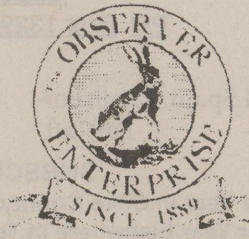


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## RLVFD reaches fund drive goal to build new station

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department fire station fund drive has reached its goal of \$92,000 to build a fire station which will house two trucks, a training room, an office, restrooms, and an equipment storage facility.

With a starter grant of \$45,000 from the San Angelo Health Foundation, volunteers raised the remaining funds through a letter writing campaign to companies who do business in this area, but have corporate offices elsewhere; an enormous fish fry and auction; the EMS donation; generous local donors; and the surcharge on the water bill which will remain in effect through June.

If Robert Lee did not have the volunteer fire department, an E-rate insurance standing would not be possible, and all citizens of Robert Lee would be paying more than \$400 more for household

insurance. Citizens outside the city would have no recourse in the case of fire but to suffer the results of an uncontained fire situation.

For years the volunteer firemen have struggled with old equipment, old buildings, and inadequate training space. They have done so without complaint and with many hours of service above and beyond the call of duty. They have gone to the fire station on freezing nights to make sure there was enough heat to keep the trucks from freezing. They have met in the metal building with no heat, water, or restrooms, struggled with aging equipment and cramped conditions and somehow made it all work. Anyone who has undertaken a volunteer job knows that with the dedication to the job comes the added hours of unanticipated work that needs to be done.



The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department fire station fund received a check from the Robert Lee Emergency Medical Service, putting the effort to raise \$92,000 over the top! Because the two volunteer agencies are a mutual support system, the overage in the EMS budget was utilized to help house and maintain the equipment vital to life-saving calls of both volunteer services.

Volunteers do this work without prompting and without recognition.

The results of this fund raiser will become a reality at the crossroads of Highway 208 and Highway 158 when the new station is built. The plans are for the first impression of Robert Lee to be a positive one with a functional and attractive building and a landscaped area around the building at the crossroads. The fire station will be proof that the citizens of Robert Lee are proud of their town and of the volunteers who serve the community in the VFD and EMS.

### Graduation issues set

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools during the latter part of May. The issue honoring the Bronte class is set for May 21, with the issue honoring the Robert Lee class being the following week, May 28.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in either of

these special editions, please call 453-2433.

### RL-Silver Lions plan lightbulb sale

The Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club has planned their annual lightbulb sale for Tuesday, May 11th. Lions will be selling door-to-door beginning at 5:00 pm.

If for some reason they miss you, contact Roy or Judy Blair at 453-2380, or any Lions Club member.

### Early voting ends Tuesday in May 15 local elections

Early voting in the May 15 local elections began Wednesday, April 28, and will continue until May 11.

Both Robert Lee and Bronte schools will be holding an election for board members. Both cities, Bronte and Robert Lee, will also be holding elections to determine council members and a mayor. Both hospital districts, east and west, have cancelled their elections due to no contested races.

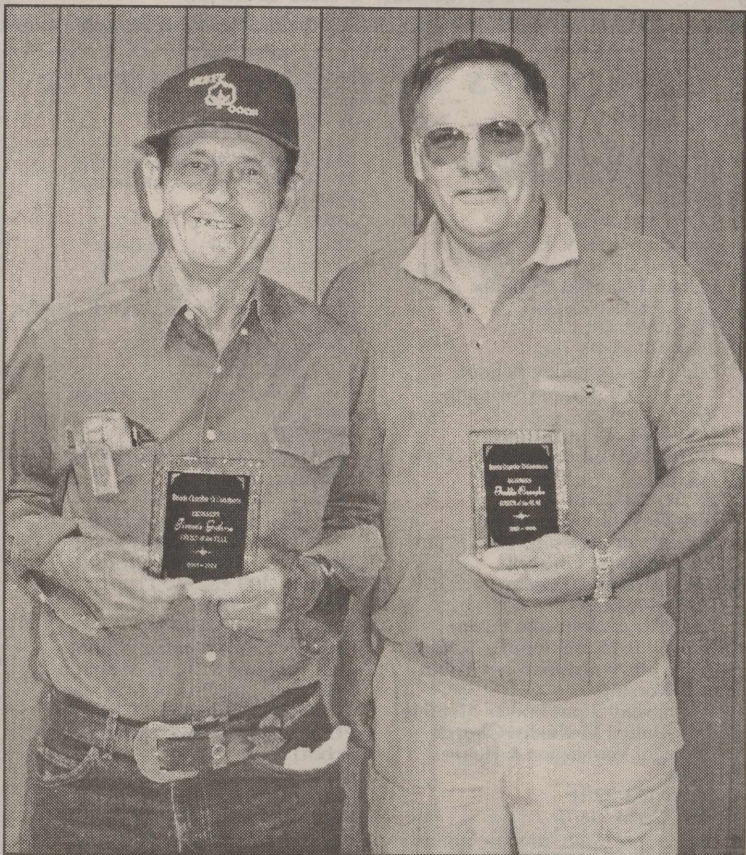
The city of Robert Lee will have to fill two council seats

currently held by Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland. Both council incumbents have filed for re-election. Mayor Garland Davis' term is also expiring. Filing for the office of Mayor are Kenneth Green, Joe White and Kimble Middleton.

The city of Bronte will have to fill three 2 year council seats currently held by Martha Ratliff, Charles Sonnenberg, and Leslie Rolls. All incumbents have filed to retain their seats on the Council. Challenging them will be Scott Graves. Mayor Martin Lee's term is also expiring and he has filed for re-election.

Bronte ISD has two vacancies to fill for full 3 year terms. Positions open are currently held by Terry Charles and Gary Acker. Terry Charles and Gary Acker have filed to retain their seats on the Board. They will be joined on the ballot by Paul Williams.

Two places on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees are coming open. These places are three year terms. The terms of Darrell Pitcock and Bill Burns are expiring. Darrell Pitcock has filed for re-election. New candidates filing include Kevin Roe and Gayle Bolding.



Named Bronte Outstanding Citizens at the Non-Banquet Friday evening, April 30, 2004, were Jimmy Guthrie (left) and Freddie Crumpler. These gentlemen received this honor due to their diligent efforts to clean up Bronte. According to Mayor Martin Lee, "They have mowed, raked and worked all over Bronte." The casual fish fry, which replaced the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, was an unqualified success. A huge turnout enjoyed the meal and then a trivia game on Bronte, presented by Annie Gill and Lana Richards.

**Happy Mothers' Day!**



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**Story Hour Graduation!** On Tuesday, May 4, the Story Hour graduation ceremony took place at the Mini-Park gazebo. Each graduate wore a cap and was presented with a certificate of award. Following the ceremony, children, parents, and caregivers were treated to cookies and punch. Mrs. Rowe, the Story Hour volunteer, was home recuperating from surgery, and was missed during the ceremony.

Some twenty-four children participated in the Story Hour programs at the Coke County Library this year.

**Obituaries**



**Millican**

Funeral services for Gladys Millican, 78, of Belton, were held on Tuesday at 2:00 pm at Lakeview Baptist Church in Belton. Rev. San Callaway officiated. Graveside services were held on Wednesday at 10:00 am in Midland, Texas at the Resthaven North Cemetery. Rev. Steven Tims of Wilshire Park Baptist Church officiated. Family members received visitors from 6 to 8 pm Monday evening at Dossman Funeral Home. Mrs. Millican passed away Sunday, May 2, 2004, in her home.

Gladys was born to H.C. "Slick" and Onie (Nichols) Adams on September 1, 1925 in Colorado City, Texas. She married George Dalton Millican on September 15, 1945 in Del Rio, Texas. She was an active member of Lakeview Baptist Church; "Love Thy Neighbor" Sunday School Class; and the "Young Enough" Group. Her joy was her family.

Mrs. Millican was preceded in death by her husband on February 4, 1997.

She is survived by three children; her daughter, Carolyn Insall and husband, Arnold "PeeWee", of Belton, a son, Homer Millican and wife, Linda of Odessa, and son, Larry Millican, and wife, Tracy of Georgetown. Nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Four sisters and one brother, Hazel Caulder of Bronte, W.D. "Slats" Adams of Midland, Lucille Weeks of Brownwood, Mary Bolton of Midland, Evelyn Bagwell of Sulphur Springs; and she was blessed with numerous nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends.

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**Alvey**

Dorothy Alvey, 85, of San Angelo died Monday, May 3, 2004, at her residence.

Graveside service was held at 11:00 am Wednesday, May 5th

in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her husband, M.Q. Alvey of San Angelo and son, Nate Alvey of Robert Lee.

**Relay for Life has changes this year**

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will see several changes this year, however, the reason for it is still the same. Relay for Life is a joint effort to raise funds for cancer research, education, and support services as well as memorialize those who have lost their battle to cancer and honor those winning that battle. This year's Relay will take place at a different location. It will be at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex on the Angelo State University campus at S. Jackson and University streets. It is also a month earlier this year, May 7-8. It will begin as usual at 6 pm on Friday evening, but will be over at 9 am Saturday morning.

