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## Filing ends, ballot set in local May elections

Filing for a place on the ballot for local elections to be held in May ended Monday, March 7, 2005.

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. Irma Torres filed for the 3 year term available. Tod Reed, appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy, filed for one of the unexpired terms. No candidate has filed for the remaining unexpired term. Potential write-in candidates may still file a declaration of their candidacy through 5 pm Monday, March 14, 2005. Tuesday, March 15, is the last day a candidate may withdraw from the election. Due to spring break, write-ins and withdrawals will be available in the RLISD Superintendent's office from 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3:30 pm.

Bronte ISD will elect two 3 year trustees. These offices are currently held by Kendall Gibbs and Scott Frasier. Scott Frasier and Kendall Gibbs have filed for re-election. Paul Williams, Shane Kelton, and Quinda Feil-Duncan filed to have their names added to the ballot.

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. Judy Williams, Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall have filed applications.

Two 2 year terms currently held by Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins are expiring in the East Coke County Hospital District. The incumbents have filed for re-election.

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. Both gentlemen have filed for re-election. Candidates may still file for the one-year unexpired term until April 6, 2005. Jimmie Guthrie has filed for this position.

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. Incumbents Jayson Treadaway and John Carver will be joined on the ballot by Gary Payne, Jackie Walker, and Brian Hamrick.

### Conservation posters on display at local banks

The Bronte 5th and 6th grade conservation posters will be on display at the First National Bank in Bronte and the Robert Lee 5th and 6th grade posters will be on display at the Robert Lee State Bank from March 14-18, 2005. The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors this contest each year and they encourage the communities to drop by the banks and view the talent of our Coke County students.

### 2004-2005 District 12-A Girls Basketball All District selections

**Offensive Player of the Year**

Ashley James - Robert Lee

**Defensive Player of the Year**

Cara Eaton - Robert Lee

**1st Team All-District**

Cassidy Wink and Brittany Soliz - Robert Lee

**2nd Team All-District**

Julie Riley - Robert Lee

Katie Cooper - Bronte

**Honorable Mention All District**

Michele Sanchez - Robert Lee

**Texas Sixman All-Stars**

Ashley James - Robert Lee

Brittany Soliz - Robert Lee

**All-Star Alternates**

3rd Alt. - Julie Riley - Robert Lee;

4th Alt. - Michele Sanchez - Robert Lee

**Academic All-District**

Ashley James, Julie Riley, Michele Sanchez, Brittany Soliz,

Cara Eaton, Christan Kelly,

Kyla Millican, Cassidy Wink,

Kelsy Duncan, Sarah Philley,

Brettanie Reed, Becca Skinner

**2004-2005 All District**

**Boys Basketball**

**Selections District**

**12A - Div. II**

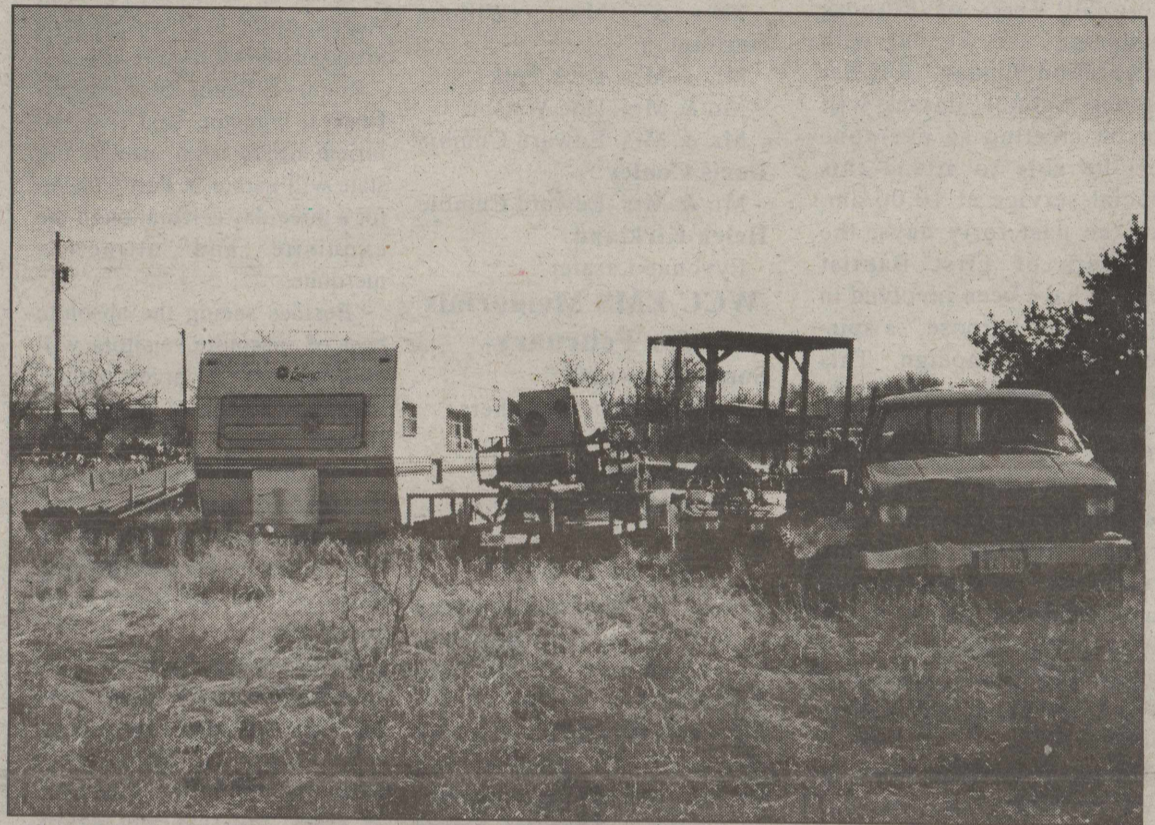
**Offensive MVP**

Logan Rawls - Bronte

**Newcomer of the Year**

Kevin Honse - Robert Lee

**1st Team All-District**



**Stolen Property Recovered!** The Coke County Sheriff's Department, assisted by various other law enforcement agencies, executed a search warrant Friday evening, March 4, 2005, on a ranch in eastern Coke County and western Runnels County. The search netted a travel trailer, a pickup, a flat bed trailer, a welder and trailer, pipe and a pipe trailer, two four-wheelers, numerous guns and other items. The property was reported stolen from locations throughout west central Texas. According to Coke County Sheriff Rick Styles, the search lasted through this past weekend and the investigation is ongoing. Arrest warrants have not yet been issued at this time.

