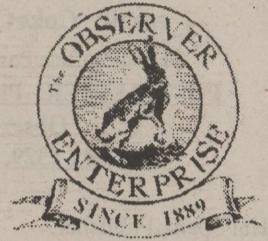


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## Political Endorsements Policy detailed

by Melinda McCutchen, Editor  
We received two excellent letters endorsing local candidates this week. It's a shame that we are not able to run them in their present format.

Unlike the San Angelo Standard Times, we do not accept letters endorsing candidates for any office, period. If you would like to endorse a particular candidate, we will publish your letter as a paid political advertisement only.

Please contact us at 453-2433 by 2 pm on Tuesday, February 28, if you would like to advertise in the March 3rd edition, which is the last issue before the March 7 primary. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

## Friends of the Pool to sponsor Tourney

Friends of the Pool is sponsoring a 12 and under Basketball Tournament Saturday, March 4, at the Bronte School. All money earned will be used to help build the dressing rooms/concession stand at the new Bronte swimming pool.

Donations of baked goods,

drinks, or money to purchase items for the basketball concession stand are needed.

Please contact Jeanna Lee at 473-3811, Fran Crumpler at 473-2911 or Joni Frasier at 473-3704. We need your help!

## McCabe hospitalized in Lubbock

Trent McCabe has been hospitalized in Lubbock for the past three weeks following an electrocution burn incident while he was working on the Frank Price Ranch in Coke County. He suffered third degree burns, and is undergoing skin grafts at University Medical Center in Lubbock. His condition has been complicated by a staph infection.

For those who want to contact Trent and send him best wishes for his recovery, his address and phone number are: University Medical Center, Step Down Burn Unit, 602 Indiana Ave., PO Box 5980, Lubbock, TX 79415, (806) 775-9498.

## SWCD has pine trees now

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District has Afghanistan Pine trees ready for



**RL VFD Awarded Grants!** In the past few weeks, the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department has obtained two new grants, one in the amount of \$2,500 from the Dodge Jones Foundation to recoup costs from recent fires. The second grant was just under \$3,000 from the Texas Forestry Service for the wildland personal protective equipment shown. Assistant Fire Chief Brian Hamrick filed the paperwork and attended the grant meetings for both grants. RL VFD members pictured are (from left) Mark Sides, Brady Bolding, Lew Millegan, Bucky Sparks, Brian Hamrick, Shannon Martin, Larry Martin and Shell Williams.

planting. Pick them up today at the Coke County SWCD Office

located at 214 East 7th Street in Robert Lee. For more information, call 453-2623 ext. 3.

## Mountain Creek Golf Club sets general meeting

The next meeting scheduled for the Mountain Creek Golf Club is a general membership meeting on Monday, March 6th at 6 pm. We want to encourage anyone interested in the future of the course to make an attempt to show your support by attending the meeting. Also, you may notice that there are several teen golfers on the course lately. The golf season has begun for Robert Lee High School. Drop by the course and encourage these young players as they face tournaments each week. The school tournament will be held at our course on March 21st and 22nd.

## Red Hat Mamas to meet in Ballinger

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11 am Tuesday, March 7, at First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

The Red Hat Mamas will be supporting the Ballinger Women's Club by participating in their annual Baked Potato/Salad Dinner. The cost of lunch is \$5.

Additionally, this month the ladies will be competing for the "Most Outrageous Red Hat." The Red Hat Mamas in

Ballinger will provide judges, with fun prizes and surprises. If you want to carpool to Ballinger, meet at the bank in Bronte between 10:00 and 10:15 am.

Join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life.

## Art Extravaganza set March 3-5

One hundred sixty artists and artisans will display more than 300 works in various mediums at the seventh annual Stribling Art Extravaganza March 3-5 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo. The event benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Displayed works will range from oils, acrylics, watercolors and bronzes to metal works, ceramics, fabric and wood-ali of which will be for sale.

Location for the event is at Fort Concho's Commissary, Quartermaster and Barracks 6 Buildings, located off South Oakes Street.

Hours are 10 am to 7 pm, Friday, March 3; 10 am to 7 pm, Saturday, March 4 and 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, March 5. Admission is free.

The Young Artists Display, exhibited in Barracks 6, will feature the works of local and area high school students.

More event information is available by calling WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.



**Longhorns Take Bi-District Championship in Nail Biter!** The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Eden Bulldogs, 48-47, Tuesday evening, February 21, 2006, at the Junell Center in San Angelo, Texas. The Bi-District Championship team includes (front row, from left) Philip Rawlings, Jonathan Marrs, Johnathan Ehl, (middle row, from left) Adam Halfacre, Garrett Acker, Zach White, Brett Wills, Albert Force, Jaylon Saunders, (back row, from left) Logan Rawls, Eric Hendrickson, and Riley Coalson. The Longhorns will face Fort Davis at Iraan 7 pm Friday evening, February 24, 2006, for the Area Championship.

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**Death Notices**

**Collins**

Dorothy Ruth Collins, 76, of Bronte died Friday, February 17, 2006, in a Georgetown hospital. Funeral services were at 10 am Monday February 20, 2006, at First Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Steve Williams of Austin and daughter, Susan Collins of Georgetown; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

**Rogers**

Georgia Dell Rogers, 82, died Friday, February 17, 2006, at a local hospital. A visitation was held Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm at the funeral home. Funeral services were at 2 pm Monday, February 20, 2006, at Central Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her son, Ross Rogers; a daughter, Shirley Joy Keel; a sister, Lura Belle Fantozzi; six grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; and one great great granddaughter.

**Hayrick Mountain**

**Cemetery meeting slated**

Mark your calendars for March 4, 2006, 10:00 am, for the next Hayrick Cemetery meeting.

This past summer and fall several individuals and organizations supported the clean-up of the west side of the cemetery. This combined effort included clearing brush, building a new fence and entry gate. Also, a new sign was placed on the top rail of the fence near the entry gate.

Work that remains is brush pile removal along the northwest fence, cleaning the grave sites on the east side and formulating a plan for future care. These will be the topics we will discuss at the meeting on March 4. Please plan to attend and assist with the long-term maintenance of the cemetery.

**RLBC to observe**

**Lenten Season**

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be observing the Lenten Season beginning with Ash

Wednesday on March 1st.

This is a time of introspection as the worship services lend themselves to examining our own hearts in preparation, as we walk with Christ the final 6 weeks before the cross, up to Palm Sunday.

Members of the congregation will celebrate the risen Lord with praise and thanksgiving as Easter Sunday arrives. All are encouraged to be a vital part of these services or the church of your choice, this Lenten Season.

**Central Baptist begins new series**

Pastor Tim White will be beginning and continuing some important Bible study series in February and March. On Sunday mornings in the 11 am Worship Service, he will be continuing the "Church Triumphant" series through February. In March, he will begin a series entitled "Eight Vital Keys to Christian Maturity."

On Sunday nights at 6 pm, beginning February 12, Pastor White will be teaching through the book of Revelations. There will be a short period of questions and answers at the end of each lesson.

On Wednesday nights at 6 pm, Pastor White has just begun a study of the book of John.

Everyone is welcome to come and learn, fellowship and grow during these important Bible study series.

**Craft session set for Robert Lee**

On Tuesday, March 28, 2006, from two to five pm there will be a craft session at the Senior Citizen building in Robert Lee; refreshments

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will be provided. The purpose of this group is to make items to be sold at the Street Affair in the fall. The group plans to meet once a month between now and the fundraiser.

The proceeds will be divided between the Senior Center, the Food Bank, and the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. Anyone desiring more information or wanting to donate craft items may contact Susan Millegan at 453-4790 or Karla Hamrick at 453-4780.

