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Coke County Holiday closings

There will be many businesses, city and county offices that will be closed in observance of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed November 23 and 24. Business will resume Monday, November 27.

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. The City Landfill will also be closed. Trash service will run as scheduled on Friday, November 24.

The Bronte City Hall will be closed November 23 and 24. The Thursday, November 23 trash route has been changed to Saturday, November 25. This change is for Thanksgiving only. The Monday, November 20, route will remain the same.

Christmas Greetings set for December 22

It is time once again for Christmas greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas Greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 22 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Tuesday,

December 19. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.

Bryan's Barn date change

After 15 years of being open the entire month of December, this year, Bryan's Barn will be open for 2 weeks only.

Starting on December 16 through December 31, 2006, Bryan's Barn will be open every night including December 24, 25 and 31 from 6 pm until 10 pm.

There is no admission fee, but donations are appreciated. For more information call Jeffie Roberts 325-453-2957, 325-453-2584 or 325-453-2831.

Horns for Hope slated for next weekend

The Coke County Relay for Life, in conjunction with Bronte ISD, will be holding the first annual "Horns for Hope" event to pink out cancer on Tuesday, November 28. The event will be a time to honor survivors while raising money for the American Cancer Society on behalf of the Coke County Relay for Life. Representatives from the ACS and the Relay committee will be on hand to answer questions, provide educational materials, and register relay teams.



Steer Football! The Robert Lee Steers 2006 football season came to an end this past Friday in the first round of the playoffs. Many of the players were awarded district honors. To see who they were, see page 4 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

Survivors are asked to please register at the table in the foyer area when they arrive. We will call all survivors to the floor to be honored between the varsity girls and boys games.

There will be a hamburger dinner served beginning at 5pm with all proceeds benefiting the Relay for Life. The meal will be \$5 and include burger, chips, a cookie, and a drink.

There have been 140 pink t-shirts sold thus far and limited numbers are still available for purchase. Those who were unable to get a T-shirt are asked to wear other pink attire to help us pink out the entire Bronte side of the gym.

The American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay for Life, is in its third

year in Coke County. The 2007 dates are set for May 11-12, 2007 at the Bronte ISD Track.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information on Horns for Hope or the Coke County Relay for Life please contact Tiffany Lange at 473-2474 or Elizabeth Bailey at 473-2302.

Angel Food Ministries delivery date set

Orders for the Angel Food Ministries will be taken November 27-30 from 3 pm until 7 pm at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. The delivery date will be December 16 at 2:30 pm. Please remember to bring a box to carry food home.

Chad Martin Benefit slated

A drive-through chicken dinner benefit for Chad Martin will be held Sunday, December 3, 2006 from 11 am until 1 pm at the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. The meal will be a drive-through carry out only and will consist of a barbecue chicken quarter, beans, potato salad, pickles and onions.

Tickets are being sold in advance and may be purchased at the Coke County Courthouse. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the final preparations of the meal on Sunday, December 3. If you would like to assist with

the meal, call Misti at the Coke County Sheriff's Office at 453-2717 from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Chad is the 13 year old son of Lorrie and Larry Martin and the brother of Shannon Martin, all of Robert Lee. The entire Martin family gives countless hours of volunteer time to the people of Coke County. Proceeds from the sales will be used to defray medical expenses as Chad continues a series of tests and surgeries in the near future. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Miss Rodeo San Angelo Pageant Contest slated

In celebrating 75 years of stock shows and rodeos, the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association is hosting a "Miss Rodeo San Angelo Queen Pageant". Young ladies ages 17 - 24 are encouraged to enter the pageant.

The newly crowned queen will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, buckle, sashes, and gift certificates along with numerous other gifts. The horsemanship winner receives a saddle pad made by Jeys Saddlery. Judged categories include Horsemanship, Speech and Modeling.

Deadline for entering the pageant is December 31, 2006. Interested young ladies should call or go by the San Angelo Stock Show office or visit their web page at www.sanangelorodeo.com. You may also call Elaine Lee 658-8373, Donna Kay Zapala 942-1205 or Dori Gentry 234-8355.

The public is encouraged to attend all phases of the competition, which will be held February 10, 2007 at the Spur Arena.



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Food Pantry Recognized! The Ministerial Alliance of Coke County presented a plaque to the volunteers of the Coke County Food Pantry, who go above and beyond to give so much of their time and talents to support and ensure that the Food Pantry is available to those in our county who stand in need of a bit of help. The Food Pantry is able to assist between 35 and 40 families each and every week with the generous support of the people of Coke County. Those volunteers recognized at the awards ceremony were Joan Burns, Mary Bessent, Dolores Roe, Pat Carwile, Marilyn White, Glenda Taylor, Fred and Mary Williams, Jeanette Jacobs and Milburn Wink. The pastors present for the presentation were Portis Ribble, Northside Church of Christ; Irving Smith, Assembly of God; Steve Rowe, Robert Lee United Methodist and Jason Martin, Robert Lee Baptist.

