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More Coke County rainfall totals listed

by Hal Spain, Publisher

As a result of our request for rainfall totals last week, we got a couple of responses from the areas we were needing to get a representative coverage of the county. The newest suspects (rainkeepers, rainmen, gauge gatherers, meter measurers, or whatever name you would prescribe for these good volunteers) are Bruce and Fran Sonnenberg, longtime Bronte newspaper family members, and a new name for some of us, Pat Trevathan, who lives across from Mule Creek, 12 1/2 miles south of Bronte. I think Pat's totals for the first quarter of 2005 rang the bell for the most rainfall to date. In addition, Pat says Mule Creek is running now and has been since October. He also adds that there is not enough time in the day to mow all the weeds and grasses that this bountiful moisture has provided. Bruce and Fran's totals for the first quarter

are not too shabby, either, as both of these areas lead the totals for the year, so far. I would expect this trend to continue, with the east side of the county getting the most rainfall, with the area from the river south of Bronte to Maverick receiving the most rainfall during the year. It will be interesting to see how it turns out. Before I forget, the totals discussed above are included in the table below.

We don't want to end this week without some discussion of our bluebonnet activities in the county. After Rick Smith's column came out in the Standard Times last Friday, the restaurants were full in Robert Lee over the weekend with visitors to the county. Who says bluebonnets won't make us any money? Truth be told, I think I did. I talked with Bluebonnet Brigade chairman John Stephens again last night about gathering



Coke County Bluebonnets! This glorious West Texas scene shows the variety of vegetation area residents are enjoying this spring. This photo was taken at Circle R Trailer Park approximately 4 miles west of Robert Lee. The photo below includes the newer variety of "Aggie Bonnets" in the University's trademark maroon color. These were found 3 miles south of Robert Lee on Highway 208.

bluebonnets, and he says it is still too early. We'll keep you posted.

Benefit bake sale for Mike Boatright set for Friday (today)

A benefit bake sale is set for Friday (today), April 15th, for Mike Boatright. Most will recognize that Mike is a former UPS delivery man for our area. Boatright underwent surgery recently for colon cancer, but the malignancy has reappeared in his lower spine. He and his family are currently at MD Anderson in Houston, where he is taking radiation and chemotherapy treatments for the next five weeks.

The bake sale will be held at Robert Lee State Bank from 9:00 am until it's all gone. Local chefs are urged to donate baked goods, casseroles, etc. to the sale.

Additionally, a benefit account has been set up at RLSB. For more information contact Robert Lee State Bank at 453-2545.

Raffle tickets are also available for a Winchester Model 70 "270" caliber rifle, pre-season Dallas Cowboys home game tickets, and other prizes. Cost of the tickets are \$1.00 each, and they are available at the following locations: Cathy's Flowers & Gifts, C&H Auto and Hardware in Robert Lee; and Hometown Hardware, Main

Street Market, and Shirley's Place in Bronte. The date set for the drawing is May 31, 2005.

Rabies Clinic offered April 16

On Saturday, April 16, 2005, a 4-H Club sponsored rabies clinic will be held. This clinic will be held from 2 pm until 4 pm in the south end of the show barn, located at the Robert Lee park.

All pets, 4 months of age or older, should be immunized. Pets should be vaccinated for rabies annually. A veterinarian will be in charge. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office at (325) 453-2461.

Early voting in local elections begins April 20

Early voting in the May 7 local elections begins Wednesday, April 20, 2005, and will continue through Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

Early voting for the City of Robert Lee and West Coke County Hospital District elections will be held from 8 am to 5 pm Mondays through Fridays in the Coke County Clerk's Office in the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Early voting for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees election will be held from 8 am to 4 pm Mondays through Fridays in the

Superintendent's Office at the Bronte School in Bronte.

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.

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.

CC Retired Teachers Assn. meeting set

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 18, 2005. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

County Rainfall Totals

	Jan. '04	Jan. '05	Feb. '04	Feb. '05	Mar. '04	Mar. '05	Total '04	Total '05
Pat Trevathan 12.5 miles S. of Bronte	.9	.8	2.6	3.6	1.8	4.8	5.3	9.2
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte	1.4	.5	2.75	3.7	4.0	4.5	8.15	8.7



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Obituaries

Terry

T.W. Terry, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed on to join his beloved wife Dolores, Thursday, April 7, 2005, in Bronte, where he lived in retirement.

