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## Filing for local elections scheduled to begin soon

There are several local elections set for Saturday, May 12, 2007, and the first filing day for inclusion on the ballot is drawing near.

West Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall are expiring. The first day to file is February 10, 2007, with the last day to file being March 12, 2007. Candidate applications may be picked up at the Robert Lee Care Center.

The East Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Bronte Heath & Rehab Center.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill two 2 year council seats. City officials whose terms are expiring are John Carver and Jackie Walker. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Robert Lee City Hall.

The city of Bronte will have to fill two 2 year and one 1 year council seats currently held by Elton Moore, Misti Bedford and Paula McWright. Candidate applications may be picked up in

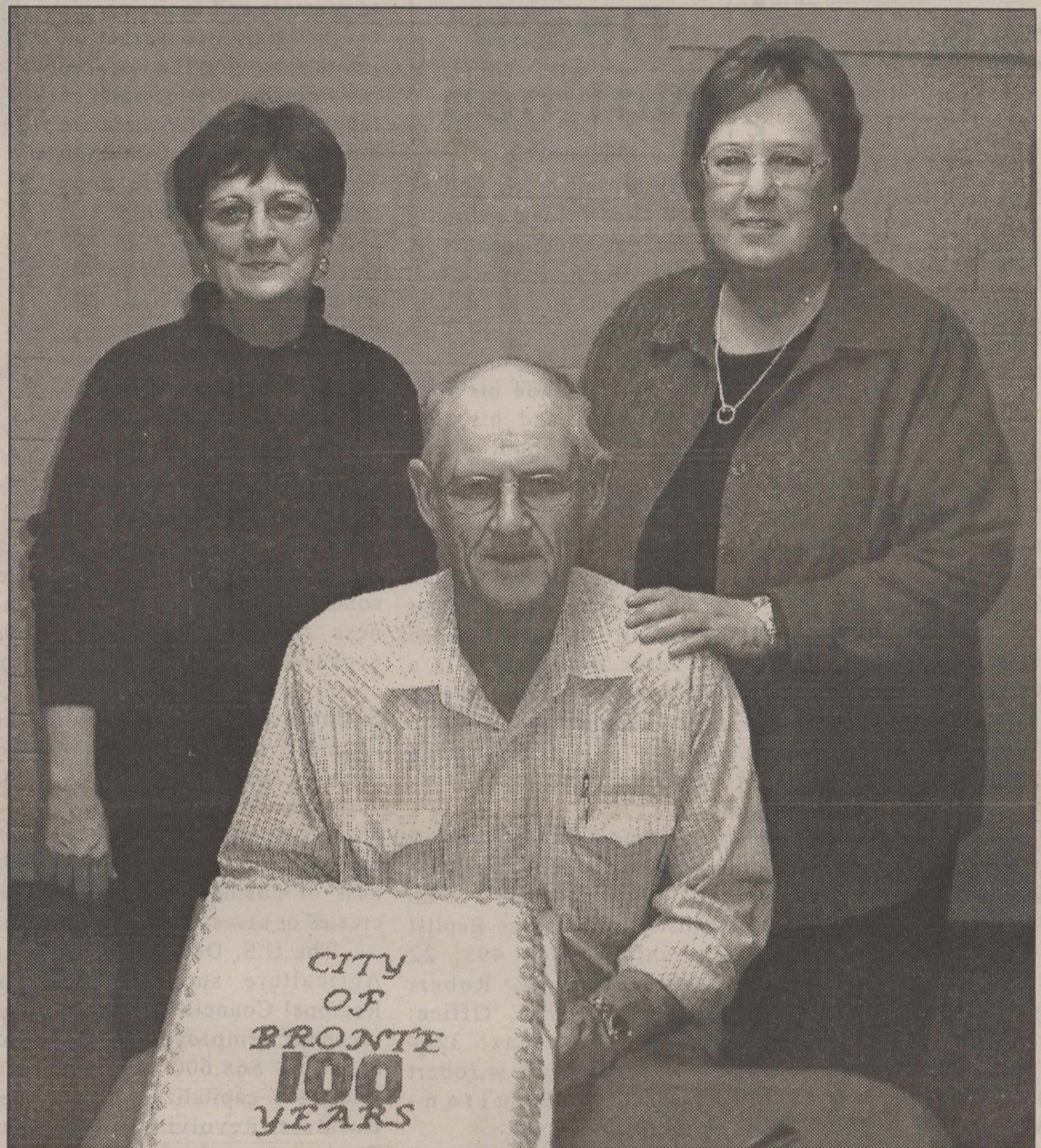
the City Secretary's office at Bronte City Hall.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on two 3 year terms. The terms of Kevin Roe and Tod Reed are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up at the Robert Lee Administration Office.

Bronte Independent School District has two vacancies to fill for full three-year terms. Positions open are currently held by Terry Charles and Quinda Feil-Duncan. First date to file an application for place on the ballot is February 12, 2007. Last day to file is March 12, 2007. Applications may be picked up at Superintendent's office during regular business hours 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

### RLBC to host Adult & Youth Valentine Banquets

An Adult Valentine Banquet will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening, February 11, at 6 pm, in lieu of the regular evening service. Lou Brown, Christian Comedian and previous pastor will be the speaker. For more information



**Celebrating 100 Years!** The city of Bronte celebrated their 100th Anniversary with a celebration at City Hall on January 31. Pictured with the celebration cake include (left to right) Linda Agent, Mayor Gerald Sandusky and City Secretary Pat Martindale.

about the banquet, please contact 453-2724.

