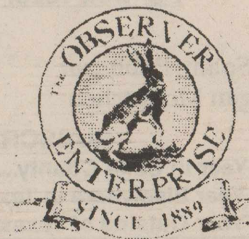


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## County benefits from Central Texas flooding

by Hal Spain, Publisher

This most recent 4th of July weekend will not be forgotten in a month or two like most are. This Independence Day weekend was special for a couple of reasons. Not only will we remember the renewed sense of patriotism that was visible everywhere, with red, white, and blue on flags, food, and faces. But the central portion of the state will remember this weekend as one of the most devastating floods to ever hit the Hill Country.

Some areas in Bandera, Medina, and Uvalde counties received rainfall in the amounts better measured in feet than inches. One report from Uvalde was in the neighborhood of 30 inches, or 2 1/2 feet. The resulting flooding has caused millions of dollars in damage, with up to a dozen lives lost as a direct result of the raging floodwaters.

A little closer to home, the Brownwood and Abilene areas did not escape the

flooding, as the Abilene area was deluged with up to 14 inches of rain on Saturday and Sunday that had absolutely no place in which to go. Highway 277 toward Bronte was closed for a time, as the flooding at Buffalo Gap and specifically at Coronado's Camp was such that the high water made motor vehicle traffic impossible.

Traveling through that area on Monday on my way to Haskell, the floodwaters had receded, and the paved roads at least were dry and presented no traffic problems. However, the water was still running in the creeks and low places, and I couldn't remember when I had seen the country that I had grown up in any wetter.

Still closer to home, the rainfall was general throughout the county, but what I'm going to call generally spotty. What I mean by that is best explained by this: I was looking out my west window at a cloud over Edith on the afternoon of July 4th, and I'm



Over six inches of rain caused water to run over Highway 158 just east of the Paint Creek Cemetery Thursday, July 4, 2002. Several days later, evidence of the minor flooding is still visible.

going to say it was probably not over one to two miles from my place. They got up to six inches at Edith, and Hwy 158 was closed at one point due to the high water, and I got less than 1/2 inch at my place. That was the nature of the storms all weekend (very spotty). The good news is that most everybody received

from two to four inches over the weekend, with some lucky folks in the previously driest part of the county at Edith receiving from six to eight inches. The bad news is that we still didn't get any runoff for Lake Spence or Oak Creek.

What is encouraging about this summer so far is that we have received measurable precipitation nearly every weekend since Memorial Day. And the mild temperatures have also been a welcome change from the past couple of years. At least for the present, as former state senator Bill Sims used to say, it's "a pretty green". Now if we can just get some water in those lakes...

### Bruckner to autograph books

Jane Austin Bruckner will be at the Coke County Library on Friday, July 12, to sign copies of her book *Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas*. Mrs. Bruckner, a native of Coke County, has invited all of her classmates to come by to say hello.

Copies of her books are available at the Library, the Observer/Enterprise, and Cathy's Flowers. Mrs. Bruckner has generously donated sales from her books to the Coke County Historical Commission.

The Historical Commission

has made progress in restoration of the old jail. It is now cleared out awaiting a slot in the Texas Tech program for evaluation and cost estimates for renovation.

Mrs. Les (Bonita) Copeland is preparing a history of the old jail. She is researching books, newspapers, and personal accounts. Any descendants of early sheriffs of Coke County who have pictures or memorabilia that will enhance this project are asked to call 915-453-2698 or make personal contact.

### Bluegrass music

Remember it's the second Saturday (13th) of the month and time for everyone to gather at 6 pm at the Community Center in the Coke County Park in Bronte and hear/or participate in some great Bluegrass music.

### Past Sanco

#### Postmasters wanted

Mrs. Josephine Bird is compiling a list of past postmasters of Sanco, Texas Post Office, which closed October 15, 1971. She has pictures of some but needs pictures of John L. Durham, Mrs. Fannie E. Durham, William O. Tubb and Mrs. Lennie Allen. Please send picture and information as soon as possible, preferably before August 1 to Josephine Bird, 1014 North Allen Street, Rockport, Texas 78382.



Texas State Trooper Scott Frasier confiscated 187 16 ounce cans of stolen Enfamil during a traffic stop on Highway 277 recently. The formula, stolen in Abilene and valued at over \$2,400, was donated by Coke County Sheriff Rick Styles (right) to the Coke County Food Bank. George Snapp accepts the donation on behalf of the food bank.



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---- **Obituaries** ----

**Edmiaston**

Willie B. Millikin Edmiaston, 96, of Abilene and formerly of Bronte passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2002 at Sears Methodist Center.

Jim and Nona Anderson became the proud parents of a daughter, Willie B. on July 9, 1905, on a ranch in Edwards County, Texas. She could recall vividly much about the ranch life she lived as a child. Willie B. excelled in softball and basketball during her high school years. She also used her talent on the piano to play with a dance band.

After graduating from Rocksprings High School, Willie B. moved to Denton, Texas where she attended the College of Industrial Arts. In 1928, during her first college year, Rocksprings was destroyed by a cyclone. Willie B. moved back home at that time and went to work in the lumberyard.

Although she had many beaux throughout this time, it was a traveling wholesale grocery salesman who stole her heart, and after several years of courtship, the young couple married March 20, 1930. Willie B. became Mrs. Wish Millikin and they moved to Sabinal, Texas. On September 11, 1932, they welcomed their first child, a daughter, Billie Jean.

The young father's job took them down the road to Uvalde, Texas where they lived happily for five years among a host of relatives and new found friends. During this time in Uvalde, a son, R.J., was born March 19, 1937.

In 1938, the young family moved to Bronte to help with the family business, the Bronte Ice Company. For awhile, Willie B. worked in the grocery store, that Wish had added to the Ice Company. Then she went to work at the First National Bank in Bronte, during this time the bank was robbed. Later that year, she went to work for West Texas Utilities as a bookkeeper, retiring in 1967.

Her beloved husband, Wish passed away on November 16, 1961. Willie B. later married a longtime friend, Don B. Edmiaston, on May

20, 1981, bringing long friendship and companionship to their later years.

Willie B. was an active part of the Bronte community, she joined the First United Methodist Church in 1938 upon moving to Bronte, serving as treasurer for 15 years. She served as room mother, officer in the PTA, she supported the Bronte schools, served as election judge for 10 years, and had been a member of the Bronte Bridge Club since 1967. She was also a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star #1048 and has held every station of the order, serving many years as secretary.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William Wish Millikin, her second husband, Don B. Edmiaston; two grandsons, James Robert Clark, Jr. and William Clifford Clark; and a stepson, Bobby Edmiaston.

