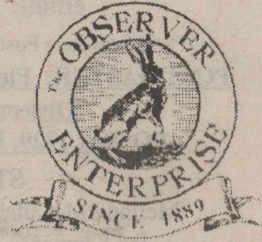


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Spain announces sale of The Observer/Enterprise

The oldest business in Coke County is changing hands, according to Hal Spain, longtime owner of the Observer/Enterprise. As of January 1, 2011, the weekly newspaper which serves Coke County will be in the capable hands of Melinda McCutchen. "Melinda has worked for the local newspaper in excess of twenty years," according to Spain, "and has been involved in the composition and printing of the paper for most of that time."

Spain is fulfilling a campaign promise made when he filed to run for county treasurer of Coke County. He assured voters that he would be a "full time" treasurer, and following his election to the office, he is making good on that promise with the sale of the paper to McCutchen.

Spain purchased the Bronte Enterprise and the Robert Lee Observer newspapers in August of 1983 and quickly combined the two papers into one which represented all of Coke County. Some of the old-timers thought it was the worst decision that could have been made at the time. And a few have held that thought through to the present time. However, the combination has proven itself over the years to be an excellent tool for promoting all of Coke County.

Asked about regrets, all Spain could come up with was that the county paper (and most others we read) has lost some of the local stories throughout the years. "We used to put a lot more personal articles in the paper that were turned in by local residents, what I've always called the 'Aunt Hattie goes to Houston' kind of stories... and I wish we had more of them today, because that's what keeps people involved in the local paper."

"But I guess that the only common denominator is that things change in every business, and although we may not get as many local stories as we used to, the fact remains that we are the only newspaper known to man that is 100 percent committed to Coke County."

And even with the new ownership, Spain is quite sure that that commitment will not change.

"I don't foresee major changes for the immediate future," said McCutchen. "However, I would like to include more local news, minutes from city council meetings and commissioners court."

"My main goal is to provide Coke County residents and those who care about Coke County with the news and information they need and want."

Several suggestions have already come in - a "Recipe of the Week", local columns from all of the communities served by the Observer/Enterprise, and more. If there's something you'd like to see included, please contact Melinda at 453-2433.

Coke County Livestock Show Scheduled for Next Week

Next week will be the 72nd edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show, held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year the show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, more than 45 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sales monies that come in from county and other areas. The total monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$150,000 per year circu-



Local Officials Sworn-In January 3, 2011! New and re-elected county officials were sworn-in during a ceremony held at the Coke County Courthouse Monday morning, January 3. They include (from left) County Judge Roy Blair, County/District Clerk Mary Grim, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Jackie Walker, County Treasurer Hal Spain, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Grady Coulter, County Commissioner Precinct 4, Bobby Blaylock, and County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Wendell Lee.

lated in the county.

The show will begin Friday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Ross Benson, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent from Irion County. Saturday, January 15, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Market Steer show at 11:00 a.m., judged by Jason Byrd, meat buyer for Direct Source Meats/Labett Food Service. Showmanship judge is Cody Bundick, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent from Schleicher County.

The Buyer's appreciation barbecue will be served at 12:00 noon. Following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 2:00 p.m. to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors that include: Joel Percifull, Bob Sheets, Mike Cervenka, Wayne Coalson, Mark Wright, Corby Kelso, Shane Kelton, Terry Queen, Douglas Roberts, Ricky Ross, Ricky

Royall, Rick Sanchez, Tom Sawyer, Brenda Skinner, Noel Tinkler, Jack Yanez, David McWright and Curtis Knight.

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

Relay For Life meeting held January 6

Anyone interested in having a team or being a part of the Coke County Relay For Life on April 29-30, 2011, in Robert Lee was urged to attend a start-up meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2011. The meeting was held at the West Central Wireless office in Robert Lee at 5:30 pm. For more information, contact Kellye Howard at the American Cancer Society office at 944-2500.

The West Texas Relay for Life summit will be held January 21-22 in Odessa at Crossroads Fellowship. All RFL Committee Members and 2 Team Representatives per

team are encouraged to attend. If you are a Survivor or Team Captain you can register online at: www.relayforlife.org/cokeco tx. Deadline for registration is Friday, January 7, 2011.

Pancake supper slated for January 13

The Bronte High School Student Council will hold a Pancake Supper Thursday, January 13, from 4:30 to 6 pm at the BISD cafeteria. This will be during the Bronte/Robert Lee basketball games.

Each plate will be \$5 and all proceeds will benefit Coke County Relay for Life.

4-H Photography Contest slated

Entries for the 2011 4-H Photography Contest are due in the County Extension Office by Monday, January 10, 2011. The contest will be held in conjunction with the Coke County Livestock Show, January 14-15, 2011.

Entries must be 4 x 6 with a construction paper mat.

For more information, please come by the Extension Office or call 453-2461.

Happy New Year!