A Youth Valentine Banquet for students in the

7-12th grades will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the banquet, but students need to make reservations by calling 453-2724. A meal will be served by the adults with entertainment provided.

### TDA to hold retirement community workshop

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples just announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is hosting a Texas Certified Retirement Community Application Workshop for any city or county interested in applying for certification.

The workshop is scheduled for Feb. 22 in Austin. The workshop will provide communities with an overview of the CRC program, as well as information

regarding application preparation and review. Other topics include "Marketing Your Town," "Establishing an Advisory Board" and "Developing a Long-Term Plan."

"Attracting retirees to rural Texas will help create new employment opportunities for our rural communities," said Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples. "The CRC program also will encourage retirees and their families to visit rural areas of the state when considering a place to retire."

The workshop will be held at the Stephen F. Austin Building, Conference Room 1003A, 10th Floor from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Registration is free. Space is limited to the first 30 respondents. To register, please call (512) 936-6339 or email [finance@agr.state.tx.us](mailto:finance@agr.state.tx.us) by February 16.



**Celebrating 100 Years!** Local residents gathered at Bronte City Hall to celebrate the city's 100th Anniversary with cake, food and lots of visiting.

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**Obituaries**

**Henry**

Sybil Ava Henry, age 91, departed this life on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

A celebration of her life was held at 2 pm, Monday, February 5, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Sybil was born October 9, 1915, in Frost, Texas, to William and Eunice Ellis. After graduation from North Texas at Denton in 1937, she came to Bronte to teach school. There she met the love of her life, J. T. Henry and they were married on June 12, 1938. They both taught in the Bronte school system for over 30 years.

Once retired, Sybil substituted and also taught adult education for several years. She enjoyed gardening, golf, and her grandson, Ben.

In 2005, she and J. T. moved to San Angelo. He preceded her in death in October 2005.

Sybil was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Bronte and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Linda and husband, Pat Calderon of Del Rio; a grandson, Ben and wife, Angie Boyer of San Angelo; and numerous friends and students.

Serving as pallbearers were Jack Asbill, Marty Boyd, Bobby Clark, Bob Duncan, Jack Gentry, and Bruce Sonnenberg. Honorary pallbearers were C. B. Barbee, L. O. Clark, Ed Cumbie, Tuny Glenn, Bob Large, and Gerald Sandusky.

A special thanks is extended to Dr. Chang, Hospice of San Angelo, Legend Oaks Nursing Facility, and 5. North at Shannon Hospital.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Bronte, Hospice of San Angelo or your favorite charity.

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**Death Notices**

**Moseley**

Gary Moseley, 59, of Oak Creek, died Friday, February 2, 2007, at his residence. A private Memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife Sue Moseley, and his son, Vernon Moseley both of Oak Creek.

**RLBC to host B'ball tourney**

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting a 12 & Under Basketball Tournament called the Jesus Hoopfest. It is a fundraiser to help students attend summer youth church camp. It will be held on Saturday, February 24, at the RLISD gyms.

For more information and to register, please contact Paul Tanner, Youth Minister, Robert Lee Baptist Church, PO Box 493; 22 West 11th Street, Robert Lee, TX 76945, Office: 325-453-2724, Fax: 325-453-4650, www.robertlee.org, paul.tanner0506@wtxs.net, rlbaptist1904@wtxs.net.

**Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show slated**

The 25th Anniversary of the Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex, in Odessa, February 8-11. To celebrate

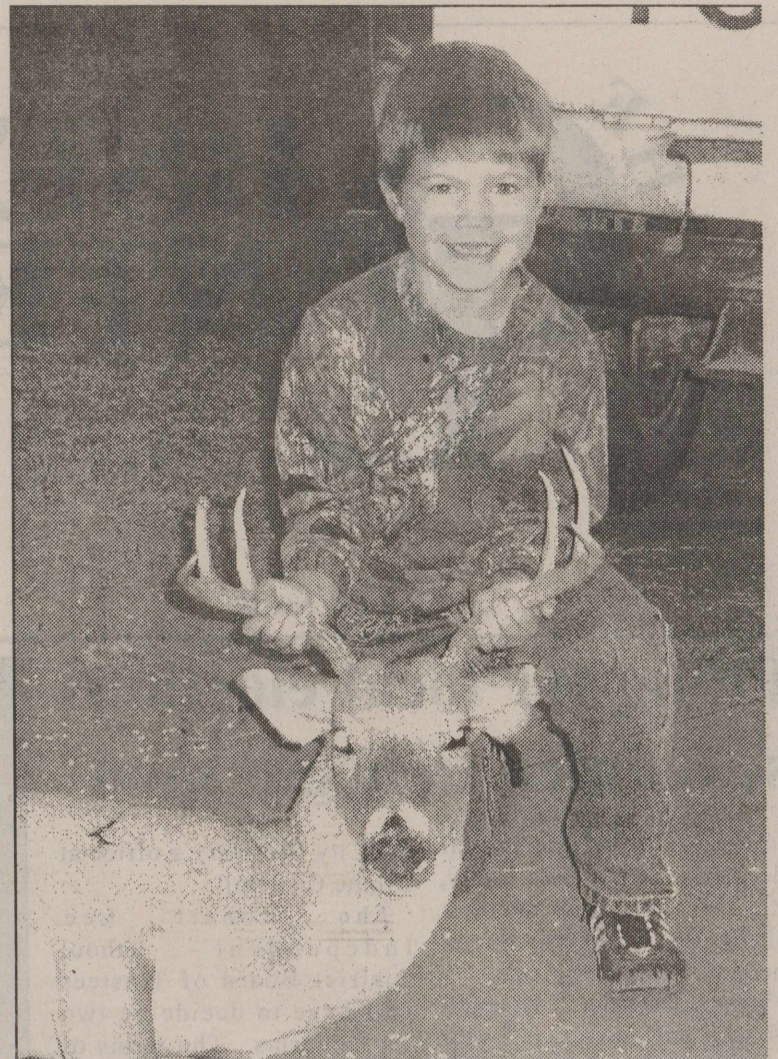
the 25th Anniversary, everyone who buys a ticket will be eligible for cash giveaways. \$200 on Friday, \$300 on Saturday and \$500 on Sunday will be given away. Those attending can also sign up to win a free guided fishing trip and to check the many booth spaces for free prizes.

