Bolton said.

"Postmenopausal women lose estrogen," she said. "This lack of estrogen seems to increase the breakdown of bone tissue, resulting in bone fracture."

Baylor is one of 40 WHI clinical centers funded by the National Institutes of Health participating in the 12-year project.



Crazy Day at this year's cheerleading camp was very popular, as these camp participants proudly show their "crazy side"!

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte poet published

Mrs. Anolagay Barefoot of Bronte is on her way to becoming a nationally known published poet. Mrs. Barefoot entered her poem, "A Sixth Sense" in a National Library of Poetry contest she read about in the Observer/Enterprise. "A Sixth Sense" received the Editor's Choice Award and will be published in the N.L.P. anthology, Across the Universe, to be released later this month.



Mrs. Anolagay Barefoot

"In His Light", another poem written by Mrs. Barefoot, has passed through the semi-finalist stage of the current N.L.P. contest and will be published in the N.L.P. anthology, Daybreak on the Land, to be released this winter.

Mrs. Barefoot would like to encourage other writers to submit their work for publication. "So many writers have something special to share with the world, but for whatever reason they hesitate and no one ever knows whose heart their talent might have touched."

This is not the first publication of Mrs. Barefoot's work. She has had poems and numerous articles published in city, military, and college newspapers.

Mrs. Barefoot is an independent representative for ExCel Telecommunications and is a co-owner/operator of



Breakfast

Monday, August 19
Cereal, Toast, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Tuesday, August 20
Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Grape Juice, Milk
Wednesday, August 21
Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Orange Juice, Milk
Thursday, August 22
Sausage, Pancakes, Apple Juice, Milk
Friday, August 23
Cereal, Pop Tarts, Apple Sauce, Milk

Lunch

Monday, August 19
Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
Tuesday, August 20
Tacos w/ Cheese, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Brownies, Milk
Wednesday, August 21
Chili Mac, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Oatmeal and Raisin Cookies, Milk
Thursday, August 22
Spud Day, Chili & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Spice Cake, Milk
Friday, August 23
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle, Juice Bars, Milk

the Barefoot Bunny Barn in Bronte, with her husband, Steve, and their daughter, Alexa. Mrs. Barefoot and her family attend the River of Life Church in Bronte.

Personal

Faye Scott recently enjoyed a Canadian vacation with her son, Ken, and his wife, Linda, from Odessa. Linda's parents, Doris and Cecil Parsons, also of Odessa, accompanied them. They all flew to Seattle and drove to Vancouver, B.C. There they boarded a train that took them through the Canadian Rockies. They traveled by car from Banff, Alberta, along the Icelandic Parkway to Jasper. There were glaciers, elk, deer, and bear. In the town of Banff, elk roamed the streets eating in the yards and flowerbeds. From Calgary, they flew to Vancouver and went by ferry to Victoria, B.C. The parliament building, the Empress Hotel, and Butchart Gardens were visited. The trip concluded with a flight from Seattle to Midland/Odessa. This was a beautiful trip to be long remembered.

Water rehab. is therapeutic

The road to recovery following surgery may include a stop in the pool.

"Swimming pools can provide a gentler, less intimidating environment for rehabilitation," said David Brennan, an exercise physiologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Patients who have undergone major surgery on the knee, hip, or foot can begin pool rehabilitation sooner than traditional physical therapy."

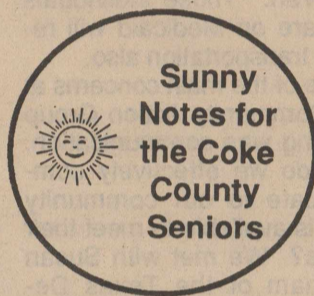
Water is therapeutic and improves circulation to injured areas. Patients often stay motivated since they can begin rehabilitation as soon as the stitches have been removed.

By using a flotation device patients have complete range of motion, without placing weight on injured limbs or joints. Water-based exercises include jogging and pushing the water in various directions with the arms.

"The pool is an excellent environment for getting people back in touch with how their bodies move," said Brennan.

