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## Early voting begins Monday (Feb. 25) in primary elections

Early voting in person for the Primary Elections will begin February 25th and will continue until March 8th and election day is March 12th. You can vote early in the County Clerk's office Monday-Friday from 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00. Ms. Grim will be conducting branch polling in Bronte on February 27th and March 6th at the Coke County Annex from 9:00-12:00.

### Time change for Bronte blood drive

United Blood Services will have the bloodmobile at Wackenhut Correctional Facility Friday, February 22 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Call Chris Gifford at 473-5700 for an appointment.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You will also need proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. Your help is needed. If you would like to make an appointment to give blood, please call 653-1307. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD.

If you have misplaced your card, the voter registration office will be glad to issue you another. Their office is located at the Courthouse in the Tax Assessor/Collector's office.

### Disko presents carved jail replica

The Coke County Historical Commission met at 5:00, Thursday, February 14 at the Old Jail for the presentation by Mr. Ted Disko of a carved replica of the jail. The occasion was attended by twenty-four commission members and others to express appreciation to Mr. Disko for his donation.

Mr. Disko read about the jail restoration plans and the need to raise money for the project. He has donated his sculpture to be used as a fund raiser. The Coke County Historical Commission will hold a raffle at a later date. Meanwhile, the replica will be on display at several spots around town. Currently the replica is at the Coke County Library. It will be moved to Robert Lee City Hall, the Courthouse, and other locations for viewing.

The group attending the presentation heard Lana Richards, President of the Coke County Historical Commission, discuss the rejection by the Texas Historical Com-



mission of the application for the Visionaries program. The Texas Historical Commission stated that the Coke County project was "too small" to be considered. Mrs. Richards said that she felt the project could certainly be done on a local scale with enthusiastic support from residents of Coke County who are interested in preserving the past.

Plans being considered are to contact Texas Tech and arrange for a student architect to take the jail as a project to determine what was needed and the cost of renovation. Fund raisers, grant requests and donations are all possibilities for the preservation project.

A work day will be scheduled to empty the jail of the collection. A safe, secure place for the collection will be determined. Coke County Historical Commission members are needed for the following: (1) Help determine the five-year restoration plan. (2) Help with fund raisers. (3) Serve on fact-finding committees. (4) Help set goals, evaluate progress, and re-plan when necessary. (5) Help maintain the jail once renovated. (6) Share the desire to DO SOMETHING to stop the decay and decline of buildings that are important to the community. (7) Help spread enthusiasm for this project.

### Softball & baseball sign ups

The Coke County Little League will be having sign ups on Monday, February 25th from 5:30 until 7:00 pm

in Bronte at the Pavilion.

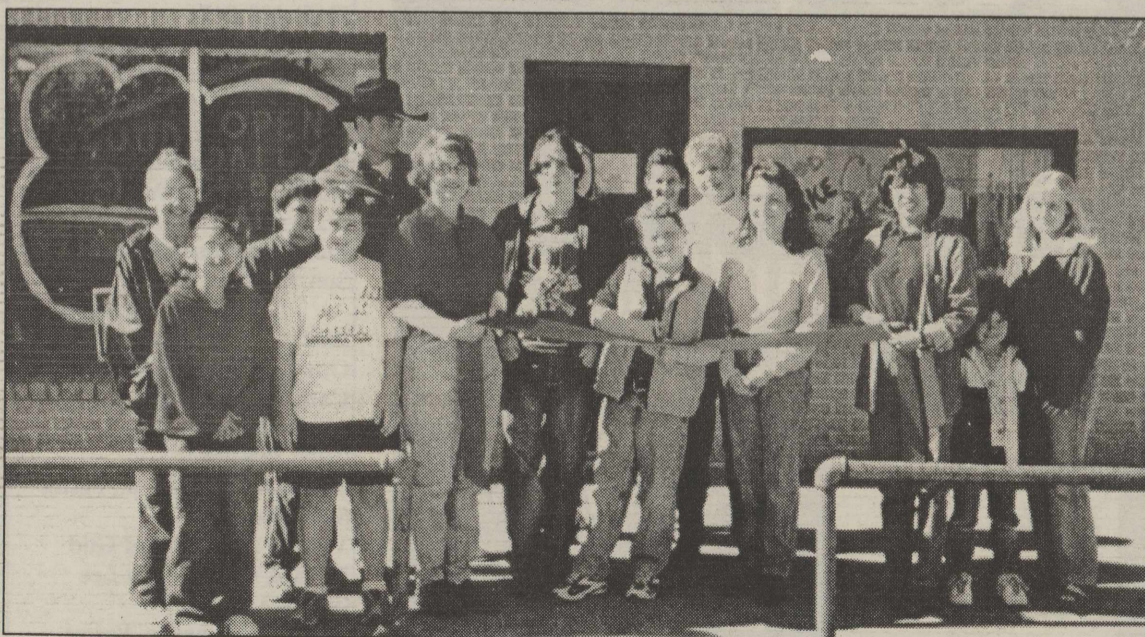
This will be the last sign up for softball and baseball. Cost is \$30.00 for one child or \$50.00 for 2 or more in the same family.