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Obituaries



Keesee

Gladys Mae (Poehls) Hilliard Keesee, 88, of Bronte passed away early Saturday morning, December 11, 2010, at Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

She was born August 9, 1922, in Runnels County to Gus William and Annie Starzy (Lucina) Poehls. She married Leland Hilliard in 1941 and he preceded her in death in 1989. She married Lloyd Keesee in 1992 and he preceded her in 1998. She was also preceded by an infant daughter, Glenda Ann Hilliard; a sister, Anna Lee Bilbrey, and five brothers, Ed, Cecil, Ernest, Buddy and Von Lee Poehls.

Gladys worked as a cafeteria cook, retiring from Ballinger ISD after 29 years and was a member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed life and had a great love for her family (especially her grandchildren), dominoes (especially "42"), and for music (especially Vince Gill). She will be missed by many.

She is survived by her daughter, Eyvonne Lee and husband, Turner of Bronte; her son Bill Hilliard and wife, Patsy of Ballinger; grandchildren, Jon Lee, Jeff Lee, Kyle Hilliard, Eric Hilliard and Starzy Hilliard Lee. Seven great-grandchildren and a special friend, Pat McKamey of San Angelo, also survive.

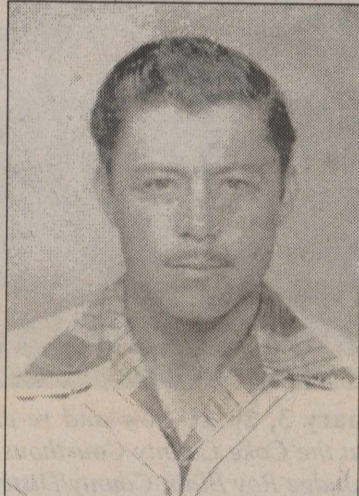
Visitation for family and friends was Sunday, December 12, from 6 to 8 pm at Lange Funeral

Home. Funeral services were held Monday, December 13, 2010, at 10 am at the Lange Funeral Home Chapel with Max Pratt and John Driggers officiating. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery.

The family requests that donations be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a favorite charity.

Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Minjarez

Louis Ponce Minjarez, 85, went to be with his Lord and Saviour on Wednesday, December 22, 2010.

Graveside service was held at 10 am Friday, December 24, 2010, in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte.

Louis was a very loving husband and father. He was a hard worker and always provided the best he could for his family. He enjoyed the time he spent with his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. He would do anything for his family and friends. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, Isidro and Juanita Minjarez; his brothers, Edward Minjarez, Favian Minjarez, Joe Minjarez, and Paul Minjarez; and his sisters, Santos Garcia and Nativida Uranga.

Louis is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Alice Minjarez of Bronte; his daughters, Ofelia Torres of Robert Lee, Lydia Soto and husband Jimmy, and Elvia Casares, all of Bronte; his son, Louis Minjarez, Jr. and his

fiancée Dorothy Castello, both of Bronte; and his sister, Enedina Jimenz. He is also survived by ten grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to the Bronte Health and Rehab Center and Vista Care Hospice.

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Bird

Josephine Rorex (Mrs. Ulmer S.) Bird passed away December 28, 2010. Graveside services were held at 3 pm Friday, December 31, 2010, at Sanco Cemetery in Sanco, Texas. A memorial service was held at 11 am Monday, January 3, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Rockport, Texas.

She was born March 14, 1909, to Joe and Lydia Lill Rorex, the first of eight children, born and reared in Panhandle, Texas. Her grandparents were pioneers in Panhandle in the early 1890s. She graduated from Panhandle High School, attended Hardin Simmons University and McMurry College in Abilene while her husband was serving as Army Chaplain in Europe from 1944-1946.

Ulmer Bird was appointed pastor of the Methodist Church in Panhandle in 1926 when Josephine was a Junior in High School. They were married October 18, 1928, at the home of her parents.

They moved to Sanco, Texas in 1947. His grandparents pioneered in what became Sanco in the late 1880s. She served as Postmaster there from 1954 until 1971 when she retired and the post office was closed. She was Secretary-Treasurer of the Sanco Village Association and the Sanco Evangelical Methodist Church from 1954-1989.

The Association has sponsored the Sanco Homecoming since 1954, which is held the second Sunday in June, annually. She is author of Our Sanco People, published in 2005, and The Story of the Panhandle Bank, published in 1992. She was an active member of the Lamar Women's Club and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ulmer Bird, teacher, pastor, editor, rancher and poet, passed away January 30, 1988. His body rests in Sanco Cemetery.

Josephine was also predeceased by her parents, two brothers, Edward and Frank Rorex, and one sister, Louise Rorex Holt.

Survivors are two brothers, Robert Rorex of Lubbock and Eugene Rorex of Rockport, Texas; two sisters, Alice Waidhofer of Stockton, California, and Evelyn Atkinson of Rockport, Texas; and nephews and nieces.

Expressions of sympathy may be made by donation to the First United Methodist Church of Rockport, Texas, 801 E. Main, Rockport, Texas 78382.