"They don't have to worry about falling down or putting too much pressure on an injured joint. The water helps patients relax."

Water rehabilitation not only works on the injured body part, it also builds overall fitness, benefitting patients when they begin their normal physical therapy.



Menu for the Week

Monday, August 19
Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Creole Lima Beans, Hot Roll, Pear Halves, Sugar Cookies
Wednesday, August 21
Sweet & Sour Pork, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Hot Roll, Peach Halves

Friday, August 23
Polish Sausage, French Baked Potato Slices, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Blushing Pears

Games

Bronte Senior Center will open its doors at 9:00 am Thursday, August 22, for dominos and other games. We will have a potluck lunch at 11:30. Everyone in the community is cordially invited. Residents from the nursing home will join us for lunch.

Transportation

by Donna Keel

For people of all ages: Come ride the Thunderbird Van with us! If you need to go to any local places of business in Bronte, give us a call at 473-6471, and we will be glad to take you to the places you need to go.



Keith Fletcher (l.) plays the part of a legislator as he visits with Bruce Sonnenberg, Roger Graves, and Bob Frazee, pioneer men of Coke County, about the making of their County in the "Ole Coke County" Pageant.

If you need to go to San Angelo to the doctor, dentist, West Texas Rehab, or any other medical need, call us and we will save you a seat on the van when we go on Tuesdays.

Anyone under 60 can ride the Thunderbird Van for 50 cents one way or \$1.00 round trip local and \$3.00 round trip to San Angelo. For persons over 60, a donation is suggested.

We are now providing Medicaid transportation locally and to San Angelo. If you need any more information, please contact us at 473-6471.

The hours of the Thunderbird Van are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 am - 1 pm, and Tuesday to San Angelo, 8 am - 5 pm.

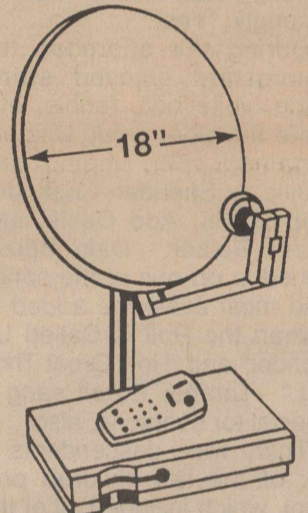
Boating group calls for increased education

In a formal statement of its position on key water safety issues, the Boating Trades Association of Texas (BTAT) has called for a crackdown on offenders through increased law enforcement efforts at the local, regional and state level, combined with an increased emphasis on boater education. The group supports efforts to require court-ordered mandatory boater education training for all those who violate the law.

Classroom courses taught by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) game wardens and volunteer in-

structors, the U.S. Power Squadrons and the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a video-based course provided by BOATCLUB Inc. are currently certified by TPWD. Those who pass are eligible for a Texas Safe Boating certificate, which can mean savings on many boat insurance policies in Texas.

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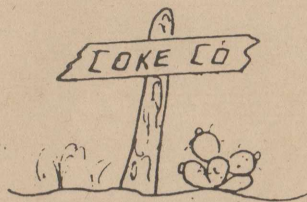
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Small grain production

Hopefully, we will receive some rain soon and sow our small grain for winter forage and grain production. There are several important decisions to make before we sow our grain.

First, fertility is probably the most limiting factor besides moisture. The best source of information for fertility is a soil test, but if you have not taken one, there are a few pointers on deciding how much fertilizer to use. For forage production, small grains will use 70 pounds of Nitrogen per ton of forage, 20-40 pounds of Phosphorous, and 20-40 pounds of Potassium. If grain is to be grazed, about two-thirds of the nitrogen needs to be applied at or near planting. If it is for grain production only, 30-40% should be applied in fall and the rest in the spring. Fertility levels at or near emergence of small grain

can genetically determine the future production of that crop. If the fertility is low at emergence or shortly thereafter, no amount of moisture can recover the loss of pre-determined production later.