**Bronte Senior Center Memorials**

**Dorothy Collins**

Lois Wallace  
 Betty Morgan

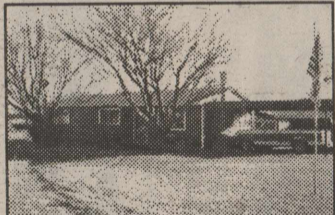
**Senior news**

By Karla Aldridge Hamrick

The caption read "Hearts in Motion" at the February Volunteer Recognition Banquet held on Valentine's Day in San Angelo at Southland Baptist Church. Hearts, balloons, and even a COG employee in a teddy bear costume made the event a day of fun. The atmosphere was charged with emotion as volunteers were given beautiful trophies, recognizing various achievements and sacrifices. The senior citizens of the Concho Valley were treated like dignitaries and were the stars of the show. The Grape Creek Jazz Ensemble provided the entertainment and did a marvelous job. The dynamics of the senior population in America have changed so drastically over the past decade, and our baby boomers are on the move. The stories of extreme sacrifice brought tears to everyone's eyes as aging Americans in wheel chairs were escorted to the front to receive their honors. Mildred Denman, ninety-two years of age and formerly of Robert Lee, received the Foster Grandparent award. Her steps are getting slower, but she does not miss a day at the elementary school in San Angelo, where she volunteers. When I knelt to congratulate her, tears welled in her eyes and she said, "The kids are the special ones, not me."

One speaker, in particular, emphasized the importance

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**RLCC Valentine Celebration!** A Valentine's Day party was held February 14, 2006, at Robert Lee Care Center. The 2006 Valentine King and Queen are Royce Johnson and Billie Dunn. Murt Murtishaw and Ruth Williams were the King and Queen runners-up.

of touch. She said, "I may not always remember someone's name or where I met them, but I always remember how that person made me feel." Chris Kyker, Speaker of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, encouraged the participants to view their retirement years as a time to meet new challenges. Local, state, and federal entities are recognizing the important force of our seniors in today's world. Coke County could not function without these fantastic people. I began to count how many people, over the age of fifty-five volunteer for various organizations in our community. My total came to over one hundred when you con-

sider the fire department, food bank, EMS, churches, Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents, and the Senior Nutrition Site. Some of these programs are now offering small amounts of compensation for the volunteer efforts.

My father insists he is not a Senior Citizen, at least until the morning after he has played football with the grandkids. My mother treasures every gray hair in her head as a trophy for having raised ME! Regardless of how one views the aging process, there is a crucial role for every senior to play. So, yes, Daddy, you are now a senior citizen, and you are entering what could be the most exciting era of your life.

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 Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Coke County Retired Teachers Association news**

The February 20, 2006 meeting of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association was held at the First United Methodist Church of Bronte.

There were 21 members and 6 guests present. Members in attendance were C.B. Barbee, Jimmy & Emma Lee Bickley, Nina Brewer, Glenda Draper, Harrell & Janice Foshee, Judy Gibbs, June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, William & Rhonda Hood, Mary Lawhon, Pat Lee, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Rev. Larry & Jo Ellen Tienen, Brenda Wilke, and Lee and Janet Wommack. Guests attending were Robert Lee school administrators Aaron Hood, Dwin Nanny and Wayne Simpson; and Bronte school administrators Alan Richey, Terry Marrs, and Michael Bohensky.

The invocation was given by Rev. Tienen. A delicious cover dish lunch was enjoyed by all.

President Beth Prather presided at the business meeting. Janet Wommack, secretary, read the minutes of the January meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Mary Lawhon gave the treasurer's report. The members voted to support Project Graduation of both Bronte and Robert Lee by a monetary donation.

Janet Wommack, District XV Health Care Chairman, reported our unit had 71, 636, 385 steps which put us in approximately in the "Top 5 Action Group" in the state. Nina Brewer, Community Volunteer Hours Chairman, reported 28, 566 community volunteer hours. JoEllen Tienen and Lee Wommack served the area with top volunteer hours. The family volunteer hours honor went to Jimmy and Emma Lee Bickley. The Coke County Unit had a high percentage of volunteers compared to other units statewide.

The next meeting is March 20, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.



**Look Who's New!**

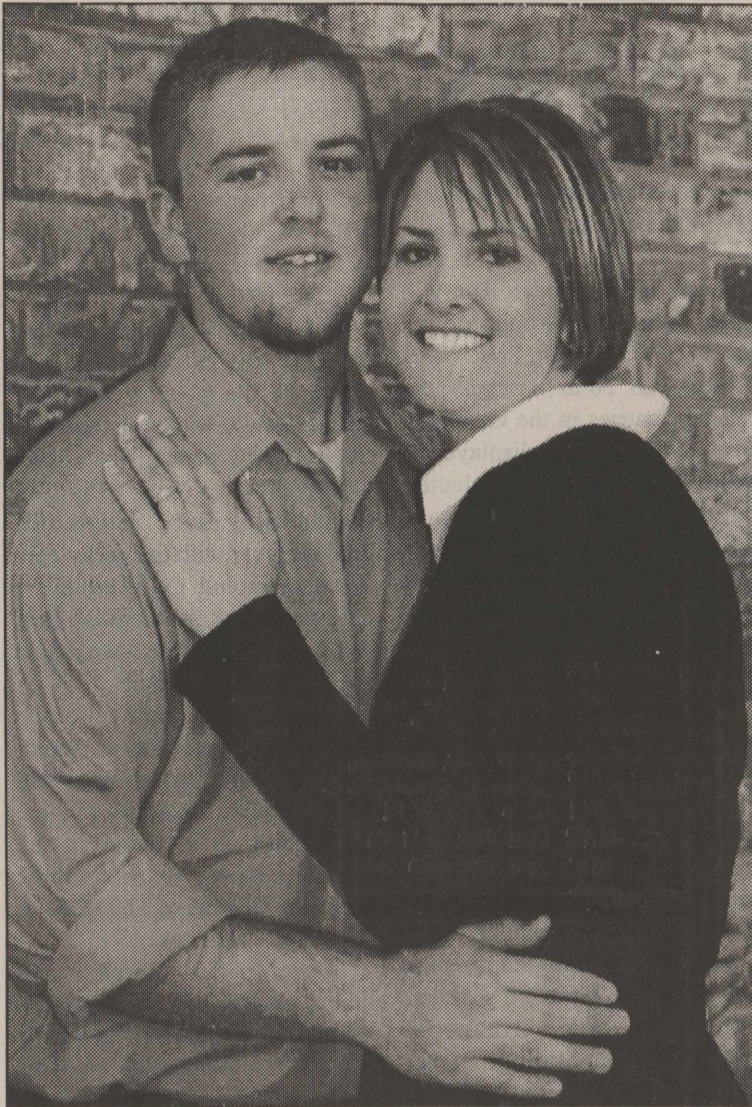
**Justin Dean Wood**

Justin Dean Wood was born January 21, 2006 in Arizona. He was 22 1/2 inches long and weighed 8 lbs. & 10 oz. Parents are Kerry and Sara Wood. Grandparents are Terry (Watson) Everitt of LaPorte, Texas and Garry Wood of Irving, Texas. Great-grandparents (their first) are Nelson and Pat (Watson) Fredricksen of Robert Lee.

**64 Study Club assists with Telethon**

The 64 Study Club met on January 21, 2006 with 24 members present. Hostesses for the evening were: Thelma Jo Hinnard, Dale Fields, Nita Duncan, Olivia King, and Kay Lackey. Donna Poye was approved as a new member. The meeting was held at Ivey Motors.

Members manned tele-



**Engagement Announcement!** Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Devoll of Robert Lee, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Helwig of Denver City, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter Jodee Helwig to Chad Melton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Melton of Texarkana, Arkansas.

Jodee graduated from Robert Lee in 2002. She is currently a senior Religion Major at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, and will graduate in April.

Chad was a high school graduate from Bonham High School in 1998 and a college graduate from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 2002. Chad is currently the Associate Student Minister at First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas.