**Texas NRCS sets
 Dec. 15 deadline
 for EQIP**

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has set a Friday, December 15, 2006, sign-up deadline for the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Immediately following the end of the sign-up period, all applications will be ranked. Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan and will begin implementing conservation practices next spring.

For more information, contact the local NRCS office or visit the Texas NRCS Web Site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

**Senior Citizens
 Thanksgiving
 meal held**

On Tuesday, November 17, 2006, more than sixty people gathered for a time of thanksgiving, celebration, and fellowship in the large recreation hall at Robert Lee. A new tradition has been started for Coke County. Senior Citizens and their families from both Bronte and Robert Lee enjoyed visiting old friends and making

new ones. The event was made possible by the combined efforts of many people. Tuesday afternoon, Susan Millegan, Marie Raney, and Karla Hamrick cleaned and decorated the building and were grateful to Brian Hamrick for his assistance with the tables. Rangel's Restaurant generously donated two large pans of enchiladas. Riley and Donna Waldrop fried a turkey and Leta Caston and Add and Barbara Davis baked turkeys. Benny and Eyvonne Massey supplied ham and sweet potatoes. The dressing was prepared by Jan Heck and Karla Hamrick. Six tables were loaded with food and drinks supplied by the attendees. Coke County sure has some good cooks!

After Commissioner Bill Wheat said the blessing, Karla Hamrick, Robert Lee Senior Director, shared some interesting Thanksgiving

facts. The first Thanksgiving did not occur in the Plymouth colony like most Americans believe. Rather, the first such celebration happened during Coronado's expedition in Palo Duro Canyon in West Texas in 1541 with the friendly Teya Indians present and was not a time of feasting. Rather, this event was a Eucharistic one

and was very sacred. After she shared some more facts with the group, Karla gave the floor to some students preparing for District UIL. Jaden Aldridge and Hanna

Hamrick practiced their poetry for the audience and entertained the group.

The new tradition is one that is sure to be repeated as everyone had a blast!

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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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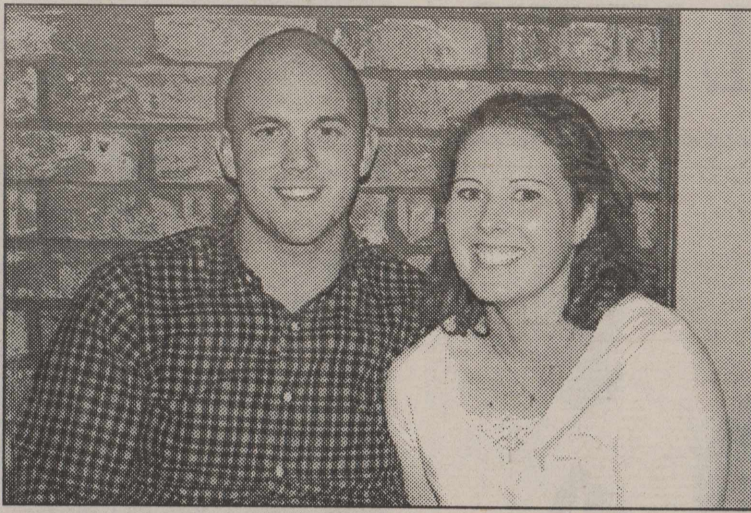
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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

ASU education honor society inducts 41

Forty-one ASU students have been initiated into the Mu Gamma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education.

To qualify for Kappa Delta Pi, undergraduate students must be a sophomore with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher and 50 semester hours. Graduate students qualify with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher after a minimum of 12 hours of professional education courses.

Students from the Coke County area included Blackwell - Cassie Streicher, daughter of Larry and Suzy Bates; Robert Lee - Krystal Sawyer, daughter of Jamie and Terri Sawyer.



Berryman-Helwig marriage! Heather Berryman and Chad Walker Helwig were married on Friday, October 27, 2006, at 7 pm at The Risse Plantation in Blanket, Texas. Pastor Gregory Risse, a friend and fellow member of Grace Baptist Church of Coleman performed the ceremony.

Heather is the daughter of Randy Berryman of Seguin, Texas, and Casey and Peggy McVay of Vancouver, Washington.

Chad is the son of Donnie and Audrey Devoll of Robert Lee, Texas, and Bill and Debi Helwig of Denver City, Texas.

Heather received a BS in Kinesiology from Angelo State University in 2004 and will graduate this December with an MA in Physical Therapy. She will be employed by West Texas Rehab Center upon graduation.

Chad received a degree in Communications from Angelo State University in 2004. He is employed by Crockett National Bank in San Angelo.

After their honeymoon in Gunnison, Colorado, Chad and Heather are living in San Angelo, Texas.

Check Out Coke County Library

Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers and families have celebrated Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving, November 12 through 17.