Another key factor is what to sow. If you are going to strictly graze the grain out, there are several options to use. Beardless varieties such as Win-Tex, Russian, Wm-135 and Quantum 554 have performed very well in area tests. Also, at maturity, the lack of awns or beards on the grain allows livestock to more completely graze these varieties out. A producer can mix either varieties of early and late maturing grains or mix oats, rye, barley or triticale with wheat to give increased forage production.

For more information on small grain production or a list of varieties and results from area tests, contact the County Extension Office at 915-453-2461.

Border Patrol plan in progress

The House Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Subcommittee recently officially approved and revised the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) plan to realign border patrol positions from interior stations to the front lines of the border, according to Congressman Charles Stenholm.

"The final plan realigns 67 current and vacant border patrol positions from 32 border patrol stations," Stenholm advised. "This plan has been reviewed by INS Regional Managers and affected Border Patrol and District Offices, following consultation with my staff and appropriate Congressional staff."

The original plan submitted by the INS would have eliminated all uniformed border patrol agents at both San Angelo and Abilene. Stenholm actively opposed the plans to relocate border patrol agents from interior stations to the borders.

Under the new plan, Stenholm was able to convince officials to leave 20 uniformed agents and 8 investigators in San Angelo, which originally had 28 uniformed agents. Abilene, which originally had 6 uniformed agents, will now have 3 border patrol agents and 3 investigators.

"While it has taken a great deal of effort over many months to get to this point, it is clear that through the efforts of law enforcement officials all over the 17th District, particularly in San Angelo and Abilene, we made a compelling case to continue a strong uniformed border patrol presence at both interior and border stations," added Stenholm.

The devil can cite scripture for his purpose.

William Shakespeare

mum score of 850 (SAT) or 21 (ACT).

A college student meeting the above requirements must also attend an accredited college or university, maintain a minimum of 12 hours per semester, be enrolled in a degree program related to natural resource conservation, and have an overall GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or pass on a pass/fail system.

Deadline for submitting completed applications is 5:00 pm on August 30. Postmarks are not acceptable if the application arrives in our office after the August 30 deadline. To receive an application form, or to obtain more information about the program, contact Eva Garcia, TPWD Human Resources Division, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744 or call 512-389-4809.

Caffeine and kids

Do parents have "grounds" for concern if their children consume drinks that contain caffeine?

According to Dr. Corinne Montandon, a nutritionist at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center, little is known about the effects of caffeine on children.

"There are no established guidelines on caffeine consumption for children," said Montandon, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. "But, keep in mind that drinks high in caffeine are not included in any of the five major food groups."

In fact, Montandon said, caffeine-containing items such as soft drinks only appear at the tip of the Food Guide Pyramid, which means they should only be consumed "on occasion."

Caffeine, known to dull the appetite, is primarily found in coffee, tea, soft drinks, and chocolate. Iced coffees and soft drinks, especially colas and peppers, are extremely popular with children.

"If children routinely reach for these beverages, they often exclude nutritious foods from their diet," she said.

A National Academy of Sciences survey found that, from 6 months of age, most children consume some caffeine in their diet. At first, it's usually small sips from a parent's drink, Montandon said.

It doesn't take a lot of cola to add up to the equivalent of several cups of coffee for a small child. For example, on a pound-per-pound basis, a 40-pound child who drinks just one can of cola a day is consuming as much caffeine as a



Lance Millican exhibited the first place lightweight finewool lamb at the San Angelo Spectacular in July. He also exhibited the second place medium weight finewool cross lamb at the Nolan County Classic in Sweetwater. Lance is a member of Coke County 4-H. Lance's dad, Waldon, raised the lamb in the picture.

150-pound adult who consumes two cups of coffee daily.

"This could have long-term implications if caffeine-containing drinks replace foods that children need for growth and development."

Montandon reminds parents that caffeine is a chemical compound that stimulates the central nervous system. In adults, it might cause nervousness, irritability, anxiety, insomnia and disturbances of heart and rhythm.

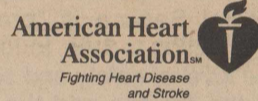
"Caffeine is also a diuretic and increases urination, so children as well as adults need to increase their water intake, especially during very hot weather."

