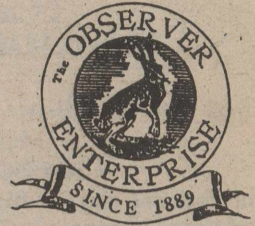


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National County Government Week to be celebrated

Coke County invites you to come by and visit with your county employees during County Government Week. A reception will be held April 16 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Come by the courthouse for coffee and cookies. During the reception four employees will be honored.

Recent polls indicate that most Americans are concerned about the future of their communities and about the importance of a legacy by leaving our communities healthy and prosperous for our children and future generations. You have some very dedicated county employees who value your ideas.

Your county employees would also like to know your thoughts concerning the top three challenges facing our community. Additional information is available by contacting the County Judge's office at 453-2641.

This is your county and we need your ideas. Let's all work together to make improvements. Don't forget, Wednesday, April 16 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, coffee at the courthouse.

BNH Auxiliary sets 2nd meeting

The Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary will hold its second meeting Thursday, April 17, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held at the Bronte Nursing Home. If you have any questions, please call Lanette Fletcher at 473-5231.

"Garage Sale Saturday" slated for May 3

It's time to clean out the garage and the closets and get ready for "Garage Sale Saturday." If you are planning to have a garage sale this spring, Saturday, May 3, is the day to do it.

Anyone, business or family, wishing to have a garage sale on that day needs to sign up at City Hall by April 25 so your name and address can be added to the map. Maps will be available at the bank parking lot on sale day.

Tell your friends! The Chamber will advertise in the surrounding areas, as well as in the *Observer/Enterprise*. This will be an excellent way to promote the community of Bronte.

CCUWCD cancels election

At their last regular meeting in February, the Board of Directors of the Coke County Underground Water Conservation District ordered elections to be held in Precincts 3 and 4 on May 3, 1997. Wilbern Millican is currently serving in Precinct 3 and R.S. "Bud" Johnson is serving from Precinct 4.

Both of these directors have filed for re-election, and are running unopposed. Due to a recent change in the Election Code, the board ordered that the election would not be held and that the above directors were re-elected to office.

Ag Seminar scheduled

The Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau will be hosting an Agricultural Seminar on Tuesday, April 15, at the Coke County Ag Barn and Recreation Center in Robert Lee.

There will be a free hamburger supper beginning at 6:30 pm followed by the program on sheep and goats.

There will be discussion from knowledgeable sources on judging, production, and animal health. Everyone should be able to learn something they didn't know, so all interested parties are invited to attend.

Exes basketball game

Are you an ex Robert Lee or Bronte basketball star? Are you harboring a grudge? Want to get even? Want to renew an old rivalry? If so, then you might be interested in joining with others in getting together with old teammates to get a measure of revenge.

Anyone interested in forming an exes team (men's and women's) to compete in the

RL City Hall announces new hours

Robert Lee City Hall is now open from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. A payment drop is located on the front door for after hours convenience. Regular hours are 7:30 am - 5:15 pm.

TFBIC announces new agent

Coke-Sterling County Board of Directors would like to introduce Scott Robertson, who has joined the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Agency Force as an agent in Coke-Sterling Counties, effective March 1.

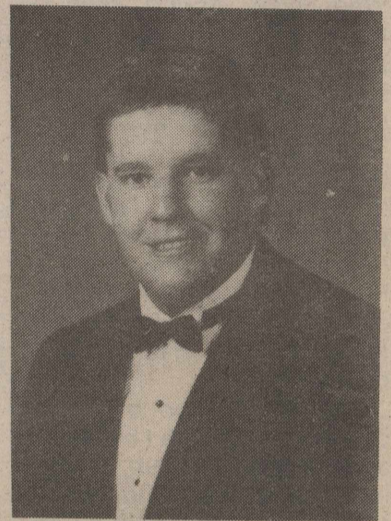
Scott is the son of Donnie and Ruth Robertson, who are longtime residents of Robert Lee. He and his wife, Terri, and son, Quade, are currently living in San Angelo. They plan to relocate to Robert Lee soon.

Scott has completed all his licensing requirements and will continue his education throughout his career. Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies hopes the community will help welcome Scott to his new position.

Pitcock signs with Sul Ross

Korey Pitcock, a senior at RLHS, has announced his intention to attend Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Korey has also announced his commitment to play football at Sul Ross.

Korey has been an outstanding player for the Steers during the past four years. The 6' 2", 310 pound offensive and defensive lineman has garnered several awards during his football career. He was named All-District honorable mention during his freshman year. During his sophomore year he was named to the 2nd team All-District Defensive team. As a junior he was named 1st team All-District defense. Finally, this year, Korey was selected unanimously to both the of-



Korey Pitcock

fensive and defensive all-district teams.

Korey is the son of Gaylon and Kaye Pitcock of Robert Lee.

RL blood drives scheduled

United Blood Services of San Angelo will conduct two blood drives in the coming months in the Robert Lee community.

The first will be Saturday, April 12, at Robert Lee Baptist Church from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donors that want to make an appointment may contact Becky Ross at 453-2415. Appointments are not mandatory, but help keep donor flow smooth and will be taken before walk-ins.

A blood drive will also be held at the Robert Lee High School Friday, May 3, from noon until 4:30 pm in the UBS portable unit. Anyone interested in donating can contact UBS or see Jerry Horn at the high school for more information.

Donors are reminded to bring a positive form of identification, such as a driver's license or blood donor card. Donors are also asked to know the name of any medication they are taking. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. A donor must also be well and healthy at the time of donation.

Because blood does expire after a time, UBS must draw around 35 units a day to supply and replenish the more than 20 hospitals in its service area.

For more information, contact UBS San Angelo at (800) 756-0024.