Willie B. is survived by her children, Billie Jean Clark and husband, Bobby and Robert J. Millikin and wife, Phyllis; five grandchildren, Debbie Olive, Cindy Pickett, Jim Millikin, LaCresia Boyd, and Hollis Millikin; and nine great grandchildren, Ashley Olive, Mendy Pickett, Lance Pickett, Ryan Millikin, Laine Millikin, Zachary Boyd, Dallas Boyd, Will Millikin, and Claire Millikin.

Funeral services were held at 5:00 pm Saturday, July 6, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

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**Death Notices**

**Blackwood**

Katie Blackwood, 96, of Robert Lee died Monday, July 8, 2002 at the Robert Lee Care Center. There were no services. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons, Robert Blackwood of Bronte and William Blackwood of Spur.

**Bronte Eastern Star**

On July 8, 2002, Bronte Chapter #1048, Order of the Eastern Star met in the Bronte Masonic Lodge with Gayna Eldred, Worthy Matron presiding. The Flag of the United States of America was presented and the Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

Among business discussed was the participation of community activities such as the Fort Chadbourne Days held at the fort on June 22, 2002. The money making project of sale of cutlery and homemade ice cream was very successful. Brenda Buckley, Chairman, reported on the City of Bronte water project and stated that a tentative date in August is set to begin laying the pipeline from the water wells. Volunteers were asked to sign up to help. It was reported that donations of cash and food continue to be made to the Coke County Food Bank.

The Scholarship Fund Committee consisting of Jack and Earline Moore, Keith and Lannette Fletcher and Ettie Hubbard have drafted rules for the Bronte Chapter Scholarship, and application forms to be sent to each graduating senior of Bronte and Blackwell Independent School Districts each year and presented in May. Lannette read the rules and application forms to the membership. A second reading will be at the next meeting in August and adopted at that time.

Reports of sickness and distress included many of our community in need of our prayers. A long time member, Sister Willie B. Edmiaston, received an Eastern Star Funeral on Saturday, July 6, 2002. The following members participated in the memorial service: Gayna Eldred, Worthy Matron; E.E. "Buddy" Eldred, Worthy Patron; Leonard Leverington, Chaplain; Brenda Buckley, Adah; Della Shaffer, Ruth; Ettie Hubbard, Esther; Earline Moore, Martha; Dorothy Collins, Electa.

A beautiful Patriotic Program was given by Gayna Eldred. The Chapter room

and dining area were decorated in red, white and blue. Refreshments were served by Dorothy Collins and Ettie Hubbard.

**ECC ambulance runs for June 2002**

06-07-02 - 3:30 pm - trauma transport  
 06-11-02 - 12:41 pm - medical transport

**ECC memorials and donations for June 2002**

**Memorials**  
 Della Skelton  
 Irene Williams  
 Mrs. Mullins  
 Billy & Charlotte Tounget

**BVFD runs for June 2002**

06-07-02 - motor vehicle accident  
 06-20-02 - false alarm  
 06-30-02 - grass fire

**BVFD Donations for June 2002**

Charles Sonnenberg

**Victory Assembly of God introduces new addition**

Victory Assembly of God Church enthusiastically introduces Irene Ford, the new member of our ministerial staff. Serving as a Pastor in Training, she will be assisting Pastor Erma with various pastoral duties.

Although by trade, Irene remains a hairstylist working in San Angelo, she considers the ministry her true calling. To that fulfillment, Irene is studying through Global University toward licensure and ordination the Assemblies of God in anticipation of a flock of her own to shepherd through these end time days.

"My life has had its most precious rewards through my faith. I've enjoyed 36 years in lay-ministries, primarily as a Bible teacher; now I find it exciting to preach that Word. To work here while I study, is an excellent opportunity to do ministry in a pastoral way, under a well-qualified pastor."

"I graduated high school in Searcy, Arkansas, which was also a county seat and not much larger than Robert Lee, so I can appreciate your



Irene Ford

quieter, slower pace. It's my pleasure to serve this community."

**Bronte Cheerleader Mini Camp to be held**

The Bronte High School Cheerleaders will be conducting a cheerleading mini-camp for all girls entering grades 1-6. The camp will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23-24 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The girls will learn new and traditional cheers and chants as well as a side-line dance. Awards will be given to all participants.

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**Men do change, and change comes like a little wind that ruffles the curtains at dawn, and it comes like the stealthy perfume of wildflowers hidden in the grass.**

John Steinbeck

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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

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 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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These members of the Red Canyon Gun Club recently participated in the 2002 Colorado State Silhouette Pistol Matches held at Durango, Colorado, June 22 and 23.

**Red Canyon Gun Club news**

Red Canyon Gun Club was well represented at the recent 2002 Colorado State Silhouette Pistol Matches. A total of 10 members of the club shot in the 2 day event at Durango, CO., June 22 & 23.

Linda Randel took high overall lady shooter and 3rd in AA class.

Richard Johnson took 2nd place in Master & AAA class Smallbore and 2nd place in Master & AAA hunter pistol. John Green took 2nd place class A SB hunter pistol and 4th place in class AA hunter pistol. Harvey Green took 5th place in AA hunter pistol and 4th place in AA SB hunter pistol.

Larena Green took high overall in Junior Class and 4th place in A & B class combined in adult competition.

Red Canyon shooters have always held their own and excelled in Regional, State and National competition. Kenneth Green was the only regular member of this group who was not able to make the Colorado shoot.

The West Texas Red Canyon shooters were hosted by Mary and Harvey Green who live at Durango, CO. Harvey and his son John Green hold dual memberships both in the Durango Club and Red Canyon Gun Club. A great time was had by all, renewing old acquaintances and enjoying the great match that the Durango Club hosted. We hope they can host the state matches at Durango next year.

**Final crop certification under way at FSA office**

All crop producers, this is the last reminder, that July 15, 2002, is the final date to have all cotton, grain sorghum, hay crops, CRP and any other spring seeded crops certified timely. Any certification after this date is late-filed and will cost a late-

file fee. Remember, all NAP crops must be timely certified. There can be no late certification.

For more information producers may come by or call the office at (915) 453-2751.

**Military bases now designated polling place**

Secretary of State Gwyn Shea recently notified local election officials that a new law signed by President Bush rescinds a Clinton Administration directive and once again allows military bases to be designated as polling places.

"We must make every effort to ensure that the men and women who safeguard our democracy have full access to our most basic right - the right to vote," Shea said. "I'm notifying base commanders, county judges and local election officials of this new law, and I encourage them to designate military bases as polling locations to make it easier for service personnel to have their voices heard on Election Day."