Montandon points out that the effects of caffeine vary

from individual to individual. Some people can consume substantial amounts without apparent ill effects. Others are quite sensitive to it.

Until more is known, moderation is the key, she said.

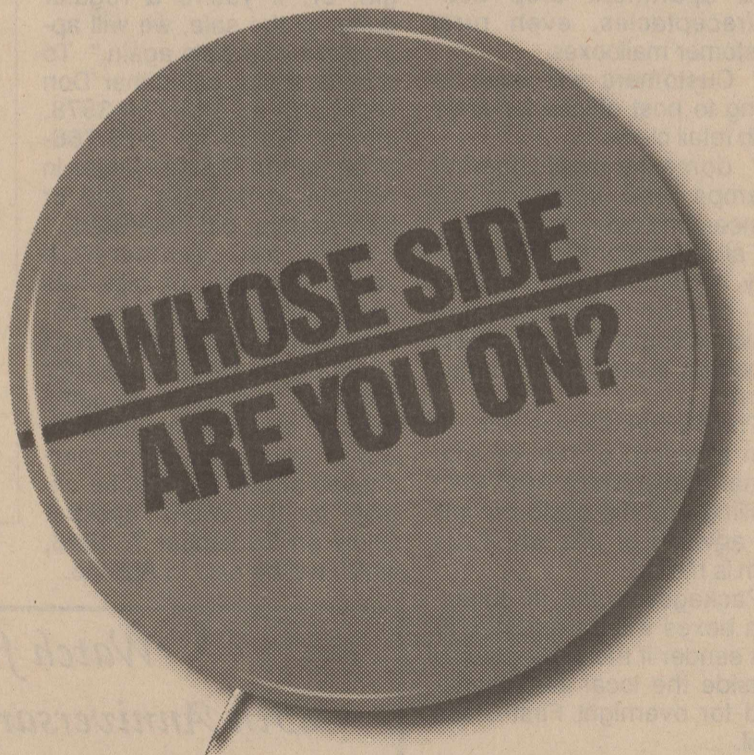
"If parents don't want their children caught up in the 'daily grind,' they might first offer milk, juice, water or caffeine-free drinks."



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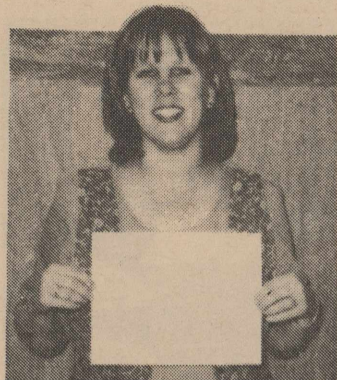
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Jan Yanez

County agent certified in food service training

Jan Yanez, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has recently been certified to train area food service managers in food safety.

Jan was one of more than 190 county Extension agents certified as a trainer through

Postal Service to tighten security

The U.S. Postal Service recently announced changes in mail collection procedures that will increase security of commercial airlines carrying U.S. mail.

"The changes are designed to enhance security measures and to protect the traveling public, postal employees and postal contractors who transport U.S. mail," said Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

Runyon added that the changes exceed FAA requirements and are one of several important steps the Postal Service is "prepared and willing to take to improve the level of safety and security of the airlines and the mail." Officials declined to discuss all of the security measures planned or already in place.

The typical consumer or business will notice very few changes, nor will there be any impact on service. Express Mail service is not affected.

The changes, effective August 16, affect packages mailed to international or domestic addresses deposited in mail collection boxes, such as street mail boxes, lobby and apartment drop boxes/receptacles, even rural customer mailboxes.

* Customers will have to bring to post offices for entry with retail clerks

* domestic mail bearing stamps and weighing 16 ounces and over, and

* all international mail or military APO/FPO mail weighing 16 ounces and over and which in some cases may also require a customs declaration form.

The Postal Service will retain a record of the international and military APO/FPO mailing and the customer will be advised of this when the item is mailed.

Packages found in collection boxes will be returned to the sender if the addressee is outside the local area identified for overnight First-Class Mail.

