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## CC Retired Teachers meeting set

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, March 21, 2005. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

## Sanco Village Association meeting set

The Sanco Village Association will be holding another meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Elaine & Cuin Norvell's, 410 W. 10th, Robert Lee.

Anyone interested in Sanco and planning the Sanco Homecoming are encouraged to attend. A few attended the meeting held on the 5th, but not enough to make decisions on all the topics in discussion. Mark your calendars now to make plans to attend this very important meeting.

## Bronte UMW plans 2nd Annual Spring Fling

In a few days it will be Spring. The United Methodist Women of Bronte are getting spring flowers and vegetables ready to sell. The tomato plants, flowers, etc. will go on sale on the patio behind the Methodist Church. The hours will be from 3 pm to

6 pm Friday, April 1, and 8 am to 12 noon Saturday, April 2.

Last year, the ladies had flowers, vegetables, fertilizer, flower containers, garden tools, hanging baskets for sale. They also sold casseroles, pies, and cakes. This was a good way for local people to get their spring plants, as well as buy a home-cooked family meal. We also had master gardeners available to answer your questions.

If you have questions concerning the Spring Fling, call Glenda Draper at 473-2050, Nancy Adams at 473-7010, Joyce Bailey at 473-4951, Juanette Gentry at 473-9764 or Diane Luckett at 473-4821.

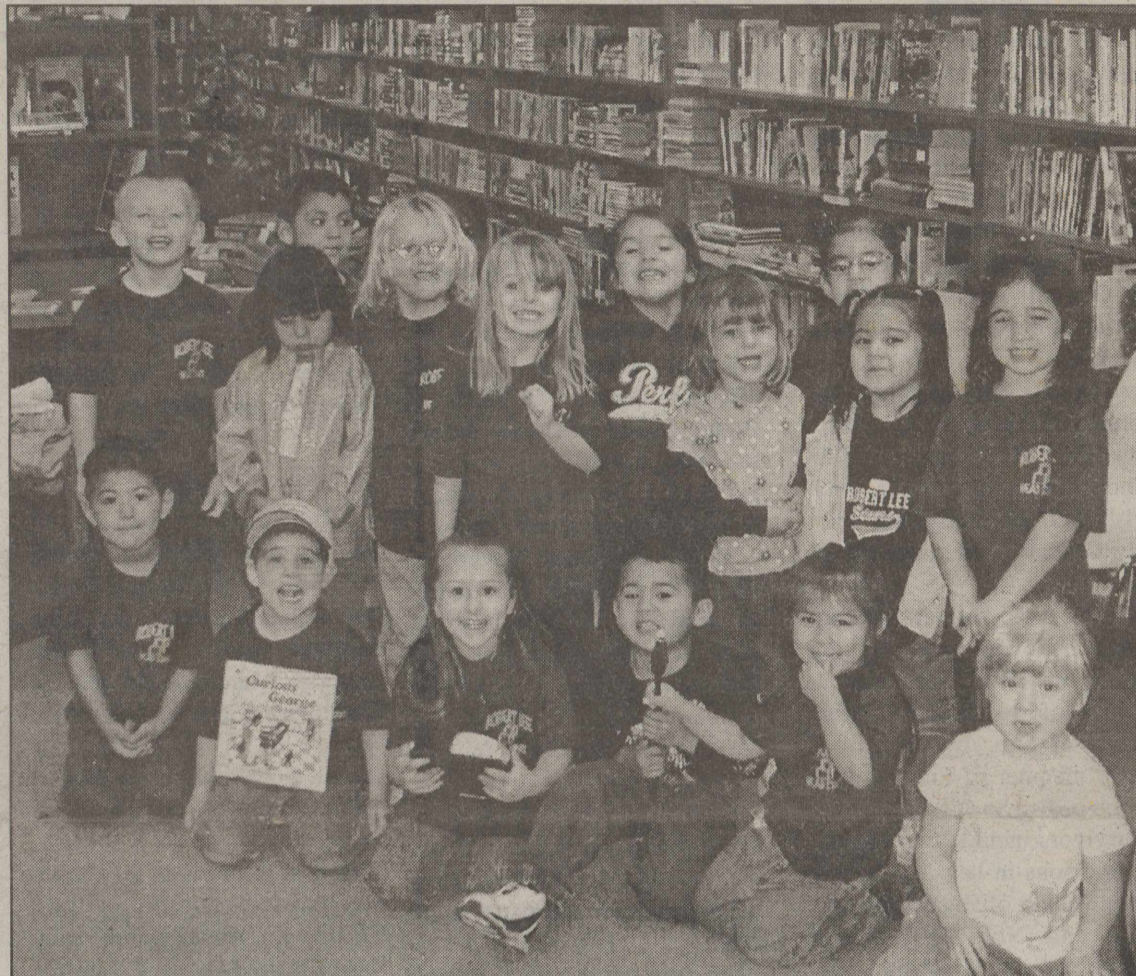
## Courthouse to close on Good Friday

The Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed on March 25 for Good Friday in honor of the Easter holiday. Business will resume at 8 am on Monday, the 28th.

## Coke County Easter Egg Hunt set

The Coke County Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 am 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



**Toothfully Speaking!** The Coke County Head Start children recently enjoyed a *Toothfully Speaking* program given by Coke County FCS Agent, Jan Yanez. Agent's program focused on brushing and caring for teeth. The children enjoyed a story "Curious George Goes to the Dentist" and also, brushing teeth with a giant toothbrush and Mr. Big Mouth. Students of Head Start attending were: Jayce Bower, Bethany Coppedge, William Coppedge, Edwardo Landeros, Elana Gloria, Madison Hall, A.J. Minjarez, Kaylee Puentez, Autumn Ramon, Eleyis Sanchez, Hayley Torres, Julian Torres, Joshua Gregston, Tara McCormick, Jonathan Skipworth, Keila Saucedo, and Sydney Hayes.