All cancer survivors are encouraged to participate in the opening lap of the Relay...the Survivors Parade. The second lap will honor caregivers. More people than ever before are surviving cancer. If you are a survivor, this is your chance to inspire others and to honor the

memory of friends and loved ones. To sign up for the survivors lap or for more information, please call the American Cancer Society office in San Angelo at 944-2509.

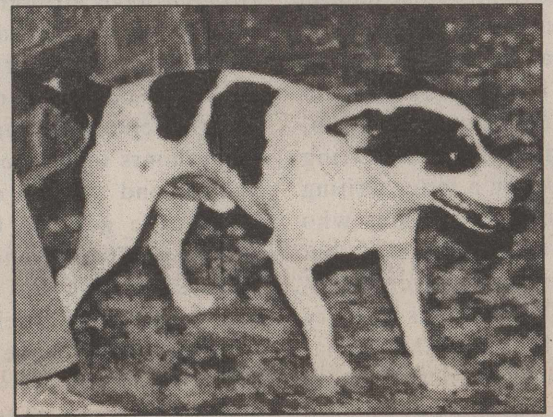
A luminaria ceremony will be held at 9:30 Friday evening. Luminaria candles can be purchased for \$5 each in memory of someone or in honor of cancer survivors. The luminaria candles are in white sacks with the person's name who is being memorialized or honored and the person who purchased it. These will go all the way around the track and spell out "HOPE" in the middle of the field. During the ceremony, all of the lights will be turned out allowing the glow of the candles to illuminate the stadium. Luminarias can be purchased from any team member before May 4th.

Robert Lee has one team of 15 ladies this year including Dee Anna Harmon, Cindy Bessent, Susan Owens, Valerie Howard,

Denise Roberts, Dianne Simpson, Cathy Waltz, Debbie McCabe, Pam Millican, Zena Williamson, Beverly Bell, Jeanette Jacobs, Mary Tinkler, Josie Salazar, and Brenda Gray.

All money raised during the event goes directly to the American Cancer Society. In addition to the luminarias, donations are also welcomed!

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Wed. 7 pm

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Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

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Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,

10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth

and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

**First United Methodist Church**

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Robert Lee

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Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

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Pastor: Basilio Esquivel

Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am  
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

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Wed. 7 pm

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sat. 6 pm

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on Sterling City Hwy

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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724

Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Southside Church of Christ**

PO Box 638 • 8th & Houston

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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Tennyson Baptist Church**

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Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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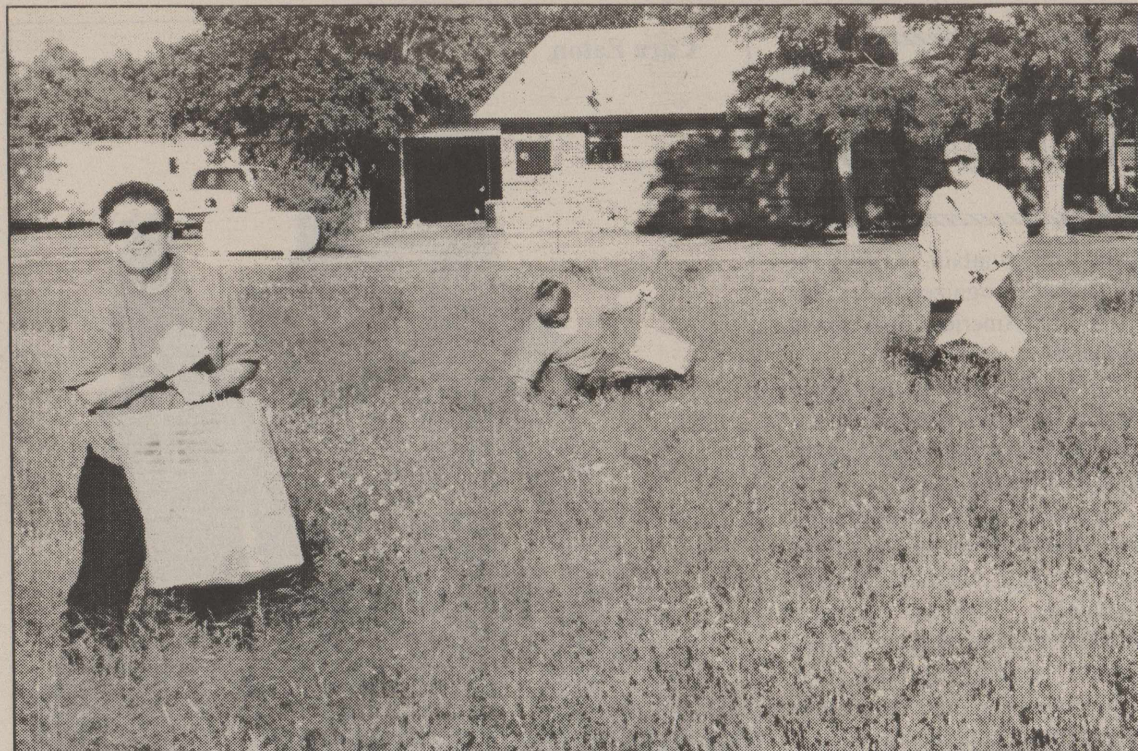
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting





**Bluebonnet Brigade!** This community beautification project is truly county-wide as this photo of Bronte ladies (from left) Marilyn Bivins, Kay Styles, and Fran Crumpler, was taken by Robert Lee's Hal Spain. Approximately a dozen members participated in the bluebonnet gathering on Tuesday evening, May 4. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 6 pm at the Observer/Enterprise office in Robert Lee.

**CPR training available locally**

The Robert Lee Care Center schedules CPR training classes on a monthly basis for the purpose of training employees. In recent months there have been some inquiries from the public sector as to the availability of this training for persons other than Care Center employees. In a joint effort to make this training more available locally, the Robert Lee Care Center and West Coke County EMS have agreed to allow persons other than Care Center employees to participate.

The classes are limited to six (6) persons. One slot in each class will be designated as a general public slot. Additional slots may be available depending on the Care Center employee participation.

This is a full AHA accredited 8 hour course which includes:

- \*Adult One-Rescuer CPR
- \*Adult Two-Rescuer CPR
- \*Infant One-Rescuer CPR
- \*Infant Two-Rescuer CPR
- \*Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- \*Foreign Body Airway Obstruction

For more information and cost of course, contact Jan Magness or Della Alexander at 453-2511.

**RLVFD news**

by Marian Thompson Secretary

Sixteen members of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department were present to receive a check for the Building Fund from 5 members of the West Coke County EMS.

The group then held its regular monthly business meeting. The minutes were approved as read. 1 business meeting, 3 training classes and work nights, 50 hours of activities, 2 fire calls (1 county & 1 city) for 46 1/4 man hours, 5 truck hours, 25 miles one way.

On April 8th, 3 firemen were out 8 1/4 hours each for traffic control with the gravel truck that rolled over on Hwy. 2034 and to assist the Sheriff's Department. 2 firemen were out 3 hours each, with a fire truck, standing by in case of fire, while the truck was turned back over, and 1 fireman for 2 1/2 hours with the pickup that lost its load of pipe on Hwy. 208, for traffic control.

On April 11th, 13 firemen

responded to a vehicle fire on E. 4th Street for one hour each.

On April 23rd, 5 firemen were out in the storm in the capacity of Weather Spotters, from 7:45 until 10:30 pm. The National Weather Service said to expect heavy rain, large hail, and possible tornadoes. The biggest storm cells passed to the NE, and South of Blackwell got golf ball size hail. There was no recorded damage in Robert Lee. Rain gauges ranged from 2 tenths of rain to 5 inches of rain.

Firemen do much more than fight fires. They are ready to roll when they are called for any situation, be it to set up a landing zone for WCCEMS, or assist the Sheriff's Department with traffic control for a motor vehicle accident. They are all volunteers and are available when and where they are needed.

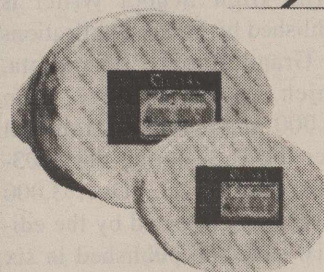
The fire department needs daytime volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman can attend classes to become a Certified Fireman.

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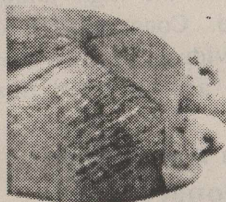
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Robert Lee PTO news

The Robert Lee PTO cookbooks *The Best of Robert Lee ISD*, have arrived! The cookbooks are filled with wonderful recipes from the staff, students, PTO members, and other family members of our school.

The cookbooks sell for \$10 and make great gifts. To get your copy of *The Best of Robert Lee ISD*, contact Laura Bell (453-9104) or Katie Drennan (453-2343) or any member of PTO.

## Faculty/senior

### basketball game set

The freshman class are unfolding a new tradition. The faculty versus the seniors in a basketball game. The game will be on Monday, May 10, 2004, at 5:30 pm.

Call 453-4555 for cost of entry. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Robert Lee FFA Ice cream supper slated

The Robert Lee FFA Chapter will host an ice cream supper on Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 pm in the Robert Lee Cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a bowl of ice cream.