In 2000, many election officials were caught off guard after receiving notification that military bases could not

be used as voting sites, as was the practice in years past. In a recent letter to county judges, local election administrators and base commanders, Shea issued notification that the policy had now been reversed.

"There is now no prohibition in federal law or Department of Defense policy concerning the designation of military bases as polling locations," Shea stated. "The circumstances of our servicemen and servicewomen's lives are unique, involving frequent deployments and relocations. It is imperative that we remove as many obstacles as possible to our military personnel exercising their right to vote."



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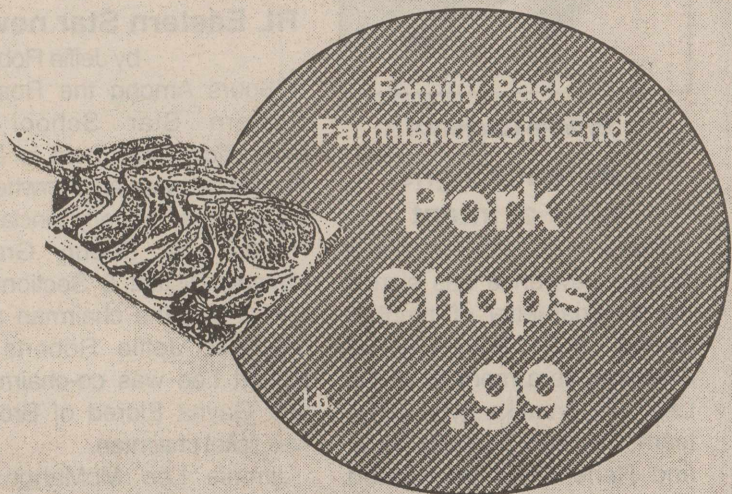


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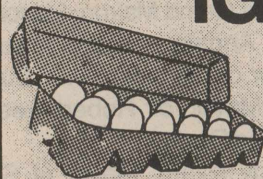
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Brooke Lawrence

**Lawrence signs letter of intent**

Texas high school standout Brooke Lawrence has signed her national letter of intent to attend the University of Arkansas as a member of the Lady Razorbacks gymnastics team, co-head coaches Mark and Rene Cook announced recently.

A state high school champion on the vault and regional all-around champion, Lawrence is a four-year letter winner at Permian High in Odessa. She was also a member of the 2000 and 2001 national champion cheerleading squad at Permian. "Brooke is a great addition to our program," Rene Cook said. "She will contribute in every event."

The Texas high school champion in the vault as a freshman and sophomore, she notched the highest score in the nation for a high school competitor on the beam in 2000. A three-time YMCA all-American, Lawrence won the all-around at the 1997 YMCA National Meet with a sweep of the individual events.

In addition to her gymnastics, Lawrence is a National Honor Society member, homecoming queen, Miss Permian High and the reigning Miss Midland USA.

"She is a strong student and has been very involved in her high school," Cook said. "We're looking forward to bring that type of energy to our team."

Lawrence's top ten national scores in the prep ranks combined with her other extracurricular activities make the Permian Panther a unique addition to the inaugural Arkansas team.

"Brooke not only has a strong skill level, she's a great performer," Cook said. "She has proven ability to step in the lime-light, and that's very important at our level."

Lawrence joins a fall signing class of eight gymnasts for Arkansas' first team. The Lady Razorbacks' 11th varsity sport, gymnastics begins training this fall with the first competition set for January 2003.

Brooke is the daughter of Lynn and Tammy Lawrence of Midland, and the granddaughter of Don and Johnetta Lawrence of Robert Lee.

**Artists of the American West**

"Artists of the American West comes to Fort Concho, July 4-August 16, 2002.

To help celebrate our nation's birthday on Thursday, July 4,

Fort Concho National Historic Landmark will open the "Artists of the American West" exhibit in the fort's Quartermaster Galleries. An opening ceremony with the Fort Concho Living History Program, including a patriotic salute with the artillery, will open the display at 9:00 am.

Refreshments will be available and there is no charge for this day's program.

**RL Eastern Star news**

by Jeffie Roberts

"Spurs Among the Roses" Eastern Star School of Instructions was held in San Angelo and was an overwhelming success. Beverly Sinclair of Robert Lee, Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 Sections 1 and 2 was the chairman and organizer, Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee was co-chairman and Gayna Eldred of Bronte was ticket chairman.

Jimmie Lee McMahon of Duncanville, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, was the honored guest. Other school officers were Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek of Hondo - Grand Examiner, Janell Trees of San Antonio - District Deputy Grand Matron District 5 and Beverly Sinclair of Robert Lee - Deputy Grand Matron. Other special guest present were Sandra Zipp of New Braunfels - Humanitarian Chairman of District 5, Rennie Oton of San Antonio - General Grand Chapter Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Nancy Allen of Robert Lee and Betty Friend of New Braunfels both Past Grand Matrons of Texas, June Dunkin of San Angelo - Grand Representative, Betty Carter of Bryan - Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron and 44 other Grand Officers from all areas of Texas.

Activities began the night before the school with the "Gathering of Roses and Cherubs" Salad Supper. Jeffie Roberts arranged for CBS Channel 8 KLST-TV and NBC Channel 3 KACB-TV to be present to interview the Worthy Grand Matron - Jimmie Lee McMahon, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress - Rennie Oton, Beverly Sinclair - Deputy Grand Matron, Mayor of San Angelo - Rudy Izzard, Mayor of Big Lake - J.R. Dunn and Mayor of Robert Lee - Garland Davis.

Rudy Izzard, Mayor of San Angelo, welcomed everyone to

San Angelo and presented a Proclamation from the Mayor and City Council to Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Harold Trammell, Worthy Grand Patron J.R. Dunn, Mayor of Big Lake, also, presented a Proclamation from the Mayor and City Council of Big Lake to Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Brother Harold Trammell and Beverly Sinclair. Garland Davis, Mayor of Robert Lee presented to Beverly Sinclair a Proclamation from the Mayor and City Council of Robert Lee expressing their appreciation for her many hours of work she does in her community and the Order of the Eastern Star. Bobby Roberts, in the absence of State Representative Rob Junell, presented the Flag, which flew over the State Capitol Building in Austin on October 22, 2201, to Jimmie Lee McMahon who was installed as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas on October 20, 2001. Jeffie Roberts presented Honorary Memberships to the School Officers.