Packages returned to senders will have an accompanying explanation advising them in the future to deposit this mail at the post office. Previously applied postage may be used when the item is re-mailed at a post office.

the Food Protection Management Training Program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and the Texas Department of Health. The train-the-trainer program is designed to bring the latest in food safety information to food service establishments.

As a certified instructor, Yanez will be offering this information to food managers, who in turn will train their employees on food safety practices. Once managers have completed the 15-hour course, they will receive a certificate from the National Restaurant Association. They also will be eligible to join the Industry Council on Food Safety and to receive a decal to place in their window, which lets customers know the manager is certified in food safety.

"In addition, food service operations under the Texas Department of Health's jurisdiction that have managers who complete the course will receive a 10 percent reduction in license fees each year while the certification is in effect," Yanez said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 24 to 81 million people get sick and more than

10,000 related deaths occur due to food poisoning in the United States each year.

"In most cases, foodborne outbreaks can be prevented if people receive food safety training and learn to follow simple food safety practices," Yanez said.

"For years, we have been providing consumers with an enormous amount of information on food safety precautions to take when handling food at home," Yanez said.

"Now, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is joining the food industry to train those who are providing meals for us when we are away from home."

Training materials for the course are being provided by the SERVSAFE Program from The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. Courses will be offered to food service managers beginning in mid-October.

For more information on the Food Protection Management Training Program, call Jan Yanez at 915-453-2461.

FSA taking NAP applications

The FSA office is currently holding a sign-up for the NAP program through August 30, 1996. Any producer who had a forage loss on small grain for the 1996 crop year should sign up. At the present time, we do not have enough details about the program to know what it will take to be eligible or how much money there may be to all those who are eligible; however, it would be wise to get everyone signed up by the August 30 deadline so when more information becomes available, our people are already signed up.

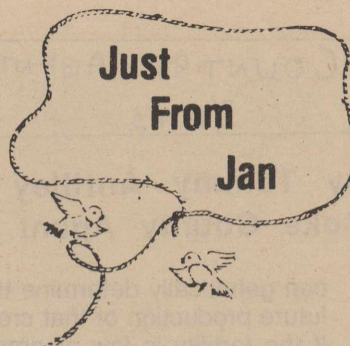
Don't delay - call today for an appointment. For more information call 453-2751 or come by the office and ask questions.

WTRC requesting pigs

The annual club Pig Sale benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Abilene and San Angelo, is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 1996, at 7:00 pm at the Wylie High School FFA Showbarn, Abilene, Texas. Don Richburg and Jimmy D. Smith, Roscoe, are co-chairmen of the event.

Richburg and Smith are asking swine breeders in this area to consider donating a pig to the sale. "Because of the drought and other economic factors, this year will be a special challenge for us to meet the Rehab's needs," said Richburg. Smith added, "If you've never donated a pig before, now's the time to begin; or, if you're a regular donor to the sale, we will appreciate your help again." To donate a pig, call either Don Richburg at 915-766-3578, Jimmy Smith at 915-766-3708, or the Rehab Center in Abilene at 915-691-7290 or San Angelo, 915-949-9535.

Smith also said that each year the quality of pigs has gotten better. He has no reason to believe that they won't continue to be even better this time, so plan on attending the sale and have a chance to buy a good pig. Pigs purchased at this sale will be eligible for the WTRC Jackpot Show on December 7, 1996, which will be held in Abilene.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Health Fair approaching

The Coke County Extension office is hosting a Health Fair to be held on Wednesday, August 21 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the rec hall in Robert Lee. The general public is invited to attend this health fair for both information on various topics and also to be tested free of charge for several important health areas.

The various booths with free testing will include: Columbia Medical to test for cholesterol, Shannon Hospital testing blood sugar, North Runnels Home Health Agency testing for blood pressure, WIC testing for iron levels in the blood, and City Eye Care for glaucoma. The glaucoma test will only be offered between 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Members of the Coke County Sheriff's Department will be on hand from 2:00 - 3:00 pm to fingerprint I.D. small children. Parents will be able to keep these prints in case of kidnapping, lost children, etc.