Omar Saucedo - Robert Lee

Andy Mulkey - Robert Lee

Riley Coalson - Bronte

**2nd Team All-District**

Sherman Griffin - Bronte

Lance Millican - Robert Lee

Eric Hendrickson - Bronte

**Honorable Mention**

Josh Conner - Robert Lee

Garrett Jackson - Bronte

**Academic All-District**

Jake McCabe and Lance

Millican - Robert Lee; Garrett

Jackson, Sherman Griffin,

Garrett Acker, Riley Coalson,



Zach White, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Eric Hendrickson, and Jonathan Marrs - Bronte.

**Six Man All-Star**

1st Alt. - Omar Saucedo - Robert Lee;

2nd Alt. - Andy Mulkey - Robert Lee

**Coke County Easter**

**Egg Hunt set**

The Coke County Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10:00 on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at the Coke County Courthouse.

Once again Coke County is

inviting all children through 1st grade to come to the biggest Easter Egg Hunt around. You have time to find your Easter Egg basket and be ready for the hunt.

Last year, approximately 200 children attended with 4000 Easter eggs around the Courthouse lawn. There will also be prizes, refreshments, ... and the Easter Bunny!

To help with the eggs, prizes and refreshments, call Lorrie Martin at 453-2641.

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**"40 Days of Purpose Campaign" continues**

Bronte's First Baptist Church will be continuing their "40 Days of Purpose Campaign" this Sunday with Celebration Sunday. Regular Sunday School classes will not be meeting so everyone will be able to attend this special service at 10:00 am. For the past forty days, the members of First Baptist Church have been involved in "40 Days of Purpose," a spiritual growth campaign. This campaign has featured daily readings from The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, weekly Scripture memory, worship services, and small groups meeting in homes around the community and Sunday School classes using video studies dealing with answering the question "What on earth am I here for?"

Topics covered included the five purposes God has for individuals and churches: bringing pleasure to God through worship, experiencing life together through fellowship, growing spiritually to be more like Christ through discipleship, serving the needs of others through ministry, and sharing the Good News through evangelism. Attendance has been great, and several meaningful decisions have been made. Everyone is invited to participate in the Celebration Sunday activities this Sunday at 10:00 am and see what God has been doing in the past 40 days.

The celebration service will feature lots of exciting music by the music ministry leaders and the youth praise team, testimonies of what God has been doing, the baptism of several who have committed their lives to Christ, and a celebration message by Pastor Morris Johnson. Follow the service, the church will be moving to the Community Center for a barbeque lunch.

For more information on Celebration Sunday or how you can become involved, contact the church office at 473-2331, Pastor Morris Johnson at 473-5661, or any member of First Baptist Church. The church building is located in Bronte at the corner of Barclay and South Washington streets.

**ECCHD Memorials**

**Bernice Evans**  
Mr. & Mrs. Wayman Percifull  
Mr. & Mrs. William Harrington  
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Polk  
Mr. & Mrs. Doc Watson  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cumbie

**Doris Conley**  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cumbie  
**Helen Kirkland**  
Eyvonne Lasater

**WCC EMS Memorials for February**

**Sonny Bosworth**  
Mona & Robert Mathers  
**Sue Millican**  
Mark Sides  
Donna & Riley Waldrop

**RLVFD news**

By Marian Thompson  
Secretary

15 members of the fire department met on March 7th for the monthly business meeting. The minutes and treasury reports were accepted as read. Dispatcher Bud Thompson gave the monthly report. 1 regular meeting, 1 training class, Skywarn class, 38 hours of activities, 4 fire department calls (2 county and 2 city) for 29 1/2 man hours, 5 truck hours, 26 miles one way for the trucks as well as personal vehicles, 2 MVA's, 1 smoke in building, 1 shed fire. Other activities were 2 Skywarn alerts, and pumper truck took Stomper from the fire station to the high school for the fire drill and pep rally.

Chief Rick Drennan discussed having a 6 hour class regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction put on by Homeland Security. There are other classes available through Homeland Security which they plan to look into.

The fire department and the Sheriff's department have had to check out several smoke reports this month. It would save time and gas money if the ranchers called in before they do their controlled burns. The group dis-

cussed the February fire calls and repairs needed and those already done on the trucks.

The fire department needs volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman needs to contact any fireman or call Bud Thompson at 453-4423.

We also have a program for young adults. Cadets ages 16 to 18, with parents consent, receive Fire and Rescue training.

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings and training classes held at the fire station.

**2nd Annual Texas Mesquite Show coming to San Angelo**

The Texas Mesquite Art Festival is returning to San Angelo April 15-17, and promises to bring the best mesquite artisans.

Roger Ellison, San Angelo Festival Director, said over 50 juried artists from around the state will gather at Fort Concho for a three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite.

"Besides seeing the absolute best of mesquite, visitors will enjoy one of the largest gatherings of mesquite artisans," Ellison said.

The festival, like mesquite wood itself, has come a long way since the first Fest which was held in Fredericksburg, Texas in 1992, and is still going strong today.

