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Coke County kids named to rodeo all-star team

Leaders of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA), the oldest youth rodeo organization in America, appointed Jake McCabe of Silver and Lillian McMullan of Bronte to the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team, the first-ever corporate-sponsored youth rodeo team.

The Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team is fashioned after Wrangler's Champion Pro Rodeo Team, which includes superstars like Ty Murray, Joe Beaver, Dan Mortensen, Charmayne James, and Hall-of-Famer Jim Shoulders. Jake and Lillian each earned a position on the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility and athletic achievements.

"We are excited to again this year expand Wrangler's rodeo sponsorship program at the high school level," said Karl Stressman, special events manager for Wrangler Rodeo. "As always, it gives us a tremendous sense of pride to associate the Wrangler brand with promis-

ing young men and women. We're confident each member of the team will be an outstanding goodwill ambassador for the sport of rodeo."

Members of the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team receive official competition apparel consisting of Wrangler Twenty X shirts embroidered with the team logo and two pairs of competition jeans. In addition, team members receive an official team certificate signed by rodeo greats Jim Shoulders and Ty Murray.

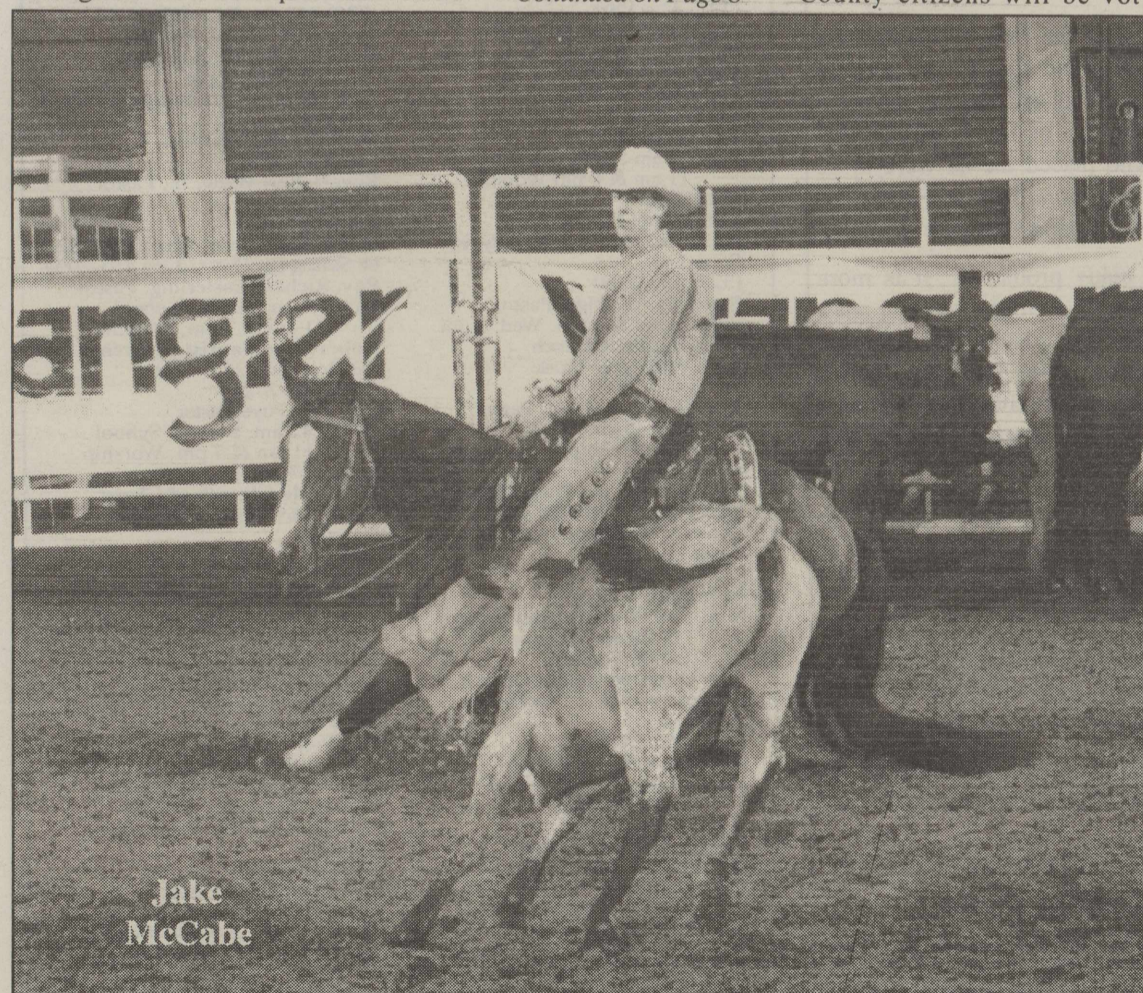
"Wrangler's NHSRA sponsorship is a natural extension of our professional and collegiate rodeo programs," said Karl Stressman, director of Special Events for Wrangler. "We are confident the NHSRA partnership will reinforce Wrangler brand loyalty with the youth market."

