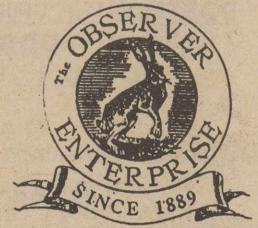


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Volunteer of the Year to be named at tonight's banquet

The West Coke County Volunteer Appreciation Banquet is set to begin tonight (Friday, June 20) at 7:00 pm in the park in Robert Lee.

Sponsored by the West Coke County Community Development, the event will honor volunteers from throughout West Coke County. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of a plaque to the Volunteer of the Year.

Coke County Judge Jackie Walker will emcee the awards presentation, and State Representative Rob Junell will be the featured speaker. Junell will give a short presentation on the importance of volunteers, and will then present the plaque to this year's outstanding volunteer recipient.

Ft. Chadbourne Parade plans shaping up

State Representative Rob Junell and Miss Bronte will be among those riding horses in the Ft. Chadbourne Days Parade Saturday, June 28. Also appearing in the parade will be the Rehab chuck wagon. Anyone that wishes to enter the parade is encouraged to do so.

This year's parade will start at 10:00 am in front of the Bronte Nursing Home.

The Helmet Lady will be riding her bicycle down the parade route. She would like to have a large number of riders with her. The Chamber will sponsor a bike decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded to the most colorful, most unusual, and most patriotic bicycles. Participants may register at Celia's Antique Store at 9:30 am on the day of the parade.

Two color guards will be marching in the parade with the possibility of more also appearing. Make plans now to either participate or watch the parade at 10:00 am on June 28.

A second parade will be held at 1:00 pm when the trail riders ride into town. The riders will come in from the Chadbourne Ranch. There will be lots of horses and wagons making their way along the parade route.

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Nominations for the award were requested from service organizations serving West Coke County. Nominees include Larry Martin, John Conley, Wilson and Lucile Bryan, Jeffie Roberts, Denise Roberts, Kay Torres, and Jim Clendennen.

Local youth who have been contacted to entertain during the festivities include Brandi Brosh, Macy Hill, Shawn Barnes, and Trichelle Gray. The RL 4th, 5th, & 6th grade singers will be on hand along with a junior gymnastics team.

All area residents are invited to attend. Hamburgers, fries, and coke floats are on the menu at no charge to those in attendance. A donation box will be available with contributions going toward the proposed pavilion in the park project.

Community service organizations have been asked to set up booths and/or tables in the Rec Hall to let the public know more about their club or organization and the services they provide. Bring your lawn chairs and a healthy appetite and join the fun as the WCCCD honors the volunteers of West Coke County.

Cemetery clean-up planned for Mule Creek

A cemetery clean-up day has been set for Saturday, June 21 at Mule Creek Cemetery in Tennyson. Anyone that has loved ones at Mule Creek is urged to come out early and help with the clean-up. Bring your lawnmowers, yard tools, etc. The community center will be open for those that wish to bring a sandwich and drink for lunch. In the event of rain, plan on working the following Saturday.

Pageant Assoc. to meet

Coke County Pageant Association will hold a general meeting Monday, June 23, at Robert Lee City Hall. The meeting is set to begin at 7:00 pm. All persons interested in the pageant are urged to attend.



Last Thursday night, June 12, 1997, residents of Blackwell and Oak Creek Lake were hit with a storm that caused a great deal of damage in the area. However, the only injury reported was to a woman who hurt her ankle while hurrying to a storm cellar. Described by some as high straight line winds and by others as a small funnel cloud that never quite touched the ground, whatever it was caused the trailer house in the photo to flip off its foundation and disintegrate. Also, many trees in the area were uprooted and tin off roofs was scattered throughout the town. Representatives of utility companies, law enforcement agencies, local fire departments, and county road crews worked throughout the night and the next few days to restore service and to help with the cleanup. Inmates from Carlsbad provided additional help with the cleanup.

Rainfall totals reported

Coke County saw some rough weather over the last weekend with some folks heading to storm cellars as the entire county was put under weather advisories for everything from tornados to severe thunderstorms. Blackwell residents bore the brunt of the storm, with high winds removing roofs and fences for several folks. The good news is that we did receive more rain. Robert Lee received

about 1 1/2 inches, with Bronte getting rain measuring around 2 inches.

J.L. Alexander of Bronte responded to our plea for help in keeping rainfall totals for the East side of the county. And we are putting him right to work.

Mr. Alexander reported 6.3 inches so far for the month of June. That brings the yearly total to 17.1 inches. In 1996 Bronte, like much of the rest of Texas, saw only 8.15 inches fall up until June. But the monsoonal rains hit during

July and August and brought the total for 1996 up to 31.6 inches. From July of 1996 to June 15 of this year 40.5 inches have fallen on the East side of Coke County.

Tuesday night golf

Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte will have a nine-hole scramble every Tuesday night. Entry deadline is 5:30 pm with 6:00 pm as the start time. For more information, call the course office at 473-2156.

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Death Notices

Preslar

Loma Preslar, 87, passed away Sunday, June 15, 1997, in the West Coke County Nursing Home in Robert Lee.

Graveside service was held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, June 17, at Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death

Disabled person placards to expire soon

The first of the permanently disabled person placards that were issued in 1992 will begin to expire on June 30. The Coke County Tax Office reminds citizens that they must obtain new placards to remain in compliance with state and federal laws.

Permanently disabled person placards are hung from a vehicle's rear view mirror and entitle the holder to certain parking privileges. Placards may also be displayed in any vehicle used by or for the transportation of a disabled person.

The first placards were issued in July 1992. Citizens should pay close attention to the expiration date on their placards because there won't be any renewal notices to remind them to renew. Placard renewals will be processed through the Coke County tax collector. Citizens are asked to take their expired placards to the tax office, where they will complete a form and pay a statutory \$5 fee per placard. Permanently disabled Texans may obtain up to two placards; they also have the option of getting one placard and one set of disabled person license plates.