For more information, call Kenny White 473-5307.

### Bronte Senior Center news

The Bronte Senior Center will again be sponsoring a free tax preparation day. Taxes will be filed free of charge on certain type returns. This service is for seniors and the low to moderate-income families. This service is sponsored by AARP and Bronte Senior Center.

The free tax preparation day will be held February 22 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Bronte Senior Center, 813 E. Oliver in Bronte, Texas.



Bronte Chamber of Commerce Directors, Coke County Judge Jackie Walker, and business owners Glen, Tanya, Darin & Zac Burwick were present at the ribbon cutting celebrating the grand opening of Cloud 9 Videos in Bronte.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Robert Lee Lady Steers**  
**& Robert Lee Steers!**  
Both basketball teams advanced past the district level. The Lady Steers were defeated in the Area round by Sudan, 51-41. The Steers fell to #4 O'Donnell in bi-district action, 63-53.

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**Death Notices**

**Whitworth**

Moziel "Tiny" Whitworth, 69, of Junction died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at her residence. Service was held at 2 pm Sunday in the chapel of Aubrey Fife Funerals with burial in Junction Cemetery. Survivors include brothers, Son Hurley and Bobby Hurley, both of Junction; sisters, Sis Hilton, Jo Vardeman and Sissie Broyles, all of Junction; stepson, Ward Whitworth of Junction; and stepdaughter, Deanna Murrah, of Junction. She is also survived by a number of cousins in Robert Lee.

**Anderson**

Larry Dale Anderson, 50, of El Paso died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, in El Paso. Service was held at 2 pm Saturday at the Victory Assembly of God Church. Interment was in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home. Survivors include sons, Devin Anderson and Matt Anderson, both of Abilene; daughter, Rhoda Anderson of Abilene; and parents, G.W. and Shirley Anderson of Houka, Miss.

**Havins**

Marguretta "Marge" Lee Havins, 79, of San Angelo passed away Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at Shannon Medical Center. Graveside service was at 2 pm Saturday in Valley View Cemetery in Robert Lee with the Rev. James Mitchell pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church officiating. Survivors include two daughters, Donna Petrick and husband, Mike, of Plano and Kathy Hood and husband, Larry, of San Angelo; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, J.L. "Sonny" Cross and wife, Mearl, of Brownwood; sisters-in-law, Mildred Denman and Catherine Chapman; brother-in-law, Murph Havins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Hickman**

W.A. Hickman, 86, of Blackwell died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, in Blackwell. Service was conducted at 10 am Saturday at Blackwell First United Methodist Church. Arrangements were by Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home. Survivors include his wife, Jeraldine Hickman of Blackwell; son, Tommy Hickman of Midland, S.D.; and daughters, Shirley Halligan of Midland, S.D., and Suzanne Buchholz of Lafayette, CO.

**Smith**

Dee A. Smith, 75, of rural Coke County died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at her residence. A private family service was held. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home. Survivors include her husband, Millard Smith of rural Coke County; son, Michael Edward Smith of Caldwell; daughters, Pamela Amonett of Clyde and Susie Norman of Carlsbad; and brother, Ernest Hagler of Hugo, OK.

**Letter to the Editor**

Hal,  
 Thank you for attending the Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet, taking pictures, and putting the information in the paper. There are a few corrections that I thought needed to be made. We had three outgoing directors: Kay Gothard, Susan Graves, and Doug Hoyt. Kay Gothard accepted another three year term. New directors are Annie Gill and Fran Crumpler. We had two educators of the year because there was a tie in the votes received from the staff. The two educators of the year were Pat Lee and Heather Lee. The awards weren't for reading or math. Again, we do appreciate your help in covering the event.

Susan Graves

**Letter to the Editor**  
 How did Silver get its name?

As you know, Janice Fowler and I have been asking the question how Silver got its name. Some possible explanations have been given by different people. Dallas Johnson tells of a story that a group of soldiers escorting a shipment of silver were attacked by Indians in that area and they buried the silver. He also mentioned an Indian head carving on one of the peaks that is suppose to be Yellow Wolf. He has promised to show it to me some day.

My brother Bob said the town was named after Silver Peak, and the historical markers indicate such, but that does not explain the "Silver". Janice and I talked to the postmaster and his wife but they did not know. I was sure that my book Roadside History of Texas by Leon C. Metz would have Silver in it. NO! But it says Tennyson "took its name in 1840 from Alfred Lord Tennyson the English poet." Doesn't say why. The book also mentions Mt. Margaret as a memorial to a young girl killed by Indians and buried there.

Bronte started as a branch of the Chisholm Trail in 1887 and was named for Charlotte Bronte, an English writer. But nothing about Silver.