The Coke County Library has a collection of children's books, which will encourage all ages of children from toddlers to pre-teens to want to read. Children's books these days are filled with colorful and action pictures and the stories are geared to every age level. A child who is comfortable with books from an early age will be a successful student.

The Library has received a portion of federal funds that are distributed to the Texas State Library in the form of the Loan Star Library grant. The grant is designated for non-fiction, children's books, large print books and books on tape.

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 Library and to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the Library.

RLISD board meets in regular session

RLISD's board of trustees met at 7 pm on November 16 in the school library. The meeting was called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Members present were Roe, Washam, Roberts, Torres, Reed, Sawyer, and Duncan.

Invocation and pledge led by Kevin Roe.

Jeffie Roberts made motion to approve the October 17, 2006 minutes as read seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the agenda

seconded by Irma Torres. All Tinkler. The board took a short break at for.

The Independent Audit for 2005-2006 of Robert Lee ISD open session at 7:57 pm.

was presented by Jerry (Continued on Page 8)

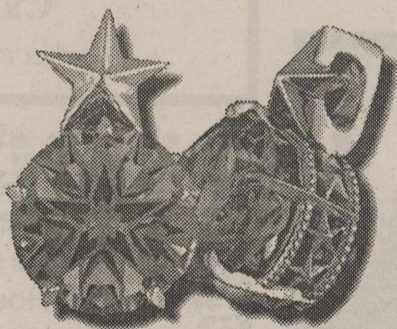
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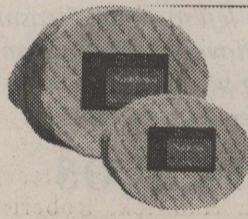


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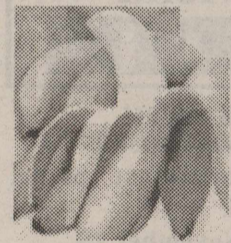


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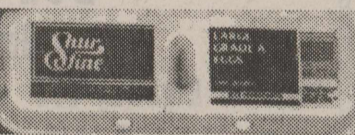
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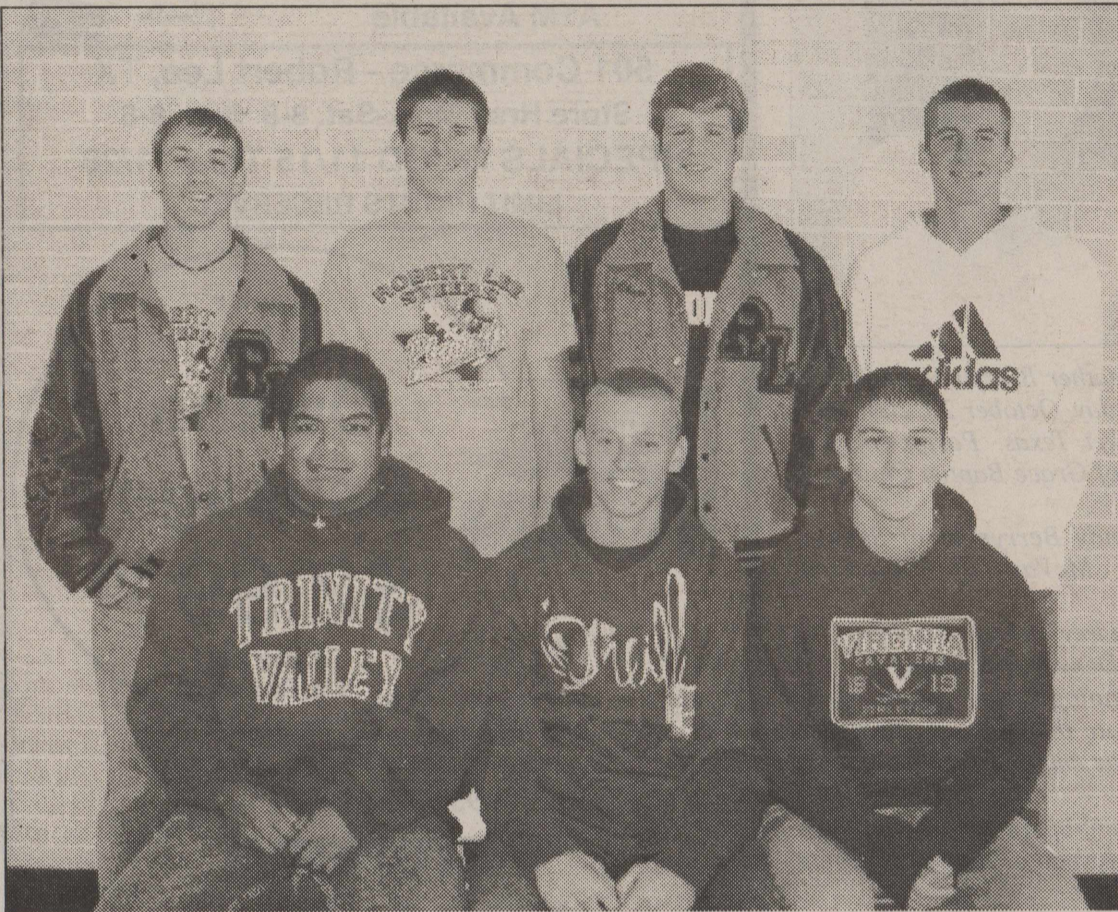