Coke Co. Pageant Assoc. to meet

Coke County Pageant Association will hold a general meeting Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 pm at Robert Lee City Hall. All interested persons are urged to attend.

CCJJCC meeting

CCJJCC members will meet Monday, April 14, at First United Methodist Church in Bronte. The meeting is set to begin at 6:00 pm. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

District court dispositions

Judge Barbara Walther presided over 51st District Court Thursday, April 3, 1997. The following dispositions were handed down.

State of Texas vs. Michael James Custer; Charge: Involuntary Manslaughter; Plea: Five years deferred adjudication, Court Cost \$147.50.

State of Texas vs. Roger Dee Shackelford; Charge: Boating while intoxicated; Plea: Five years Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated for three years, \$750.00 fine, Court Cost \$203.50.



Scott and Terri Robertson

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Death Notices

Turner

Funeral services for Johnnie Lee (Stubblefield) Turner, 95, were held at 10:00 am Wednesday, April 9, 1997 at the First Baptist Church, Hennessey, Oklahoma, officiated by Dr. Don Rogers. A second service was held at 3:00 pm Thursday, April 10, 1997 at the Bronte Methodist Church in Bronte, with Gayland Broadstreet and Elmer Beck officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, directed by Cordry-Sisson Funeral Home, Hennessey, Oklahoma.

She is survived by three daughters, Barbara Lee Brock and husband, Howard, of Norton, Marva Jean Underwood of Winters, and Clara Lee Pitchford of Hennessey, Oklahoma; 2 sons, Mannie Jake Turner and wife, Kathleen of Hennessey, Oklahoma, and Billy Mitchell Turner and wife,

District FCE meeting held

Coke County FCE members Marie Arrott, Vera Ballard, Juanita Bradley, and advisor Jan Yanez were among the 158 District Family Community Education members who recently attended the District 7 FCE meeting in Ballinger.

Special speakers included Bernice Seipp, District FCE Director, Phyllis McMakins, State FCE Treasurer, Dr. Carol Rice, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, and Carolyn Gilbert, District 7 Director for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Members participated in the question and answer session concerning women's health issues, given by Dr. Carol Rice. Members enjoyed the message from Phyllis McMakins concerning FCE on the state level. Carolyn Gilbert reported on the latest issues concerning the Extension Service.

Members from San Saba County provided an invitation to all members concerning the 1998 District FCE meeting.

Shirley, of Dover, Oklahoma; 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Harvey (Wilma) Newsom of Tulia, Texas and Mrs. Mildred (Annie) Cope of Bronte, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin, her parents, Mary and Jake Stubblefield; 2 sisters, Stone Cope and Mae Inman; 2 brothers, Walter and Fender Stubblefield.

Volunteer Recognition Week proclaimed

Judge Jackie Walker recently signed a proclamation declaring the week of April 13-19 Volunteer Recognition Week in Coke County. The proclamation follows:

Proclamation Volunteer Recognition Week April 13-19, 1997

Whereas, thousands of volunteers donate their time, energy, and expertise to Coke County and other organizations that provide services to county residents; and

Whereas, volunteers contribute to the enrichment of our community and make Coke County a better place to live; and

Whereas, volunteers are a valuable resource to Coke County departments/agencies and contribute to the cost effectiveness of government operations; and

Whereas, volunteers strengthen the democratic process by participating in local government activities and working to solve community problems; and

Whereas, on April 13-19, 1997, citizens across the United States of America will thank volunteers for their many contributions as part of National Volunteer Week;

Therefore, I, Jackie Walker, County Judge of Coke County, proclaim April 13-19, 1997 as Volunteer Recognition Week.

April 14 deadline for filing renditions

In accordance with state law, Texas businesses must render their property with the county appraisal districts by April 14. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of January 1, 1997.

"While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner - including homeowners, farmers and ranchers - may also list their property with county appraisal districts," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

"Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," Sharp noted. "They are ensuring that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills."

If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect or old address, the property owner is responsible for paying the taxes, plus late payment penalties, Sharp

added.

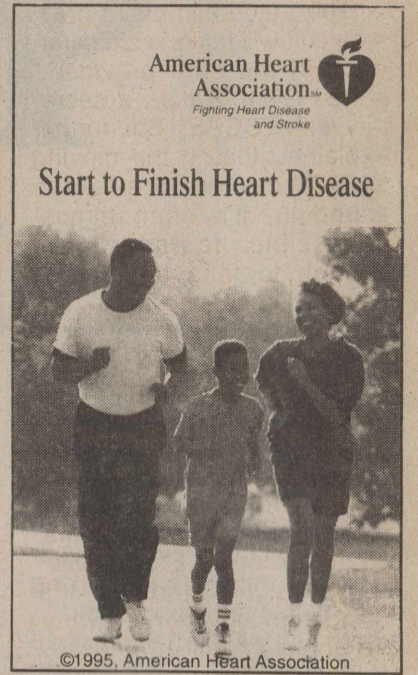
Sharp also announced that property owners who had property damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners may file the decreased value report about their property's condition on January 1, 1997.

Property owners may ask the chief appraiser for additional time - through April 30 - if the owners can demonstrate good cause. The chief appraiser must grant owners of property regulated by the Public Utility Commission or the Railroad Commission an extension to April 30 to file reports and may extend the deadline another 15 days if the owners request it in writing and show good cause.

On the renditions, property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By stating their opinion, property owners make sure that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. This notice allows property owners the time to gather information to protest the appraisal if they believe the ap-

praisal district's value is too high.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. Taxpayers may contact the county appraisal district office for the rendition forms, or they may call the Comptroller's property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121.