Also, see the Royal White Tigers at the show. The "Royal White Tiger Discovery" program is a special designed, hands-on, interactive conservation education program whose goal is to promote and excite people to the many conservation issues involving the last five remaining species of tigers in the wild. Currently there are only about 40 Royal White Tigers on exhibit in zoos throughout the United States, and less than 400 in the world, and none left in the wild. We are proud to be able to bring and share these magnificent adult Royal White Tigers to the general public.

**Small business loans available**

Small businesses create the most jobs, but suffer the greatest difficulties in accessing affordable or reasonable financing for business start-up of business expansion resulting in job creation. The Regional Economic Development Council recognized that "gap" in financing for small, emerging private business enterprise which increases employment when new business or business expansion creates or saves jobs.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture supports the Regional Council's plans to increase employment by awarding \$68,600 in grant funding to capitalize a Rural Business Revolving Loan Fund. An award presentation by the U.S. Economic Development and Business Support meeting is set for the Ed Davenport Civic Center in Brady at 12:30 p.m. on February 15, 2007. The Regional Economic Development Council consists of representatives from local units of government,



**7 Pointer!** Toby Smith, 6, from Port Aransas, Texas, went on his first deer hunt over Thanksgiving weekend with his dad Max Smith and grandpa Butch Service of Robert Lee. They shot this nice 7 point buck on the Butch Service Ranch.

economic development entities, chambers of commerce, industrial foundations and businesses from the 13-county Concho Valley area.

The initial investment for the Rural Business Revolving Loan Fund is available to loan to small businesses in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling and Sutton counties. The revolving characteristic allows for continuous loan repayments by borrowers that serve as a long term loan source for start-up and expanding business in the future. Loan criteria and an application form from the Rural Business Revolving Loan Fund may be obtained from

the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board at 36 E. Twohig, Suite 810, San Angelo, Tx 76903; (325) 655-2005 or at www.cvworkforce.org or the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center at 2222 Dena Drive, Room 201, San Angelo, Tx 76909, (325) 942-2098. Angelo State University SMDC is available to assist businesses in completing their application packet and applications are reviewed by a Loan Committee on a monthly basis.

For more information, contact Mary Kay Kuss at the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board or Dave Erickson at Angelo State University SMDC or your local economic development entity.

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(325) 473-4811  
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11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wed. 6 pm  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Robert Lee  
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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  
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10:55 am Worship,  
6 pm Youth  
and Worship  
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
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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**  
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11 am Worship  
Wed. 7 pm Choir  
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& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

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Jason Martin, Pastor  
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11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
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Joe Hodges, Pastor  
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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  
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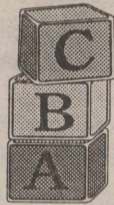
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Loy Wrinkle



**Look Who's New!**

**Jake Marvin Benedict**

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bickley would like to announce the arrival of their newest grandson, Jake Marvin Benedict. Jake was born on January 3, 2007, at 1:32 pm at Midland Memorial Hospital. He weighed in at 8 lbs., and was 19 1/2 inches long. Jake was welcomed home by his mom and dad, Scott and Martha Benedict and a very proud big brother, Tyler.

**Coke County Food Pantry Memorials & Donations for December/January Memorials**

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- Bobby & Jeffie Roberts
- Jerry Floyd & Janie Harmon
- Dorene Mashburn
- Lawana Perry

**Thelma Jo Hinnard**

- Kenneth & Nancy Rasco
- Gaylon & Kaye Pitcock
- Jamie Boren

**Donations**

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- Frances Lindsey
- Charles Blount
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- Joan Burns
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- Pecan WMA
- Reba Tabor
- Royce & Alice Wallace
- Wade Wallace
- Morris, Wanda, Duncan & Garrett Wallace
- Jan Havins
- Linda Havins
- North Side Church of Christ
- Beth Prather
- Kenneth & Inez Harper
- Donald & Ruth Robertson
- Mr. & Mrs. Dan McNabb



**Bobcat!** Max and Johanna Smith, from Port Aransas, shot this cat while hunting on the Butch Service Ranch on Saturday, January 13, 2007. He was a mature Tom and weighed approximately 30 to 35 pounds. The cat came into a deer feeder and was shot with a 25/06 at 110 yards.