The wedding is set for May 13, 2006, at First Baptist Church in Midland at 2 pm. The couple will reside in Midland after the wedding.

phones for the Telethon. There was a wonderful participation.

Birthday celebrants for January were: Dale Fields, Jennie Tinkler, Pansy Bloodworth, Billie Ross, Pat Carwile, Melba Gray, Yvonne Devoll, and Grace Ditmore.

**64 Study Club news**

The 64 Study Club met on February 14, 2006 with 31 members and one guest.

Hostesses for the evening were: Beth Prather, Yvonne Devoll, Patsy Gunnels, Carol Hardaway, Bette Hurley and Jennie Tinkler.

The guest, Janette Boster gave a very interesting book review on Alexander Hamilton. Celebrating birthdays in February were Joan Cantrell, Bette Hurley, Charlotte McKnight, Deone Roe, and Jackie Walker.

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## 4-H'ers and FFA members prepare for Houston show

Lots of hard work and dedication from talented Texas 4-H and FFA members will soon be highlighted at the 2006 Houston Livestock Show. Nearly 20,000 junior exhibitors will be a part of the largest livestock show in the world, which runs Feb. 28 through March 19.

The junior show showcases the animal projects of 4-H and FFA exhibitors, as well as agricultural mechanics projects and various judging contests. The first junior show competition begins Thursday, March 2, with the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show. The open show consists of professional breeders and ranchers competing for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry. Open cattle show competition begins Wednesday, March 1.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse division, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

The nearly 20,000 entries that will compete in the 2006 junior Show represent more than 1,000 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters. A wide variety of animals will be shown in the junior divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, barrows, lambs, goats, and poultry; beef and dairy heifers; breeding gilts and sheep; and

commercial steers. Many of these exhibitors will compete in the 4-H and FFA judging contests, including poultry, meat, wool, livestock, dairy and horse judging; range and pasture plant identification; floriculture; wildlife habitat evaluation; and nursery landscape.

The four market animal auctions (steer, lamb and goat, barrow, and poultry (broiler and turkey) represent animals raised by junior exhibitors for food sources. The animals judged as best in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2005, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales were in excess of \$6.4 million. The Show currently holds all the world's records for each junior market animal auction, with the highest price ever paid for a market steer at \$600,001.

In addition, the Show hosts one of the premier horse shows in the country. Cutting horse events begin the horse division competition on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Competition in five different breeds of horses, Appaloosa, Arabian and Half-Arabian, Paint, Palomino and Quarter Horse, plus donkeys and mules, runs March 5 to 19.

Show activities kick off with teams competing in the team penning competition at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The 2006 Show kicks off on Thursday, Feb. 23, with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, which runs through Feb. 25, in the southwest Reliant Park parking lot.

The streets of downtown Houston will fill with the sounds of horses' hooves, children's laughter and marching bands on Saturday, Feb. 25, for the annual Downtown Rodeo Parade at 10 a.m. After traveling by horseback to Houston, thousands of trail riders will join the parade

festivities. Prior to the parade, participants in the ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run will make their way through downtown to Minute Maid Park.

From Feb. 28 to March 19, the winning entries in the Go Texan quilt contest will be displayed in Reliant Center, with selected quilts available for purchase through the first-ever online quilt auction. Visit [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com) or [www.hlsr.com](http://www.hlsr.com) for more information.

RodeoHouston™ action takes off on Feb. 28 with 20 daily performances featuring outstanding rodeo action in the world's largest rodeo, the heartwarming calf scramble, chuck wagon races and concert entertainment. Only the top 60 cowboys and cowgirls in the world are invited to compete in RodeoHouston's seven PRCA and WPRA events — bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping and tie-down roping. The exciting performances also include entertainment by some of the music industry's hottest artists. RodeoHouston finals will be held on Saturday, March 18. On Sunday, March 19, the RodeoHouston Collegiate Championship will be held, featuring the best collegiate cowboys and cowgirls from the Southern and Southwest regions of Texas, which also include parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. These talented cowboys and cowgirls will compete in nine action-packed events: the seven events included in ProRodeo, plus break-away roping and goat tying.

For a mini-education in agriculture, visitors can check out Capitol One AGventure, a unique learning experience with interactive displays, live animals and friendly information. Plus, spinning and weaving, cotton ginning, and milking demonstrations are conducted each day.

Visitors can get roping and barrel racing demonstrations in Rodeo University. New in Capital One AGventure is the Barnyard Babies Birthing Center, which will feature live births from various species of livestock. Located in Reliant Center, this exhibit area is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Outside in Reliant Park, visitors can get up close with animals in the petting zoo. The whole family will enjoy holding, feeding and petting the exotic and domestic animals. The fast-paced pig races return for another year with the porky contestants racing daily around a 150-foot track to the finish line. And, for a wild ride, take a spin on the mechanical bull!

The Hideout returns to the 2006 Show, located in the legendary Reliant Astrodome, and will feature Texas musicians. Admission is included in the ticket purchase to enter Show grounds. Visitors to The Hideout must be 21 years or older.

From Monday, March 13, to Sunday, March 19, the Show is geared for fun during the Spring Break Stampede. The carnival opens at 2 p.m. weekdays so that visitors can start their fun early.

The Rodeo METRO Express, sponsored by Ford and Your Texas Ford Dealers, is the easiest way to get to the Show. Shuttles are available for Show visitors from seven locations. A map to all shuttle locations and shuttle hours can be found on the Show's Web site at [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com) or [www.hlsr.com](http://www.hlsr.com).

Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, on the Internet at [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com), or by phone at 713.629.3700.

### College tuition assistance offered

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges

can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance-College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 1000 different private scholarships sources. The scholarship list includes the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 650067, Potomac Falls, VA 20165-0067.



## School Menu

### Breakfast

**Monday, Feb. 27**

Cereal, peaches, jelly, milk

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

**Wed., March 1**

French toast sticks, assorted juice, milk

**Thurs., March 2**

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

**Friday, March 3**

Pop tart, assorted fruit, toast, jelly, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Feb. 27**

Oven fried chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, baked apples, roll, milk

**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

Spaghetti, corn, tossed salad, peaches, bread sticks, milk

**Wed., March 1**

Enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, crackers, banana pudding, milk

**Thurs., March 2**

Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, pork & beans, assorted fruit, milk

**Friday, March 3**

Ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, grapes, bread, chips, ice cream cups, milk

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**2005 Ford Taurus SE** #7017A \$13,495  
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**2003 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT 4x4** #E166A \$16,995  
*White w/Gray Cloth Interior • 5.4 V8 • Automatic*

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**2004 Chevy 2500 Extended Cab LS** #F132B \$24,995  
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**2004 F-250 Crew Cab Lariat 4x4** #F152A \$25,995  
*White • Short Bed • Powerstroke • Replacement Front Bumper*

**1995 Ford F-250 Super Cab XLT** #4751B \$ 5,995  
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**2005 Ford Escape XLT** #7013 \$18,995  
*Silver • All Wheel Drive • 22,000 Miles*

**2005 Ford Freestar SE** #7015 \$17,995  
*White • 3rd Row Seat • Rear Air • 24,000 Miles*

**2002 Ford F-150 Super Crew** #E214A \$12,995  
*White w/tan interior • 5.4 V8 • XLT*

**2001 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT** #F144A \$ 9,995  
*Maroon • V8 • 81,000 Miles • Nice Truck*

**2005 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4** #7028 \$19,995  
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**Lady Steers Bi-District basketball results**

On February 14th, the Robert Lee Lady Steers traveled to Jim Ned where they were defeated in bi-district by Brookesmith 53-25. Robert Lee scoring: Kyla Millican 4; Kelsy Duncan 3; Brettne Reed 3; Cara Eaton 7; Cassidy Wink 7; and Becca Skinner 1.

This was the final game for seniors Kyla Millican, Cara Eaton and Cassidy Wink.