First-time applicants for permanently disabled person placards or license plates have to meet certain eligibility requirements: their application must also bear the signature of a licensed Texas physician or optometrist. The county tax assessor-collectors issue placards locally to individuals, not motor vehicles. Because there's no centralized database, information as to the bearer of a placard is available only through the county tax office.

Questions about permanently disabled person placards should be referred to the Coke County tax office in the courthouse, or call 915-453-2614.

by one son, Barton Preslar.

Survivors include one son, Howard Preslar of Overton, Texas; two brothers, Nolan Pentecost and Bill Pentecost, both of San Angelo and one sister, Margie Casselberry, also of San Angelo. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Jacky Preslar of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Clifton Preslar of Chandler, Arizona; Denise Preslar Swisher of Ballinger, Texas, and Kathy Preslar Butler and six great-grandchildren.

Blair

William Franklin "Bill" Blair, Jr. passed away on Saturday, June 14, 1997 at the age of 84.

Services were held Tuesday, June 17, at the First Baptist Church in Sterling City with the Rev. David Burke and the Rev. Earl Blair officiating. Burial followed in Foster Cemetery. Arrangements were by Ross Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Blair; two sons, Bob Blair and wife, Carol, of San Angelo and Billy Blair and wife, Nettie, of Water Valley; two brothers, John Blair of Sterling City and Curtis Blair of Robert Lee; two sisters, Verna Bell Robertson of Odessa and Samantha Robertson of Robert Lee; one granddaughter and four grandsons; three great-granddaughters; two step-grandsons; and 5 step great-grandchildren.

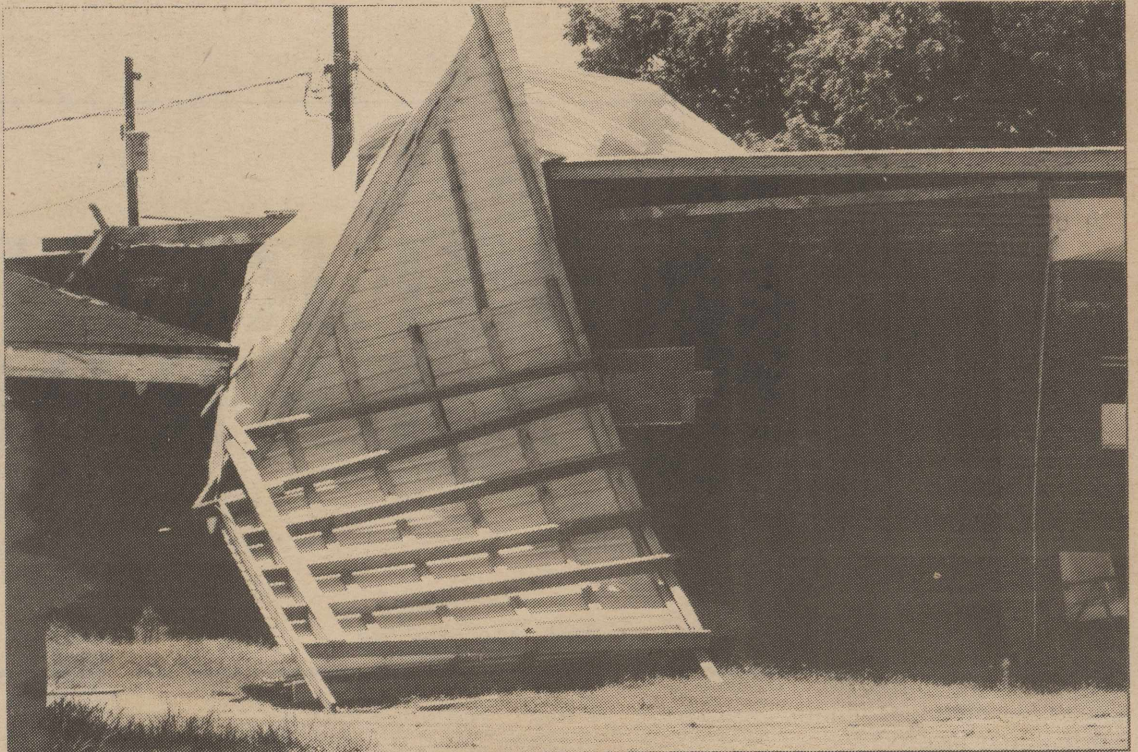
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The store at Oak Creek Village was one of the many buildings in the Blackwell area that suffered damage during the storm that hit Thursday night.

Commissioners' Court actions reported

Coke County Commissioners' Court met June 9, 1997. The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-Tem Paul Burns, due to Judge Walker being on vacation. All other court members were present.

The meeting was opened with a pledge to the flag and a prayer. Minutes were read and approved.

The County agent's report was presented and approved.

The contract with Allied Compliance was renewed for employee testing for drug and alcohol.

There were no private road work requests.

Under open forum, James

Tidwell reported on some new plans at Wackenhut regarding technical training for the girls.

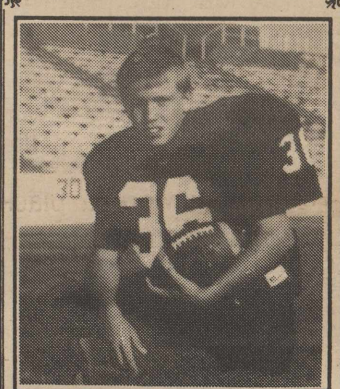
Treasurer's affidavit was reported with the following information: May 31 - cash \$826,099.55, other assets \$556,396.00 for a total of \$1,382,495.55; previous month - cash \$890,171.19, other assets \$546,396.00 for a total of \$1,446,567.19; previous year - cash \$635,719.04, other assets \$732,000.00 for a total of \$1,367,719.04.