Members of the 14 Host Chapters filled the 18 officer's stations. Eighteen for the School of Instructions during the day and 18 for the Fraternal Visit at night. Among the officers were Worthy Matron - Dolores Roe, Worthy Patron - Bobby Roberts, Associate Patron - James (Red) Stephens all of Robert Lee and Gayna Eldred - Conductress, Lanette Fletcher - Associate Conductress, Dian Coulter - Secretary, E.E. (Buddy) Eldred - Chaplain, Brenda Buckley - Adah, Earline Moore - Ruth, and Leonard Leverington - Chaplain all of Bronte.

The "Festival of West Texas Roses" banquet was held following the School of Instructions. Following the banquet was the Humanitarian Program just prior to the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Order of the Eastern Star provides through their Humanitarian Program many Educational Scholarships, Cancer Research, Seeing Eye Dogs, Home for their Aged Members, Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, and many more worthwhile projects.

Other duties of the Coke County members were Ettie Hubbard - Chairman of Registration, Lois Leverington - Chairman of Salad Supper,

Brenda Buckley - Name Tags, and Leonard Leverington - Photographer, Bobby Roberts and Keith Fletcher gave the Invocations at the Salad Supper and Banquet.

Many hours were spent by 24 members from Section 2 which includes Big Lake No. 752, Eldorado No. 140, Fort McKavett No. 783, Ozona No. 287, and Sonora No. 575 and 66 members from Section 1 which includes Ballinger No. 266, Brady No. 167, Bronte No. 1048, Carlsbad No. 1092, Concho No. 826, Paint Rock No. 391, Robert Lee No. 187, San Angelo No. 10, and Winters No. 80 to help Beverly Sinclair make a very successful School. Fifty visiting members from over the State of Texas attended. Total attendance was 140 members, which is unusual for a weekday school.

**Coke County Court Dispositions**

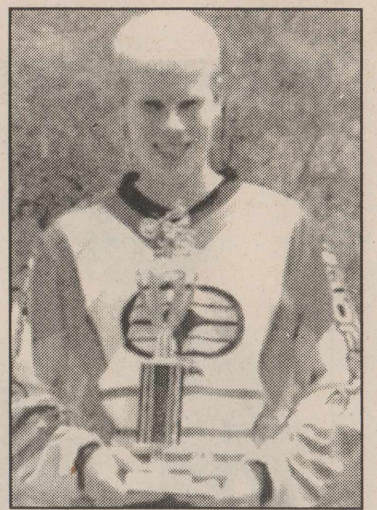
June 19, 2002

The State of Texas vs: Anthony Jackson  
Charge: theft  
Plea: 30 days jail, credit for time served, court cost \$256.00, restitution of \$460.18

**51st District Court Dispositions**

June 26, 2002

State of Texas vs: Daniel McVey



Alan Roe of Robert Lee placed third in 125 beginner competition at Mesquite Hills Motocross Park in Abilene, Texas, Friday, July 5. His next race will be July 19 at 8 pm.

Charge: sexual assault of a child - motion to revoke probation

Plea: 3 years Texas Department of Criminal Justice

**Out of County Warrants Served**

Dennie Blaine Braswell - Possession of a controlled substance - Judgment Nisi-06-05-02

**Juveniles Handled By Sheriff's Office**

16 year old female - minor in possession of alcohol - open container of alcohol in vehicle - 06-13-02

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES**

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental rate identified as the "Integrity and Safety Assessment" (ISA) to track and recover costs of implementing its Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan and costs of system modification required by class location changes. The Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan is required by the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) pursuant to its Pipeline Safety Regulations, Rule § 8.101, while class location changes are necessary to comply with the Federal Minimum Pipeline Safety Regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 192, adopted by the Commission.

The proposed initial rate for the ISA is 2.05 cents per MMBtu, and is proposed to take effect as of July 1, 2002. The rate will be adjusted each year to reflect the change in costs necessitated by the pipeline safety regulations, with an opportunity for those costs to be reviewed by the Commission. The ISA will remain in effect for ten years from its initial effective date. The ISA constitutes a major change as that term is defined in Sec. 104.101, Texas Utilities Code. The proposed rate will increase the total revenues of TXU LSP by 3.7%, representing \$4.1 million of additional revenues.

The ISA will apply to the following classes of customers: 1) TXU LSP's customers with gas consuming equipment at an end-use location physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system or to the system of a local distribution company physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system; 2) entities selling gas to such customers; and 3) local distribution companies served by TXU LSP's pipeline system. The ISA will indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by such local distribution customers, including TXU Gas Distribution. At the proposed initial rate of 2.05 cents per MMBtu, the bill of an average residential customer (6 mcf of gas consumption per month) will increase approximately 12 cents per month.

A Statement of Intent to implement the ISA has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9304 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before July 26, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this case shall be July 26, 2002.

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**Arrests/charges filed for June 2002**

Charles Mark Cooper - aggravated assault against a public servant - 06-05-02

Christopher Scott Allen - burglary of a building - 06-05-02

Amy Gonzalez - driving while intoxicated (1st) - 06-09-02

Bobby Longoria - open container alcohol in vehicle - 06-09-02

Lori Michelle Eubanks - purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor - open container of alcohol in vehicle - 06-13-02

Rodney Earl Merrifield - minor possession of alcohol - 06-16-02

Brent Campbell - purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor - 06-16-02

Dora Alicia Mayo - theft by check - 06-19-02

Deniece Trushell Marts - driving while intoxicated (2nd) - open container of alcohol in vehicle - 06-22-02

Lavoy Dee Barrett - driving while intoxicated (1st) - 06-23-02

Jonathan Blake Frerich - minor in possession of alcohol - 06-22-02

Beau Randall Turner - minor in consumption of alcohol - 06-22-02

Brandon D. Fulton - minor in consumption of alcohol - 06-22-02

Christopher Farrell Woods - possession of marijuana - 06-29-02

Jennifer Michelle Woods - possession of marijuana - 06-29-02

Richard Chad Beck - driving while intoxicated (1st) - 06-29-02

**Bronte Heath & Rehab Center celebrates 4th**

July 4th found Bronte Health and Rehab Center residents, families, staff and many others enjoying the festivities on the south lawn of the center at the annual celebration of our country's freedom.

The evening began with an abundance of homemade ice cream of many flavors being served to those in attendance, free of charge. The ice cream was furnished by the BHRC Auxiliary, The Activity Department, Mary Beth Drennan, Mary Ann Choat, and Sue Warren.

