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## Election results for local entities posted

Elections for the Robert Lee Independent School District, East Coke County Hospital District, and the City of Robert Lee were held May 2, 1998.

In the City of Robert Lee election, Kelly Nichols, with 174 votes, won his bid for re-election over challenger, Jim Naico, who tallied 83 votes. Donnie Devoll will remain as a council member for 2 more years. Frank Casey joins the council for a 2 year term and Nita Stovall-Duncan will fill the unexpired term.

In the RLISD school board election, Cathy Hendry, Darrel

Pitcock and Teddy Millican were up for re-election. They were joined by Jim Gray and Mike Bagwell in the hunt for the 2 three year terms available. When the ballots were counted, Darrel Pitcock with 154 votes and Mike Bagwell with 146 votes won these seats. Three people were in the running for the 1 two year term: Lonnie Bloodworth, Dallas Johnson, and Mark Riley. Lonnie Bloodworth with 118 votes will take this seat on the school board.

For East Coke County Hospital District, six candidates were vying for three seats. Incumbents Bob Lasswell, 217, Ed Cumbie, 148, and Royce Fancher,

161, won their bid for re-election over newcomers, Jerry Davis, 68, Billie Sue Helm, 44, and Leatrice Joy Ehl, 67.

Elections originally scheduled for the West Coke County Hospital District, Bronte Independent School District, and the City of Bronte were cancelled, and the candidates in each of these races elected by acclamation.

Kendall Gibbs and Andra Arrott took seats on the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Bill Casey and Linda Burns remain on the West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors.

Martin Lee will begin another term as Mayor of Bronte. Martha Ratliff and Leslie Rolls are retaining their places on the council. George Snapp will take the seat left vacant when James Lammers' term expired.

### Bronte VFD receives grant

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$1000 grant from Exxon Corporation.

This money will be used to purchase hose nozzles for the fire trucks. This assistance comes at a very important time with the extremely dry conditions that could produce grass fires in the area.

### National Nursing Home Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, all citizens are affected by our nation's rising demand for quality long term care services;

WHEREAS, we salute our community's citizens now residing in nursing facilities, many of whom planted the seeds that made our community grow and prosper;

WHEREAS, nursing facilities provide caring and supportive services that make quality of life possible for our loved ones;

WHEREAS, member facilities of the American Health Care Association and the Texas Health Care Association are providing a host of activities in celebration of National Nursing Home Week beginning Mother's Day, May 10;

THEREFORE, do I, Jackie Walker, as Judge of the County of Coke, encourage our community's citizens to honor and serve the individuals who laid the foundations of Coke County by participating in this year's Nursing Home Week observations at one of our town's nursing facilities.

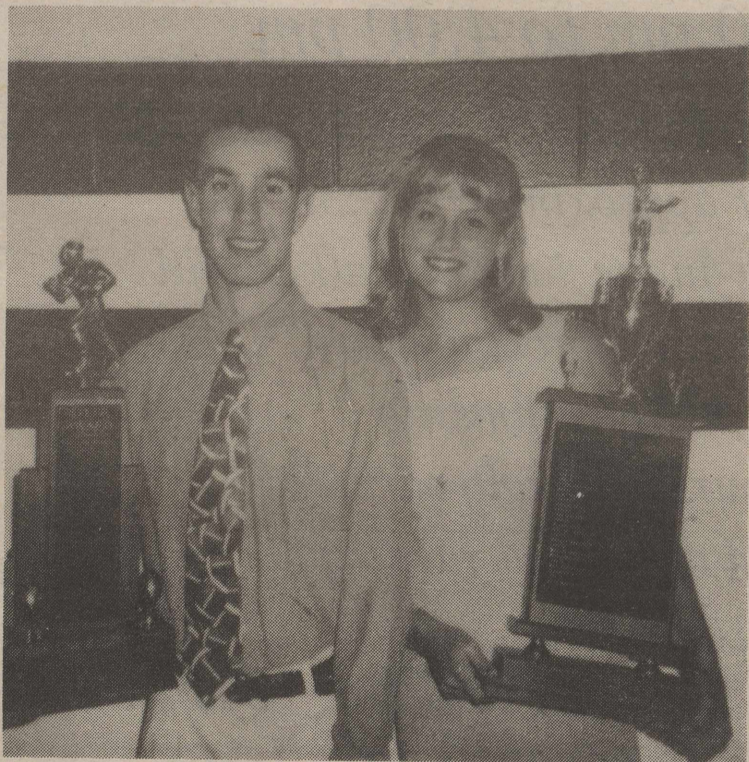
Dated this 5th day of May, 1998.

Jackie Walker  
Coke County Judge

### Paint Creek Cem. workday set

The Paint Creek Cemetery Association has scheduled their annual work day for Saturday, May 9, 1998, beginning around 8 a.m.

As in previous years, all volunteers will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend, you may help the association by mailing a donation to the association secretary/treasurer, Don Fields, P.O. Box 374, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.



Named the 1998 Robert Lee Steer Award winner at Tuesday night's Athletic Banquet was Eli Boxell, with Bree Bolding receiving this year's Lady Steer award.

(For more information on this year's Athletic Banquet, please refer to the article on the school page.)



### Bronte Spring Clean-up planned

The annual Spring Clean-Up has been set for the City of Bronte for May 16th thru May 22.

On Saturday, May 16, B.F.I. will make an extra run to pick up household items and other trash. The items need to be bundled or in bags or boxes.

Beginning on Monday, May 18, City employees will begin picking up tree limbs and lumber only. No paper or plastic will be picked up.

Items to be picked up must be placed curbside. Citizens are asked to have their tree limbs and lumber curbside no later than Monday morning. This will help city employees to work each street only once.

### Robert Lee cleanup slated

A city-wide cleanup for Robert Lee will get underway on Saturday, May 9th. Sponsored by the City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services, the cleanup effort will allow residents to get rid of clutter around their homes and businesses. Residents that receive regular service on Tuesday's can have free pickup on Saturday, May 9. Customers that receive service on Friday's will receive free service on Saturday, May 16th.

All residents are asked to provide assistance with any item over 50 pounds. No household trash, tires, batteries, or chemicals accepted.

### Graduation issues slated

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools later this month. The issue honoring the Bronte class is scheduled for May 22, with the issue honoring the Robert Lee seniors being the following week.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in these special editions, please call our office in Robert Lee at 453-2433 or in Bronte at 473-2001.