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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Steers All-District! Several Robert Lee Steers football players were honored with All-District Selections for Division 1, District 3 for the 2006 football season. The awards included (back row, left to right) Brody Dillard - Honorable Mention Quarterback, 1st Team Defensive Lineman; Taylor Percifull - 2nd Team Wide Receiver, 2nd Team Cornerback; Chase Roe - 2nd Team Defensive Lineman; Kevin Honse - 1st Team Wide Receiver, 1st Team Safety; (front row, left to right) Eleasar Vera - Honorable Mention Center; Corbin Martin - 2nd Team Utility Player; Josh Gallegos - 1st Team Spreadback, 1st Team Linebacker and Offensive MVP; (not pictured) Cameron Hodge - 1st Team Utility Back, 1st Team Special Teams Player and 1st Team Cornerback.

Steers fall to Broncos

By Tom Sawyer

Okay Steer fans, another year of football has come to an end. Congratulations to the Steers, coaches, cheerleaders, band, teachers and fans for another

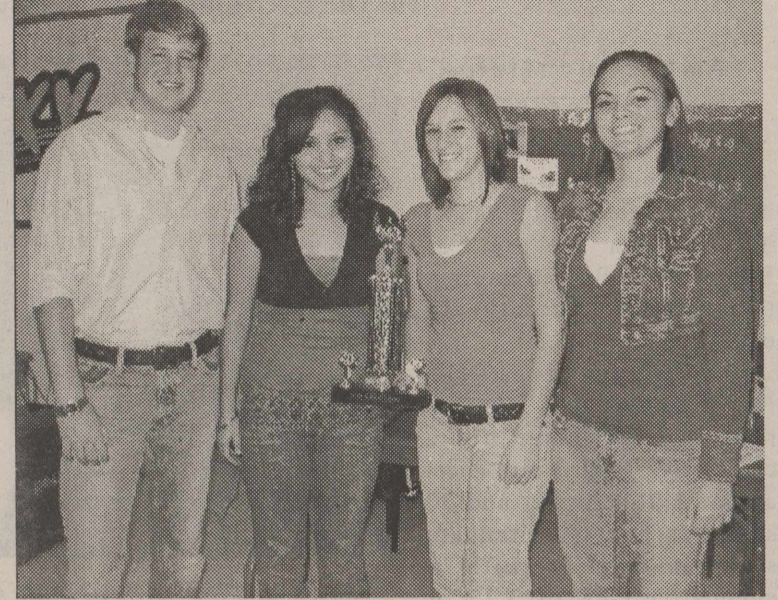
great year and another trip to the playoffs. Let's not forget the rest of the year and all the support we can show for the Steers, Lady Steers, and the Dogies in the upcoming school sports and activities. I for one was very pleased to hear all the noise at the playoff game with Meadow and hope this will continue throughout the year in all the activities.

See everyone again next season when the Steers make another run to the playoffs and let's hope a lot farther. Go Steers! STEER PRIDE!!!

Game Summary

1st Quarter

Broncos - 32 yard run with 7:38 left, PAT kick good;
Broncos - 5 yard run with 1:36 left, PAT kick good;
Broncos - 37 yard pass interception with :49 left, PAT kick failed.
Robert Lee - 0, Meadow - 22



Tech Prep Championship! Four Robert Lee High School students competed at the 2006 Concho Valley Tech Prep Fair on November 15. The team, which consisted of, (from left to right) Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner and Molly Burns brought home a championship trophy for their entry in the Technology Applications division. The project title was "Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District #219 Calendar" for 2007. They designed the calendar according to SWCD Technician Donna Waldrop's specifications. The calendar will be given to SWCD members at their district meeting in December. They prepared an exhibit/display board, a power point slide show describing the project, and gave an oral presentation to judges. The students are taking BCIS 1 and worked on this project during class because it involved the TEKS required for this subject area. This group also designed football programs for home games this year.