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ECCAS receives grant

East Coke County Ambulance Service was one of five recipients of grant money given by the San Angelo Health Foundation Tuesday, April 1, 1997. The service received \$2,276 in order to purchase an automatic blood-pressure cuff.

"The automatic blood-pressure cuff will make a big difference in the care provided," stated Gwen Baker, a secretary with ECCAS. She further explained that in the moving ambulance with the sirens sounding, it's often almost impossible to hear well enough to take a patient's blood pressure without the automated cuff.

The San Angelo Health Foundation was formed from proceeds of the sale of Angelo Community Hospital two years ago. The foundation's board will meet quarterly to determine grant recipients. Board chairman, F. L. "Steve" Stephens, reported that the foundation envisions awarding about \$2 million annually in grants. "From the smallest to the largest, we think they are very worthwhile projects," said Stephens. "They are varied in many ways, yet all contribute to improving the health of our community."

The purpose of the foundation's mission is "to improve the health of the great San Angelo community through funding a wide range of community projects."

Other recipients receiving grants last Tuesday were: Angelo State University - \$671,933 to initiate a physical therapy master's degree program; San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts - \$300,000 toward the construction of a new building; Institute of Cognitive Development-Family Shelter - \$46,360 to furnish 12 bedrooms and eight apartments added in a recent expansion; and Tom Green County Attorney's Office - \$15,784 to match with about \$80,000 in federal funds to start a domestic violence prosecution unit.

Hill recognized

Meagan Hill, RLHS senior, was recently recognized for her academic achievements by the Tandy Corporation. Meagan will now be eligible to compete for one of one hundred \$1000 scholarships awarded by Tandy.

This is the eighth year that the Tandy Technology Scholars program has made awards to teachers and graduating seniors at American high schools. Currently 16,600 public and private secondary schools have been certified to participate in the awards program. That is almost 79.50 percent of all secondary schools in the United States.

Meagan was recognized as one of the top 2 percent of eligible seniors participating in the awards program. Seniors who are nominated show outstanding achievement in mathematics, science or computer science.

Meagan is the daughter of Billy and Cynthia Hill of Robert Lee.



Royce Lee and Jeanene Andrews were married at 10:45 am Mountain Standard Time, Tuesday, April 8, 1997. Judge Bob Sadler performed the ceremony at the county administrative building in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Royce serves Coke County as commissioner of Precinct II, and Jeanene is interim administrator of the Bronte Nursing Home. The newlyweds will make their home in Bronte.

RLHS golfers win District Championship

Robert Lee's boys and girls golf team sewed up the District 11-A Championship Monday and Tuesday in the last leg of tournament play. Both teams were competing in Bronte.

The girls team competed Monday at Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte and shot very well. The team shot a total 396 which brought their total for the three tournaments to 1178. The girls finished 90 strokes ahead of second place Menard.

RL I

Melissa Smith 81; Meagan Hill 102; Bree Bolding 107; Kizzie Howell 106; Tracy Milligan 116.

First Medalist

Melissa Smith
The II team finished up a respectable 4th place in tournament play. Following are individual results for that team.

RL II

Brandi Brosh 131; Macy Hill 139; Becca Emert 117; Ashley Townsend 123.

The boys team competed Tuesday in Bronte and were fortunate enough to finish up before the norther hit. The team as a whole had a good day. Individual stats follow:

RL I

Jason Tavarez 80; Freddy Wojtek 86; B.J. Bessent 88; Daryl Calder 92; Rocky Coates 88.

First Medalist

Jason Tavarez
The II team finished up fourth in the tourney. Individual stats for the II team are:

RL II

Jeremy Eaton 90; Justin Francis 99; Bobby Longoria

96; Gilbert Torres 99; Jerrod Pitcock 104.

Medalist

Eli Boxell 107; Eric Hill 115; Justin Brickey 119.

RLHS golfers will attend the Regional Meet in Abilene in two weeks.

Jenkins, Thorn to wed

Tammy Jenkins and Cory Thorn are proud to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Tammy, an Austin resident, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cauley and Wayne Jenkins of Austin. Tammy is an employee of Healthcare Financial Resource and is a student at Austin Community College.

Cory, son of Ron and Fayne Thorn, is a graduate of Bronte High School and American Commercial College in San Angelo. Cory resides in Austin and works for 3M Telecom Systems Div.

Tammy and Cory will be married at Gunther Hall in Copeland, Texas, June 28, at 5 pm. The couple will reside in Hutto, Texas.

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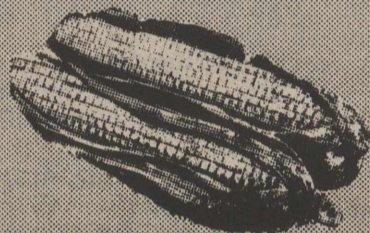
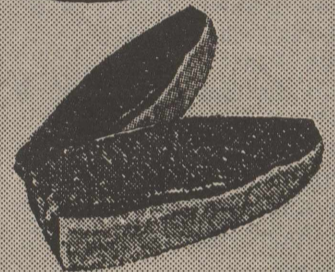
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLJH tracksters take District Championship

Robert Lee's boys and girls junior high track teams took the District Championship during some frigid competition Tuesday, April 8, in Water Valley. Both the boys and girls teams ran away in the meet, outdistancing other competitors by a large margin.

RL Girls results District Champs 172 points Field Events

Triple Jump

2nd. Dixie Simpson, 29' 11"; 3rd. DeShira Dickey, 28' 8 3/4"; 4th. Jodee Helwig, 27' 11 3/4".

High Jump

2nd. DeShira Dickey, 4' 6"; 3rd. Dixie Simpson 4' 6".

Shot Put

5th. Bobbie Sparks, 26' 9 3/4".