Information booths will also be on hand with free bulletins and brochures. These will include: Texas Agricultural Extension Service with information on hidden sugar in foods, Concho Valley Council of Governments about 911, American Heart Association on heart diseases, American Cancer Society on cancer, American Diabetes Association on diabetic concerns, Family Hospice on home health services, Community Action on senior citizens services, Area Agency on Aging for senior citizen services, Coke County Tax Office on voter registration, and West Coke County Nursing Home on elderly care and skilled nursing. In addition, West Texas Sports Medicine will host a tour of their sports medicine van.

Everyone is invited to attend this Health Fair and receive either free testing on various health areas or to gain information on the numerous diseases or services offered. For additional information, contact the Coke County Extension Office at 453-2461.

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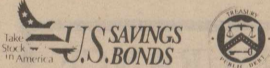
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How career changes affect SS

Most American workers change jobs an estimated four to six times during their working life, and observers note that the rate seems to be increasing. There are many reasons for changing jobs -- a promotion, a change in career focus, even a layoff. Regardless of the reason, you may wonder if it will affect your Social Security if you change jobs. Most likely it won't.

No matter how many times you change jobs, you never lose the Social Security protection you've already earned. And you continue earning that valuable protection for you and your family as long as you work in a job that's covered by Social Security. Although there's no difference in how you earn Social Security protection, a job change could mean a difference in how you pay your Social Security and Medicare taxes.

If you're paid a salary, your employer deducts 7.65 percent from your gross pay, matches the deduction dollar for dollar and sends both amounts, along with a report of your earnings, to the government. If, however, you are self-employed, as are 8.1 million of the 143 million current workers, you pay your Social Security and Medicare taxes directly to the Government.

It's not uncommon for a person to switch from a salaried job to self-employment and when that happens, he or she may wonder how that affects his or her Social Security. For example, a woman recently called our office to ask how she would pay Social Security now that she had changed her career.

Mary McDonald had worked for a large company for 15 years when her job was eliminated because business dropped off. Fortunately, Mary's experience and knowledge enabled her to form her own consulting business. But she no longer has the convenience of having Social Security taxes withheld from her paycheck; and she doesn't have an employer to share the expense.

Mary pays the entire 15.3 percent of her salary. Each year, she files her taxes and reports her annual net earnings on IRS Schedule SE (for

self-employment). Mary pays her Social Security and Medicare taxes as part of her quarterly tax filing. In 1996, she will pay 12.4 percent in Social Security and 2.9 percent in Medicare taxes on net earnings up to \$62,700. If she earns above \$62,700, she'll pay the 2.9 percent Medicare tax on the rest of her earn-

ings. Self-employed persons get two income tax deductions that reduce their tax liability. The deductions are intended to make sure self-employed people are treated in much the same way as employers and employees for Social Security and income tax purposes.

es. First, an individual's net profit from self-employment is reduced by 7.65 percent when determining net self-employment income. Second, self-employed persons can deduct half of their self-employment tax on the face of the IRS Form 1040. It can't be an itemized deduction and

must not be listed on the Schedule C.

For more information about Social Security and self-employment, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask to receive the factsheet Social Security: If You're Self-Employed (Publication No. 05-10022).

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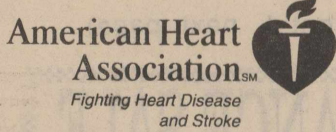
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ROBERT LEE PTA would like to thank everyone involved in the concrete slab project for the elementary. Thanks to Becky Ross and Kaye Pitcock and others who helped with an outstanding teacher appreciation gesture. As always, thanks to the Robert Lee school board for their hard work and support.

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TO: BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS OF ROBERT LEE AND BRONTE

Please accept our apology if you did not receive a THANK YOU note in the mail! It was not our intent to leave anyone out! Your generous donations to Project '96 made May 24, 1996 a night to remember for the Class of '96. Please accept our sincere gratitude for the undying support you have given our kids through the years at RLHS!