Now also understand that perhaps the sandstone in the Silver area might glitter when the sun is just right and that might be the source of the name. I brought a hunk in and showed it to Beth Prather and suggested that was the source of the name before I heard that.

Now I understand Mr. Allen Bloodworth is writing down all he knows about the name. And Beth Prather has some story involving several early settlers by name that I could

**Pageant Ass'n. meeting set**

The Coke County Pageant Association will meet Thursday, Feb. 28, 7:00 pm, at Robert Lee City Hall. All interested members and community residents are urged to attend.



Celebrating January birthdays at Robert Lee Care Center were (from left) Ester Howell, Hazel Cornelius, Frances Bloodworth, and Oma Lewis.



Entertaining at the Robert Lee Care Center January Birthday party were Dee and Desi Kendall.

not follow. Beth, share that with Mrs. Taft at the paper.

If this gets printed maybe others will have some facts or fiction about how Silver got its name!

Bill Cox

**New executive director named for Wyoming Park**

The Wyoming Territorial Park board of directors has selected Jennifer Goodman as their new executive director. Prior to accepting the position Goodman served as the executive director for the Wyoming Community Network, where she guided communities and non-profits through identifying technical and funding resources. Jennifer Goodman is a graduate of Robert Lee High School.

**Abilene Cultural Affairs**

Lazer Vaudeville, a family show that combines the high-tech effects of lasers and black light with the traditional vaudeville arts of juggling,

comedy and acrobatics will be performing at the Paramount Theatre in downtown Abilene on Sunday, March 3, 2002 at 2:00.

For more information, contact the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council located in the depot on North 1st Street in Abilene or call 915-677-1161.

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 Wed. 7 pm Choir
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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship
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**1st Super Bowl auction**

The Mike Jones Auction Group, with offices in the Dallas area, recently helped conduct and organize the first NFL Super Bowl Auction, held at the "NFL EXPERIENCE" in conjunction with SUPER BOWL XXXVI, in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The huge tents housing the event were filled recently with excited kids, football fans, NFL players, celebrities, members of the Mike Jones Auction Group and Jones' Louisiana based event partner Bonnette Auction Company.

The rhythmic sounds of the auctioneers added to the excitement of the occasion as the National Football League, eBay, and the NFL Player's Association joined forces to conduct the first ever Super Bowl sports memorabilia auction which benefited the September 11, 911 Relief Fund in New York.

The successful auction, which yielded over \$60,000, was attended by football fans from all over the world, sports collectors, team players and NFL officials. League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue was among those at the "NFL Experience" on sale day.

Mike Jones Auction Group, is a nationally recognized company that specializes in corporate asset liquidation, real estate auctions, and high profile special events. Mr. Jones, who started the company in 1979 in Gainesville, Texas, remarked how honored he was to have been chosen to be involved in the United States' most important sporting event, especially considering the times that our country is courageously trying to deal with...

Joining Mr. Jones in welcoming the standing room only crowd was Minnesota Viking's quarterback Dante Culpepper who graciously autographed a "game used" jersey that was worn in last season's Monday Night game against the New York Giants. It then sold for \$3500.

Other Auction highlights included the Atlanta Falcon's quarterback Michael Vick's "game used" jersey which sold for \$6000. Vick was the first round pick, in the NFL's 2000 draft.

Other highlights, included Tennessee Titan's running back Eddie George's playoff jersey \$3600, a helmet signed by Super Bowl XXXIV MVP and Ram's QB Kurt Warner and Ram's running back Marshall Faulk and this year's actual game "kick-off" ball, which brought a record \$6230. NFL officials and the auction companies are already working on the Super Bowl XXXVII Live Auction, scheduled for San Diego in 2003.

For complete Super Bowl XXXVI Auction results, log on to [www.mjauctions.com](http://www.mjauctions.com).

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Bayonets are believed to have been invented by Basque soldiers in the 17th century who stuck their knives at the ends of their muskets after running out of gun powder on the Bayonette Ridge.



Mr. Ted Disko presents Lana Richards, Coke County Historical Commission President, with the carved replica of the old Coke County Jail. Mr. Disko donated the sculpture to be used as a fund raiser in the restoration project.



Members of the Coke County Historical Commission and their guests gathered at the old Coke County Jail February 14 for the presentation of the carved replica of the jail by artist Ted Disko.

**Cactus Jazz Series**

Prepare for an evening of the imaginative jazz vocal stylings of Kellye Gray, who sings with incredible range and scats with tremendous

speed and precision.

The jazz evening begins Friday, March 1, 2002 at 8:00 pm at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo. For more information call (915) 653-6793.