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.

## Sid Long to retire from SRPCG Assn.

Sid Long, Executive Director of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, will retire March 31, 2005, after serving 15 years. He was the first and only executive director to head the cotton producer organization. The association consists of cotton growers in 11 counties, including Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, McCulloch, Coleman, Irion, Schleicher, Coke, Mason, and parts of Taylor and Brown counties.

Prior to serving with the SRPCGA, Long was a vocation-

al agriculture teacher at Robert Lee for 15 years and at Gail for 16 years. During his tenure with the Southern Rolling Plains, he also served as Executive Director for the Blackland Cotton and Grain Association for 5 years and was coordinator for boll weevil eradication efforts in the Northern Blackland and the Southern Blackland areas.

Sid Long had a vision to witness a bumper cotton crop, free of boll weevil damage during his lifetime. When he started as Executive Director of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers in 1990, he helped the organization to initiate the first boll weevil eradication effort in Texas. "I have now realized my goal and decided to retire March 31st," he said. The Southern Rolling Plains was declared boll weevil free in 2000 and every part of Texas is weevil free or in a boll weevil eradication program.

Long plans to continue ranch-

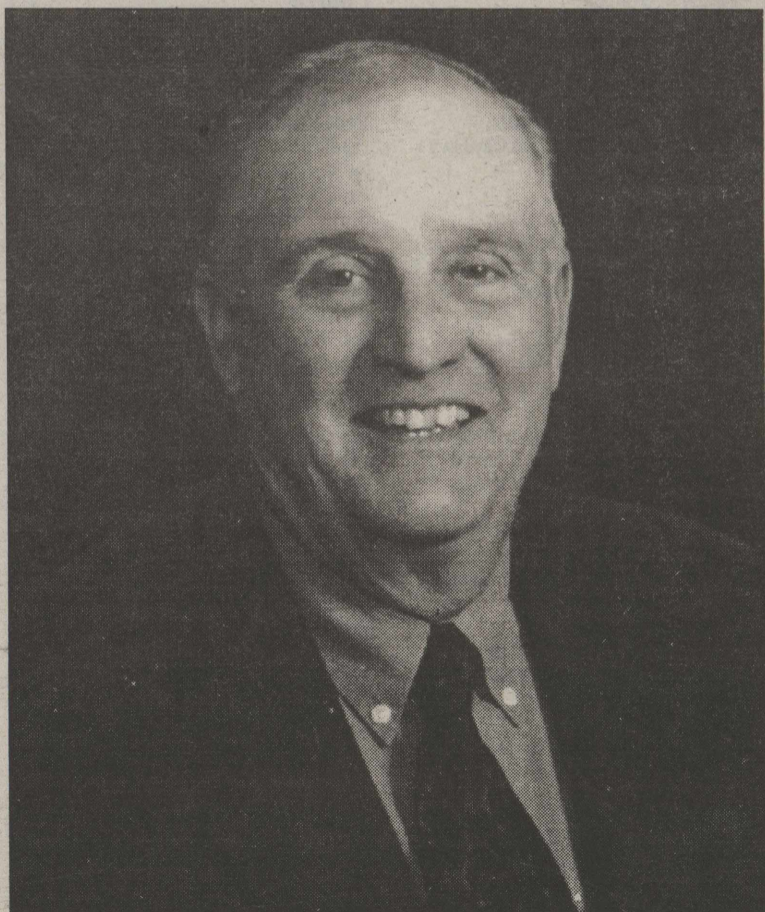
ing at Robert Lee and to do some traveling with his wife Carolyn. They plan to spend some time watching their grandkids play ball.

Replacing Sid Long as Executive Director of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers will be Randall Conner of Winters. Conner serves as Economic Development Director for the Winters Business and Industrial Corporation and will continue to serve in that position, as well as assuming the new position.

Long was recognized for his years of dedication to the SRPCGA at its annual meeting held on March 1st at the San Angelo Convention Center.

## Bronte swimming pool to open for summer

The Bronte swimming pool will be open this summer. Commissioners had originally considered leaving the pool closed for the summer for renovations.



Sid Long

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**Obituaries**

**Leonard**

Louise Leonard, 87, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at her residence. Graveside funeral services were held at 2 pm Wednesday, March 9, at the Peace Chapel, Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. The Rev. Jeff Donnell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Andrews officiated.

Louise was born in Bronte on February 8, 1918, to Mark and Sadye (McCabe) Chumley. Her grandparents were J. Q. and Sally McCabe and Sam and Sally Chumley, all pioneers of Coke County.

A long time resident of Big Spring, she moved to San Angelo in 1995. She was a member of Southland Baptist Church of San Angelo and a former member of First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Royce Walker of Big Spring and Paula and Noel Duncan of Okatie, South Carolina; one sister and brother-in-law, Jo Marie and K. C. Collier of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Lara Duncan, Doby Walker, Wendy Brown and Cole Walker; nine great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., One Hanover

Park, 16633 N. Dallas Parkway, Suite 600, Addison, TX 75001, or to Meals on Wheels, San Angelo, TX.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

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**Scott**

Wilma Roberts Scott, 81, of Bronte passed away Saturday, March 12, 2005, in Bronte Health & Rehab Center. Funeral services were held at 2 pm Monday, March 14, 2005, at Bronte Church of Christ. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Wilma was born November 25, 1923, in Robert Lee, Texas, to Eddie and Viva Stroud Roberts. She graduated from Robert Lee High School and married Joe Ed Scott on November 15, 1947, in San Angelo, Texas.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Joe Edward Scott, her parents, her brother, Burl Stroud Roberts and sister, Luda Clark.