### Local young writer published

Good writing skills are an essential ingredient in the recipe for success, and teachers at Robert Lee ISD are striving to ensure that their students are equipped with these important skills.

As part of a total program to prepare students in language arts, local teachers have taken advantage of a nationwide publication that is devoted to the betterment of literary skills.

The High School Writer is a classroom teaching magazine developed to provide a "real audience" for students and to

thereby foster the desire among young people to learn good reading and writing skills. The magazine consists of works written by students and includes fiction as well as non-fiction, essays, and poetry.

The High School Writer is published by Writer Publications of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, which received more than 30,000 manuscripts from all over the U.S. during the 2003-2004 school year. Over 3,000 pieces were selected by the editorial staff and published in six issues during the year. Writer Publications has just completed its nineteenth year of providing publishing opportunities for young writers.

"The teachers you have at Robert Lee ISD obviously consider reading and writing a necessity for their students," commented Writer Publications' publisher, Teresa Ivanca.

Allison Millican received special recognition for her accomplishment and was presented Certificates of Literary Merit by local school officials.

### RLHS students place at region track meet

The Robert Lee track teams had three representatives at the Region I 1A track meet in Levelland this weekend. Jessica Fluhmann competed in the pole vault placing in a 4-way tie for 6th. Brian Abalos competed in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, placing 5th. Cara Eaton competed in the high jump, placing 3rd. Congratulations to these individuals and all that they have accomplished this year.

### Cara Eaton wins National Award

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Cara Eaton, an RLHS sophomore, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Cheerleading and Leadership & Service.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can

ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Cara will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Cara is the daughter of Terry & Linda Eaton from Robert Lee. The grandparents are Geraldine Mahaffey of Carlsbad, NM, and Edmond Eaton of Lequire, OK.

### Robert Lee School Awards Fifth Six Weeks Accelerated Reader

(Students who reached their Reading Goal for the Six Weeks)

**1st Grade**  
James Roberts, Jerry Wofford

**2nd Grade**  
Samantha Arellano, Shaylee Bell, Shelby Davis, Cheyenne Ellis, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard, Bianca Huapilla, Eric Wells, Alexis Mendoza, Ciera Millican, Efrain Olguin, Kevin Saucedo, Sydney Sheldon, Taylor Sheldon, Jacob Torres

**3rd Grade**  
Grady Barnett, Randy Barnett, Vincent Batten, Faylin Bell,



Cara Eaton

Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Dusty Howard, Laredo Williamson, Cooper Hinderliter, Sara Lara, Makenna Netting, Zachary Sanchez, Jonah Saucedo, Zach Skinner, Ashlie Wheat

### 4th Grade

Linsey Arellano, Beanca Bower, Luisa Carrera, Janzen Digby, Samantha Fernandez, Melodee Gunter, Shelby John's, Jared Long, Chad Martin, Kimberly Roach Garrett Rogers, Rachel Rojas, Meagan Ross, Aaron Sharp, Linsey Vallery, Diana Vera

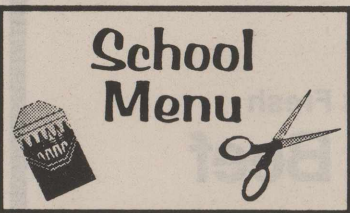
### 5th Grade

Heidi Austin, Tanner Brickey, Haden Dillard, Amanda

Mendoza, Daniel Nowlin, Logan Phillee, Paul Pineda, Skyler Rainwater, Kacee Roberts, Travis Sailer, Diego Saucedo, Luke Sheldon, Sarah Walker, Joe Estrada, J.P. Conner, Connie Saucedo

### 6th Grade

Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Justina Gloria, Tanner Hanigan, Terry McDonald, Erika Sheldon, Miguel Perez, Kerri Sheridan, Larry Sheridan, Piedad Juarez, Emily Arellano, Devin Batten, Cayetano Carrera, Molli Hinderliter, Sarah Jones, Blake Millican, Stetson Nesbit, Kristen New, Rebecka Saucedo, Olivia Trejo, Emilee Yanez, Garrett Skaggs



## School Menu

### Breakfast

**Monday, May 10**  
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

**Tuesday, May 11**  
Juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk

**Wed., May 12**  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

**Thurs., May 13**  
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

**Friday, May 14**  
Bad Weather Day

### Lunch

**Monday, May 10**  
Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, green beans, bread, applesauce, milk

**Tuesday, May 11**  
Grilled cheese sandwich, pickles, tator tots, fresh fruit, milk

**Wed., May 12**  
Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, roll, pineapple, milk

**Thurs., May 13**  
Hot dog, chili, cheese, French fries, pork & beans, milk

**Friday, May 14**  
Bad Weather Day

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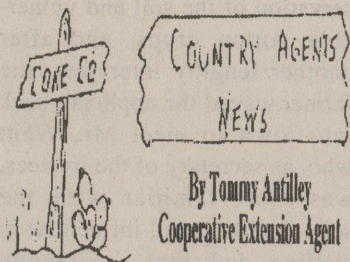
Rachel Wallace

Robert Lee seniors have made gift selections at

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By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

### District winner named at 4-H Roundup

Angelo State University was abuzz with activity May 1st during Texas Cooperative Extension's annual District 7 4-H Roundup. More than 500 4-H members, their parents, adult leaders and Extension personnel from the district's 23 counties attended the event. Roundup is the final step in a series of various disciplines held across the district in recent months. The event consists of 39 contests meant to test the skills of 4-Hers from 8 to 19 years of age. Contest events ranged from shooting sports to public speaking. The annual event lets 4-Hers compare their skills with those of others and to their own past performances.

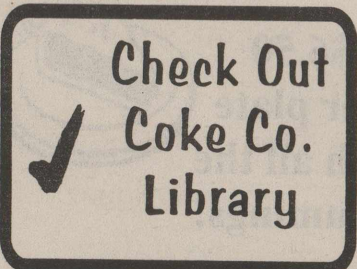
Senior winners in the May 1st event qualify for Texas 4-H Roundup June 7-11 on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station. To qualify for state, individuals or teams must have placed first or second in the District Senior Division for youths 14-19 years old. Juniors don't compete past the district level.

Winners in the senior and junior division from Coke County were Stacey Denton - 1st place - Environmental Landscape, and Cody Denton - 3rd place - in Horse Identification.

### Siren warning signals

For the City of Robert Lee, if a tornado is spotted or the city is in imminent danger of severe weather or very large hail, the fire department members, who are the Sky Warn Team, are out checking the skies. They are in contact with the National Weather Service, and they will set off the siren. 3 - long blasts of the siren is the signal to take immediate shelter, preferably a sturdy building, storm cellar or interior room or hall. 1 - long blast will signal the all clear.

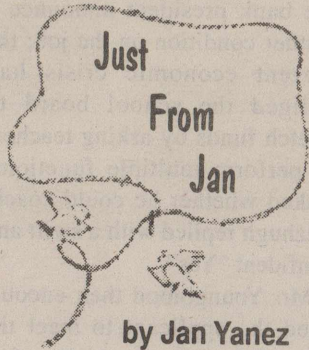
The fire department utilizes the sirens. 2 blasts of the siren is a call for firemen to assemble at the station for a fire call or meeting.



An original book by the students of Loretta Bridges at the Wackenhut facility has been presented to the library. "Don't Hurt Us Kids" is a presentation of the students and includes drawings, poems, puzzles, word games, and mazes all involving advice about handling abusive situations. All of the activities are original and creative. The students' sincere desire to help others avoid abuse is evident in the book.

Also available at the library is a pamphlet from the Texas Forest Service Community Wildfire Awareness Program for homeowners. "Homeowners need to take all the steps they can before wildfire strikes so that their home has a chance to survive," Jan Fulkerson of the Texas Forest Service says. "This information will arm homeowners with the knowledge they need to make their homes more resistant to wildfires."

The display contains brochures and bookmarks and a video entitled "Wildfire-Preventing Home Ignition" featuring fire research scientist Jack Cohen.



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

### A Tribute to Mothers

A Mother's job is to watch over, nourish, and protect maternally. This job starts the day she finds she's conceived; just a built in mechanism from the Lord!

Mother is the chief night watchman; her ear is fine-tuned (maybe God-given?) to hear the slightest turn of a baby in the bed, a light whimper, and immediately she's out of that bed, and straight to the baby's crib!

Mother is the Doctor and Nurse, all rolled into one. If it's a fever, a crying baby that won't be quieted, a cut, a broken tooth - doesn't matter. She knows how to fix it! A Mother needs only to kiss the bad boo-boo and the child instantly is calmed of all fears. After all, Mother knows best!

She is the chief diaper-changer. Surely a wet diaper, or heaven forbid - one with poop! - stay on that baby more than a few minutes! That's the Mother protectant clicking - (another God-given talent?).

She the taxi driver, chauffeur - whatever it takes to get the child wherever they need to go. Can she not just be Mom? No Way!

She's the time keeper. After all, children don't watch the clock; they listen to Mom. She knows when the bus runs for school, the time for practice for

the games, the piano lesson, the school play. Whatever has a time attached, be assured that Mother has the TIME written down in her time-clock, the head! If not, she surely has a paper attached to her refrigerator, the bathroom mirror, her purse, the car steering wheel, or someplace she's bound to see it, or be able to find in case of a lapse in memory!