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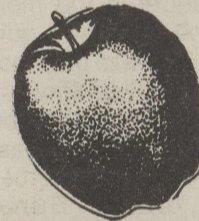
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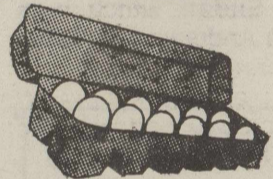


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Selected Varieties

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

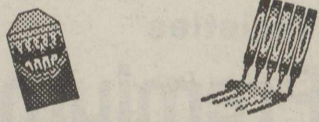
## Lady Steers basketball results

On Friday, the 8th, the Lady Steers traveled to Snyder to face the Roby Lady Lions in a district playoff game to determine the number one & two seeds for district 6-A. In a close game, the Lady Steers fell 42-46. Whitney Millican had a game high 20 points and added 7 rebounds. Jodee Helwig scored 12 points and 9 rebounds. Others scoring were Jennifer Alexander 3, Kizre Matthews 3, Shanna Wojtek 2, and Krystal Soliz 2.

The Lady Steers returned to Snyder on Tuesday, the 12th, to face the Rotan Yellowhammers in their Bi-District match up. This time it was the Lady Steers getting back on the winning track in the 51-44 victory to advance to the area round of the playoffs against Iraan. In the Rotan win, it was Helwig with 21 points, Millican had 9, Wojtek 8, Alexander 7, Matthews and Soliz added 3 each.

On the 15th, the Lady Steers captured the Area Championship once again this year with a 38-34 victory over the Iraan Bravettes in a game played in Midland. For the Lady Steers, it was Helwig leading all scorers with 17 points and 7 rebounds. Millican had 12 points followed by Alexander with 5, Rachelle Mills 2, and Matthews 2. With the win the Lady Steers advanced to the Regional Quarterfinal round in a game against Sudan which was played in Andrews last Tuesday.

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

**Monday, Feb. 25**  
Orange juice/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

**Tuesday, Feb. 26**  
Orange juice/apple juice, burrito, cereal, milk

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**  
Orange juice/apple juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk

**Thursday, Feb. 28**  
Orange juice/apple juice, muffin, cereal, milk

**Friday, March 1**  
Orange juice/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Feb. 25**  
Salisbury steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears, milk

**Tuesday, Feb. 26**  
Taco salad, chili beans, fresh fruit, milk

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**  
Rib-B-Que, broccoli, corn, bread, peaches, milk

**Thursday, Feb. 28**  
Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, carrots, fruit cocktail, milk

**Friday, March 1**  
Fish sandwich, pork & beans, French fries, fresh fruit, milk

## Steers basketball results

The Steers traveled to Roby and were matched up against Spur. The Steers won 50-36. Scoring were Minjarez 8, Gallegos 2, Riley 10, Pitcock 10, Eubanks 5, Millican 9 and Reyes 6.

On the 8th, the Steers faced Panther Creek at Snyder. The Steers won this match up 75-71. Scoring were Minjarez 8, Gallegos 8, Riley 18, Pitcock 11, Eubanks 8, Millican 18, and Reyes 4.

## RL Band and Booster Club bake sale

The Robert Lee Steer Band and Booster Club will be having a bake sale to raise funds to attend a Festival Concert in April. The bake sale will be held at the Robert Lee State Bank on Friday, March 1, 2002 starting at 9:00 am. Please come by and support the students.

## A quick and healthy breakfast

Teens caught in the morning rush who stop for a quick bowl of cereal help their bodies and the family budget.

"There are food choices that are convenient and taste good that can be part of a healthy diet," said Dr. Theresa Nicklas, professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Ready-to-eat cereals provide a good choice for teens in a hurry."

Nicklas, a researcher at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor, led a study of 550 ninth-grade students and the breakfasts they ate. The purpose of the study was to compare the nutritional value and cost of three groups of breakfast foods--fast foods, ready-to-eat cereals and all other choices.

"The results indicate that adolescents who consume a cereal breakfast obtain more vitamins and minerals for their dollar than those making other breakfast choices," she said. "Although breakfast cereals are perceived as being expensive, they remain a good morning-meal buy from a nutrition standpoint."

The study determined the average cost of a fast food meal was \$2.38, compared to

78 cents for a serving of cereal.

The cereal breakfast had significantly lower amounts of fat and cholesterol and higher amounts of carbohydrates, fiber and protein, compared to the other breakfast choices. Teens consuming a cereal breakfast also received a better boost in vitamins and minerals," she said.

"The average cost of the cereal breakfast was lower than the other breakfast choices, and overall, the cereal breakfast was more nutrient-dense, in terms of vitamins and minerals," she said.

Consumer food choices are influenced by taste, nutrition, cost and convenience, so determining food efficiency--nutrients consumed per dollar--provides information helpful to families making food selection decisions.

"The choices are there," Nicklas said. "Easy doesn't have to be a substitute for healthy or cost a lot."

## Pet Talk

It might be the prescription of the future: Take two aspirin and get a pet immediately.