### Family Dance

The Coke County Pageant Association will host a family fun dance Saturday, May 9, 1998, at the Robert Lee Community Rec Hall. Music will be provided by "West Texas Sound Machine" with all proceeds from the dance benefiting the Coke County Pageant Association Building Fund.

### Water Restrictions

The Robert Lee City Council will be discussing the Watering Restrictions Ordinance during the May 11th meeting. Watering restrictions begin June 1st and end October 1st. Contact City Hall for details.



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**Obituaries**

**Jacoby**

Opal Kirkham Jacoby, of Robert Lee, died Monday, April 27, 1998, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 30, 1998, at Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee with Greg Fleming and Frank Daniels officiating. Interment followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Opal was born in Lamar County, a daughter of Zed Carlton Kirkham and Mary Jane Bryant Kirkham. She was married to W. E. Jacoby on February 24, 1946, in San Angelo at the home of their good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hall, Jr.

Mrs. Jacoby served as Coke County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, from 1975 to 1990.

She was a member of the Southside Church of Christ, the '64 Study Club, and a Life Member of the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas. Opal served as past Matron of the Brady Chapter #167 and of the Robert Lee Chapter #187 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.E. "Jake" Jacoby on February 25, 1991.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Burns and husband, Bill of Robert Lee and Nancy Baty of San Francisco, California; one sister, Katherine Gullatt of Van Nuys, California; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Boyd Kirkham of Dallas; grandchildren, Natalie Jameson Hodges of Odessa, Stacy

Jameson of San Antonio, Amber Baty of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Sheree Burns Mul-laney of Bryan, and Dean Burns of Robert Lee; and great-granddaughter, Kailee Radloff.

Pallbearers were Sparks Burdett, Jeff Barnes, Marshall Millican, Roy Blair, George Grim, Don Swinney, Bill Green, Don Kirkham, and Gary Kirkham.

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**Death Notices**

**Thomas**

Leona Gertrude Ingram Thomas, 85, of Stanton, died Thursday, April 30, 1998, in Robert Lee.

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 2, 1998, in Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Rev. Robert Rauchuig, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Elbow officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Survivors include one son, Rosco L. Thomas of Stanton; two daughters, Emma Bickley of Robert Lee and Mary Jones of Big Spring; a step-daughter, Floella Bones of Victorville, California; one sister, Rosa Mae Laws of Fort Worth; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

**Sheriff Department arrests reported**

The Coke County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests and dispositions during the month of April 1998.

Jerry Lynn Boothe, burglary of a habitation, motion to revoke probation, April 2, 1998; James McCrohan, driving while intoxicated, motion to revoke probation, April 3, 1998; David Rainwater, aggravated assault, revocation of deferred adjudication, April 6, 1998; Edward Greer, driving while intoxicated, April 12, 1998; Jimmy Martin Cervantez, driving while license suspended, April 13, 1998; Jeffery Gross, assault - family violence, April 17, 1998; Bartley Wayne Grimes, driving while intoxicated, April 17, 1998; Morris Dean Coppedge, driving while intoxicated - felony, April 19, 1998; Fernando Rene Montez, making alcohol available to a minor, April 19, 1998; Tandy Lynn Briley, minor in possession of alcohol, April 19, 1998; Rebecca Denise Ferguson, making alcohol available to a minor, April 25, 1998; Phillip Cory Parker, minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage, April 25, 1998; Nicolas Duran Arguello, minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage, April 25, 1998; Chad Marlin Farris, minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage; April 25, 1998; JoAnn E. Nolan, minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage, April 25, 1998; Randy Loyd Bownds, driving



Hardin-Simmons University's School of Music honored Nathan Price Barnett of Bronte (left) at the annual Music Awards Program Wednesday, April 15, in Woodward-Dellis Recital Hall. He was inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society, as well as receiving a Theory Comp award for form and analysis. Nathan is a senior music/business major at HSU and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett of Bronte. Dr. Andy Patterson, head of the HSU department of music theory and composition, presented Nathan with the award.

while intoxicated, April 25, 1998.

Out of county warrants served were Rhonda Lynn Reeves, forgery of checks, April 10, 1998. Warrant was issued from McDonald County, Pineville, Missouri.

**Coke County Court Dispositions as of April 21, 1998.**

State of Texas vs. Richard Allen Berry, possession of marijuana, 3 days jail time

served, \$600 fine, \$209.25 court costs.

State of Texas vs. James Jacob Golson, unlawful carrying of a weapon, 30 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$184 court costs.

State of Texas vs. James Jacob Golson, making alcohol available to a minor, 30 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$184 court costs.

State of Texas vs. James Jacob Golson, possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$184 court costs.

**Open House**

*Come and celebrate TWO great events at one time, National Nursing Home Week and Mothers' Day 1998.*

*Sunday, May 10, 1998*

*2:00 pm to 4:00 pm*

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- County Judge Jackie Walker will present a proclamation.
  - Refreshments
  - Tours of newly carpeted and decorated facility.

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**Soldano - Jameson engagement announced**

Miss Sandy Soldano of San Angelo, Texas, and Mr. Brent Jameson of Silver, Texas, have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage. The couple will marry July 18, 1998, at Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo, Texas. A reception will immediately follow in the church fellowship hall. They plan to honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.

Sandy is the daughter of Ron Soldano and Ms. Peggy Soldano, both of Harlingen, Texas. She is a 1995 graduate of San Angelo Central High School. Sandy has been attending Abilene Christian University since high school graduation and will be candidate for graduation in December 1998, with a B.S. in Bible; Youth and Family Ministry. She will begin graduate work in Marriage and Family Therapy in the fall of 1999.

Brent is the son of Larry and Barbara Jameson of Silver, Texas. He is a 1993 graduate of Robert Lee High School and has been attending Abilene Christian University since high school graduation. Brent will be graduating in May 1998 with a B.A. in Agricultural Business. He will also be graduating in August 1998, with a B.B.A. in Human Resource Management.



Sandy Soldano and Brent Jameson

**Norma Gentry**

Mildred Thomason; Bill and Nelda Thomason; E.S. and Jean Herring.

**Bill Sharp**

Benny and Jackie Corley

**Grider Hays**

Stanley and Kay Daulong

**Ginny Smith**

Stanley and Kay Daulong; Gwen Baker; Jimmy and Carolyn Lee.

**Edith Hipp**

Helen Kirkland; Bruce and Fran Sonnenberg; E. F. and Mary Glenn; Bill and Nelda Thomason.