Arrangements were entrusted to Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.

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Death Notices

Easterly

Ellis Easterly, 56, of Blackwell died Sunday, December 26, 2010. A private service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home/Bronte.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Easterly of Blackwell; his mother, Flo Easterly of San Angelo; and his son, Daniel "D.J." Brittain of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Wed. 6 pm

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10:55 am Worship,
6 pm Youth

and Worship
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Wed. 7 pm

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Jordan Arnold, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

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Danny White, Pastor

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11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Free Exercise Class offered

Are you ready to start on your New Years resolution? A low impact 1 mile walking class is being offered at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee every Monday from 2-2:30.

The class is free and is designed for you to go at your own pace to accommodate all fitness levels.

For more information contact Misty McGlothlin, RN FUMC Wesley Nurse at 473-2069.

Texas Farm Bureau delegates vote to reaffirm water rights

In Coke County and statewide, water rights are a big concern. Fortunately for Texas agricultural producers, delegates voted to reaffirm landowners rights to groundwater under their property.

A landowners' interest in the water under his land is a vested interest that gives him a constitutionally protected right to drill and produce groundwater, delegates said at Texas Farm Bureau's 77th annual meeting.

"Many of Coke County producers and rural residents depend on groundwater for residential wells, livestock watering sources and crop irrigation," said Bobby Roberts Coke County Farm Bureau president.

As the Lone Star State's booming population takes a toll on water resources, groundwater rights will take center stage as the 82nd Legislature meets in January. Delegates at the recent convention recog-

nized, however, that water is a limited resource and will require some "reasonable" regulation to protect local supplies.

"Reasonable conservation and management of groundwater by locally controlled groundwater conservation districts is vital to the future viability of agriculture and rural communities in Texas," said Bobby Roberts.

Bronte and Robert Lee featured In Regional Guide

Bronte and Robert Lee are two of 40 communities in the region featured in the 2011 Texas Midwest Guide. Local advertisers participating in the guide include Main Street Market, Bronte Hometown Hardware, Celebrations, First National Bank and This 'n That Shop and the Robert Lee State Bank.

The 2011 Texas Midwest Guide, now in circulation, is a marketing project of Texas Midwest Community Network. This year's guide is the 16th edition of the annual publication that showcases quality of life and points of interest in the region.

Each year the Texas Midwest Guide includes community information, attractions, recreation, lodging and much more information about the Texas Midwest region. Distribution of 70,000 copies goes to Texas Travel Information Centers along the State's borders, chambers of commerce, CVBs, hotels & motels and advertisers throughout the region.

An online turn-the-page version of the guide is at www.texasmidwestguide.org.

All websites on community pages and ad spaces have hot links from the online guide.

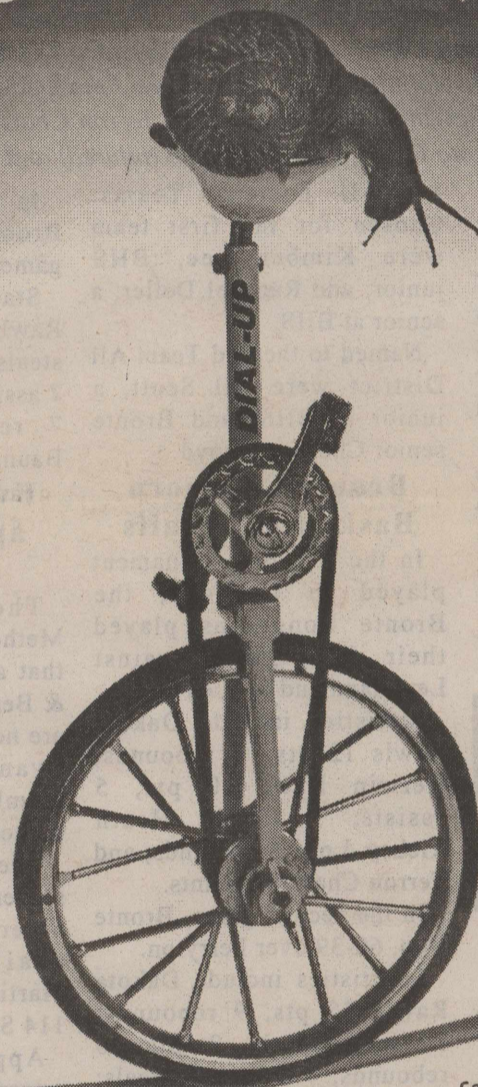
For more information about TMCN, visit the website www.texasmidwest.org.

4-H Food Challenge! Coke County 4-H competed in the 2010 Food Challenge competition in Coleman in December. The Senior Food Challenge team consisted of Troy Wade, Hannah Hamrick and Ashlie Tennison.