Long Jump

2nd. Dixie Simpson, 14' 2"; 3rd. Kizre Matthews, 14' 1/2"; 5th. Jodee Helwig, 13' 8 3/4".

Discus

1st. Whitney Millican, 82' 11"; 3rd. Jennifer Hamilton, 72' 3"; 6th. Amber Freeman, 65' 9".

7th Grade - Shot Put

Amanda Kuhl, 21' 11".

Running Events

400 M. Relay

1st. 55.52 (Dixie Simpson, Rachele Mills, Shanna Wojtek, DeShira Dickey).

800 M. Run

3rd. Jamie Chesshir, 3:04.05.

100 M. Hurdles

2nd. Jodee Helwig, 19.07; 3rd. Cayla Jeffrey, 19.33.

100 M. Dash

5th. Kizre Matthews, 14.04; 6th. Rachele Mills, 14.16.

800 M. Relay

2nd. 2:07.71 (Tiffany Copeland, Erin Millican, Dee VanHuss, Whitney Millican).

400 M. Dash

1st. DeShira Dickey, 66.98.

300 M. Hurdles

2nd. Cayla Jeffrey, 57.28; 3rd. Jodee Helwig 58.32; 4th. Dee VanHuss, 59.08.

1600 M. Run

5th. Melissa Landeros, 7:09.15.

1600 M. Relay

1st. 4:40.39; (Dixie Simpson, Jodee Helwig, Shanna Wojtek, DeShira Dickey).

8th Grade Boys District Champs 201 Points

2400 M. Run

1st. John Burdett, 9:45.5.

400 M. Relay

1st. 49.78 (Lewis Samaniego, Chase Rainwater, Justin Fluhmann, Beau Boxell).

800 M. Run

1st. Lewis Samaniego, 2:20.5; 6th. Favian Minjarez, 2:42.4.

110 H. Hurdles

3rd. Justin Fluhmann, 18.36; 5th. Beau Blair, 19.31.

400 Dash

2nd. Beau Boxell, 61.56.

300 Hurdles

2nd. Beau Blair, 50.48; 3rd. James Gallegos, 51.76; 6th. Justin Fluhmann, 53.35.

200 Dash

1st. Chase Rainwater, 25.7.

1600 M. Run

2nd. Freddy Landeros, 5:45; 3rd. John Burdett, 6:07.1; 4th. Favian Minjarez, 6:07.34.

1600 M. Relay

1st. 4:04.18; (Beau Blair, Lewis Samaniego, Beau Boxell, Chase Rainwater).

Discus

3rd. John Gallimore, 112'; 6th. Zeke Montgomery, 97' 6".

Long Jump

1st. Lewis Samaniego, 16' 7"; 5th. Beau Boxell, 15' 11".

High Jump

1st. Beau Boxell, 5' 4".

Triple Jump

1st. Lewis Samaniego, 36' 4"; 2nd. Chase Rainwater 35'; 3rd. Freddy Landeros, 34' 8".

Shot Put

3rd. Matthew Tinkler, 36' 5"; 4th. John Gallimore, 36' 1"; 5th. Chase Rainwater, 35' 9".

Pole Vault

1st. Justin Fluhmann, 7' 6"; 3rd. Curtis Bell, 7' 6".

7th Grade Boys Runners-up 129 points

400 Relay

2nd. 54.71; (Bret Ballew, Colby Eubanks, Brady Bolding, Michael Sockwell).

800 M. Run

4th. Sammy Minjarez, 3:02.

110 Hurdles

3rd. Colby Eubanks, 21.62; 6th. Casey Eubanks, 22.48.

100 Dash

3rd. Bret Ballew, 13.53.

400 Dash

2nd. Brady Bolding, 71.43.

300 Hurdles

5th. Casey Eubanks, 60.07.

200 Dash

3rd. Michael Sockwell, 27.97; 4th. Bret Ballew, 28.74.

1600 Run

2nd. Colby Eubanks, 6:16.

1600 Relay

3rd. 5:03; (Casey Eubanks, Taylor Clendennen, Sammy Minjarez, Brady Bolding).

Discus

5th. Brady Bolding, 79' 10"; 6th. Charles Abalos, 78' 11".

Triple Jump

5th. Sammy Minjarez, 24' 3".

Shot Put

5th. Charles Abalos, 26' 8"; 6th. Adam Cates, 26' 2".

Long Jump

2nd. Michael Sockwell, 15' 8"; 4th. Bret Ballew, 14' 6".

Pole Vault

1st. Taylor Clendennen, 7' 6"; 2nd. Michael Sockwell, 7' 6".

High Jump

1st. Michael Sockwell, 5' 8"; 3rd. Colby Eubanks, 4' 8".

RLHS

tennis results

District high school tennis was held April 3 & 4 at Angelo State University. Winning first place in the girls singles in the JV division was Jamie Luna. The girls doubles team of Tara Gardner and Macy Hill won 3rd place in the JV division. Also competing in the varsity division were Clara Gil in singles, and the doubles team of Kimberly Gloria and Robin Sevier.

RL Pre-K Day set

Pre-K day at Robert Lee Elementary is set for Friday, May 2, 1997. Times are set from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. The students will be furnished a meal free of charge.

If your child will be five years of age on or before September 1, 1997, he/she will be eligible to attend Kindergarten the 1997-98 school year.

Things you will need to furnish on Friday, May 2nd are: child's birth certificate, child's social security number, and child's immunization records.

Please bring your children to the cafeteria where they will be directed and escorted to their rooms. A short overview of the programs offered at Robert Lee Elementary will be given to the parents. Any questions you might have will be welcomed. If you need additional information please contact the Robert Lee ISD at 453-4557.

Please make arrangements to pick up your child between the times of 11:50 and 12:00 noon.