**Fred Hughes**

Helen Kirkland; Bruce and Fran Sonnenberg.

**RLSB brings attention to Nat'l Missing Children's Day**

In an effort to bring the public's attention to National Missing Children's Day on May 25, 1998, the Robert Lee State Bank will be issuing bank teller envelopes throughout the month of May with photographs and de-

scriptions of missing children. These envelopes will also provide an 800 phone number to report any information concerning these children. Robert Lee State Bank is providing these teller envelopes as a public service in cooperation with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in the hope that through the circulation of thousands of these envelopes these missing children will be found. The bank teller envelopes will also have safety guidelines for parents to help prevent child abduction.

As the nation's resource center for child protection, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) spearheads national efforts to locate and recover missing children and raises public awareness about ways to prevent child abduction, molestation and sexual exploitation. Through March 1997, NCMEC has played a role in the recovery of more than 35,000 children. The national toll free hotline is 800-843-5678.

**ECC EMS contributions received**

The East Coke County Ambulance Service recently reported their memorials received during the month of April, 1998.

**Memorials**

**Cumbie Ivey, Jr.**

Stanley and Kay Daulong

**Nellie Lindsey**

Gwen Baker

**Maggie Sayner**

E. F. and Mary Glenn

**Ollie Mae Cowley**

Bill and Nelda Thomason;

Otis and Flora Smith.

**Harry C. Rovner, Jr.**

Emogene Thornton

**Senior Selections at Molly B's**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apolonio Arellano</li> <li>* Joseph Michael Barrett</li> <li>* Ricky Burt Bell</li> <li>* Bree Ann Elizabeth Bolding</li> <li>* Stephen Elijah Boxell</li> <li>* Justin Thomas Brickey</li> <li>* Tara Michelle Bruning</li> <li>Brandy Rae Cunningham</li> <li>Charity Lane Elam</li> <li>* Rebecca Frieda Emert</li> <li>* Tonya Lynne Gardner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christopher Lee Gil</li> <li>* Jimmy Wayne Gray</li> <li>Carrie Lyn Green</li> <li>* Stacy Lynn Hendry</li> <li>* Eric Lee Hill</li> <li>* Jessica Leann Key</li> <li>Jessica Brooke Locke</li> <li>* Dustin Michael Mehaffey</li> <li>Amanda May Metcalf</li> <li>* Jeremy Wade Metcalf</li> <li>* Matthew Aaron Millican</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tracy Nicole Millican</li> <li>* Michael Brandon Roberts</li> <li>* Dallas Marie Roe</li> <li>Robin Michelle Sevier</li> <li>* Melissa Ann Smith</li> <li>* Joshua David Timm</li> <li>* Christopher Torres</li> <li>Amanda Jean Welch</li> <li>* Christopher Farrell Woods</li> <li>* Amanda Sue Blair - Miles</li> </ul>
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\* Indicates Seniors who have registered.

*Seniors have picked out their choice of luggage. You are welcome to come in and buy the seniors "Luggage Bucks" which they can use toward the purchase of luggage.*

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Cast and crew of BHS' One Act Play Dinner Theater include (clockwise, from top left) Jerrod McClure, Jason Silva, Andy Blair, Eric Johnson, Jeff Reed, Vanessa Sparks, Wes Howell, Holly McDuffie, Kevin Johnson, Erin Marrs, Bonnie DeLaughter, Cara Barnett, Brandi Smith, and Kim Perry. Tamatha Barnett, director, reclines in front. This year's play was "The Midnight Caller".

## Depot daze

When looking for something fun to do in Texas...mark your calendar for a visit to historic Ballinger, Texas, and "Depot Daze." The trade day is scheduled for the last weekend of each month through September. Display booths full of arts and crafts, commercial items, trader/flea

market goods and food will be set up on the pecan tree shaded land adjacent to the railway in beautiful downtown Ballinger, Texas, directly behind the restored Santa Fe Depot. The two-day events is sponsored each month by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce.

You are invited to visit the Depot Daze and historic Ballinger soon. Next show date is May 30-31st. For more information on the event or vendor spaces, call (915) 365-2333.

## Bass tournament scheduled

The West Texas Bass Wranglers from San Angelo, will host their Benefit Bass Tournament on Saturday, May 16, 1998, at Lake O.H. Ivie with over \$60,000 cash and prizes. This year's recipients are Lake View High School senior Bianca Lopez who is battling a brain tumor, and Angelo State University student Amber Cooper who is battling lymph node cancer.

For additional information call 915-653-8933.

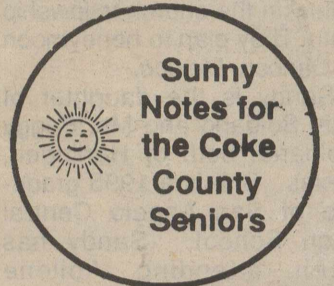
## One Act Play Dinner Theatre held

"Just look at the moon, girls. Just look at the harvest moon," crooned Miss Rowena Douglas to her fellow boarders at last Friday's Bronte High School One Act Play Dinner Theatre. Bronte's OAP cast and crew performed this year's play, "The Midnight Caller" and then served a meal to approximately 90 audience members.

"The Midnight Caller" by Horton Foote is set in the small town of Harrison, Texas, in the early 1950's. It focuses on the lives of three unmarried women, Rowena Douglas (Erin Marrs), Alma Jean Jordan (Kim Perry), and "Cutie" Spencer (Holly McDuffie), who live in a boarding house owned by Mr. Crawford (Jerrod McClure). The routine of their daily lives is disrupted when the woman at the center of the town's gossip moves in. Everyone in town is talking about Helen Crews (Bonnie DeLaughter) and her ex-fiance Harvey Weems (Wes Howell) because since their break-up, Harvey has started drinking again and calling to Helen from the yard every night. This nightly appearance of "the midnight caller" is further aggravated by the newly divorced Ralph Johnson (Andy Blair) who has also moved into the boarding house and become interested in Helen. A romance kindles between Helen and Ralph, prompting a near disaster for Harvey and forcing the other boarders to

take an honest look at their lives. The performance was aided by the great work of the crew. Crew members were Cara Barnett (Stage Manager), Kevin Johnson and Eric Johnson (lights), Jason Silva and Vanessa Sparks (music), Brandi Smith (costumes), Jeff Reed (assistant), and Natasha Carper (understudy).