The sheriff's report was not available at this time, will report at the next meeting.

The court recessed and paid their quarterly visit to Wackenhut. All seemed fine at the facility.

Bills were paid and the meeting adjourned.

To the 80 million of you who volunteered time and money last year, thanks for all you've given. Imagine what more could do. Call 1-800-55-GIVE 5. It's what in the world you can do.



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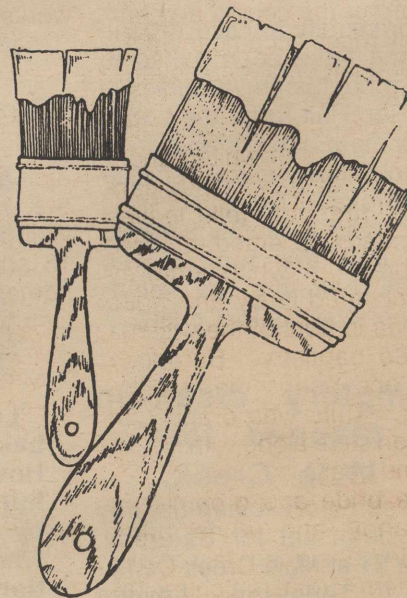
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me, He told me to yield
for a touchdown in heaven
is straight up the field
It's great playing football
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I love playing the game
under these golden lights
My Papa is here, and I
know the rest of my family
is near
No zigging or zagging
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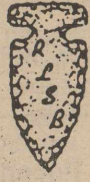
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Drennan-Wyatt nuptials told

Robert Lee Baptist Church was the setting for the June 7th wedding of Debra Ann Drennan and David Earl Wyatt, both of Stephenville. Rev. Garry Bivins performed the double ring ceremony.

Debra is the daughter of Wayland and Mary Beth Drennan of Robert Lee. David's parents are Jim Wyatt of Comanche and Mrs. Linda Mitchell of Abilene.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a candlelight designer gown by Jaclyn, of Peau de Soie, featuring a sweetheart neckline and key-hole back. The bodice was encrusted with pearls and sequins, as were the long sleeves. The chapel length train featured lace cut work, beads and sequins. The fingertip veil cascaded from a pearl tiara. Her jewelry was a pearl and zirconia necklace with matching tear-drop pearl earrings. Something new was her dress, veil, and an ivory lace garter, a gift from Katie and Rick Drennan. Something old and borrowed was the lace covered Bible carried by her mother in her wedding, made by her grandmother, Louise Walker. Something blue was a blue beaded necklace (given to the bride by her father 21 years ago), sewn onto her garter.

The bridal bouquet, designed and created by Ara Harris, was of blush silk roses, stephanatos, baby's breath, and lace ribbon entwined with pearls and carried atop the Bible.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails, a black tie and white cummerbund. A blush rosebud was worn in the lapel.

Maid of honor was Liz Tallier. Matron of honor was Christie Smith. Both are from Stephenville. Carrie Vandenburg of Stephenville and Katie Drennan, sister-in-law of the bride from Robert Lee, were the bridesmaids. They wore burgandy jacquard A-line princess style dresses with a scooped neckline. Their jewelry was a single strand of pearls and pearl earrings. Their bouquets were cascades of burgandy, mauve, and white silk flowers accented with ivy and pearls.

Best man was Mark Logan of Stephenville. Groomsmen were Wesley Smith, Chris Vandenburg, both of Stephenville, and Rick Drennan, the brother of the bride, from Robert Lee. They wore black tuxedos accented by a burgandy cummerbund and tie, and a white carnation.

Ushers and candlelighters were Blake Pitcock of Lubbock and Brandon Jeff Coates of Stephenville. Their tuxes matched the groomsmen and they wore forest green cummerbunds and ties with a burgandy carnation.

Flower girl was Dawnya Nicole Smith of Stephenville. She wore a white dress with sheer overlay accented with white ribbon trim, and burgandy ribbon roses at the princess waistline. She carried a basket of burgandy, mauve, pink, and white silk flowers.

Ringbearer was Devin



Mr. and Mrs. David Wyatt

Quade Robertson of San Angelo. He wore a black suit with white tux shirt and tie and a burgandy rosebud in his lapel. He carried a ring pillow (used by Debra's parents in their wedding), adorned with burgandy ribbon roses, pearls, and two gold rings.

Pat Stephens played the traditional wedding music for the couple. Soloists were Terri Robertson of San Angelo, who sang, "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" and "My Valentine", and Richard Long of Ira, who played and sang "I Cross My Heart" and "Keeper of the Stars".

Registering guests was Kimberly Carver of Abilene. A picture of the couple and burgandy roses accompanied the guest book on a lace covered antique table.

The church was decorated with two sets of white candelabras holding burgandy candles. Burgandy tulle leaves and pearls accented the candelabras. A white archway was covered in ivy and white wisteria in front of the wisteria draped baptistry. Burgandy tulle and pearls marked the pews. Tulle was draped on the banisters along with ivy, lilies and pearls.

The bride and groom lit a burgandy and white unity candle, designed especially for them, from matching tapers which were lit earlier in the ceremony by their mothers.

The reception was held in the church fellowship hall. Two kinds of punch, mints and nuts were served from a lace covered table with forest green underlay. The bride's table featured a three tiered oval cake, designed by the bride, and four satellite oval cakes. The table was covered by a burgandy cloth with lace overlay. A forest green cloth with lace overlay covered the groom's table. His cake was German Chocolate.