Family and friends met from 6 to 8 pm Monday, April 11, at Mount Olivet Funeral Home in Fort Worth. Graveside services were held at 10:00 am Tuesday, April 12 in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Terry spent thirty years with the Fort Worth Police Department prior to retirement, and retired as a Detective and Sergeant. Over his life he touched many people with his sincere love for people, his family and friends.

Terry was born January 21, 1928, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Survivors include his sons, T.W. (Skipper) Terry II and wife Bonnie, Dick and Sheila Wheeler; daughters, Lara and David McMahon, Rhonda Wilkerson; grandchildren, Scott and Carol Wheeler, Jacob Wilkerson, Zac and Dylan McMahon and great-grandchildren, Mark and Ty Wheeler. We will all miss this caring and wonderful man.

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Puentez

Pedro Puentez, 91, of Bronte passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, in Bronte.

Funeral mass was held on April 9, at St. James Catholic Church in Bronte at 10 am with interment following in Fairview Cemetery.

He is survived by one stepson, Bedo Juarez and wife Janie of Fort Worth; three sons, Martin Puentez of San Angelo, Jesse Puentez and wife Stephanie of Bronte and Pedro Puentez Jr. and wife Becky of Bronte. He is also survived by his daughters, Cruz Lopez and husband Frank, Terri Puentez, and Alicia Lopez and husband Roy, all of San Angelo, Estella Martinez and husband Michael of Abilene and Maria Torres and husband William of San Antonio; three sisters, Tiburcia Gutierrez and Juanita Rodriguez, both of San Angelo, and Hortencia Martinez and husband Abel of Arlington; 32 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Guyton

Barton Roy Guyton, 99, died Monday, April 4, 2005, in San Angelo. Service was held at 10 am Saturday at First United Methodist Church, with burial in Rest Haven Cemetery.

Survivors include his son, Larry Guyton of Weatherford; daughters, Brenda Wilke of Robert Lee and Debra Cyr of San Angelo; and sister Bernadine Guyton of Belton.

Fuentes

Rebecca Fuentes, 90, of Bronte passed away on Friday, April 8, 2005, in San Antonio. Mass was held at 10:30 am on April 12, at the St. James Catholic Church, with Father Louis Moeller officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by a daughter, Odalia Martinez of San Antonio; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Epiphany Ministry to conduct weekend event at Coke County Juvenile Justice Center

Approximately fifty volunteers from around the state will converge on Bronte next weekend, April 22-24, to conduct an Epiphany Ministry course at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center.

The mission of Epiphany

Ministry is to offer incarcerated youth an opportunity to change their lives and value systems by introducing them to Jesus Christ. The volunteers will enter the facility for eleven hours each day and minister to 30 to 40 youth. One of the highlights of the weekend is a surprise "birthday party" that is given for each of the youth, complete with each of their names on a cake, a card signed by every volunteer, and a gift.

The results of the weekend of activities is life transforming for a large percentage of the youth involved. They are given a sense of self-worth and self-esteem, develop a sense of purpose and a new focus.

Local volunteers will be making meals available to this large group of staff and youth, which will number from 80 to 100 people. For more information on how you can help with this effort, please contact Joe or Glenda Draper at 473-2050.

A Time for Healing deals with divorce issues

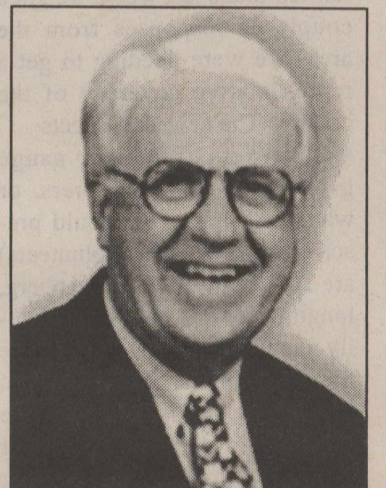
A Time for Healing: Coming to Terms with Your Divorce, a six week support group series, will begin Sunday, May 15, at Bronte's First Baptist Church. Times for the study/discussion sessions will be 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. This is not a therapy group but a Christ-centered sharing group (a safe place) that helps people deal with the issues and struggles they encounter in the divorce process. It is open to men and women of any or no church background. Those needing more information may contact First Baptist Church at 473-2331. If you are interested in signing up or know of someone who might be, please contact First Baptist Church as soon as possible so that adequate materials will be available.