Visitors will be treated to collections of sculpted woods from the world's absolute finest mesquite craftsmen. Items range from large furniture items such as beds, dressers and chairs made entirely from mesquite, to unique craft and gift items such as beautiful turned lamps, delicate scroll work, handsome pen and pencil sets, unique Christmas tree ornaments, sturdy gun stocks, sculpted vases, and dimensionalized artwork, all carefully crafted of mesquite.

Once viewed as a nuisance, mesquite has become the darling of architects and retailers. Mesquite's growing appeal comes in part from the high profile offered by the Texas Mesquite Association and both festivals, according to Ellison. Articles praising mesquite's quality and value have appeared in such magazines as "Texas Highways," "Veranda," and "Fine Woodworking."

"Architects now vie to install mesquite accents in upscale homes," Ellison said. Mantles, doors, flooring, art items, dining sets, tables, and other furniture are increasing requested in mesquite.

An important purpose of the show is the continued development of craftsmen for genera-



**Robert Lee Care Center! Frances Cole (left) and Carl White were crowned King and Queen of the Valentine Party at Robert Lee Care Center February 14, 2005.**

tions to come. Organized as a non-profit organization, the Texas Mesquite Association sets aside funds each year for scholarships.

Hours are Friday, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm and Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Items are available for purchase, with food and drink sold on the grounds. Free parking.

More information on the Texas Mesquite Art Festival and the Association is available by calling the Fest office, (toll free) 1-866-839-3378.

**2005 Wrangler JH State Rodeo finals set May 12-15**

The City of Gonzales and Texas High School Rodeo came to an agreement on Saturday, January 29th, in a State Director's meeting in

Gonzales for Gonzales to host the Wrangler Junior High School Rodeo State Finals. The finals will be held May 12th thru the 15th.

The top three contestants in each event will advance to the National Finals that will be held in Gallup, NM, July 5th through the 9th. At the Nationals, there will be \$50,000 worth of scholarships given out.

If this year's State Finals is a success, the Texas High School Rodeo Association will adopt this division into their general membership next year.

This rodeo is available to any 6th-8th grade child in the state of Texas. For more information contact George Gregory at 512-237-5575 after 6 pm or thsra6@yahoo.com.

**Area Churches**

**Invite You to Worship**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson  
Bronte  
(325) 473-3291  
Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**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**  
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270  
Tommy Williams, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
Wed. 7 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
(325) 365-2687  
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee  
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004  
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor  
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 698 • 8th & Houston  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2176  
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
Joe Hodges, Pastor  
(325) 468-0014  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

**Victory Assembly of God**  
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
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Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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### USDA Rural Development to hold forum

Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development, announced recently that a series of forums will be conducted for rural communities throughout the state of Texas. The forum is free to the public and speakers will provide information to all interested individuals and entities about the various housing, community, and business and industry programs available through USDA Rural Development.

The forum for Coke, Irion, Runnels, Sterling, and Tom Green Counties will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2005, 10:00 a.m., at the Ballinger Community Center, 200 Crosson Avenue, Ballinger, Texas. The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single and multi-family housing.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texans, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population. Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life for rural Texans," said Daniel.

Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development is committed to enhance the quality of life in rural communities by improving the flow of capital to businesses and addressing the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Abilene, Texas, at (325) 690-6162, Ext. 4.

### City-wide garage sale scheduled for May 7th

It's that time again! It's time for the annual Bronte City-Wide garage sale. The garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 8 am. So clean out those closets. Clear the clutter in your garage. And don't forget to call Pat or Kim at City Hall (473-6791) to get your name and address on the city-wide



**Engagement Announced!** Mario and Sheryl Tavarez and Jordan and Janzen Digby of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter and mother, Nikki Janae, to Brian David Albertson. Brian is the son of Tommy and Carolyn Albertson of San Angelo. The couple plan to wed April 9, 2005, at the Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo, Texas. Nikki is a 1992 graduate of Robert Lee High School and works for Dr. Dale McDonald and Dr. David Vance. Brian is a 1998 graduate of Reagan County High School. He is presently employed by Coke County as a Deputy Sheriff. Nikki is the granddaughter of Bill and Merle Evans and Ramon Tavarez of Snyder, Texas. Brian is the grandson of Pat McKamey of San Angelo.

garage sale map to be distributed that Saturday.

And for those of you who are not having a garage sale, make sure to mark your calendars down for Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 8 am.

### Diabetes Extravaganza set April 9th

Mark your calendars early! Tamara Hargett, RD, LD, CDE and The Juvenile Diabetes Support Group personally invite you to attend the Diabetes Extravaganza. This is a special event designed for adults and children on insulin.

The extravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 9th, 2005 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the PaulAnn Baptist Church, 2531 Smith Blvd., San Angelo, Texas. RSVP 325-481-2381. This event

has been specially designed for you and your family.

### Mountain Creek Golf 2005 Tournament schedule

April 23 - 3 person, 27 hole select shot

May 14 - Adult/child select shot

June 4-5 - 4 person select shot

July 22 & 23 - 4 person select shot

August 13 - Casey Eubanks 3 person select shot

August 27 - Suzie Wilson 3 person select shot

September 17 & 18 - Coke County Couples

October 8 & 9 - Club Championship

Also starting on April 7, the Annual Thursday night Special Scramble at 6 pm. Call in or be there by 5:30. Clubhouse phone is 453-2317.

Wallace David Ross and Billie Dove Allen Ross are celebrating by renewing our wedding vows.

Please join us at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at 2 pm.

Reception will follow ceremony.

Your presence is your gift. • (No other gifts, please.)

Dress is casual nice.