Serving in the houseparty were Beverly Bell, Jeanette Jacobs, Ruth Robertson, Kaye Pitcock, Linda Burns, Elena Sanchez, Dolores Roe, Beverly Sinclair, Jeffie

Roberts, Beth Prather, Nita Gay Williams, Beth Heard, Sharon Pitcock, Sheila Carver, and Carolyn Long.

The rehearsal dinner, held at the church fellowship hall, was prepared and served by Gaylon and Kaye Pitcock, along with John and Sheila Carver.

After a honeymoon to San Antonio, the couple is at home in Stephenville where Debra is a candidate for December graduation from Tarleton State University with a degree in Agriculture Services and Development. David is assistant manager for Pizza Hut and will attend Tarleton in the fall. Debra also works for Pizza Hut and for Tarleton State University.

Class of 49 meets

Seven 1949 RLHS graduates and their spouses met in the home of Tiny Hurley Whitworth in Junction, June 13 and 14. Tiny has a new home that was completed in October.

She sliced into the side of a steep hill on the edge of town, had the house built to her own plan, then decorated it expertly. The house sits within the rock-walled circle drive and yard. Two sides are adjacent to cliffs. She is still putting in the yard, and having problems with the deer helping themselves to her tender young plants. The house and wall are made of Austin stone. The view from any window or patio is breath-taking.

The group included Bill and Eula Blair, Janie and John L. Bruton, Esther and Walter Jones, Billie Dye and Les and Bonita Copeland. Bobby and Janet Baker had to cancel at the last minute.

The group visited, ate, played games, and watched the US Open golf tournament. John L. and Bill played golf Friday afternoon. Everyone left reluctantly, after some picture taking, late Saturday afternoon. Tiny's hospitality leaves nothing to be desired.

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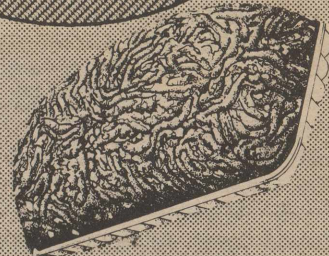


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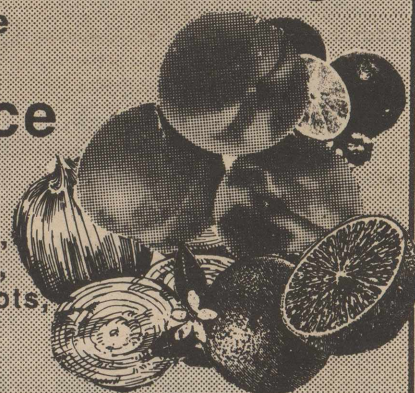
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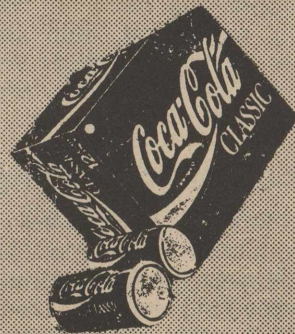


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Ross Round-up held in RL

The annual Ross Round-up was held in Robert Lee Saturday, June 14 at the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee. The large group enjoyed a day of feasting on barbecue with all the fixings, visiting, picture taking, more feasting, swimming, golfing, and more feasting. Fifty-one descendants of Roy and May Ross were in attendance for the annual event. The group began meeting formally (as in reunion type) in 1992.

Family members attending the reunion this year were: Marie Ross, Dennis & Roxie Ross; Mike & Debbie Conley, Stacie & Sam; Elmer & Barbara Adkins; Jo & Mark Holub and Claire McManus; Michael Adkins; Michelle Fickle, Derrick & Karissa; Preston & Norma Ross; Allen & Kelly Smith & Sarah; Wallace & Billie Ross; Cecil & Holly Ross, Carson & Sam; Diane McClatchy, Cressie & Patton; Joe & Nellie Ross; Tommy & Jo Nell Blair and Beau; Lane & Gayle Shandley, Lance, Joseph, and Landon; Ricky & Becky Ross, Mason & Meagan; Royce and Alice Wallace; Morris & Wanda Wallace, Duncan & Garrett, and Vanessa Marsh.

Special friends and guests of the family that paid a visit during the day were Donna Green, Margaret E. Wikander, Lynn Green, Joe Copeland and Bruce Copeland.

The group, as all families do, enjoyed the chance to visit and reminisce. Plans are underway for next year's round-up.

Wilkes places first in cookoff

Robert Lee resident Debbie Wilkes recently competed in the pie cook-off division at the "Barbados Do" in Rankin. This is the second year Debbie has won in the pie division.

In 1996 Debbie won first place in the nut pie division. She won with a Pecan Praline pie. Her entry in the fruit pie division, an apple, pear, and raisin pie, took first in that competition. Her prizes for the wins were a microwave oven and a bread baker oven.

This year she took first place in the cream pie division with a pie called Coconut-Crunch Delight. Her prize this year was a CD player and stereo.

Debbie, the owner of Vit-tlestix restaurant, said she would be glad to share her recipes with anyone who would care to have them.

Sanco homecoming events detailed

The Sanco Village Association hosted the 43rd annual Homecoming June 8, 1997. Approximately 100 persons from near and far were in attendance, despite threatening weather and downpours of rain during most of the activities.

Newly elected president, Charles Fowler, and his wife, Eva, led a devotional time with prayer, congregational singing of hymns, and scripture reading and a short devotion. Family members provided special music. Later, attendees were invited to tell a memory associated with

growing up in and around Sanco. Many interesting stories were related, some evoking laughter, and some, tears.

The crowd enjoyed barbecued brisket, chicken, sausage, and beans furnished by the association, and all the trimmings prepared and furnished by the participants. Cuin and Elaine Norvell furnished water and tea for the event, and James and Kathy Pentecost barbecued meat and cooked the beans.

RLISD board meets

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 10, 1997 with all members present.

