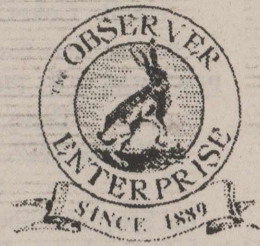


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Filing for local elections ends March 12

There are several local elections set for Saturday, May 12, 2007, and filing for inclusion on ballots has begun. The last day to file will be Monday, March 12, 2007.

West Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up at the Robert Lee Care Center. The incumbents have filed for re-election.

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 Health & Rehab Center. Both Sims and Robbins have filed for re-election.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill three 2 year council seats. City officials whose terms are expiring are John Carver, Jackie Walker and Gary Payne. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Robert Lee City Hall. Currently only Barbara Jenkins has filed an application.

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.

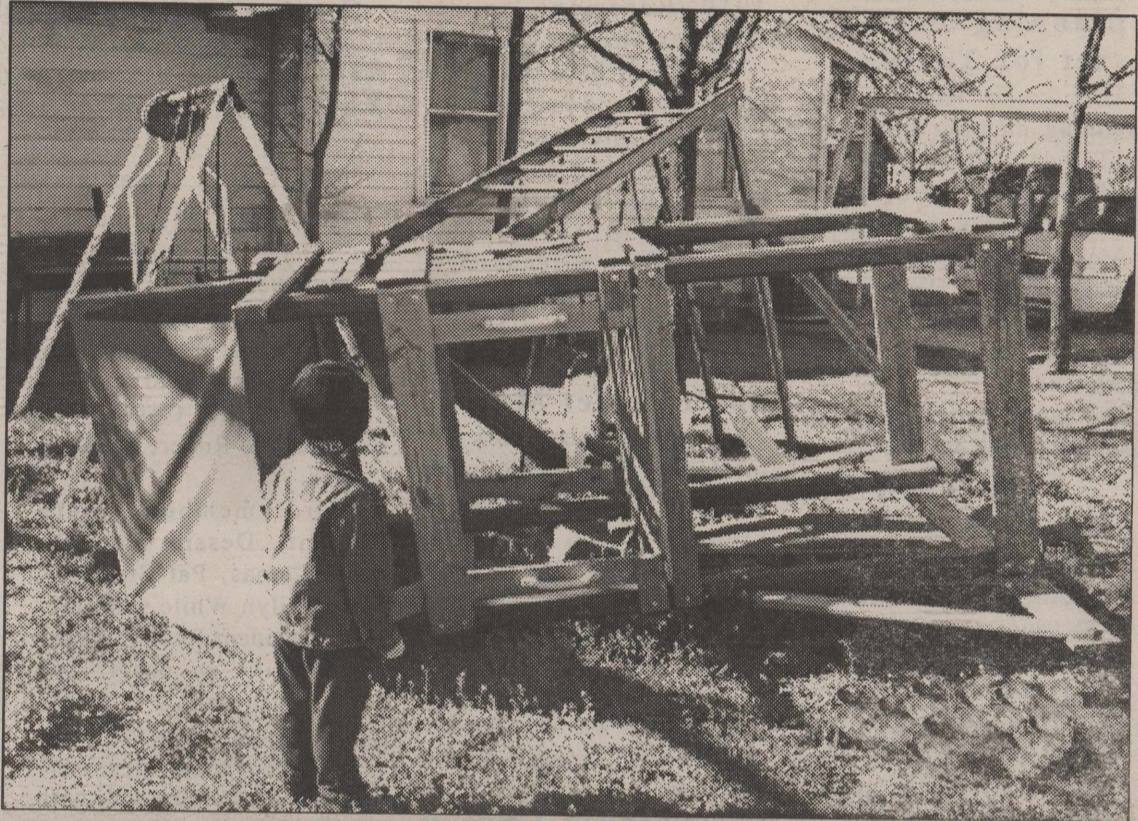
The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on two 3 year terms. The terms of Kevin Roe and Tod Reed are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up at the Robert Lee Administration Office. Roe and Reed have filed for re-election and are to be joined by Brandi Ramon, who has also filed.

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. Applications may be picked up at Superintendent's office during regular business hours 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

4-H Photography Contest slated

The Coke County 4-H Photography Contest will be held Monday, March 5, 2007. The photos should be 4 x 6 and mounted on construction paper or photo board with a 2-inch border on all four sides.

You may have two entries in each category, which include: People, Animals, Still Life, Natural Landscape, Plant/Flora, Architectural Elements, Special Effects/Creative Effects, Story Board and Theme - which is "Celebrating the Centennial-A Hundred Years



What happened?! Jadan Morgan surveys the damage to his fort, which was blown over in his parents' backyard in Bronte, during the high winds on Saturday, February 24. Jadan is the son of Doby and Carrie Morgan.

of Texas 4-H".

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office at 453-2461.

Red Hat Mamas meeting set

The Coke County Red Hat Mamas will meet at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger at 11 am on March 6.

The Ballinger Women's Club is having their annual baked potato luncheon. Come for a good time and worthy cause.

Softball/baseball sign up slated

Registration for softball/baseball will be held this Wednesday, March 7, at the RLHS Library at 6 pm. This includes boys and girls T-ball, girls softball, and baseball.

The cost will cover a shirt and hat that every team player will get to keep at season's end. Payment is due in full when turning in your registration.

For more information, contact Brandi Ramon at 453-2831 or 763-8601.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be held Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30 pm, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Everyone is invited to take this opportunity for some fun.

New faces were seen at the

February dance and it would be nice to see a few more pairs and/or spares to make it an even better time.

Put on your dancing shoes, boots or whatever and come enjoy this time together. It is very good exercise for everyone.

Snacks will be eaten around 8 pm and then after the break, back on the dance floor to some good bootin' scootin' music.

Hope to see you there.

Bronte COC to host luncheon

The Chamber of Commerce will host a Business Luncheon for all Bronte businesses on Tuesday, March 6, at 12 noon at the Bronte Housing Authority. Bronte Centennial Calendars will be distributed to all Chamber Members who attend the luncheon.

