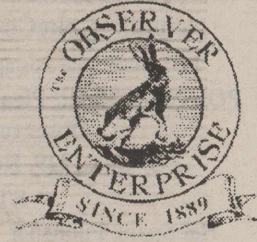


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## County livestock show slated for this weekend

This weekend will be the 67th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show, held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year's show will be dedicated to Wilbern Millican and Dale Wojtek for their tremendous dedication and support of Coke County youth through their enthusiastic involvement during the premium sale for many years. There will be a special presentation made to these two gentlemen on Saturday, at 2 pm, preceding the premium sale.

This year's show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, more than 70 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects, which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile

educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$120,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin Friday, January 19, at 6:30 pm with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These shows will be judged by Reid Stultz of San Angelo. On Saturday, January 20, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, followed by the Market Steer show at 11 am, judged by Todd Vineyand, Jones County Extension Agent from Anson, Texas.

The Buyer's appreciation barbecue will be served at 12



**Brand New Fire Truck!** The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department recently received a new 4-door, diesel fire truck. The truck took 8-9 months to build and cost approximately \$162,000, through grants, donations and fund raising efforts. Pictured are city council members, city personnel and members of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

noon. Following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 2 pm to honor the prize-winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors that

include: Bobby Blaylock, Marty Caston, Mike Cervenka, Wayne Coalson, Lynn Denton, Joe Harmon, Mike Harris, David Jackson, Corby Kelso, Shane Kelton, Jeff McGlothlin, Wibby Millican, Jerry T. Parker, Joel Percifull, Pat Percifull, Douglas Roberts, Mike Rodriguez, Ricky Ross, Ricky Royall, Rick Sanchez, Tom Sawyer, Noel Tinkler, and Ernest Ybarra.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show would like to invite everyone to come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

### WTRC telethon set for Saturday

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 37th annual telethon is set for Saturday, January 20, from 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm at Ivey Motor Company in Robert Lee. The phone number to make a pledge will be 453-4561. For more information on the telethon, see page 7 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

### Windbreak

#### Seedlings available

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are available through the Coke County SWCD. Order your seedlings NOW through January 29, 2007. Delivery date is set for February 8, 2007.

For more information, con-

tact the SWCD office at 325-453-2623 ext. 3 or order in person at 214 East 7th Street in Robert Lee.

### RLBC JC Kid's Club slated

The spring semester of Robert Lee Baptist Church J.C. Kid's Club, a Wednesday night Bible Study for students Pre-K through 6th grades, begins on January 24, at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

### Caregiver & Alzheimer's support group meeting set

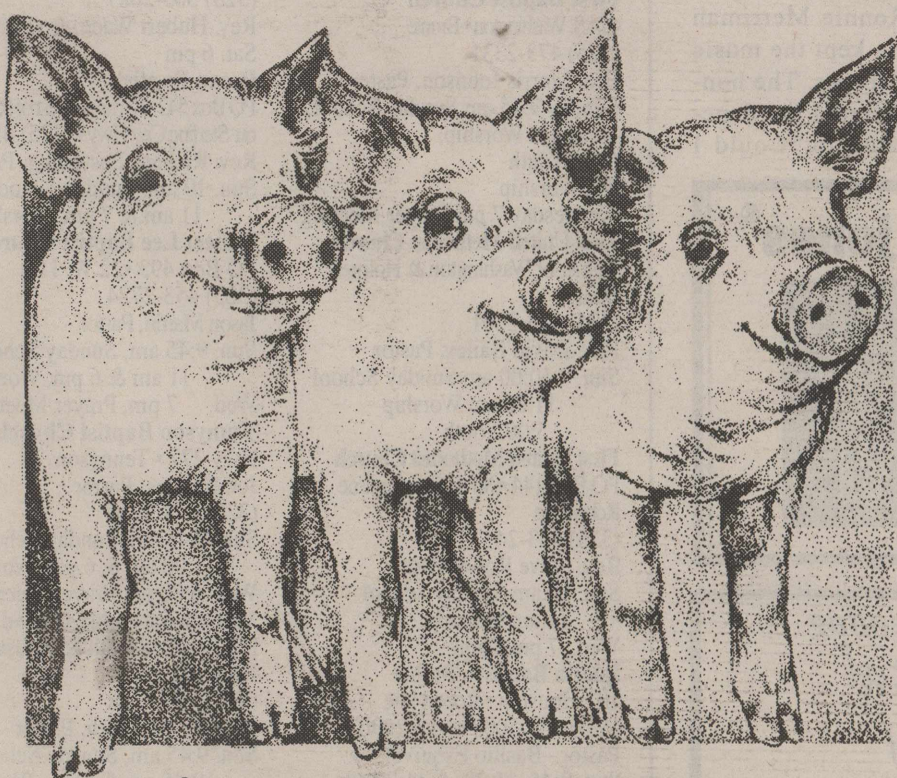
There will be a family council & care giver/Alzheimer's support group meeting at the Robert Lee Care Center conference room on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 5:30 pm.

This group is open to all care givers regardless of loved one's affliction. RSVP: Mary Rodriguez 453-2511.

### Congressional Representative to be in town

On Monday, January 29, 2007, a member of Congressman Mike Conaway's staff will be in Robert Lee to visit personally with constituents. The representative will be at the Robert Lee Commissioners' Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. This will allow you to share concerns, request help on a federal issue or to ask any questions you may have.

## Coke County Junior Livestock Show



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## Death Notices

### Ballard

Vera Ballard, 89, of Bronte, passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2007, in Marble Falls. Funeral services were Saturday, January 13, 2007, at Central Baptist Church, at 10:00 am with burial following in the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Visitation was Friday, January 12, 2007, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the funeral home. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her children, Frankie Mae Chung, of Corpus Christi, U. L. Ballard, Jr., of Gilmer, Patricia Ann Brooks of Marble Falls, and Larry Ballard, of Kilgore.

### Angel Food Ministries distribution day set for Jan. 27

The distribution date will be Saturday, January 27 at 3:00. For more information, contact Johnnie Andrewson 473-2124, Donna Keele 473-5341, or Joy Keele 473-6511.

They are still seeking volunteers for distribution days as well as donations to help offset operating costs.

### Hospice volunteer training class set

Volunteers are an integral part of the hospice concept of care and complete a "team". A volunteer is chosen specifically for each family's needs and is there to be a friend and a helper. The Hospice of San Angelo Volunteer Training class is designed to prepare volunteers to be a support to Hospice patients and their families. Volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice care, the concept of palliative care, the spiritual aspects of dying, and the process of grief. The volunteer's objective is to provide acceptance, comfort, and dignity for each patient.