**McCutchen named to Dean's List**

Texas State University-San Marcos announces that Ashley J. McCutchen of Bronte, earned "Dean's List" recognition for excellent academic performance for the Fall 2006 semester.

Texas State students must complete 12 semester hours and earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 to be recognized for the "Dean's List".

**Fraze**

**awarded degree**

Degrees were officially conferred on 514 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises Dec. 15 at the First United Bank Center. The

University awarded 387 bachelor's, 124 master's and one doctoral degree.

The graduating class represented 12 states and 88 Texas cities and towns.

Area graduates include Terri Frazee of Bronte, Texas.

**Angel Food Ministries taking orders**

The last day to place an order with the Angel Food Ministries is Thursday, Feb. 8, at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. The distribution day will be Saturday, Feb. 24, also at Central Baptist Church. They are also seeking volunteers to assist with distribution and donations are always welcome.

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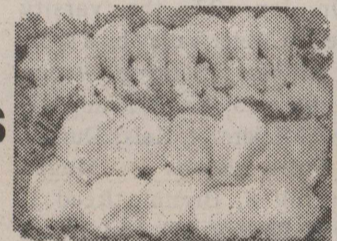
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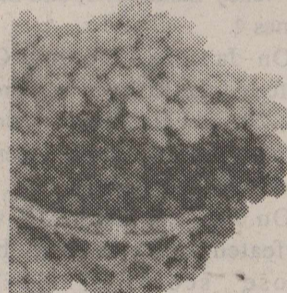


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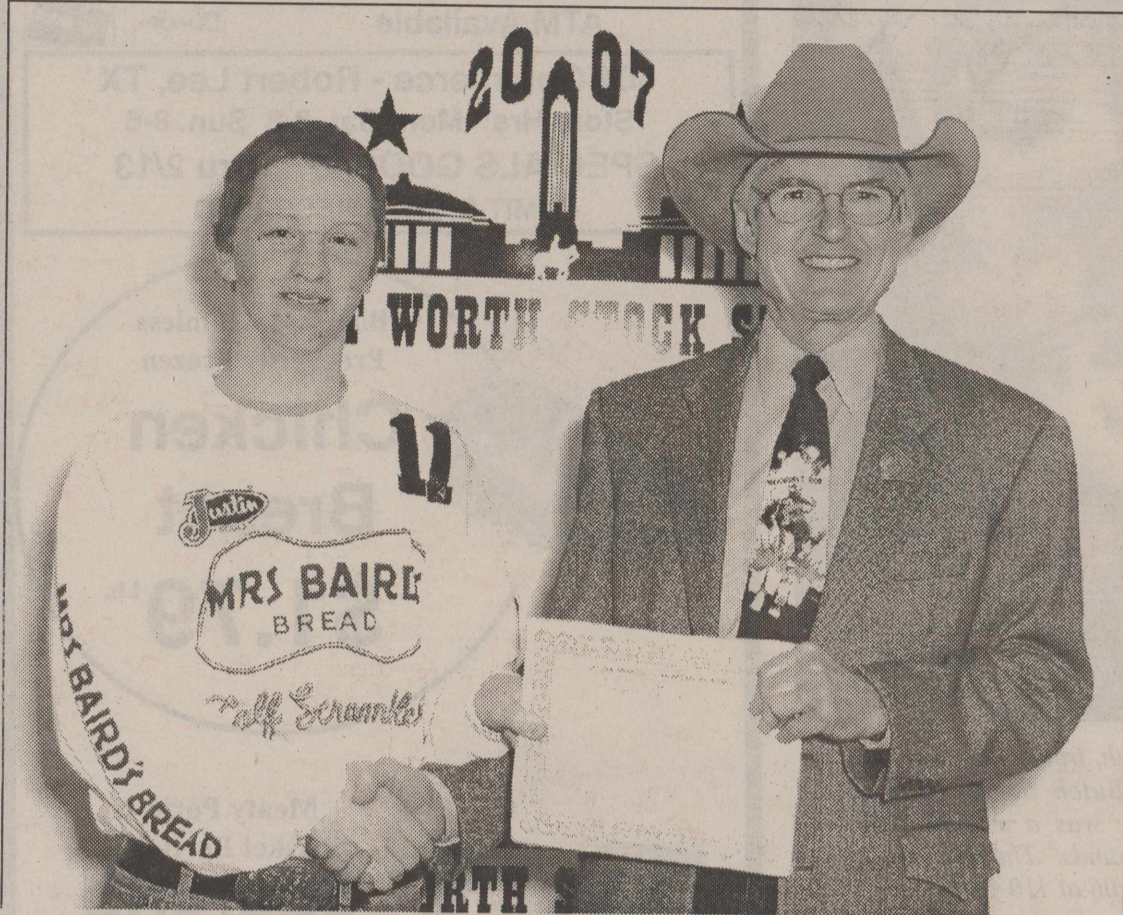
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Fort Worth Calf Scramble!** Justin Hewitt, a student at Robert Lee ISD, was among the winners in the Fort Worth Stock Show Calf Scramble event, January 28, 2007. Justin is pictured with Edward P. Bass, the Fort Worth Stock Show's Chairman of the Board.