Bronte FBC to host guest speaker

Guest speaker at Bronte's First Baptist Church this Sunday morning, March 4, will be Bro. Jim Wilkerson, Jr. Bro. Wilkerson recently retired as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in San Angelo.

He will be preaching in the 10:55 am worship service. The church's Youth Group will be leading the 6 pm service, presenting music and drama. Youth Minister Myron Halford will be in charge.

FSA Office taking Hay NAP Applications

The Coke-Sterling FSA Office is taking applications from producers who wish to sign up for the NAP Program on their hay crops for the 2007 crop year. March 15, 2007 is the final date a producer can pay his/her \$100 fee to have their hay crop covered under the NAP program. There can be no late-filed applications, as the \$100 fee must be paid by March 15, 2007.

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

Bronte City Wide Garage Sale set for May 5

It's time for Bronte's annual city wide garage sale. The Sorosis Study Club is sponsoring the annual garage sale so that it costs individuals nothing. The garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 8 am.

If you want to participate in the garage sale, please call the City Hall at 473-3501 and get your name on the list.

This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and store rooms, and sell, sell, sell! Remember to call City Hall if you would like your address on the free maps to be handed out the morning of the garage sale.



Sonrisas Rodeo! Terrah Macon and Gus Saunders (right), members of the Bronte High School National Honor Society, hang out with this little Sonrisas rodeo participant, at the 7th Annual Sonrisas Special Rodeo.

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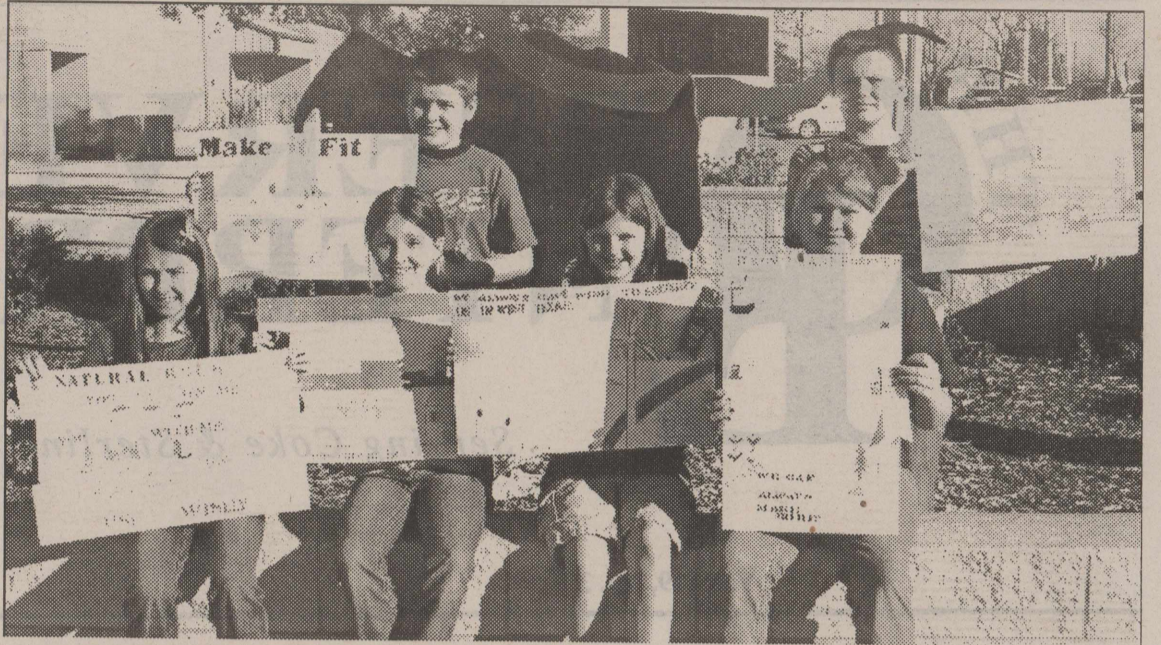
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Conservation Poster Contest! Several Bronte Elementary 5th graders participated in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest recently. They included (back row, left to right) Ty Lee, Stetsen Emfinger, (front row, left to right) Tammy Halfacer, Shanyia Parker, Bailey McGlothlin and Megan Yackley.

Sanco Homecoming planning meeting set for Tuesday

The Sanco Homecoming planning meeting will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 pm at the home of June Gulley, 906 W. 11th in Robert Lee.

Anyone interested in helping to plan the Sanco Homecoming is invited to attend. Instead of having pot luck, just bring a snack food.

The Sanco Homecoming this year will be held on June 10.

Angel Food Ministries taking March orders

The Angel Food Ministries will be taking orders March 9, 12-15, from 3 pm - 7 pm at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. The distribution date will be March 31 at 3 pm. They are also still in need of volunteers.

Concho Valley Cotton Conference set for San Angelo

On March 21, 2007, the Concho Valley Cotton Conference will be held at the San Angelo Convention Center from 8 am- 5 pm.

Reniform Nematodes, Verticillium Wilt, Weed Resistance Management, Cotton Root Rot, Early Season Insect Control, Drought Tolerant Cotton, Harvest-aids Challenges, Fertilizer Placement, Untraditionals, Cotton's Role in U.S. Energy and the SRPCGA Annual Meeting will be the topics for the day.

To preregister, call 365-5212, 365-2219 or 659-6522. After March 16, there will be a late registering fee.

Genealogy Workshop scheduled at ASU

Dr. George Schweitzer, distinguished professor at the University of Tennessee and a genealogist who uses historical reenactment to teach genealogy, will lead the sixth annual genealogical workshop sponsored by the Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection at Angelo State University on Saturday, March 31.

The program will run from 8:30 am to 4 pm March 31 in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center in the Houston

Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont on the ASU campus.

There will be a charge for registration and luncheon.