Parents of the Class of 1996 - RLHS
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NOTICES

Political Calendar
The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. 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 CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2

William "Keith" Fletcher

THE COKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

will meet August 22, 1996, to select a nominee for the remainder of the unexpired term of Precinct II Commissioner. All persons interested in applying for the nomination are requested to write a letter to Precinct II Democratic Chairman Marilyn Bivins, PO Box 661, Bronte, Texas 76933. The applicant should state his qualifications and reasons for applying for the nomination. All letters must be received by 4:00 pm, August 21, 1996.

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Hunting licenses become automated

Handwritten licenses and lick and stick stamps will be a thing of the past when hunting and fishing licenses for 1996-97 go on sale statewide August 6 through the Texas Outdoor Connection. The new system will enable outdoor enthusiasts to buy 63 different electronically generated licenses, plus their replacements, Texas Conservation Passports and any required hunting and fishing stamps (applicable fees) through a small, online terminal similar to credit card equipment.

Texas joins Oregon, Michigan, Idaho, Kentucky, and Missouri in implementing an electronic license system. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) sells approximately 3.5 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through its 28 district offices, more than 100 state parks and hundreds of retailers across Texas. This year, licenses will be available from over 3,200 terminals installed at license outlets statewide.

In addition to the electronic, point-of-sale system, customers can utilize a toll-free license issuance service (1-800-TX-LIC-4-U) that serves both Texans and out-of-state residents. This allows customers to buy licenses by phone with credit cards 24 hours a day.

Equipment for the new electronic system consists of small, countertop units that are connected to the TPWD licensing database via telephone lines.

"Even if our system crashes at Parks and Wildlife or we lose the phone connection, the vendor still has the capability to issue licenses," said Lynne Lange, TPWD license sales coordinator. "This doesn't mean there won't be lines. We're always going to have peak times when people buy their licenses - we do over 50 percent of our business between mid-August and the end of September. But, if people aren't in a hurry, they can use the 800 number any time, day or night."

Lange predicts there will be some delays this year in processing license requests, due to retailers becoming familiar with the new system and new laws requiring collection of additional information, such as Social Security numbers. "Basically, we're starting a customer database from scratch," she explained.

In a typical transaction, the purchaser's Texas drivers' license number, current address, Social Security number, date of birth and items to be purchased are entered. New drivers' licenses with a magnetic strip can be swiped by the seller to speed the transaction.

Lange is encouraging buyers to make sure the address information they provide is current and accurate. "If the address on your drivers' license is wrong, we won't be able to contact you if you win one of the Sweepstakes trips." The license is then printed on generic paper stock and inserted into a protective plastic sheath after signing.

Because everything is electronically generated, vendors no longer have to carry "stocks" of various licenses and stamps. "Vendors can't run out of anything," explained Lange. "In the past, most license deputies carried fewer than 15 types of stamps and licenses and seldom offered replacements. If you wanted a particular stamp that was in high demand, like a turkey stamp the day before the season opened, you might have to check several locations to find somebody who still had any left. Likewise, if you planned to go saltwater fishing and lived in the Panhandle, not many vendors would see a need to stock that stamp."

License buyers will no longer receive a picture stamp when purchasing the privilege to pursue a particular activity which requires a state stamp. However, collector stamps are still available for purchase from any license vendor for \$20 per set of eight Texas stamps. Federal Duck Stamps will continue to be available only



Annette Percifull, Ron Dickey, and Cayla Jeffrey (l.- r.) act out a scene of pioneer life in early Coke County at the "Ole Coke County" Pageant 1996.

in traditional stamp form.

With the opening of dove hunting season only weeks away, the TPWD is reminding hunters to be sure and renew their licenses before heading afield. And, in the process of making those renewals, hunters should take note of a new discount license "package" available this year that offers a substantial savings.

For the avid outdoorsperson, the "Super Combo" includes a resident combination hunting and fishing license, plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold separately, the package is valued at \$82.

Resident hunting and fishing licenses cost \$19 each and a combination resident hunting/fishing costs \$32.

Several other popular items which were not available in the past from license deputies, but can be bought anywhere now include: Annual Public Hunting Permits (map booklets and dove lease supplements will be mailed), Federal Sandhill Crane Permits (no fee) and the Bonus Red Drum Tag (completed Red Drum Tags are returned to the license deputy instead of being mailed to TPWD to obtain a bonus tag).