Robert Lee ISD is conducting a survey for determining the number of four year olds in Robert Lee on or before September 1, 1997. Reasoning for this survey is to assess the need for Early Childhood Services. If you have a child in this age bracket, please call and leave your name and age of the child with the school secretary.

RL posts elem. district UIL results

Robert Lee Elementary students participated in District UIL literary competition recently. They placed sixth in team competition with a total of 144 points. Individual results are listed below.

Mathematics - Grade 6: 5th, Shelby Roe

Story Telling - Grade 2: 3rd, Dixie Johnson; 6th, Becca Skinner

Oral Reading - Grade 6: 3rd, Shelby Roe

Number Sense - Grade 4: 1st, Lindsey Roe

Number Sense - Grade 6: 1st, Shelby Roe

Dictionary Skills - Grade 6: 6th, Misti Brothers

Number Sense - Grade 5: 5th, Phillip Arellano

Calculator - Grade 6: 5th, Shelby Roe

Art Contest - Grade 5: 3rd, Robert Lee

Listening Skills - Grade 6: 2nd/tie, Ashlee Millican

Art Contest - Grade 4: 2nd, Robert Lee

Ready Writing - Grade 4: 5th, Justin Long

Personal

Melanie Johnson, daughter of Dallas and Vallery Johnson of Robert Lee, is at home after hospital stays in San Angelo and Dallas. Melanie has been diagnosed with arterial vascular malformity.

Melanie has a small nest of blood vessels connecting to a blood vein leading to a major artery at the point where her brain stem connects to her brain. Doctors are confident that this can be removed during a 6-8 hour surgery. She is to undergo the surgery in approximately 4-6 weeks.

In flat lands with high clouds, the cloud-to-Earth lightning flash has been measured at 20 miles.



Menu is subject to change.
Breakfast
Monday, April 14
 Sausage & Biscuits w/Gravy, Orange Juice, Milk.
Tuesday, April 15
 Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.
Wednesday, April 16
 Blueberry Pancake w/Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk.
Thursday, April 17
 Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.
Friday, April 18
 Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday, April 14
 Pizza, Corn, Pears, Brownies, Milk.
Tuesday, April 15
 Red Beans w/Cornbread, Spinach, Tator Tots, Peach Cobbler, Milk.
Wednesday, April 16
 Chicken Spaghetti, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Homemade Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
Thursday, April 17
 Spud Day, Baked Potato, Chili, Green Beans, Spice Cake, Milk.
Friday, April 18
 Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onion, Potato Patty, Applesauce, Milk.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns travel to SC for track meet

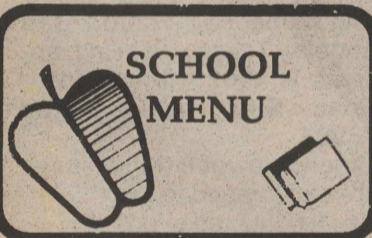
The Longhorns competed in the Sterling City Track Meet. Results follow:
3200 m run - 1st, Courtney Beam, 11:52
110 m hurdles - 1st, Keith Treadaway, 15.38; 4th, Dustin Holland, 17.6
400 m dash - 5th, Dustin Scott, 59.1; 6th, Scott Graves, 60.0
300 m hurdles - 3rd, Keith Treadaway, 43.8; 6th, Dustin Holland, 47.7
1600 m relay - 6th, Wes Howell, Chris Keller, Keith Treadaway, and Dustin Scott
Shot Put - 6th, Blake McKee, 40' 11"
High Jump - 6th, Dustin Scott, 5' 6"

BHS District tennis results

The Bronte High School varsity and junior varsity tennis teams recently competed in District competition.

In the Varsity division, Felicia Beam fell to the Christoval player 2-6, 5-7. The girls doubles team of Danielle Parker and Cara Barnett lost to the team from Eden, 6-4, 1-6, 6-7. The boys doubles team of Michael Blair and David Wilson won against the Water Valley team 7-6, 6-1, before falling to the Eden team 1-6, 2-6.

In the Junior Varsity division, the girls doubles team of Holly McDuffie and Brandi Smith fell to the team from Menard 2-6, 4-6. They then lost to Robert Lee 2-6, 0-6. Kim Perry faced the player for Sterling City and lost 6-7, 4-6.



SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, April 14
 Holiday!
Tuesday, April 15
 Cereal, Apple Sauce, Biscuit, Milk
Wednesday, April 16
 French Toast Stix, Orange Juice, Pop Tarts, Milk
Thursday, April 17
 Pancake, Sausage On A Stick, Apple Juice, Milk
Friday, April 18
 Scrambled Eggs, Sliced Orange, Biscuit, Milk

Lunch

Monday, April 14
 Holiday!
Tuesday, April 15
 Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Milk, Brownies
Wednesday, April 16
 Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Apple Sauce, Bun, Milk, Spice Cake
Thursday, April 17
 Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit Salad, Bread Sticks, Milk, Apple Crisp
Friday, April 18
 Submarine Sandwich, Ham & Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Pork & Beans, Sliced Oranges, Bun, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies

The boys doubles team of Rod Harrell and Dusty White faced the doubles team from Eden and fell 1-6, 0-6.

Everyone that participated is to be congratulated for playing their best.

Bronte PTA news

The Bronte PTA officers met April 3, 1997 to discuss the upcoming year. Officers for the 97-98 school year are David Rawlings, president; Lori Eubanks, vice-president; Cindy Saunders, treasurer; Debbie Harris, secretary/reporter; Georgia Johnson and Karen Fiveash, hostess committee.

Fund raising projects were discussed. It was decided that the PTA would continue to offer school supply packets for the elementary students.

The outgoing officers of the PTA did a tremendous job last year. Their help in "training" the new officers was greatly appreciated.