The following business was conducted:

*Bills were paid and minutes approved of previous meeting.

*Staff needs and programs were discussed.

*A depository bid from Robert Lee State Bank was approved.

*Permission was granted to participate in a distance learning grant proposal by the San Angelo Health Foundation.

*1997 TAAS results were discussed.

*Update 55 from TASB was distributed for study.

*Principal and superintendent's reports were given.

The next regular meeting will be July 17. The public is invited to attend.

Fire ant control measure approved

Texas is the first state with a plan to manage red imported fire ants. Legislative approval of funding for a statewide fire ant management plan puts Texas in the forefront in the fight against the aggressive pests. Gov. George Bush is expected to sign the measure as part of the state budget.

"It's a great day in Texas, folks. Mothers in towns all over Texas are once again going to be able to let their kids go out in the backyard to play again and not be afraid of what the fire ant is going to do to that child," said Rep. Tom Ramsay, D-Mount Vernon. Ramsay sponsored legislation in the 1995 session establishing a state fire ant advisory committee that designed the statewide management plan.

The plan spends \$2.5 million annually on research, ed-

ucation, regulation and community-wide controls. Texas A&M University, the University of Texas and Texas Tech University will share in the research funds with a goal of finding long-term solutions to the fire ant problem. Research will concentrate on chemical controls as well as biological controls such as parasites and diseases.

"We're looking at things like biological control which is the use of other insects to control the fire ants. (We're looking at) disrupting mating of the fire ant. We're also going to look at some genetic solutions to see if we can introduce a lethal gene into the population that will help control the fire ant," said Dr. Ray Frisbie, head of A&M's entomology department.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will undertake educational efforts aimed at informing the public on effective treatments. The Texas Department of Agriculture will conduct surveys to determine the problem areas to make quarantine and regulation more effective.

And a state coordinating office will be established for community-wide controls. Cities can have attack plans designed for their specific situation. They may involve getting everyone in a neighborhood to apply bait at the same time and coordinating the effort to systematically cover entire communities. Taxpayer money will not be used to purchase pesticides.

Fire ants do an estimated \$300 million dollars in damage annually in Texas. That figure includes medical expenses, equipment repair, livestock losses and pesticide purchases.

The red imported fire ant came into the United States in the 1930s. It spread to Texas in the 1950s and now covers two-thirds of the state. They infest a total of nine states.

Gibbs receives degree

More than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during 1997 spring commencement exercises.

Elaine Gibbs graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications. She is the daughter of Bill and Judy Gibbs of Robert Lee.

County students make honor rolls

More than 3,600 Texas Tech University undergraduate students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Area students making the honor rolls included the following:

Lori Wink, an English major, was named to the President's List. Lori is the daughter of Robert and Marsha Wink of Robert Lee.

Laura Thomas was named to the Dean's List. She is a Mathematics major and the daughter of Danny and Rowena Thomas of Bronte.

Stenholm supports flag protection amendment

Congressman Charlie Stenholm recently voted in favor of HJ Res. 54, a constitutional amendment to empower Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the American flag. This amendment passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 310 to 114, a margin greater than the two-thirds vote required for a constitutional amendment.

"The flag is more than a symbol, and its desecration is more than a mere expression of free speech," explained Stenholm. "Protecting our flag preserves the value of liberty, equality, and personal responsibility which it uniquely embodies. The flag is a tangible expression of these traditional values upon which our nation was founded."

In June 1989, the United States Supreme Court in *Texas vs. Johnson* held that the burning of an American flag as part of a political

demonstration was expressive conduct protected by the First Amendment to the US Constitution. Prior to this Supreme Court decision, forty-eight states and the federal government had laws prohibiting flag desecration; these laws were invalidated by the Supreme Court ruling. The proposed amendment, which reads simply: "The Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States," will allow Congress to pass a law banning flag desecration which the Supreme Court could not rule unconstitutional.

To become a constitutional amendment, the Flag Protection Amendment must now be passed by the Senate by a margin of a two-thirds majority before it can be sent to the states. It then must be ratified by three-fourths (38) of the states. To date, 49 state legislatures have petitioned Congress to have this amendment sent to them for ratification. A constitutional amendment does not require presidential approval.



Lake Spence Fishing
Lake Spence Superintendent Royce Hood reported the following activity on Lake Spence over the recent weekend.

Paint Creek Marina
Rusty Baker - Odessa, 1 black bass, 6 3/4 lbs. on buzz bait.

Wildcat Marina
Scott Clark - Midland, 1 striper, 16 1/2 lbs. on cut shad.

Terry Brown - Odessa, 1 striper, 30 lbs. on cut shad.

Darrell Sorey - Midland, 1 striper, 20 1/4 lbs.

Jerrod Finn - 1 black bass, 6 lbs. 8 oz. on Pico Pop.

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BISD board minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting on June 12, 1997 at 6:30 pm to interview three applicants for Elementary Principal. No action was taken.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees followed the special meeting at 10:25 pm in the board room. All board members were present.

Motion was made to approve an alternate 186 day calendar. It was approved.

Adopted/ratified TASB Board Policy Manual through updates 55 and with the revisions made January 23, 1997.

Accepted the Depository Bank Bid for 1997-99 from First National Bank of Bronte.

Approved the Errors and Corrections Tax Roll for 1996 and the Supplemental Tax Roll for 1996.

Accepted the Student Insurance proposal from Texas Insurance Benefits.

Accepted proposal from Swain Plastering for the stucco work in the gym and art building. Accepted proposal from the Carpet Store and More for tile work in the Ag shop and the art building.

Reviewed the results from the school board/site base committee retreat. The Board was updated on the work in the computer lab, gym, art facilities, ag farm, and bleachers.

Accepted resignations from Jody Garmon, Judith Harrell, and Chris Holden.