Persons interested in registering should contact the Friends of the Library by phone at (325) 942-2164 or by mail at Friends, ASU Station #11013, San Angelo, TX, 76909-1013.

Coke County Relay for Life set May 11

All cancer survivors are invited to join as honorary guests in the Survivor Lap on Friday at 7 pm, which will kickoff the 2007 relay.

Survivors who wish to participate in the Survivor Lap will need to register at the Survivor Table beginning at 5:30 pm and will also need to pick up their purple T-Shirt and sash to wear during the Survivor Lap at 7 pm. In honor of those who are survivors, they will be provided a complimentary hamburger meal at 5:30 pm for those participating in the Survivor Lap at the Bronte track field.

The strength and courage of each cancer survivor helps community and friends see that cancer survivorship is real and that progress is being made to battle all kinds of cancer, one step at a time.

If you are a cancer survivor and would like to participate, please complete the survivor form and return as soon as possible to: Joe and Glenda Draper, P.O. Box 655, Bronte, TX 76933 or Eddy and Sue Spiller, 724 Brunson, Bronte, TX 76933.

WCCHD Board Meeting Minutes

by Pat Stephens

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met in regular session, Monday, February 26, 2007, in the Conference Room of the Robert Lee Care Center.

Board members Mary Bessent, Dessie Kendall, Mike Lomas, Pat Stephens, and Marilyn White were present. President Bessent called the meeting to order, and Administrator Cy Jenkins gave the invocation. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with one correction to be made.

The Board discussed the annual audit, and several recommendations made by the auditor were passed by unanimous vote, and will be instituted immediately. Cy Jenkins was appointed as the investment officer, and the WCCHD Board voted to comply with the Texas Local Government Code to take bids on expenditures over \$25,000. It was decided to close the debit card account activated for Board Members, and put the monies back into the general fund.

The policy of holding bed charges for residents admitted to the hospital, or otherwise removed from the facil-

ity, was discussed, and Cy Jenkins will make a complete recommendation concerning this at a later date.

Pat Stephens made a motion, seconded by Marilyn White, to accept the financial reports for January 2007. Motion passed.

In the Administrator's report, Cy Jenkins updated the Board concerning several issues discussed in past meetings. The signing of checks was discussed and clarified, and the bank signature cards were updated. Mr. Jenkins also informed the board of some new thermal serving carts and a new steam table purchased in order to be

compliant with regulations concerning the temperature of the food served to residents. A 3-day training session was proposed for the office staff in utilization of the software currently used, and the Board was informed that the facility has a contract with Evans Pharmacy in Odessa to deliver medicine on a daily basis, beginning March 1. The Board was very pleased to learn of Mr. Jenkins' intention of attending a seminar on emergency preparedness in March.

There were no further items listed at this time, and the next meeting will be March 26, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

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

St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 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
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Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
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10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library has received a grant of several regional and Texas history books from the Tocker Foundation and the University of Texas made to small libraries. Included in the grant is House of Plenty: The Rise, Fall, and Revival of Luby's Cafeterias; The Southern Journey of a Civil War Marine: The Illustrated Note-Book of Henry O. Gusley in which the Battle of Galveston is covered; A Law for the Lion: A Tale of Crime and Injustice in the Borderlands (1912 in Laredo); and Fire in the Water: Earth in the Air: Legends of West Texas Music; Conjunto: Voice of the People, Songs from the Heart.

The books make a significant addition to the collection of Texas and regional history books in the Library. The Tocker Foundation supports small libraries in the state of Texas.

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

Texas Severe Weather Awareness week March 4-10

by National Weather Service Office in San Angelo Governor Perry has declared March 4 - 10 as Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have a way to receive a warning?

A tornado warning drill for schools will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 9:30 am.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. We will transmit this warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some of your local radio & TV stations, and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 9:45 am.

We will issue the warning for 14 counties, which will include Sterling and Coke counties.

For more information, please contact Buddy McIntyre, Hector Guerrero, or Patrick McCullough at (325) 944-3030 or you can e-mail us at nws.sanangelo.gov.

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3. Then on the following day, March 4, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extremely severe weather event.

Tornado safety rules

If at home:

*If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter go there immediately.

*Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.

*If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

*Get away from the windows.

*Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

*Use arms to protect head and neck.

*If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter.

If at work or school:

*Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

*Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.

*Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

*Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:

*If possible, get inside a building.

*If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential of flooding.

*Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:

*Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck.

*Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

*If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

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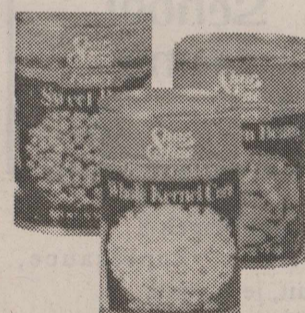
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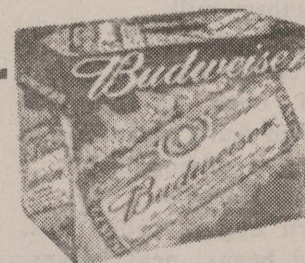
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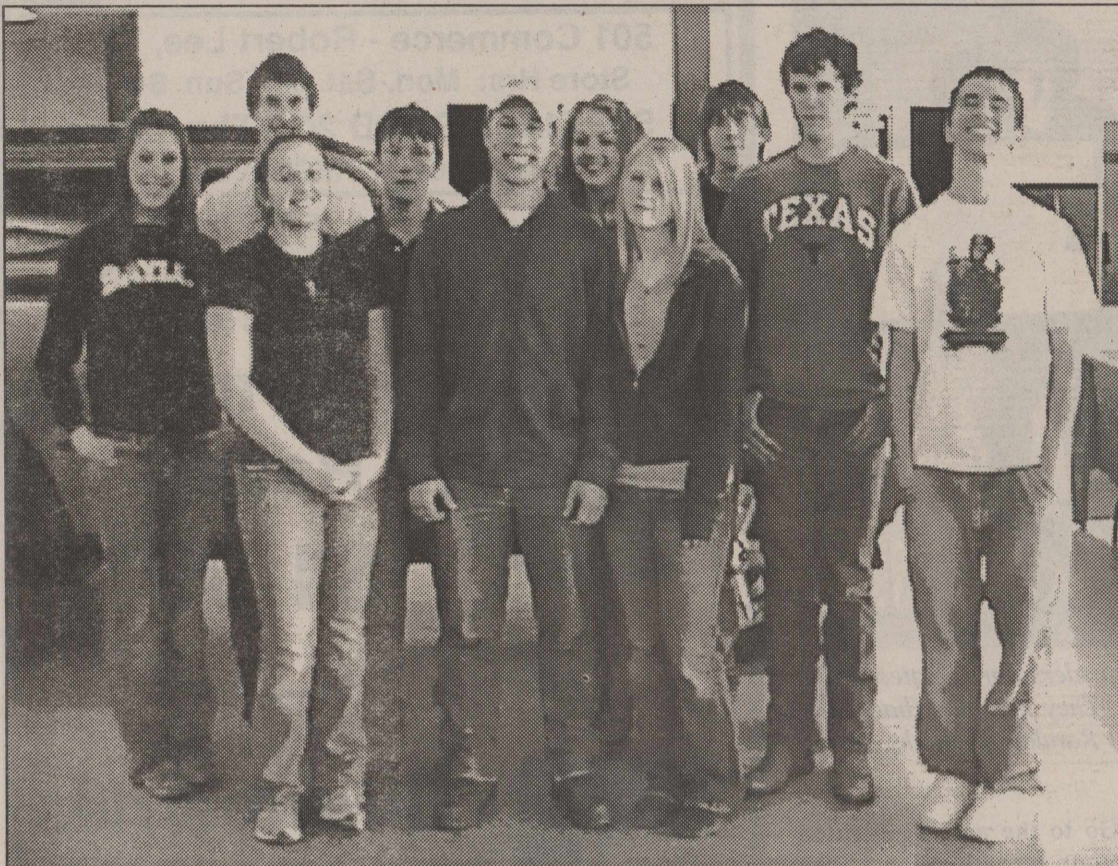
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Honor Students Assist with Sonrisas Rodeo! The Bronte High School National Honor Society participated in the 7th Annual Sonrisas Special Rodeo, Thursday, February 22, 2007, during the San Angelo Rodeo. Students were partnered up with a child during the event and took them through various activities, which included riding, painting horses and roping a bale of hay. Students participating included (back row, left to right) Holly Huskerson, Logan Rawls, Gus Saunders, Casey Harris, Juston Taylor, (front row, left to right) Terrah Macon, Phillip Rawlings, Emily Austin, Paul McConnell and Jonathan Marrs.

BHS to host Texas Scholars Presentation

Bronte High School will host a Texas Scholars Presentation on Tuesday, March 6, at 6 pm in the



Breakfast

Monday, March 5

Cereal, applesauce, biscuit, jelly, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Thursday, March 8

Pancake & sausage on a stick, assorted juice, milk

Friday, March 9

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 5

Pizza, tossed salad, corn, sliced peaches, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Oven fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fancy jelly, milk

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, assorted fruit, bread sticks, chocolate pudding, milk

Friday, March 9

Corn dog, French fries, baked beans, pear halves, pink panther cake, milk

school auditorium. Students, parents, and community members are encouraged to attend. New state graduation requirements as well as the Texas Scholars Program will be addressed. Eighth grade students that will be incoming ninth grade students next year will be eligible to apply for the Texas Scholars Program.

Bronte Longhorn basketball results

In Bi-District play, Bronte defeated Westbook 71-39. Stats: Logan Rawls 16 pts., 12 rebounds, 12 assists, 5 steals; Eric Hendrickson 19 pts., 8 rebounds; Albert Force 17 pts., 5 assists; Philip Rawlings 2 pts.; Brett Wills 2 pts.; Paul McConnell 1 pt.; and Adam Halfacer 8 pts., 5 rebounds.

In Area play, Bronte was defeated by Rankin by a score of 36-42. Stats: Logan Rawls 4 pts., 5 rebounds; Eric Hendrickson 13 pts., 8 rebounds; Albert Force 14 pts.; Philip Rawlings 3 pts.; and Johnathan Ehl 2 pts.

Their season record 23-7.

Lady Shorthorns place 2nd in track season opener

The Bronte Lady Shorthorns placed second in their first track meet of the season finishing with 191 points in Winters. The first place team who was also the host, finished with 208 points. Meet results are as follows:

Discus - 1st) Cheyenne Boyd, 2nd) Leticia Pena, 4th) Rani Parks;

Shot put - 2nd) Kassie Fillman, 4th) Leticia Pena;

High jump - 2nd) Brenda Perez, 3rd) Shandee Vaughn, 5th) Kim Lee;

Long jump - 3rd) Harley Wallace, 6th) Kelsey Sedden; Triple jump - 3rd) Shandee Vaughn;

Pole vault - 1st) Jill Scott; 400m relay - 2nd) Sedden, Lee, Scott, Perez;

100m hurdles - 2nd) Scott, 4th) Wallace, 5th) Boyd;

100m dash - 2nd) Sedden, 4th) Ginny Caston, 5th) Rani Parks;

800m relay - 1st) Caston, Lee, Perez, Vaughn;

300m hurdles - 1st) Vaughn;

400m dash - 3rd) Kaitlin Moore, 6th) Leah Jones;

200m dash - 2nd) Brianna Harper, 3rd) Stephanie Barba;

1600m run - 5th) Kim Nixon, 6th) Ali Franco;

1600m relay - 1st) Perez, Scott, Lee, Vaughn.

Lady Longhorns win first track meet at winters

by Pam Hilliard

We have 19 girls participating in track. Ten of these young ladies are freshmen.

Our first track meet was Saturday, February 24.