The cast and crew appreciate all the help given by others to make this year's BHS OAP Dinner Theatre a success for all.



## Menu for the Week Monday, May 11

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes; mixed vegetables, dinner roll, apple juice, peach crisp.

## Wednesday, May 13

Pork chop, grilled diced potatoes, blackeyed peas, cornbread, chunky mixed fruit, baked custard.

## Friday, May 15

Catfish nuggets, oven fried potatoes, wheat bread, coleslaw with carrots, banana pudding.

## McKee competes at regional meet

Bronte trackster Blake McKee recently competed at the regional track meet held at Abilene. Blake placed third in the shot put with his throw of 47'4".



### Breakfast

**Monday, May 11**  
Breakfast pizza, orange juice, blueberry muffin, milk

**Tuesday, May 12**  
Sausage, apple juice, pancake, milk

**Wednesday, May 13**  
Sliced ham, hash browns, grape juice, biscuit, milk

**Thursday, May 14**  
Pancake and sausage on a stick, orange juice, donut, milk

**Friday, May 15**  
Cereal, sliced peaches, pop tart, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, May 11**  
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, chocolate cake, milk

**Tuesday, May 12**  
Chicken O's with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, sugar cookies, milk

**Wednesday, May 13**  
Frito pie, chili and cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, frites, peach cobbler, milk

**Thursday, May 14**  
Oven fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, sliced pears, rolls, milk

**Friday, May 15**  
Cheeseburgers, French fries, sliced pickles, ranch style beans, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk

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### Thomas named as inductee

Edwin Loren Thomas of Bronte has been named a 1998 inductee into the Angelo State University Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national honor scholarship society.

Thomas, a junior majoring in computer science at ASU, was one of 68 new members inducted into the organization during ceremonies last week.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to "promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students, and to honor those who achieve such distinction." In order to meet membership requirements for Alpha Chi, students must be either juniors or seniors "of good character" in any academic discipline, and have completed at least 60 to 95 semester hours with a GPA of 3.75 or better as juniors, or upwards of 96 hours with a minimum GPA of 3.60 as seniors.

Members of the organization attend national and regional conventions for scholarly presentations by fellow members to share their research, creativity, or performance projects with their peers. Conventions conduct the business of the society, including election of faculty members to the national council, as well as presentation of awards to outstanding chapters, scholarship and fellowship winners, and distinguished alumni. Members of the ASU chapter sponsor the American Values Symposium series held each fall, and assist the university with ASU's annual Humanities Lectureship and Moon Lectureship series, held each spring.



On Thursday, April 23, Bronte ISD students participated in picking up trash all around the school, including the track, the creek, the bus barn, and the parking lots. This service project was led by the BHS student council. Lower grade elementary students were grouped with junior high and high school students in this effort. The activity was a huge success.



### Activities slated at national memorial

Memorial Day activities at the DAV Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in Angel Fire, New Mexico, will be held May 23-25. This year, in lieu of the traditional Memorial Day address, a play, entitled "Carved in Stone," will be presented by the Grafton High School Historical Drama Team. The team is composed of 20 students from Grafton High School in York County, Virginia.

"Carved in Stone" is a 40 minute dramatic recreation of scenes typically observed by visitors to the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. The play emotionally touches on thoughts and memories of the Vietnam War, and has been referred to as a "healing journey that forces one to remember things the mind forced out years ago."

For more than two decades, thousands of veterans from all

wars, their families and friends have journeyed to the beauty and majesty of this unique memorial to reflect on the high cost of war, render respect to our nation's warriors who fought and were disabled, pay homage to Americans who died in the Vietnam War, and to celebrate those who survived.

Memorial Day weekend activities will begin on Saturday, May 23, with tours of the Visitor's Center and Chapel. At 2:30 pm, a special POW/MIA briefing will be conducted by Col. Ward Nickisch. Col. Nickisch directs the U.S. Army's Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center in Arlington, Virginia, and oversees the forensic laboratory re-

sponsible for the search, recovery, repatriation, and identification of American dead from all prior wars and conflicts. Activities continue on Sunday, May 24, and will include musical presentations to be performed by various artists in the Chapel; POW/MIA briefing; and a Candlelight Vigil later in the evening.

All facilities at the memorial are totally accessible to persons with disabilities. The visitor's center and exhibit area feature pictorial displays, art, sculpture, banners, and flags, as well as an interactive, computer-based audiovisual information and education exhibit.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

W.I.L.D. about quail

How is your quail IQ? If it's good, but not as good as you'd like, then you're a prime candidate for "W.I.L.D. About Quail."

W.I.L.D. or "Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development" is a new concept in adult continuing education. It's a series of three, two-day intensive training sessions designed to empower its graduates with the ability to make informed decisions relative to wildlife management enterprises. Participants must attend all three of the workshops to successfully complete the course. The sessions are June 11-12 in Abilene, October 15-16 at Lueders, and January 7-8, 1999 in San Angelo. The workshop series is sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Services in Mills, Shackelford, and Taylor Counties.

Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelo-based Extension Wildlife Specialist and the program's originator, said the workshop series is designed to enhance the participants decision-making skills relative to people, habitat and population management. The "W.I.L.D." concept was pilot tested in 1997 with a session on "W.I.L.D. about Deer" and the results proved promising, thus prompting Rollins to try the concept on quail.

"Quail 101, our first workshop, focuses on people management," said Rollins. "We'll study everything from understanding what hunters find attractive to understanding why animal activists have quail aficionados in their sights. We will help participants develop strategic and tactical goals for their individual wildlife enterprise and enhance marketing skills with such tools as the Internet.

"Quail 202, our next workshop, targets habitat, from an ability to identify the key plants for quail in a particular area, to how the "ax, plow, cow and fire" can be used to enhance quail habitat. Participants will learn to identify the most important seeds used by quail. We'll also teach ways to optimize management to benefit quail habitat through proper brush and grazing management.

"Quail 303, our final workshop, examines population management, from conducting quail counts to helping un-

ravel the boom or bust phenomena so typical of Texas quail. While rainfall is a major factor in quail populations, individual management can also have an impact. During this final session, we'll study the finer points on quail reproduction and how a manager and his hunters can work together to achieve specific quail management goals.