The volunteer training class schedule: Tuesday, January 23rd and Tuesday, January 30th, 2007. To register, call Angelo State University continuing education department at 325-942-2339.

For more information about the training, call Toni Pfluger, volunteer coordina-

tor, Hospice of San Angelo, 325-658-6524.

### Webbs celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Webb, Jr. celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sat., Dec. 16, 2006, with a family dinner; and reception and dance with family and friends.

C. N. (Junny) Webb, Jr. and Mary Jane Powell were married Dec. 22, 1956 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. They are the parents of Lana Webb, San Angelo; Shane Webb and wife, Alisa, Bronte; and Kelly Barnett and husband, Kris, Ft. Worth. Their grandchildren are Joel and Cheyenne Webb, Bronte and Kenzie and Karsen Barnett, Ft. Worth.

The couple has lived in Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma and several Texas cities including Robert Lee and Bronte since their wedding. He is a rancher and was a landman, surveyor, and driller for several oil companies. She was employed by GTE, Nathan's Jewelers, The Ballinger Ledger, Observer/Enterprise and West Coke County Hospital. She is a longtime employee of Shannon Medical Center Pharmacy. They are members of the First Baptist Church and the Kickapoo Dance Club. They were members of the former Happy Harts Square Dance Club in Bronte, which was organized and led by Ed and Mary Hart.

The festivities were held in

the Goodyear Proving Grounds Recreation Center. The center was decorated in a western theme with balloons and other decor in red, black and cream colors. Boots, hats, and many framed pictures of the couple and their children were mixed with centerpieces on each long table. A rustic fence, saddle and ropes complemented the affair. The registration table was attended by Pat Lee. The guest book contained a compilation of pictures of the couple and their family from infancy to present day. This book was an anniversary gift to them from their daughter, Lana.

Kris Barnett, son-in-law of the couple and pastor of Ridglea West Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, performed the renewal of the marriage vows. Rickie Dell Mixson, who originally served as Matron of Honor, again served in that capacity and the couple's daughters and granddaughters served as Bridesmaids and Flower Girl. Jim Hughes, cousin of the groom, served as Best Man and the couple's son, grandsons and nephew, Gary Webb, served as Groomsmen and Ring Bearer.

The Anniversary table held a two-tier Italian crême cake topped with a western Bride and Groom. One of the chocolate cakes was topped with a Gold 50th and the other was complemented with the 50 year old original bridal couple decoration. All of the cakes were decorated with the family livestock brand, (bar over a running W). Punch and nuts were served also.

A family dinner was catered by Rick and Kay Styles of Bronte. Dennis Trujillo Photography of San Angelo, captured the fun and memories with pictures of everyone who was in attendance. Ashley Gould made a video to capture some of the action. DJ Ronnie Merriman of San Angelo kept the music beating for dancers. The honored couple started the dancing by waltzing to "Could I



Mr. & Mrs. C.N. Webb, Jr.

Have This Dance For The Rest Of My Life" by Anne Murray.

Guests were registered from many Texas towns including Ft. Worth, Abilene, LaRue, Odessa, Duncanville,

Christoval, Divide, Water Valley, Athens, Mertzon, Tennyson, Robert Lee, San Angelo, as well as Bronte.

Hosts for the celebration were the couple's children and grandchildren.

## Area Churches Invite You to Worship

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

**Central Baptist Church**  
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2360  
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331  
 Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship,  
 6 pm Youth  
 and Worship  
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 5:00 Youth

**First United Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2417  
 Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
 101 Houston • Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296  
 Pastor: Basilio Esquivel  
 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am  
 & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2176  
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
 Portis Ribble, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
 Wed. 6 pm

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

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee  
 on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004  
 Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Jason Martin, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
 Joe Hodges, Pastor  
 (325) 473-2040  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

**Victory Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2208  
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting


**St. James Catholic Church**  
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 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
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**McCutchen, Kresta united in marriage**

Miss Morgan Lee McCutchen, of Bronte, and Mr. Dustin Wayne Kresta, of Ballinger, were married Saturday, December 16, 2006, at 6 o'clock in the evening at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger. Bro. Paul Williams of Bronte officiated the ceremony. Rev. Harry Jackson, uncle of the bride from McKinney, Texas, assisted with the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen of Bronte. The groom is the son of Mr. Timmy Kresta and Ms. Becky Kresta, both of Ballinger. He is the grandson of Mrs. Barbara Odom and the great-grandson of Mrs. Laverne McNaley, both of Ballinger.

The bride was escorted by her father and wore a white matte satin strapless A-line gown featuring a beaded cuff with bow on the bodice and a long flowing train. Her bouquet consisted of red and white roses, accented with baby's breath and greenery. The bride also wore a pearl necklace belonging to her grandmother, the late Mary Barrett of Bronte.

Serving her sister as Maid of Honor was Ashley McCutchen of San Marcos. Bridesmaids included cousin of the bride, Mattea McCutchen of Stephenville and Hanna Allison of Sonora. The ladies wore apple red strapless satin side ruche ballgowns with beaded bodices and organza insets. Each carried a single white rose. The flower girls were cousin of the bride, Isabella Jackson of Plano, and Praise Hopson of Bynum. The young ladies wore white satin princess A-line gowns with spaghetti straps, lace-up backs and bands of apple red around the bodice and hem.

Best man was David Blessing of Sonora. Groomsmen included Jason Cooke of Winters and cousin of the groom, Doug Taylor of San Angelo. Ring bearer was cousin of the groom, R. J. Odom of Ballinger. Ushers were cousin of the groom, David Kresta of Ballinger, cousin of the groom, Skyler Odom of Ballinger, and Brian "Sparky" Albertson of San Angelo.

The sanctuary was decorated with red poinsettias, greenery, and gold and white tulle bows. A large Christmas tree with gold bows and angels greeted guests in the foyer.

Immediately following the ceremony, a celebratory reception was held for the couple at Carnegie Library in Ballinger. Guests enjoyed music provided by Toby Virden, DJ, during the dinner and dance. The foyer of the Library was graced by a Christmas tree with red bows. The staircase leading



Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Kresta

to the upstairs auditorium was graced with greenery, red bows, and a large photo of the couple on the staircase landing.

The auditorium featured twinkle lights, greenery, and red bows. On the elevated stage were tables adorned with the bride's cake and the groom's cake. Separating the tables was another Christmas tree with twinkle lights and red bows, just perfect to set the couple's new gifts under. On the main floor of the auditorium, tables were adorned with red cloths over white and hurricane lamp candle centerpieces.