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**RLHS Lady Steers & Supporter!** Mr. Charles Blount received an autographed basketball in appreciation from the Robert Lee High School Lady Steers for the loyal support he gave them this year. Mr. Blount was chosen from the many loyal fans and supporters of the Lady Steers this season. The team presenting the ball includes (from left) Brittany Soliz, Kyla Millican, Cassidy Wink, Becca Skinner, Julie Riley, Brettie Reed, Ashley James, Christian Kelly, Sarah Philley, Kelsy Duncan, Cara Eaton, Veronica Cerritos, and Michele Sanchez.

## RLJH track meet results

On March 1st, in the Highland Junior High Track Meet, the Robert Lee Junior High girls track team placed in several events before the meet was canceled because of weather.

### Pole Vault

1st - Lacie Sheridan; 3rd - Holly Austin; 4th - Taylor Foster

### Shot Put

2nd - Arrin Minjarez

### 2400 Meter Run

3rd - Jodi Sheldon; 4th - Nancy Landeros

### Long Jump

3rd - Emilee Yanez

### 100 Meter Dash

3rd - Martika Ybarra

### Discus

3rd - Sarah Jones; 5th - Arrin Minjarez

### 800 Meter Relay

5th - Lacie Sheridan, Olga Perez, Erika Sheldon, Jodi Sheldon

**400 Meter Relay** - Nancy Landeros, Olga Perez, Erika Sheldon, Martika Ybarra

### 100 Hurdles

5th - Holly Austin

## RLHS boys golf results posted

Thirteen teams signed up to play in the Robert Lee Golf Tournament held on March 2nd at the Mountain Creek Golf Course. The Robert Lee Orange team placed 4th with a score of 338 and Robert Lee Black placed 5th with 339.

Robert Lee Orange team scorers: Cody Bridges 80; Omar Saucedo 81; Jonathan Pagan 89; Clay Antilley 90; Taylor Percifull 90

Robert Lee Black team scorers: Brandon Soliz 81; Brody Dillard 93; Cameron

Hodge 77; Branden Phillips 88  
Sterling City placed 3rd with a 337. Scorers: C. Hord 79; S. Colvert 83; K. Horwood 85; T. Lamb 90; H. Aycock 102

Blackwell placed 8th in team standing with 402. Scorers: P. Buckner 77; J. Wilkinson 94; J. McWhorter 94; G. Harris 137; J. McWhorter 151

Medalist standings: (tie with 77) 3rd place - Cameron Hodge of Robert Lee, P. Buckner of Blackwell; C. Hord of Sterling City placed 6th with 79; C. Bridges placed 8th with 80; B. Soliz and O. Saucedo tied for 10th place with 81

On March 7th in the Ballinger Tournament held at Quicksand in San Angelo, 9 teams entered. Robert Lee placed 2nd with 334. Robert Lee scorers: Bridges 82; Saucedo 85; Pagan 82; Soliz 87; Hodge 85

The next tournament will be held at Big Spring on Tuesday, March 22nd.

## RLHS girls golf tournament held

The Robert Lee girls held their golf tournament at the Mountain Creek Golf Course on March 1st. The Robert Lee Orange team came in 1st place with a score of 380. The Robert Lee Black team placed 2nd with 456.

K. Millican placed 2nd in Medalist standing with 93 and C. Eaton placed 3rd with 94.

The Orange team individual scoring: J. Riley 97; C. Eaton 94; L. Roe 96; K. Duncan 103; and K. Millican 93. The Black team individual scoring: A. James 103; S. Philley 118; J. Alexander 121; B. Skinner 114; and B. Reed 157.

Blackwell scorers: L. Early 146; C. Belliveau 125; A. Early 139; S. Morrow 155; and T. White 152.

Sterling City scorers: A. Thomas 147; K. Krejci 133; H. Gotcher 132; W. Ferguson 148; and C. Hodges 134.

## Robert Lee school awards 4th six weeks Perfect Attendance

### 1st grade

Chris Ford, Bailey Hooten, Justice Saucedo, Ryan Paterson, Hayden O'Neil, Kodi Drennan, Ben Allen

### 2nd grade

Kyle Lockhart, Daria Tinkler, James Roberts, Tristen Hildebrand

### 3rd grade

Gage Farmer, Sydney Sheldon, Alexis Mendoza, Berenice Fabian, Angel Acosta, Bianca Huapilla, Will Howard, Kevin Saucedo, Samantha Arellano, Efrain Olguin, Dereck Lockhart, Shaylee Bell

### 4th grade

Laredo Williamson, Ashlie Wheat, Sara Lara, Faylin Bell, Zach Skinner, Dusty Howard, Vincent Batten, Sean Hildebrand, Zachary Sanchez, Justin Gartman, Jordan

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Gartman, Dawson Brisbin

### 5th grade

Samantha Fernandez, Linsey Arellano, Jose Fabian, Linsey Vallery, Aaron Sharp, Raquel Rojas, Luisa Carrera, Kimberly Roach, Diana Vera

### 6th grade

Sarah Walker, Josh Tennison, Connie Saucedo, Joe Estrada, Jorge Rostro, Kacee Roberts, Gregory Gonzales, Paul Pineda, Logan Philley

### 7th grade

Emily Arellano, Chelsea Arellano, William Brosh, Cayetano Carrera, Molli Hinderliter, Piedad Juarez, Nancy Landeros, Erika Percy, Rebecka Saucedo, Olivia Trejo, Emilee Yanez

### 8th grade

Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez

### 9th grade

Molly Burns, Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Cameron Hodge, Briana Longoria, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

### 10th grade

Kelsy Duncan, Antonio Munoz, Erica O'Neil, Johnathan Pagan, Rebecca Skinner

### 11th grade

Cara Eaton, Kyla Millican, Jeremy Penney, Branden Phillips, Brandon Soliz, Christopher Torres, Stephanie Trejo, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

### 12th grade

Stacey Denton, Ashley James, Juan Juarez, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Michele Sanchez