"The NHSRA owes much of its success to the support of its national sponsors," said Kent Sturman, general manager of the NHSRA, "and we are excited to have a prominent company like Wrangler once again step

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Lillian McMullan



Jake McCabe

Local option election to be held Saturday

Tomorrow Saturday, February 5, 2005, Coke County citizens will be vot-

ing on the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only.

Early voting ended Tuesday, February 1, 2005.

Tomorrow the polls will be open from 7 am - 7 pm at the following locations:

Precinct 1 - Senior Citizen Bldg. in Robert Lee

Precinct 2 - Senior Citizen Bldg. in Bronte

Precinct 3 - Courthouse

Precinct 4 - City Hall in Bronte

Please remember when voting to bring your voter registration card.

Local election filing begins Monday

Monday, February 7, 2005, is the first day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot for local elections to be held in May.

Applications for the city councils may be picked up at either City Hall. Filing deadline ends at 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2005. The City of Robert Lee will be conducting an election for City Council positions for three (3) full-term members. Those members' terms expiring are: Nita Stovall-Duncan, Jayson Treadaway, and John Carver.

The City of Bronte will be conducting an election for City Council positions for two (2) full-term and one (1) one-year due to a vacancy. Those members terms expiring are Gerald Sandusky and Elton Moore.

Robert Lee ISD will need to elect three trustees. The 3 year term of Mark Riley is expiring, as are the two 3 year unexpired terms with 2 years remaining currently held by Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Tod Reed.

Bronte ISD will elect two 3 year trustees. These offices are currently held by Kendall Gibbs and Scott Frasier.

Applications may be filed in the school administration offices.

Two 2 year terms currently held by Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins are expiring in the East Coke County Hospital District. Filing will be held in the administration office of Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

West Coke County Hospital District will also need to elect two trustees for 2 year terms. These offices are currently held by Doug Wilkes and Judy Williams. Interested candidates may pick up and file their application in the administration office of Robert Lee Care Center.

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Obituaries



Evans

Bernice Glasscock Evans was born October 16, 1902, in Sonora, Texas, to R. E. "Bob" and Katie Glasscock. She was educated in the Sonora school system and represented the school in state play-offs in tennis and basketball. Bernice was salutatorian of her graduating class.

She attended Howard Payne University for a year, then returned home to marry Sid Evans. They were married on May 15, 1922, - a marriage lasting 71 1/2 years until Sid's death in 1993. They lived in San Angelo from 1935-1947, when they moved to their ranch near Bronte. Four generations of family loved to come visit Ma and Pa at the ranch. It was a home filled with laughter and good food. In 1994, she moved to Tyler for four years. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Bronte.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband W. S. "Sid" Evans; a son, Wm. S. Evans; grandsons, Michael Sidney Evans and Kerry Sidney Evans; a brother, Ray Glasscock; and a sister, Bonnie Mangum.

Bernice is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Jo Alice and Ed Winton of Fort Worth; a son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Billie Jean Evans of San Angelo; grandchildren, Chris Winton of Fort Worth, Lisa Tichenor and husband, Mac of Dallas, Susan Coleman and husband, Mike of Fort Worth, and Mark Evans and wife, Kathryn of Pflugerville. She is also survived by eleven great grandchildren, Laura and Matthew Coleman, Taylor and Willie Tichenor, Walter and Todd Winton, Karen, Andrew, Alan, Bryan,

and Mandy Evans; and granddaughter-in-law, Terri Evans.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Services are under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Bronte Health & Rehab Center for all their love and care while Bernice was a resident there. The family request that memorials be made to Bronte Health & Rehab Center, VistaCare Hospice, First United Methodist Church of Bronte, or a charity of your choice.