The bride's cake was a three-tiered white, decorated with fresh red roses, carnations, greenery and baby's breath. The groom's cake was a chocolate horseshoe, also adorned with fresh flowers.

Following the dinner, the bride and her father led the dancing with a waltz to "I Loved Her First".

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Bronte High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Angelo State University in December 2005. She is editor of The Observer/Enterprise.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Ballinger High School and is employed by Minzenmayer Farms in Runnels County.

Following a honeymoon to San Antonio, where they stayed on the Riverwalk at La Mansion Del Rio, the couple resides in Ballinger.

**Home for the Holidays**

Visitors in the home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee during the Christmas holidays were Lawana Perry, Marshall and Sheri Millican, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts all of Robert Lee; Kannan Moore and Stewart Millican of Aledo; Sheila Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; Crystal and Ryan Stanford of Lewisville, George (Buddy) Strickland of Liberty Hill; Jeremy Strickland of Springtown; Cal Bynum of Abilene; and Rick White of Hawkins.

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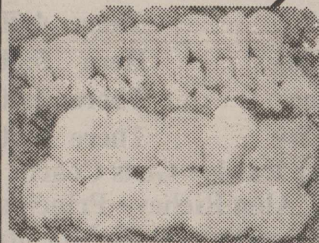
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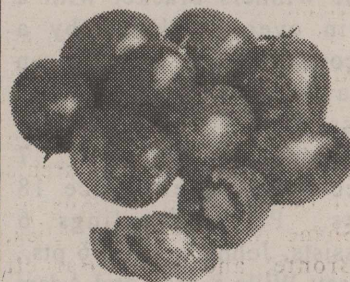


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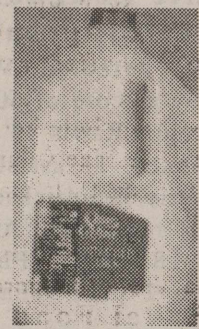
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Bronte High School Basketball Schedule

January 12	Blackwell	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 16	Sterling City	There	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 18	Robert Lee	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 23	Garden City	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 26	Water Valley	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
January 30	Blackwell	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 2	Sterling City	Here	5:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 6	Robert Lee	There	4:00	JV & V Girls & Boys
February 9	Garden City	There	5:00	JV & V Boys

Boys Coach: Rocky Rawls • Girls Coach: Justin Esquell  
 Superintendent: Alan Richey • Principal: Terry Marrs  
 Athletic Director: Keith McCutchen

### BISD offering free passes for Senior Citizens

Bronte ISD is offering free passes for Senior Citizens 65 and over for District basketball games. Bring proof of I.D. to Superintendent's office from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm weekdays.

### Bronte Longhorn basketball results

Bronte defeated Water Valley by a score of 60-42. Stats: Logan Rawls 13 pts., 10 rebounds, 11 assists, 7 steals; Eric Hendrickson 8 pts., 10 rebounds; Albert Force 18 pts., Philip Rawlings 2 pts., Jonathan

Marrs 6 pts., Johnathan Ehl 11 pts., and Brett Wills 2 pts.

Bronte was once again in the winners bracket with a win over Blackwell by a score of 61-35. Stats: Logan Rawls 8 pts., 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 5 steals; Eric Hendrickson 15 pts., 7 rebounds, Albert Force 18 pts.; Philip Rawlings 6 assists, Johnathan Ehl 6 pts., Brett Wills 8 pts., and Adam Halfacer 6 pts., 6 rebounds.

### Bronte Band Boosters meet

The Bronte Band Boosters met on January 11, 2007 to discuss upcoming events this spring for band members.

The UIL contest for the high school band will be held in Llano on April 9th. Also, the high school band will play in San Antonio on May 12, and then enjoy the afternoon at the Schlitterbahn water park in New Braunfels. Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade band members will participate in a contest in Colorado City on March 3rd, and will be treated to an afternoon of pizza and fun in Abilene sometime in April.

Mr. Dannheim expressed the need for hats and plumes for next year's marching band. Additionally, he reported that the band had recently purchased a number of new instruments. He praised the students' incredible progress this year, and booster members related how much their children were enjoying learning how to play their instruments. The Christmas Concert was discussed, with plans to expand it for next year.

Following the treasurer's report, booster members discussed the procedures and profitability of operating concession stands during volleyball and basketball games. The hard work and volunteer spirit of band members' parents this year as they worked concession stand detail have helped make enough money to fund the Schlitterbahn and elementary trips listed above.

Also, the booster club is assisting Mr. Dannheim in reviving the tradition of a Band Banquet this spring for

band members in grades 6-12. More details will soon be forthcoming.

Booster club officers for 2006-2007 include President, John Eiland; Vice-President, Susan Williams; Treasurer, Karen McBride; and Secretary, Leah Rosson. Please contact any of these officers if you have any questions, or want to provide feedback. Next meeting will be held February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Band Hall.

### Bronte trustees meet in regular session

The Bronte ISD board of trustees held a regular meeting on January 11, 2007, at 7 pm in the boardroom. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Kendall Gibbs, Terry Charles, Scott Frasier, Bob Frazee, Quinda Feil-Duncan, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Michael Bohensky, Terry Marrs, Donna Poehls, David Bedford, Nancy Cooper, and Gina McCutchen. Absent was Jeff Schoenfield.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Kendall Gibbs.

The board approved the 2005-2006 audit presented by Burl Lowery C.P.A.

David Bedford, CCJJC Principal, Michael Bohensky, Assistant Secondary Principal, Donna Poehls, Assistant Elementary Principal, and Terry Marrs, K-12 Principal, gave reports. The board members were presented hand drawn place mats and thank you letters from the 1st and 2nd grade students.

The board approved the following early release dates for the 2007 spring semester. They are March 29, April 5, May 4, May 11, and May 24. The board discussed and approved Update 79.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave updates on the paving project and the Vocational Ag Center. Discussion was held on a turf program.

The board completed the Superintendent's evaluation. The board was informed of

## Bronte Junior High Basketball Schedule

January 18, 20	"A" Team Tourney	Irion County	A Boys
January 18, 20	"A" Team Tourney	Water Valley	A Girls
January 22	Sterling City	Here	5:00 A & B Boys & Girls
January 25, 27	"B" Team Tourney	San Angelo	B Girls
January 29	Robert Lee	There	5:00 A&B Girls & Boys
February 5	Veribest	Here	5:00 A&B Girls & Boys

Boys Coach: Brandon Moore • Girls Coach: Carol Moore

the resignation of Jason Wilson and that Rocky Rawls has stepped down as head football coach. Coach Rawls will continue to be head basketball coach.