Intermediate Food Challenge team members are Sarah Wade, Hunter Hamrick, Brady Clawson and Madison Wright. The Senior team won 2nd place in the competition and the Intermediate team won top honors of 1st place in the competition. Shown are (back row, from left) Troy Wade, Hannah Hamrick, Ashlie Tennison, Sarah Wade, (front row, from left) Hunter Hamrick, Brady Clawson, and Madison Wright.

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How Can I Begin

to thank so many people for making my twenty year career as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, such a great ride? Voters in Precincts 1 and 3 - you elected me five times unopposed. My heartfelt thanks for your respect, support, and confidence. We are so fortunate to have had and still do - great law enforcement officers. They toted me many miles to get me where I needed to be and helped me any way they could. The Coke County courthouse staff is my family and I will miss them so much. They have been great fun and really stepped up during my illnesses. Thanks to all of you for being friends and family and for the great retirement party. Thank you all for the calls, cards, gifts - and hugs, too. I appreciate those who came to the rec hall to visit. I'm grateful to this entire community! I'll see you around town. I'm not going anywhere.

Joan Davis

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Horns Receive Consolation Trophy! The Bronte Longhorn Varsity Basketball team received the consolation prize at the FiberMax Caprock Classic Tournament. The team went up against Levelland, Perryton, Sudan, and Clarendon. The team defeated Class A Division I number one ranked Clarendon for the consolation trophy. Shown are John Deller, (from left) Coach Rocky Rawls, Heath Richey, Newt McGinnis, Thoren Charles, Terron Charles, Caleb Rosson, Kerwin Rawls, Jordan Baumann, Dakota Rawls, Creed Coalson (injured) and Ty Lee.

Baker named Volleyball MVP

Kaycee Baker, a senior at Bronte High School, was named the 2010 All-West Texas Most Valuable Player last month. She also claimed the Outstanding Hitter title. Setter of the Year honors went to BHS Senior Shandee Vaughn. Bronte's Keith McCutchen was honored as Co-Coach of the Year.

Several Lady Longhorns were named to the District 4-

1A All District Teams. Chosen for the first team were Kimber Lee, BHS junior, and Rachael Deller, a senior at BHS.

Named to the 2nd Team All District were Jill Scott, a junior at BHS, and Bronte senior Cheyenne Boyd.

Bronte Longhorn Basketball results

In the Caprock Tournament played in Lubbock, the Bronte Longhorns played their first game against Levelland and lost, 44-34.

Statistics include Dakota Rawls 12 pts., 7 rebounds; Kerwin Rawl 10 pts, 5 assists, 3 steals; Heath Richey 4 pts, 6 rebounds; and Terron Charles 6 points.

In the second game, Bronte won, 60-39 over Perryton.

Statistics include Dakota Rawls 35 pts, 9 rebounds; Kerwin Rawls 9 pts, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals; Heath Richey 5 pts; Creed Coalson 3 pts; John Deller 2 pts; Caleb Rosson 3 pts; and Newt McGinnis 3 points.

In the third game, the Longhorns won against Sudan, 51-31.

Statistics include Dakota Rawls 20 pts, 6 rebounds, 4 assists; Kerwin Rawls 17 pts, 6 rebounds, 5 assists; Heath Richey 5 pts, 6 rebounds; Terron Charles 4 assists; Jordan Baumann 5 pts; Caleb Rosson 2 pts; and Newt McGinnis 2 pts.

In the Consolation game, Bronte won an exciting game over Clarendon, 47-44.

Statistics include Dakota Rawls 23 pts, 9 rebounds, 4 steals; Kerwin Rawls 12 pts, 7 assists; Heath Richey 9 pts, 7 rebounds; and Jordan Baumann 3 pts.

Evans scholarship applications now available

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte United Methodist Church.

The Scholarship is for students 19 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to the City Hall by January 18, 2010.

Longhorns continue to hold #1 State ranking

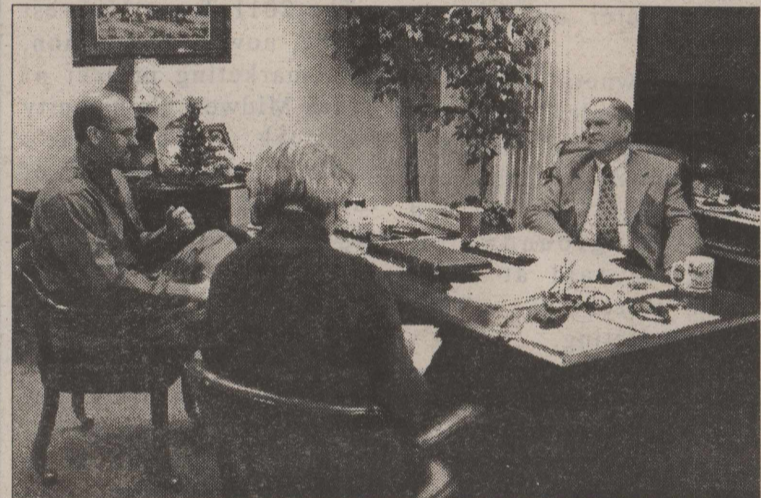
The Bronte Longhorns basketball team remains at the top of the Class 1A Division II state boys basketball poll.