2nd Quarter

Steers - 20 yard pass from Honse to Percifull with 7:26 left, PAT kick by Gallegos;
Broncos - 22 yard pass with 5:32 left, PAT kick good;
Broncos - 4 yard run with 3:35 left, PAT kick good;
Steers - 56 yard kickoff return by Hodge with 3:23 left, PAT kick failed;
Broncos - 26 yard run with 1:59 left, PAT kick failed.
Robert Lee - 14, Meadow 44

3rd Quarter

Steers - 2 yard safety by Munoz with 9:10 left;
Steers - 28 yard pass from Gallegos to Honse with 6:41 left, PAT kick by Gallegos;

Broncos - 10 yard run with 3:33 left, PAT kick good;
Broncos - 7 yard pass with :21 left, PAT kick blocked.
Robert Lee - 24, Meadow - 58

4th Quarter

Broncos - 1 yard run with 5:49 left, PAT kick good;
Broncos - 19 yard run with 4:22 left.
Robert Lee - 24, Meadow - 72

Steer Stats

Taylor Percifull - 4 tackles, 4 receptions for 30 yards and 1 TD;
Brody Dillard - 13 tackles, 1 carry and 4 of 5 passing for 27 yards;
Josh Gallegos - 9 tackles, 8 carries for 34 yards, 4 of 13 passing for 49 yards, 1 interception and 1 TD, 1 punt for 49 yards;

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, November 27

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, November 28

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Wednesday, November 29

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Thursday, November 30

Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk

Friday, December 1

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 27

Bean chalupas, cheese, Spanish rice, salad, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday, November 28

Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, pears, sliced bread, milk

Wednesday, November 29

Steak fingers, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, peaches, milk

Thursday, November 30

Sausage wrap, chili beans, corn on cob, tator tots, orange, milk

Friday, December 1

Chicken patty on bun, pickles, salad, baked chips, fruit cocktail, milk

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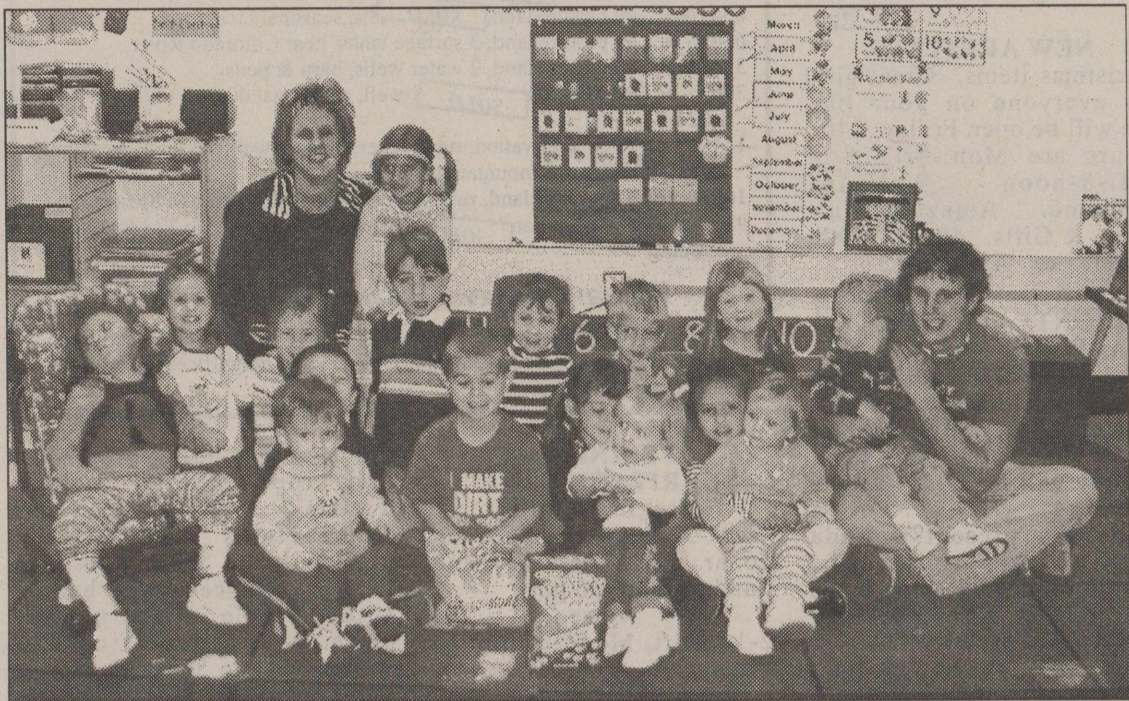
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Robert Lee Care Center will be a part of the community business Open House on December 1, 2006. We invite the community to come in and visit us and tour our facility. We will have food and refreshments (hot dogs, chips and drinks). Flu shots will also be available for \$15 from 9 am to 2 pm (Only limited amount available). Hope to see you there!

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



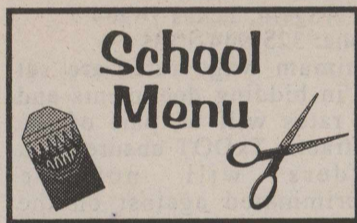
Healthy Snack! The Bronte ISD Day Care, Pre-K and PPCD classes enjoyed a 'Healthy Snacks For Children' program given by Jan Yanez, Cooperative Extension Agent-FCS. The children learned about 4 different categories of healthy snacks: Fruits and Vegetables, Healthy Grains, Low-fat Dairy Foods and Nuts and Trail Mix. They also learned about healthy beverages. The children also had the opportunity of making a healthy trail mix snack to take home. The Bronte Day Care included Ashlynn Richards, Parkes Bearden, Keeley Queen, Karissa Cervenka, Elexia Davis, Katelyn Bohensky, Zoey Hortenstine, Myles Keeney. Day Care Director-Joy Malone, Day Care Aide-Annette Acker and Kyler Lee-High School helper.