With wind gusts of at least 40 miles an hour, we came away with the Team Championship scoring 177 points.

The most impressive event was the 3200m run. The star of that event was freshman, Shelbi Waller. She ran 8 laps with the wind knocking her from one side of the lane to the other side.

The high jump was cancelled after the high jump



Sonrisas Rodeo! Paul McConnell and Casey Harris (top photo) and Emily Austin and Phillip Rawlings (bottom photo) stop for a quick picture with their little rodeo participant at the Sonrisas Special Rodeo.



mats blew over the track. Also, the hurdles were cancelled because of the wind.

3200m run - 3rd) Shelbi Waller;

400m relay - 1st) Katie Cooper, Holly Huskerson, Ashley Royall, Chelsea Cook;

800m run - 1st) Jessi England;

100m dash - 2nd) Marcy McMorris, 4th) Beth Sanchez;

800m relay - 1st) Katie Cooper, Marcy McMorris, Ashley Royall, Chelsea Cook;

400m run - 2nd) Chelsea Meek, 3rd) Sindy Barba, 4th) Ariel Coalson;

200m dash - 2nd) Chelsea Cook, 3rd) Stephanie Frasier;

1600m run - 2nd) Jessie England, 5th) Beth Sanchez;

1600m relay - 3rd) Holly Huskerson, Ariel Coalson, Stephanie Frasier, Jessi England.

Field events

Pole vault - 1st) Katie Cooper, 2nd) Marcy McMorris, 3rd) Chelsea Meek;

Triple jump - 1st) Chelsea Cook;

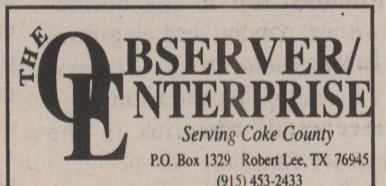
Shot put - 2nd) Chloe Grigg, 3rd) Casey Harris,

6th) Terrah Macon; Discus - 4th) Terrah Macon, 5th) Chloe Grigg.

Tarleton announces distinguished students

The Distinguished Student list for the Fall 2006 semester has been released at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Distinguished Students include freshmen and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25, with no grade lower than a C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than a C and are in good standing with the university.

Local students designated as distinguished students include Brandon Poehls of Bronte.



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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Conservation Poster Contest! Several Robert Lee Elementary 4th graders participated in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest recently. They included (back row, left to right) Tristen Hildebrand, Jerry Wofford, Daria Tinkler, Jayton Torres (front row, left to right) James Roberts, Jaden Aldridge and Eric Wells.

Robert Lee Elementary Awards 4th Six Weeks "A" Honor roll

3rd grade

Bruce Buddin, Brady Clawson, Rani Coppedge, Kodi Drennan, Hunter Hamrick, Bailey Hooten, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Madison Wright, Blaine Yanez

4th grade

James Roberts

5th grade

Fatima Fabian, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard, Ciera Millican

6th grade

Drew Davis, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 5

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Thursday, March 8

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Friday, March 9

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 5

Chicken strips, gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread, pears, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Pizza, salad, corn, breadstick w/sauce, orange, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Frito pie, salad, ranch beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, March 8

Rib B Que, mac & cheese, green peas, roll, pineapple, milk

Friday, March 9

Chicken patty on bun, pickles, baked chips, salad, peaches, milk

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K

Kailyn Martin

Kindergarten

Desiree Roe, Madison Hall

1st grade

Pierce Stewart, Kiara Padgett, Hailey Padgett, Daniel Mendoza, Christian Hodges, Margo Mendoza, Jessica Wheat

2nd grade

Trace Oleksiuk, Gabriel Abalos, Kaden Hayes

3rd grade

Mathew Paterson, Ricky Williams, Julia Madrid, Kodi Drennan, Madison Wright

4th grade

Tristen Hildebrand, Katelynn Chancellor, James Roberts

5th grade

Bianca Huapilla, Sydney Sheldon, Kevin Saucedo, Taylor Benton, Shelby Davis, Ashlie Tension, Fatima Fabian, Scott Bryant, Myranda Kenny, Samantha Arellano

6th grade

Abigail DeLeon, Jonah Saucedo, Zachary Sanchez, Cooper Hinderliter, Ashlie Wheat, Zack Skinner

Robert Lee High School Awards "A" Honor Roll

7th grade

Meagan Ross

8th grade

Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard, Kacee Roberts

9th grade

Emily Arellano, Sarah Jones, Stetson Nesbit

10th grade

Jeremy Martinez

11th grade

Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

12th grade

Jaden Alexander, Kelsy Duncan, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Tony Munoz, Casey Nesbit, Erica O'Neil, Sarah Philley, Brettie Reed, Rosa Rojas, Becca Skinner, Eleasar Vera

"A/B" Honor Roll

7th grade

Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrerra, Elizabeth Chancellor, Samantha Fernandez, Kimberly Roach, Raquel Rojas, Diana Vera

8th grade

Amanda Mendoza, Logan Philley, Skyler Rainwater, Jorge Rostro

9th grade

Jennifer Barrett, Cody Brosh, Cayetano Carrera, Piedad Juarez, Ivan Landeros, Erika Pearcy, Colton Reed, Emilee Yanez

10th grade

Holly Austin, Kaden Duncan, Prescilla Lara, Kelsey Martin, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Gabby Saucedo, Jodi Sheldon, Cori Torres

11th grade

Cody Denton, Briana Longoria, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Ashley Sawyer, Luke Thurman

12th grade

Clay Antilley, Tina LaRue, Johnathan Pagan, Randall Rainwater, Sergio Rocha, Chelsey Rowoldt