### Honor Roll

#### 3rd grade

Hanna Hamrick, William Howard, Ciera Millican

#### 4th grade

Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Patty King, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

#### 5th grade

Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrera, Sassy Farmer, Kimberly Roach, Raquel Rojas, Meagan Ross, Diana Vera

#### 6th grade

Heidi Austin, Angelica King, Araceli King, Kacee Roberts, Logan Philley, Haden Dillard

#### 7th grade

Emily Arellano, Stetson

Nesbit, Colton Reed

### 8th grade

Kaden Duncan, Mason Ross

### 9th grade

Molly Burns, Cody Denton, Briana Longoria, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

### 10th grade

Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Casey Nesbit, Erica O'Neil, Sarah Philley, Brettie Reed, Rebecca Skinner

### 11th grade

Cara Eaton, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Amanda Thurman, Stephanie Trejo, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

### 12th grade

Cody Bridges, Stacey Denton, Kayli Dickey, Ashley James, Pablo Juarez, Jake McCabe, Yolanda Olguin, Robert Raney, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Michele Sanchez, Brittany Soliz, Ashley Womack

### "A/B" Honor Roll

#### 7th grade

Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Cayetona Carrera, Aaron James, Sarah Jones, Terry McDonald, Emilee Yanez

#### 8th grade

Holly Austin, Garrett Blair, Prescilla Lara, Jeremy Martinez, Megan Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Jodi Sheldon, Lacie Sheridan, Cori Torres, Jimmy Womack

#### 9th grade

Brody Dillard, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Ashley Sawyer

#### 10th grade

Jaden Alexander, Tony Munoz, Rosa Rojas, Eleasar Vera

#### 11th grade

Tina Arellano, Christian Kelly, Lydia Lara, Shannon Martin, Branden Phillips

#### 12th grade

Wade Arledge, Veronica Cerritos, Clarissa Peel, Shelby Sailer, Omar Saucedo

## RL Little League seeking donations

Robert Lee Little League Baseball will be soliciting donations and sponsorships in Robert Lee for improvements to the field. FMI or to make a donation, call Frankie Gartman, 453-4629, Laura Bell, 453-4565, or Robin Munoz, 453-4480.

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**BISD scholarships available to seniors**

Each year different Bronte businesses and organizations have donated scholarship money for deserving seniors at Bronte High School. Last year approximately \$10,000.00 in scholarships came from our community. Bronte ISD Scholarship, which was \$2250.00 last year, is provided by funds raised through the concession stand at local track meets. Teachers and administrators volunteer their time for this worthy cause.

Other businesses who participate are the Sorosis Club - \$250.00; East Coke County Ambulance Service Scholarship - \$1,000.00; Eastern Star - \$250.00; Coke County Roping Club - \$500.00; Bronte High School Sports Boosters Scholarship - \$600.00; First National Bank of Bronte - \$1,000.00; The Geo Group, Inc. Coke County Juvenile Justice Center - \$1,000.00; Masonic/Fletcher Scholarship - \$500.00; Pat and Martin Lee Scholarship - \$500.00; The Charles Family Scholarship - \$300.00; Bronte High School Student Council Scholarship - \$750.00; Lion's Club Scholarship - \$500.00; Bronte Chamber of Commerce - \$150.00.

Outside sources from last year's seniors totaled to \$36,000.00 in scholarships. These funds came from college scholarships, state scholarships and other funding.

If any organization, business or individual are interested in starting a new scholarship fund, please contact the school for any information on scholarship funding. Vicky McCutchen, Bronte ISD Guidance Counselor is the contact person for this at 325-473-2521, ext. 122.

**BHS posts tennis tournament results**

Tennis results from March 4 are listed below.

**Boys singles**

- 1) Sherman Griffin (Bronte) defeated Llanes (Miles) 8-1
- 2) Glidwell (Miles) defeated Eric Hendrickson (Bronte) 8-6
- 3) Griffin (Bronte) defeated M. Williamson (Menard) 8-1

**Boys doubles**

- 1) Swirtner/Padia (Miles) defeated Garrett Acker/Phillip Rawlings (Bronte) 8-1
- 2) Candoco/Gunnels (Menard) defeated Garrett Acker/Phillip Rawlings (Bronte) 8-2
- 3) Hendrickson/Griffin (Bronte) defeated Avlack/Millner (Miles) 8-4

**Girls singles**

- 1) Cmerick (Miles) defeated Ashley McCutchen (Bronte) 8-2
- 2) Aycock (Menard) defeated Ashley McCutchen (Bronte) 8-1

**Girls doubles**

- 1) Meridith/Proban (Miles) defeated Monica

Delagarza/Bailey, Saunders (Bronte) 8-5  
 2) Hohensee/Hudson (Miles) defeated Monica Delagarza/Bailey Saunders (Bronte) 8-2

**Bronte varsity boys track results**

Bronte boys varsity track results from Menard on March 5th.

**3200 meter run**

4th - Stephen Tomes

**100 meters**

2nd - Brett Wills, 3rd - Jaylon Saunders, 4th - Garrett Jackson

**200 meters**

3rd - Brett Wills

**High jump**

1st - Jaylon Saunders, 4th - Brett Wills,

**Long jump**

3rd - Garrett Jackson

**Pole vault**

1st - Jaylon Saunders

**300 hurdles**

1st - Jaylon Saunders

**4x400 relay**

2nd - Riley Coalson, Jaylon Saunders, Garrett Jackson, Brett Wills

**Discus**

4th - Eric Hendrickson

The next track meet will be held in Eden today.

**Bronte JH boys track results**

Bronte JH boys track results from Highland on March 1st.