## Robert Lee girls basketball results

On Jan. 23, the varsity defeated Water Valley by a score of 53-37. Scoring: Jaden Alexander 5; Kasie Skinner 2; Arrin Minjarez 4; Kelsy Duncan 3; Molly Burns 2; Megan Percifull 8; Brettanie Reed 1; Sarah Philley 19; and Becca Skinner 9.

On Jan. 26, the varsity girls defeated Sterling City in overtime by a score of 48-45. Scoring: Jaden Alexander 2; Kasie Skinner 2; Arrin Minjarez 2; Kelsy Duncan 7;

Megan Percifull 7; Brettanie Reed 14; Sarah Philley 4; and Becca Skinner 7.

On Jan. 30, the varsity girls were defeated by Garden City by a score of 71-28. Scoring: Kasie Skinner 2; Arrin Minjarez 2; Kelsy Duncan 7; Brettanie Reed 10; Sarah Philley 5; and Becca Skinner 2.

On Jan. 23, the RLJV defeated Garden City by a score of 29-16. Scoring: Emilee Yanez 3; Olivia Trejo 2; Molli Hinderlitter 10; Briana Brisbin 2; Norma Rojas 7; Nancy Landeros 1; and Sarah Jones 4.

On Jan. 26, Sterling City defeated the RLJV by a score of 38-20. Scoring: Molli Hinderlitter 10; Sarah Jones 2; and Nancy Landeros 8.

On Jan. 30, the RLJV was defeated by Garden City by a close score of 32-35. Scoring: Emilee Yanez 5;

Molli Hinderlitter 8; Norma Rojas 7; Jodi Sheldon 2; Nancy Landeros 4; and Chelsea Conner 2.

On Jan. 22, the RLJH "A" team defeated Christoval by a score of 37-6. Scoring: Kimberly Roach 6; Mandy Mendoza 7; Skyler Rainwater 11; Connie Saucedo 8; and Sarah Walker 6.

On Jan. 29, the RLJH "A" team defeated Bronte "A" by a score of 25-17. Scoring: Kimberly Roach 2, Mandy Mendoza 2; Connie Saucedo 7; and Sarah Walker 14.

On Jan. 22, the RLJH "B" team defeated Christoval by a score of 28-17. Scoring: Carolina Vera 5; Raquel Rojas 11; Louisa Carrera 10; and Meagan Ross 2.

On Jan. 29, the RLJH "B" team defeated Bronte "B" by a

score of 19-11. Scoring: Louisa Carrera 6; Raquel Rojas 9; Linsey Vallery 2; Meagan Ross 2; and Victoria Roe 2.

On Feb. 2, the varsity girls defeated Blackwell by a score of 59-13. Scoring: Alexander 8; K. Skinner 8; Minjarez 5; Duncan 6; Percifull 5; Philley 13; and B. Skinner 14.

On Feb. 1, in the District Tournament in Water Valley, the RLJH "A" team won against Eldorado by a score of 42-17.

On Feb. 3, the RLJH lost to Irion County by a score of 27-31.

Also on Feb. 3, the girls won against Miles by a score of 38-16.

The 8th grade "A" team finished the season with a fine 12-3 record.

The 7th grade "B" team also had an outstanding record of 8-1.

## Hewitt wins at Ft. Worth Calf Scramble

Justin Lee Hewitt of Robert Lee, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the January 28, 2007 evening performance of the Rodeo at the 111th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Justin is the son of Jami Casey. Sponsors for Justin's effort are Whitley Penn LLP of Fort Worth.

The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each of the 30 Stock Show Rodeo performances, has eight performance winners. The young people are high school students out to catch and halter a calf with hopes of winning a \$500 purchase certificate that will help buy a registered beef or dairy heifer for a yearlong 4-H or FFA project.

Winners must care for their animals throughout the year and return for the 2008 Stock Show

to exhibit in the Junior Heifer Show. Those who do the best job will be in line for scholarship funds when they enter college. Last year, scholarship grants were made to 54 young people.

All entries receive a special T-shirt with their contestant number. Participants who fail to catch a calf receive a certificate for a pair of Justin boots. Mrs. Baird's Bakeries and Justin Boots have proudly sponsored this event for many years.

## Efforts made to provide ID kits

The Sheriff's Association of Texas has joined efforts with the American Football Coaches Association, FBI's National Child Identification Program, Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and the office of Governor Rick Perry to provide ID kits to all Texas children, grades K-6.

This initiative will reach over 2 million Texas children, the fourth largest ID kit distribution in U.S. history.

With the help of Texas Sheriffs and Superintendents, ID kits will be distributed through the public school systems and Sheriff's Offices. Students enrolled in the public school system in grades K-6 will receive an ID kit through their superintendent. Each Sheriff in Texas will also receive 600 kits to be handed out on a first come, first serve basis to children who fall outside of the K-6 age range or do not attend public school.

Each kit contains an inkless fingerprinting card, DNA swab and preservation envelope, and a wallet card. All information can be completed by a parent or guardian and stored at home. In the event of an emergency, the ID kit can be handed over to authorities to help locate a missing child.