She's a counselor for the teens. She listens to all the problems, and then tries to solve them her way. Only problem with that is, teens usually know more than the COUNSELOR.

She also the CONSOLER. She listens while they tell her that nobody loves me; my boyfriend dumped me; my fiancée loves someone else! It goes beyond child and early adulthood, right into marriage with, the baby doesn't sleep at night; the kids are killing me. Mother is such a great counselor in this area, why? She's been there, done that!

She's the referee in every dispute. She's the cheer person during the ballgames. You can expect her on her feet protesting when her child is tripped at a soccer game, and the referee just doesn't catch it in time.

She is the light at the end of the tunnel, in the wake of a storm!! She is MOM!

Although overworked and underpaid, Mother doesn't complain. She would work her fingers to the bone for her children. She'd come to their rescue, no matter what the cause. These are, after all, her God-given "talents" to take and use for the glory of God. HE expects Mother to raise and nurture her 'charges' to become the best they can be in this world, and equip them for what is needed to get to the other side!

### Area Youth Fair slated for May 15

The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board Youth Advisory Group, is sponsoring a Youth Fair at Sunset Mall in San Angelo on Saturday, May 15, 2004, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Anyone age 14 through 21 will benefit from this event. There are a number of activities planned including:

- \*easy resume preparation,
- \*summer jobs for youth,
- \*crimes that affect your career,
- \*Job Corp, info about college,
- \*how to dress for the interview
- \*and much more.

Local businesses have donated many door prizes, such as



**Gregston honored!** In a ceremony held recently at 401 E. Beauregard in San Angelo, Police Chief Joe Gibson (right) presented USPS employee Earl Gregston with a police department "throw". The presentation was made in honor of Mr. Gregston's 20 years of dedicated service to the SAPD. Gregston is the son of Mrs. Babe Gregston of Robert Lee and the late John Gregston.

- \*a diamond ring,
- \*backpacks,
- \*video games,
- \*gift certificates for food and merchandise
- \*a one year membership to the YMCA and
- \*a Sunset Mall gift certificate, to name a few

There will be a drawing at least every 30 minutes. This is a free event for youth ages 14 through 21. Contact Cathy Ballard at 325-655-2005 if you would like more information.

### WCC EMS Memorials for April 2004

Helen Mathers

Patty & Jimmie Byrne

### WCC EMS runs for April 2004

- 4-4 - medical
- 4-8 - trauma
- 4-8 - medical
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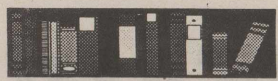


**Outstanding Student!** C. J. Macon (left) was presented with the award for 2003-2004 Outstanding Student by Ann Bennett at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce non-banquet held Friday, April 30, 2004.

## All Sports Booster Club election slated for May 18

The Bronte All Sports Booster Club will hold election of officers for the school year 2004-2005 during the annual banquet on Tuesday evening, May 18. The banquet, honoring BHS athletes, is informal this year and is being held at the Pavilion in the

## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, May 10**

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, trail mix, milk

**Tuesday, May 11**

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

**Wed., May 12**

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

**Thurs., May 13**

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, milk

**Friday, May 14**

Donut, apple sauce, teddy grams, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, May 10**

Chicken nugget with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, rice krispie bars, milk

**Tuesday, May 11**

Burrito, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, apple crisp, milk

**Wed., May 12**

Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, sliced peaches, bread sticks, milk

**Thurs., May 13**

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, pink panther cake, milk

**Friday, May 14**

Chick-fil-lay sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, bun, sugar cookies, milk

Park in Bronte. The fish fry is scheduled to begin at 6:30. The price of the dinner is \$6.50 per plate. However, the dinner is free to BHS athletes.

Wear your Bronte t-shirts, tennis shoes and bring your baseball glove for this BASB sponsored "Evening in the Park."

## BHS boys golf team qualifies for state

The Bronte High School boy's golf team finished runner-up at the Regional 1-A golf tournament in Abilene on April 19 & 20. This qualified them for a trip to the state tournament which will be held May 10 & 11 at Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin.

The team total was 334 the first round & 315 the second round for a total of 649, placing them second behind Riesel who finished 1st with 325 & 316 for a total of 641.

Individual totals for Bronte are as follows:

B.J. Hall - 77 + 78 = 155

Cody Lee - 85 + 77 = 162

B.J. Bilbrey - 84 + 76 = 160

Logan Rawls - 87 + 84 = 171

Zack White - 89 + 98 = 187

## Bronte runners place at regional track meet

Bronte had two placings at the Regional Track Meet, held in Abilene April 30 and May 1. Tyson Baker, who is a Senior at BHS, placed 4th in the 800 Meter Run. Calli Johnson, a Junior, placed 6th in the 100 Meter Dash.

## Ariel Marrs honored as Texas Music Merit Scholar

Ariel Marrs, a senior at Bronte High School, was honored as a Texas Music Merit Scholar at an awards ceremony May 6, 2004.

She was nominated for this honor by her director and award-

ed by Texas Music Educators Association, which sponsors the Texas All-State Bands, Orchestras and Choirs. Last year, fewer than 600 students in Texas were named as Music Merit Scholars.

This award is given to students who have exhibited outstanding qualities in scholastic merit, musicianship and citizenship in their school and community during the 2003-2004 school year.

TMEA, headquartered in Austin is an association of over 10,000 music teachers whose goal is to support music education in the state and to recognize local students and schools for their successful music programs.

## Bronte's Legendary Football Season of 1933

(as told by Henry Allen Fitzhugh to Stephen Fitzhugh Harris)

On June 1, 1933, Henry Allen Fitzhugh joined the senior class of Texas A&M University in receiving their diplomas. After the commencement ceremony, Fitzhugh was walking back to his dormitory to collect his packed suitcase when he was approached by E. R. Alexander, head of the university's Vocational Agriculture department. Dr. Alexander had a favor to ask: he had just heard of an opening for a vocational agriculture teacher in West Texas, and, though five experienced teachers had already applied for the job, he wondered whether Fitzhugh would drive over for an interview, if only to maintain the visibility of A&M's agriculture department. This was the only teaching position to have come to the department's attention over the entire year. Having just graduated into the century's most depressed job market, Fitzhugh swiftly perceived that he himself was receiving the favor and, needless to say, he accepted the task.

The graduate then hitched his way back home to Tolar, near Fort Worth, where drought had devastated local farms, including his family's. Fitzhugh's first challenge -- finding transportation to the interview -- was easily overcome when older brother Vermon volunteered his car for the long drive. Leaving early the following Sunday, Henry chugged westward across the sun-baked state, observing with dismay that drought conditions worsened the further he drove. A thick accumulation of tumbleweed along the fences indicated that fields had been barren for over a year. At the intersection of several dusty farms lay the little town of Bronte which, parking the car, Fitzhugh proceeded to survey thoroughly on foot in the few remaining minutes of daylight. Finding a cafe for dinner but no hotel, he spent the night in his car.

Henry woke early Monday morning to tidy himself in a ser-

vice station restroom for a day full of important meetings. The service station owner knew the entire school board and directed the job applicant toward the bank, where he could meet Mr. Youngblood, president of both the bank and the school board. Marching down to the bank, Fitzhugh was soon reciting for Mr. Youngblood an extensive yet unexaggerated list of his qualifications -- his upbringing on a stock farm, three years of study under the well-known soil conservation expert Dr. Lewis Merrell, and finally his A&M major in animal science and minor in vocational agriculture. Only after hearing favorably Fitzhugh's qualifications to teach vocational agriculture did the bank president announce a further condition on the job; the current economic crisis had obliged the school board to stretch funds by asking teachers to perform multiple functions. Asked whether he could coach, Fitzhugh replied with a swift and confident "Yes".

Mr. Youngblood then encouraged the applicant to meet the rest of the board, which unfortunately required a sort of car rally around the countryside for the rest of the day. His next stop was the ranch of Clint Wilkerson, a mile down the highway toward San Angelo. Wilkerson quizzed him on his qualifications and agricultural knowledge, then mentioned again the need for a coach. When Wilkerson was finally content with Fitzhugh's answers, he gave him directions to his third checkpoint, the farm of the region's leading conservationist, Bob Ash. Predictably, Ash targeted Henry's views on the pre-

servation of the soil and vulnerable cotton crops, and after another lengthy interview, the farmer waved the applicant back into town to meet Mr. Whitt who, as secretary of the trustees, was most familiar with the school system and influential in staffing decisions. Fitzhugh found the secretary at work at the Bronte train depot, breezed through a fourth interview, and was pointed toward local businessman and sheep rancher Lloyd Bridges. Though the Tolar native had not grown up working with sheep, his work with them in College Station enabled him to answer with aplomb several pointed questions about sheep production. Having satisfied Mr. Bridges, Fitzhugh hit the road toward his sixth and final checkpoint, where he found trustee Bob Spoons at work in his yard. A colorful character, Spoons greeted the young man at his car and, cutting short Fitzhugh's brisk recital of qualifications, announced that he could not care less about any vocational agriculture teacher -- all he wanted was a "damn good football coach"! None of his previous interviewers had mentioned football and, asked finally whether he had ever played the game, Fitzhugh had to admit that he had not. Chasing three large teenage boys and prospective ball-players from the yard, Mr. Spoons pulled Fitzhugh to the other side of the car to interrogate him more closely. Fortunately, Fitzhugh was ready to clarify that, while his high school had never offered the sport and his light weight disqualified him for the Aggie team, he had always played both

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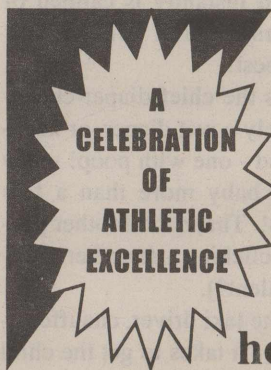


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basketball and baseball, and most importantly, had gained a good sense of football from nightly discussions with team members in his dormitory. Impressed with the young man's knowledge of the game, and perhaps more by his unwavering confidence, Spoonts promised Fitzhugh his vote on one condition. Since his chances of wrestling the job from five more experienced applicants remained slim, Fitzhugh should answer any agricultural questions put to him when the trustees convened that evening, but when asked about his athletic experience, he must leave all the talking to Spoonts himself. To Spoonts' mind, he knew more about sports than the rest of the board combined, and he alone knew what was best for the school's athletic program. Fitzhugh readily accepted the condition.