Senior Adult Rally set for Bronte

Bronte's First Baptist Church will be hosting a Senior Adult Rally on Monday, April 18. The rally will begin at 7:00 pm and is sponsored by the Runnels Baptist Association. There will be some fun music led by



Rawlings Ranch! Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs (right) recognized Patty Rawlings (left) and Katherine Rawlings Meador of the Rawlings Ranch at the Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin. The Rawlings Ranch in Coke County was being honored for their acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation. The Rawlings Ranch has been in continuous agricultural production since 1904 by the same family.



Don Newbury

dose of laughter. Come prepared to laugh 'til you hurt." First Baptist Church is located at the corner of Barclay and South Washington streets. For more information, call 473-2331 or 473-5661.

**Area Churches
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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) 473-2040
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
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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For more information, contact FBC Bronte
473-2331 473-5661 fbcbronte@juno.com

BRING YOUR FRIENDS! DON'T MISS THE FUN!

Planning session for Robert Lee Street Affair set

An early planning session for the Robert Lee Street Affair will be held Thursday, April 21, at 5 pm in the Coke County Library.

This annual event has been publicized in Texas travel publications for Saturday, October 1, 2005. Calls have already been received for booths.

Help create a great happening in Robert Lee by joining in with new ideas and leadership.

Coke County used oil sites closing

On Monday, April 11, 2005, Coke County Commissioners made the decision to close the Robert Lee and Bronte used oil sites. A few irresponsible citizens were leaving open containers of oil, anti-freeze, chemicals, spilling them all around the facility and leaving trash scattered everywhere. The abuse of the used oil sites have become a big headache and not worth the trouble of keeping them clean. The used oil sites are under the oversight of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

CCSWCD Fish stocking program continues through May 6

Coke County SWCD will be selling fish to stock private ponds from NOW until May 6, 2005. Producers interested should go by SWCD Office at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee or call 453-2623 ext. 3. Delivery will be Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Robert Lee "City-Wide Spring Clean-Up"

The "City-wide Spring Clean-Up" event is scheduled for the third and fourth Saturdays of April. As always it is sponsored by the City of Robert Lee and Trashaway services. This clean-up allows residents of the city a chance to get rid of clutter from around their homes and businesses.

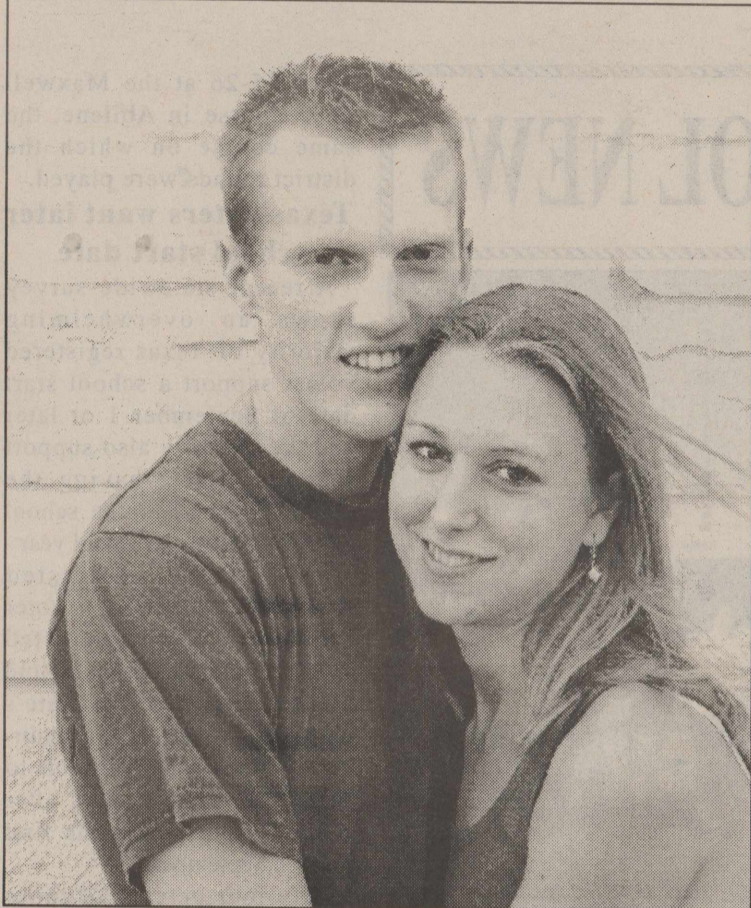
Residents with a Tuesday trash pick-up will be serviced on Saturday, April 16. Residents with a Friday trash pick-up will be serviced on Saturday, April 23. Trucks will begin at 7:00 am.