For additional information, please contact Tami Benton, AFCA/FBI National Child ID Program, 806-729-4471-cell, tami@childidprogram.com.


## School Menu

### Breakfast

- Monday, February 12**  
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, February 13**  
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, February 14**  
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Thursday, February 15**  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Friday, February 16**  
Juice, pancakes, sausage, cereal, milk

### Lunch

- Monday, February 12**  
Corn dog, tator tots, pork & beans, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Tuesday, February 13**  
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, roll, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wednesday, February 14**  
Fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, ranch beans, orange, milk
- Thursday, February 15**  
Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears, milk
- Friday, February 16**  
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Tournament Winners!** The Bronte Junior High Boys "A" Team won their second tournament of the year this past weekend at Irion County. Team members include (back row, left to right) Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Jacky Jowers, (front row, left to right) Creed Coalson, Kerwin Rawls, Arlis McMullan, Terron Charles, Chase Harris, Skyler Ellis and Thomas Foster.

## Longhorn basketball results

Bronte defeated Blackwell in a high scoring game of 76-31. Stats: Logan Rawls 26 pts., 10 rebounds, 8 assists; Albert Force 14 pts., 5 rebounds, 5 steals; Philip Rawlings 3 pts.; Jonathan

Marrs 3 pts., 5 rebounds; Johnathan Ehl 11 pts., 6 rebounds, 7 assists, 4 steals; Brett Wills 4 pts., 3 steals; Paul McConnell 6 pts.; Matt Allen 4 pts.; and Adam Halfacer 5 pts., 5 rebounds.

Bronte was defeated by Sterling City by a score of 29-43. Stats: Logan Rawls 18 pts., 5 rebounds; Eric Hendrickson 3 pts.; Albert Force 4 pts.; Jonathan Marrs 2 pts.; Johnathan Ehl 2 pts.; and Adam Halfacer 5 rebounds.

## Bronte Shorthorn Basketball results

by Coach Moore

On January 27, Bronte hosted a small JH "B" Boys Tournament. In the first game Bronte was defeated by Miles 12-20. Scoring: Johnny Reyes 3; John Deller 2; Jordan Baumann 4; Kaleb Parks 1; and Conner Clark 2.

In the second game Bronte defeated Sterling City by a score of 36-15. Scoring: Johnny Reyes 6; John Deller 2; Jordan

Baumann 5; Kaleb Parks 11; Austin Brackeen 2; Conner Clark 2; and Beau Grigg 8.

Bronte hosted a small JH "B" Boys Tournament this past weekend. We had a hard time scoring during the first game and lost to Miles by a score of 12-20. We took plenty of good shots but they just weren't falling for us.

We came out on fire against Sterling City during our second game, though. We were able to make more scoring opportunities offensively and did a great job pressing Sterling City. It was a good chance for plenty more court time for these guys and they did a great job.

In Sterling City on January 29, the Shorthorn "B" basketball team defeated Sterling City by a score of 15-12. Scoring: Johnny Reyes 4; Jordan Baumann 6; Kaleb Parks 2; Jordan Rowan 2; and Beau Grigg 1.

The JH "B" boys traveled

to Sterling City on Monday night to face the Eagles one more time this season and came home with another win. We didn't do as good a job defensively as we did on Saturday against Sterling City during our "B" Tournament, but were still able to hold them to 12 points.

This group continues to make improvements and did a much better job of rebounding on Monday night. It was a good win for us and a great way for these guys to end their season. This group of guys works hard and plays hard. They've had a great season this year despite playing so few games. Congratulations on the win guys!

The JH "A" Boys won their second tournament of the year this last weekend at Irion County. We were scheduled to play Garden City for the first game of the tournament. This was the fourth time this season we have played them and our only loss has been to them. The last time we played they beat us by 4 points, so we were looking forward to getting some redemption. They guys got off to a slow start during the first game and were beating ourselves with turnovers, but they made up for it during the second quarter and took the lead. It's always been a good match-up between us and Garden City and this game was no different. It was a battle until the end but we continued to execute well to finish with another win over them. Bronte ended up taking the win by a score of 37-31. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 2; Dakota Rawls 17; and Heath Richey 18.

Bronte defeated Robert Lee in the second game by a score of 45-19. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 10; Dakota Rawls 24; Terron Charles 3; and Heath Richey 8.

The Bronte boys posted another win again Sterling City by a score of 30-17. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 7;

Dakota Rawls 9; Creed Coalson 2; Terron Charles 6; and Heath Richey 6.

The Championship game was against Miles and the guys finished hard and created a lot of scoring opportunities both offensively and defensively. The final score was 46 - 17. Scoring: Kerwin Rawls 7; Dakota Rawls 21; Thomas Foster 2; Terron Charles 3; and Heath Richey 13. The guys did a fantastic job over the weekend and I'm very proud of them. Congratulations guys!