She and her husband owned and operated Scott Butane Company and she was a loving homemaker. Wilma was a life-long member of the Church of Christ and a devoted Christian.

Surviving family are her four children, Brenda Hines and husband, Steve of Bronte, Merritt Scott of Bronte, Dewitt Scott of San Angelo, and Viva Caldwell

of Burnett; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made to your favorite charity or to the Arthritis Foundation in lieu of flowers.

"Momma you made our family proud and you are admired by all who knew you."

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**Snow**

Allean Burgess Snow passed away February 26, 2005, in Alpine, California, born March 30, 1918, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.G. Snow, her parents, and three sisters.

She is survived by her four children, James of Arizona, Wayne of California, Jaylean of Texas, and Doug of California; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Madine Burgess of Robert Lee.

Pastor Morris Johnson of Bronte will conduct the graveside memorial services at Fort Chadbourne Cemetery March 18, 2005, at 10:30 am, interment of cremains will follow. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home of Bronte.

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**Cosby**

Robert Daniel Cosby, Sr., of Bronte, died Thursday, March 10, 2005, in the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. Graveside services were held at 2 pm Saturday, March 12, 2005, in the Sweetwater Cemetery with John Vickers officiating. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home Inc. of Sweetwater.

Robert is survived by daughter, Patricia Divitto of Port Orchard, Washington; son, James Harold Cosby of Atwater, California; 4 sisters, Mary L. Cosby Berg of Harlingen, Texas, Billie Boyce and Margaret Robbins, both of Levingworth, Washington, Jessica Bowers of Friendsville, Tennessee; 8 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; several cousins including Adelle Patton Baily.



**Bronte Health & Rehab Center Happenings!** BHRC residents honored Activity Director Kendal Johnston (top photo, standing on right) January 28 during Activities Professionals week. The Resident Council officers, which include (seated, from left) Vice President Bonni Taylor, Chaplain Maynard Rogers, Secretary Royce Lee, and (standing on left) President Clemis Reed, presented Mr. Johnston with his award. BHRC Valentine King and Queen for 2005 are Timmy Prince (bottom photo, from left) and Mrs. Clemis Reed.

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Wed. 6 pm

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(325) 473-2331  
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Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth  
and Worship  
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Wed. 7 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm

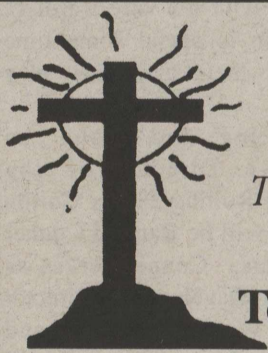
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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(325) 453-2176  
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Wed. 7 pm, Worship

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Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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**Tennyson Baptist Church Easter Services**

SONrise Service on Mt. Margaret - one service will be held on top of Mt. Margaret at sunrise,  
about 6:45 am. Pastor Joe Hodges will bring the message. Meet behind the Tennyson  
Community Center. Bring flashlights. You will need to start climbing by 6:15 am.  
SONrise Service at the Church - a second service will be held at the Tennyson Baptist  
Church at 6:45 am for those who cannot climb the mountain. Bro. Jeff Gibson will bring the message.  
Morning Worship Service - 11 am - Pastor Joe Hodges will bring the message.

**Free Community Breakfast**

Breakfast will be served by The Tennyson Baptist Church to all who wish to attend  
directly following the SONrise services. It will be at approximately 8 am in the  
Fellowship Hall at the church.

Tennyson Baptist Church is located just 18 miles north of San Angelo and 10 miles south of  
Bronte on Hwy 277. For more information, call 473-2040 or 473-3710.

**Yanez receives state award**

Jan Yanez Family Consumer Science agent in Coke and Sterling counties has recently won a State team award for teaching food safety classes. This award is for an outstanding effort, performance and accomplishment in Extension program delivery and design. Epsilon Sigma Phi and the Cooperative Extension Professionals organizations present this award.

It is estimated that 76 million people, which is approximately one in four Americans, will become ill from a food borne illness each year. There are 325,000 hospitalizations and 5000 deaths reported each year due to food borne illness.

Almost 46 percent of all Texans' food dollars are spent on food prepared outside the home. Until the 1990s, few commercial food service managers or personnel had training in food safety. At that time, Texas Cooperative Extension became a national leader in providing food safety training for food service personnel, even though no Texas laws mandated such training for commercial food handlers until 2002. Between 1996 and 2001, team members completed certification requirements to teach food safety and began teaching certification classes to food service managers in a vast region of West Texas. Multi-county team efforts resulted in 427 West Texas food service managers being certified to teach safe food handling to an estimated 4500 public food service employees.

**Moore hosts Sorosis Study Club**

The Sorosis Study Club met at the home of Fredna Moore on March 10, 2005, for their regular monthly meeting. The focus of the meeting was a silent auction to raise funds for the projects that the club regularly supports. The major contributions go toward scholarships for seniors in the BISD and Friends of the Pool. The next money raising project will be the city-wide garage sale on May 7.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jane Cumbie, Glenda Draper, Lanette Fletcher, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, JoAn Lightfoot, Diane Luckett, Earline Moore, Fredna Moore, LouAnna Peters, Kay Styles, Charlotte Tounget and Janet Wommack.

**Diabetes Extravaganza set April 9th**

Mark your calendars early! Tamara Hargett, RD, LD, CDE and The Juvenile Diabetes Support Group per-



**Jan Yanez**

sonally 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 9, 2005, from 9 am - 12 noon at the PaulAnn Baptist Church, 2531 Smith Blvd. in San Angelo. RSVP 325-481-2381.