A very successful baked goods auction was held during the evening sponsored by the Auxiliary Funds from the auction brought in over \$2000.00 to benefit the residents of BHRC through the Activity Department. A total of 57 items were auctioned off by Ed Cumbie, board member of ECCHD. Merle Kelso's fresh apple cake was the top dollar item, going for \$100.00 to Jeri Davis. Eula Vern Lee donated a total of 26 cakes that were auctioned for \$915.00. Eula Vern really supports the auction!

Bronte volunteer firemen were once again in charge of setting off the fireworks, so generously provided by the Auxiliary, Businesses and individuals of Bronte.

"We appreciate all those involved in this year's activities, which are so beneficial to our residents. We look forward to next year! We'll make it bigger and better!!!"



**Bronte Junior High Cheerleaders for 2002-2003 include (front row, from left) Terrah Macon, Emily Austin, Casey Harris, Katie Cooper, (back row, from left) Crystal Waller, and Heather Mitchel.**

**RLISD sets time for previewing fall schedules**

Robert Lee High School and Robert Lee Junior High School students may come by the high school library to preview class schedules for the 2002-2003 school year.

Thursday, August 8, 2002 - 9:00 am - Freshmen (9th grade); 10:00 am - 8th grade; 11:00 am - 7th grade

Friday, August 9, 2002 - 9:00 am - Seniors (12th grade); 10:00 am - Juniors (11th grade); 11:00 am - Sophomores (10th grade)

Students new to Robert Lee ISD may come for enrollment and schedule planning beginning at 9:30 am on Friday, August 2, 2002.

Students requesting a class schedule change should come to the RLHS office between 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm on Friday, August 9, 2002. Please call 453-4555 if you have questions concerning this information.

Each Robert Lee High School student who plans to drive a motor vehicle to school must obtain a parking permit when he/she picks up his/her class schedule. To obtain a parking permit for the 2002-2003 school year, students must understand that all laws regulating traffic on highways and streets apply to the operation of vehicles on school property (driver's license, insurance, speed limits, etc.)

**Artists invited to exhibit in Street Affair**

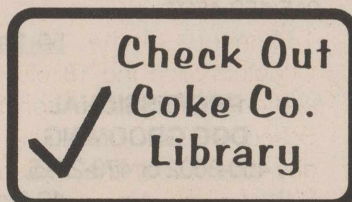
The city of Robert Lee is inviting artists to exhibit during the annual Street Affair to be held Saturday, October 5, 2002.

The juried show will consist of paintings, sculpture and photography. The center of the exhibit will be those works most representative of Coke County; the country, the animals, the weather, the people, the landmarks, etc. are considered to be subjects for this special exhibit. Two works can be considered from each entrant.

A grand prize cash award will be given at the preview reception on Friday, October 2, 2002, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Photographs or slides of entries are due August 28th-30th and should be mailed to the Coke County Library, P.O. Box 637, Robert Lee, Texas

76945. A stamped self-addressed envelope should accompany submissions and the artist's name and address should appear on each slide or photo.



The winner of the Coke County Library Summer Reading Program drawing Friday was Rachel Rojas. She won an art book and drawing pencils set. A drawing is held each Friday for summer reading students. For every book returned the reader is eligible for a chance at the prize. A grand prize will be drawn for on July 31, and any reader who has his or her name in the bucket might win.

Summer readers have brought up the circulation at the Library. In May readers checked out 553 books. In June, when the Summer Program started, the figures rose to 739. Summer reading is a way to keep the skills needed for successful school work in place. A student who reads, or who is read to, has a "leg up" in school work.

A pamphlet about the program, FRED, is available at the Library. FRED stands for "Fathers Reading Every Day." The pamphlet explains that a father who reads to their children helps children succeed at school, feel better about themselves, build more successful lives, have more fun. It also helps the father have more fun. This program is a project of the Texas Cooperative Extension agency.

**SACHS reunion slated for August**

On August 30th and 31st, 2002, the San Angelo Central High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will host a reunion which will be open to all SACHS graduates from the class of 1965 through 1969.

For reunion details as they develop or for information concerning classmates of 1965-1969 who have moved or are missing and for those interested in attending, please see the reunion website or contact a



**Bronte High School Cheerleaders for 2002-2003 include (from front to back) Lindsay Springer, Mascot, Jenna Herold, Kanah Coalson, Heather Richey, Ashley Torres, Kayla Hilliard, and Corin Garcia.**

reunion representative. Reunion website, [www.angel-fire.com/tx/68central/60reunion.html](http://www.angel-fire.com/tx/68central/60reunion.html). Contact for class of '67, Herschel Carmichael 658-7221; class of '68, Shireen Jackson 653-4638.

All classmates are invited to join in the planning stages for the reunion. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the San Angelo National Bank downstairs meeting room.

**Toughman Contest comes to San Angelo**

The best attended and most action-packed fight event in the nation returns to San Angelo for its annual stop. The 6th Annual Miller Lite Toughman Contest, sponsored in part by Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC and La Quinta Inn, will begin at 8:00 pm both Friday and Saturday nights, July 26 and 27 at San Angelo Coliseum and will feature only local tough guys and gals in the two-day event. The Toughman Contest, a TV show on the FX

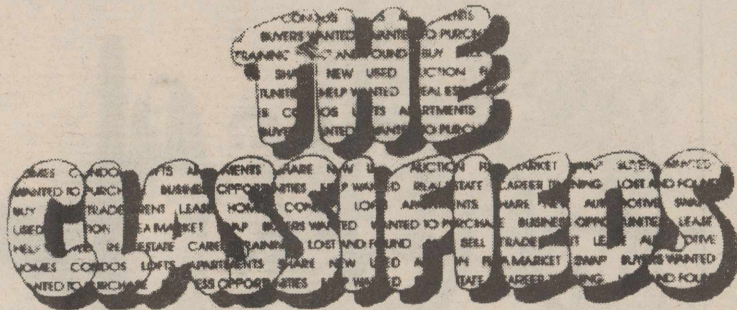
Network (airing at 10 pm on Fridays, EST) has been presenting shows since 1979 and plays over 100 dates a year around the country.

Calls from interested fighters began earlier and the field is expected to once again be highly competitive, featuring fighters from previous Toughman Contests and many first-timers as well. The fighters come from all walks of life - contracting, police force, firefighting, to white collar desk jobs are but a few of the careers who have already contributed fighters to San Angelo's 2002 event. Fighters interested in entering the event can pick up an entry form at Power Shack Gym on Foster or by calling 1-800-TUF-GUYS.

Art Dore, contest creator and television ring announcer, says the popularity of the event and the television show continue to grow, "The punches are real, the blood is real and the competition real tough. There's nothing phony about a Toughman Contest."