The top 25 teams and their records are listed below.

1. Bronte (13-2); 2. Anton (16-2); 3. Paducah (12-4); 4. San Isidro (20-0); 5. Dodd City (19-0); 6. Throckmorton



Baker to Play Volleyball for Clarendon College! Bronte High School senior, Kaycee Baker has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Clarendon College in Clarendon, Texas. Kaycee will also be receiving a scholarship and will attend beginning in the fall of 2011. BHS head volleyball coach Keith McCutchen, mother Carol Reyes, and counselor Jackie Timmerman look on as Kaycee signs her letter of intent.



Administrative Discussion! Bronte superintendent Alan Richey meets with elementary principal Donna Poehls and high school principal David Bedford in his office prior to Christmas break as they discuss the rush of activities at the end of the first semester of school.

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| (3-2); 7. Laneville (10-5); 8. Wells (15-2); 9. Austwell (11-2); 10. Sands (16-4); 11. Grady (12-2); 12. Saltillo (17-3); 13. Spurger (12-8); 14. Ira (10-4); 15. Calvert (5-2); 16. Martinsville (14-2); 17. | Leggett (11-10); 18. Southland (11-3); 19. Richland Springs (3-0); 20. Knipka (11-7); 21. Frost (10-4); 22. Prairie Valley (15-5); 23. Dime Box (10-5); 24. Garden City; and 25. Waelder (7-5). |
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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, January 10

Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, January 11

Pancake on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Wednesday, January 12

Oatmeal, assorted juice, cinnamon toast, milk

Thursday, January 13

Sausage patty, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Friday, January 14

No School.

Lunch

Monday, January 10

Burrito, pinto beans, Spanish rice, green beans, rolls, milk

Tuesday, January 11

Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk

Wednesday, January 12

Nachos grande, refried beans, salad cup, fruit, corn bread, milk

Thursday, January 13

Corn dogs, fries, ranch beans, apple crisp, milk

Friday, January 14

No School.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



WALK ACROSS TEXAS!

During the months of November and December, Jan Yanez, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent conducted the Walk Across Texas youth program with the students of Robert Lee ISD.

The Kindergarten through 6th grade recently participated in the program. Students walked a total of 1,225.0 miles Walk Across Texas was created to help establish the habit of walking and promoting healthy exercise. Individual class totals are:



Kindergarten (top left photo) walked 124.0 and the top student was Presley Oleksiuk with 12.5 miles.

First grade (left second photo) walked 241.25 miles and the top student was Dakota Martindale with 14.75 miles walked.

Second grade (left third photo) walked 143.25 miles total and the top individual student was Casey Skipworth with 15.0 miles.

Third grade (left bottom photo) walked 188.75 miles with a tie for individual miles between Ethan Brashear and Jonathan Skipworth walking 13.25 individual miles.

Fourth grade (right top photo) walked a total of 228.50 miles and top walking individual was Daniel Mendoza with 14.5 miles.

Fifth grade (right middle photo) walked a total of 175.0 miles with individual top walker being Jorge Mendoza who walked 13.25 miles.

Sixth grade (right bottom photo) had a total of 124.25 miles for the class with individual top walker being Matthew Curry who walked 12.25 miles.



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, January 10**
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, January 11**
Burrito, cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, January 12**
Pancake on a stick, cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, January 13**
Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, January 14**
Stock show

Lunch

- Monday, January 10**
Burrito, salad, corn, orange, milk
- Tuesday, January 11**
Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, peas, bread, pineapple, milk
- Wednesday, January 12**
Spaghetti, salad, green beans, breadstick, mandarin orange, milk
- Thursday, January 13**
Sub sandwich, salad, pickles, tator tots, pudding, milk
- Friday, January 14**
Stock show

Dillard, Howard named to All West Texas Team

Hayden Dillard, a senior at Robert Lee High School, was named as a linebacker to the All-West Texas Six-Man Football Team. Will Howard, RLHS freshman, was named as kicker to this honorary team.

Eleven members of the Steers team earned spots on the District 8-A Division 1 First Team. They include Justin Gartman, sophomore, Hayden Dillard, senior, Bailey Smith, sophomore, Foster Allen, senior, Zach Skinner, sophomore, and Will Howard, freshman.

Kevin Saucedo, freshman, Joe Estrada, senior, and Jim Bob Smith, junior, were named to the All District 2nd Team.

Robert Lee rolls over Rotan

The Robert Lee Steers defeated the Rotan Yellowhammers, 53-23.

Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman 7, Sam Peyton 14, Will Howard 3, Haden Dillard 16, and Logan Phillely 15.

Community

Calendars for Sale

RLHS Spanish Club is selling Community Calendars. They are \$6 each. Pick your calendar up today at the High School Library.