Residents are encouraged to haul brush, tree limbs, shingles, bricks, and lumber materials to the City Landfill on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Brush placed at curbside must be bundled and in lengths of not more than 4-5 feet.

Trashaway personnel will not pick up loads stacked on trailers, or household trash, tires, batteries, chemicals or wet paint. Please be available to help load anything over 50 pounds. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 453-2831.

RLCC scores a perfect "No Violations, No Deficiencies"

Three representatives from the Texas Department of Human Services paid a visit to The Robert Lee Care Center on March 22nd to do the annual survey. They look at how the residents are being taken care of and



Engagement Announced! Robert and Karole Eno of Hutto, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Eno, to Levi Sawyer, son of Wesley and Gina Sawyer also of Hutto. The wedding will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown, Texas, on June 25, 2005. Stacie is a 2003 graduate of Hutto High School and is currently attending the University of Mary Hardin Baylor where she is studying nursing. Levi graduated from Hutto High School in 2002 and Temple Jr. College in December 2004. He is employed by BABECO Machine in Taylor, Texas. Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Helmer and Kathryn Dahl of Hutto and Bob and Alberta Eno of Belton, Texas. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Paul and Betty Garrison of Medina, Texas, and Tom and Gay Sawyer of Robert Lee, Texas. Levi's great-grandmother, Waalita Hollis, lives in San Angelo, Texas.

how the facility is being operated. Robert Lee Care Center scored a perfect "No Violations, No Deficiencies" on the annual Survey. To celebrate, the employees were treated to a pizza luncheon for the excellent quality of work they do which facilitated the perfect score findings of the State Survey Team.

- Coke County Food Pantry Memorials**
- Les Copeland**
RL & Evelyn Flanagan; Terry & Cathy McGinley; Nell Hines
 - Sue Millican**
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 - Nathan Wright**
Nina Brewer
 - Paul Schmitz**

- Cecil & Mary Cherry
- Dr. Betty Self
- Pat Brasuel**
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- Ted Haley**
Garland & Rose Marie Davis; Nina Brewer; RL & Evelyn Flanagan
- Betty Lynch**
Cecil & Mary Cherry
- Wayne Mashburn**
Paul & Joan Burns; Nina Brewer; Nell Hines; Garland & Rose Marie Davis; RL & Evelyn Flanagan
- T C McCutchen**
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**Coca Cola, Sprite
or Dasani Water**
3 12 pk. 12 oz. cans **/\$10**



ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Ag Day! Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Vice President John Stephens demonstrated farm equipment to the Robert Lee Elementary 4th grade class and their teacher Denise Roberts. The event was held March 22, 2005, at the Coke County Show Barn in Robert Lee.

RLHS girls District 15-A track meet results

The District 15-A track meet was held at Water Valley on April 7th. Individual and team results for Robert Lee:

Team Scoring - Robert Lee HS girls - 72

400 m relay - 3rd - Brittany Soliz, Brettanie Reed, Christan Kelly, Cara Eaton - 54.48

800 m relay - 5th - Brittany Soliz, Brettanie Reed, Christan Kelly, Cara Eaton - 2:00.08

Discus - 1st - Becca Skinner - 105-2

Pole vault - 2nd - Ashley James - 7-6

High jump - 1st - Cara Eaton - 5-2



- Breakfast**
- Monday, April 18**
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
 - Tuesday, April 19**
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
 - Wed., April 20**
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
 - Thurs., April 21**
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
 - Friday, April 22**
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, April 18**
Rib B Que, corn, scalloped potatoes, roll, pears, milk
 - Tuesday, April 19**
Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, pineapple, milk
 - Wed., April 20**
Fajita, salad, Spanish rice, ranch beans, fruit cocktail, milk
 - Thurs., April 21**
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, roll, applesauce, peanut butter, milk
 - Friday, April 22**
Hamburger, salad, pickles, French fries, peaches, milk

Long jump - 3rd - Brettanie Reed - 15-5.25

Triple jump - 5th - Christan Kelly - 32-0; 6th - Brittany Soliz - 30-10.50

800 m - 6th - Ashley Sawyer - 3:05.00

200 m - 3rd - Brettanie Reed - 28.34

1600 m relay - 3rd - Becca Skinner, Ashley Sawyer, Andrea Pineda, Ashley James - 5:10.35