**RL sets meeting for baseball, t-ball and softball**

Registration for Robert Lee's baseball, t-ball & softball teams will be on March 2nd at 7:00 pm in the high school library. Children must be 4 years old by July 31, 2006 in order to play.

Registration forms will be sent home in your child's backpack. Please return the completed form along with your check by March 2nd.

New officers for the year were elected and are as follows: Michael Munoz (President), Tina Arellano (Vice-President), Sabrina Cowart (Secretary/Treasurer), and Becky Brown (Concession Stand).

**Robert Lee School Awards**

**4th Six Weeks Perfect Attendance**

**Pre-K**

Taylor Phillips, Jordan Phillips, Courtney Brown, Alyssa Ferrell, Garrett Knight, Jonathan Skipworth

**Kindergarten**

Keila Saucedo, Billy Coppedge, Bubba Bohannon, Elexis Sanchez, Isaac Hodges, Bethany Coppedge, Elana Gloria, Kiara Padgett, Hailey Padgett, Jayce Bower, Mariah Munoz, Kelsey Benson, A.J. Minjarez, Margo Mendoza, Jorge Mendoza, Daniel Mendoza, Jessica Wheat, Tristan Ellsworth, Meghan Bohannon

**1st grade**

Gabriel Abalos, Kaden Hayes, James Wyatt, Nicole Jones, Asya Mazmanyman, Anna Huapilla, Casey Aldridge, Chesney Minjarez

**2nd grade**

Jordan Rader, Justice Saucedo, Ryan Paterson, Rani Coppedge, Hayden O'Neil, Jake Jackson, Karlee Roach

**3rd grade**

James Roberts, Jaden Aldridge

**4th grade**

Kevin Saucedo, Shelby Davis, Sydney Sheldon, Taylor Sheldon, Efrain Olguin, Gage Farmer, Bianca Huapilla, Berenice Fabian, Shaylee Bell, Ashlie Tennison, Will Howard

**5th grade**

Zach Skinner, Dusty Howard, Kelsey Hewitt, Jordan Gartman, Zachary Sanchez, Jonah Saucedo, Cooper Hinderliter, Ashlie Wheat, Ashley Williams

**6th grade**

Meagan Ross, Raquel Rojas, Kimberly Roach, Linsey Arellano, Samantha Fernandez, Beanca Bower, Jose Fabian, Diana Vera

**Robert Lee Elementary Honor Roll**

**3rd grade**

James Roberts, Dakota Stringer

**4th grade**

Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard

**5th grade**

Faylin Bell, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat, Ashley Williams

**6th grade**

Sassy Farmer, Meagan Ross

**Sailer graduates from training**

Army Pvt. Shelby P. Sailer has graduated from the Light-wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, which include internal combustion engines and power trains, spark- and compression-ignition engines, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic-power brakes, suspension and steering systems, and learned to operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assembly.

Sailer is the son of Jim and Lockie Sailer of Robert Lee, Texas. The soldier is a 2005 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

**Townsend receives degree**

Diplomas were awarded to more than 3,567 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those recognized were Ashley Nichole Townsend, a Senior from Robert Lee. Ashley received her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies.

**SPC names Caston to honor list**

Adam Caston of Robert Lee was named to the South Plains College President's Honor List for the fall

**ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS**



**Lady Dogies End Season with Win!** The Robert Lee Junior High Lady Dogies wrapped up their season last week with a 33-16 Victory over the Veribest Lady Falcons. The "A" Team (above) finished with a record of 11-3. The "B" Team completed the season 12-1. The girls practiced hard, played hard, and it showed. They were a joy to watch and have made many improvements throughout the year. These ladies can only improve from here and it will be exciting to see what they accomplish in the years to come. The A Team includes (top photo, back row, from left) Emilee Yanez, Coach Amber Reed, Briana Brisbin, Sarah Jones, Mollie Hinderliter, Erika Sheldon, (front row, from left) Emily Arellano, Olivia Trejo, and Nancy Landeros. The B Team includes (bottom photo, back row, from left) Coach Amber Reed, Sarah Walker, Amanda Mendoza, Skyler Rainwater; (front row, from left) Piedad Juarez, Connie Saucedo, and Kacee Roberts.



2005 semester.

"It is exciting to see students achieving high grade point averages and we want to recognize this accomplishment by naming them to the honor lists," said Darrell Grimes,

vice president of academic affairs.

Students named to the President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at

least 12 college credit hours.

SPC is a two-year community college located in Levelland, TX.

**School Menu**

**Breakfast**

Monday, Feb. 27

Holiday

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Wed., March 1

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Thurs., March 2

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Friday, March 3

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

**Lunch**

Monday, Feb. 27

Holiday

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Chicken spaghetti, carrots, roll, peanut butter, pineapple, milk

Wed., March 1

Hot dog w/chili & cheese, tator tots, pork & beans, applesauce, milk

Thurs., March 2

Chicken strips, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk

Friday, March 3

Sausage wrap, French fries, salad, fresh fruit, milk

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**Engagement Announcement!** *Cliff and Leann Cassady of Princeton, Texas, would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Brandy Jo Elliott, to Callan Russ Perry, son of Russ and Kelly Perry of Camp Wood, Texas. The couple will be married April 8, 2006, at the New Life Baptist Church in Vernon, Texas, with Brother Lupe Rando officiating. Brandy is the granddaughter of Neva Elliott of Vernon and Daphene Tyler of Carnegie, Oklahoma. Callan is the grandson of Jerry and Mary Lawhon of Bronte and the late Gary Martin. His great-grandmother is Margaret Martin. Brandy is a graduate of Princeton High School and is a LVN at Wilbarger General Hospital. She is currently working on her RN degree at Vernon College. Callan is a graduate of Chillicothe High School and attended Vernon College. He is currently the support manager at the Walmart Tire and Lube Center.*

**Robert Lee ISD  
board of trustees  
meets in regular session**

A regular meeting was held by the Robert Lee school board at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 16th. The meeting was held at the school library and called to order by President Roe.

Members present: Torres, Reed, Roe, McCabe, and Supt. Hood. Members absent: Riley, Washam.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2006 and January 26, 2006 board meetings as read seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Irma Torres mad a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Fredda McCabe. All for.

Dwin Nanny gave his principal's report. Wayne Simpson gave his asst. principal's report.

Dwin Nanny gave report on 2004-2005 school report card and AEIS Report for 7-12 grades.

Wayne Simpson gave report on 2004-2005 school report card and AEIS Report for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve engagement letter/agreement to secure Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston & Barr, L.L.P. CPA's for the District Audit for the school year 2005-2006 seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Fredda McCabe made a motion to accept contract to provide education services through a Shared Service Arrangement for the 2006-2007 school year with Fairview Alternative Education Coop.; 5 slots at \$9,000 each seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to approve the resolution as read for Accessible Voting System seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve superintendent's recommendation to adopt the Wellness Policy FFA (Local), seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wayne Simpson presented to the board the work in progress for the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for RLISD. No action taken at this time.

Irma Torres made a motion to apply for waiver for the first day of instruction, staff development waiver and early release waiver for the 2006-2007 school year seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to accept superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2006-2007 school calendar with waivers approval seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report.

The board adjourned from open session at 8:15 pm, then entered into closed session at 8:18 pm. The board reentered open session at 8:43 pm.

Supt. Hood made recommendation that Dwin Nanny, Principal, contract remains in effect until July 31, 2007, Wayne Simpson, Asst. Principal, two year contract in effect until July 31, 2008; Kerry Gartman, Athletic Director, two year contract in effect until July 31, 2008. Tod Reed made a motion to accept superintendent's recommendation seconded by Fredda McCabe. All for.

Judy Shook will be retiring effective May 27, 2006.

Next regular board meeting will be Thursday, March 23, 2006, 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

**Have a Heart  
Save a Life**

By Erica O'Neil &  
Dixie Johnson  
Robert Lee FCCLA

Today over 90,000 people in the United States are waiting for a transplant to save their life. In Texas alone there are over 5,000 people on the waiting list for a transplant. The only way to save these lives is for us to make the decision now to become an organ donor. Many people haven't made the decision to become an organ donor because they don't know what it is or even how to go about becoming one.