**Copeland honored with bridal shower**

Holly Copeland, bride-elect of Ryan Crutcher, was honored on Sunday afternoon with a bridal shower. The shower was held in the home of Dolores Roe of Robert Lee. Hostesses for the occasion were: Jill Argo, Audrey Devoll, D'Ann Eubanks, Sally Gloria, Cathy Hendry,

Teri Key, Carolyn Long, Rosa Long, Sheri Millican, Kelly Millican, Wanda Oleksiuk, Sharon Pitcock, Dolores Roe, Claire Rucker, Melissa Williams, and Marsha Wink.

The couple will exchange vows April 9 in Robert Lee.

**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 garage sale map to be distributed that Saturday.

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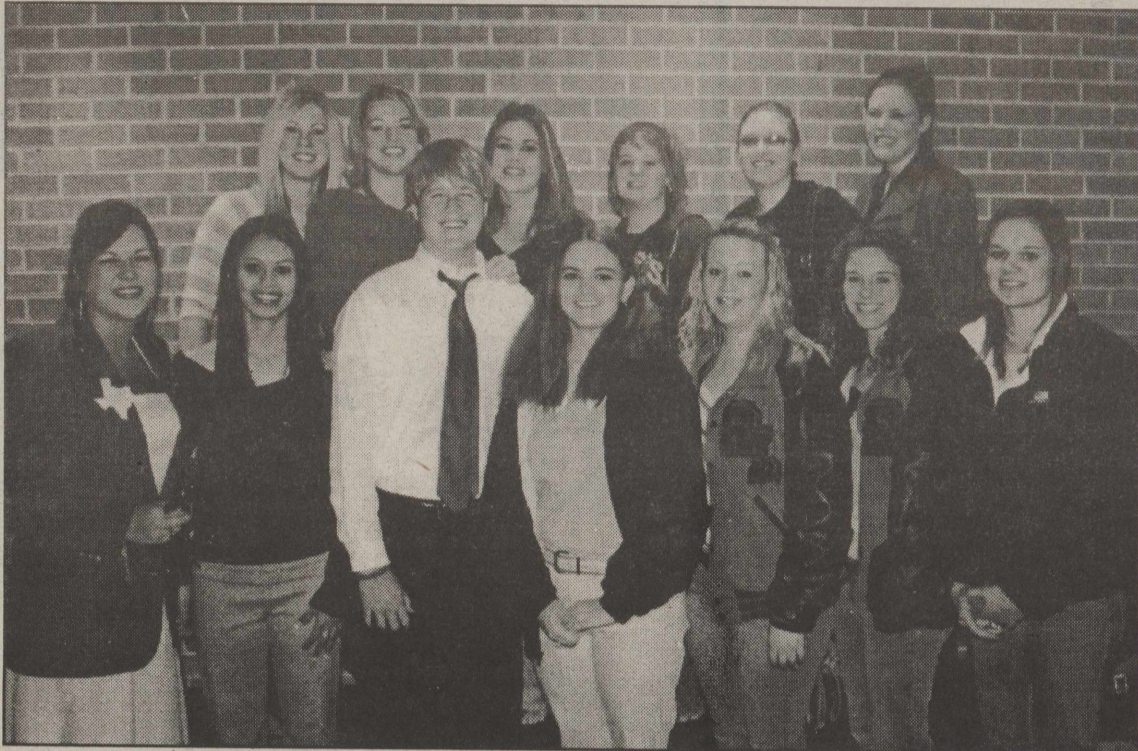
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**RLHS FCCLA!** Robert Lee FCCLA members attending the Region II Leadership Conference were (above photo, back row, from left) Ashley James, Kelsy Duncan, Sarah Philley, Erica O'Neil, Dixie Johnson, Casey Nesbit, (front row, from left) Lindsey Roe, Brittany Soliz, Chase Roe, Molly Burns, Becca Skinner, Jaden Alexander, Brettanie Reed, (not pictured) Christan Kelly, Michele Sanchez, Tammy Roe, and Sheri Millican. Lindsey Roe (top right photo, left), FCCLA State Vice President of Programs, is shown with Chase Roe, FCCLA State office elect for 2005-2006. Michele Sanchez (bottom far right photo) placed 2nd in job interview at Regional FCCLA. Molly Burns (bottom right photo) received 4th place.

## RLHS FCCLA successful at Region II conference

The Robert Lee High School FCCLA had a successful weekend at the Region II FCCLA Leadership conference, February 25-26. Lindsey Roe, State V-P for Programs helped conduct the meeting. She presented a workshop on Student body to delegates to the meeting. She had a part in all the general sessions and helped give out awards. Chase Roe ran for an office and was chosen

to be a State Officer. He will find out what position he will hold next year at the state conference next month. Eight members competed in STAR events.

Molly Burns received 4th place with her Illustrated Talk in the junior division. Her talk was entitled "I Love Rock and Roll" and was over the physical and psychological effects of loud music on teens. She also served as voting delegate for Robert Lee.

Michele Sanchez entered Job Interview and received 2nd place. In this event she develops a portfolio and has a mock interview for a job.

Casey Nesbit, Dixie Johnson, and Erica O'Neil entered Illustrated Talk, Sr. division. Their talk, "Super size Me!" was about the effects of eating at fast food restaurants. They received 6th place. They also helped Lindsey conduct her workshop on Student Body by giving their presentation to the group of delegates.

Kelsy Duncan, Brettanie Reed and Sarah Philley competed in Interpersonal Communications. Their project told about good and bad relationships, how to recognize them and what to do about bad relationships.

They received 5th place for their efforts.