Healthy Snack! The PPCD & Pre-K Class also enjoyed the program by Jan Yanez. They included Quay Lloyd, Shyann Strickland, Caitlin Lange, Christyan Jones, Rafael Casillas, Cindy Gentles, Whitney Moran, Hunter Hortenstine, Elexia Davis, Mia Minjarez, Kyalyn Seales, Anthony Demory, Damian Albolaez, Mason Aguirre, Karissa Cervenka, Ricardo Zamora. Tammy Richards-PPCD teacher, Sharon Charles-PPCD Aide.

College and Workforce Events scheduled

The Tom Green County Youth Board will be sponsoring an educational event during the



Breakfast

Monday, November 27

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, November 28

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Wednesday, November 29

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Thursday, November 30

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

Friday, December 1

Pop tart, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 27

Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fresh apple, milk

Tuesday, November 28

Crispy tacos with cheese, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, taco shells, fancy jelly, milk

Wednesday, November 29

Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, fresh broccoli w/ranch, crackers, strawberries and bananas, milk

Thursday, November 30

Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, sliced peaches, bread sticks, milk

Friday, December 1

Chicken patty sandwich, tator tots, ranch style beans, orange smiles, pink panther cake, milk

next three months focused toward youth and parents that are preparing for college and/or the workforce. The following is a summary of the topics covered at the events: December 11 (6-8 pm): Financial Aid (Students Grants, Loans, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, Student Aid Report, College for Texans, Etc) and January (Date TBA) (6-8 pm) : Resume Preparation, How to conduct yourself in an interview, and Career Awareness/ Opportunities.

All three events will take place at the West Texas Training Center in San Angelo. The address is West Texas Training Center, Rapid Response Room, 3501 North US Hwy 67, San Angelo, TX 76905.

If you or your child is interested in any of these three events, please have them RSVP at 325-659-6525. The event is limited to the first 100 families.

The deadline to RSVP for the Scholarship Training on November 27 is Monday, November 20.

Please feel free to call Garry Branham with the CEA 4-H and Youth Development, if you have any questions at 325-659-6525.

Plea for Coke County Area Host Families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. This is the final push for the chance of these young ambassadors to fulfill their life-long dreams.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their

own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired

couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding


in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Coke County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

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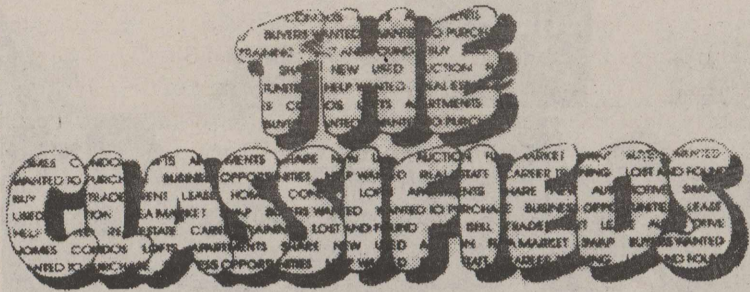
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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: San Angelo
Contract 6156-77-001 for TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL in COKE County will be received on December 21, 2006 until 1:00 pm and opened on December 21, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$40,986.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection,

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Chase Roe - 8 tackles;

Tony Munoz - 1 tackle, and 1 sack for safety;

Eleasar Vera - 1 tackle.

Good Luck Steers and we'll see you next season.



County Trapping Program

At a recent meeting of members of the Coke County Trappers Association, dues for 2007 were set at 8 cents per acre per year with a minimum of \$50.00 for smaller landowners. Also, directors thought changing the name from Coke County Trappers Association to Livestock and Wildlife Protection Association would have a better connotation. At the present time, the association is in need of continued support by all landowners to maintain the county predator control program. The program is funded by dues from landowners and the county. We have had to ask the county for increased assistance due to a decline in the producers that have supported the program. They have agreed to help keep this invaluable program if we can increase our collection of monies to assist them. We have had lots of new landowners move into the county and we welcome their support, but we do not have names or addresses to contact them about our program. If you know of a neighboring landowner that is new to the county, please contact the Extension office with their names and we can get their address and add them to our mailing list.

To be able to maintain an effective predator control program, it will require participation from all landowners. Predators not only affect sheep and goats, but are detrimental to wildlife populations and if they continue to increase they can and will attack our cattle herds. These monies not only fund the county trapper, but also allow us to utilize the predator management program trouble shooter, aircraft and other state assisted methods of control. You only have to look to the north of us where they have dropped predator control and the predators have taken over.