An organ doner is someone who decides that at the time of their death, to donate their organs to save the live of others. When a tragedy strikes, family members aren't always in the right mental state to make the decision of donating their loved ones organs. That's why it's important that we make the decision now instead of leaving it up to our family during a difficult time. The Donate Life organization offers a family notification form that allows you to give a card to your family stating your wishes when you die.

To become an organ donor you can complete a donor's card to keep with you, state your intent on your driver's license, and also talk to your family about it. To make your wishes known you could also talk to your family physician, lawyer, and your religious leader.

The National Organ Transplant Patient Waiting List is growing 5 times faster than the rate of donation. Many people will die waiting for a transplant unless the number of people who decide to give the gift of life increases. Over 13 organs and tissues that can be donated are eyes/cornea, lung, heart, liver, kidney, pancreas, fascia, skin, cartilage, bone, bone marrow, small intestines, and veins. About 63 people a day receive a transplant,

but another 16 people die waiting for organs because they aren't available.

We handed out a survey at school to see if our peers knew the truths about organ donation. Surprisingly many people couldn't distinguish between the myths and facts. The most missed question was, "Organs can be sold." 66 out of 83 students answered true. This is false. Darla Mullins, an RN and organ recovery coordinator, came to speak at our school. She works for TOSA, the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Mullins explained that an organ recovery coordinator is a trained professional that helps to find people that are potential donors and help carry out their wishes. She also goes to different hospitals to check on the potential donors to see if their organs are suitable for a transplant. She explained many things to our student body which is 7th through 12th grade and teachers so that they could become more informed on how they could become a donor. She explained the process of donation so that we could get a better picture of what really goes on. She also stressed that if you become an organ donor the most important thing to do is to tell your family members so that your wishes can be carried out. After her speech we helped her pass out information packets including donor cards, Frisbees, brochures, and pens. After hearing Mrs. Mullins speak we were told by teachers that the students were talking about the subject for days discussing the possibilities of becoming a donor. Many of the students realized the need for donors when Mrs. Mullins asked the question, "What if it was your parent that needed an organ would you donate then, or accept someone else's?"

We realize that this is a tough subject to address, but if we don't, people might not become aware of the great need for organs.

As of September 1, 2005, all

Texans can go to their local vehicle registration office and pay a fee of 1 dollar to the Donor Education Awareness and Registry program of Texas, also known as DEAR. License plates can be personalized to support and promote organ & tissue donation. The month of April which is the National Donate life month would be an excellent time to start these activities. By doing all or any of these things lives could be saved. One person can save or help as many as 50 lives. Donating life is a selfless thing to do, and what more could someone ask for than the gift of life?

**Deadline nears  
to nominate**

**"Teacher of the Year"**

Teachers, parents, and students have until 11:59 pm on March 1, 2006 to nominate an educator for the state's 2005-2006 "Teacher of the Year" award. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.teachers.com/toty](http://www.teachers.com/toty). To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less, why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

Winners will be announced at the end of the school year.

Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by Response Insurance Company, a licensed member of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

**TO THE VOTERS OF COKE COUNTY**

I would like to inform you of an opportunity available to you as a voter in Coke County. As you know, we have contested races in the Democratic Primary on the east side of the county, and I will not ask you to vote in the Republican Primary election, as most of you will be involved in the important process of selecting your county commissioners for the next term.

However, voters on the west side are in a different political situation. There are no contested races in the Democratic Primary on the west side.

I am therefore asking West Coke County Voters to consider voting in the Republican Primary. As you well know, we have a hotly contested race for State Representative in the Republican Primary which involves incumbent Scott Campbell, Drew Darby, and Kevin Housley. You on the west side can make a difference in our representation in Austin by casting your ballot for your choice of state representative in the Republican Primary election.

West Coke County voters -- you can cast your ballot in the Democratic Primary, and your vote will be inconsequential -- or you can vote in the Republican Primary and possibly make a difference in our district's representation in Austin.

Every voter must make his or her own decision concerning the upcoming primary elections. Whatever you decide will be the right choice, as long as you vote. Remember the old adage -- you can't gripe if you don't vote.

**Hal Spain  
Candidate for Coke County Judge**

Pol. Adv. by Hal Spain, Republican Candidate for Coke County Judge, PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, TX 76945



**Picking Up Trash Was Never This Much Fun!** Hailey and Kiara Padgett show off some of the trash they collected Tuesday, February 7, 2006, during the Daisy Troop #192 meeting held at the Scout Hut at the Robert Lee Park.

**State Nature Tourism Seminar scheduled in Albany**

A \$5 billion dollar industry in Texas alone, Nature Tourism is growing. Mark your calendar and plan to attend a full-day Nature Tourism Seminar & Tour titled "The Nature of Everything: Integrating Public Desire for Nature with Your Tourism Product." Sponsored by the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA), the Texas Nature Tourism Council (TNTC) and Texas A&M Cooperative Extension (TCE), the workshop will be held on April 19, 2006 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Stasney's Cook Ranch in Abilene. Just \$35.00! Includes Lunch & Transportation from Abilene!

The workshop focuses on providing attendees useful market information for integrating the public's desire for nature related activities with existing or potential tourism products. Expert presenters from across Texas will provide market data, success stories and helpful planning resources.

Convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce, private landowners, business people, marketing organizations and anyone interested in increasing economic development through nature tourism are invited to attend and participate.

The workshop is being held at the same time as the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Travel Counselors Conference. Those attending the nature tourism workshop may also sign up to attend TxDOT's evening dinner after the workshop (additional fee required).

Please contact Jennifer Roush or Rose Koosman at the TTIA office for more details, to register or for answers to any questions, 512-476-4472, <http://www.ttia.org>.

**Special seats offer children safety boost**

Children often leapfrog from child safety seats to seat belts, but when they do they miss an important transitional safety support—a special vehicle booster seat designed just for their size, according to safety experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

When children outgrow child safety seats, usually at about 40 pounds, most are then restrained

with a vehicle's safety belt alone, even though these restraints are designed for adults and do not fit children properly.

"If children have outgrown a safety seat but are less than 4 feet 9 inches tall, they need a booster seat," said Frank Luera, director of DSHS Safe Riders Traffic Safety program. "It lifts the child so that the seat belt fits correctly." With a booster seat:

\*The lap belt will be placed low on the child's hips, rather than on the child's abdomen;

\*The shoulder belt will cross the center of the child's chest; and

\*The child's knees will bend at the edge of the booster seat, increasing comfort and fit.

Only an estimated 10 to 20 percent of children 4 to 8 use booster seats, despite the fact that children in booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a motor-vehicle crash than are children who are restrained by safety belts alone, according to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Luera also points out that airbags pose a high risk of death or serious, life-altering injury for children. "Even in vehicles with advanced airbags, which is a new technology that allows airbags to adjust deployment based on the occupant, children 12 and under should ride in the back seat," he said.

SAFE KIDS Worldwide estimates that children riding in the back seat are 36 percent less likely to die in a crash than are children sitting in the front seat.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has launched a new Web site at [www.boosterseat.gov](http://www.boosterseat.gov) that features the following information for parents:

\*An interactive child seat guide. Enter the age, weight and height of your child and receive a recommendation for the type of child seat your youngster needs.

\*Child seat inspection information. Locate child seat fitting stations in your area where certified technicians can help make sure child seats are used correctly.

For more information about booster seats and other child passenger safety information, contact the DSHS Safe Riders program at 800-252-8255 or visit the DSHS Web site at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders).