**S.O.A.R. CAMP**  
*Summer Outreach And Recreation*  
 Sponsored by the  
**Mesquite Country Council On Alcohol & Drug Abuse**  
**LOCATION: Robert Lee Rec Hall**  
**DATE: July 15-19, 2002**  
**TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.\***  
**\* Note - time change from 9 am to 8 am**  
**AGES: 1st grade - 6th grade**  
 Cost is free.  
**Lunch and snacks provided.**  
**Lessons, games, crafts, activities.**  
**For more information or registration information, call 453-4645.**





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Now Available!

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Bronte, Texas 76933

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for one, two & three bedroom apartments. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.

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Bronte Mini Storage has storage buildings for rent. Call 473-2221.

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driveways, retaining walls, sidewalks, patios. 20 years experience. Free estimates. Call 277-9212 or 453-9821.

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New Listing, 2 BR, 1 BA with upstairs garage apartment

3 BR, 2 BA, Brick, Storm Basement

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Priced to Sell, 4 BR, 2 bth, large den with second living area. CA/CH over 2100 sq. ft.

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Commercial building, Highway 158 in Robert Lee, 5054 SF Display Area, 1947 SF Garage, 1125 SF Storage, 2 floor jacks

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500+/- AC. Deep Creek, rolling Cedar Hills, Rural Water, Great Hunting

448+/- AC. electricity, good water and excellent hunting.

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110+/- Acres, waterwell, view of Lake Spence.

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Sunday, July 14th. Specialize in Mexican, American and Pizzas. 11 am - 2 pm and 5 pm - 9 pm. 915-453-4567.

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**LAUNDRY POSITION FULL TIME EVENING SHIFT**

Apply in person at Bronte Health & Rehab Center, 900 S. State Street, Bronte, TX 76933. E.O.E.

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**IMMEDIATE OPENING**

for full time LVN. 6A - 6 P. Contact Sarah Lee at Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters, 754-4566.

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**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING**

Prefer RN, must be experienced in MDS, PPS, and TILES. References required. Privately owned nursing home. Paid health and life insurance, paid holidays and vacation. Competitive salary (worth the drive). Send resume to or contact Larry Wellhausen at Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center 1800 N. Broadway, Ballinger, Texas 76821, 915-365-2538 or fax 915-365-2530.

42-tnc

**GARAGE SALES**

**4 FAMILY YARD SALE**

Ford tractor, pick-up tool box, TV, chair, clothes, shoes, and all kinds of good stuff. 515 N. Main, Bronte. Sat. July 13th.

50-1tp

**Political Calendar**

**The Observer/Enterprise**

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

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**Bill Wheat COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4**

**George Snapp**

**GARAGE SALE**

703 E. 5th St., Robert Lee. Clothes, hunting, reloading, toys, baby stuff, etc. Sat. 13th, 8 am - 5 pm.

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**BACKYARD SALE**

1 mile west of Robert Lee on Hwy. 158. Bunk bed, clothes, toys, guns & more. Saturday, 8 am - 12 noon.

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**GARAGE SALE**

Sat. July 13, 809 Vickie St., Robert Lee. 8:00 am until ?. Furniture, clothes, etc.

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**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

1211 12th, Robert Lee. Saturday, 8-12. Furniture, clothes, toys, misc.

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Full time, part time and PRN AND WEEKEND RN for privately owned Nursing Home. References required. Excellent wages, 401K, fully paid health insurance (BCBS), paid holidays and vacation.

Contact Pam or Sandra at **Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center** 1800 N. Broadway Ballinger, Texas 915-365-2538 • EOE

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Becky Clendennen

**NEW LISTING!!!** 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Brick Home with Large Living Area! Updates include ceramic tile and paint! Large corner lot with privacy fence! \$60's!!!

**HILLCREST ... CUSTOM BRICK HOME!** 3 Bedroom 2 Bath with 2 Living Areas Large Bonus Room Den or 4th Bedroom! Updates! Price Reduced!!!

**CUSTOM HOME ON 10 ACRES!** 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Featuring Ash Cabinets in the Living Area & Kitchen! Many extras!!!

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3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Hardwood floors in Bronte!!

**3 BEDROOM BRICK HOME \$40'S!** Updated Berber Carpet! Double Carport!

**3 BEDROOM HILLCREST ADDITION!!!** Updated flooring, paint, kitchen! Furnished w/Appliances! Large Garage, Fenced Yard!

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**RENT TO OWN ...!!!** 3 Bedroom Home Corner Lot with Pecan trees! Overlooking Golf Course!

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750+ ACRES, Between Water Valley & Robert Lee!  
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**GARAGE SALES**

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has a name now, which is This 'n That Shop. We would like to thank all our friends and customers who participated in naming our shop. Many thanks to those who have helped celebrate our opening. Ya'll come back!

Leta & Cyndy Caston  
50-1tp

**CARD OF THANKS**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK**

you for your prayers, flowers, food, friendship, and support during our great loss. We love ya'll very much.

The family of Glenda Service  
50-1tp

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK**

everyone that called, sent a card or letter, offered a prayer on our behalf, and those of you that attended the services when Howard passed away. It has meant so very much to us to know that we have had your support through this most difficult time.

Thanks again,  
Maxine Shaffer  
Gary & Della Shaffer  
50-1tc

**NOTICES**

**TO: KYLE JAMES**

78 E. Ave. K  
San Angelo, Texas 76903  
Your property, being Lots 7 & 8, Block 62, OT, Bronte, Texas, is not in compliance with Ordinance 349, Adopted May 9, 2002, because of the following conditions:

Grass, brush and weeds have grown to a height of more than twelve (12) inches. You have 10 days from the date of this notice to correct the violation or request a hearing in writing, addressed to the Municipal Court Judge. In the event you fail to do so, the City will enter upon your property and mow or have it mowed at 30 day intervals during the annual growing season.

Tall weeds are a breeding ground for rats and mice. They are also a fire hazard.