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Bronte represented on regional council

Gerald Sandusky will serve as Bronte's official delegate on the Council for 2005. Alternate delegate for the city is Julie Springer.

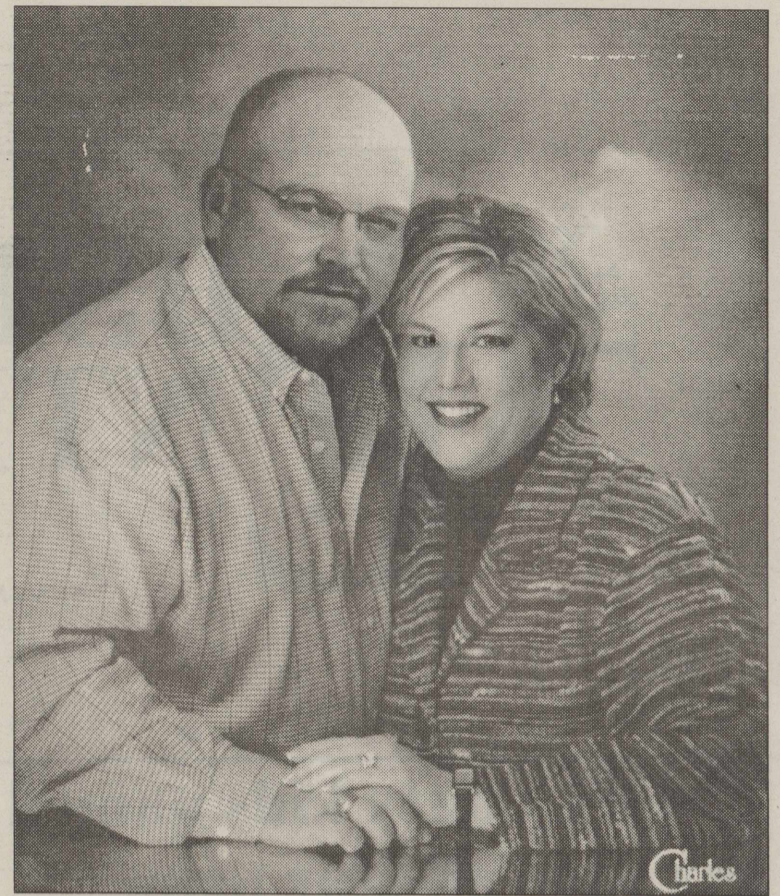
The Texas Midwest Council convened in Abilene last week for its first meeting of the year. Representatives from cities throughout the

region came together to network and hear about successful community projects around the region.

Texas Midwest Community Network provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to enhance community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The organization was founded on the basis of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year. The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 43 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and



Engagement Announced! Anissa Gibbs and Chris Pullig, both of San Angelo, announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gibbs of San Angelo and formerly of Bronte, Mrs. Kay Pullig-Rea of San Angelo, and Mr. Gary Pullig of San Angelo. Anissa is a graduate of Bronte High School and Schreiner University. Chris graduated from San Angelo Central High School and Texas Tech University. Vows will be exchanged April 2, 2005, in Fredericksburg.

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OPEN LETTER TO RESPONSIBLE PARENTS AND TO ALL RESPONSIBLE COKE COUNTY VOTERS

I am afraid that we, Coke County Voters, may become promoters of drug abuse if we do not **VOTE AGAINST the SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFF PREMISE CONSUMPTION** in our beautiful towns of Robert Lee, Bronte, and our County. These little towns, and Coke County, at that, are beautiful and clean because we have not made alcohol readily available at every business establishment.

The ad in the January 14, 2005, issue of the Observer/Enterprise promoting a "yes" vote on the sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption is based on the almighty dollar and ignores the most important factors in our lives, i.e., "Quality of Life" and the well being of our youth. If the person who placed the ad were to be asked if he were against drugs, he would, more than likely say, "Of course, I am against drugs! Do you think I am a hypocrite?"