Discussed the girls volleyball/basketball coach.

Discussed the new state base for teachers and auxiliary personnel salaries.

Heard the Superintendent's report including update on CCJJC, discussion of the TASB convention in September, the District 1995-96 cost ratio from TEA, and the Decision Maker's Seminar June 20 & 21. The Board agreed to sign the engagement letter with Burl Lowery, CPA for the 1996-97 audit.

The superintendent, Alan Richey, also reported on the track facilities stating that there would be a pedestrian gate open on the west side of the track and that there are rules for pedestrian use posted.

Discussion was held concerning a baseball program and the counselor job description.

Paid the May 1997 bills.

The board was adjourned at 11:55 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be a special meeting June 20, 1997 at 5:00 pm to consider/hire an elementary principal and a girls volleyball/basketball coach. The superintendent will also give a report at this meeting.

BNH minutes released

The Board of Directors of the East Coke County Hospital District met in regular session on Monday, June 16, 1997.

Items discussed included the status of the application for approval of a skilled nursing facility which would enable the nursing home to accept persons not now eligible for acceptance.

An agreement was approved to engage Mark Burk

Construction to repair a section of roof and supervise re-roofing three wings.

Approval of the 1996 Errors and Corrections Tax Roll, monthly bills, monthly financial report, and administrator's report were other items on the agenda.

The 1996-1997 budget was amended.

A hearing on the 1997-1998 budget was set for Monday, June 23, 1997 at 7:00 pm in the Conference/Activity room of the Bronte Nursing Home.

Taylor-Johnson feted with shower

A "Get Acquainted" reception honoring Eboni Taylor and Richard Johnson was given on Saturday, June 7, 1997, at the Church of Christ annex in Bronte. The couple will be married in Mullins, South Carolina, on July 5, 1997. Eboni is the daughter of Stover and Jerita Taylor of Bronte. Rick is the son of Dr. Fritz and Joan Johnson of Mullins, South Carolina. They will make their home in Ravanel, South Carolina, just outside of Charleston where they will be working and finishing their education.

Many of their family and friends came by to extend best wishes to the couple and to present them with many wonderful gifts as they begin their lives together.

A sunflower theme was coordinated by the hostesses Marilyn Bivins, Velva Hartman, Charlotte Blackburn, Angie Hoyt, Oleta Braswell, Donna Scott, Susan Clapp, Virginia Sissom, Shaye Coalson, Fran Sonnenberg, Christine Corley, Jean Sowell, Judy Driggers, Brenda Tidwell, Kay Hambright, Sharon Braswell and Elyonne Lee.

Smith honored

Flora Smith of Bronte was honored June 10 with a birthday party given by her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and E.S. Herring in their ranch home near Maryneal. The group enjoyed lunch, visiting, picture taking and dominoes.

Present for the day were Flora and Otis Smith of Bronte; Cova and Calvin Sparks and Dale Fields of Robert Lee; Clema and Pete Rampy of Grape Creek; Ken Harlan of Blackwell; Donna, Alyssa and Matt Gosney of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and the Herrings.

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BISD recognized

Mr. Alan Richey, superintendent of the Bronte Independent School District, was recently honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin. The Association consists of 169 participating school districts located throughout Texas. The district is a member of a uniquely designed partially self-funded workers' compensation program developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc., both located in Tyler. Hibbs-Hallmark & Company currently provides workers' compensation programs to over 30 percent of all schools in Texas. The purpose of the meeting was to recognize those districts that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level. The combined savings during the 95-96 school year, for all participating districts, was over 6.9 million dollars when compared to the costs of fully insured programs. The total savings for all districts since inception of the programs in 1991 exceeded \$37 million dollars.

The Bronte Independent School District was a Gold Performer award recipient with actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 50 percent of the fund set aside by the district for claims expenses. The actual savings to the school district was \$14,340. "Our self insurance program was designed to provide the highest level of safety and offer the greatest potential for premium savings to our members," said Billy Hibbs, CEO of Hibbs-Hallmark & Company. "We have a team of safety professionals to help the districts to implement a strict set of safety policies and procedures."

Claims Administrative Services, Inc., President, Barry Jones, stated "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the key reasons for the Association's success. Their participation in HHC/CAS's program sets the standard for all schools across the state to reduce on the job injuries and save taxpayer dollars. The taxpayers should also be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of the Bronte Independent School District is doing everything possible to insure a safe working environment for its employees while reducing the cost of workers' compensation insurance," continued Jones.



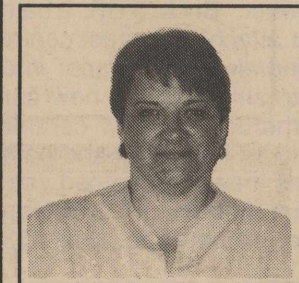
Bronte ISD Superintendent Alan Richey (center) is shown receiving an award for outstanding employee safety from North Texas Educational Insurance Association. Presenting the award to Mr. Richey are (right) Billy Hibbs of Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and Barry Jones, president of Claims Administrative Services, Inc.

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- 9. CHANGES IN PERSONALITY. While personality normally alters somewhat with age, a person suffering from Alzheimer's can have especially drastic changes. They may become confused, suspicious or even fearful.
- 10. LOSS OF INITIATIVE. Everyone gets tired of housework, business activities, or social obligations, but most normal, healthy people regain their initiatives. The person with Alzheimer's disease may become very passive and require cues and prompting to become involved.



Cookie Burns, RN

**Meet Our Staff
Cookie Burns, RN**

Cookie graduated from Angelo State University in May, 1995. She is certified in emergency room nursing and pediatric emergency care. Cookie resides in Robert Lee with her husband, Sid, and two children, Jeremy and Molly.