Left with a few hours to kill before he was called before the board, the weary driver returned to town for dinner at the same cafe and a nap while parked at the same service station. From there he watched all the trustees arrive in their cars for the meeting, then all his rivals appear for their respective turns before the board. Not until 11:30 that evening did Mr. Spoonts rouse Fitzhugh from his car to join the meeting, last of the six applicants. Mr. Youngblood initiated a final round of questions about the vocational agriculture position, and when he came around finally to the topic of coaching, Spoonts took the floor. He argued that an agriculture teacher may be necessary, but without a strong athletic program his boys would not even care to attend school. He was the best qualified of them to evaluate coaching skill and, after an extensive interview that afternoon, he had firmly identified Fitzhugh as the superior candidate. After Spoonts intercepted and addressed the board's initial questions about athletic experience, Youngblood observed that Spoonts had evidently gathered all the relevant information, and that the candidate could now be dismissed. Before leaving the room, however, Fitzhugh thanked the trustees for the pleasure of meeting each of them personally and promised, if hired, to give them his best effort.

He had only fifteen minutes to settle back into his car seat when Spoonts knocked on his window and barked, "Young man, well you got the damn thing. What are you going to do with it?" When sudden reality seemed even more fantastic than recently interrupted dreams, Fitzhugh needed a few moments to comprehend that he had in fact received the job. Coming to himself, he thanked Spoonts vigorously for the news and for his support, without which he would have stood no chance in the competition. The unexpected victory invigorated Henry to turn the key and drive back to Tolar through the night, kept awake by his own elation as well as the usual fears of a graduate entering his first job, especially amid such bleak con-

ditions. And since vocational agriculture teachers work year round, he had only a few weeks to prepare for his weighty responsibility of fortifying a West Texas community to survive drought, not to mention coaching a game he had never played. He reported for work in Bronte July 1.

His brother's car had gotten him to the interview and back, but he now needed to find his own car. Having reached Tolar early Tuesday morning, Fitzhugh decided with his father over the breakfast table that their only option was to buy a used car. Unfortunately, every lot he checked was packed with unreliable wrecks, and his chances seemed bleak until a dealer proposed a new \$600 Dodge coupe, for \$25 down and \$25 out of his monthly paycheck. Fitzhugh took the deal, and proceeded to the next item on his list: working clothes. Since he had worn only military uniforms over four years at A&M, he now went shopping with his mother for a few shirts and work pants.

It was already time to drive back to Bronte, a couple days early in order to arrange room and board. A service station clerk directed him to the home of Mrs. Leonard, a doctor's wife who was trying to support her son through college by taking boarders. Knowing then the cost of a college education, she was sympathetic when she heard Henry had just graduated, and offered him room, board, and laundry service for only \$30 a month. Ready as ever to welcome his good luck, Fitzhugh accepted the offer and remained with Mrs. Leonard the two and a half years he worked in Bronte. After unpacking in his new room, he had to share his delight by returning to the service station and thanking the clerk, Curtis Smith, who became Fitzhugh's closest friend and nightly conversation partner in Bronte.

About nine o'clock July 1, Fitzhugh went to the depot to learn more about his job and the school from Mr. Whitt. He learned of the present effort to consolidate all the country schools with Bronte's high school, in order to provide country kids with a better education and, by increasing enrollment at the high school, to attract more state funding. Whitt asked Fitzhugh to advocate consolidation as he traveled among the country schools. Wasting no time, he hit the road in order to learn his territory and meet a few of the natives, always putting in a word for consolidating the schools.

At breakfast the morning of July 4th the Leonards confessed that the economic crisis had put a damper on festivities in and around Bronte, but Fitzhugh might like to drive as far as the seat of Coke County, Robert Lee, for a parade. Fitzhugh arrived around 9, just in time to watch a handsome cowboy lead the parade on a tremendous buckskin horse, marching in time with the band and flanked by the Texan and American flags. When he finally pulled

his eyes off the horse, they were rewarded with an even greater vision of loveliness: a fair-skinned blonde-haired girl wearing a white riding habit and red scarf on a sorrel horse. Having seen all he needed to see, Fitzhugh did not linger in Robert Lee, but sped back to Bronte to tell Curtis Smith about the girl. Smith knew that the parade marshal was Futha Higginbotham, the Coke County sheriff and a rancher, and the girl was surely his daughter Della, herself a school teacher. Though word was that she was already seriously involved with a fellow, Fitzhugh pressed Curtis to arrange an introduction.

A couple weeks later Curtis called the would-be suitor and promised that he could meet Della if he were at the station at 9 o'clock that evening. Since the conversation went well, Della and Henry managed to continue their conversation once a month when she was home from her distant teaching job. They were befriended by a number of ranching couples who liked to dance and regularly convened at a San Angelo hotel for the best dances in the region. The two young professionals dated with increasing frequency until June 6, 1936, when they made their relationship permanent by marrying.

Back in July 1933, however, Fitzhugh realized that he needed to concentrate not on Della but on his duties as teacher and, most intimidating, coach. He sought guidance again from Curtis, who related a conversation he had had with the last football coach, Mr. Pettitt, just before he left. Pettitt had confessed worries about even finding enough sturdy boys to form a team since most of his team had just graduated. Anxious to avoid a disastrous combination of his inexperience as coach with the inexperience of his potential team, he wrote an Aggie friend who had played varsity football, asking for two or three passing and running plays to get him started. The friend wrote back promptly with details of six passing plays and three running plays straight from head coach Mattie Bell's playbook. Fitzhugh studied them closely and prepared to communicate them clearly to his future team.

Around August 1, when the school superintendent Mr. Hankins returned from vacation, the new coach approached him to gain approval to buy a football for fall practice. What should have been a simple step in his preparations became very complicated when the superintendent refused the funds, claiming that he had not included athletics in his budget and that, considering the drought conditions, they may as well have no football team the coming year. Fitzhugh protested that all the trustees had hired him to coach the team, and he did not want to disappoint them. When the superintendent was unmoved, Fitzhugh could only turn to Mr. Whitt and they agreed that the best solution was for Fitzhugh himself to buy a ball with his first paycheck, trusting that he

could be reimbursed through ticket sales.

In 1933 almost every town in West Texas had a softball team, and Bronte's newest athlete had promptly joined the local team. By playing softball over the summer, Fitzhugh met many of the rising seniors who wanted to play football in the fall. He announced to them that practice would begin two weeks before school officially started, and asked especially that they and any interested friends report for the first practice with hoes and rakes since their field had grown thick with goatheads and other weeds. Fourteen boys appeared the following Monday. Their names, along with their eventual positions, are as follows: Jimmy Eubanks, left end; Bon Spoonts, left tackle; N. C. Davis, left guard; Frank Hearn, center; Hooks Williams, right guard; J. B. Glenn, right tackle; Robert Spoonts, right end; R. I. Collier, quarterback; J. B. Parrish, fullback; Wayman Perciful, left halfback; Dwayne Leonard, right halfback; Gene Keaney, Pete McDonald, and Clark Glenn, substitutes. Even after the long first practice was committed to necessary maintenance, they were left with a hard red field of sun-baked clay.

Tuesday morning at 8, Fitzhugh established a practice routine for his fourteen team members. After four years of military drilling at A&M, the easiest part of the routine for the new coach was conducting an initial thirty minutes of calisthenics, followed shortly by a second thirty minutes to whip

the boys into shape. At that first normal practice, Fitzhugh explained to the team that, since there were only boys enough for a single team with a few substitutes, they had better minimize risk of injury by playing primarily a passing game. The boys readily appreciated such a strategy, especially when they started learning the Aggie plays, but Fitzhugh himself was reassured when he discovered that he had a good quarterback and a few good receivers. They would practice a play, take a break to discuss, then learn another. With only fourteen members, they had to place seven on the offense and seven on the defense. During the first week, they concentrated on offensive plays, proceeding to defensive plays the second week. After the clay field sidelined Pete McDonald with a dislocated shoulder and Gene Keaney with a bruised elbow that second week, Fitzhugh was left with only one substitute and had to take even greater care to avoid further injuries. In spite of such setbacks, by the end of the second week, the whole team had learned all of Mattie Bell's plays almost to perfection, and Fitzhugh was pleased not only that the boys seemed to grasp the game well, but that they remained very enthusiastic.