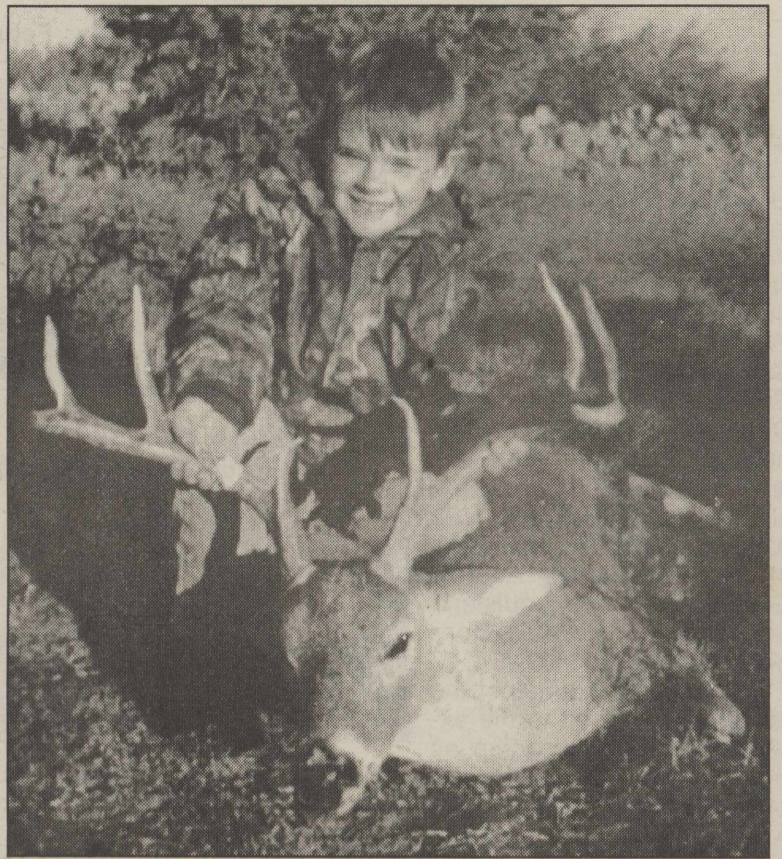
Numerous studies have shown that pets - or at least the presence of animals - can have medical benefits that are beyond dispute. These range from lowering blood pressure to lessening anxiety and depression and even to faster healing times after surgery.

Fido is no placebo - he can literally be man's best friend when people are ailing.

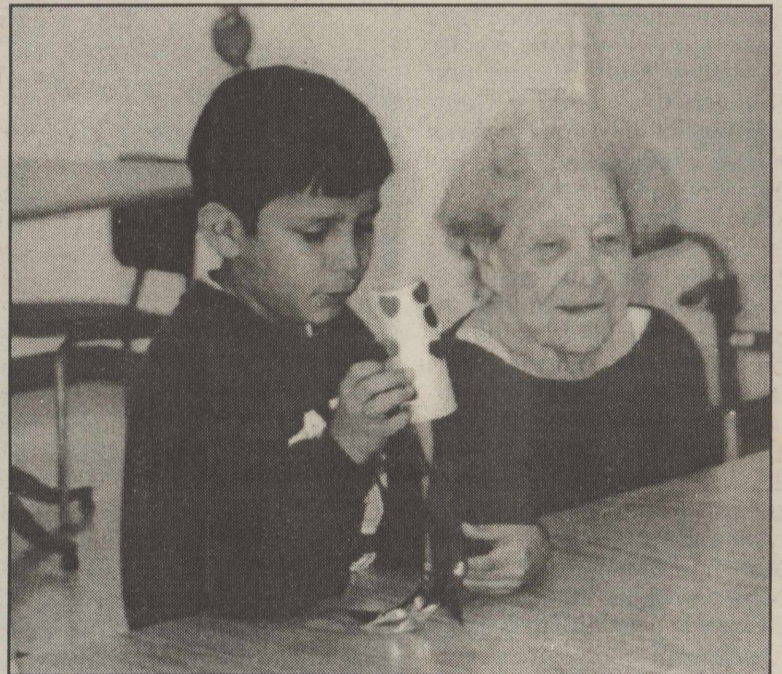
"We have known for many years that the company of a pet can be of benefit in a variety of ways, but exactly why this is, no one seems to have the answer," says Dr. Bonnie Beaver, who specializes in animal behavior and human-animal relationships at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"For example, the long-term survival rates of heart attack victims who had a pet have been shown to be significantly longer than for those who did not. There is also data showing that widows who have cats are better off medically during the first year, which is a critical stress time, than widows who do not."

Other studies have shown that:



Eight-year-old Luke Williams of Leander, Texas, took his first buck on New Years Day. This wonderful 8 point with a 21 inch inside spread was dropped at 130 yards with a 22-250 on the Lower Ranch west of Robert Lee.



Robert Lee 2nd grader Matthew Corona helped Robert Lee Care Center resident Inez Roe with Valentine Arts and Crafts.