### January proclaimed School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Bronte School District is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge local trustees' unfailing commitment to our communities and schools.

"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, especially in today's climate of change and economic uncertainties. It's a huge responsibility, one, which has an effect on virtually every aspect of our schools. In January, we encourage our community to help honor the contributions and dedication of our local school board members. Those locally elected citizens, who work without pay, make decisions that influence and direct the education of our youth," said Bronte Superintendent Alan Richey.

"Our board is one of 1,036 district and county school boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of our public schools, meaning that decisions are made by local leaders who understand the community's unique culture, values, and challenges," said Richey.

The Bronte school board was named one of the top five school boards in the State of Texas in 2002. Current board members are Wayne Coalson, Kendall Gibbs, Jeff Schoenfield, Terry Charles, Bob Frazee, Scott Frasier and Quinda Feil-Duncan. "Take a moment to thank our local school board members for making the time to share their vision and voice about the future of our children. We proudly salute these education advocates as they pro-

vide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities," he said.

### Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library has received a copy of Bill Carwile's family history titled "The Carwiles-Who Came to Texas?" The story begins with his grandparents who lived on Yellow Wolf Creek at Sanco for most of their lives having settled there in 1906. This is a history of Coke County and the family covering 100 years. The information in this part of genealogical search for family information which has all been verified back to 1750. Anyone with information to share can call Bill Carwile at his home.

The Carwile family history will join several other family histories in the Library. These family histories will serve future generations that seek to connect to generations that came before. There will always be a future generation member who will come in contact with a piece of memorabilia that will send them out to seek their roots. It is those historians who will most appreciate the work of their forebearers.

Any three to five year old child is welcome to come to the Library on Tuesday at 10 am for a story, a treat, and a small project. Call 453-2495 for information.

The Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Head Start Story Time is Wednesday at 10 am.

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### School Menu

#### Breakfast

#### Monday, January 22

Cereal, diced pears, toast, jelly, milk

#### Tuesday, January 23

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

#### Wednesday, January 24

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

#### Thursday, January 25

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

#### Friday, January 26

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

#### Lunch

#### Monday, January 22

Pizza, corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk

#### Tuesday, January 23

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

#### Wednesday, January 24

Chicken nuggets with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, fancy jello, milk

#### Thursday, January 25

Nacho grande, lettuce & tomatoes, orange smiles, nacho chips, chocolate cake, milk

#### Friday, January 26

Corn dog, tator tots, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apple, rice krispie bar, milk

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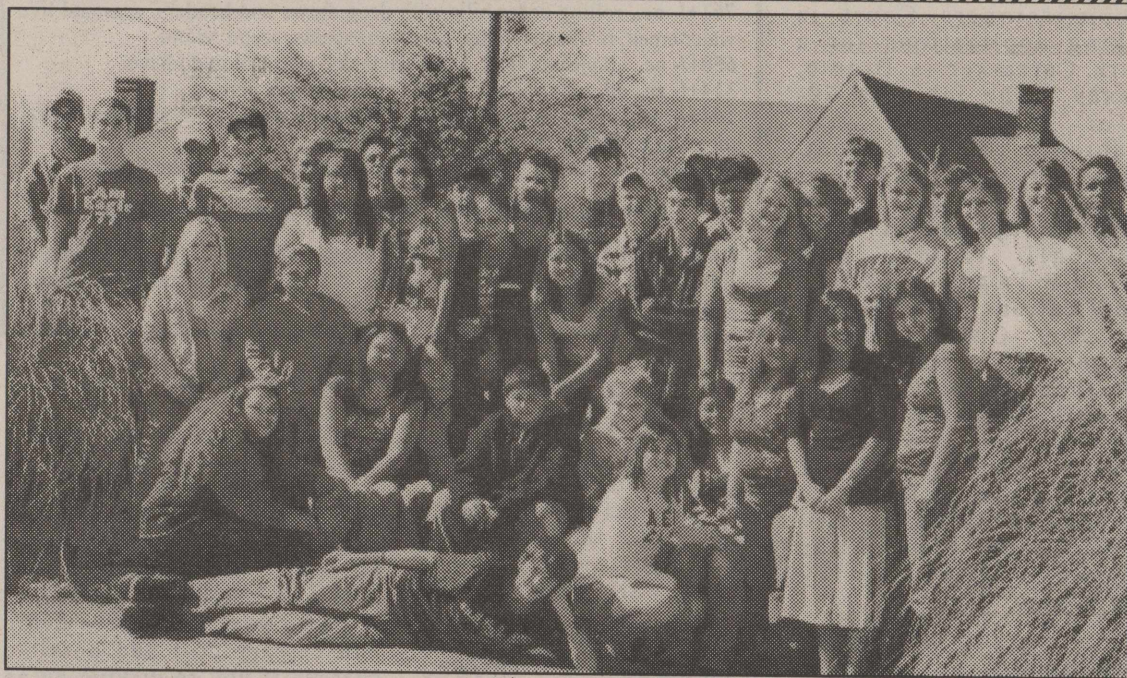
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Concertgoers!** The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club recently attended a Justo Lamas concert in Coleman, Texas. Justo Lamas is a very gifted singer from Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Just Lamas concert is an educational program with the primary objective of promoting the study of the Spanish language. With Justo's music and songs, students are motivated to learn the language. For over six years, Justo Lamas has been performing concerts in Spanish in schools throughout the United States, promoting Hispanic culture and assisting teachers in motivating their students to learn this language through his music.

Attending the concert were Cody Brosh, Ivan Landeros, Justin Hewitt, Kendra Fuentes, Cayetano Carrera, Becca Saucedo, Tanner Hanigan, Jacob Moreno, Emilee Yanez, Piedad Juarez, KW Roe, Justina Gloria, Stetson Nesbit, Olga Perez, Taylor Foster, Nancy Landeros, Miguel Perez, Blake Millican, Libby Trejo, Chase Roe, Brianna Longoria, Arrin Minjarez, Kasie Skinner, Norma Rojas, Anna Rojas, Eleasar Vera, Kevin Honse, Josh Gallegos, Michael Rodriguez, Molly Burns, Briana Brisbin, Jeremy Martinez, Prescilla Lara, Molli Hinderliter, Kaden Duncan, Mason Ross, Kelsey Martin, Sarah Jones, Gaby Saucedo, Jimmy Womack and sponsors Yolanda Saucedo, Dwin Nanny and Elena Sanchez.