The new officers welcome any and all comments and suggestions.

ECCAS contributions

Contributions to the East Coke County Ambulance Service received in March of 1997 include:

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The new track facilities at Bronte ISD are nearly completed. The surface is complete except for striping.



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CCRC Roping results

An Invitational Round Robin Roping was held Sunday, March 23, 1997, at the Coke County Arena in Bronte, Texas. The ropings were for members and guests of the Coke County Roping Club.

In the first roping, Mike Saunders and Craig Grant won with a time of 29.3 on 3 head. Cindy Saunders and Kendall Gibbs came out the winners in the second roping with a time of 35.99 on 2 head.

The next round robin is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, and will replace the roping scheduled for Sunday, April 6, that was canceled due to wet ground in the arena.

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such a success.

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THANK YOU
for the food, flowers, cards
and calls while I was in the
hospital and after I came
home.

Oma Lewis
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Gregston Welding for your
donation to the Animal
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WE WOULD LIKE TO
thank Bro. Bivins and Robert
Lee Baptist Church and our
friends in Robert Lee for their
thoughts and prayers during
the loss of my mother and
through Johnny's surgery.

Nancy Page
36-1tp

DEAR COMMUNITY,

It's so hard to express to you
in so few words the love and
kindness I feel flowing
through me. Your prayers and
your help are overwhelming,
but much needed and appre-
ciated. I'll hold to the promise
of our Lord to love me and to
watch over me along with your
prayers for my recovery. Again
I feel inadequate in only being
able to say thank you so very
much for everything.

Love,
Melanie Johnson & Family
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

Case No. 97-3533
Date: 3-29-97

On the 29th day of March,
1997, I impounded the
following estray:

Kind of Animal: Beef Cattle
Breed: Longhorn Cross
Color: Red & White
Sex: Female
Age: Long yearling to two
year old
Size: 550-600 pounds
Brand, Marks, Identifying
Characteristics: Earmarks in
both ears

and on the 31st day of
March, 1997, I filed a Notice of
Estray in the Estray Book of
Coke County, Texas.

I have made a diligent
search of the register of
recorded brands in Coke
County, Texas, for the owner
of said estray, but the search
did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that,
if the ownership of said estray

NOTICES

is not determined by the 16th
day of April, 1997, said estray
will be sold at public
auction/sheriff's sale at
Producer's Livestock Auction
in San Angelo, Texas.

WITNESS my hand this 31st
day of March, 1997.

Mike Harris
Sheriff, Coke County, Texas
Wayne McCutchen
Deputy Sheriff, Coke County,
Texas

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CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for
RENOVATION OF HEATING-VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM at the Sonora Maintenance Office Building, US 277, Sonora, Texas, in Sutton County, Texas, and covered by BMA No. 077XXR1002, and sealed proposals for **PAINTING OF OUTSIDE SURFACES** at the Robert Lee Maintenance Office Building, SH 158, Robert Lee, Texas, and the Sub-section Bldg. US 277, Bronte, Texas, in Coke County, Texas, and covered by BMA No. 077XXR1003 will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of Transportation's District Complex located at 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas, until **2:00 PM, April 29, 1997**, and then publicly opened and read.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBID MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS. Specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P. E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

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PUBLIC NOTICE COKE COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Coke County is giving notice of the County's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is for

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\$149,999.00 for street/drainage improvements to county roads within Coke County. The application is available for review at the County Courthouse during regular business hours.

County Judge
Coke County
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROBERT LEE

The City of Robert Lee will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM on April 14, 1997, at the Robert Lee City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to allow for final public comments regarding the completion of the 1993 Texas Community Development Program - Sewer System Improvements (Contract No. 703779). The general public is invited to attend and participate.

Should any non-English speaking citizen (s) desire to address the City during the public hearing and needs the assistance of an interpreter, the City will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Also, should any citizen (s) desire technical assistance or handicap accessibility to the hearing site, please contact City Hall.

Kelly Nichols, Mayor
City of Robert Lee
36a-1tc

NOTICE OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of West Coke County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 1997, for voting in a Hospital District election, to elect 2 H. D. Board Members.

Location of polling place is Coke County Courthouse

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at County Clerk's Office, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1997, and ending on April 29, 1997.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Ettie Hubbard, Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 1997.

Issued this the 1st day of April, 1997.

Mary Bessent
Presiding Officer

AVISO DE ELECCION HOSPITAL DISTRICT

A los votantes registrados del West Coke County, Texas:

Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de mayo de 1997 para votar en la Elección para Dos (2) Directores.

Dirección De Las Casillas Electorales es Coke County Courthouse.

La votación en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en County Clerk's Office, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de abril, 1997, y terminando el 29 de abril, 1997.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a Ettie Hubbard, Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee,

Texas 76945. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 28 de abril, 1997.

Emitada este día 1 de abril, 1997.

Mary Bessent
Firma del Oficial que Preside
36a-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRONTE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Bronte is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is for \$149,000.00 for water system improvements in the City of Bronte. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Martin Lee, Mayor
City of Bronte
36b-1tc

ORDINANCE #299

AN ORDINANCE CANCELING THE MAY 3, 1997, REGULAR ELECTION AN DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of March, 1997.

Martin Lee, Mayor
City of Bronte

ATTEST:

Pat Martindale,
City Secretary

ORDINANZA #299

UNA ORDINANZA PARA CANCELAR LA ELECCION REGULAR DE 3 DE MAYO DE 1997 Y PARA DECLARAR A CADA CANDIDATO ELEGIDO A SU CARGO PUBLICO; ESTIPULAR QUE ESTE ORDINANZA SERA ACUMULATIVO DE TODOS ORDINANZAS; ESTIPULAR UNA CLAUSULA DE SEVERIDAD: Y ESTIPULAR UNA FECHA EFECTIVO.