The \$40 Annual Public Hunting Permit that enables access to 1.4 million acres of land to public hunting and some 100 public dove hunting lease areas is available through all license vendors or by calling the toll free number.

Lifetime license holders will be receiving in the mail new license cards similar to a credit card which will enable them to get tags each year from any license deputy. A Lifetime Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing license costs \$1,000, and Lifetime Fishing or Lifetime Hunting licenses are \$600 each.

ranchers all across that vast area.

Ranch Management Consultants of Albuquerque, NM has been doing its best to assist ranchers in this trying time, first with hot tips for drought and marketing, offered without charge to those who requested them, and now, with a series of drought clinics this fall across Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

The announcement was made by Dr. Stan Parsons, president of Ranch Management Consultants.

"The clinics will be interactive meetings of ranchers from the areas where the clinics will be held. They will begin at 9:00 am and last through a no-host lunch," Parsons said. He added that they will deal not only with ways cattlemen can hang on and minimize the effects of the drought conditions in general, but will also deal with specific drought-related problems of that particular area.

Parsons, a native of Zimbabwe, has worked with ranchers in surviving severe conditions in such places as South Africa and Australia where drought conditions have lasted for protracted periods of time in recent years. He is recognized worldwide as a leading authority on ranching in extremely dry conditions.

The first three clinics are scheduled for Kerrville, Texas, August 21; Del Rio, Texas, August 22; and San Angelo, Texas, August 23.

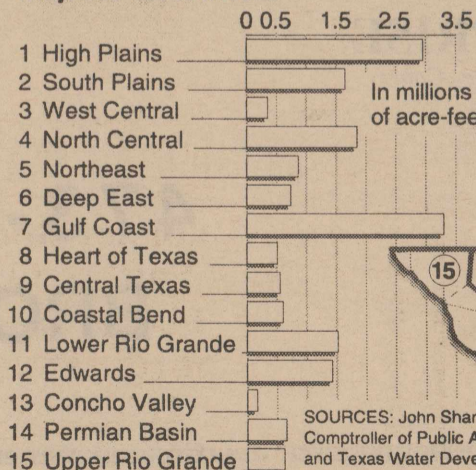
For registration information on these and subsequent clinics, call Ranch Management Consultants at 505-898-7417. The Texas clinics are sponsored in part by Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Assn. and Southwestern Livestock Mineral Co.

Keeping an eye on Texas

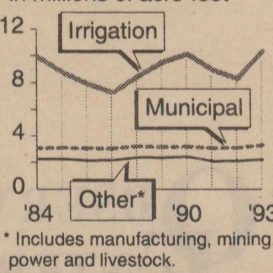
Water supply: Half-full or half-empty?

As the population of the state increases—it has doubled since the 1950s—demands on water resources will rise and could exceed supply by 2030 in some regions of Texas without planning for conservation, waste prevention and drought management. Irrigation accounts for about two-thirds of the annual water use in the state, with the High Plains region drawing 4 million acre-feet a year from the Ogallala aquifer.

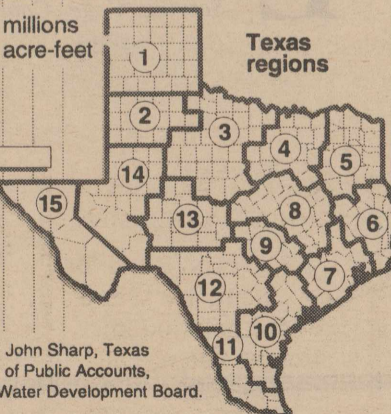
Projected needs in 2050



Statewide consumption, in millions of acre-feet



* Includes manufacturing, mining, power and livestock.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Water Development Board.

Drought clinic scheduled

Hot, dry winds continue to bake the center of the nation, from the Rio Grande River in Texas, through the High Plains to Oklahoma and Kansas. Drought, the worst since the 1950s, is drawing the noose ever tighter around the necks of farmers and

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