During the week the playing schedule for every Texas high school team was released. To Fitzhugh's surprise, Bronte's first game was against Mr. Pettitt's new team in Divide the second week of September.

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That weekend the rookie coach avoided the streets of Bronte, for he knew the conversation everywhere was how badly Pettitt's team was going to beat Bronte. He needed to stay by his desk anyway and plan the three vocational agriculture classes he was to start teaching Monday. About 8:30 Saturday night Fitzhugh finally emerged from the Leonard's house to confer with Curtis Smith. Fitzhugh was full of confidence after two weeks of rigorous practice, but Smith knocked all the wind from his sails with the news that several mothers were circling a petition to have the football team dissolved. They felt that the new coach had worked their sons too hard, causing injuries and continuing to risk them. The superintendent himself had sided with the aggrieved mothers. Henry asked his friend for an urgent favor - to get word back to the mothers that the boys deserved at least one game to prove themselves, and if the parents were still unhappy after that game, they could have their way. It was admittedly unfortunate that their first game was against such a formidable team, but contrary to fears that they would lose by four or five touchdowns, Fitzhugh expected to overwhelm Pettitt with smart, well-executed plays. When Curtis reported Monday morning that all the mothers had agreed to at least one game, Henry sent word back through the grapevine that he would not work the boys as hard that week, keeping them all fit for Saturday's game.

Having secured a new lease on his coaching career, Fitzhugh proceeded to the private building which had been made available for his office and vocational agriculture classes. In class he announced -- again trusting the grapevine to reach any absent ears -- that the football team would definitely play Saturday and that all team members should meet in the classroom at 4 o'clock. That afternoon all the boys were relieved to hear that, though they would continue practicing the plays they knew, they should only tag, not tackle the ballcarrier. Their coach reminded them that success depended on teamwork, and their particular challenge as a team was timing the passing plays precisely, with every player performing his duty.

After teaching all his classes Friday, Fitzhugh went to Mr. Hankins and asked that a school bus meet the team at the school at noon Saturday, then drive them to Divide for the 2:30 game. Again, Hankins complained that he had no room in the budget to transport the football team anywhere. When the shameful prospect of forfeiting the game failed to sway the superintendent, Henry returned to Mr. Whitt who, though confirming the budget restrictions, was more sensitive to the shame of a no-show and overruled Mr. Hankins. All the boys appeared punctually at noon, changed into their uniforms, and took seats in the rear of the bus, where they rode the whole way in hushed nervousness. Even Fitzhugh, sitting alone in the front, was nervous about the game.

When they arrived in Divide, the team tumbled out of the bus and began warming up on the

**The Observer/Enterprise** field, throwing the ball and running plays. After about 20 minutes, the home team entered the field in gleaming new uniforms, followed shortly by a second complete team, both taking a calculated spin around the visitors. Fitzhugh tried to distract the boys from their impressive competition, but Pettitt was obviously winning the psychological game. When he sent his players on a second ostentatious run around the Bronte team, Fitzhugh angrily called his fourteen boys back behind the bus. There, he expressed disgust with Pettitt's utter betrayal of his former team, which he had abandoned as hopeless and now taunted with his superior manpower and funding. Fitzhugh encouraged his boys to derive new hope from the clever, well-trained plays they would deploy against Pettitt's muscleheads. Pettitt was bound for a surprise. About then the referee called them back to the field for the kickoff.

The Divide team returned the kickoff with simple plays which were immediately familiar to the Bronte boys from Pettitt's previous season, and thus easily thwarted. Divide made slow progress down the field, but was repeatedly denied any points before having to surrender the ball to Bronte. Once the Bronte offense initiated their passing plays, the team rocketed down the field, with the defense visibly uncertain how to respond to such fresh moves. Collier threw the ball skillfully while Eubanks, Spoons, and Parrish proved their mettle as receivers, but throughout the first half a fumble or penalty always prevented them from converting their advanced field position into a touchdown. In fact, just before the half Divide became the first to push the ball into the endzone, but their kick for the extra point was blocked.

During halftime, Fitzhugh called his boys behind the bus to congratulate them on their superior performance, and assure them that, though down six points, they could easily surpass Divide in the second half. Though the fourteen Bronte boys had played both offense and defense while Pettitt made frequent substitutions, their stamina had kept them competitive. Bronte stamina kept the Divide offense at bay throughout the third quarter and most of the fourth until, with two minutes remaining, Fitzhugh's team initiated its last drive toward the goal. Starting at the thirty yardline, Bronte advanced steadily with a bewildering variety of plays, sending Spoons and Eubanks downfield as decoys and then handing the ball to fullback Parrish to break the thinned-out line. Or when the defenders fell toward the line of

scrimmage, Collier would toss the ball over their heads to a waiting wide receiver. By gaining five to ten yards per play, the team brought Collier close enough to the endzone to connect with Eubanks there for a touchdown. Since the team did not have a reliable kicker, Fitzhugh called for a running play for the extra point. Both receivers drew attention to the right while the halfbacks discreetly cleared a path to the left, leaving Parrish an easy walk to the endzone when Collier finally broke the fake to hand him the ball. At that time running for the extra point brought the same single point as kicking, so Bronte won the game 7-6.

On the way home the boys alerted the entire countryside of their victory, hollering out the bus windows at every car and town they passed. Occupying one window was Jimmy Eubanks's sister Earle, who rode with the boys to every game as their only regular cheerleader. As they entered Bronte, Fitzhugh had the driver stop at the service station, where the team shouted yet more loudly and Fitzhugh bought sodas for all of them. Then the boys insisted that they complete their glorious procession by driving on down Main Street. Needless to say, the formerly concerned parents allowed the team to play again.

Since Divide had been a non-conference game, Bronte's regular season began with a home game against Paint Rock the following Saturday. Fitzhugh hired Tony Slaughter, sports editor of the San Angelo Standard Times, to officiate all their home games. In order to pay Slaughter, Bob Spoons collected 25 cents per adult and 10 cents per child for admission to the game, though anybody who could not pay was still welcome. While \$5 was collected, Fitzhugh paid the remaining \$5 of Slaughter's fee.

Bronte's 35-0 victory over Paint Rock won the team a few more believers, but skepticism persisted as the boys next faced the team from Robert Lee, reputedly one of the best in the conference. By now, at least, Fitzhugh could arrange transportation to the next game without a struggle. When Robert Lee took the field next Saturday they were indeed impressive, but Bronte was no longer easily intimidated and, a few hours later, they had won twenty-one to nothing. The people of Bronte now had to admit the athletic might of their football team, and support them in their remaining games. Most helpfully, the third victory attracted three new substitutes to the team: James Corley, Buck Coleman, and Elbert Keyes.

After Fitzhugh's boys had completed the season and played

all four teams in their conference (Robert Lee, Paint Rock, Eden, and Lakeview) twice, Bronte stood alone undefeated and untied, their record 256 points won to 36 surrendered. The champion team received much publicity throughout the area, especially in San Angelo where Tony Slaughter wrote an informed article about Bronte's innovative passing game, a strategy which would surely be imitated by their competitors in the future. Another writer, Blondie Cross, was most impressed with the strength, endurance, and versatility of a team 90% of whose members had played every down of every game, both offense and defense.

Within a week of Bronte completing its season, another wave of publicity descended on San Angelo's undefeated junior high team, whose more competitive conference included teams comparable in skill to the smalltown high schools. Consequently, a general consensus arose that Bronte High should meet San Angelo junior high for a showdown. When Mr. Coleman, San Angelo's distinguished coach, finally called Fitzhugh to propose the meeting, he guaranteed Bronte \$75 if they would come to San Angelo. Fitzhugh took the proposition first to the boys, who were predictably enthusiastic, and then to Mr. Whitt, who conferred with the board and returned with unanimous approval. The board had even pre-approved a second bus to take Bronte's pep squad to San Angelo. The favorable response was unsurprising since the \$75 would not only absolve the football program's debt to the school board, but enable the purchase of a basketball in preparation for the next athletic season.

The following Saturday

Bronte's team rolled into an awesome assembly, with both city dwellers and ranching families packing the stands. Indeed, the showdown had reportedly drawn the largest crowd yet for a junior high game in San Angelo. The home team presented the 30 plus members which Bronte's eventual 17 were accustomed to seeing on the opposite sideline, and the ensuing game was indeed tough. But Bronte's eventual 26-12 victory left no dispute about who had the superior team. Thus ended Bronte's legendary football season of 933.