**Daisy Troop #192!** A meeting was held Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at the Scout Hut at the Robert Lee Park for Daisy Troop #192. The girls are learning the Girl Scout Promise and earned their first petal. They had fun while picking up trash in the park and met again this week on February 21. The troop includes (back row, from left) Co-leader Josie Salazar, Leader Blanca Mendoza, Co-leader Robin Munoz, (front row, from left) Jessie Wheat, Margo Mendoza, Kiara Padgett, Mariah Munoz, Bethany Coppedge, Elexis Sanchez, Kelsey Benson, Hailey Padgett, Elana Gloria, Meghan Bohannon, Kourtney Roach, and Jayce Bower.

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**Kevin HOUSLEY** District 72  
for State Representative

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**BLT 'One Shot' Program!** Jan Yanez, Coke Co. Cooperative Extension Agent, presented "Toothfully Speaking" program to local Head Start students as they celebrated National Dental Month in February. The students learned about the importance of calcium nutrition and the proper way to brush their teeth. Those enjoying the program were: Reagan Bohannon, William Dunn, Eduardo Landeros, Shae Guerra, Sydney Hayes, Kailyn Martin, Tara McCormick, Kaylee Puentez, Autumn Ramon, and Haleigh Soto.

**FSA office taking signups for 2006**

The Coke-Sterling FSA office is currently taking sign-up applications for the Farm Crop Program (DCP) for the 2006 crop year.

Producers must sign up each year to participate in the farm program. The office started taking sign-ups for 2006 in November.

Producers must have a correct and completed CCC-502 (Pay Limit) on file with the office before any payments can be made.

Producers have until June 1, 2006 to sign up in DCP. After June 1st, producers may still sign up but there will be a \$100.00 administrative fee per farm applied.

Due to the situation of having only 2 employees in the office, it is a must for everyone to make an appointment. There are many

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days when, due to illness, meetings, field work, vacation time, doctor appointments, there is only one person in the office. There have been some days when the office was forced to close early due to unforeseen events. There is nothing that can be done about this. If you live out of town, it will be in your best interest to call ahead and make an appointment.

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

**FSA approves haying & grazing of CRP**

The Coke-Sterling FSA office is currently taking applications from producers with CRP contracts to graze or hay their CRP acres. To graze or hay it will cost the producers 25% of the total yearly CRP Payment.

If a landowner requests to hay

his/her CRP, it must be hayed only once and the haying must be completed by May 1, 2006. Producers will then have 10 days to have all hay removed from the CRP fields. This means all haying operations must end by May 11, 2006.

If the landowner requests to graze his/her CRP, all livestock must be removed by June 1, 2006. Producers may lease their CRP out for grazing but only for the amount that their CRP Payment is to be reduced by.

Producers who wish to hay or graze must visit the county office and make a request and outline maps of the fields to be hayed or grazed before any haying or grazing can take place. Producers must also sign and date a register for haying or grazing at this same time. This will authorize the reduction of the CRP payment by 25%.

**West Coke County Voters**

I would appreciate your vote in the Early Voting and the March 7 Primary Election. Don't be put off by the new voting machines; you can do it!

**Thank you, Joan Davis**

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Liability coverage pays for other people's expenses for accidents caused by you, your family members and other people driving your car with your permission, up to your policy's dollar limits. Texas requires all drivers to carry a minimum amount of liability insurance.

Medical Payments or Personal Injury Protection (PIP) pays for medical and funeral expenses incurred as a result of an auto accident by you or your family members when in or struck by an auto, and others when they are passengers in a covered auto. PIP coverages can also include lost wages and replacement services normally performed by the covered person.

Collision coverage pays for damage to your car resulting from a collision with another car or object, or as a result of flipping over.

Other Than Collision (OTC) coverage reimburses you for loss due to theft or damage caused by fire, falling objects, windstorm, hail, flood, vandalism or contact with animals such as birds or deer.

Texas does not require that you purchase collision or OTC coverage but, if you have a car loan, your lender may insist you carry it until your loan is paid off.

Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage will reimburse you, a member of your family, a passenger or a designated driver if one of you is hit by an uninsured or hit-and-run driver. This coverage comes into play when an at-fault driver has insufficient insurance to pay for your total loss.

As a Germania representative, I want to help you make the best insurance decision. Should you have any questions, want to review your existing coverage, or if you need coverage, please feel free to call me.

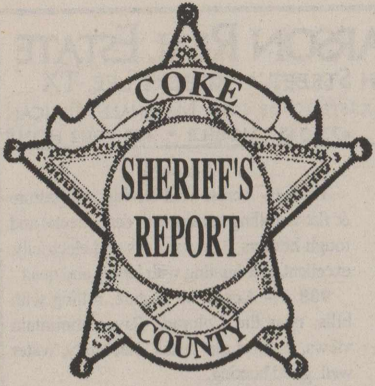
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**Sheriff Styles issues appeal**

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Styles announced recently that Coke County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail shortly. The funding provides critically technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax-deductible.

"The Association Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Styles.

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741 or www.txsheriffs.org.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Styles. "I encourage every

citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

**Ready for a WILD time?**

Submitted by Lyle Horwood  
9th grade  
Sterling City High School  
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Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development known as the Texas Brigades, a summer camp for youth.

Do you know a youth who would benefit from the involvement of this program?

Well, I did and now I try to tell others—talk to your son, daughter, grandchild or friend. It is a great opportunity and can be life changing.

Applying for the Brigades is simple you fill out a application form and type a single page essay on --why you would like to attend the Texas Brigades. The application can be found online at the website: www.texasbrigades.org. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2006.

Tell me; I forget. Show me; I remember. Involve me; I understand.

This is the Chinese Proverb that the Texas Brigades has adopted as their motto.

The program is true to its motto as we are involved in every way possible.

I was fortunate enough to be selected as a cadet for the

Buckskin Brigade summer before last. It was an opportunity of a life time. I left the Brigade with an increased knowledge of white tail deer and a new appreciation for wildlife management. After working all year I qualified to return as an assistant herd leader this past summer. I continue to learn more and desire to return as a assistant once more. I would like to encourage all youth to check the Brigades out.

"Only in the Texas Brigades will a young person learn the life cycle of the turkey, what deer eat and why, how to age a quail, and the adaptations of the large-mouth bass. Through these and other activities, participants learn valuable leadership and critical-thinking skills that promote team-building and communication.

Each Texas Brigade is a five-day program for students ages 13-17 years.

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importance of water quality and watersheds, learn how to manage wildlife habitat, and develop a land ethic. Some of the top wildlife and fisheries professionals in Texas serve as instructors and mentors.

In addition to learning animal anatomy and behavior, aquatic ecology, botany, habitat management, and population dynamics, you will learn valuable life skills. Communication is the key as you write news releases present educational programs, and get comfortable being interviewed by radio and television reporters.

There are four programs to choose from: Bobwhite Brigade, Feathered Forces,

Buckskin Brigade, and the Bass Brigade. Check our website for dates and locations, www.texasbrigades.org. If you are interested in wildlife and fisheries biology,

natural resource conservation, or just enjoy the outdoors, you should apply to the Texas Brigades. You are guaranteed to love it!"