Perfect Attendance

7th Grade

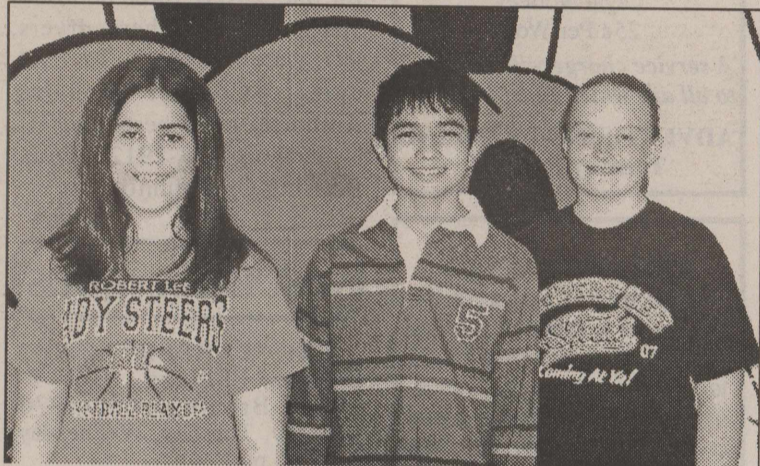
Linsey Arellano, Jose Fabian, Samantha Fernandez, Meagan Ross, Diana Vera

8th grade

Terry Allen, Haden Dillard,



Honorable Mention! Lubbock Roe and Cooper Hinderliter, from the Robert Lee Elementary 6th grade class received honorable mentions in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest.



Conservation Poster Contest! Jordan Gartman (far left), Zachary Sanchez and Dusty Howard were the top three poster contest participants in the Robert Lee Elementary 6th grade class.

Herzon Estrada, Paul Pineda, Kacee Roberts, Connie Saucedo, Luke Sheldon

9th grade

Emily Arellano, Devin Batten, Briana Brisbin, Cayetano Carrera, Josef Hanigan, Blake Millican, Stetson Nesbit, Erika Pearcy, Emilee Yanez

10th grade

Holly Austin, Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Josue Gallegos, Prescilla Lara, Jeremy Martinez, Arin Minjarez, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Jodi Sheldon, Blake Thompson, Cori Torres

11th grade

Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Kasie Skinner

12th grade

Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Antonio Munoz

Texas Tech Univ. announces honor list

Texas Tech University has announced its honor students for the Fall 2006 semester. Lindsey Roe, a sophomore Family and Consumer Sciences student, was named to the President's List. Jake McCabe, a sophomore Animal Science student, was named to the Dean's List.

Texas Independence Day, March 2

by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The story of the Battle of the Alamo is known throughout Texas and is part of American lore. The bravery exhibited by the 189 courageous soldiers who fought there is an unforgettable part of our state's history, and thousands of visitors from around the world travel to the site each year in appreciation of this historic stand.

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Though Colonel Travis and his soldiers were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for Texas, they knew without reinforcements they would not be able to withstand the much larger Mexican army.

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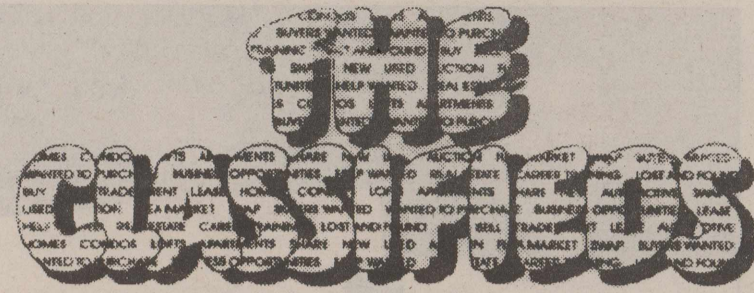
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GARAGE SALE
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GARAGE SALE
604 Colorado St., Robert Lee. Sat. 3/3, 8-???. Clothes, printer, furniture, household items and more.

NOTICES

ORDINANCE #392
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES HAVING A GROSS MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF 10,000 LBS. TO TRAVEL ALONG KICKAPOO ROAD, WEST BARCLAY STREET, 200 THROUGH 600 BLOCK OF SOUTH FRANKLIN STREET AND 100 THROUGH 300 BLOCK OF NORTH FRANKLIN STREET; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO POST APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE; DECLARING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS, that:

1. No commercial vehicle have a gross motor vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 lbs. shall travel on any of the following streets except as provided in Section 2:
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4. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.
5. This ordinance shall become effective when the Public Works Director posts the signage required by Section 3 herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 8th day of February, 2007.

THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS
By: Jimmie Guthrie
Mayor, Pro Term
ATTEST:
Pat Martindale
City Secretary

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: San Angelo
Contract 6160-03-001 for TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL in COKE County will be received on March 29, 2007 until 1:00 pm and opened on March 29, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$31,935.00.

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 of the contractor.

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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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held March 12, 2007, at 6:30 pm in the Robert Lee City Hall for input into a Robert Lee Economic Development Corporation 4B allocation to construct 10 recreational vehicle pads in Coke County Park in Robert Lee at an estimated cost of \$3,000 each including sewer, water, electric, and pad construction. Description of the project is available in the Robert Lee City Hall.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Lance D. Evans, Defendant,
Greeting: YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 51st District Court of Coke County at the Courthouse being located at 13 East 7th Street, in the City of Robert Lee, Coke County Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock am of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the date for answer being the 2nd day of April, A.D. 2007, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 12th day of February, A.D. 2007, in this cause, numbered 4209 on the docket of said court and styled WILLIAM L. ARCHER, SR. AND WIFE, NITA ALLEN ARCHER, Plaintiff, vs. LANCED. EVANS, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit:

Plaintiffs seek a court order to require Defendant to sell to Plaintiffs the undivided interest of Defendant in the property in accordance with the Chapter 29 of the Texas Property Code.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Mary Grim, Clerk of the 51st District Court(s) of Coke County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at office this the 12th day of February, A.D. 2007.

Mary Grim Clerk,
51st District Court
Coke County, Texas
By Sharon Lee, Deputy
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NOTICE

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may brief taken against you.

Greg Gossett, Plaintiff's Attorney
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(Editor's Note: The following is the second part of Earl (Tuny) Glenn's story.)