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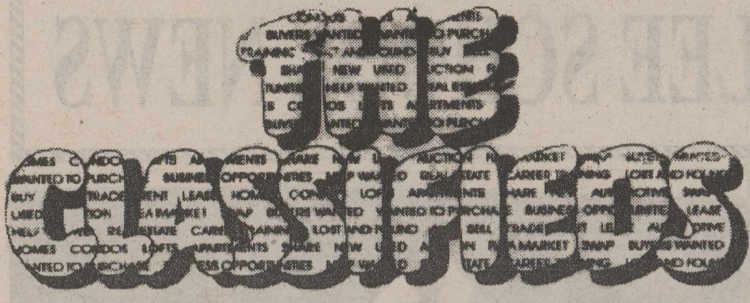
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THE FAMILY OF

Gladys Keese wish to thank you for the cards, food and most of all your prayers during the loss of our Mother. And a special thank you to the staff at the Bronte Health and Rehab for their love and care of Mother and her family.

Evvonne, Turner Lee & family
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THE FAMILY OF

Tracy Dawn Ross would like to give a special thanks to all the people of Robert Lee and the surrounding area for all the donations, sympathy and prayers. May the Lord Bless everyone as He has blessed our family in this difficult time. We have really seen the love of Christ in action in this difficult time. We also thank the officers, directors and employees of the Robert Lee State Bank for everything they did.

25-1tp

WE WOULD LIKE TO thank everyone for all the support and generosity during the difficult time of our loss. Thank you to everyone who sent the lovely plants and flowers and also the great help and thoughtfulness in helping with the food. A special thank you to the Reyes Family for all the support as well as the special photos and memories. To the Bronte Health and Rehab Center and Vista Care for your loving kindness and expression of sympathy you all have shown during the passing of Louis. We will be forever grateful.

God Bless
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All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6221-74-001 to be held on January 25, 2011 at 2:00 pm at 150 EAST RIVERSIDE DR, ROOM 1B.1, AUSTIN TX. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the Tx DOT 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.

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Tuesday, January 11

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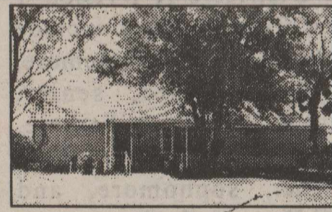
Pot Pie

Thursday, January 13

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NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. Proc. 649, that certain personal property is being levied upon and shall be sold under Writ of Execution on Tuesday, February 1st, 2011. The auction sale shall occur pursuant to that certain Writ of Execution issued by the office of Janie Glover, District Clerk, Palo Pinto, County, on the 25th day of August 2010.

WHEREAS, judgment creditor **M.E. READ CONSTRUCTION, INC.**, recovered a judgment against defendant **TOM CARROLL**, for the sum of \$19076.70; plus post judgment interest \$493.54 on the total sum at the annual rate of 6% per year beginning August 25, 2010 to date of sale; plus court cost of \$320.00, plus attorney fees of \$3500.00, plus writ fee to Coke County Sheriff's Office \$200.00, plus newspaper ad fee \$302.25

WHEREAS, the principal amount of judgment, with all accrued post-judgment interest, and costs of court will total, as of Tuesday, February 1st, 2011, in the amount of \$23,892.49

WHEREAS, the above-referenced Writ of Execution has been placed in the hands of Wayne McCutchen, Sheriff of Coke County, Texas, to levy upon certain personal property, situated in Coke County, Texas. The personal property being levied upon, and which will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, February 1st, 2011, is described as follows:

Mineral Interest of defendant Tom Carroll being 0.0005980 RI, Jameson Reef UT TR #, Sheridan Production, A-966 Sec 6 E A Bar, other surveys

The above-referenced personal property of Tom Carroll shall be levied on February 1st, 2011, at 10:00a.m. On the first Tuesday of February, 2011, the same being the 1st day of February 2011, the personal property shall be sold at the Courthouse door of Coke County, Texas of the city of Robert Lee, Texas between 10:00a.m. and 12:00p.m. By virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution, I Wayne McCutchen, Sheriff of Coke County, Texas will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, and interest of Tom Carroll in said mineral interest.

In compliance with Tex. R. Civ. Proc. 647, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the day of sale, in the Observer/Enterprise, a newspaper published and distributed in Coke County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 13th day of December, 2010
 Wayne McCutchen,
 Sheriff of Coke County,
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Robert Lee Cemetery Memorials and Donations