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Drowning prevention tips offered

Children and water can be a deadly summer combination. "It's a sad fact that thousands of children drown annually, and 80-95 percent of these deaths occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day," said Dr. Joan Shook, a pediatric emergency room physician at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital.

"That means that during the summer months it is imperative that mixing children and water not become a tragedy." Almost 100 percent of child drownings are preventable.

The single most important preventive measure, Shook said, is having an adult designated to watch children who are in the water. This is especially important in social settings.

"At least one adult must be given the specific duty of actively watching the kids. That means," she said, "that the designated adult will have to forgo social chit chat or anything else that is a distraction."

Also important: making sure all children in the water can swim. But do not assume that the ability to swim is enough, she said.

"A toddler simply does not have the judgement needed to react properly if he or she gets into trouble in the water."

Other recommendations: "A child who becomes tired or chilled should be removed from the water immediately."

"Never rely on blow-up toys or other inflatable devices to prevent a drowning."

"Keep toys such as tricycles away from the pool. They can distract a child or cause a child to fall in the water."

"Never leave a child alone around any sort of standing water. This includes buckets, tubs and toilets. Under no circumstances should a child be left alone, even briefly, in a bathtub."

"Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Survival rates for submersion victims rise significantly when CPR is started immediately."

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George Snapp, vice president of Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary, is shown presenting a check to Jeanene Lee for the purchase of a second oxygen concentrator.

BNH auxiliary news

BNH auxiliary met on May 15 with 16 members present. The group voted to purchase a second oxygen concentrator for BNH and also to have a booth during Ft. Chadbourne Days. The auxiliary held a bake sale during the May 3rd Bronte garage sale. The group will meet Thursday, July 17 at 6:00 pm in the activities/conference room of the nursing home. A total of 122.7 volunteer hours were recorded by group members during the month of April. All folks are welcome to attend meetings and become members. For more information contact Lanette Fletcher at 473-2911 or 473-2531.

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Summer camp is a big step

Going to summer camp for the first time is a big step for children.

"Rather than just deciding it's time, parents ought to look for signals that a child is ready," said Dr. Lou Ann Todd Mock, a clinical psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "One of the first things to consider is that past behavior is the best predictor of future behavior."

Past successes with overnight stays and weekend campouts are two good clues that a child can manage camp.

"Even if they got a little sad or homesick, the fact they were able to comfort themselves and stay overnight is good," she said.

For children who have difficulty staying overnight with friends or relatives, Mock suggest day camps to help build confidence in being away from home.

"Age is not the determining factor, it's the developmental level," she said.

Temperament also plays a role in camp success.

"Two-week camps can be overwhelming and miserable for children who do not fit easily into groups," Mock said. "For those children, shorter

camps provide a good opportunity to learn how to mix well."

The right type makes a difference as well. Camps that help a child develop skills in an area of interest, such as horseback riding, sports, science or nature, are more likely to be a hit.

However, picking the right camp, and one that is well qualified, requires homework.

"Parents need to feel comfortable about how a camp is managed," she said. "Ask for the names of parents whose children have attended, and talk to them."

An advance visit also can make both parent and child more relaxed.

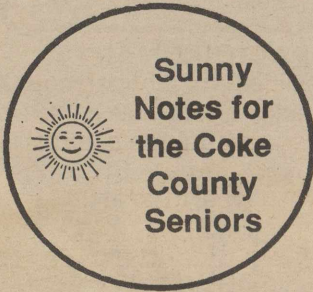
Once the choice is made, Mock recommends that parents involve their child in the preparations. Having a child help with the choosing, labeling and packing helps build independence.

Parents should talk about homesickness and explain that it is perfectly normal to miss the family, house, and pets.

"Taking a family picture along can help alleviate homesickness and is a reminder of that connection with home," she said. "Consider tucking a note in your child's bag saying you hope he's having a great time."

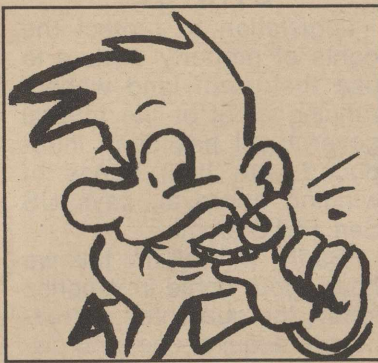
Summer camp can be a changing experience that makes a child feel independent and grown up.

"A good summer camp can provide experiences and learning opportunities that last through a lifetime," Mock said.



Menu
Monday, June 23
 Swiss Steak, Peas & Carrots, Rice, Corn Muffins, Tossed Salad, and Orange Sections.
Wednesday, June 25
 Chop Suey, Cabbage, Egg Noodles, Hot Roll, Waldorf Salad, Tapioca Pudding.
Friday, June 27
 Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Tossed Salad w/Tomato, Sugar Cookie.
Dominoes & Games

The Bronte Senior Center will open at 9:00 am, June 26 for 88 and other games. A pot luck lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is welcome to come for games and lunch!



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Keeping an eye on Texas

One Texan in five lives in poverty

Close to one fifth, 19.6 percent, of Texas' population lives in poverty. The counties with the highest percentage of poor in 1993 are along the Texas-Mexico border. The median household income in Texas was \$28,803 in 1993, while the poverty threshold for a family of four was set at \$14,350.

Population in poverty
 ■ 30 percent or more
 ▨ 20 to 29.9 percent

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Why did the chicken cross the road? Probably not for beefsteak

If you grow a tough chicken, you make about eight or ten people mad. If you produce a tough, tasteless cattle carcass, there's 542 people who are unhappy with their eating experience. At least, that's the way Dr. Jeff Savell, professor of animal science at Texas A&M University, has it figured.