Even if you do not own livestock and are managing for wildlife, predator control is an essential management tool. Coyotes prey on whitetail fawns

and mature bucks that have been weakened by the rut. With the price that a mature buck will bring, predator control that saves only a few fawns that could develop into trophy deer is money well spent.

Dues can be sent to: Livestock and Wildlife Protection Association, PO Box 170, Robert Lee, TX 76945 or you can pay your dues at the Coke County Extension office.

Pecan Show Information

The 42nd Annual Concho Valley Pecan Show will be held on Friday, December 8 from 12 noon until 6 pm at the main entrance to the Tom Green County Library in Judge Edd B. Keyes Building. Any pecan grower in the area may submit entries to the show. This includes Tom Green, Coke, Concho, Irion, Runnels and Sterling Counties. No entry limit per exhibitor is made, but participants are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow. The grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids or natives as he wishes. The exhibitor must be the grower. Entries must be received by 12 noon on Friday, December 1, in the Tom Green County Extension Office on the second

floor of the Judge Edd B. Keyes Building or any participating County Extension office.

A minimum of 42 pecans are necessary for each entry. This sample of 42 should represent the variety or individual seedling tree and be uniform in size and shell color. Mixed samples - more than one variety in an entry - are disqualified.

The grower may wish to select the heaviest pecan by weighing individual nuts. This will eliminate poorly filled pecans, but certainly isn't an entry requirement.

A variety entry may be composed of nuts from more than one tree. For example, if the grower has 10 Choctaw trees, each tree could contribute nuts to the grower's Choctaw entry.

Nuts should be free of dust, dirt, and shuck remnants. They should not be buffed to the extent that shape or color is altered. Discolored shells and kernels may result from peeling pecans from the shucks too early. Pecans must be from the 2006 crop. Judging is based on the size of the pecans, appearance, and kernel quality which includes color, percent kernel (as relative to shell) and percent edible kernel.

Final judging will begin at 11

am on December 8. Decisions and placings by the judges will be final. Pecans will be left on display until 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 8th. Winning entries in each class may be considered for entering in the West Texas Regional Pecan Show to be held on December 12 in Martin County in Stanton.

Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in a variety class. Champions will be awarded plaques or rosettes for winning their division. All pecans become property of the

show and entries not entered in the Regional Pecan Show will be sold to defray the cost of the show.

Processing of the 2006 Pecan Show will begin at 9 am on Friday, December 8 in the Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd floor. Persons interested in learning more about the pecan varieties and discuss growing pecans with other growers are invited to assist in processing the show. For more information, please contact the Tom Green County Extension office at (325) 659-6528.

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...RLISD Board

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Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the financial report and to pay the bills seconded by Buck Duncan. All for.

Asst. Principal, Wayne Simpson, gave the elementary report along with campus activities; 132 students enrolled in elementary with 98% ADA for October. Principal, Dwin Nanny, gave the JH/HS report along with campus activities; 117 students enrolled with 96% ADA for October.

Wes Washam made a motion seconded by Tod Reed to accept superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2007-2008 school calendar. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to change the substitutes pay for an aide to \$50 per day. Sub rates for 2006-2007 will be \$50 per day for teacher sub, \$50 per day for aide sub and \$60 per day for ISS sub. Motion seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

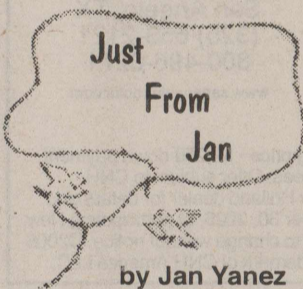
Supt. Hood will pursue further information for counseling services for students.

Wes Washam made a motion to assemble a Building /Construction Committee to determine the facility needs of the district seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

Supt. Hood gave his superintendent's report on enrollment numbers, wind project update, election issues, asbestos three-year inspection and cell phones.

The board entered into closed session at 8:50 pm and reconvened into open session at 9:55 pm.

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 7 pm. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

**Thanksgiving
Overeating**

Americans are notorious for overeating on Thanksgiving yet often regret their overindulgence and

inactivity, behavior that can carry over into the entire holiday season and pose serious health consequences down the road. Be sure to exercise during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Exercise can increase energy and help relieve stress, so it's especially important not to let fitness fall by the wayside this time of year. Aim for at least 30 minutes a day most days of the week. The following tips can help you reach that goal:

Work out while you shop. You're probably spending a lot of time at malls and other shopping areas this time of year. Since the average person can burn about 220 to 310 calories an hour while walking briskly, use your shopping trips as workout opportunities. Some malls even open early for walkers. Or take a few extra brisk laps before you head home. And parking your car as far away from the entrance as possible (with holiday crowds, this might happen anyway) will allow you to get those extra steps in.