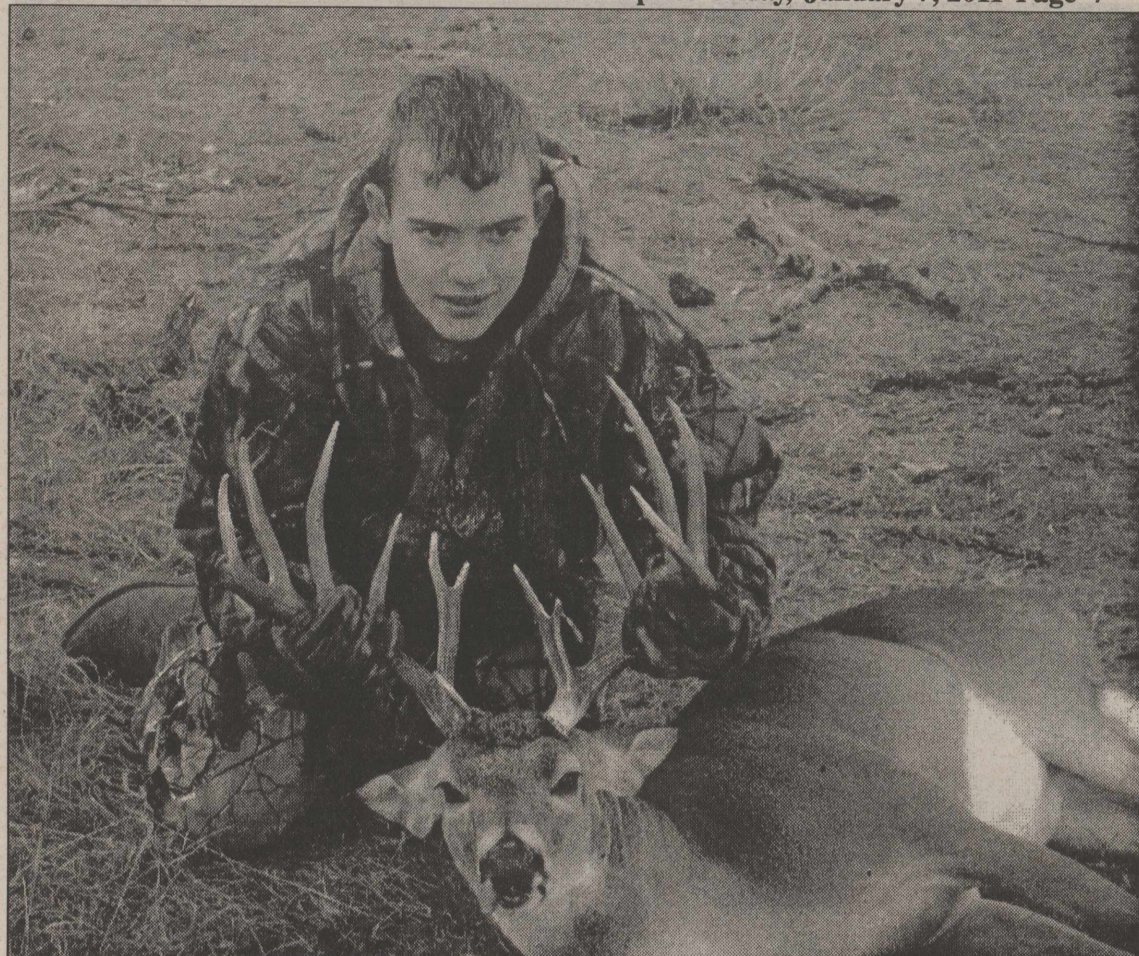
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State housing agency, regional nonprofit give gift of hope to 1,255 area residents this holiday season

This holiday season promises to be a healthier, happier one for as many as 1,255 area residents thanks to the assistance they received this year from the Concho Valley Community Action Agency. The agency today was recognized by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for expending 100 percent of its federal stimulus Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds to help transition low income individuals out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency, with the hope that the season's help lasts a lifetime.

TDHCA contracts with Concho Valley to administer the CSBG Program in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green counties. The organization received an additional \$424,732 last year from the Department through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of



Big Buck! Sixteen year old Dustin Davis of Midland brought down this 15 pt buck near Tennyson opening weekend of this season. This was only his second deer to ever harvest. He and his stepdad kept track of the buck on game cameras and on opening morning were ready.

2009, commonly referred to as the economic stimulus package, which featured new guidelines that allowed the state to reach greater numbers of low income Texans.

The funds helped provide essential services to low income individuals that include childcare, health and educational services, housing, transportation, job training, drug and alcohol dependency classes, and a host of other programs designed to eliminate poverty and foster self-sufficiency.

All services were to be provided on or before September 30, 2010, under ARRA guidelines. In total, over 98,000 Texans across the state were assisted through ARRA CSBG funds.

"Eighteen months ago, TDHCA was given an

extraordinary one-time opportunity to make a difference in the lives of thousands of low income Texans we otherwise may not have been able to reach," said TDHCA Executive Director Michael Gerber.

"With the help of our partners at the Concho Valley Community Action Agency, I am extremely pleased to report that we expended all funds within the allotted timeframe and fulfilled our commitment to the nation's taxpayers," he continued. "Far more important, however, are the individuals and families who are better off because of the helping hand they received from their local community action agency. They will be the lasting testament to the stimulus package."