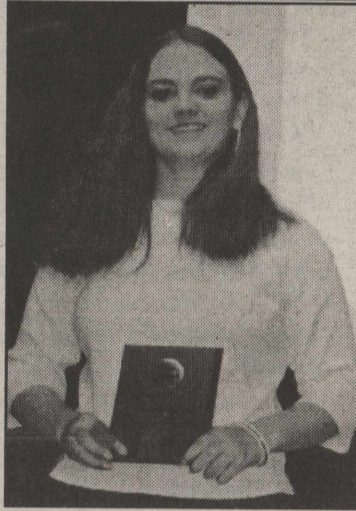
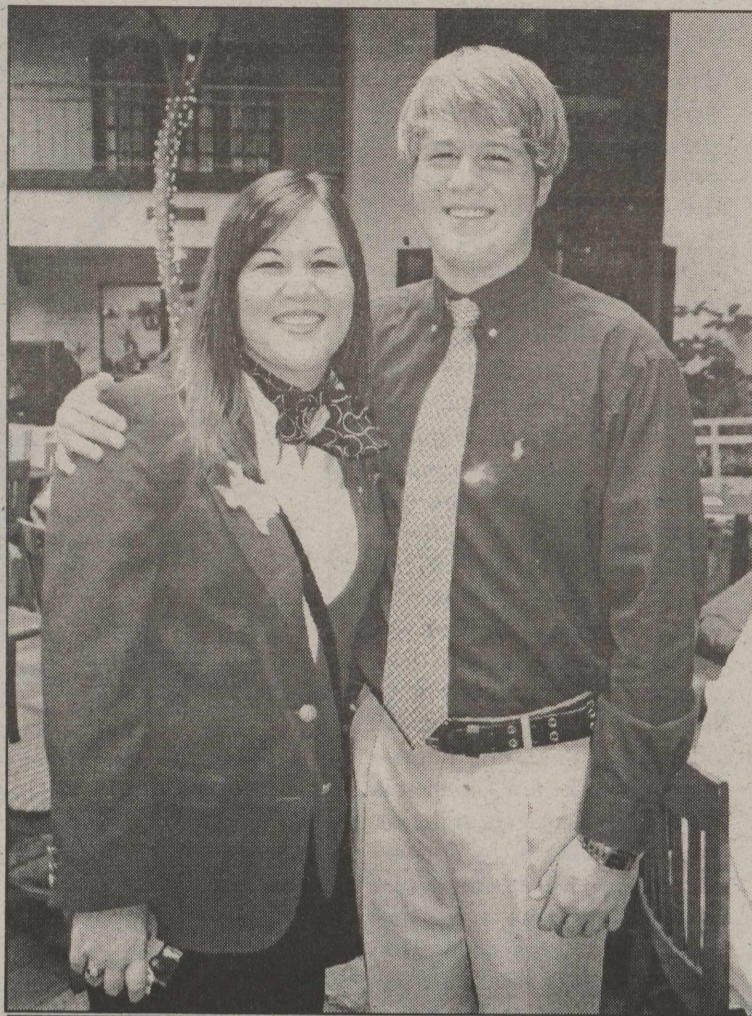
Ashley James took a test over the FCCLA Creed, purposes and mission and received a silver certificate. Christan Kelly and Brittany Soliz also took tests over FCCLA facts and both received bronze certificates.

Jaden Alexander and Becca Skinner also attended the conference and had to help with equipment and had other duties to help the conference run smoothly. These student will attend and compete at the State Leadership Conference held in Corpus Christi, April 6-9.

Mrs. Tammy Roe helped sponsor the group. She was awarded FCCLA Honorary Membership for all the help she has given the local chapter and for judging events at regional. Mrs. Sheri Millican is the FCCLA Advisor and sponsored the group.

## 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.



See more FCCLA photos on page 7 of this issue.



## School Menu

### Breakfast

- Monday, March 21**  
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, March 22**  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Wed., March 23**  
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Thurs., March 24**  
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
- Friday, March 25**  
Holiday

### Lunch

- Monday, March 21**  
Pizza, corn, salad, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Tuesday, March 22**  
Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, sliced bread, peaches, milk
- Wed., March 23**  
Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, salad, pineapple, milk
- Thurs., March 24**  
Hamburger, salad, pickles, tator tots, pears, milk
- Friday, March 25**  
Holiday

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**Rodeo Sweetheart!**  
Hannah Brackeen, a kindergarten student in Mrs. Alisa Webb's class, was the Little Longhorn Rodeo Sweetheart during the rodeo held Tuesday, March 1. The event was sponsored by the Bronte PTO.

**BISD trustees meet in regular session**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on March 9, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, Jeff Schoenfield, Bob Frazee, Scott Frasier, and Superintendent, Alan Richey. Also present were Rick Howell, Terry Marrs, and Michael Bohensky. Absent were Kendall Gibbs and Gary Acker.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rick Howell.

Discussion was held on the DARE program, and the Bronte Independent School District will continue to support the program.

Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal, Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, and Michael Bohensky, CCJJC

**School Menu**



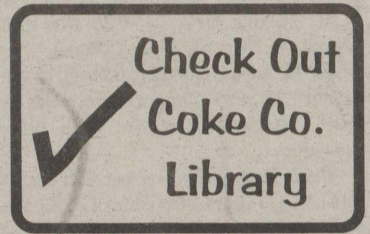
- Breakfast**
- Monday, March 21**  
Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, March 22**  
Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk
- Wed., March 23**  
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk
- Thurs., March 24**  
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk
- Friday, March 25**  
Holiday - Good Friday
- Lunch**
- Monday, March 21**  
Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, tator tots, pork & beans, apple half, milk
- Tuesday, March 22**  
Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, taco shells, chocolate pudding, milk
- Wed., March 23**  
Frito pie with cheese, tossed salad, sweet corn, sliced apricots, corn chips, milk
- Thurs., March 24**  
Sliced turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, peach cobbler, milk
- Friday, March 25**  
Holiday - Good Friday

Principal, gave their reports.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave an update on the lunchroom monitor report. The Bronte ISD lunchroom received an excellent review from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Mr. Richey also gave a construction update, funding update, legislative update, and an AYP update.