**High jump**

1st - Rob Rosson - 4'8"

4th - Matthew Allen - 4'4"

**Shot put**

5th - Larry Rosales - 32'

**Discus**

3rd - Israel Cecilio - 96'

5th - Reece Springer - 77'

**4x100**

3rd - Israel Cecilio, Matthew Allen, Louie Martinez, Eddie May

**800**

1st - Matthew Allen

4th - Jacob Scott

**100 Hurdles**

3rd - Rob Rosson

4th - Tyler Riney

**4x200**

4th - Louie Martinez, Tyler Riney, Israel Cecilio, Larry Rosales

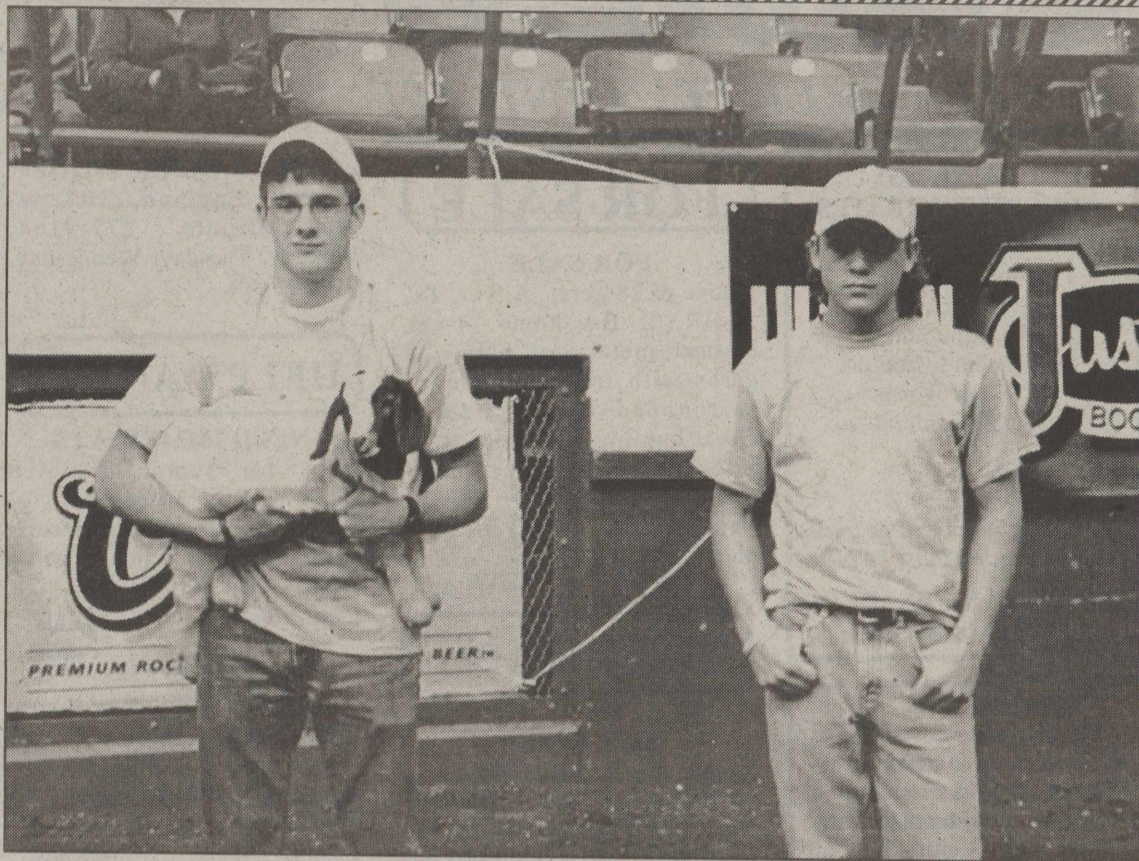
The track meet was later canceled due to weather.

**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 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 uni-

**BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS**



**BHS Honor Students Assist With Sonrisas Rodeo!** *The Bronte High School National Honor Society participated in the 5th Annual Sonrisas Special Rodeo February 24, 2005, in the San Angelo Coliseum. This event featured many Sonrisas riders in various rodeo events which were specially adapted for children with challenges. Jaylon Saunders (left) and Garrett Jackson were just two of the Bronte High School NHS members who served as volunteers to help and guide them in each of the activities.*

versity will provide a complimentary lunch for students and their families.

The March 5 program 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](http://www.angelo.edu).

**TFB scholarships available**

Farm Bureau is offering three scholarships for high school students who have not yet graduated.

The Young Farmer & Rancher scholarships are for enrolled college students who are pursuing degrees in agriculture and who have completed a minimum of 45 hours of college credit. Each of these scholarships must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2005. Every attempt will be made to announce the recipients by May 2, 2005.

Applications for each of these scholarships can be found on the TFB website at <http://www.txfb.org> by clicking on Youth Activities. Also available on our website are links to

other scholarship and financial assistance opportunities.


Interested students can contact their school counselor at Bronte, Robert Lee, or Sterling City for help; or contact Brenda at Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau at 453-4505 for any additional information.

**Bronte school website lists activities and schedules**

The Bronte ISD website at <http://bronte.netxv.net/> includes information on

extracurricular activities and schedules, the school calendar, Counselor's Corner (which lists senior scholarships, financial aid, and other information concerning all grade levels, all campus staff lists and contact information, Special announcements, and other important information and resources concerning the school and the community.

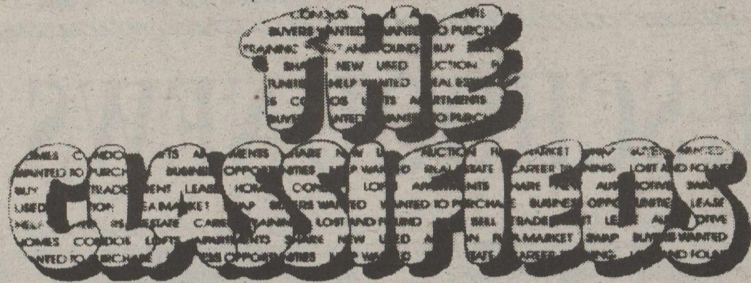
There are many related links listed for parents, teachers, students, and community.