\*Senior adults who own dogs go to the doctor less than those who do not. In a study of 100 Medicare patients, those who owned dogs made 21 percent fewer visits to a physician than non-dog owners;

minutes in the company of an animal significantly reduced blood pressure rates;

\*Pet owners have lower triglyceride and cholesterol levels than non-owners;

\*Pet owners have overall better physical health due to exercise with their pets.

\*Pet owners have lower blood pressure, and one study showed that just 10

Pet talk is a service of Texas A&M University and its College of Veterinary Medicine.

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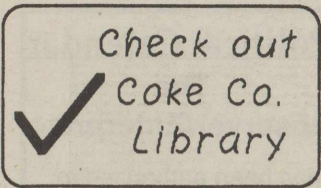
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**Coke County library news**

There are two more weeks in February which is National Book Lovers Month. Several people have been added to the patron list at the Coke County Library. Any time is a good time to become a reader. New patrons are always welcomed.

The following information was found on the Internet following a reference question called in regarding the American flag. The question concerned disposal of a flag that is becoming worn. According to a web site, [www.ushistory.org/betsy/flag\\_etiq](http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flag_etiq), "the flag, when it is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." The site also suggests contacting the local VFW or Elks Club for help in disposing of a worn flag.

Several people have donated books recently. Donated books are put on the library shelves unless they are duplicates. Duplicates are put in the Coke County Library books sales. If the books do not sell during that time, they are taken to the Tom Green County Library for sale. A box of books is a treasure to some patrons. The books go from the box to be read before they even make it to the shelf.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday at 9:30.



**School Menu**

**Breakfast**

- Monday, Feb. 25**  
Pop tarts, orange juice, trail mix, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 26**  
Sausage, grape juice, biscuit, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 27**  
French toast sticks, apple juice, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 28**  
Breakfast pizza, orange half, milk
- Friday, March 1**  
Cereal, apple sauce, teddy grams, milk

**Lunch**

- Monday, Feb. 25**  
Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, rice krispie bars, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 26**  
Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, sweet corn, sliced peaches, bread sticks, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 27**  
Nachos, refried beans, lettuce & tomato, nacho chips, peanut butter cake, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 28**  
Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, jello, milk
- Friday, March 1**  
Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, ice cream cups, milk

**Bronte UIL news**

Saturday, February 9, Bronte students attended the Wylie Valentine Classic UIL practice meet.

The Spelling team placed second with Ariel Marrs, Amy Morgan and Lindsey Williams on the team.

Ariel Marrs placed 6th in Poetry Interpretation.

Brandon Poehls placed 8th in Current Events with the Current Events team placing 4th overall. Brandon Poehls, Jenna Herold, and Anthony Flores made up the Current Events team.

**Longhorn Band news**

On Saturday, Feb. 15th, four Bronte ISD Longhorn Band students participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble competition in San Angelo and Brownwood. All four students, Ariel Marrs, Amy Morgan, Christan Kelly and Richard Hoover scored a perfect Division I rating. These students are to be commended for their extra hard work in their preparation in obtaining these high scores.

Ariel Marrs and Amy Morgan were certified to move on to the State contest in San Marcos in May. In order to do this, the students must perform by memorization the most difficult level of solos off of the UIL list of music. We are all very proud of these students.

**Accent on health**

"Hey Daddy, I'm going down the slide!" Alex is an active 4 year old, and today he's able to play hard outside without coughing or wheezing.

But Alex's health hasn't always been this good. At times, asthma has caused the lining of his air passages to swell, making it hard for him to breathe and worrying his parents. Alex's mother, Kim Nugent-Anderson, said, "When your child is not able to breathe, he gets a little panicked. And that's a very scary feeling for a parent.

Alex is among thousands of Americans who have asthma - the most common chronic illness for children in Texas. Asthma is a serious, chronic lung disease characterized by wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness and coughing. Infections, allergies and environmental factors, including indoor and outdoor pollutants, can trigger the disease, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Asthma is diagnosed through a combination of studying the patient's medical history, a physical exam and

# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



The Bronte Class of 2002 enjoyed the "Mystery Dinner" hosted by the Project Graduation parents. The Valentine Party was held at Central Baptist Church in Bronte February 13, 2002.

measuring lung function. It is treated according to the severity of the disease and the persistence of symptoms. Long-term medications are used to maintain control of persistent asthma and to limit the underlying airway inflammation that contributes to asthma attacks. Quick-relief medications are used to treat acute symptoms and to prevent exercise-induced asthma.

There is no cure for asthma. The goal of asthma therapy is to successfully manage the disease; and with proper management and care, a person with asthma can live a long, healthy life with few symptoms.

"Proper management is really important," said Dennis Perrotta, state epidemiologist for Texas. "That means seeing a doctor, learning about your disease, taking your medicines on time and at the proper dosages, knowing about your environment, and avoiding those things that trigger your asthma."