## Lady Steers basketball results

On January 9, the Lady Steers varsity was defeated by Sterling City by a score of 53-38. Scoring: Kasie Skinner 6; Arrin Minjarez 2; Kelsy Duncan 5; Megan

Percifull 2; Brettne Reed 5; Sarah Philley 6; and Becca Skinner 12.

On January 12, the varsity was defeated by Garden City by a score of 65-24. Scoring: Arrin Minjarez 4; Kelsy Duncan 7; Molly Burns 1; Megan Percifull 2; Brettne Reed 4; Sarah Philley 3; and Becca Skinner 3.

The Lady Steers junior varsity was defeated by Sterling City by a score of 22-16. Scoring: Becca Saucedo 2; Emilee Yanez 2; Molli Hinderliter 4; Briana Brisbin 4; Jodi Sheldon 1; Nancy Landeros 1; and Norma Rojas 2.

The junior varsity was defeated by Garden City by a score of 26-19. Scoring: Emilee Yanez 2; Molli Hinderliter 8; Briana Brisbin 6; and Nancy Landeros 1.

## Applications sought for HEB Excellence in Education Awards

Attention teachers, principals, and school districts you have until January 31 to submit an application to the 2007 HEB Excellence Awards and compete for more than \$500,000 cash and grants. The awards are the

largest monetary recognition program for Texas educators. To pick up application, visit any HEB store or heb.com. Applications must be post-marked by January 31, 2007.

Award finalists will be invited to Austin in May for a celebratory luncheon that will feature keynote speech by Erin Gruwell, who is portrayed by actress Hillary Swank in the newly released major motion picture, Freedom Writers. Finalists will also receive a \$1,000 check and a \$1,000 grant for their schools. Principals on the finalist list will be presented with a \$1,000 check for themselves and a \$2,500 grant for their schools. A new awards category for 2007 has also been created to recognize outstanding small school districts (1A or 2A). As a small school district finalist, each will receive \$2,500. Award semifinalists will receive a certificate of recognition from HEB CEO Charles Butt and HEB gift cards.

"We are proud to recognize the outstanding efforts of Texas educators, who are building the future of Texas by educating our next generation of leaders," said Kate

Rogers, Director of the HEB Excellence in Education Awards.

At the celebratory luncheon in Austin, 10 finalists, after participating in personal interviews before a panel of judges, will be announced as grand-prize winners. These winners will be comprised of two principals, six teachers and two school districts, one large and one small.

Each winning principal-one elementary school and one high school-will each receive \$10,000 in cash for themselves and a \$25,000 grant for their schools. The winning large school district will receive a \$100,000 cash prize and the winning small school district will receive \$50,000.

The six winning teachers will include one elementary and one secondary teacher in each of three categories:

\*The Rising Star Award-honors exceptionally promising teachers with less than 10 years of experience. These winners will each receive a \$5,000 check for themselves and a \$5,000 grant for their schools.

\*The Leadership Award-honors teachers with 10 to 20 years in the classroom. These winners will each receive a \$10,000 check for themselves and a \$10,000 grant for their schools.

\*The Lifetime Achievement Award-salutes teachers with more than 20 years of experience. These teachers will each receive \$25,000 in cash for themselves and a \$25,000 grant for their schools.

## OES in charge of West Texas School Daze

Mrs. Earline Moore of Bronte, Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 Sections 1 and 2, is in charge of the "West Texas School Daze" Eastern Star School of Instruction to be held in San Angelo, Texas, January 22 and 23, 2007. Beverly Sinclair of Robert Lee is the Co-Chairman with members from 10 chapters in the Concho Valley hosting all the activities. Those chapters are Ballinger No. 266, Brady No. 167, Bronte No. 1048, Concho No. 826, Paint Rock No. 391, Robert Lee No. 187, San Angelo No. 10, Winters No. 80, Ft. McKavett No. 783 and Sonora-Eldorado No. 575.

The "Apple Blossoms in January" banquet will be held Monday, January 22, 2007, at 5:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 130 South Oakes, San Angelo, Texas.

The Humanitarian Presentation will begin at 7 pm immediately followed by the Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek of Rio Hondo, Texas, and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. John Creel of Plano, Texas.

The School of Instruction for members only will begin at 9 am Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 130 South Oakes, San Angelo. The school officers are Mrs. Geraldine Dusek of Rio Hondo-Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Vicki Smith of Dripping Springs-District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jerre Lucas of Universal City-Grand Examiner and Mrs. Earline Moore of Bronte-Deputy Grand Matron. "Color Me Hungry" luncheon will be served at 12 noon. The school will continue until 3 pm.

## Sorosis Study Club news

The Sorosis Study Club met on January 11, 2007, in the home of Janet Wommack. In addition to their regular business, the club honored Kari Richter with a baby shower.

Future plans for the club include participation in the Relay for Life, a rummage sale and providing for the birthday party at the Bronte Health and Rehab center.

Present at the meeting were Marti Aguirri, Celia Bowden, Jane Cumbie, Glenda Draper, Jean Fancher, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, Pat Lee, Joan Lightfoot, Earline Moore, Fredna Moore, Kay Styles, Jane Wheat, Kari Richter, hostess, Janet Wommack, president, Lanette Fletcher, and guest, Rebecca Cline.

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## School Menu

### Breakfast

Monday, January 22

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, January 23

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Wednesday, January 24

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Thursday, January 25

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Friday, January 26

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

### Lunch

Monday, January 22

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green peas, sliced bread, pears, milk

Tuesday, January 23

Sausage wrap, tator tots, salad, chili beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

Bean chalupa, salad, Spanish rice, mandarin oranges, milk

Friday, January 26

Hot dog, chili & cheese, fritos, pork & beans, shape up, milk



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**PUBLIC NOTICE TO LANCE D. EVANS**  
 Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Texas Property Code, William L. Archer, Sr. and Nita Allen Archer of 1915 Austin Street, San Angelo, Texas, seek reimbursement of the prorata share of a total of \$6,532.00 paid on ad valorem taxes on the property from Lance D. Evans, who owns an undivided 1/108th of the following real property, together with a remainder interest in an additional undivided 1/216th interest. The subject property is described as 709.67 acres in Coke County, Texas, described by metes and bounds in deed recorded in Vol. 160, Page 587, Coke County Deed Records, Texas, and being 116.3 acres out of Survey No. 9, Abst. 642, 63 acres out of Survey No. 7-1/2, Abst. 898, all of J.F. Conner Survey, Abst. 835, all of D.L. Conner Survey No. 4, Abst. 1015, all of Survey No. 1, Abst. 1291 and 229 acres out of Survey No. 7, Abst. 647, Save 17.83 acres conveyed to CRMWD.  
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**Lake Front Property**, 3 BR, 2 Bath home, 1550 sq. ft., vaulted ceiling in living area, 2 car carport, on approx. 4.5 ac. with magnificent views, additional guest house.