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| <b>April 30</b>                        | <b>May 2</b>                         |
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| <b>June 11</b>                         | <b>June 13</b>                       |
| <b>July 9</b>                          | <b>July 11</b>                       |
| <b>July 30</b>                         | <b>August 1</b>                      |
| <b>August 6</b>                        | <b>August 8</b>                      |

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**CARD OF THANKS**

**THE FAMILY OF HELEN KIRKLAND**  
 would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone during their time of sorrow. Thanks to everyone who brought food, and sent flowers, memorials and cards. Special thanks to Rev. Larry Tianen who performed the service, Patricia Lee, who played the organ, Kay Robbins who sang, and the United Methodist Women who served lunch. Thanks also to Bronte Health & Rehab Center for their special care. We appreciate everyone's love and support.  
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**NOTICES**

**THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE**  
 will hold a public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006. This hearing is for input into the budget process. The hearing will be held at the Robert Lee City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.  
 33-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Coke County Commissioners Court is taking applications for someone (adults) to operate and manage the Robert Lee Swimming Pool for the summer of 2005. If you are interested, contact Commissioners Troy Montgomery or Gaylon Pitcock or Curtis Walker, the Robert Lee Park Caretaker. Life Guards are needed in Robert Lee and Bronte. You must be 16 years old or older, you must be a Certified Life Guard, Certified in CPR and First Aid also. Salary for Life Guards is \$7.00 per hour. Contact Curtis Walker in Robert Lee or Jason Wilson in Bronte. There is a possibility the Bronte pool will not open for the summer due to renovations. Coke County Commissioners will make that decision when they hear from the pool project engineer.  
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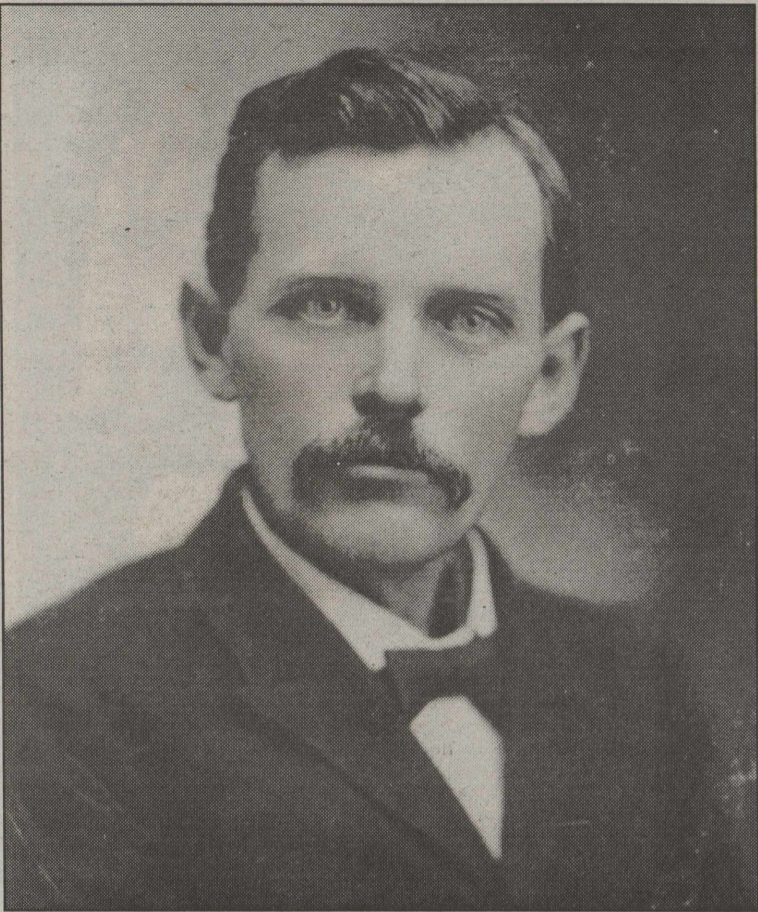
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Reverend W. K. Simpson

## Local reverend was also pioneer businessman

Rev. W.K. Simpson was the 6th Circuit Pastor to be assigned to the Robert Lee Methodist Church. He arrived to serve all four charges, Robert Lee, Sanco, Hayrick, and Bronte in 1901. Bro. Simpson was a good preacher, and loved to preach the evangelical doctrine of Methodism. He retired from the ministry in 1904, but was so well-liked he was continually asked to perform marriages of couples in the area.

The W.K. Simpson & Company was organized at the time of his retirement. People would come by and voluntarily discuss their problems with him at the store. Apparently, he never stopped being a minister and he would ask his customers about the state of their relationship to the Lord.

W.K. Simpson's children, Lena, Ruth and Marvin, all

worked in the business. The business dealt with mercantile and lumber. Will, M.K.'s son by his first marriage, owned and operated a grocery store.

W.K. was a very successful businessman. He started with a small capital and increased his business year by year. He was counted among the leading mercantile men of the West. Besides his mercantile establishment, he had acquired several sections of Coke County lands, upon which are grazing herds of white faced cattle.

W.K. Simpson & Company sold everything needed from tires and tools and fabric to furniture. Later, he had a Chevrolet dealership and funeral home in the C & H Auto Parts building, now owned by Harvey & Carla Wojtek.