We continued on and the slave laborers were everywhere. The concentration camps - the German people supposedly didn't know about what was going on but I don't see how they could have kept from knowing. When you liberated those concentration camps it was rather ironic because one of the first things that these prisoners would want was cigarettes. They wanted cigarettes more than they wanted food to eat. In one place we went, the Germans had apparently just opened the gates of a concentration camp. I guess these prisoners were trying to stop the Germans and the Germans evidently had a machine gun mounted on their vehicles. They just mowed down 5 or 6 prisoners at a time about every 50 yards for the next two miles. We assumed these people were trying to stop their vehicles. We went into one place and it was a terrible thing. The Germans had an old pit of a hole dug out there. I have no idea how many bodies there were. They had used quick lime. The officers or guards that were there came out all slicked up and cleaned up. We did what we needed to do. I guess they expected it. I would think they did. Of course, I suppose they were just doing what they were made to do, but it was just terrible. You just cannot realize how many dead bodies you would find at those places. The decomposition or rot was everywhere as you went down the road. Our division liberated the Mauthausen and Gusen Concentration Camps in Austria, two of the most brutal in the German system.

The Germans were devious

and I guess we were too. You would have a dead body on the road or something and you couldn't afford to try to drag that body off the road because it was just liable to be booby trapped. So, what it was, you just ran over them and then it was just like a rabbit on the road. Of course, most of them were just skin and bones anyway. But you would just end up with a spot on the road. Terrible.

The Germans had many horse drawn artillery pieces and they had their panzers which were very good armor and good tanks and everything. But later in the war, we saw more horse drawn equipment. Our pilots in the air force were very, very good and they would go along and strafe those things. Of course, those German troops could jump off their vehicles and get into these foxholes that they had the slave labor dig all along the road. The

poor horses, you can imagine, they were just slaughtered by the air force when they would go by and strafe them. It was not unusual at all to see where someone had gotten themselves a big roast off a fat horse. And there was nothing wrong with that, but it was ironic.

We were going into Austria toward the Russians. We thought we could see the Russian artillery flashes and the Germans were giving up to us in companies, and platoons, and battalions and divisions, because they were trying to get away from the Russians. That was just a few days before the war was over. The 11th Armored Division had traveled farther east than any other ground force of the American Army in Europe. That night, Colonel Keech, who was our battalion commander, sent for me. I didn't know what he wanted, but he told me that our battalion was allowed to send one officer home and that I was one of two that had not been to Paris or anywhere on leave. I had just been with the division the whole time. He had flipped a coin and I won. Colonel Keech rode around in a medium tank and he put me down into the tank in the loader's position. I hated that more than anything

in the world. I guess I was claustrophobic. I would try to come up from there and he would put his feet on my shoulder and say, "Get back down in there now. You've come all this far and I don't want you to get killed now." Finally, he put me on a gasoline truck and I went back as far as Nuremberg. I don't remember how many different trucks I rode on, but I got back to Nuremberg without a thing in the world except the clothes on my back. When I got into Nuremberg, I could still hear a lot of firing. I believe the 16th Armored Division was there. After I had been there about a day, I saw a German plane flying around over head. It was some American GI flying that plane in celebration and that is where I found out that the war was over in Germany. We were put on an old German train had been strafed and had bullet holes all over it. They sent me to LaHarve to catch a ship to come home. When I got into LaHarve the war was over. Everybody was trying to get home and there were no boats available. I was assigned to another beat up train that took me all the way across France down to Marsailles. Just as I got to Marsailles, they had us go onto a little liberty ship. It seems this liberty ship had

been carrying a bunch of German prisoners to the United States. With the war being over, the ship had turned around and headed back toward France. Those prisoners had cleaned the place up, and it was spic and span. They got off of the ship and we got on and headed out. The next day, we were over near Oran, Africa. It was a desolate looking spot, but I could see Oran from the ship, about a mile away. Then we came through the Straits of Gibraltar and headed home in a convoy. We were not allowed to smoke cigarettes outside at night or anything. We just had to batten everything down hard and tight. But there was a Swedish ship that was about a quarter of a mile behind us all the time, and it was lit up like a Christmas tree. It seems that Sweden was a neutral nation and they had to run with lights on. We had to run all blacked out. If I'm not mistaken, we were one of the last convoys that came from Europe because the war was over. I think we came almost down to Florida and then up the coast to New York. On the way home we had no excitement at all and everyone got good and suntanned.

On our trip home, we got into New York and then they put us on a train. I went to Ft. Sam Houston on this troop train.

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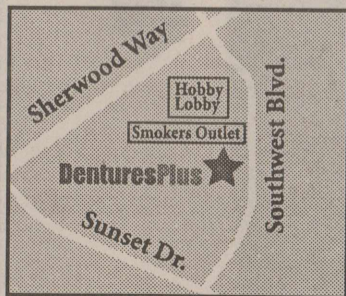
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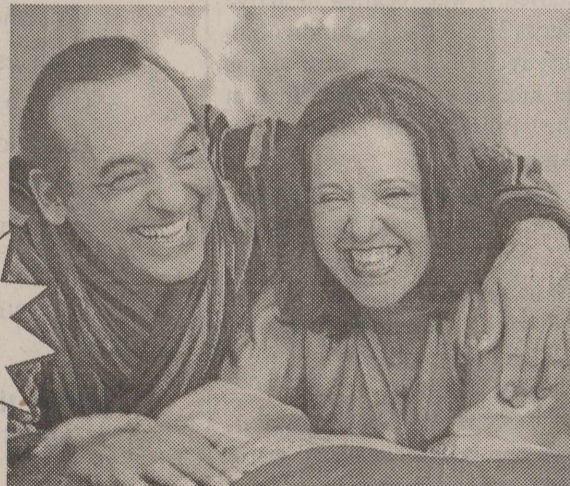
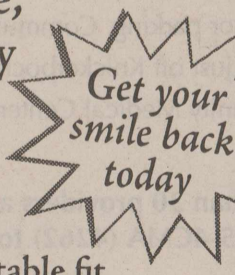


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...Veteran's Story

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Coming through Louisiana or Mississippi or somewhere through there, it was so boring that I asked the engineer if I could ride in the engine with them. I was surprised when I got in there because that engine just jerked and jerked. Finally, I got back into San Antonio and then came home. I rode the bus from San Angelo out toward Bronte. I got the driver to let me off at home.