**Bronte JV boys basketball results**

On Tuesday, January 9, the Bronte JV boys basketball team doubled their efforts by defeating Water Valley by a score of 48-24. Scoring: Hayden White 4, Sam Rawlings 9, Reece Springer 4, Audi Miller 3, Rob Rosson 19, Zack Bennett 5, and CJ McClure 2.  
 On Tuesday, January 16th, the JV boys took the win over Sterling City by a close score of 29-28. Scoring: Sam Rawlings 12, Reece Springer 9, Audi Miller 2, and Rob Rosson 6.

**Keep it current in the New Year**

The DPS wants to remind you to make one more New Year's resolution—update the address on your driver license. Keeping a current address on your license provides DPS with the ability to communicate important information to you regarding your driver license. Plus, updating your driver license address is important because it's the law.  
 DPS routinely sends out reminders to drivers when their license is about to expire, information on how to renew their license and even notification when there is a change in driver license status, such as when your license is being suspended or revoked. Updating your address can also help you avoid a situation in which law enforcement cannot identify your residence to contact a family member or a

loved one in the event of an emergency.

"It's impossible for DPS to send drivers updates on their license status, if the Department does not have a current address for each driver on file," said Director of the DPS Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Update your address to avoid unnecessary cost and possible charges if you're driving on an invalid license." There are several reasons why it is important for DPS to have your current address.

- Do you know when your license expires? Many people don't. DPS sends a reminder out to drivers reminding them that their driver license is about to expire and provides information on how to renew your license by mail, over the Internet, by telephone or even the old-fashioned way...in person. While some people (such as CDL holders) cannot renew by mail or over the Internet, many others can.

- Another reason it is important for you to keep your address current is so that DPS can notify you if your license is suspended or revoked. If your address is not current, you may not receive this notification. If you are stopped for any reason and found to be driving on a suspended license, you can be arrested. Licenses are often suspended or revoked for driving with no insurance, driving while intoxicated, for failing to appear in court for a citation or for failure to comply with the requirements of the Driver Responsibility Program.

- In the event that you are involved in a car crash or some other type of emergency in which you are unable to identify yourself, law enforcement must rely on your license to determine who you are. If your address is current, they will at least have a starting point in trying to notify your family about what has happened to you. For a recorded sound bite on this topic, call 512-424-2606. Read about DPS online at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us).

- Finally, you should keep a current address on your license because it's required by law. You have 30 days to change your address on your driver license when you move, or you could face a citation. You can change your address online, through the mail or at your local driver license office. To change your address online, go to [www.texasonline.com](http://www.texasonline.com) or you can download the form you'll need to renew by mail at [ftp://ftp.txdps.state.tx.us/forms/dl-64.pdf](http://ftp.txdps.state.tx.us/forms/dl-64.pdf). The fee to change your address is \$10. If you have a commercial driver license, you cannot change your address online or through the mail, which means you must go to a driver license office.

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**"Be somebody's hero!" for Rehab**

That's the plea being made by Ava Lou Davis and the 64 Study Club in Robert Lee and Pat Martindale in Bronte who are coordinating their local phone banks for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 37th annual telethon on Saturday, January 20.

Located at Ivey Motor Company, the local Robert Lee phone bank will be in operation from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm that night. The telephone number to call to make a pledge will be 453-4561.

Originating live from the Abilene Civic Center, the telethon will be carried by 10 television stations covering Texas and portions of New Mexico and Oklahoma. KLST-TV in San Angelo and KTAB-TV in Abilene will be among host stations. Also, the show may be viewed via satellite on Galaxy 11, Transponder 16.

Country music star Jamie O'Neal, who made "Somebody's Hero" popular, will be the show's featured entertainer for the five-hour television special and will be joined by hosts Red Steagall and Charlie Chase. Other performers include Rehab regulars Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule and Anacani.

In addition to entertainment, the telecast includes an auction of more than 400 items donated by businesses and individuals. Items range from agriculture items to travel packages, a pickup truck, boat, paintings, hand-made quilts, shopping spree and many more. Items can be seen-and bids placed-on the web site from now until midnight on January 20 at [www.rehabauction.org](http://www.rehabauction.org). An auction catalogue and toll-free bidding numbers will be published in the San Angelo Standard-Times and the Abilene Reporter-News on January 20.

Significant underwriting for Rehab 2007 has come from Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books. Also providing support are CitiBank, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas, American Airlines/American Eagle, and NTS Communications.

Traditionally, the benefit raises more than \$1 million for Rehab's operating expenses of facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. WTRC staff provides outpatient rehabilitation treatment services to more than 21,000 patients each year-regardless of their financial circumstances.

"Rehab donors really take to heart O'Neal's words and truly are 'somebody's hero,'" said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "We are so grateful to local volunteers staffing phone banks, every advance gift and every pledge called in during the show."

**Winters Chamber Banquet scheduled**

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce proudly announces Bill Little as keynote speaker for the annual banquet Saturday, January 27. Little, a native of Winters, serves as Special Assistant to the Head Football Coach/Communications at the University of Texas, which won the National Football Championship in 2005. An award winning author, Mr. Little, along with Coach Mack Brown, wrote One Heartbeat as well as One Heartbeat II: The Road to the National Championship, described as a book "for the young and the old, the teacher and the high school coach, the mom and the dad, the players who've made it on the field and those who want to." Among his many honors, Mr. Little was inducted into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

The Winters Chamber extends a special opportunity to meet Mr. Little at a private reception and book signing from 5:15 pm until 6:15 pm at the Rock Hotel, in Winters, prior to the silent auction at 6:30 pm and banquet at 7 pm at the school cafeteria.

There are also sponsorship packages available. The Gold sponsor package includes 4 tickets to a private reception and book signing with Bill Little at the Rock Hotel, 4 tickets for reserved seating at the Chamber banquet, 2 autographed books, One Heartbeat II and publicity in local media, banquet program & signage. The Silver sponsor package includes 2 tickets to a private reception and book signing with Bill Little at the Rock Hotel, 2 tickets for reserved seating at the Chamber banquet, 1 autographed book, One Heartbeat II and publicity in local media, banquet program & signage.