Well, alcohol is a drug that causes many problems. It is more dangerous than it seems and it hurts people in many ways. I am a businessman and I can attest to the fact that alcohol has been the cause of the only problems that I've had in my business. **Sober** people have **not** knocked down my doors, **nor** have they destroyed property, or have been disorderly; **only intoxicated people have done that.**

If money is the sole factor to consider, then we should be allowed to sell drugs and allow other lucrative but harmful businesses to flourish just because they bring in more money to our businesses and more sales taxes to our local governments.

Making alcohol readily available will be harmful to our "Quality of Life" and especially to our beautiful youth that we so much treasure. We do not need this kind of money in Coke County!

SAY "NO" TO DRUGS BY VOTING "NO" ON THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFF PREMISE CONSUMPTION. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!

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Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
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
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Larry Tianen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ
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Tommy Williams, Minister
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Wed. 7 pm
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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
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Robert Lee Baptist Church
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Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Southside Church of Christ
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Robert Lee
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Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Tennyson Baptist Church
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Joe Hodges, Pastor
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
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Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

So many things have occurred since November 2002 concerning septic systems that it is difficult to find a time to talk about. Most recently a written request was given to Judge Blair on December 27, 2004, to put the 10-acre rule concerning septic systems on the Coke County Commissioners Court agenda. I appreciate his prompt response by letter dated January 10, 2005, that a public hearing would be held at the Coke County Courthouse Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 6 pm.

If you are a resident and/or landowner of 10 acres or more in Coke County this meeting might be interesting to attend. This would give you an opportunity to observe the elected officials, learn more about the 10-acre rule in Coke County, express your opinions, and see how they respond to the will of the people.

I always thought that the majority ruled in this great county that we live in. Hopefully by your attendance at this meeting and expressing your opinion, the Commissioners Court will hear and do the will of the people.

Judge Blair will also have a notice of a public hearing in the Observer Enterprise before February 8, 2005.

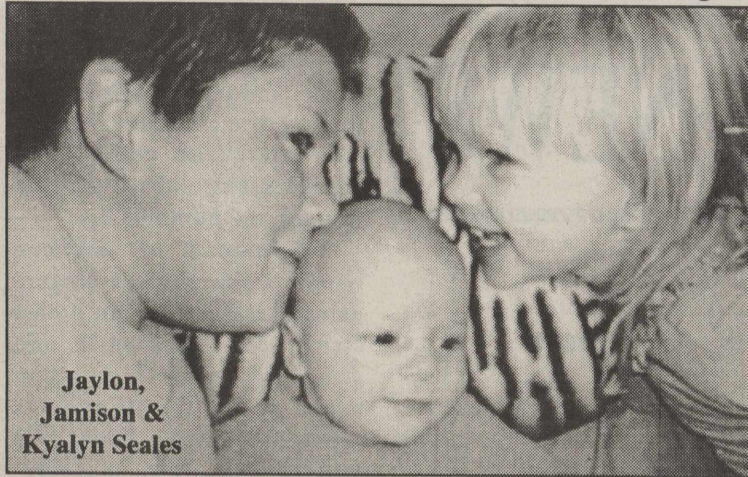
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Look Who's New!

Jamison Kade Seales

The newest inhabitant of the Seales Manor, Jamison Kade, arrived on December 8, 2004. He was the lightest of the Seales children, weighing only 7 lbs. & 3 oz. His big brother, Jaylon says "he's a keeper." Big sister Kyalyn



Jaylon,
Jamison &
Kyalyn Seales

likes to "pet him" and also likes to "eat him up", which doesn't make his sparse hair very attractive when she licks it.

Parents, John and Kelly have now adopted the motto that "it isn't really parenting until the kids outnumber the parents" and also that "what

happens in Vegas doesn't always stay in Vegas - sometimes you bring it back with you and send it to college." The Seales' invite anyone interested to come and visit Jamison, as long as they still won't be offended if Kelly and Kyalyn wear their pajamas all day long.

Coke Comment

by Hal Spain, Publisher

I got an interesting call from a friend this past week, informing me of an ongoing problem we all need to be aware of. Roy Tinkler, who lives out toward Edith on Hwy. 158, called to let me know that his wife, Jennie Lee, had a close encounter with what will probably be determined to be a rabid bobcat. From what I can remember of the story, the bobcat came right in the yard and was attacking the barn cats and the family dog. In trying to protect the dog from the bobcat, Jennie Lee was scratched at least once on the leg.