"All Texans need to become more aware of wildlife issues. Part of our objective here is to hone leadership abilities relating to public education. Graduates of the W.I.L.D. program are expected to conduct at least three educational programs in their local community. We're expecting a lot from the participants. The curriculum will be fast-paced and intensive. Hours will be long, but 'hands-on' as much as possible. Participants will have detailed homework assignments that will be graded. They will be competing for awards ranging from a 35-mm camera to a new shotgun. We want this program to develop and maintain a competitive, learning environment among its participants. We expect 110 percent from each student. This is a pilot program effort and we aim to make it rigorous to test how effectively these 'boot camp'-style workshops are in empowering natural resource managers to become skilled decision makers."

Rollins said 30 students will be allowed to participate in the workshop series. Participants must attend all three parts of the series as each additional workshop builds on the previous one. All students will also be expected to submit a ranch management plan complete with a goal statement pertaining to their wildlife enterprise. Graduates are expected to help other landowners with quail management. Special training will be given for conducting such programs.

Tuition is \$250 per person which includes a textbook, other resource materials, most meals and refreshments. All lodging and travel costs to the workshops and related field trips are the students' responsibility. Registration is first-come, first-serve until the May 20 deadline or until all 30 slots are filled. No refunds will be made after the first session.

For further information contact Rollins at (915) 653-4576.

Blackwell posts honor roll

The Blackwell CISD reported the following students who maintained grades high enough to qualify them for the "A" or "A-B" honor roll.

"A" Honor Roll

1st Grade

Darren Griffin, Jade Hughey, Kristin Hyde, Ashton Monroe, Clay Stanford, Kristin Hyde.

2nd Grade

Danielle Breshers, Tyser Robertson, Clay Gestes, Elijah Hinkle, Samantha Morrow, Kali Pena, Angelica Sims, Sergio Gatica.

3rd Grade

Amanda McWhorter, Rachel Smith, Jarred Walker, Aaron Chastain.

4th Grade

Philip Buckner, Jake Wilkison, Cody Morgan.

5th Grade

Tiffany Coffey, Ambra Cole, Melenda Solis.

6th Grade

Sharla Holland, Heather Jones, Amber Williams, Kayla Saunders, Angel Saavedra.

7th Grade

Chris Morgan, Lindy Wilson, Kaitlyn Saunders, Jenifer Breshers.

8th Grade

Mindy Boyd

9th Grade

Katrina Buckner.

10th Grade

Jennifer Solis, Leman Saunders.

11th Grade

Justin Dove, Jimmy Holland, Lee Nault.

12th Grade

Elizabeth Camarillo, Kallie Lisso, Jimmy Loveday, Joanie Ussery, Miranda Scott.

"A-B" Honor Roll

1st Grade

Jesus Barco, Caitlin Ware, Manuela Saavedra, Sherri Lantrip, Merella Solis, Katelynn Noble, Geoffrey Ehl, Gar-



At the District 7 4-H Contest held at Angelo State University last weekend, Kyla Millican and Clay Antilley placed second with their Horticulture Preparation and Use method demonstration.

rett Blair.

2nd Grade

Mary Eoff, Hannah Holland, Brett Wills, Chad Holland, Lupita Morales, Miranda Riney, Garritt Harris, Brittany Sarratt.

3rd Grade

Luke Calhoun; Daniel Jones, Sylvia Solis.

4th Grade

Jessica Chavez, Justin Thompson, Rikki Saunders, Felicia Murray.

5th Grade

Vanessa Lange, Lane Lowrie, Rosalinda Camarillo, Amber Chance, Tana White.

6th Grade

Johnny Bryant, Latisha Roland, Justin Roland, Dustin Eoff, Melissa Pate, Ryan Ragland, Paul Rodriguez, Joshua Scott, Hilda Sims.

7th Grade

Meghan McGhee, Angel Padilla, Santiago Morales.

8th Grade

Cody Blair, Jessica McIntire, Codi Munsey, Tray Carter, Jennifer Dove, Jamie Hodges, Kammie Lisso, Tara Sarratt.

9th Grade

Pascual Solis, Kristy Calhoun, Viola Sims, Katy Driver, Clint Morgan, LaTosha Roland, Tayna Blackwell, Gayna Cantrell, Steven Hayes, Ashley Ragland.

10th Grade

Leticia Camarillo, Stephanie Cantrell, Keshia Stidham, Gloria Solis, Doug Hughey, Adam Wilkinson, Trinity Chaney.

11th Grade

Jesus Chavez, Maria Morales, Kristin Harvell, Chayne Roland, Rosalia Sanchez, Roy Daughtrey, Elida Sims, Kendra Taylor.

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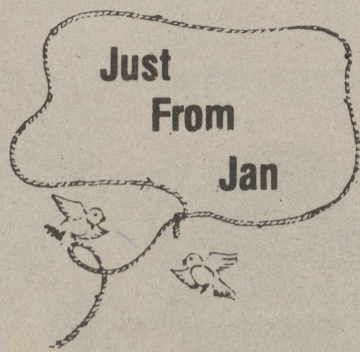
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**Exercise And Weight Management**

There is in our society a belief that being overweight is caused by overeating. This belief is expressed with an endless array of calorie-restricted diets, diet books, chemical appetite suppressants and other weight loss aids. However, we know from experience that low-calorie diets alone rarely work.

Research shows that those who are successful at losing weight, more than 95 percent will regain the weight lost within a year.

Exercise and physical activity go hand-in-hand with weight management. Why? What's so important about exercise? Here is a list of good reasons to make exercise one of your lifestyle choices:

\*The more calories your body burns, the more weight you can lose. Every time you make a choice to move rather than sit or lie around, you use more calories.

\*If you exercise daily, a higher proportion of the weight you lose will come from fat deposits.

\*Exercise has an effect on appetite. If you exercise hard before a meal, you will decrease your appetite.

\*Physical activity speeds up your metabolism while you are exercising.

\*As you lose weight, your body will feel firm because your muscles are tone.

\*Your cardiovascular system will improve its ability to respond to stress and exercise.

\*Physical activity added to a dull routine will relieve some of the boredom and loneliness that can make you want to eat.

\*You will be in a better mood and have more fun and enjoy life more.

It is a misconception that training causes body fat to turn into muscle and that when you stop training for a while the muscle turns back to fat. Muscle and fat cells are completely different, structurally and functionally. However, weight training can help you lose body fat by burning calories--a nonstop half-hour workout burns about 200 calories. In addition by building muscle, you increase the rate at which your body

burns calories (metabolic rate) since muscle is very active tissue that requires lots of energy. Thus, as you gain muscle through weight training, you may lose body fat if you maintain your normal calorie intake--a desirable change in body composition that will make you look trimmer whether or not you lose weight.