RLHS boys District 15-A track meet results

The District 15-A track meet was held in Water Valley on April 7th. Individual and team results for Robert Lee:

Team scoring - Robert Lee HS boys - 63

110 m h - 2nd - Cameron Hodge - 17.08

1600 m - 4th - Chris LaRue - 5:28.43

300 m interm hurdles - 3rd - Cameron Hodge - 44.02

Discus - 3rd - Eleasar Vera - 118-6

High jump - 3rd - Kevin Honse - 5-10

Pole vault - 3rd - Taylor Percifull - 9-6

Long jump - 3rd - Brandon Soliz - 19-0.50

Triple jump - 5th - Brandon Soliz - 37-10

400 m - 1st - Kevin Honse - 54.80

800 m - 2nd - Chris LaRue - 2:15.78

200 m - 6th - Brandon Soliz - 25.26

RL boys golf results from District 15-A Tournament

The Steers golf team won their first team title in district play in recent years. The Steers "A" team posted a 328 for the first round and finished with a 331 to post a 659 total. The Steers were led by district medalist, Cody Bridges, who shot 77-80-157 to take medalist honors. Other scores for the "A" team were: Jonathan Pagan, who finished as the third medalist, with an 80-81-161; Omar Saucedo 87-85-172; Taylor Percifull 93-85-178; Cameron Hodge 84-98-182.

The Steers "B" team finished fourth, as they posted a 376-379-755 total. Scores for the "B" team were: Brandon Soliz 84-95-179; Brandon Phillips 94-97-191; Clay Antilley 103-89-192; Brody Dillard 95-98-193.

Bridges, Pagan, Saucedo, and Percifull were named to the All-District team in lieu of the top ten finishes in the medalist competition.

Team totals were as follows: 1. RL "A" 659; 2nd - Bronte 709; 4th - RL "B" 755; 6th - Blackwell 780.

Robert Lee and Bronte will advance to the Regional Tournament to be held on

April 25-26 at the Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene, the same course on which the district rounds were played.

Texas voters want later school start date

A recent statewide survey shows an overwhelming majority of Texas registered voters support a school start date of September 1 or later and the majority also support school districts having the option to lengthen the school day and shorten the school year.

The Texas Interested Citizens Statewide Voter Opinion Survey, conducted by the Eppstein Group, found that 67 percent of the state's registered voters favor requiring all Texas public schools to begin their school years after Labor Day or during the first week in September.

Fifty-four percent of those polled favored allowing local school districts the option to lengthen the school day by 15 to 30 minutes to give students the option of a longer summer vacation or more flexibility with school breaks.

The survey also shows that Texas voters believe the quality of education in public schools is the single most important issue facing the state.

Tina Bruno, executive director of Texans for a Traditional School Year said she was not surprised to hear Texans support a September

1 or later school-start date. "Survey after survey shows Texans support a later school start date and do not support the trend in Texas to begin school early in August."

The majority of the 42,000 respondents to the web based school calendar survey sponsored by the School Start Date Task Force also supported a September 1 or later school start date, with the greatest number of respondents supporting a post-Labor Day school start.

A 1999 Texas Poll showed the majority of Texans supported a uniform school start date for all Texas public schools and the majority thought the school year should begin around September 1, again with the greatest number of respondents supporting a post-Labor Day school start.

Currently, Texas law prohibits public schools from beginning instruction earlier than the week of August 21. However, the bill also allowed the Texas Education Agency to grant waivers to districts wishing to begin the school year earlier than law recommends.

The statewide telephone survey of 1001 randomly chosen Texas registered voters was conducted February 21-24, 2005. The survey has a margin of error of +/-3.2 percent.

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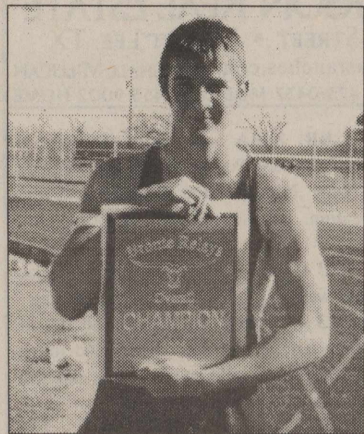
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Drive-In Window is now Open!