Simpson's business was located on Austin Street in the building now housing C & H Auto Parts and Hardware

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. WQ0000997000

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** AEP Texas North Company, 1401 South State Highway 70, Blackwell, Texas 79506-3109, which operates the Oak Creek Power Station, a steam electric power generation facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0000997000, which authorizes the discharge of once-through cooling water at a daily maximum flow not to exceed 60,000,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001; low volume, wastewater on an intermittent and flow variable basis via Outfall 002; the disposal of zeolite softener regeneration wastewater, boiler cleaning waste, filter backwash and metal cleaning waste via evaporation; and filter backwash via irrigation over 6.52 acres. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 20, 2004.

The facility is located adjacent to Oak Creek Reservoir, approximately ten miles north of the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas. The effluent is discharged to Oak Creek Reservoir; thence to Oak Creek; thence to Colorado River Below E.V. Spence Reservoir, in Segment No. 1426 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving waters have high aquatic life use for Oak Creek Reservoir and no significant aquatic life use for Oak Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1426 are high aquatic life use, contact recreation, and public water supply.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision (as contained in the technical summary and/or fact sheet), and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Coke County Library, 706 Austin Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

**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 written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, 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 and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

**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 a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. 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. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LISTS.** 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 AEP Texas North Company at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Michelle Gregory of American Electric Power at (214) 777-2238.

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**Beef demand increases price of fed cattle**

Efforts to increase consumer demand for beef - the primary goal of the beef checkoff program - yielded high results in 2004 as the demand index showed a 7.74% increase over the previous year. Since 1998, the low point in beef's 20-year slide, consumer demand has grown 25%. Cattle-Fax estimates that this increase has added about \$22 per hundred-weight to the price of fed cattle.

**Check Out**  
 **Coke Co. Library**

The Easter Rabbit may be short a costume this year because donations have been slow coming into the Courthouse fund drive which supports the yearly event. This year's event will be on Tuesday, March 22, beginning at 10:00 am.

All Coke County children from the first grade on down have been treated to an Easter Egg hunt and a visit with the Easter Rabbit on the Courthouse lawn for so many years the event has become a tradition to be anticipated by the kids. Funds to support the event are welcome from anyone in Coke County. The Fourth Annual Genealogical Workshop will be held at the Houston Harte University Center at Angelo State University in San Angelo. Information about the event to be held May 7th from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm may be found at the Coke County Library or by calling 325-942-2164.

Topics are "Bridging the Atlantic from the British Isles in the 17th Century," and "Revolutionary War Records in the South; Revolutionary Records Lost before the Fires of 1800 and 1814," as well as "Colonial and Post-Revolutionary Migrations, Including the Great Wagon Road, 50 1800."

**Capitol Comments**  
 By Senator  
**Kay Bailey Hutchison**

**We Need To Tackle the Social Security Challenge Now**

America's Social Security system is headed for trouble, two trains rumbling toward a collision. One train rumbles on tracks laid down by financial promises made when this New Deal-era program was established. The second travels on a path set by long-term demographic trends. To avoid the wreck, we need to change the courses of the trains, and the time to do it is long before the conductors on these trains can see each other.

Without significant changes, the question is not whether this accident will happen,



**Best of Show!** Stephanie Emfinger of Tennyson took two Best of Show awards, as well as, three 1st place and three 2nd place ribbons in this year's San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Special Foods competition.

but when. The demographic trends pushing us toward disaster are simple: birthrates are going down while people are living longer. This was not a problem in 1935 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt founded the Social Security program. With an average life expectancy of 64, only 54 percent of workers were expected to live long enough to collect their checks. Today, the U.S. Census reports the average life expectancy is 77.2 years and increasing. The Department of Health and Human Services reports that by 2050, American men will live an average of 79.7 years and women will live even longer.

These trends will be amplified when 76 million Baby Boomers hit retirement age. Born between 1946 and 1964, they will begin retiring in 2008, and threaten to swamp the Social Security system. For many years, there was no problem with Social Security, because the abundance of workers paid far more into the program than it provided to retirees. The excess money was placed in something called the "Social Security Trust Fund."

Unfortunately, by law, the Trust Fund is required to save the excess payments in U.S. Treasury bonds which are, for lack of a better word,

"IOUs" from taxpayers. The money itself has been spent. This means the minute the Social Security system takes less in from workers than it pays to retirees, it will have to draw on those bonds, which will have to be made good by taxpayers. This shortfall is predicted to begin as early as 2018.

Inaction is out of the question. According to the Heritage Foundation, if Congress does nothing to reform the system, Social Security will need general fund infusions to make up the difference in tax revenues and benefit payments amounting to \$72 billion in 2020, \$275 billion in 2030, \$429 billion in 2050 and \$719 billion in 2070. The long-term projections of Social Security's financial health will continue to worsen because, with each passing year, a surplus year passes and a deficit year is added in the calculation.

Compounding this problem was the fact that changes in Social Security also weakened the financial health of the system. Originally, initial benefits at the time of retirement were linked to inflation, but in the 1970s they were pegged to the rise in wages, which tend to go up faster than prices. Coupled with demography



**Mutton Bustin'!** Karlee Roach, a first grader at Robert Lee Elementary School, participated in the Justin Boots Mutton Bustin' competition during the San Angelo Rodeo on Thursday evening, February 24, 2005. As a participant, she received a commemorative belt buckle, a Justin Mutton Bustin' bandanna, and tickets to the rodeo for herself and her family.

and the impending retirement of the Baby Boomers, the Social Security system is headed for a disaster.

Numerous proposals to save Social Security are on the table, and I look forward to talking with my fellow Texans and working with my colleagues to craft policy changes which will honor present commitments, while providing a permanent solution.

While we may not agree on what the best options are at

this point, it is unacceptable to pretend there is no problem. The financial future of Social Security is determined not only by demographic trends; it is affected by the promises made when the program was established. We have a window of opportunity to remake the program so the promises made today will be fulfilled tomorrow without mortgaging the future of our children and grandchildren.

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