**Regional UIL academic meet results**

Two Bronte ISD students recently competed at the Regional UIL Academic meet at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Jake Richards competed in the number sense contest while George (Trey) Tomes competed in computer science. George won the individual contest and competes at the state level this week.

**Assembly and induction scheduled**

The Robert Lee High School announced their end of the year Awards Assembly and Beta Club Induction will be held May 13, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

**You make the difference**

The Robert Lee P.T.A. will have a meeting on May 14th at 6 pm at the school cafeteria. Members will be voting to disband the P.T.A. organization. This will have a serious impact on the Accelerated Reading Store. Parents and teachers are encouraged to attend.

**Ranch for Christ singing scheduled**

A singing of all denominations will be held at the West Texas Ranch for Christ Sunday, May 17th, 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm. The ranch is 22 miles south of Sweetwater on Highway 70. For additional information and directions call 282-2756. Be sure and bring your lawn chair.

**AON reports memorials**

The AON club reported memorials recently received.  
Helen Fowler  
John Williams  
Opal Jacoby  
Joe and Dee Anna Harmon  
Carroll Hemphill  
Doug and Debbie Wilkes

**Remember single moms on Mother's Day**

by Attorney General Dan Morales

There is only one thing more vital to a child's well-being than having his or her parent's love, and that is having the love of both parents. However, children whose parents have divorced or were never married may find themselves receiving love and support from only one parent. Usually, the single parent is the mother.

It is true that there are both mothers and fathers raising children alone, but the great majority of single parents in the Office of Attorney General's child support caseload are women seeking financial support from the fathers of their children. Single mothers face great challenges when fathers refuse to take responsibility for the children they helped bring in the world.

**Children need both parents**

Whether or not the parents reside in the same house-

hold, having the love of both parents gives a child stability--a feeling of being wanted and safe. Every child deserves that start in life.

Unfortunately, many mothers are unsung heroines who have to work two or three jobs just to keep food on the table, water running, houses heated, clothes on their children's backs and school supplies in their children's hands. At the expense of not being able to spend quality time with their children, mothers do what is necessary to provide for their children. Their sacrifices at times may seem to go unnoticed.

If child support is paid consistently, children are less likely to grow up in poverty. The plain fact is without child support payments, many children suffer great hardships. It is important to recognize that when a child lives in poverty, the reason can often be that the child is not being financially supported by both parents.

It can be trying for a parent to raise a child without the financial or emotional support of the other parent. That

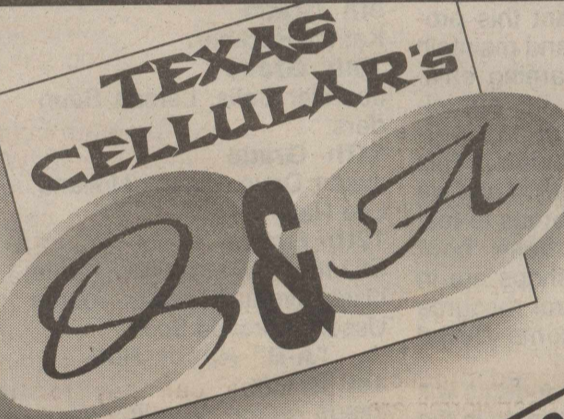
support can make all the difference in the world. Parents can form a partnership to raise their children--whether or not they reside in the same household.

**What we have done**

The hundreds of millions of dollars in child support collected in Texas each year represent a direct benefit to children, their families, and taxpayers. In the absence of child support, many families must turn to public assistance. The collection and distribution of child support payments directly helps stabilize families economically and strongly fosters independence and self-sufficiency.

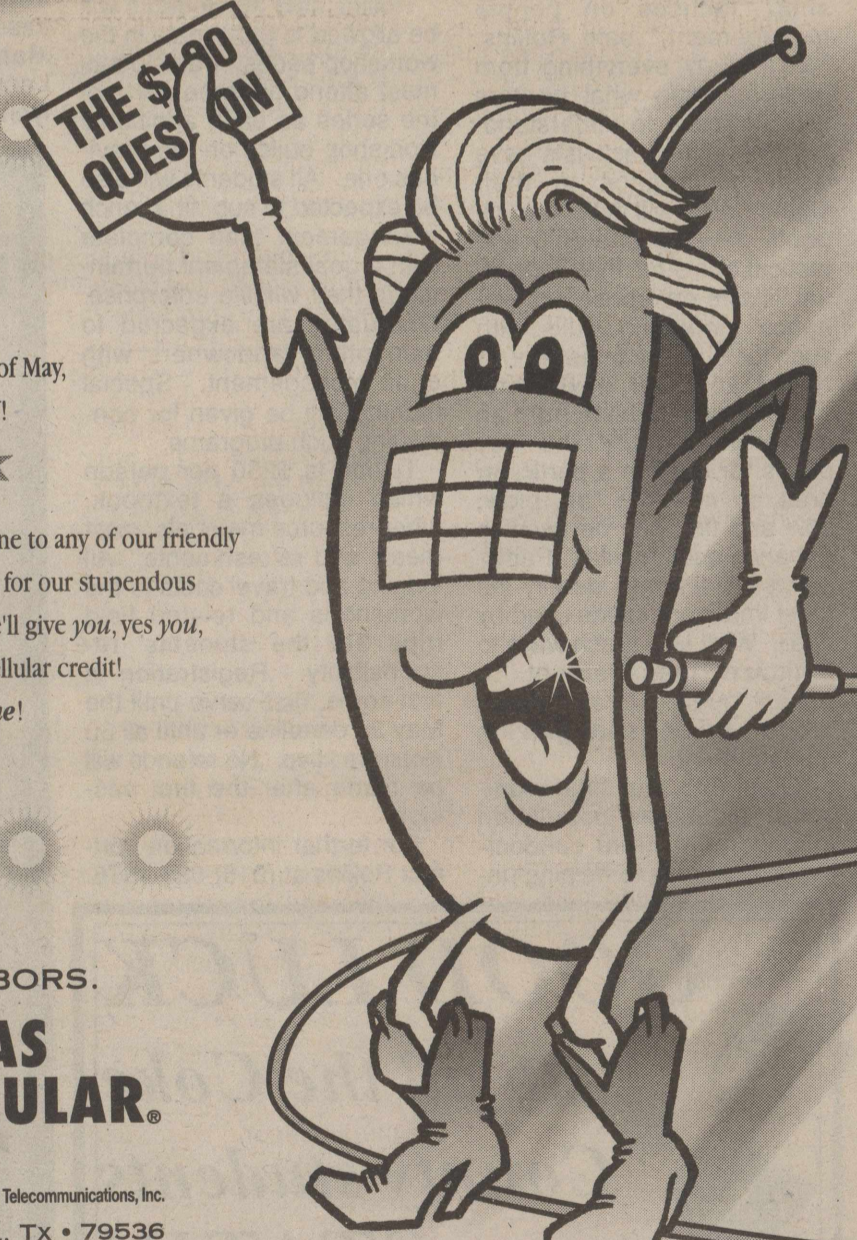
Collections have risen steadily since the Office of the Attorney General began managing the State's child support program.