TDHCA last year awarded a total of \$47.6 million in ARRA CSBG funds to its network of 48 local and regional nonprofit organizations to assist low income Texans earning no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines in their efforts to achieve financial and personal independence. Texas leads the five most populous states in expenditure rate of ARRA CSBG funds.

Send in your "Recipe of the Week" to o-e@wcc.net or The Observer/Enterprise PO Box 1329 Robert Lee, Texas 76945

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Sparks Reunion held in Robert Lee! *The families of Luther and Violet Sparks held their reunion Thanksgiving weekend. Shown are Terry Sparks, (back row, from left) Ray Sparks, Ann Jones, Pauline Coxey, Wanda Jones, Marion Sparks, (front row left to right) Peggy Evans, Shirley Thomas and Louise Drennan.*

Sparks Reunion held recently

The families of Luther and Violet Sparks met on Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend November 27, 2010. Coffee and doughnuts were served by early arrivers. Turkey and Dressing, Ham, Sausage and lots of side dishes were enjoyed by all attending.

A silent auction was held and an ornament exchange provided lots of entertainment and fun for all.

Of course the fun wouldn't be complete without lots of santa sacks distributed for the kids.

The children of Luther and Violet present were: Marion, Peggy, Shirley, Louise, Elwanda, Pauline, Ann, George Ray, and Terry Wayne.

Special guests attending were cousins: Inez (Harmon) Harper and husband Kenneth, Dorene (Harmon) Bearfield and husband John and Jeffie (Harmon) Roberts. A sister-in-law, Mary Beth Drennan and Terry's long time friend Jimmy Martin also attended.

Attending from San Angelo were: Marion and Mary Sparks, Randy and daughter Holly Sparks, Bobby and Marsha Jones, Bobby Joe, Brenda McGill, Karen

McGill, Cristi Ballentine, Cambrie Ballentine Floyd Jones, Wanda (Sparks) Jones, Stephanie Borrego, Andres Santana, Alberto Santana, Arianna Borrego, Angel Robertson, Aaron Turner, Andrew Barrego, Hunter Ballentine, Blaine Ballentine, Linda Thomas, Hayden Thomas, Carol June Dennis, April Mae Dennis, Arliss James Fryar, Joshua Lyndell Fryar, Dakota Lindstrom, and David Locke.

Coming from Colorado: Kevin and Arlene Sparks, Luther Sparks, Keith Sparks, Riley Sparks, Jesse and Ryan Sparks. From Kansas: were Eddie and Peggy Evans, Valorie (Evans) Pfannenstiel and daughter Whitney. From Water Valley were Cheryl (Drennan) Schovajsa, Bruce and Jassy Schovajsa. From Potosi were Randal and Sherri (Drennan) Browne and Kaesey Browne. From Sweetwater area were Jamie Violet Gray and JB. From Sterling City Mitch and

Pauline (Sparks) Coxey. Also from Sterling City were George Ray and Linda Sparks, Colton Holmes, Shelby Sparks and Mary Bessinger.

Coming from California: Pam and Ron Rasmussen, Tyler and Megan Rasmussen, Travis Rasmussen, and Toby Rasmussen. Coming from Bryan was Terry Wayne Sparks. Coming from Bronte/Maverick were Charlie and Tara Drennan and children Cash, Keni Jo, and Deesa. David and Louise (Sparks) Drennan attended from Ballinger.

From Oklahoma were: Ann (Sparks) Jones, Chad and Kimberly Welch, and sons Zachary and Logan Welch. From Branson, Missouri came Don and Shirley Thomas. Attending from Clyde were Lisa (Drennan) Schwandner and children Haedyn, Cade and Kenli. Other friends of the family from south Texas were Dr. Raymon and Deborah Larson.

**Check Out
Coke
County
Library**

The Coke County Library has received information from the Federal Student Aid office. Anyone thinking about going or returning to college can find all the information needed at www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide, or at www.fafsa.gov.

The library has two computers with Internet access for public use. There is charge for copies made (5 cents a page), but the use of the machine is free.

Also, the circus is coming to San Angelo. There are coupons available at the Library for free tickets, good for any seat - the catch is that one adult ticket must be purchased to be able to redeem the coupon. First come, first served.

If you read a book a week from the Coke County Library, you can read about half the books in the library in 77 years. The Coke County Library has books for all interests. Having memory problems? Dr. Oz says read a book and eat some chocolate. The Library even has some chocolate left over from Christmas.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

Celebrate the New Year in Texas With 10 Free Flowering Trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents of Texas can ring in the New Year by receiving 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during

January 2011.

By becoming a member of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, you will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenrain trees.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Texas lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive your free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2011. Texas residents can also join online at www.arborday.org/january.

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Youth Group (grades 7-12) • 6-8 pm with pizza dinner
(parents are invited and encouraged to attend with youth)

The Youth Minister Search Committee of Robert Lee Baptist Church is pleased to bring Ryan and his wife, Melissa to Robert Lee in view of a call as our full-time Youth/Children's Minister. Ryan is currently involved with the youth at FBC Graham, Texas.