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

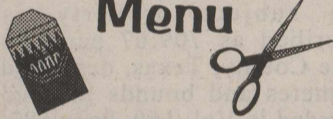
Nominations for the Texas 2006-2007 "Teacher of the Year" award are being accepted through March 1, 2007. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

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, students 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.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

#### Monday, February 12

Cereal, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk

#### Tuesday, February 13

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

#### Wednesday, February 14

Donut, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

#### Thursday, February 15

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

#### Friday, February 16

Blueberry muffins, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, February 12

Burrito, tossed salad, Spanish rice, peach cobbler, milk

#### Tuesday, February 13

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, frozen fruit bar, milk

#### Wednesday, February 14

Frito pie, chili & cheese, tossed salad, pinto beans, corn chips, pink panther cake, milk

#### Thursday, February 15

Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli w/cheese, corn, bread sticks, mixed fruit fluff, milk

#### Friday, February 16

Pizza, tossed salad, banana, peanut butter cookies, milk

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**GARAGE SALE**  
Redecorating-Everything must go! Pictures, country decor, knick knacks, etc. Friday, 9:00 & Saturday, 8:00. 121 W. 12th, Robert Lee.  
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**NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**  
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: El Paso  
Contract 6157-27-001 for REST AREA TOTAL MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, REPAIR in EL PASO County, etc will be opened on March 08, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,608,000.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense

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Phone: 915-790-4200

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
29-2tc

**NO. 1685**  
In the Estate of **Kenneth Dwyan Fleming, Deceased**  
In the County Court of Coke County, Texas  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kenneth Dwyan Fleming, Deceased, were issued on December 11, 2006, in Cause No. 1685, pending in the County Court of COKE County, Texas, to: Belva Jean Fleming.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Belva Jean Fleming**  
**481 Greenland Road**  
**Bronte, Texas 76933**  
**DATED** the 29th of January, 2007.

Tom A. Taylor  
Attorney for Estate  
State Bar No.: 19723700  
3115 W. Loop 306, Suite

109  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
Telephone: (325) 944-2756  
Facsimile: (325) 944-4816  
29-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that Coke County is now taking applications for a Senior Center Director in Robert Lee, Texas. Applications can be picked up in the Judge's Office in the Courthouse. Applications will be received until 12:00 noon on February 20, 2007. For additional information, you can contact the Coke County Judge's Office. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
29-2tc

**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.

Greg Gossett, Attorney  
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**ROBERT LEE ISD NOTICE**  
Candidate applications will be available for 2 places on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees for three year terms. Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration Office beginning Monday, February 12, 2007 during the hours of 8:00-3:30 Monday through Friday. The deadline for filing a candidate application is Monday, March 12, 2007 at 5:00 pm. Election day will be Saturday, May 12, 2007. Requirements for filing are that you must have lived 1 year in the state and 6 months in the school district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at time of election. Robert Lee ISD will need to elect two trustees. The 3 year terms of Kevin Roe and Tod Reed are expiring.  
28-2tc

...More Classifieds

**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**

The West Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 12, 2007 Election. Two (2) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 10, 2007, and March 12, 2007. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Cy Jenkins, Administrator.

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

La Junta directiva Occidental del Distrito del Hospital del Condado del Coque por la presente avisa de la clasificacion las fechas tope para el mayo 12, 2007 Eleccion. Dos (2) Directores seran elegidos para un termino de dos (2) anos cada. Los candidatos pueden archivar las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion entre el 10 de febrero de 2007 y el 12 de marzo de 2007. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en el Centro del Cuidado de Sotavento de Robert Lee durante horas de oficina normales, 9 am - 5 pm, el lunes por el viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Cy Jenkins, el Administrador.

28-3tc

**Runnels Baptist**

**Assoc. meeting set**  
Runnels Baptist Association will meet Sunday, February 18 at Robert Lee Baptist Church, Robert Lee for a Music Festival.

The Music Festival will begin at 4 pm. An evening meal will follow the festival. Prior to the Music Festival the Executive Board will meet.

Dale Ellis, Association Music Director, is in charge of the program. Churches that have individuals, ensembles, choirs or instrumentalists that would like to sing or play, may contact the area office: 365-2585. You may mail your entries to: Baptist Area, P.O. Box 639, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

The public is invited to attend.

**ASU dean's list announced**

The dean's list for the 2006 fall semester has been released by Angelo State University.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full-time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale.

Local students included:  
Blackwell - Sharla D. Holland

Bronte - Adela S. Rosales  
Robert Lee - Laurita R. Delacruz, Krystal R. Raney and Alexandria D. Welch  
Sterling City - Roxana R. Leija and Skipper J. Michulka  
Tennyson - Matthew W. Menchaca

**Red Canyon Gun Club results**

On Saturday, February 3, the Red Canyon Gun Club had its monthly silhouette rifle and pistol matches. 18 shooters braved cold winds in the morning match. Small Bore cowboy rifle shooters started the morning matches. Match winner was J.D. Stoddard of Lawn, Texas, 2nd) Deryck Pocock, Valera, Texas, 3rd) Les Turner, Carlsbad, 4th) Cecil Hogg, Junction.

First junior shooter was John Warren of Valera, 2nd) Aaron Warren, Valera.

Big Bore cowboy rifle match winner, Tim Willingham of Grape Creek, 2nd) Deryck Pocock, 3rd) Dan Warren of Valera.

Junior winner was Benton Warren of Valera and second was John Warren.

Match winner in scoped Small Bore Rifle, Benton Warren, 2nd) Les Turner, 3rd) Marshall Bevan, Carlsbad.