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte Relays Overall Champion! Jaylon Saunders, a junior at Bronte High School, earned High Point Boy honors at the Bronte Relays held Saturday, April 2, 2005.

Bronte Elementary schedules pre-registration

Bronte Elementary has scheduled pre-registration for the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for all students residing in the Bronte school district for Friday, April 29, from 2:30-4:00 pm.

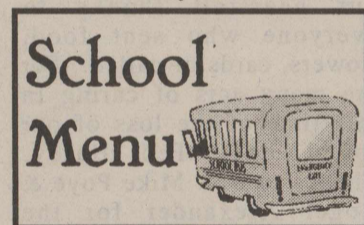
In order to enroll you must bring the following documents with you: immunization record, social security card, birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e. utility bill, rent receipt, etc.) If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please call the elementary office at 473-2251.

Bronte girls District 15-A track meet results

The Bronte girls were the district runner-up with 164 points. There were 16 girls out for track this year. Results:

3200 m - 3rd - Crystal Wallar - 15:47.50; 4th - Lora Martinez - 16:02.30

400 m relay - 1st - Callie



Breakfast

Monday, April 18

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, April 19

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Wed., April 20

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Thurs., April 21

Sausage, orange half, biscuit, milk

Friday, April 22

Donut, assorted juice, toast, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 18

Lasagna, tossed salad, peas & carrots, fresh grapes, garlic bread, milk

Tuesday, April 19

Carne guisada, refried beans, corn, orange quarters, flour tortillas, milk

Wed., April 20

Chicken spaghetti, peaches, green beans, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk

Thurs., April 21

Fish strips, tossed salad, fresh fruit, macaroni & cheese, hot roll, tartar sauce, milk

Friday, April 22

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, carrot sticks, bun, pudding, milk

Johnson, Cheyenne Webb, Lindsey Butler, Sarah Basquez - 52.44

800 m - 4th - Crystal Wallar - 3:02

100 m h - 3rd - Holly

Huskerson - 18.06

100 m - 1st - Calli Johnson -

13.08; 2nd - Sarah Basquez - 13.31;

5th - Cheyenne Webb - 13.74

800 m relay - 1st (tie) - Sarah

Basquez, Holly Huskerson, Lindsey

Butler, Katie Cooper - 1:54

300 m h - 2nd - Holly

Huskerson - 52.15; 3rd - Katie

Cooper - 53.98

200 m - 1st - Lindsey Butler -

27.59

1600 m - 6th - Lora Martinez -

7:23

1600 m relay - 2nd - Marcy

McMorris, Melissa Palmer, Crystal

Wallar, Heather Mitchel - 4:58

Pole vault - 1st - Katie

Cooper - 9', 4th - Marcy

McMorris - 6'6"

High jump - 2nd - Katie

Cooper - 5'

Triple jump - 3rd - Holly

Huskerson - 33'5 1/4

Long jump - 5th - Holly

Huskerson - 15'2 1/4

Shot put - 2nd - Melissa

Palmer - 28' 11 1/2; 6th - Casey

Harris - 26'4

Discus - 3rd - Melissa Palmer

- 95'4

JV Division

Pole vault - 1st - Azul Garcia

100 m hurdles - 1st - Azul

Garcia

The top 4 places will advance

to the area track meet in Abilene

Wylie on Thursday, April 14th.

The 3200 m will be held at

10:00 am, field events at 11:15

and running finals at 3:30 pm.

Bronte boys Longhorn

Relay results

The Bronte varsity team

placed 2nd overall.

4x100 relay - 1st - Garrett

Jackson, Riley Coalson, Brett

Wills, Jaylon Saunders

4x400 relay - 1st - Jackson,

Wills, Paul McConnell,

Saunders

200 m - 3rd - Wills; 4th -

Jackson

400 m - 5th - McConnell

800 m - 5th - Stephen Tomes

300 m h - 1st - Saunders

Pole vault - 1st - Saunders

Long jump - 5th - Jackson

Shot put - 3rd - Hendrickson

Discus - 2nd - Hendrickson

Triple jump - 5th -

McConnell

High jump - 1st - Saunders

Junior varsity

800 m - 1st - Josh Scott



Ag Day! The new Texas Farm Bureau Mobile Learning Barn made its debut appearance in Coke County March 22, 2005. Enjoying the experience were the Bronte Elementary 4th grade class and their teacher, Michele Bearden. Also attending were TFB District 6 Field Representative Sutton Page, C-SFB Secretary Alonzo Robbins, and Scotty McCorkle.