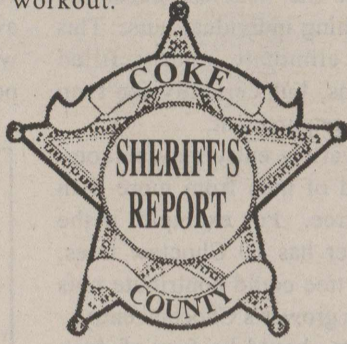
Make it a group effort. Work physical activities into holiday get-togethers. Plan a party that includes fitness: Try skating, hiking, bowling, or dancing. Rather than sitting around the living room, take a walk through the neighborhood.

Do it bit by bit. The recommendation to get at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise most days of the week doesn't have to happen all at once. The American College of Sports Medicine emphasizes that everyday activities that move the large muscles of your arms and legs, such as using the stairs whenever possible, walking your dog, and energetically cleaning up around the house, can all add up to significant health and fitness benefits.

Other suggested physical activities that can fit into a busy schedule include pedaling a stationary bike while reading or listening to music, riding a bicycle instead of driving to run errands or visit friends, and playing actively with children.

Enjoy the great outdoors. The busy holiday season combined with frosty temperatures in many areas can discourage outdoor exercise.

But cold-weather workouts offer special advantages: Your body burns extra calories just keeping warm, and getting outside for a daily dose of activity and sunlight can help keep boredom and the wintertime blues at bay. Be sure to dress in layers, cover your head and extremities, warm up before exercising, and drink plenty of water before, during, and after your workout.



**Arrests/
Charges Filed
October 2006**

Medina, Damien, Assault Family Violence, 10-1-06;

Garcia, Christina, Assault Family Violence, 10-1-06;

Radloff, Kailee, Motion to Revoke Probation Warrant, 10-5-06;

Roe, Jonathan, DWI, 10-8-06;

Scott, Joshua, Evading Arrest and Detention, 10-9-06;

Springer, Randy, DWI, 10-18-06;

Hanson, Christopher, Making Alcohol Available to a Minor, 10-20-06;

Socia, Laeni, Driving While License Invalid, 10-26-06;

Foster, Bruce, Assault Family Violence, Interfere with Emergency Phone Call, 10-31-06.

**District Court
Dispositions**

10-4-06

The State of Texas vs. Wesley Wade, Charge: Assault on a Public Servant, Plea: Guilty, 3 Years TDCJ;

The State of Texas vs. Ricardo Zamora. Charge: Injury to a Child, Plea: Dismissed by motion of the District Attorney Steve Lupton.

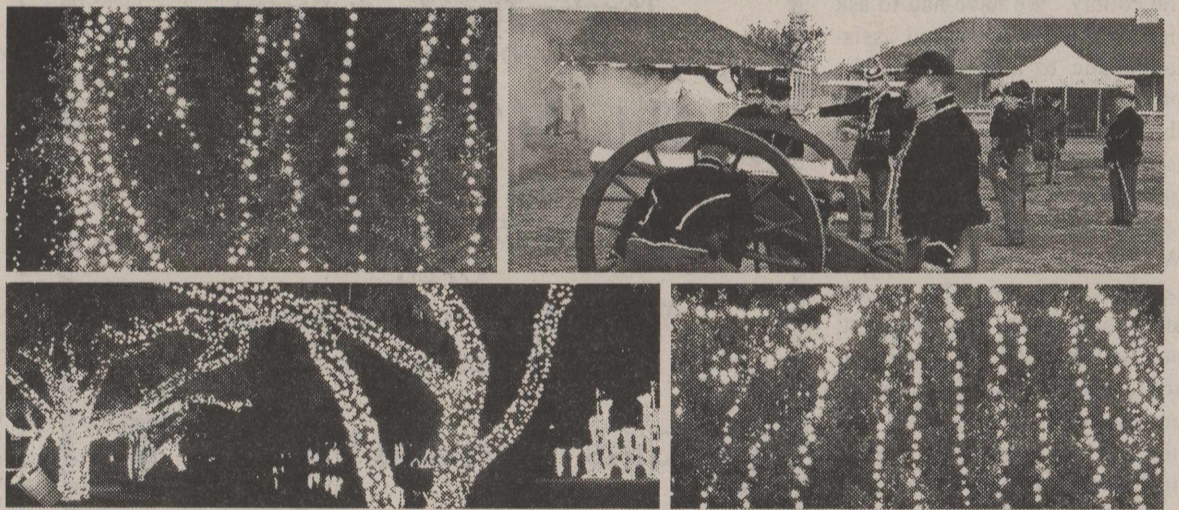
**County Court
Dispositions**

10-17-06

The State of Texas vs. Joe Salas, Charge: DWI, Motion to Revoke Probation, Plea: Guilty, 1000.00 Fine, 66.00 Court Cost, 400.00 Probation Fees, 180 Days Driver's License Suspension.



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