I hadn't wanted to come home when I did unless I could rejoin my unit. The war was still going on in Japan and I didn't want to be put into some place where I didn't know anybody when my leave was over. I had requested that my orders read that I was to return to the 11th Armored Division. Of course, when I got home there were millions of troops in Europe that needed to come home and they were not about to send me back to Germany.

While I was on leave, I got married. Mary and I went to Camp Hood, Texas and it was the most miserable place I had ever seen. It was hot enough to kill red ants and they just had jillions of little lieutenants like me. They were all but giving us basic training again to keep us busy. I volunteered to go to Service Command in Chicago in the recruiting service, of all things. Mary and I stayed in Chicago for a few days; then they sent us to Detroit. Eventually we went to St. Jo, Michigan, where I was the recruiting officer. I think I had 5 or 6 sergeants and a staff car. It was a very undesirable assignment because it was my job to present all the posthumous awards for purple hearts or bronze stars to the mamas and little widows. All of them wanted some pictures made as their family received the medals, but the army didn't have anything for us. I imagine Mary and I spent most of our money on film for a Roloflex camera. I took pictures for those people and had them delivered. As soon as we got a chance to come home, we came. I went to Camp Fannin to be relieved from active duty.

When the Korean fracas started, I was recalled to active duty (21 months for an involuntary recall). I spent most of this 21 months as Finance Officer at the Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas.

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by Mark Sides,
RLVFD Interim Chief

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- 1) Don't burn a brush pile in private. Notify both the sheriff's

department and your local fire department. Talk to your neighbors too. This one step can reduce false alarms, decrease department response time, and put more help on scene if the fire gets out of hand.

2) If you're going to weld, have a spotter with you, and have a good supply of water on hand. Better yet, have your spotter standing by with a sprayer running and ready to go.

3) Pay attention to where you pull over. Dry grass and a hot exhaust system are not good partners.

4) Don't throw out a lit cigarette! If you don't want to mess up the ashtray in your vehicle, a cup of ice works great as a substitute.

5) Inspect and repair faulty exhaust systems on mowers, ATVs, and other power equipment.

6) Make sure your burn barrel has a fine mesh screen to trap ashes until they are fully burnt out.

7) Embers can smolder under the ashes of that brush pile you burnt ten days ago. Be careful, and be observant if you disturb the pile.

8) If you're going to light a fire outdoors, don't walk away from it until the fire is either totally burnt out, or you have extinguished it.

9) Clean up around the house and barn. Empty feed sacks, full trash barrels, empty oil containers, dried grass and weeds, and other flammable items around structures are nothing but a fire's gain and your loss.

10) Be observant. Make sure you or anyone on your land knows how to call in a fire, and is able to accurately tell emergency personnel how to get there.

Hopefully, the weather forecasters are wrong, and a rain is coming

soon. Until then, common sense and caution are the first line of defense against wildfire.

Citizens Ask Darby To Help Align ASU With Texas Tech

Representative Darby met this week with Angelo State University alumni and other university supporters to discuss the possibilities of realigning ASU from the Texas State University System to the Texas Tech University System. Darby's meeting discussed the merits regarding the move and the positive effects on ASU and the San Angelo area.

During the meeting, the group believes the move will help ASU increase its enrollment numbers, as well as, boost economic growth in San Angelo. The university is also more geographically and culturally aligned with Texas Tech system.

"We have worked hard to ensure ASU meets today's higher education needs," Darby stated, "This is just another step to realizing this goal."

The move would be aligned with Governor Perry's plan to increase the number of engineering and medical students in the State of Texas. ASU, with its strong Physics and other academic programs, will benefit from the resources at Texas Tech. Additionally, ASU students would be better prepared for a positive transition in entering into graduate programs, such as the medical program at Texas Tech.

"Both schools provide excellent educational programs," said Darby, "I think making this change is positive for everyone involved."

With vast local support, Darby feels confident in pursuing this issue. ASU alumni and local supporters are eager to have their voice heard in Austin.

"The citizens of San Angelo have asked for my help," Darby said, "As their state representative, I am happy to offer my assistance and support."

...Texas Ind. Day

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In a final letter to all Texans shortly before the fall of the Alamo, Colonel Travis wrote: Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna - I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man - the enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison is to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken - I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the wall - I shall never surrender or retreat.

Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country - Victory or Death. -

William Barret Travis, Lt. Col, Commander

Colonel Travis' words are those of a true patriot, as they personify the willingness of Texans to stand up and fight for freedom. He inspired his countrymen to fight on to ultimate victory and independence.

While the Alamo was under siege in San Antonio, the Texas Declaration of Independence was drafted and signed in Washington-on-the-Brazos, creating the Republic of Texas. On that day, March 2, 1836, a convention of 54 men, including my great-great grandfather, Charles S. Taylor, laid the groundwork for a new nation that would one day become the Lone Star State.

As we celebrate Texas independence on March 2, I am honored to recognize our history by reading this incredible letter into the Congressional Record each year on the floor of the United States Senate. Senator John Tower initiated the tradition of reading Colonel Travis' letter on the Senate floor. As Texas' senior U.S. senator, I have continued this practice with pride, and I hope future Texas senators will do so as well.

Texas Independence Day honors the brave men and women who struggled, sacrificed, and persevered in the name of liberty. Let us reflect on their heroism with a thankful heart, while also showing gratitude to the courageous young Texans who continue to stand on the front lines in defense of freedom even today. The spirit of service and valor has been passed to our sons and daughters in uniform, and the future of our blessed state and our nation is in good hands with them.

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