"And what do you do?" he asked the crowd of about 300 producers and industry representatives at the recent Brazos Valley Cattlemen's Clinic at the Bryan Livestock Commission Co. "If you eat something good, you tell a few people. If you eat something bad, you tell everybody."

Cattle producers have to be very diligent in customer satisfaction, even though many of them are a long way from the end product. "You've got to make sure the end produce delivers the quality it needs to."

"No one drives as far, stands in line and pays as much as they do for beef," he said. And if it's bad, may times they won't come back, he added.

Taste is the number one issue in whether consumers will eat beef. Nutrition and food safety generally rank second and third, he added.

"When we're talking about taste, we're really talking about flavor and tenderness," Savell said. "People just like to eat, and they like to eat stuff that tastes good. And when it doesn't taste good, they're not gonna eat it," he emphasized.

For instance, many diets fail because of the taste, or lack of taste. "I always tell people the second week of a diet is always the easiest, because by that time you've quit," he said.

There's not just one tool that will make beef taste better, Savell said. There's a series of things: whether the animal has been fed or has been eating properly, if it has been on a high energy diet, or if the beef carcass has been aged properly.

Also, the amount of cooking time is very important when it comes to the taste of beef, he explained. The longer you cook a steak, the tougher it will be. Also, "We know that the highest ratings for steaks will be given to those that are cooked medium rare." However, some diners object to medium rare steaks for a couple of reasons.

Some think a steak cooked medium rare is still bloody. Not so, said Savell. That's just meat juices. Even when consumers like a higher degree of "doneness", they'll still rate the medium rare steak higher, especially if it's served under red light and they cannot see the color.

"A lot of people say we eat with our eyes before we do with our mouth," Savell explained. "So you look at food and look at the plate, and if it doesn't look good, then it's not going to be very appetizing."

Another concern consumers may have with a

medium rare steak is food safety. However, Savell said, the bacteria that causes health problems are on the outside of the steak, not the inside. "On steaks, you're trying to cook the surfaces. So you cook that and you can have a medium rare steak that's very tasty and safe to consume," he said.

Ground meat has to be cooked thoroughly because it has more exposed surfaces that can contain microorganisms and dangerous pathogens, he emphasized.

Many times, education of consumers is the key to tasty beef, Savell said. He related a story of consumers in Philadelphia who didn't like round steak. It turned out they were cooking it on a grill, simply because they didn't know it would taste better if, for instance, it was chicken-fried.

"Now beef shouldn't have to come with an owner's manual, but we (the cattle industry) need to have more and more information for people," Savell said. "We have a whole new group of folks we're trying to get ready to go."

Additionally, many consumers don't know that the cholesterol in some cuts of beef is the same as for some cuts of poultry. The cholesterol content of a chicken breast is about equal to a strip steak (70 mg. in a 3 ounce cooked portion). "When you look at it, you can find cuts of beef with lower cholesterol, like the round, and you can find cuts in chicken that have a lot higher cholesterol, like chicken thighs," he said.

What he urges consumers to do is to eat what they like, but use moderation. "I could write the simplest diet book around. It would be a postcard, and one side would say, 'Eat less,' and the other side would say, 'Exercise more,' and put repeat on the deal. But I couldn't sell it. I couldn't get on Oprah or get anywhere else to sell that deal. Everybody wants a pill now, or they want something else to do," Savell said.

"Beef can fit very easily into the diet when you talk about 3 ounce portions that are trimmed and free from outside fat," he added.



This house, belonging to Therell Burwick, was damaged during Thursday's Blackwell storm. The tin in the foreground is from the roof of the Church of Christ church across the street. Also, notice the large tree that went through the roof.

Property rights protection bill offered

Legislation to protect the rights of property owners to use their own land without running afoul of the federal government has been introduced with high hopes of winning approval, says US Sen. Phil Gramm.

"Sadly, with all the talk we hear about rights in America today, the guarantee of freedom to acquire, use, and dispose of private property has become a poor relation," Gramm said. "In fact, it has very nearly been drummed out of the family because of the government's relentless assault on private property."

"The courts have been very clear that if the government builds a highway across your property, it must provide you just compensation," he said. "But when the government imposes such stringent controls on the use of private property that its value is eroded or destroyed, the government pays nothing."

As well as assuring compensation for property owners who lose the value of their

land to government action, the bill requires that federal agencies analyze the practical cost of regulations before they are imposed. "It creates a common sense requirement that federal agencies consider the effect of their actions before they act, not after it's too late," Gramm said.

"Nobody who intentionally uses property to pollute or to annoy their neighbors is entitled to compensation," Gramm noted, "but this bill will prevent the government from running roughshod over the rights of honest homeowners, family farmers and small business."

In addition, the legislation includes the following provisions: clarifies property rights laws and establishes an arbitration procedure to reduce lawsuits; requires that compensation costs be paid from

within the budget of the agency which is imposing or enforcing a regulation.

City of Bronte continues mosquito fogging

Due to the rainfall received in the past two weeks, mosquitos have become a big problem.

Weather conditions have not been favorable to receive the greatest benefit from the City's fogging. Efforts will continue to help reduce the mosquito population.

Residents are encouraged to keep the weeds and grasses cut on their property. Any containers that are holding water should be emptied to eliminate breeding grounds for the mosquitos.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
SPECIAL ELECTION
AUGUST 9, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons cur-

rently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze. Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the Legislature must provide for a reduction in the school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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WE'RE MAKING A CHANGE!

Beginning June 25, 1997, we will be changing our Accounts Receivable to a new system called FARM PLAN. We will no longer carry 30 day accounts. Please feel free to call or come by for more details.

We are also now accepting MASTERCARD, VISA, DISCOVER, AND AMERICAN EXPRESS. We appreciate your patience as we make this change in our bookkeeping procedure.

As always, We Appreciate Your Business!

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