Esta ordenanza sera en fuerza completo y efecto desde y despues la aprobacion, y asi esta ordenado.

PASADO Y APROBADO el 25 dia de marzo de 1997.

Martin Lee, Alcalde

ATESTIGUAR:
Pat Martindale, Secretaria de lo Cuidad
36b-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROBERT LEE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Robert Lee is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is for \$149,000.00 for water/sewer system improvements and street/drainage improvements in the City of Robert Lee. The application

is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Kelly Nichols, Mayor
City of Robert Lee
36a-1tc

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn, accompanied by their daughter, Carolyn Kuykendall of Abilene, spent Easter weekend in Houston with their son, David and his family. Also, coming from DeSoto were another son, Dr. Victor Glenn and his family.

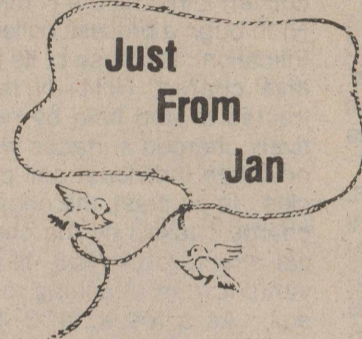
On Easter Sunday, the entire family group attended services at the beautiful Second Baptist Church where Dr. Ed Young is the pastor.

Of special interest to the Glenn family was the performance of the Christian band, Caedmon's Call, which appeared on the program for all three church services that morning. Danielle, daughter of David and Denise Glenn, sings with this group.

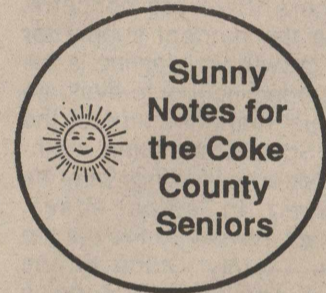
The band is currently on tour for Warner Brothers and will be doing a concert at Howard Payne University in Brownwood April 19.



The Happy Harts Square Dancers did their part Saturday, April 5th in the Trash-Off. The annual program is designated for clean-up of Texas highways.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent



Health Clinic

Friday, April 11, at 11 am, Ballinger Home Health will be at the Bronte Senior Center for blood pressure and blood sugar checks.

Menu

Monday, April 14
Glazed Ham, Sweet Potatoes w/Apples, Cooked Cabbage, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding
Wednesday, April 16
Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Vegetable Salad

Friday, April 18
Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana

Manage ponds for good fishing

As the last wintery storms of the season unfold over the next few weeks, the time is right to consider improving ponds for better water and fish supplies, a wildlife specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service said.

"Especially if you had problems with a pond last year, now is the time to plan what to do when warm weather comes in the next few weeks," said Dr. Jim Davis, Extension fish specialist.

Problems with aquatic weeds or sparse fish populations can be treated if a plan is developed, he said.

But Davis cautioned that complete elimination of aquatic weeds is not desirable, because these plants may provide growing areas for fish food and cover for young fish. They also may provide shoreline protection, serve as food for other animals or provide nesting areas.

Child Abuse

Last year nearly 45,000 children in Texas were abused or neglected. This represents the number of victims confirmed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. Many other cases go undiscovered and unreported.

The cost to society is very high. Child abuse and neglect are a factor in the high levels of juvenile crime, delinquency, and adult crime. Victims of child abuse and neglect are more likely to abuse their own children. For the children themselves, the cost in suffering is impossible to measure.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Get involved in preventing child abuse before it occurs. Remember the more you help, the less the child hurts. Children believe what their parents tell them. Words hit as hard as a fist. Take time to be kind. Don't take it out on your children. When good moms and good dads have bad days, children can suffer. Take time out. Don't take it out on your child.

Becoming a parent is one of the most natural things in the world. Being a good parent today is a challenge. Here are some tips to help create a loving relationship with children and still set and enforce the limits that they need.

*When children misbehave, let them know that you dislike what they did and not who they are.

*Rewarding good behavior is more effective than punishing misbehavior.

*Try to "catch" your children being good. Be generous with your praise.

*Punishment should be used to help teach children about the consequences of their behavior. Never punish in anger.

*Setting a good example is the best way to teach your children how you want them to behave.

*Physical punishment teaches a child that hitting is OK.

*Words hurt. If you tell children they are stupid, or lazy,

they will grow up believing it.

*Make it a habit to spend time together.

Child abuse is not an isolated problem. It affects each of us, and it is only through each of us that child abuse can be prevented.

Abuse Hotline - 1-800-252-5400, 24 hour hotline to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

Texas Heartline - 1-800-554-2323, help for parents.

Report drug activity to DPS toll-free

If you have information about illegal drug trafficking anywhere in Texas, the Department of Public Safety would like to hear from you.

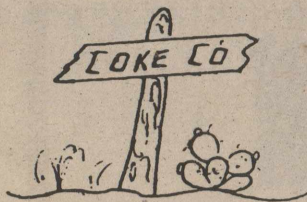
Beginning March 1, you can help fight illegal drug sales in Texas by calling the DPS toll-free at 1-800-525-5555 to report suspected drug activity anywhere in the state. A headquarters communications officer in Austin will relay your information to the appropriate Highway Patrol or Narcotics officer in your area.

If you believe a drug shipment is being transported, provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible about the vehicle, its location, direction of travel and license plate number. If the drugs are being stored at a building or residence, provide the location and any available information about when the drugs might be moved.

Please contact your local police or sheriff's department if you would like to report individuals possessing small quantities of marijuana or other drugs.

The main DPS 1-800 number also may be used to report erratic or drunken drivers or to seek assistance if you become stranded on the highway. When calling for these purposes, make sure to pinpoint your location and direction of travel using mile markers, crossroads or other landmarks.