Please help us clean up Bronte.  
Martin Lee, Mayor  
City of Bronte  
50-1tc

**TO: WILLIAM G. CULP**

HC 60, Box 19  
Norton, TX 76865  
Your property, being Lots 8, 9 & 10, Block 2, Southland Terrace Addition, Bronte, Texas, is not in compliance with Ordinance 349, Adopted May 9, 2002, because of the following conditions:

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**NOTICE OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE**

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the 51st Judicial District Court of Tom Green, County, Texas, on a Final Judgment rendered in said Court on May 7, 2001, in favor of Hartman Roofing, Inc., Plaintiff, and against Russell Davis, Defendant, in the case of Hartman Roofing, Inc. vs. Russell Davis, No. 2293 in said Court, the undersigned did on the 26th day of June, 2002 at 3:00 o'clock PM levy upon the following described property lying and being situated in Coke County, Texas, as the property of Russell Davis dba 4D Energy:

All oil, gas, or mineral; oil or gas pipelines; oil or gas pipeline rights-of-way; buildings and appurtenances located on the property; and all equipment, material, machinery, and supplies located thereon under and by virtue of the below described oil, gas or mineral lease as to the interest of the Defendant, or used in operating the leasehold or land and minerals produced from or upon leasehold or the property described in a certain oil and gas leasehold estate for the following wells located in Coke County, Texas; (1) the Johnson A 103 Oil and Gas Well in the NW/4 of the SW/4 and the SW/4 of the NW/4 of Section 3, Block 2, H&TC RR Co. Survey; (2) the Johnson Wells numbers 4, and 11 located in the NE/4 of the SW/4; SW/4 of the NE/4; SE/4 of the SW/4; and the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 3, Block 2 of the H&TC RR Co. Survey; (3) and the Johnson 1-X Oil and Gas Well in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 27, Block 2, H&TC RR Co. Survey.

You are further notified that on the 6th day of August, 2002 being the first Tuesday of said month, at 10:00 AM on said day, at the Copeland Ranch located, lying and being situated on the above-described property will be offered for sale and sold at public auction, for cash or certified funds.

WITNESS my hand this the 8th day of July, 2002.

Rick Styles  
Sheriff of Coke County, Texas  
50-3tc

**NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY**

On the 8th day of July, 2002, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal Bovine  
Breed Beefmaster  
Color Red  
Sex Female-Heifer  
Age 2 yr.  
Size 850 lb  
Brand, Mark, Identifying Characteristics Under Bit in right ear  
Branded with R on left top of hip and on the 9th day of July, 2002,



Several Robert Lee citizens and officials traveled recently to Eldorado to get a first hand look at the beautification program that city has instituted.

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 is not determined by the 23rd day of July, 2002, said estray will be sold at public auction at Producers Livestock Auction. WITNESS my hand this 9th day of July, 2002.

Rick Styles  
(Sheriff of Coke County, Texas)  
(Designee of Sheriff of Coke County, Texas)  
Marshall Millican  
50-2tc

**Group tours Eldorado's beautification program**

A group of city council members, extension agents and interested citizens were invited by the county extension agents in Schleicher County to tour Eldorado and see first hand their city beautification program. A tour of the city revealed landscaped corners, and mini-parks and medians that greet visitors and residents of the city daily. The group was treated to lunch at the home of the extension agent who serves as coordinator of the city improvement programs.

The initial beautification projects taken on by volunteers resulted in two \$30,000 grants, with which medians were landscaped with trees and flowering plants. The city pays for the water and a landscape

manager sees to the care and maintenance of the landscapes.

A volunteer effort is underway in Robert Lee to formulate a plan to enhance the roadways and streets with a landscape design. State regulations are strict and must be followed concerning anything done on street corners or roadsides. A meeting is scheduled for July

31, at 5:30 pm in City Hall. Robert Lee residents interested in helping with this program are asked to attend the meeting. A representative of Texas Department of Transportation will be there to explain the state regulations and to make suggestions for the landscaping efforts.

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Ask For:  
**Randy Flanagan • Buck Duncan • Billy Wayne Roe**





**COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS**

By **Tommy Antilley**  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

**Summer lawn care tips**

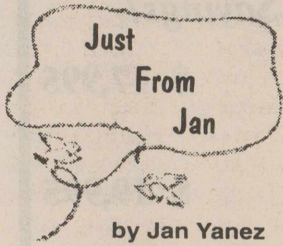
**Increase Mowing Height** - There is a correlation between the cutting height and the total amount of root mass. The taller you allow your turfgrass to grow, the more volume there is to the root system. Therefore, you should increase your mowing height by several inches during the hot summer months to encourage the development of the root system.

**Water Smart** - Water, either too much or too little, will hurt the health of your turfgrass. Over watering is not normally a problem this time of year - it occurs more commonly in the spring during periods of high rainfall (often homeowners make it worse by failing to turn off their sprinkler systems). Lack of sufficient moisture is a more common problem in the summer-time. It is best to water just before your lawn starts to wilt. In the early stages of wilt, grass leaves take on a dull, purplish cast and begin to roll. Also, if you walk across a lawn that is starting to wilt, you will leave tracks.

Learn to recognize these signs and apply water on a timely basis. If possible, water during the early morning hours. Watering later in the day wastes water due to higher evaporation rates. Watering in the evening encourages disease development and should be avoided.

**Aerate Your Soil** - All plants, including turfgrass, need oxygen to survive. If the soil is compacted through years of traffic the plant roots cannot get oxygen in sufficient quantities to continue healthy growth. Next to proper watering, aeration is probably the most important thing you can do to improve your lawn right now. Water and fertilizer that is applied to a highly compacted lawn will simply run off down the street into a storm drain on its way to the gulf of Mexico. Most rental companies have machines that you can rent to do this job or you can hire a contractor.

**Compost - Yes, Fertilizer-No** - Do not apply any synthetic fertilizer during the hot summer months. Lawns that are highly fertilized going into fall and winter are likely to suffer damage from cold weather. Instead, wait until September and apply one of the winterized fertilizers that contains a slow release form of nitrogen in a 1-2-2 ratio. You can go ahead and apply a 2 or 3 inch layer of compost now. If you notice iron chlorosis (yellow leaves) on your St. Augustine turf, apply iron sulfate or an iron chelate according to the label directions.



by **Jan Yanez**  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

**Enjoy your vacation with safety**

You have earned your vacation, and you should enjoy it. Even though you will be taking some time off from work, remember not to take "time off" from safety. Playing it safe while you are on vacation can help you and your family avoid accidents and injury while getting rest and recreation you deserve. Playing it safe means preparing for your activities ahead of time, securing your home if you will be away and using common sense.

**Prepare for Activity**. Think ahead to where you will be going and what you will be doing. If you are planning a vacation in warm climate, be sure to pack sun screen, loose fitting, lightweight

clothing, sun hats, sunglasses and a cooler or jug for carrying liquids. Build up your sun exposure gradually 15 minutes the first day, 20 minutes the second day, 25 minutes the third day, and so on. If you will be boating, swimming, water skiing, or enjoying other water sports, make sure that all family members can swim before allowing them to participate in those activities. Take lessons in each activity from a qualified professional who can teach you the rules of the sport as well as specific safety tips.