The bobcat pursued the chase up until the time Jennie Lee entered the house, and the bobcat was still trying to get through the back door. After some time had passed, Roy was summoned, finally found his shotgun, and dispatched the bobcat.

The family loaded up and traveled all over San Angelo trying to get treatment, and Jennie Lee was finally given a series of rabies vaccine at Shannon Medical Center. The dog and the expired bobcat were taken to Los Caballos Veterinary Clinic,

where the dog was treated.

Dr. Gary Hodges did the posting on the bobcat and sent the head, I suspect, to the Texas Veterinary Lab for rabies determination. Although the lab results are still not back, Dr. Hodges was quite sure that the bobcat was rabid for this reason. He indicated that he had never seen a bobcat brought in that had porcupine quills in his face that did not prove to be rabid.

If this was an isolated incident, it might not be such a problem. However, we have had several reported cases in the Bronte area, making this a countywide problem.

We are asking your continuing vigilance in reporting any animals which exhibit unusual behavior. I for one was one of those who thought that rabies was most generally prevalent during the summer months when range water sources dry up and infected animals start coming into town to water. The Tinklers can testify that rabies is a continuing year-round problem.

Best of luck to Jennie Lee and her dog during their recuperation.

ATTENTION: Coke County Voters!

Our county is struggling financially. No new businesses are coming in here and county revenue continues to decline annually. Any revenue generated to benefit Coke County and the cities of Bronte and Robert Lee, benefits the citizens of Coke County. It pays for law enforcement, roads and streets - both in town and out, and economic development. With the decline of the oil and gas industry, keep in mind that tourism in the form of hunting and fishing is one of the biggest money making industries in Coke County. These visitors to our area shop here, eat here and spend money here. Anything we, as Coke County citizens, can do to make their stay more comfortable and convenient will benefit county residents in the long run.

*Please be sure to exercise your right to vote
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Pancake supper slated

The Bronte Junior Class is hosting a pancake (and sausage, too!) supper before the Bronte/Robert Lee basketball game Tuesday, February 8, from 5 to 7 pm.

Each adult plate is \$5 and \$2 for children in 6th grade and younger.

Bronte JV boys basketball results

On Jan. 25th, the Bronte JV boys basketball team won against Veribest 40-22. Scoring for Bronte: Johnathan Ehl 10; Zack Bennett 3; Brett Wills 21; Cody Wallace 3; Adam Halfacre 1; and Kyler Lee 2.

Bronte JH boys basketball results

The Bronte boys 7th grade basketball team defeated Menard by a score of 31-22. Scoring for Bronte: Bill Miller 2; Louie Martinez 5; Rob Rosson 17; Jackson Rowan 2; and Tyler Riney 2.

The Bronte boys 7th grade team also defeated Water Valley by a score of 33-16. Scoring for Bronte: Matthew Halfacre 2; Louie Martinez 4; Rob Rosson 18; Jacob Scott 6; Hayden White 1; and Wesley Suter 2.

Longhorn Country

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Feb. 7**
Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 8**
Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk
- Wed., Feb. 9**
Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk
- Thurs., Feb. 10**
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Friday, Feb. 11**
Donut, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Feb. 7**
Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, rolls, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 8**
Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, sliced peaches, bread sticks, milk
- Wed., Feb. 9**
Taco's with cheese, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, Spanish rice, taco shell, jello, milk
- Thurs., Feb. 10**
Hot dogs, chili & cheese, tator tots, pork & beans, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk
- Friday, Feb. 11**
Sub. sandwiches, sliced turkey and cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle, orange half, bun, chips, milk

Discover ASU schedule set for Spring

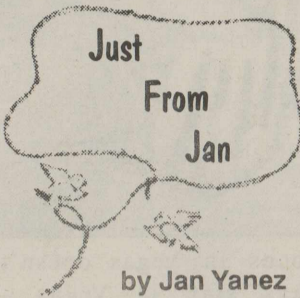
Angelo State University's Admissions Office will host four Saturday sessions of "Discover ASU" this spring to allow high school seniors and others considering college careers to get a closer look at what ASU has to offer in the way of programs, scholarships, housing, financial aid and extracurricular activities.

Discover ASU programs are scheduled for Feb. 12, March 5, April 9 and April 23 on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo. Each program will begin with registration at 8:30 am, followed at 9:15 am with a welcome from ASU President James Hindman and an overview of the university. Tours and a special program will follow the opening session. The university will provide a complimentary lunch for students and their families.