Mothers, for all their patience, struggles and tribulations, should be honored on Mother's Day. Despite the sometimes dismal odds, mothers who are raising their children alone persevere and serve as an example for us all.



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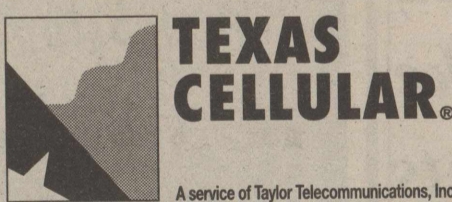
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### Heartworm precautions told

Blame El Nino for one more thing - a higher than normal possibility that your dog or cat could get heartworms this summer. But, prevention is still the best medicine when it comes to heartworm disease, according to a veterinarian with Texas A&M University.

"Prevention is the key," said Dr. Deb Zoran, a veterinarian specializing in small animal medicine. "It's the safest, simplest thing you can do and there are so many products out there now."

Basically, if there are mosquitoes around - even in arid regions - there is a chance that pets will get heartworms, she said.

"West Texas is a lot like Arizona and New Mexico. You will see heartworm in some of those areas and certainly in those areas where they have irrigation or any kind of water," she said. "When I was in practice in Arizona, we had heartworm in the city. It's where the water was, where people were either growing yards or gardens or watering of some sort."

Heartworms are transmitted to pets through the bite of a mosquito. When taking a blood meal from an infected dog, the mosquito picks up the microfilaria or the baby heartworms. Within the mosquito, the microfilaria go through their life-cycle to the infective stage. At that point, the heartworms can be transmitted to the animal, Zoran said.

In dogs, the infective microfilaria go through a number of life-cycle stages, migrating through the animal's tissues until they end up at the base of the right heart in the main pulmonary artery.

A dog may have heartworm disease for six months and the owner will not know about it. Symptoms of heartworm disease in dogs may be very subtle. The dog may be exercise-intolerant; they will not be able to run as long or work as hard. The dog may have developed a cough from the microfilaria living in the main pulmonary artery, which goes from the right heart up into the lungs. Dogs with severe heartworm disease may be coughing because they actually are having heart failure. The pet will eventually die unless treated.

Dogs are a natural host to heartworms, and contrary to popular belief, cats also can get heartworm disease, she said.

Veterinarians at Texas A&M recommend dogs be checked annually for heartworms. And both dogs and cats - especially in East and South Texas where mosquito populations are much greater - should be kept on heartworm preventative year-round, Zoran said.

There are two types of heartworm medicine available for dogs - the daily dosage and the monthly dosage. Zoran

considers the monthly dosage more effective than the daily dosage; if a dog misses its medicine for a day or two while on the daily type, it could still contract heartworms.

Cats are known as a "barren host" - in other words, the life cycle of the heartworm cannot be completed in the cat. However, Zoran said, occasionally after cats are bitten by a mosquito with microfilaria, the worms will migrate to the base of the heart.

She explained she did not know what percentage of cats can get heartworm disease. "However, there are two things we do know," she said. "First of all, when you do get a heartworm, you have a much smaller heart size than in a dog, so one or two worms will make a huge difference in a cat."

"Last but not least, our treatment drugs we use in dogs cannot be used in cats, at least not yet. They will actually kill a cat," she said.

Diagnostic tests are not as effective in cats, she said, because they have to be able to detect only one or two worms.

There are heartworm preventatives for cats, and she recommends these for people in states along the Gulf Coast and the eastern half of Texas. "If you're outside these regions, there is a lot of debate as to whether it is really necessary or not," she said.

Treatment after the dog gets heartworms is not a good option, Zoran said, because the arsenic-based products used to treat heartworms are so dangerous. The heart worms literally die and start to break into pieces, she said. "There's all kinds of possible problems that can happen as a result of that," Zoran said.

The bits and pieces of worms would clog blood vessels and the products themselves may cause liver or kidney problems. Therefore, owners must keep their dog very quiet for about four weeks to allow all the worms to die and the body to reabsorb the dead worm tissue.

### Retired THD employees to meet

Retired highway employees are invited to a Dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 1998, at Zentner's Restaurant, 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

The purpose of this luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to attend the luncheon.

### Shannon's assault program honored

[Editor's Note: The following story appeared in Shannon Hospital's monthly news publication. Brenda Keeling is the daughter of Les and Geneva Gray of Robert Lee. Kaylan and Rod Gardner are married and live in Bronte. Anne Powell lives in Robert Lee. Any questions concerning sexual assault may be directed to Brenda at 657-5222.]

Shannon's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program recently achieved a first-ever honor.

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault selected the program for its Medical Services Award of Excellence at its annual state conference in Laredo.

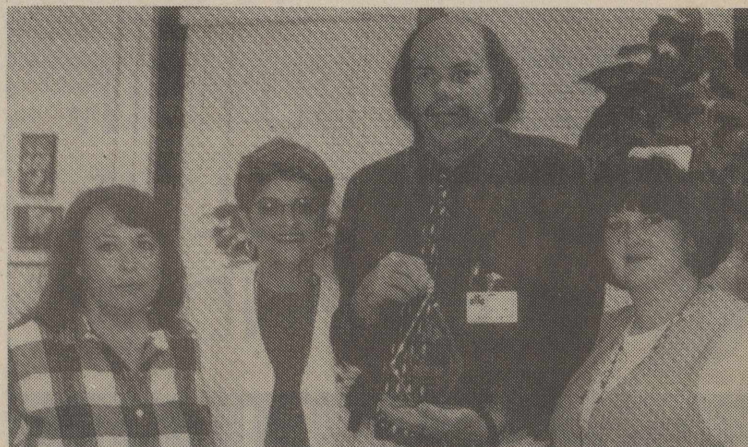
Assault Victim Services nominated the SANE program for the Award, said SANE coordinator Brenda Keeling, R.N. TAASA is an advocacy group that prepares educational materials for victims, provides training for medical professionals and influences laws. The organization's award is recognition of the success and cooperation that have made the SANE program possible, Keeling said.