**Secure the Home**. Before you leaving on vacation, make sure that your home is secured. Make sure that you have prepared your home for your departure. Are all electrical appliances unplugged? Are gas pilots and water faucets turned off? Are doors and windows locked? Have you arranged for someone to pick up your mail? Did you cancel your newspaper subscription? Have you notified your local police station when you will be leaving and when you will return?

**Safety Sense**. One of the most important tools for having a safe vacation is your own common sense. When staying in unfamiliar surroundings, always check for fire exits, alarms, and escape routes. Wherever you go, be sure to bring along your family's medical information, insurance card, immunization records, history of disease, and prescription medications in the event one of you should become ill. Never leave small children unattended. Bring along a first aid kit and manual and familiarize yourself with their contents. When you use your safety sense, you will be able to relax and enjoy your vacation. You will come back refreshed and ready for the next year!

**Staying Well**

The immune system helps keep us well by fighting infections. Infections can be caused by bacteria or viruses. We are exposed to bacteria and viruses everyday and usually the immune system can keep them in check. However, when the bacteria or virus is especially virulent (strong), or if the immune system is weak, infection occurs. Those who are especially susceptible to infections are infants, young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with immune disorders.

A strong immune system is an important defense against disease caused by bacteria and viruses. A few simple steps taken to maintain a healthy immune system will help prevent infections.

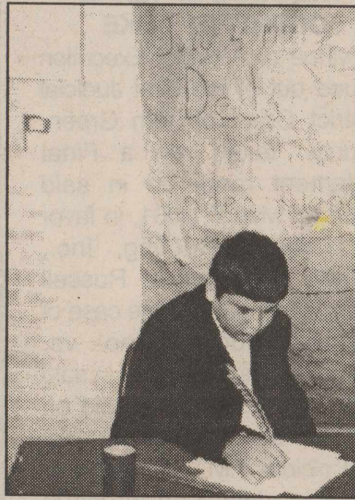
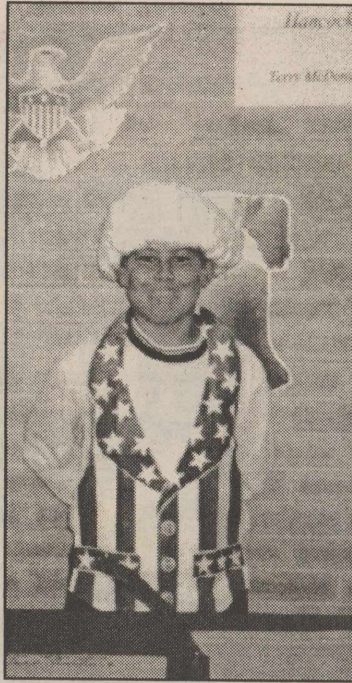
**Eat a healthy diet**. Vitamins, minerals and protein are needed by the immune system to fight bacteria and viruses. It is best to get your vitamins and minerals from the food you eat by following the Food Guide Pyramid. However, if you are not able to eat a healthy diet you may need a vitamin mineral supplement. Costly supplements marketed to boost immune function are often no more effective than lower cost generic vitamins. Do not take more vitamins and minerals than are recommended. Your total vitamin and mineral intake should not exceed 2-3 times the Daily Value listed on the Nutrition Facts or Dietary Facts Label. Vitamins and minerals can be toxic at high levels.

**Stay hydrated**. Drink plenty of water. Eight glasses of fluids per day are recommended to keep the body hydrated. Dry cracked skin, a dry mouth or eyes are susceptible to infection.

Wash your hands after being in public, using the bathroom, and before preparing or eating food. Hand washing helps to prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses to ourselves or family members.

**Exercise daily**. Exercise helps to circulate the blood and brings important nutrients to every cell or the body. Get plenty of sleep. Sleep helps the body to repair and restore itself. Sleep is very important in maintaining a healthy immune system.

Continue any treatment or medication that your doctor has prescribed. The human body is marvelous; all of its parts and systems are related.



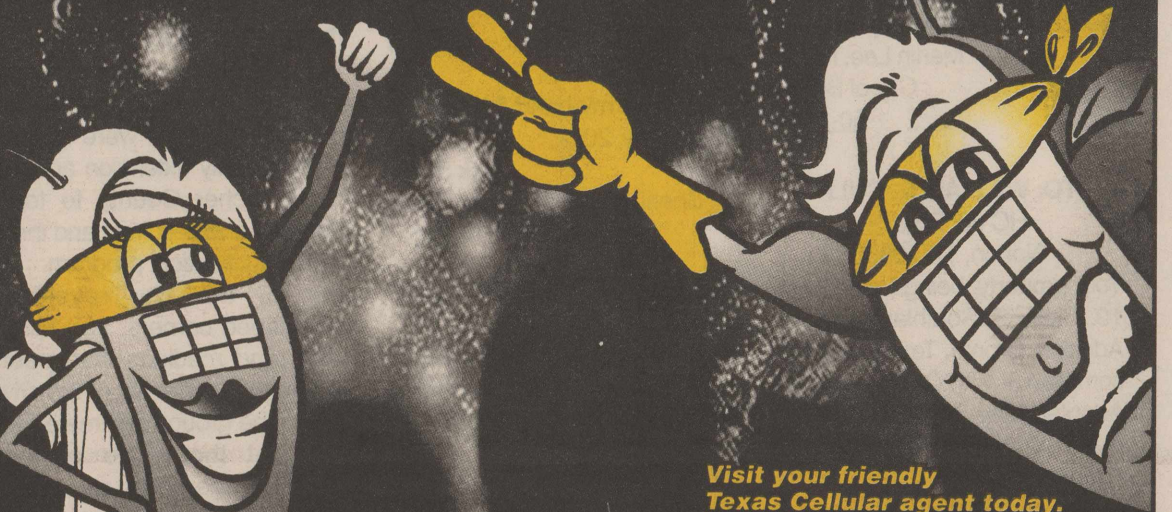
On May 7, Robert Lee Elementary 4th and 5th grade students created a Living Museum entitled American Heroes 1700-2002. The students portrayed famous Americans and

presented a short speech about their chosen personality. Terry McDonald (left) portrayed John Hancock. Charles Lindbergh was portrayed by Jimmy Womack (top center). Dustin Moreno (bottom center) portrayed Thomas Jefferson and Jackie Joyner Kersee was portrayed by Olga Perez (right).

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