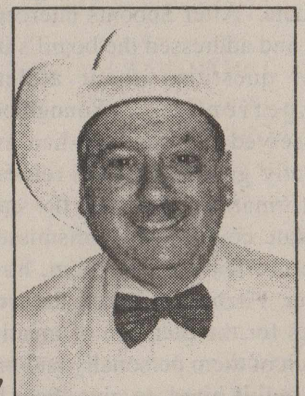
*The preceding account was compiled from the remarkably durable memory of H. A. Fitzhugh, whose comprehensive perspective as coach was solicited originally by former team member Wayman Perciful and, more recently, by Bronte native Edward Cumby. Bon Spoons searched for contemporary records that would assist Fitzhugh's project, collecting information and a few photos which, forwarded to Fitzhugh, provided his narrative with invaluable detail. Sadly, Fitzhugh's eyewitness account is one of few still available since most of those involved, including many of the team members, are now deceased. Concerned to record the unique experience of his contemporaries, Fitzhugh has described his endeavor as setting down for posterity the realities not only of a famous football season, but of a community dealing with an agricultural and economic crisis that subsequent generations, having known only prosperity, are prone to misconceive or even forget.*

Submitted on October 15, 2000 by Mr. H. A. Fitzhugh, 3110 Clearfield Drive, San Antonio, TX 78230.

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**Pioneer Award!** Ella Pruitt (left photo, left) was presented with the Pioneer Award by Ann Bennett at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce non-banquet held Friday evening, April 30, 2004.

**Outgoing Directors!** Outgoing Bronte Chamber of Commerce Directors were honored at the non-banquet held Friday evening, April 30, 2004. They include Annette Acker (photo below, left) and Brian Arrott (second from right). Presenting the plaques were Ann Bennett (second from left) and Annie Gill (right).



**Incoming Directors!**

Incoming Bronte Chamber of Commerce Directors were announced at the non-banquet held Friday evening, April 30, 2004. They include Kathy Howell, (above photo, second from left) Tammy Hortenstine, (above photo, second from right) and Kim Lee (photo at right).



**Outstanding Educator!** David Bedford (left) was presented with the Outstanding Educator Award by Ann Bennett at the Bronte Chamber of Commerce non-banquet held Friday evening, April 30, 2004.

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL**

PERMIT NO. WQ0013901001

**APPLICATION.** City of Robert Lee, P.O. Box 26, Robert Lee, Texas 76945-0026, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0013901001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0022942) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 121,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 101 West First Street on the east bank of the Colorado River, approximately 2,500 feet southwest of the Coke County Courthouse in the City of Robert Lee in Coke County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to the Colorado River Below E. V. Spence Reservoir. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 27, 2004. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Robert Lee City Hall, 6 East Seventh Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

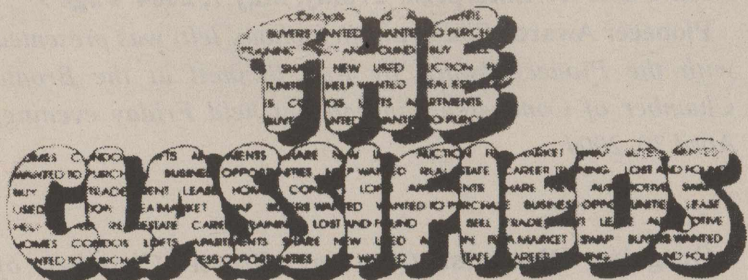
A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. The TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Robert Lee at the address stated above or by calling Kay Torres at 325-453-2831.





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**NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MAYME HELEN MATHERS DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MAYME HELEN MATHERS** were issued on April 30, 2004, in Cause No. 1646 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to:

**ROBERT DOYLE MATHERS**  
 The residence of such Executor is Coke County, Texas. The mailing address for the Executor is:

**ROBERT DOYLE MATHERS**  
**C/O NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR**  
 Attorney-at-Law  
 P.O. Box 970  
 Robert Lee, TX 76945  
 325/453-2576  
 FAX: 325/453-2577

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
**DATED May 4, 2004.**

**NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR**  
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## Harpers travel to Germany

by Johnnie Harper

Kenneth and Inez Harper recently returned from a trip to Germany. They accompanied Johnnie and Jerita Harper to Mannheim, Germany where they had a wonderful visit with Kenneth's grandson, Joe Dan, his wife Anne, and their new daughter Amelia Dell Harper. Amelia is Kenneth's seventh great grandchild.

Joe Dan and his family have been in Mannheim, Germany, since last July. Joe Dan was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study with Mr. Rudolph Piernay. Mr. Piernay is a very well known voice teacher.

The trip began with a flight from Midland to Frankfurt, Germany on March 5th. Joe Dan and family live just a few blocks from the Rhine River, and everyone enjoyed a nice walk along the river the second day. This is one of the most famous rivers in the world. Tuesday morning everyone boarded the "schnellenzug" which is the fast train and headed for Munich. The fast trains can travel up to around 120 mph. Riding the train was very enjoyable and also very comfortable. The masses of the people travel by train. Even if they own a car, which most don't, most people travel from town to town by train.

Munich is a very large city with enough to keep you busy for weeks... to say the least. Arriving around noon we had a quick lunch and then boarded the bus for a trip to the infamous Dachau concentration camp. The weather was cold with a few snow flurries in the air, but the camp was a most interesting place, and we didn't let a little cold stop us. Kenneth was in WWII and served in Japan at the end of the war, but he and Inez were particularly interested in learning all they could about the camp since they lived through that time. There is a museum on the grounds that had thousands of pictures and written material that gave information about every area of the camp. I found the camp a little eerie... just knowing of the unthinkable things that were an every day occurrence here where we were standing made me feel a bit uneasy. Most of the barracks where the prisoners lived were torn down when the camp was liberated, but some remained. The ones still standing are kept in the same condition they were during the war. It was a very crude and awful existence.

We had dinner that night at one of the most famous restaurants in Munich. It was a very large place and completely full of people eating and drinking lots of beer. The food was a lot different than what we have in the United States. Lots of sausage, sauerkraut, and hard bread. Also... no iced tea.

Wednesday morning we ventured out into "old downtown Munich" and toured a couple of churches that were both over 800 years old. We were all amazed at the incredible history everywhere we went. Every little town or big city has an old part and a new part. We took the train back to Mannheim on Wednesday afternoon.

We took another little day trip on Thursday to a town called Heidelberg. Another old city with probably the one place we enjoyed more than anything on the trip. A famous old castle sits on the side of a little mountain overlooking Heidelberg. This castle was also built in the 1200's. The size of this castle was surprising to us all. Part of it had been destroyed by a fire about 300 years ago. Most of it was standing just as it has for 800 years. The outside of the buildings (within the walls of the castle) were all decorated with several hundred sculptures of people. In the "bowels" of the castle were a couple of huge wooden barrels. These were where the King kept his supply of wine. The larger of the two barrels would hold 220,000 gallons of wine. We were all very impressed with the castle.

The last day trip we took was a leisurely train ride up the Rhine River. We passed over a dozen different castles along the way. The castles were all on the hills overlooking the river. We could hardly believe our eyes as we passed castle after castle. They were usually a mile or so apart. This was a wonderful day.

We said our goodbyes to Anne and Amelia on Saturday night. Joe Dan went to Frankfurt with us on Sunday morning and helped us get to the right spots at the airport. We boarded a plane around 1:00 pm and took a short flight to Amsterdam where we spent a couple of hours before boarding a plane for the non-stop flight back to Houston. We arrived back in Midland around 10:30 pm on the night of March 14th.

This was the trip of a lifetime for all of us. We enjoyed the people, the historical buildings, the pastries, and most of all seeing Joe Dan, Anne, and Amelia. Needless to say, despite the wonderful trip we had, Robert Lee and Midland really looked nice to us.

### New driver responsibility program explained

Here's how the Department of Public Safety goes about

assigning points and assessing fees to a convicted person's license under House bill 3588 (article 10), also known as the Driver Responsibility law:

\*Two points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or that of another state.

\*Points will not be assigned for speeding less than 10 percent over the posted limit or seat belt convictions.

\*Three points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or another state that resulted in a vehicle crash.

Points remain on the driver record for a period of three years. Additionally, a conviction that becomes final before Sept. 1, 2003, will now apply to the assessment of points under the program. This program does not replace other administrative suspension, revocations or cancellation actions that result from these same convictions.

### Driver surcharges

DPS will assess a surcharge when the driver accumulates a total of six points or more on their record during a three-year period. The driver must pay a \$100 surcharge for the first six points and \$25 for each additional point. **Annual surcharges for certain convictions**

Drivers who receive a conviction for DWI or a DWI-related offense, failure to maintain financial responsibility or driving while license invalid will pay an annual surcharge for a period of three years. No points are placed on driver records for these offenses because the fine is automatic on the first offense.

A first-time DWI results in a \$1,000 surcharge, paid annually for three years. A second-time DWI results in a \$1,500 surcharge, paid annually for three years. The charges are cumulative. For example a driver could pay \$1,000 as a result of their first DWI and an additional \$1,500 for their second DWI, paying a total of \$2,500 annually.

A conviction for driving while license is invalid or failure to maintain financial responsibility results in a surcharge of \$250, paid annually for three years. A driver who is convicted of driving without a valid license receives a \$100 per year surcharge for three years.

The surcharge assessed for this program is in addition to other reinstatement fees required for other administrative actions.