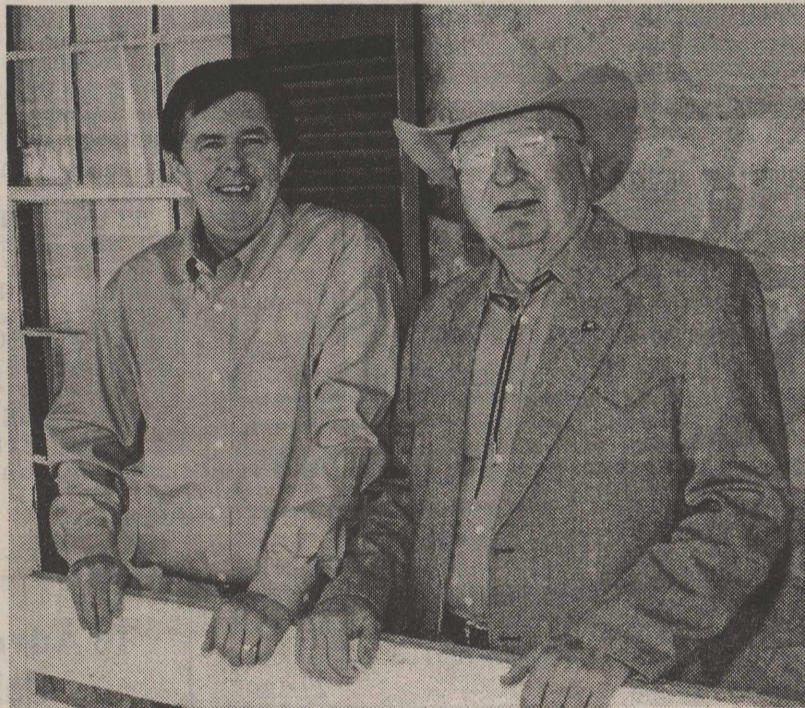
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Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association  
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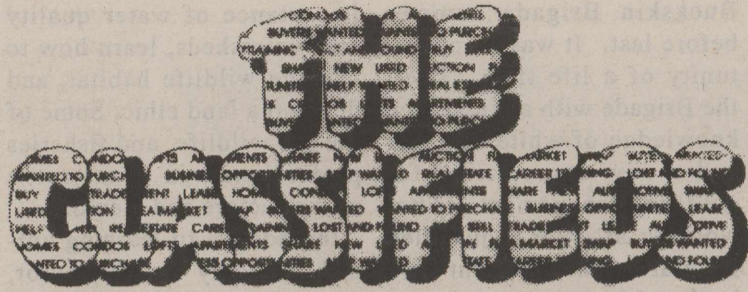
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**COKE COUNTY**

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**COKE COUNTY**

**TAX ASSESSOR-**

**COLLECTOR**

Josie Dean  
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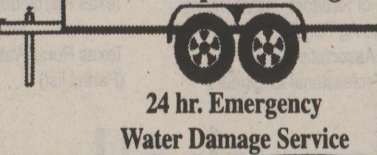
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**THE FAMILY OF**  
Eula Maud McCutchen wish to express our appreciation for the prayers, food, cards, flowers and love we received during the illness and death of our beloved mother and MamMa. The Bronte Health and Rehab Center along with Hospice of San Angelo were so helpful in taking care of Eula during her last days. We thank the Methodist Church ladies for hosting the wonderful meal and all the ladies from our caring village for all the food brought to the church and our homes. Kim Macon (Shalon's Floral) did a beautiful job of arranging the flowers.

The outpouring of food, cards, and flowers was amazing. We pray that we have not missed a single name. If a name was left off any list, please know that it was an oversight and accept our apologies.

Marlon & Jo Ann McCutchen  
Rita & Larry Abbott  
Harold & Gina McCutchen  
Jerry & Bette McCutchen  
Keith & Vicky McCutchen  
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**THANK YOU**  
for the calls, prayers, cards and kind thoughts during the recuperation following my accident. It means so much.  
Trent McCabe  
Melvin & Debbie McCabe  
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**GARAGE SALES**

**MOVING SALE**  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 9 am-?. 6 W. 17th, Robert Lee. Furniture, small appliances, wedding ring, fabric, books, clothes & misc.  
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**NOTICES**

**BRONTE ISD**  
is accepting proposals for a T840 or T940 Van Hool activity bus, or a 2000 Blue Bird LTC40. For specifications contact the Superintendent's office, 210 South Jefferson, Bronte, Texas. Mailing address: PO Box 670, Bronte, TX 76933. Phone: 325-473-2511, Fax: 325-473-2313. Proposals are due Monday, March 6, 2006 at 2:00 pm. Bronte ISD reserves the right to accept/reject any or all proposals.  
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**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas, posts this notice in compliance with 28 C.F.R. 51.28 (g), as follows:

On January 12, 2006, at a duly called Council Meeting, the City Council ordered the May 13, 2006 General Election. The Election will be held to elect a Mayor and three Councilmembers. Action was also taken at said meeting to adopt the Direct Electronic Recording voting system for use in the Election. Copies of the Order of Election, Resolution Establishing Election Procedures and preclearance submission are available for public review during business hours at the City Hall located at 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas. Any persons wishing to make comments for consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:

Chief, Voting Section  
Civil Rights Division  
Room 7254-NWB  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania  
Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

**NOTICIA PUBLICA**

El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Bronte, Texas anuncia esta noticia en conforme de 28 C.F.R. 51.28 (g) come sigue:

En el doce de enero, 2006 en Un Junto Consejo ordenado por el Consejo Municipal, el consejo ordeno la eleccion general del trece de mayo, 2006 para elegir un Alcalde y tres Miembros del Consejo. Tambien una accion fue hecho en el junto para adoptar una sistema de votacion Direct Electronic Recording para usar en la eleccion. Copias del Order of Eleccion y Resolution Establishing Election Procedures y prepermiso presentacion estan disponibles para repaso publico entre las horas de negocios en el City Hall que esta en la Calle South Washington, 114 de Bronte, Texas. Algunas personas que quieren hacer comentarios al United States Attorney General pueden mandar los comentarios a

Chief Voting Section  
Civil Rights Division  
Room 7254 NWB  
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Washington, DC 20530

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**BRONTE ISD**

will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Board room. The purpose of the meeting is to give community members an opportunity to express their opinion regarding applying for a waiver from TEA to start school on August 16, 2006. If a waiver is not applied for and approved, Bronte ISD would not be allowed to start school until the week of August 21, 2006.

31-2tc

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby give notice of filing deadlines for the May 13, 2006 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file application for inclusion on the ballot between February 13, 2006 and March 13, 2006. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South State Street, Bronte, Texas 76933, during normal business hours, 8 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to John DiFrancesco, Jr., Administrator.

**INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS**

El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Este De Coke hacen saber que el dia 13 de Mayo, 2006 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para Las elecciones. Cada tres (3) direcores seran elejidos para un termion de dos (2) anos. El dia 13 de Febrero, 2006 hasta el 13 de Marzo, 2006, seran los dias para que los candidates llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 8 AM-5 PM en el Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 Al Sur Estudio Calle, Bronte, Texas 76933. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador John DiFrancesco, Jr.

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**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 13, 2006 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 11, 2006 and March 13, 2006. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9am - 5pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Terri Tedford, Administrator.

**LA NOTA DE LA CLASIFICACION LAS FECHAS TOPES**

La Junta directiva Occidental del Distrito del Hospital del Condado del Coque por la presente avisa de la clasificación las fechas topes para el mayo 13, 2006 Elección. Tres (3) Directores serán elegidos para un término de dos (2) años cada. Los candidatos pueden archivar las aplicaciones para la inclusión en la votación entre el 11 de febrero de 2006 y el 13 de marzo de 2006. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en el Centro del Cuidado de Sotavento de Robert durante horas de oficina normales, 9am - 5 p.m., el lunes por el viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Terri Tedford, el Administrador.

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**Singing Winds lends encouragement to young golfers**

Coke County Golf Association is working to develop a junior golf program at Singing Winds Golf Course. Junior golfers are allowed to play free weekdays without adult accompaniment and are encouraged to come and take advantage of this playing time.

**Fire guard information posted**

For information about Fire Guards that may be placed on State Highways for the protection of structures, please call County Judge Roy Blair at 453-2641 or come by the Judge's office to pick up a packet.

**Court issues executive order concerning burning**

During a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, there came for consideration the January 3, 2006 Declaration of Disaster for Coke County and associated Executive Order issued by the Coke County Judge;

Pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the Coke County Commissioners' Court hereby ratifies and extends the Declaration of Disaster due to drought conditions until the conclusion of the first commissioners court meeting in February 2006, at which time the situation will be re-evaluated;

Further, the court hereby amends the prohibitions and restrictions imposed under the January 3, 2006 Executive Order to provide as follows:

1. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, open fire outdoor cooking and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire.