TDH experts say that if your child is short of breath, wheezes or coughs, and especially coughs uncontrollably at night, he or she could have asthma. These are the hallmark signs of asthma and should be checked by a doc-

tor.

If you don't have asthma, you probably know someone who does. Asthma is the leading chronic disease in children and the number one reason that children are hospitalized. Youngsters with asthma miss twice as many school days as do their friends without asthma. And deaths due to asthma in the older populations more than doubled during the 1990s.

The number of people with asthma increased by 75 percent from 1980 to 1994 among all race, sex and age groups and in every part of the nation. The most rapid increase was for children from birth to age 4 - a 160 percent jump. It's for these reasons that TDH officials have called together asthma experts to find new ways to combat asthma.

TDH and the American Lung Association of Texas have brought together health experts to form the Asthma Coalition of Texas (ACT). ACT is working with TDH and the Texas Education Agency to develop uniform permission for asthma medications in schools and is developing a Web site for asthma information. ACT is finalizing a state asthma action plan that would include developing and supporting:

- \*Education for patients and doctors about asthma, and
  - \*Legislative bills during the next state session related to the use of asthma inhalers in schools, Medicaid asthma disease management and indoor air quality.
- (For more information, contact Dennis Perrotta, State Epidemiologist, at 512-458-7268; or Shari Perrotta, TDH Office of Communications, at 512-458-7400.)



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**YOUR OUTPOURING** of condolences overwhelmed us - Your shows of support & comfort - floral offerings, memorials, wonderful food and beautiful cards from many places.

Our special thanks to Bro. Jim Reeves and the staff of the Robert Lee Care Center.

The Barn has become a large part of our lives and Lucile so enjoyed sharing & talking with each visitor.

Thank you again and God Bless you.

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Thelma Jo Hinnard & family  
Terry F. & Jeanne Bryan & family  
Richard & Tillie Bryan & family  
Jimmy & Lorri Martin & family  
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**LES AND BETTY MORGAN**  
would like to thank their friends for the flowers and food during Betty's recovery. Also special thanks to Barbara, Liz, and staff at United House Calls of Texas.  
30-1tc

**THANK YOU**

**THE FAMILY OF**  
Austin William Coulter would like to express our gratitude for all the acts of kindness extended to us during our time of grief. The food, cards, and phone calls were appreciated. It is with deep gratitude that our family thanks you. Your sympathy, concerns and many prayers have been a great comfort to us.

Sincerely,  
Layne, Gina & Sadie  
30-1tc

**NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE:** The West Coke County Hospital District hereby gives notice of its intention to sell a building and land located at 717 Austin Street, Robert Lee, Texas. This is Lot 9, Block 23, of the original town of Robert Lee. This sale will be by Sealed Bid. The Sealed Bid must include: the name of the proposed purchaser, the description as stated above, the bid price. The sale will be for cash. Sealed bids may be submitted to Roger Alexander, Administrator, West Coke County Hospital District. Bids will be accepted during office hours of 8 AM to 5 PM at the offices of the Hospital District. The property may be inspected by contacting Roger Alexander, Administrator, West Coke County Hospital District, at 307 W. 8th, Robert Lee, TX. Sealed bids are required to be submitted by 5:00 PM on March 4, 2002. Bids will be opened at 5:00 PM on March 4, 2002. The sale may be completed after March 8, 2002.

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**USDA rural housing loans**

USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing Loans for Single Family Dwellings offer hope for those who want to own a home, but have not managed to save for a down payment. The program is the best option for eligible low and moderate-income applicants to move into a home without a down payment. In many cases, most of the closing costs associated with purchasing the house can be financed into the loan up to the appraised value of the property. Loans can be made to purchase new or existing homes that meet Agency requirements.

In addition to allowing a Maximum Loan to Value ratio of 100%, another very attractive feature of this loan program is that the borrower is not required to pay mortgage insurance. Other zero down programs charge an up-front mortgage insurance premium that is due at closing, with

monthly mortgage insurance for the remaining term of the loan. In comparison, the Guaranteed Rural Housing Program offers significant savings to borrowers by only charging a two percent (2%) guarantee fee that is due at closing, and no monthly mortgage insurance. Typical savings for a family can range between \$30.00 and \$60.00 per month. A loan comparison calculator is available on the website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/loancomp.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/loancomp.htm).

USDA Rural Development housing programs target communities with populations of 10,000 or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population. Many areas are eligible - never assume your area is not eligible. Eligible areas are illustrated on maps available on the Texas USDA Rural Development website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/eligible.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/eligible.htm).

The program is designed to provide credit for people in rural areas who are unable to afford a conventional loan. In order to obtain a loan, applicants must be without ownership of safe and sanitary housing and meet the following criteria:

\*Have an adjusted annual household income that does not exceed the applicable moderate income for the family size and the county where the property being financed is located. A family of four with a household income of \$60,400 meets the income guidelines in most areas of the state. The income limits are higher in some areas.