The Feb. 12 and March 5 programs will be in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont Drive. The April 9 and April 23 sessions are planned for the Center for Human Performance, 2050 S. Johnson St.

General information will be available on financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, student organizations, residence halls and extracurricular activities. Special sessions will cover academic and pre-professional programs.

For more information on Discover ASU, which was previously known as "College Days," contact the ASU Admissions Office at (325) 942-2058 or visit the university Web site at www.angelo.edu.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative Extension Agent

15 Tips for a Healthy Super Bowl Party

Here are some ideas to make Super Bowl Sunday low fat and, in some cases, low calorie.

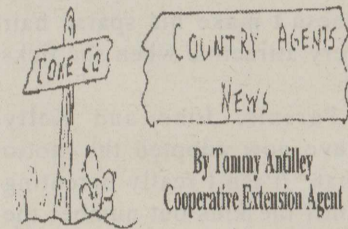
1. Order pizza without the cheese and ask for extra veggies.
2. Use plain yogurt instead of sour cream to mix up the dip. Use baked or low-fat chips and veggies for dipping.
3. Make nachos using reduced fat cheese and baked chips.
4. Drink diet soda, non-alcoholic beer and soda water instead of regular beer, soda or juice.
5. Use low-fat microwave popcorn.
6. Take a walk at halftime.
7. Watch the game while running on your treadmill.
8. Eat pretzels instead of chips.
9. Make submarine sandwiches using non-fat mayo, mustard, low-fat cheese and lean deli meats like turkey breast. Skip the ham, salami and bologna while piling on veggies such as pepper strips, sprouts, tomatoes, mushrooms, onions, pickles, cucumbers and grated carrots.
10. Order a fruit tray from your local grocer instead of a cheese tray.
11. Serve a broth-based soup instead of a cream soup.
12. Make a pot of vegetarian chili instead of the regular beef based, or use low-fat

ground turkey breast instead of the regular beef.

13. Put out cereal mix instead of mixed nuts.

14. Skip the cheese and crackers and substitute pita wedges and hummus dip.

15. Instead of chicken wings, make chicken fingers using skinless chicken breast strips, dipped in milk and seasoned bread crumbs and baked at 425 for 10 minutes (cooked through, but still moist). Dip into mustard, honey or barbecue sauce.



Texas Turf Tips Controlling Summer Annual Weeds-- Treatment Time is Near!

Summer annual weeds can be an eye-sore for all turfgrass sites. Weeds, in general, like to invade sites where turfgrass is weakened and where the overall density of the turf has been reduced. Therefore, maintaining a healthy, dense turf is the best approach for weed management. But, if you do have problems with these summer annual weeds, there are a number of products (pre-emergent herbicides) that can be used to control these pests.


Summer annuals like crabgrass, goosegrass, grassbur, and prostrate spurge germinate in the late winter/early spring season. They will survive into summer and then mature and die. These are plants that come back each year by seed. Control of these weeds can be accomplished, but one has to apply the correct pre-emergent herbicide at the proper time. In South Texas, applications may need to be made in late January/early February. In the northern sections of the

state, pre-emergence applications may be made in late February/early March. Hence, timing of the applications will depend on where you live in Texas. Remember, we are controlling germinating seeds--so the pre-emergent needs to be put out prior to germination. Finally, please read the labels on all pesticides prior to application and calibrate your sprayer/spreader.

For more information on weed control and a list of pre-emergent herbicides, go to the Aggie-Turf web site at <http://aggie-turf.tamu.edu> and click on "Turf Tips". Calculating Surface Area in Your Landscape---Is it important?

Knowing how many square feet you have in your landscape is extremely important. It is the first step to take toward good environmental stewardship. Examples of times when you need this information include: applying a fertilizer, pesticide, topdressing material, irrigation water, and when purchasing seed, sod, sprigs or plugs during establishment of turfgrass.

In order to apply products in an appropriate manner with an environmentally friendly approach, one must take the time to measure and calculate the surface area of their site. It is an easy task to perform, it doesn't take a lot of time, and the calculations are relatively easy. In addition, you will normally only need to measure the site once. Record the information and save it. So, do the right thing and measure the surface area of your landscape. More importantly, use this value when applying products to your lawn! Encourage your friends to never again show up at the garden center to buy lawn care products without knowing the size of their lawn. They will thank you for it!!