The board approved the list of certified personnel.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:40 pm.



The Coke County Library has a copy of The Texas Golf Bible by Jason Stone. The two Coke County golf courses are included in the first section of the book which covers West Texas from El Paso to San Angelo and from Lajitas to Big Spring.

Bronte's Singing Winds Golf Course received this comment, "If you catch this track during dry conditions, the fairways might be brown, but the grass is good enough to give you a good lie. Use your irons and keep it in the fairway..." The author says that Bronte, "...is something of a retirement village, popular for its laid-back demeanor. Downtown houses the historic Texas Theatre and a few quaint shops."

Robert Lee's Mountain Creek Golf Club draws this comment, "This short, 9-hole, semi-private course is named after Mountain Creek, which runs through the layout and impacts three holes. Set in the scenic hills of scenic central Coke County, there are a few hills on this track and a total of five water hazards." He says that Robert Lee "...with its proximity to Lake E.V. Spence, a unique desert-like lake that is the premier spot in West Texas for striped bass, this is an interesting place to combine fishing and golf on a weekend getaway."

The striped bass at Lake Spence may be a disappointment to some for awhile, but hope springs eternal.

Easter Egg hunters are reminded that Tuesday, March 22, is the great event at the Courthouse and all children from first grade on down are invited. The public is invited to watch the grand show.

**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

**BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS**

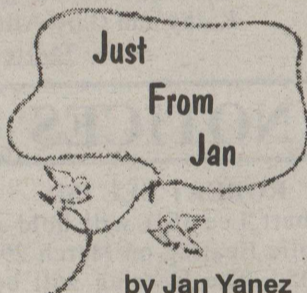
and extracurricular activities.

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 university 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).



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

**Easter is celebrated in many ways!**

Candles are burned during many Easter celebrations. Many churches extinguish candles on Good Friday to show that Jesus' light has gone out. In Roman Catholic churches, the special paschal candle is lit on Easter Sunday, representing Jesus' return to life.

Easter Lilies are used to decorate churches and homes.

Easter Lamb - Many people serve lamb as part of the Easter feast or dinner. In many homes, a lamb-shaped cake decorates the table.

Carnivals - The most famous carnival is Mardi Gras, celebrated the day before Lent begins. Carnivals often have parades in which people wear elaborate costumes. The best-known Mardi Gras parade in North America takes place in New Orleans.

Dying Easter eggs - Exchanging and eating Easter eggs is a popular custom in

many countries. The eggs are hard-boiled and dyed in colors and patterns. The most famous Easter eggs are made in Ukraine and Poland, where eggs are decorated with intricate red, black, and white patterns.

Egg Hunts- In many countries, children hunt for Easter eggs hidden in the home or yard. Children in the United Kingdom, Germany, and other countries play a game in which eggs are rolled against one another or down a hill. The egg that stays uncracked the longest wins. Since 1878, children in Washington, D.C. have rolled eggs on the White House lawn.

Passion Plays - Plays dramatize the Easter story.

Feasts - Easter Sunday is a feast day. An Eastern European custom is to have the Easter feast blessed by a priest. The priest goes to the home, or families may take their food to church for the blessing.

Easter bonnets - Wearing new hats and clothes for Easter is a common custom.

Easter parades - Parades are a tradition in many European countries. A person holding a cross or an Easter candle leads some of these promenades. In New York City, thousands of people stroll in the Easter Parade down Fifth Avenue following Easter services.

Easter fires - In many parts of Europe, huge bonfires are lighted on hilltops and in churchyards on Easter Eve.

Hot cross buns - One of the oldest Good Friday customs is eating hot cross buns, small, sweet buns with a frosting cross.

Easter Sunrise Service - Some churches have an Easter service at sunrise.

Easter Bells - Easter bells are rung in France and Italy throughout the year but not on the Thursday before good Friday. They are silent as way to remember the death of Jesus. Then they are rung on

Easter Sunday as way of telling people Jesus is alive.

Easter Bunny - The Easter bunny fills Easter baskets for children with Easter candy. This custom began in Germany and then came to America. The story was that if children were good, the Easter rabbit would lay colored eggs in a nest. Children would use caps and bonnets for "nests."

**BHS class of '55 plans 50th reunion**

A 50th reunion is being planned for the Bronte High School Class of 1955. June 4, 2005, has been set to gather in San Angelo with more details to be finalized.

If anyone has an address or phone number for Alma Pearl Evett and Murlene Markham, please contact R.J. Millican, 325/692-8306, C.B. (Buck) James, 325/653-6927, or Harold McCutchen, 325/473-5201. It is hoped that many can attend.

**TFB scholarships available**

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

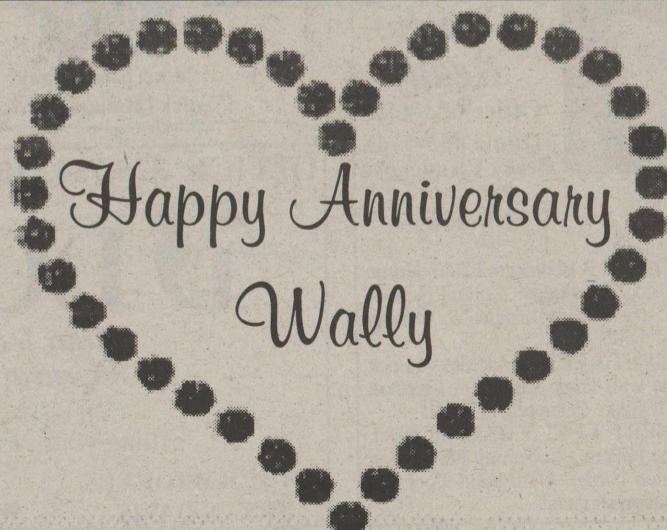
The Young Farmer & Rancher scholarships are for enrolled college students who are pursuing degrees in agriculture and who have completed a minimum of 45 hours of college credit. Each of these scholarships must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2005. Every attempt will be made to announce the recipients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