Sponsorships are limited so please contact the Chamber at 325-754-5210 or

wacc@wtxs.net for package prices and to reserve your package. Payment should be sent to the Winters Chamber, of Commerce, P. O. Box 662, Winters, Texas 79567.

**Rainfall totals for 2006 range from fourteen to twenty-two inches**

by Hal Spain

Rainfall totals from our cooperators throughout the county are in for the last quarter of 2006. It is no surprise to most county residents that our rainfall totals for the quarter and for the year are down considerably from the past several years. The same drought conditions which plagued the county throughout the nineties and particularly from 1998 through 2002 came back to haunt us in 2006.

Preliminary figures from our cooperators show that county rainfall totals ranged from fourteen to just over twenty-two inches in 2006. Bob Blackwood, who ranches just four miles east of Robert Lee, has rainfall figures by the month from 1978 until the present. His figures show a twenty five year average of 25.42 inches at that location. His total rainfall this year was 16.02 inches, making the total for 2006 37% less than the 25.42 inches he has averaged since 1978.

Other cooperators across the county, whether they received more or less rainfall than Bob did, experienced the same percentage decrease in rainfall for 2006, most showing from a 33% to 40% decrease in the wet stuff.

The good news is that 2007 has started out much more hopefully than 2006. We have had some pretty good rains (and ice and snow), since the new year began. County residents are hoping this will begin a new trend for 2007 and beyond.

The accompanying graph includes rainfall figures from each cooperator for the last quarter and totals for the

County Rainfall Totals				
	October	November	December	Total for Year
Edith Area • Dee & Dessie Kendall				
2005	3.75	0.0	0.0	33.85
2006	1.85	0.0	1.9	17.65
Valley View Area • Bobby and Jeffie Roberts				
2005	4.09	0.0	.01	24.01
2006	1.43	0.0	1.18	14.81
Divide Area • Dolores McCabe Seal				
2005	3.85	0.0	.02	25.5
2006	2.06	.01	1.44	17.39
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2005	4.2	0.0	0.0	29.40
2006	2.3	0.0	1.9	15.5
Bob Blackwood • 4 miles E. of Robert Lee				
2005	6.08	0.0	.00	29.40
2006	1.77	0.00	1.34	16.02
Bronte Area • Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg				
2005	4.76	.05	.02	29.34
2006	2.30	.01	1.21	18.95
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2005	5.9	0.0	0.0	29.80
2006	3.0	0.0	1.3	22.55

year (2006).

**Texas "Teacher of the Year" award nominations open**

Nominations for the Texas 2006-2007 "Teacher of the Year" award are being accepted through March 1, 2007. 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.

Last year's state winner was Elizabeth Charbonnet, a 4th grade teacher at Lakeway Elementary School in Lakeway.

Teachers, student and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 315,000 accredited teachers. 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 start of the next school year. Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by licensed members of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

**Programs to build beef demand**

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) will conduct numerous producer programs and producer meetings across Texas throughout the upcoming year focusing on the Texas Beef Quality Producer (TBQP) program as well as Beef 706. TBQP is a beef quality assurance program that delivers information to Texas cattle producers ensuring they have the knowledge and information to make quality herd management decisions. Beef 706 is designed to educate cattle producers about factors impacting safety and quality of beef. For more information, visit [www.texasbeef.org](http://www.texasbeef.org).

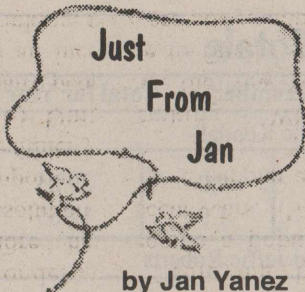
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### Top 10 New Year's Resolutions

New Year's Eve has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. Did your New Year resolutions make our top ten list?

1) Spend More Time with Family & Friends - Recent polls conducted by General Nutrition Centers, Quicken, and others shows that more than 50% of Americans vow to appreciate loved ones and spend more time with family and friends this year.

2) Fit in Fitness - The evidence is in for fitness. Regular exercise has been associated with more health benefits than anything else known to man. Studies show that it reduces the risk of some cancers, increases longevity, helps achieve and maintain weight loss, enhances mood, lowers blood pressure, and even improves arthritis. In short, exercise keeps you healthy and makes you look and feel better.

3) Tame the Bulge - Over 66 percent of adult Americans are considered overweight or obese by recent studies, so it is not surprising to find that weight loss is one of the most popular New Year's resolutions. Setting reasonable goals and staying focused are the two most important factors in sticking with a weight loss program, and the key to success for those millions of Americans who made a New Year's commitment to shed extra pounds.

4) Quit Smoking - If you have resolved to make this the year that you stamp out your smoking habit, over-the-counter availability of nicotine replacement therapy now provides easier access to proven quit-smoking aids. Even if you've tried to quit before and failed, don't let it get you down. On average, smokers try about four times before they quit for good. Start enjoying the rest of your smoke-free life!

5) Enjoy Life More - Given the hectic, stressful lifestyles of millions of Americans, it is no wonder that "enjoying life more" has become a popular resolution in recent years. It's an important step to a happier and healthier you!

6) Quit Drinking - While many people use the New Year as an incentive to finally stop drinking, most are not equipped to make such a drastic lifestyle

change all at once. Many heavy drinkers fail to quit cold turkey but do much better when they taper gradually, or even learn to moderate their drinking. If you have decided that you want to stop drinking, there is a world of help and support available.

7) Get Out of Debt - Was money a big source of stress in your life last year? Join the millions of Americans who have resolved to spend this year getting a handle on their finances. It's a promise that will repay itself many times over in the year ahead.

8) Learn Something New - Have you vowed to make this year the year to learn something new? Perhaps you are considering a career change, want to learn a new language, or just how to fix your computer? Whether you take a course or read a book, you'll find education to be one of the easiest, most motivating New Year's resolutions to keep. Challenge your mind in the coming year, and your horizons will expand.

9) Help Others - A popular, non-selfish New Year's resolution, volunteerism can take many forms. Whether you choose to spend time helping out at your local library, mentoring a child, or building a house, there are many nonprofit volunteer organizations that could really use your help.

10) Get Organized - On just about every New Year resolution top ten list, organization can be a very reasonable goal. Whether you want your home organized enough that you can invite someone over on a whim, or your office organized enough that you can find the stapler when you need it, these tips and resources should get you started on the way to a more organized life.