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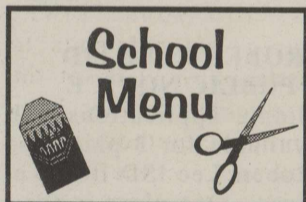
Sawyer wins at Fort Worth

Ashley Sawyer, a student from Robert Lee, exhibited the Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed Mini-Lop, which went on to win First Runner-Up in Show in the Youth Rabbit Show at the 2005 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show January 28-30, 2005.

The Stock Show's Junior Division this year is hosting 10,068 entries by youth of Texas as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums will exceed \$83,966.

The junior entry list is part of the overall count this year of more than 23,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits. The 109th Annual Stock Show, underway at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, will continue through February 6. Total prize and premium money for the Livestock Show and its accompanying World's Original Indoor Rodeo will exceed \$700,000.

The Stock Show provides educational opportunities for young people, and showcases the livestock industry in the growing Metroplex. The hundreds of thousands of visitors



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Feb. 7**
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 8**
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Wed., Feb. 9**
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
- Thurs., Feb. 10**
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
- Friday, Feb. 11**
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Feb. 7**
Sausage wrap, salad, ranch beans, chocolate pudding, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 8**
Salisbury steak, brown gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches, milk
- Wed., Feb. 9**
Corndog, pork & beans, tator tots, fresh fruit, milk
- Thurs., Feb. 10**
Chicken pretzel, scalloped potatoes, corn on cob, sliced bread, pears, milk
- Friday, Feb. 11**
Sub. sandwich, ham & cheese, salad, pickles, chips, fruit cocktail, milk

who attend the Show during its 24-day run will include many people from nations outside the United States. Last year the show hosted over 935,000 visitors from more than 76 other countries.

RL Spanish Club enjoys trip to San Antonio

On December 18 and 19 of 2204, the Robert Lee High School Spanish Club took a trip to San Antonio. They ate at many different well know places like the Hard Rock Cafe, Joe's Crab Shack, and the Magic Time Machine. They enjoyed many other activities throughout their trip. They went on the Yanaguana cruise and also watched the San Antonio Spurs play against the Golden State Warriors. They also visited the Spanish Governor's Palace, Buckhorn Museum, Tower of the Americas, Rivercenter Mall, and went to the IMAX Theater to watch the "Polar Express."

Enjoying the trip were the following students and sponsors including: Amanda Thurman, Andrea Pineda, Andy Mulkey, Anna Rojas, Ashley James, Becca Skinner, Brandon Soliz, Brody Dillard, Cara Eaton, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink, Chase Roe, Cody Denton, Dixie Johnson, Eleasar Vera, Erica O'Neil, Jaden Alexander, Johnathan Pagan, Josh Conner, Kasie Skinner, Kayli Dickey, Kelsy Duncan, Kevin Honse, Lindsey Roe, Luke Thurman, Megan Percifull, Michele Sanchez, Molly Burns, Omar Saucedo, Randall Rainwater, Robert Raney, Rosa Rojas, Rosie Lara, Ruben Torres, Sarah Philley, Sergio Rocha, Stacey Denton, Stephanie Trejo, Taylor Percifull, Tony Munoz, Veronica Cerritos, Jill Lankford, Lindsey Lankford, Elena Sanchez, Ricky Sanchez, Zachary Sanchez, Kevin Roe, Tammy Roe, Marshall Millican, Sheri Millican, Douglas Roberts, Denise Roberts, Kacee Roberts, James Roberts, Valarie Howard, Will Howard, Tim Philley, Kim Philley, Logan Philley, Amanda Mendoza, George Mendoza, Toni Rainwater, Skylar Rainwater, Emilia Vera, Diana Vera, Kelly Duncan, Kaden Duncan,

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RLHS Spanish Club

Kerry Gartman, Frankie Gartman, Justin Gartman, Jordan Gartman, Saul Saucedo, Yolanda Saucedo, Becca Saucedo, Robin Honse, Shannon Honse, Keith Dillard, Cynthia Dillard, Haden Dillard, Jason Rich, and Donna Watkins.