2. Notwithstanding No. 1 above, outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:

A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;

B. The welder must notify the Coke County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;

C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and,

D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins

and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00.

The purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current drought and severe weather conditions by restricting use of combustible materials.

**County warns against illegal dumping**

Recently there has been a problem in Coke County with illegal dumping on county roads. Section 365.012 of the Health and Safety Code states that it is a violation of the law to dump any tires, appliances, furniture, etc. on County roads. Penalties can range from a fine to possible jail time.

In Robert Lee, you may put appliances and furniture by your trash can for Trash-a-way to pick-up. But please call City Hall and let them know what needs to be picked up. The Robert Lee City Dump accepts only wood materials and composition shingles.

In Bronte, you may put appliances without the compressors and furniture by your trash can to be picked up by Allied Waste out of Abilene.

**2006 EQIP Program signup begins**

EQIP is a voluntary, cost-share program for installation of conservation practices. The application window for the 2006 EQIP year is

now open. This window will close on Feb. 17, 2006.

EQIP funds are split into two categories. These are County Based Funds and Statewide Resource Concerns.

The high priority item under the 2006 EQIP program for Coke County is Brush Management with emphasis on controlling prickly pear. Facilitative practices such as fencing; range planting, grazing land mechanical treatment, and water development are medium priority items, but may be included on a brush management application. Statewide Resource Concerns are North Concho Watershed-Brush Control for Water Quantity, Invasive Species-Salt Cedar, and AFO/CAFO-Beef-Air Quality Emphasis. An existing EQIP contract should not deter a landowner from making a new application for different practices. Current EQIP rules allow multiple EQIP contracts and/or applications can occur on the same farm.

Prior to making an EQIP application, you must contact the FSA office to ensure your program eligibility. The phone number for the Coke County FSA Office is 325-453-2751. Due to current staffing conditions, an appointment is necessary.

If there are any questions, please contact the Coke County SWCD office or the NRCS at 325-453-2623, extension 3.

*Please Exercise  
Your Privilege  
to  
**VOTE**  
in the  
Primary Election  
March 7, 2006*

**Early Voting Continues Through  
March 3, 2006.**

### Hay Hauling Permit Requirements temporarily suspended

Gov. Rick Perry has made it easier for ranchers to bring in hay from out-of-state for their drought-stricken herds by acting on a request from Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

In response to a letter from TFB President Kenneth Dierschke, Gov. Perry issued an executive order Feb. 14 that suspended the permitting requirements and legal height restriction for round hay bales—along with associated permit fees—for carriers transporting round bales of hay to areas affected by drought and wildfire.

Hay supplies are short due to drought and wildfire, and ranchers statewide have been scrambling to find enough forage to feed their cattle. There have been instances where trucks loaded with large round hay bales destined for disaster areas were detained by law enforcement agencies for over-height loads. Some of those trucks have been forced to unload a portion of their cargo on the road side before being allowed to continue the delivery.

"The governor's action gives hay haulers a chance to bring in much-needed forage to our cowherds without interference," Dierschke said. "Ranchers appreciate Gov. Perry's quick correction of this problem."

"To ensure the safety of the traveling public," Gov. Perry directed carriers with loads exceeding 14 feet in height to contact the Texas Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Division to receive expedited routing. All other legal requirements, including licensing, registration, insurance and safety, remain in place.

Unless otherwise extended by Gov. Perry, the waiver expires April 30.

### Early Voting continues through March 3, 2006

Early voting for the March 7, 2006, primary election began Tuesday, February 21, and will continue through Friday, March 3.

Tuesday, February 28, is the final day the clerk's office may receive an application for a ballot by mail.

Early voting at the Law Enforcement Center in Bronte is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23 and March 1 and 2, from 9 am to 1 pm.

On the ballot in the Democratic Primary are Roy Blair, Incumbent County Judge; Mary Grim, Incumbent County/District Clerk; Phelan Wrinkle, Incumbent County Treasurer;

Bill Wheat, Incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 2; George Snapp, Incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Bobby Blaylock, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Joan Davis, Incumbent Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Grady Coulter, Incumbent Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; Marshall Millican, Constable, Precinct 1, unexpired term; Josie Dean, Tax Assessor-Collector, unexpired term; Robert Feil, County Commissioner, Precinct 2; and Clint Porter, County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

In the Republican Primary, Hal Spain is a candidate for County Judge and Andra Arrott for County Treasurer. One of the most controversial, or at least the most highly advertised, race is the Republican Primary race for State Representative, District 72. Incumbent Scott Campbell will be facing Drew Darby and Kevin Housley.

### Filing for May 13 local elections

began February 13 Monday, February 13, 2006, was the first day to file for inclusion on the ballot for the May 13 local elections.

West Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Mike Lomas, Rick Sanchez, and Gayland Hurst are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Robert Lee Care Center.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Ed Cumbie, Lee Wommack, and Mark Duncan are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill the position of Mayor - two year term, Two (2) Council Members - two year terms, and One (1) Council Member - One Year Unexpired Term. City Officials terms expiring are: Mayor, Joe White,

Council Members, Beth Prather, Bonita Copeland, and Gary Payne. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Robert Lee City Hall through 5 pm March 13, 2006.

The city of Bronte will have to fill three 2 year council seats currently held by Martha Ratliff, Charles Sonnenburg, and Jim Guthrie. Mayor Martin Lee's term is also expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Bronte City Hall.

Three 3 year terms will be on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. The terms of Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, and Bob Frazee are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Superintendent's office at Bronte ISD.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have

to decide on three 3 year terms and one unexpired term with 2 years remaining. The terms of Wes Washam, Fredda McCabe, and Tom Sawyer are expiring. Mark Riley formerly held the unexpired term. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administration office at Robert Lee ISD.

Veterinary Clinic, 14446 Northwest Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78410.

Local authors have contributed greatly to the preservation and enlightenment of Coke County history. Coke County is fortunate so many authors share their writings and research with the Library for others to enjoy and appreciate.

One of the entries in Dr. Denman's book under the title Things, Friendship, and Faith reads, "Time turns things into junk. Friendship and faith become more valuable as time passes. Material things we can possess. Friendship and faith we cannot possess, but we must continually give of ourselves in order to fully appreciate."

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the Library.

### Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library has received a copy of The Mare in the Trough and Other Short Stories and Poems by Dennis L. Denman. The book was sent to the Library by Sandy (Baker) Denman via Bonita Copeland. The Denman family has close ties to Robert Lee and Coke County. To obtain a copy of the book, write to Dr. Dennis Denman, c/o Riverside

## Housley on Water

**In FY 2000-2001 the State allocated \$9,163,000 for brush control exclusively in District 72. In FY 2006 funding has decreased to \$1,874,176, only a portion of which is spent in our district.**

**Five ten foot mesquite trees consume as much water every day as a family of four.**

**A desalinization project will cost at least a million dollars per mile for the pipeline alone.**

While I agree desalination is part of the long term answer for West Texas water needs, I believe far more can be achieved sooner and at less cost to you through new ideas on brush control efforts.

### And I can prove it.

During the course of this campaign, a member of our own team, Campaign Manager Yantis Green, was the first person from our district to pursue leveraging available state dollars with matching federal dollars from the Bureau of Reclamation. When approved the result will be the clearing of brush from the Twin Buttes reservoir at no cost to you. This will preserve 1000 acre feet of water per year. The most exciting step forward for our regions water supply since Rob Junell's inception of the brush control project is simply a result of team work and thinking outside of the box.

- I will work to get the people in this district who tackle our water issues the tools they need to get the job done.
- I will work to gain more federal dollars to clear brush in the federally owned reservoirs that hold our water.
- I will work to bring back brush control funding because it is proven effective and benefits everyone in our district and many beyond.

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