1600 m - 1st - Josh Scott

Shot put - 1st - C.J. McClure

Discus - 3rd - C.J. McClure

Pole vault - 3rd - Mason

Jackson

BASB seeks nominations for president

By Randy Springer

On Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at

7 pm, the Bronte All-Sports

Booster Club met for their regular

monthly meeting.

The BASB nominating committee

is seeking nominations for President

for the year, June 1st through May

30th, 2005-06. Under the new by-laws

now being finalized, the President

serves a 1-year term, and may not

serve more than 2 consecutive

terms. The committee needs all

nominations by the May 3rd meeting

so they can be voted on by paper

ballot at the All Sports Banquet,

Tuesday evening, May 17th, 2005.

Please contact the nominating

committee, consisting of the

officers this year, by post card to

the box below, e-mail, or phone.

The nominating committee is:

Randy Springer, 473-7018,

rmcspringer@msn.com, Kenny

White, 473-5307, Alisa Webb,

473-2811, Gloria Allen, 473-

2213, Tammy Royall, 473-2123,

Ann Bennett, 325-786-2008 and

let's do this for our kids and our

school.

The next BASB meeting is

scheduled for Tuesday, May 3,

2005, at 7 pm at the school

library.

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NOTICES

ORDINANCE #1138

REVISING AND AMENDING ORDINANCE #1090 PASSED BY THE ROBERT LEE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 22, 1999, ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the cost of chemicals, materials, and utilities have increased to the point where the current schedule of rates is no longer sufficient to cover the increased cost, and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks relief from this condition by an adjustment of its rates for services, and

WHEREAS, it now appears to the City Council that it is necessary and proper to prescribe a new schedule of rates or charges for services rendered by the City's Waterworks System;

WHEREAS, it is moved and seconded that said Ordinance be adopted;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

SECTION 1: That the rates or charges for the services furnished by the Waterworks System shall be amended as follows:

Service Charge of \$15.00 for disconnect/reconnect water due to non-payment of services.

Service Charge of \$10.00 for turning on/off water at customer's request during regular business hours.

A minimum charge of \$13.50 shall be charged with the maximum allowance of 3,000 gallons. Consumption of 4,000 and up to 9,000 gallons shall be charged \$1.75 per thousand gallons. Consumption of 10,000 gallons and thereafter shall be charged \$1.85 per thousand gallons.

Customers outside the city limits receiving water shall be charged a minimum charge of \$16.00 with the maximum allowance of 3,000 gallons. Consumption of 4,000 and up to 9,000 gallons shall be charged \$1.75 per thousand gallons. Consumption of 10,000 gallons and thereafter shall be charged \$1.85 per thousand gallons.

Charges to the Coke County Water Supply Corporation and the Snead-Corbin Water Supply Contract shall be subject to the same increase imposed in the City.

Section 1, as amended, becomes effective as of the May, 2005 billing.

Section 6: This Ordinance will supercede any and all previous Ordinances regarding the rates of the Waterworks System of the City of Robert Lee.

Section 7: By reason of the fact that the City Council considers the passage necessary for the economy and welfare of the Citizens of Robert Lee, it is hereby declared duly constituted by the City Council.

Said Ordinance was duly passed by affirmative vote. PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day April, 2005.

THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE
JOE V. WHITE, MAYOR
ATTEST: CITY SECRETARY
38-1tc

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS RAW WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TCDP PROJECT 723081

Separate sealed bids for furnishing and delivering material or road boring and encasement and pipeline construction for the Raw Water System Improvements Project will be received by THE CITY OF BRONTE, Texas until 5:00 pm, April 28, 2005, at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Bronte, Texas 76933, and then at 5:15 pm at said location publicly opened and read aloud. The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Contract, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Specifications and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following locations.

CITY OF BRONTE CITY HALL

114 South Washington Bronte, Texas 76933

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3465 Curry Lane Abilene, Texas 79606

Bids will not be received from contractors who have not obtained original plans and specifications from Jacob & Martin. Bids shall be submitted on original documents and the entire specification book must be returned with bid. No faxes or copies of bid sheets will be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may

be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (325-695-1070), upon payment of \$25.00 (non-refundable) for each set.