Roe receives Presidential Scholarship

McMurry University has announced recipients of its Presidential Scholarship awards for the 2005/2006 academic year. To be awarded the academic scholarship, students must score at least a 27 on the ACT or 1200 on the SAT and have a 3.6 overall grade point average. Lindsey Roe of Robert Lee was named as a recipient.

Dickey receives University Scholarship

McMurry University has announced recipients of its University Scholarship awards for the 2005/2006 academic year. To be awarded the academic scholarship, students must score at least a 24 on the ACT or 1100 on the SAT and have a 3.3 overall grade point average. Kayli Dickey of Robert Lee was named as a recipient.

RL baseball sign-up slated

All kids who are interested in playing t-ball, baseball or softball need to register on Feb. 7th at the Robert Lee Elementary school from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Look for registration forms from school in

your child's backpack.

Registration form and fee per player must be turned in before your child will be placed on a team. If you are unable to attend on Feb. 7th, please get your form and money to Scotty Jackson or Frankie Gartman before Feb. 7th.

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RL Post office offers Valentine cancellation
 The Robert Lee Post Office will be offering a special Valentine cancellation. The cancellation will be available on Tuesday, February 8, just in time to send your cards and gifts to "Special" family and friends. Bring your letters and packages this day to take advantage of this opportunity. Punch and cookies will be served from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

... Rodeo Team

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forward to help us meet the ever increasing challenges facing our young people today. Cowboys can always depend on Wrangler to support the infrastructure of rodeo, and our members are thrilled to have Wrangler as a sponsor and are proud to wear their products in and out of the competition arena."

The mission of the NHSRA is to help today's young people become responsible, dedicated adults through the sport of rodeo. High school rodeo has come a long way since its start as a single event held in Hallettsville, Texas, in 1947. It now features over 10,000 members and 1,250 sanctioned rodeos in 39 states, five Canadian provinces, and Australia. To contact the NHSRA, call 1-800-466-4772 or visit their website at <http://www.nhsra.org>.

FSA to close for training

The Coke-Sterling FSA Office will be closed Wednesday, February 9th, for a one day training session. There will be no one available in the office for help. The office will re-open for business as normal on Thursday, February 10th at the usual time.

Producers may come by the office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

2005 EQIP Sign-Up funding to end March 18

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural

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production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005, Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

"The funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures."

Butler explained, "Using national and state EQIP priorities, counties working through a Local Work Group chaired by the local Soil and

Water Conservation District recommended local resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and cost-share rates and/or incentive payments. This group also recommended cost-share rates for beginning farmers. In 2005, producers who meet the criteria as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher can receive 90 percent cost share for eligible practices. The group also recommended an application ranking process to prioritize applications for funding. We have reviewed and concurred in all of their recommendations."

Beginning immediately after March 18, 2005, all applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who

have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county.

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

Lithics workshop set for February 26-27

The Texas Archeology Society (TAS) will present a two-day workshop on "Lithics", set for February 26-27, 9 am-4 pm in the Carr Building, Angelo State University. Hosted by the Concho Valley Archeology Society (CVAS) and ASU, the workshop is designed to give beginners the basics of stone artifacts and assist more experienced individuals

to fine-tune their knowledge. Dr. Harry Shafer, Texas A&M and San Antonio, will lead the workshop along with a flintknapping specialist. Participants will get hands-on experience on the manufacture and use of stone artifacts, and also the flintknapper will show the group how to recognize wear-use patterns.

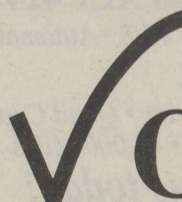
Registration fee will cover morning and afternoon break snacks, lunch and a CD. Professional development credits for teachers will also be available. For registration information, contact CVAS members Brownie Roberts (325-949-1073) or Claude Hudspeth (325-949-9077), call TAS at 800-377-7240, or go to their website, www.txarch.org, and click on About Archeology, Archeology Academy. Deadline for registration is February 17.

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NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION
General Permit Authorization No. TXG920018

APPLICATION. PCR FEED YARDS, INC., 11681 West Highway 158, Robert Lee, Texas 76945 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a beef cattle feedlot facility at 5,000 head in Coke County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on August 30, 2004. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The existing facility is located at 850 Paint Creek Road, Robert Lee, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of E.V. Spence Reservoir in Segment No. 1411 of the Colorado River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Coke County Extension Service, Coke County Courthouse, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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