To report marijuana under cultivation, contact the DPS Narcotics Service at 1-800-868-6274.



**COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS**

by **Tommy Antilley**
Coke County Agent

**Nitrogen
management**

Recent heavy rains in many parts of Texas have left some farmers wondering about possible losses of fertilizer that has already been applied. The three plant nutrients required in greatest amounts by most crops are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). These nutrients are essential for the normal growth and development of plants. Of these three, N is by far the most dynamic and the one most subject to loss. Weather conditions and soil microbes play important roles in these processes.

For most agricultural crops, except legumes (such as clovers or alfalfa) which can fix their own N from the atmosphere, N must be supplied as fertilizer each year to furnish adequate amounts for plant production. Once in the soil, N can undergo a number of chemical changes which influence its availability to crop plants and the potential for loss. When organic matter (plant or animal residues) containing a good supply of N compared to carbon (green manure, legumes) is applied to the soil, soil microorganisms break down the material releasing the N in a process called mineralization. This N is

in a mineral form and is immediately available for plant uptake. In contrast, if the material is low in N compared to carbon (leaves, wheat straw), a process called immobilization occurs where the N is tied up by the microbes in a form not available to plants.

Mineral N also is subject to various transformations in the soil. After organic N is mineralized into ammonium N (NH₄⁺-N), other soil microbes can convert it into nitrate N (NO₃⁻-N) through a process called nitrification. Because of its positive charge, NH₄⁺-N is attracted to and held by negatively charged surfaces which occur on individual soil particles. In contrast, the negative charge caused by the chemical structure of NO₃⁻-N prevents it from attaching to the soil. As a result, NO₃⁻-N is much more subject to loss by leaching from the soil. This is of greatest concern in coarse-textured, sandy soils which have a high permeability and rapid water infiltration.

Nitrogen loss also can occur from fine-textured, clay-type soils under high rainfall conditions. When the soil becomes saturated, some soil microbes may utilize the oxygen from NO₃⁻-N for respiration. In this process, called denitrification, nitrate is converted into N gas

which can volatilize into the atmosphere. This process is only of concern when the soil is waterlogged for an extended time (>12 hours), but can result in significant losses of N.

Several best management practices related to timing and methods of fertilizer application can help minimize potential losses of N due to leaching and volatilization. Applying N fertilizer as close as possible to the time of crop demand is very important. Thus, applications made just prior to planting are less likely to experience environmental conditions that may result in loss.

Understanding and considering crop growth patterns can also aid management. Most crops do not require large amounts of N in the early stages of growth, but do require an adequate supply throughout the growing season. As a result, split applications of fertilizer N can help ensure a steady supply, but reduce chances of loss due to heavy early-season rains.

Where there are concerns about the nutrient supply for crop growth, soil testing is the most effective tool to evaluate residual nutrient status of the soil. Special sampling methods (deep sampling) may be required in some cases. Contact Tommy Antilley at the Coke County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 453-2461 for assistance.

**Red Canyon
hosts shoot**

Sunday evening, April 6, Red Canyon Gun Club hosted a SB pistol silhouette match. Twenty-one shooters took advantage of beautiful weather, and competed in very close competition. When the last shot was fired, Jim Brisbin of Sonora, beat out Richard Johnson for the high overall trophy by 1 point; in 3rd place, 1 point behind was Phil Stephens of Austin.

Class Winners

AAA
1st. Phil Stephens, Austin; 2nd. Al Leggett, Odessa; 3rd. Bill McNutt, Junction.

AA
1st. Debra Stephens, Austin; 2nd. Doug Randel, Big Spring; 3rd. Cecil Hogg, Junction.

A
1st. Richard Seals, Robert Lee; 2nd. Danny Ammons, Sterling City; 3rd. Tom Delaney, Odessa.

B
1st. Billy Luxton, Big Spring; 2nd. Harvey Green, Robert Lee.

High Jr. Shooter

David Meyer, Sterling City. Jim Brisbin, Richard Johnson and Phil Stephens each won a 10 in a row pig pin. Debra Stephens won a 10 in a row chicken pin. Doug Randel won a 5 in a row pig pin.

**March
Arrests/Charges**

The Coke County Sheriff's Office has released the following arrests/charges filed for the month of March.

Juan Jesus Garza - Driving while intoxicated-release of

sureties, 3-6-97.

Maria Patricia Minjarez - Minor in possession of alcohol, 3-7-97.

Gerald Jay Parker - Making alcohol available to a minor, 3-7-97.

Christopher Torres - Minor in possession of alcohol; Criminal mischief, Public intoxication, 3-8-97.

Matthew Dean Hodges - Minor in possession of alcohol, Public intoxication, 3-8-97.

Verdie Lee Fikes - Violation of protective order, 3-10-97.

Robert Minjarez - Minor in possession of alcohol, 3-10-97.

Ambrocio Huapilla - Assault (family violence), 3-17-97.

Gary Dale Bilbrey, Jr. - Driving while license suspended, 3-20-97.

Carl Jesse Paul - False Alarm or report; Silent/abusive calls to 911, 3-22-97.

Eric Eugene Torres - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 3-23-97.

Randall Joseph De Decker - Felony possession of marijuana, 3-25-97.

Ray Brock Guevara - Making alcohol available to a minor, 3-30-97.

Cliffon Daniel Calder - Theft, 3-31-97.

Out of County Warrants
Daniel Franklin Percifull - Driving while intoxicated - 3rd or more, 3-14-97.

An acre of peanuts can yield more than 30,000 peanut butter sandwiches.

In some cultures, primarily in Dominica, the peanut is considered to be an aphrodisiac in folk medicine.

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