Bidder's attention is called to the fact that the Material Supplier must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required if under \$25,000 since only one payment will be made after all material is delivered or road boring and pipeline construction is complete and accepted by the Owner. Affidavit of Bills Paid, Lien Release and Certificate of Insurance will be required.

Bidders may bid materials; or road boring and encasement and pipeline construction.

CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS

Date: April 14, 2005

By: s/Martin Lee

Mayor


38-2tc

Early Voting in the May 7th local elections begins April 20, 2005, and continues through May 3, 2005.



Campfire Cooking! Marty Sedden helps cook biscuits for the Men and Boys Breakfast at Bronte's First Baptist Church Sunday morning, April 10, 2005. The breakfast of biscuits, eggs, bacon, sausage, and gravy was cooked outdoors in dutch ovens and plow disc woks. Cooks included Marty Sedden, Ray Barnett, Benny Corley, Martin DeLaGarza, and Leslie Rolls. The meal was enjoyed by a good group of men and boys.

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Farm Bureau Ag Day

By Jeffie Roberts

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau held their annual Ag Day Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at the county show barn in Robert Lee. The fourth grade students and teachers, Michele Bearden and Denise Roberts, Principal Janet Wallace and bus driver, Scotty McCorkle from Bronte and Robert Lee attended. Sterling City 4th grade students were not able to attend because of transportation costs.

The Texas Farm Bureau has a new Mobile Learning Barn and Coke County was the first to see and learn from the barn. Sutton Page, Field Representative for District 6, taught the students about the by-products produced from farm animals, grain, cotton, corn, and other agriculture products.

Shane Kelton furnished the pig, Jeff Eubanks the goats (a nannie and her triplet kid goats), John Stephens his farm equipment and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts butter making ingredients, early day churns, milk cans, butter mold, crock jars, wooden bowl and spoons and cow bells. Director Alonzo Robbins, Russell Davis (Insurance Agent) and Jana Middleton, Field Representative from Post were on hand to assist with the demonstrations.

Thank you notes to the directors from the Robert Lee students told how much they enjoyed and learned from Ag Day. They didn't realize how much agriculture affects their lives each day.

Spring Chicken Affair slated April 17

April 17th is the date a host of sponsors, vendors and volunteers will be offering food and fun for the entire family at the 23rd annual Spring Chicken Affair which benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Annually attracting 4,000 participants, the popular Spring Chicken Affair is sponsored by San Angelo National Bank, HEB food store and the San Angelo Restaurant Association who provides the expertise and personnel to prepare and serve the Sunday-after-church chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets for the event-to be held from 11 am to 2 pm-are available in advance at the Rehab Center, San Angelo National Bank and HEB. They're \$7 per person and also will be available at the event which is held behind SANB on Knickerbocker Road.

Nite Shift, an eclectic group of musicians from Kerrville, will provide musical entertainment during the event. Their sound ranges from classic country and rockabilly to Spanish songs and ever-popular oldies.

For those who can't stay and enjoy the activities, take-out service will be available. Also, thanks to Home Motors Wrecker Service, volunteers will deliver plates of food to homebound individuals within the San Angelo city limits who have no transportation or have physical limitations which

prevent them from attending.

"In 22 years, the Spring Chicken Affair has raised more than \$468,000 for the Rehab Center, thanks to the generous support of sponsors, vendors and the thousands who attend each year," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

For more information about the event or Rehab programs, visit the website at www.westtexasrehab.org or phone 325-223-6300.

Fort Chadbourne needs buttons

Fort Chadbourne is in need of 1" or larger buttons, (2 or 4 hole) for Fort Chadbourne Days 2005. In the 1850s, a button yoyo (a large button on a string) was a favorite toy of all the children. These yoyos will be handed out on "School Day".

- School Day is slated for Friday, May 20, this year. Average attendance has been 1000 -1200 students for the last couple of years so the need for lots of buttons is great.

Hometown Hardware is the button drop off place or come and visit the Fort. For more information, call the fort at 743-2555.



Ag Day! The Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau hosted an Ag Day for area children at the Coke County Show Barn March 22, 2005. Assisting with the event were (from left) Jeffie and C-SFB President Bobby Roberts, TFB District 6 Field Representative Sutton Page, C-SFB Vice President John Stephens, C-SFB Secretary Alonzo Robbins, C-SFB Insurance Agent Russell Davis, and C-SFB Director Jeff Eubanks.

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