#### Foundation provides low-interest water well loans

Certain low- to moderate-income individuals or families may be eligible for money to construct, repair or improve household water well systems through 1 percent interest loans from the Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water.

The Foundation was established through the National Ground Water Association.

Qualified applicants can borrow up to \$8,000 at 1 percent interest for a term not to exceed 20 years. To qualify, households must:

- \* Own the home and use it as the principal residence.
- \* Have as the primary drinking water source an individual household well system located on the property of the home.
- \* Must meet income eligibility requirements.
- \* Be located in a city, town or unincorporated area with a population of less than 50,000.

Currently, the program is available in Alabama,

Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The Foundation will not underwrite a loan once a project is underway or has been completed. Most new home construction projects are not eligible.

Another important aspect of the loan program is to educate loan recipients on the importance of regular well maintenance and annual testing of their well system.

Complete information, including application forms and requirements and income eligibility limits, can be accessed by going to [www.ngwa.org](http://www.ngwa.org) and clicking on the link for Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water. Applications and additional information can also be obtained by contacting the Foundation at 800-551-7379, or email Paul Humes at [phumes@fadw.org](mailto:phumes@fadw.org). You also can learn more about the program by going to [www.wellowner.org](http://www.wellowner.org) and clicking on "Financing."

"Water is essential, and the Foundation is committed to helping those in greatest need," said Humes, foundation director. "If you have a real need and meet the qualifications for this program, we encourage you to apply."

#### Pet Talk

If you want to stay out of the doghouse with Poochie, make sure that he has a warm, dry, place to sleep in the winter and a cool place to nap in the summer.

Dr. Lore Haug, a veterinarian in Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says, "The perfect dog house for any canine companion is the climate controlled house that its owner calls home." But many pet owners rely on doghouses either as primary shelters or as an alternative to their pet staying outside to brave the elements while his owners are at work.

Selecting the perfect home-away-from home for your canine should take some thought and planning. In fact, when you're shopping for doghouses, the most important point may be that one size does not fit all.

The dimensions of the dog house really should be determined by the size of the dog," said Haug. "Your dog should be able to stand, turn around, and lie down comfortably inside of the dog house." And, the doghouse should be versatile enough to accommodate the extreme temperatures and humidity where you live.

Metal and plastic can absorb heat or freezing temperatures, negating some of the benefits of having the doghouse for shelter. "Wood is the best material for making a doghouse," said Haug. "Make sure the wood is

unpressurized and be wary of toxic treatments." Basically, if the wood and the paint used in constructing the doghouse are identified as being safe for children, they should also be safe for Fido. "When dogs get bored, they tend to chew on their dog houses. You have to make sure that if they do, it won't make them sick," added Haug.

Peaked roofs can facilitate drainage but flat or slightly slanted roofs may provide Fido with a loft bed. "Many dogs prefer to lie on top of their dog houses, so, you might want to consider a flat roof."

It is also important to make sure that there are no sharp edges on the doghouse and that the hardware has been well concealed, minimizing the chance for injury. And, while your canine may not need designer digs, there are some features worth the extra time and money that will provide added comfort and convenience.

"Look for a dog house with an offset door or a second room which will provide a wall which can break the wind or shelter him from a blowing rain. Adding a weather flap can accomplish the same goal." If possible, elevate the doghouse to help with parasite control and to deter flooding. Setting the doghouse on a few well-placed cinder blocks or on a stable wooden pallet will do the trick.

"If you can, you'll want to get a dog house with a hinged roof to make it easier to clean out," said Haug. "To provide the ultimate in outdoor living, consider hinged windows which can provide additional ventilation and an awning to provide some shade in the summer."

"Whether your canine companion is short or tall, skinny or plump, don't forget that your dog deserves a home that fits his style and physique. So when considering whether to purchase or build your next doggie dwelling, remember that one size doesn't fit all," she adds.

#### Host a winning "Tailgate party at Home"

When we think of tailgating, we picture football fans grilling, relaxing and eating near their vehicles just outside football stadiums across the country. Since many of us can't always make it to the game itself but instead watch the games from the comfort of our family rooms and big screen TVs, why not host a "tailgate party at home" party? When your favorite college of NFL team is playing over the weekend, just invite a few friends over to "tailgate" at your home.

Playbook: Determine your guest list. Your party can be a great way to meet and make new friends so ask each of your friends to invite several of their friends, too. Next, select or create football-themed invitations. Purchase invitations at a local party store or, better

yet, make your own on your computer using clip art and borders. Invitations should be mailed (or e-mailed) at least one week prior to the game.

Winning Line-Up: Show your colors-and pull out all the stops. Fly your favorite team colors and a team logo flag, if you have one. Use small team flags to line the street to your home. Wear a football jersey or sweater in your favorite team's colors. Drape inexpensive fleece blankets with football designs over the coffee table and over your serving table as tablecloths. Use any and all football-themed serving pieced you have collected through the years, or purchase new ones. If you use paper or plastic products (plates, cups, napkins, and so forth- purchase them in team colors, of course.

Play-by-Play: Greet your guests at the door, and make sure they know that you're glad they came! Let your guests know the "game plan" for the party. Offer your guests something to drink and direct them to the food...and by all means introduce them to your other guests.

Easy-to-"Tackle" menu: Choose foods that can be made ahead, when possible. As the party progresses from pre-game to post-game, bring out various foods to keep your guests as excited about the party as they are about the big game.

#### American Elm tree crowned in Texas

Texas Forest Service has recently confirmed the dimensions of the largest known American Elm (*Ulmus americana*) in Texas.

"This tree is just tremendous," said Jason Ellis, Texas Forest Service forester in Jacksonville, who officially measured the tree in November. "Its girth really makes the difference when you compare it to other trees of the same species."

The American Elm located in Jacksonville, will be added to the next edition of the Texas Big Tree Registry, a listing of the largest specimen of every tree species found in Texas.

Trees in the registry are compared by a 'tree index' which combines trunk circumference in inches with total height in feet, plus one-quarter of the average crown spread in feet. The new champ has a circumference of 256 inches, a height of 80 feet, and a crown spread of 110 feet, giving it a tree index of 364 points. Only trees within five points of each other are listed as co-champions.

The purpose of the Big Tree Registry is to recognize the owners and nominators of the state's largest trees in order to stimulate a greater public appreciation of trees. It is published quarterly on the Texas Forest Service website, at <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/>.

Currently, the Texas Forest Service recognizes 291 native or naturalized tree species that qualify for the list. Of these, 78 are current or pending national champions or co-champions, as listed in the National Register of Big Trees, published by the non-profit conservation group, American Forests.