### Driver notification of

### surcharge and license revocation

DPS will notify the offending driver of the assessment of a surcharge on their license, via first-class mail. The notice will state the surcharge must be paid. Drivers who do not pay their surcharge within 30 days after the notice is sent will have their driving privileges revoked. The license will remain revoked until the person pays all surcharges and related costs, such as service/collection fees.

### Who receives money from the surcharges

Each surcharge collected by the department under this law will be remitted to the Comptroller, on a monthly basis. Trauma centers and county and regional emergency medical services will receive 49.5 percent of the collected money, and the Texas Mobility fund will receive 49.5 percent of the collected money. The money that goes to trauma centers will be handled by the Texas Department of Health, while the Texas Department of Transportation will handle money going to the Mobility fund, which funds highway projects, including the TransTexas Corridor. The remaining one percent of the collected money will go to DPS for operation of the Driver Responsibility program.

### TSTC sets summer nursing class

Due to the high demand for nurses in the health care field and as a result of the numerous applications received, Texas State Technical College West Texas Sweetwater Campus will be offering a Summer 2004 Vocational Nursing class. This class, scheduled to start on May 11, is in addition to the regularly scheduled Fall and Spring classes.

Please contact TSTC West Texas at 1-800-592-8784 or e-mail Liz Bex at liz.bex@tstc.edu.

### Texas Folklife Festival slated for June

What better way to travel the world in four days than to visit the 33rd annual Texas Folklife Festival! Mark your calendar for June 10-13, 2004, at the Institute of Texan Cultures in downtown San Antonio; savor authentic international cuisine, delight in the music and colorful costumes of the finest entertainers, and browse through the arts and crafts market.

The Festival runs 5-11 p.m., Thursday, June 10, and Friday, June 11; noon-11 p.m., Saturday, June 12; and noon- 9 p.m., Sunday, June 13.

Group and other discounts are also available. To order advance tickets (May 1-June 1) visit [www.texasfolklifefestival.org](http://www.texasfolklifefestival.org), or write to Texas Folklife Festival, 801 S. Bowie St., San Antonio, Texas, 78205-3296, or for more information call 210-458-2390.

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### A Mother's Day Message

#### Give Yourself the Gift of Financial Security

During this Mother's Day season, we think fondly of the many wonderful things that our own mothers, and the other ones we know, have done for all of us.

As we reflect, it's important to keep in mind the sacrifices that all mothers have made. For example, women are still far more likely than men to make career concessions in order to raise their families. Furthermore, even women who work full-time still earn less than men, on average. While we have made some strides toward achieving fairness in pay, we're not there yet.

In short, if you're a woman - whether you have children or not - you are going to have special financial considerations, especially in the area of saving for retirement. Consider these factors:

\*More than 80 percent of all women will be solely responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives - mostly as they get older.

\*On average, men collect \$10,450 in retirement income, from all sources, compared to just \$6,020 for women.

\*Because women live an average of seven years longer than men, they're more likely to outlive their assets.

\*Only 50 percent of working women have pensions. Women are more likely to work in smaller businesses that do not offer pension plans.

You get the picture. You simply must take significant action on your own behalf if you are going to enjoy a comfortable financial future. Fortunately, there are many steps you can take. Here are just a few:

#### Pay Yourself First

Every time you get paid, turn around and write out a check to whatever savings or investment vehicle you have chosen - before you pay any other bills. Better yet, take advantage of payroll deduction, bank authorization or systematic investment plans so that your money is automatically invested before you even receive it. Such a plan, however, does not assure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets.

#### Invest For Growth

To achieve your retirement goals, you may need to put some of your investment dollars into "growth" vehicles, such as stocks or stock-based mutual funds. Historically, stocks have appreciated more than other types of investments. More importantly, other types of investments, such as CDs or Treasury bills, may not even keep up with inflation, so you could end up losing purchasing power if your portfolio is not well-diversified.

#### Take Full Advantage of Available Retirement Plans

**Drug Bust!** Information was received through an ongoing investigation by the Coke County Sheriff's Department that marijuana was being sold out of a residence in Robert Lee located at 422 East 2nd Street. During the course of the investigation, evidence was uncovered that allowed the Sheriff's Office to obtain a search warrant from Judge Joan Davis. The warrant was executed Tuesday morning, May 4, 2004, and approximately 1/4 pound of marijuana and assorted drug paraphernalia was seized and two arrests were made. Charged with possession of less than 4 ounces were Sam James Ybarra and Cheryl English Ybarra.

According to Coke County Deputy Sheriff Randall Jacks, "Coke County Sheriff's Department is doing their best to eradicate the drug problem in Coke County and are operating under a strict zero tolerance policy." Participating in Tuesday's operation were Sheriff Rick Styles, Deputy Wayne McCutchen, Deputy Randall Jacks, Deputy Brian Albertson and Deputy Adam Richter.

Save on a pre-tax basis through your employer's 401(k) or by making IRA contributions. If you can't deduct an IRA contribution, consider a Roth IRA. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not deductible, but a Roth does offer tax-free income at retirement under certain circumstances. If you are self-employed, a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP) or other qualified retirement plan may offer you a business tax deduction.

#### You're In Control

By following the steps described above, along with any others that make sense for your individual situation, you can take charge of your own financial future. It will take some time and effort - but the ultimate goal is well worth it.

#### Sunglasses, sunglasses, sunglasses

Do you have several pairs of sunglasses that you no longer wear? Do you know what you plan to do with these unused sunglasses? Well, here is the answer.

Jan Jones, retired nurse from Central High School, San Angelo, Texas, has a health clinic on Pelican Point, Honduras, Central America. Every summer for the past 25 years she has gone down to Honduras and opened a health clinic. There are no medical facilities on this island and just a few hospitals on the main land.

Pelican Point is mainly a fishing village. The fishermen have a high incidence of pink-eye, eye infections, and then cancer of the eye. Jan is asking everyone who has sunglasses they will not use anymore to donate them to her medical clinic.

A box has been placed at Robert Lee City Hall and another box at Bronte City Hall for you to drop your unwanted sunglasses. The boxes will be picked up on Monday, May 17 as Jan will be in the area on Tuesday, May 18. She usually goes to Pelican Point in mid June.

For more information call Diane Luckett at 473-4821.



## IT'S A HOLD UP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

You are hereby ordered to attend the  
"3rd Annual Fort Chadbourne Days Living History" Event  
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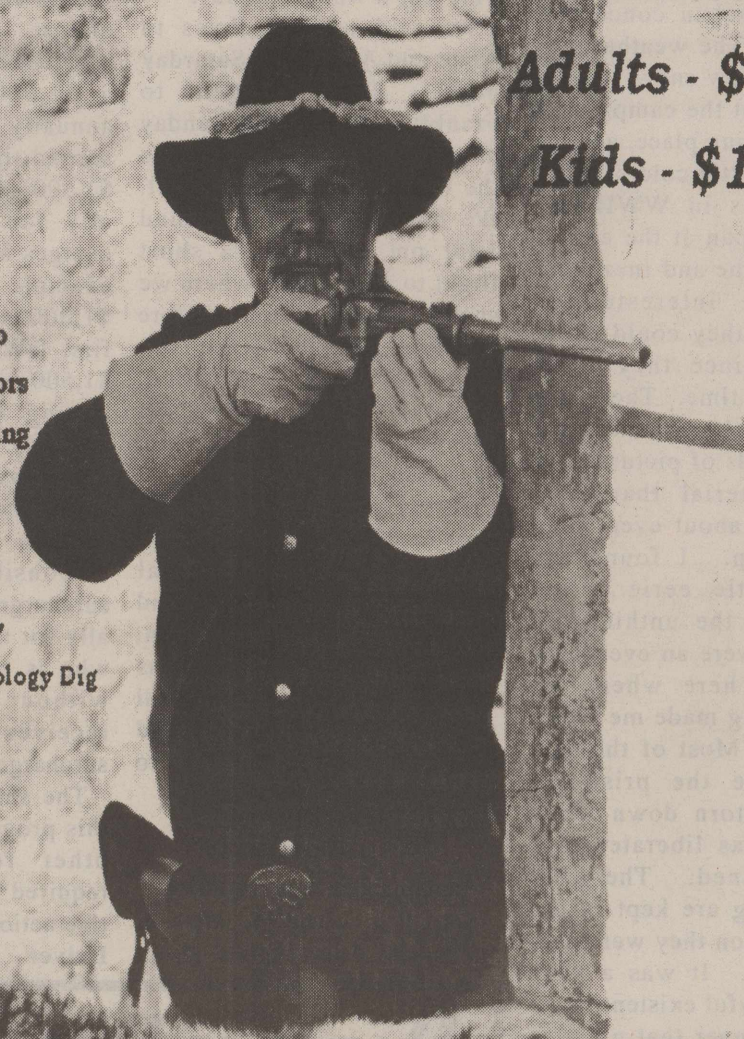
#### Activities include:

- Fort Tours
- Book signing
- Buffalo Tours
- Cavalry drills
- Infantry drills
- Food vendors
- Living Historians
- Cattle working demo
- Arts and Craft vendors
- Black powder shooting
- Live entertainment
- Texas Fiddlers
- Lone Star Cloggers
- Military Gun Display
- Concho Valley Archeology Dig

#### Admission:

Adults - \$3.00

Kids - \$1.00



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