\*Have adequate and dependably available income that is sufficient to pay for the cost of home ownership and existing long term debt obligations. The maximum housing expense (PITI) ratio and total debt (TD) ratio typically cannot exceed 29% and 41% respectively. In some cases, PITI ratios in the mid to high 30s and TD ratios in the mid to high 40s may be acceptable if legitimate compensating factors exist. Generally, the stronger the compensating factors, the more flexibility there will be on the debt ratio exceptions.

\*Have an acceptable credit history that demonstrates an applicant's willingness and ability to repay the mortgage loan being requested. The buyers' credit history does not have to be perfect. Lenders may consider extenuating circumstances and grant exceptions when evaluating an ap-

plicant's credit history.

Private lenders, such as mortgage companies and commercial banks make USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Loans. The loans have a 30-year term and a fixed interest rate. Unlike other zero down loan programs, the Guaranteed Rural Housing Program does not have loan limits. The maximum loan is determined by the applicant's income and repayment ability. The unique features of these loans may allow the buyer to qualify for more home than they may think. For more information visit the website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/sfh.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/sfh.htm) under "Texas Regulations". You may contact them via E-mail at [Scooter.Brockette@tx.usda.gov](mailto:Scooter.Brockette@tx.usda.gov) or [Daniel.Torres@tx.usda.gov](mailto:Daniel.Torres@tx.usda.gov).

**Social Security news**

by Fredi Franki  
Social Security Manager  
San Angelo Office

As regular as clockwork, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds us to pay our taxes by sending us a Form 1040 soon after the first of the year. If you're due a refund, you also want to make sure you receive it promptly. You can avoid delays by verifying that all names and Social Security numbers are recorded correctly on your tax return.

When processing tax returns, IRS checks all names and Social Security numbers for accuracy. In the past, IRS matched the names and numbers of taxpayers and their spouses. Now, the names and numbers of all dependents, including newborns, listed on the tax return are checked.

When IRS discovers an incorrect Social Security number on your tax return, the agency will send you a letter explaining the discrepancy. You must fix the problem by giving IRS the correct Social Security number before you can get a tax refund. If you don't already have a number or if you need one for a dependent, call or visit a Social Security office.

In addition, check the Social Security number on your W-2 statement and pay stubs to make sure it matches the one on your Social Security card. If it doesn't, tell your employer immediately.

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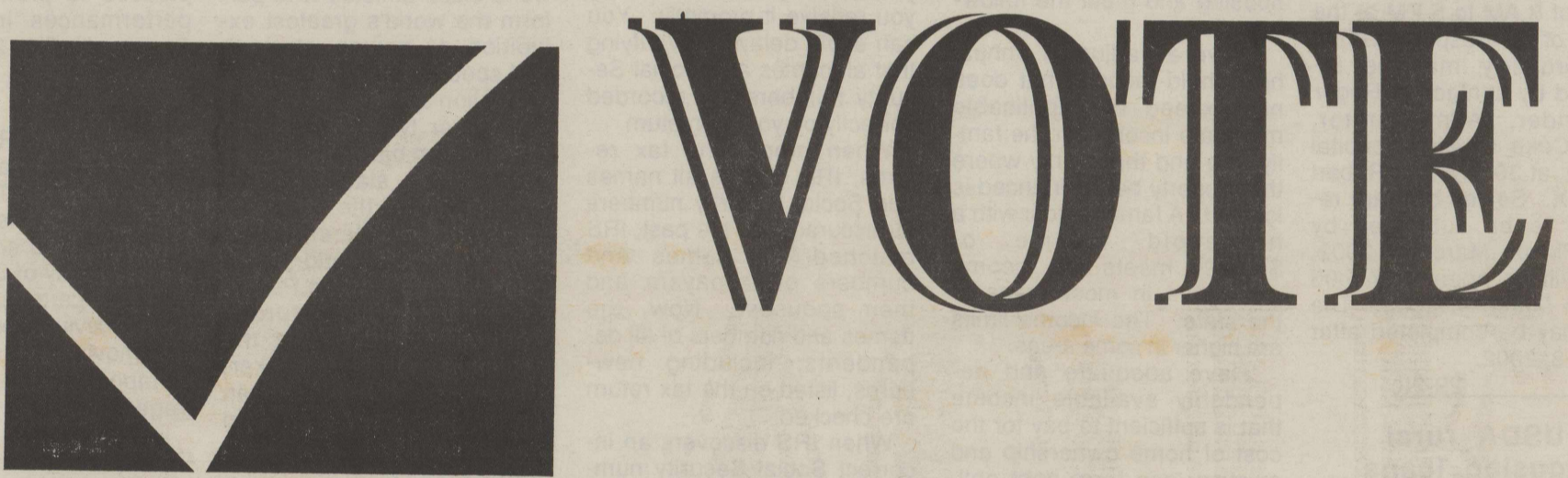


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