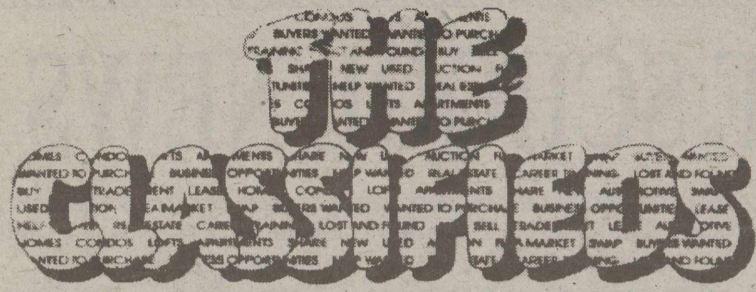
Applications for each of these scholarships can be found on the TFB website at <http://www.txfb.org> by clicking on Youth Activities. Also available on our website are links to other scholarship and financial assistance opportunities.

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.

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**NOTICES**

**ROBERT LEE ISD**  
 Robert Lee ISD will hold a Public Hearing on March 29, 2005. The Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm in the High School Library. The Hearing is for the purpose of reporting the results of the Academic Excellence Indicator System for Robert Lee ISD.  
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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.  
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 The Robert Lee Maintenance Section of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)  
 located at 7785 E. SH 158, Robert Lee, Texas, is accepting applications for the position of **Summer Maintenance Tech I**  
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**'64 Study Club  
meets with RLHS  
FCCLA  
representatives**

Thirty members, one visitor, Olivia King, and ten representatives of Robert Lee High School FCCLA met Tuesday, March 8, at the Catholic Church Fellowship Building for a regular business meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the First Vice-President, Carolyn Long. Roll call was taken, then the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Sheri Millican and Mrs. Janet Wallace for explanations and introductions for the programs to be presented by the eight FCCLA students in attendance. The programs presented by these young ladies will be given at the state level of competition in April and they were definitely a success with the women of the '64 Study Club.

The team of Casey Nesbit, Erica O'Neil, and Dixie Johnson presented a power point program on the unhealthy results of fast food. After their very effective performance, all ladies understood the drawbacks of fast food and that there should be absolutely NO "Super-Sizing".

Molly Burns presented a program concerning "Music and Its Influence on People Physically, Mentally, and Emotionally". Molly's power point presentation proved the influence could be either detrimental or beneficial, according to the type and volume of music, but in all three categories, there definitely was an influence on the individual.

The team of Kelsey Duncan, Sarah Philley, and Brettanie Reed performed a skit concerning "Relationships - Healthy or Unhealthy". Emphasized by their power point slide show, the presentation easily defined the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships and ways to maintain a healthy one.

Michele Sanchez introduced her portfolio to the club members and discussed proper techniques for job interviewing and writing of resumes. Michele allowed the members a question and answer period and all were impressed with Michele's skills and the thoroughness of her portfolio.

How fortunate we are to have these young ladies as representatives of Robert Lee. We wish them the very best at the state competition and after having the pleasure of seeing their programs, we are confident they will do extremely well.

Kay Lackey offered the blessing for the food. A delicious meal of taco soup and cornbread was served, with peach cobbler and/or chocolate layer delight for dessert.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Pat Carwile. Scholarship representative, Caryl Benton, reported that the scholarship letters had



**RLHS FCCLA!** Robert Lee FCCLA members attended the Region II Leadership Conference recently. Erica O'Neil (above photo, from left) Dixie Johnson and Casey Nesbit received 6th place. Sarah Philley (photo at right, from left) Kelsey Duncan and Brettanie Reed received 5th place.

been mailed out to the graduating seniors with a deadline for return by March 28, 2005.

Members were invited to help the Cemetery Association address letters and prepare them for mailing. This project will take place at 2 pm Wednesday, March 23, at the Masonic Lodge. All members were encouraged to attend.

The club voted to donate \$50.00 to the FCCLA to help with their trip expenses. The "hat was passed" and an additional \$100 was collected from individual members.

The "Marvelous Mademoiselles" celebrating March birthdays this month were: Caryl Benton, Faye Blair, Josie Castleberry, and Beverly Sinclair.

Hostesses for this meeting were Johnetta Lawrence, Caryl Benton, Carolyn Long, Patti Ivey, Maybelle Stewart, Charlotte McKnight, and Jackie Walker. The room was decorated with a St. Patricks Day theme and Mardi Gras beads.

**National Ag Day set**

When was the last time you slipped into your favorite pair of jeans or poured yourself a glass of milk and thought about the people that produced the products necessary for these everyday items? On March 20, 2005, National Ag Day, Americans can join in on celebrating the great industry that provides us with many everyday products.

"National Ag Day will be a time when Texans can learn about the important role agriculture plays in our state's economy. It will provide valuable information about how agriculture provides safe, abundant and affordable products to us as Americans," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of Texas Farm Bureau.

The National Ag Day program has been established so Americans can be made aware of how food and fiber is produced. The program also demonstrates how agriculture provides products not usually associated with agriculture. For example, wheat straw is being used in build-

ing materials and corn and soybeans are being used as fuels.

All across America industry leaders, producers, companies, government agencies, and counties will join together to celebrate what the agriculture community brings to us daily. Also, the program will showcase the career opportunities in agriculture, food and fiber industries available to Americans.