Big Bore scoped rifle winner was Tim Willingham,

2nd) Deryck Pocock, 3rd) Dan Warren.

In the pistol matches, 2 master class shooters and 2 AAA shooters battled for match bragging rights in Smallbore hunter pistol. Larry Butler of Stanton, Texas, shot a 34 out of 40 to take the high overall, 2nd) Richard Johnson, 3rd) Doug Randel, Big Spring, 4th) Tim Willingham.

In the Big Bore match Doug Randel and Richard Johnson were tied at the end of the match. Doug Randel took the high overall trophy in 2 sudden death shoot offs beating out Richard by 1 point and third place went to Larry Butler.

**Check Out Coke County Library**

One of the reasons crime fiction is so popular can be attributed to Edgar Allen Poe who wrote Murders in the Rue Morgue and The Purloined Letter which proved to be his best sellers. Also Connan Doyle who wrote the Sherlock Homes mysteries became so popular that when he killed off Holmes in The Final Problem, there was such as public outcry that Holmes

had to be resurrected.

There are some ten categories of crime fiction. The Coke County Library carries many of the categories. A partial list includes the following: Cozy mystery writers include Beaton, Braun, Christi, Clark, Hart, McCrumb, and others. Espionage mystery writers include Clancy, Deutermann, Follett, Higgins, Isaacs and LeCarre. Forensic authors are Cornwell, Deaver, Kellerman (Jonathan) and Reichs. Hard Boiled detective writers are Block, Ellroy, Landsdale, Leonard, and Quinn.

The Police Detective writers in the library are Burke, Connelly, Cornwell, Deaver, Estleman, Fairstein, Higgins, Hillerman, Jance and

McBain. Thriller writers include Block, Child, Condon, Hogan, Leonard and Sanford. Suspense authors include Clark (M.H.), George, Grimes, MacInnes, Perry and Walker.

Several crime and mystery web sites to check out authors and books are www.themysteryreader.com, www.mysteryguide.com, as well as www.poisonedpen.com. Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12.

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**Gun Show Opens Friday**  
**Friday, February 9 • 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.**  
**Saturday, February 10 • 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.**  
**Sunday, February 11 • 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

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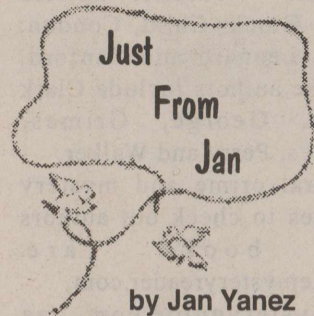
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Showing your love on Valentine's Day doesn't always involve flowers and heart-shaped boxes of candy.

One way parents show their love for their children is to make sure they are seated in proper restraint systems every time they ride in a vehicle.

That is why each February, during the week that includes Valentine's Day, Child Passenger Safety Week is observed. This year that is February 11-17.

This year's focus is on the milestone reached in saving children's lives through the use of child safety seats. Choosing a safety seat for children isn't as simple as going into a store and buying one. The child's height, weight and age must also be taken into consideration.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "4 Steps for Kids," lists four different types of child safety seating for children of different ages and sizes:

Step 1: For the best possible protection, keep babies in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible - up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At a minimum, keep babies rear facing until a minimum of age 1 and at least 20 pounds.

Step 2: When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).

Step 3: Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds) they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle safety belts fit properly. Safety belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4 feet 9 inches tall).

Step 4: When children outgrow their booster seats (usually 8 or when they are 4'9" tall), they can use the adult safety belt in the back seat, if it fits properly (lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt across the chest).

For more information on Child Passenger Safety Week, visit the web site at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>.

**Coke-Sterling Farm  
Bureau celebrates  
Food Check-Out  
Week**

The cost of food in America remains affordable. According to the latest statistics compiled by the Agriculture Department's (USDA) Economic Research Service, American families and individuals currently spend, on average, just under 10 percent of their disposable income for food.

Applying that statistic to the calendar year means the average household will have earned enough disposable income—that portion of income available for spending or saving—to pay for its annual food supply in about 36 days, according to Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau.

In recognition of this Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau is celebrating February 4-10, 2007, as Food Check-Out Week.

Not only is America's food supply the safest, but it's the most affordable.

"The safe, abundant and affordable domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers is responsible, at least in part, for our nation's increasing standard of living," said Bobby Roberts, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau President.

"Compared with food,

Americans work longer each year to pay for their housing, federal and medical care," Roberts said. "According to the Tax Foundation, Americans must work 52 days each year to pay for health and medical care, 62 days to pay for housing/household operation and 77 days to pay their federal taxes.

This week should hold special meaning for most Americans, Roberts said. "Although we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, we are proud of the role Texas farmers play in producing the most affordable food in the world", he said.

The percent of disposable income spent for food has declined over the last 35 years. In 1970, it took Americans 15 more days to earn enough income to pay for their food supply for one year.

**Sheriff Styles  
issues appeal to  
Citizens in Fight  
Against Crime**

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Rick Styles recently announced that Coke County

Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

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

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

Contributions are tax-deductible.

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

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriff's Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741, [www.txsheriffs.org](http://www.txsheriffs.org).

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

property of citizens. "As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Styles. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriff's Association of Texas is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriff's Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriff's Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

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