National Ag Day falls during National Ag Week, March 20-26, 2005. For more information you can visit [www.ag-day.org](http://www.ag-day.org) or contact the Agriculture Council of America at (913) 491-1895.

**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, 10 am, at the Ballinger Community Center, 200 Crosson Avenue, in Ballinger. 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

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**Rawlings Ranch to be honored by Family Land Heritage Program**

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will honor 142 Texas farms and ranches from 89 counties during the 30th annual Family Land Heritage ceremony, March 18 in Austin. The ceremony recognizes families who have kept their farm or ranch in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100 years or more.

The Coke County ranch being honored includes The Rawlings Ranch, 1904, Ms. Patty Lou Rawlings, Mrs. Katherine Rawlings Meador, Mrs. Nancy Rawlings Poe, Mrs. Cynthia Meador Clark, and Mrs. Linda Meador Williams.

The ceremony will be held at 1 pm in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium on the University of Texas campus.

This marks the fifth year the Texas Department of Agriculture will honor farms and ranches in the 150-year category. TDA will recognize twenty properties that were established between 1808 and 1854. This is the largest number of 150-year honorees ever recognized.

To date, 226 of Texas' 254 counties have had recognized properties. Gaines, Hartley, Lynn and Midland counties were added to the list of counties with honored farms and ranches.

"The families honored at the Family Land Heritage Ceremony have made an enormous contribution to the heritage of rural Texas and the history of Texas agriculture," Combs said. "The dedication of these families - especially those who have kept their properties in continuous production for more than 150 years - should be an inspiration to all Texans."

Neal Spelce, a well-known Texas broadcaster, will serve as master of ceremonies. Cowboy poet and entertainer Red Steagall will perform following the certificate presentations. Country music artist Dan Roberts will open the ceremonies.

**Robert Lee City water rate change being considered**

Current water rates for the City of Robert Lee were set in 1999. The average residential water rate for cities the size of Robert Lee is \$24.18 for 5,000 gallons of water. By comparison, Robert Lee pays \$13.80. The City is considering raising the base water rate \$3.00. This base rate includes up to 3,000 gallons. Additionally, the city is considering a change in the rate structure of the "per thousand" charge. The rate will increase ten cents per thousand on consumption charges of 4,000 to 9,000 gallons. Consumption of 10,000 gallons and thereafter will have a charge of ten cents per thousand gallons.

For many years environmental inspections of the city water sys-

tem were mainly city friendly. Changes that might have been enforced were not, and "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" was the rule of thumb. If a city was making an honest effort to provide safe water, state and federal agencies were not likely to create an emergency by stringent enforcement.

In the last several years, the City of Robert Lee has encountered state environmental violation situations with the water and sewer plants. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (formerly Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission) has cracked down on city water systems across the state of Texas. A change of attitude came with the change of the name. Also, the bar has been raised on both federal and state environmental laws. Now there is no "wiggle" room within a mandate from TCEQ. By not complying totally with TCEQ mandates, a city faces high dollar fines. There is no distinction between laws (or fines) set for Dallas or for Robert Lee. The fines and mandates set by the state assume a city has a high dollar budget.

In the last two years, the City of Robert Lee's water and sewer equipment has been upgraded. It was the only way to comply with TCEQ mandates. The demands were not conditional, nor could they be prolonged, nor could there be an extension of deadlines.

These upgrades have cost more than \$80,000. Each new TCEQ regulation required immediate action which had been unforeseeable. Because the city's system was aging, as are all small community water systems, each new demand meant considerable repair to existing equipment before anything could be added to meet new demand.

Following is a list of upgrades made to the city water and sewer plants as a result of recent mandates:

- \*Phase I electric system
- \*Lift station at plant for return on backwash (to lift the backwash water from holding ponds to wastewater treatment plant to avoid overflow of holding ponds into river).
- \*A change of disinfectant protocol from chlorine to liquid amonia sulfate;
- \*A fence around new water stoage tank



**FBC's Celebration Sunday!** Veronica Reyes, Reba Waller, and others helped serve a delicious barbeque lunch to some 170 persons at the Community Center last Sunday. The lunch was the culmination of Bronte's First Baptist Church's "Celebration Sunday" events. This was part of the church's "40 Days of Purpose" campaign. Prior to the lunch, a festively-decorated full house enjoyed a celebration service where seven new believers were baptized, testimonies of God's working were shared by seven individuals, great music was led by the church's music ministry, and a new family joined the fellowship. Deacon chairman Martin DeLaGarza said the only way he knew to describe "Celebration Sunday" was: "Wow! Can you believe what God is doing?"

- \*Pump repairs
- \*Turbidity meters
- Still to be installed are the following:
  - \*Breathing apparatus
  - \*Further equipment and electrical repairs

At the sewer plant the following installations have been made:

- \*Force Main - Phase I - Overland Trail sewer services
- \*Hauling sludge to San Angelo for disposal

Needs at the sewer plant include an electric blower system, more drying beds, and an SCBA breathing apparatus.

A budget hearing on the proposed 2005-2006 changes is scheduled for March 21 at 7:00 pm and will be held at City Hall.

**Wedding shower held for Anissa Gibbs**

A wedding shower honoring Anissa Gibbs bride-elect of Chris Pullig was held on Saturday, March 12, 2005, in the home of Pat Lee. Refreshments were served and gifts were opened and

displayed for guests to view. Tina Sanders, Beverly Sims, Hostesses for the party were: Sandra Arrott, Linda Badgett, Marilyn Bivins, Shirley Denton, Brenda Hines, Pat Lee, Pam Parker, Tina Sanders, Beverly Sims, Jerita Taylor, Alisa Webb and Jane Webb. The couple will be married April 2 in Fredericksburg.

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