The SANE program began in 1993 with a United Way grant obtained by Hope House, an advocacy center for abused children. Shannon nurses staff the program, and Shannon provides the space and equipment for examinations. Shannon also provides call pay for the nurses and funds some training. The nurse examiners work closely with Assault Victim Services, Hope House and the district attorney's office.

The program provides comprehensive care and accurate evidence collection in sexual assault cases, said nurse examiner Anne Powell, R.N., C.E.N. The nurse examiners also educate patients and are sensitive to victims' feelings during the traumatic time following an assault.

The nurse examiners also testify in sexual assault cases. They have had a 100 percent conviction rate except for one mistrial, Keeling said. The nurse examiners say they feel that they make a difference, especially because children are the victims in most cases. "It is heartbreaking, but you feel like you're putting a stop to it," she said.

The SANE program staff includes medical director Gregory Dunham, M.D.; nurse examiners Keeling; Powell; Tamara Drake, R.N.; Kaylan Gardner, R.N.; Jan Elliott, R.N.; and emergency director Rod Gardner, R.N.



Excellence Rewarded - (from left) Jan Elliott, RN, Anne Powell, RN, Rod Gardner, RN, and Tamara Drake, RN, show their TAASA award.



Brenda Keeling, RN (left), and Kaylan Gardner, RN

### Sweetwater Western Roundup scheduled

Sweetwater's 3rd Annual Western Roundup will have three new ranch outfits joining in this year.

The roundup was organized by the Sweetwater Lions Club as a means of paying special homage to the ranching lifestyle that was instrumental in the economic and social formation of this region.

Since its establishment three years ago, the roundup continues to develop into a major attraction that in years to come will rival the rattlesnake round-up as an economic booster to the local economy.

The Western Roundup will be held June 19th and 20th at the Nolan County Coliseum.

New authentic working ranch outfits that have joined this year include the Open A Ranch, The Texas Cross and Goodwin and Miller Cattle Company.

Previous participants whose crews are chompin' at the bit's to get out and show how it is done include Abilene Cattle Feeders, Brooks Ranch, Rafter 3 Cattle Company, 2 D Ranch, Sandusky Cattle Company, Six Bar Ranch, 69 Ranch, Stewman Ranch and the White Hat Ranch.

The Bit and Spur and Western Collectible show continues to grow and develop as well according to Jim Butler who established that segment of the annual attraction.

For further information or questions, please call (915) 766-3168.

### Letter to the Editor:

I seem to appreciate the Observer/Enterprise more as I grow older. It is always nice to see the names of friends and their families.

Martha Smith Gruberman



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**Auto Repair & Flats**

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Home  
473-3006

**D and J'S GOLF SHOP**  
Regripping, Clubs, Tees, Gloves, Balls - 211 E. Oliver, Bronte, 473-2800.  
39b-4tc

**D & L DOZER SERVICE & CUSTOM FARMING**  
Larry Spivey, owner-operator. PO Box 160, Bronte, Texas. Phone (Oak Creek Lake) (915) 743-2577.  
27B-tnc

**CIRCLE A SIDING SPECIALTIES**

Herman Smith, local representative, 215 S. Melwood, Winters (915) 754-4727. Free estimates. 100% financing WAC.  
32b-tnc

**HOME REPAIR**

Painting, construction, remodel, acoustical ceilings, texturing and taping, and bedding. FREE Estimates, Loyd Thurman, 453-2076.  
39-4tp

**PROFESSIONAL DOG GROOMING**  
473-2515  
29b-tnc

**HELP WANTED**

**OPENINGS**  
1 full time position, evenings; 1 part time; various shifts; deli manager, must have deli experience. Apply at C & W, 819 Commerce, Robert Lee.  
40a-1tc

**HELP WANTED**

CNAs needed for all shifts. Full time and part time. Competitive pay. Contact Sarah Lee, DON, Senior Citizens Nursing Home, Winters. Phone 754-4566.  
36b-tnc

**OPENINGS**

for a cook and a cook's helper 2 mornings and 2 evenings, 4 on and 2 off. Serious inquiries only. Contact Brenda Williams, F.S.S., 453-2511 or come by Robert Lee Care Center, 307 West 8th, Robert Lee, Texas. EOE.  
39a-2tc

**GARAGE SALES**

**GARAGE SALE**  
Butane Sales, 401 Commerce, Robert Lee, Saturday, 9-?.  
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**"TEXAS BEST" DEFLOODING & CARPET CLEANING**

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**WINDOW UNITS**

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915-453-2188

**GARAGE SALE**  
Go out Sterling City highway, turn on Paint Creek Marina Road & look for signs & some fishing stuff. Friday & Saturday, daylight til dark.  
40-1tp

**GARAGE SALE**  
424 S. State Street, Bronte, Saturday, May 9th, 8-5. Many ladies clothes, household items.  
40b-1tp

**CARD OF THANKS**

**THE COKE COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION OF BRONTE**  
is very grateful to the following contributing sponsors of the Noel Percifull Memorial Golf Tournament: First National Bank in Bronte; Robert Lee State Bank; West Texas Utilities; Sublett's Antiques; Judge Jackie Walker; Pepsi-Dr. Pepper; Hall's Super Save; Main Street Market; Hometown Hardware; Glenn-Bivins Insurance; Margaret's Flowers; El Ranchero; Red Barn; and Town & Country.  
A special thanks goes out to Maxine and the Percifull family and to Ed Martindale.  
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**ON BEHALF OF DANNY CHAPMAN**  
and family, Donna Rae Exienberger and family, Charlotte Reed, Bob Chapman, and Nellie Gloria, we wish to express our thanks for the words of comfort, food, and everyone being such a big help to us at the loss of our loved one, Coke Chapman. A special thank you to First Baptist Church, Bro. Morris Johnson, and the ladies who provided the desserts, coffee, and tea after the memorial service. God bless you all!  
40b-1tp

**NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for: ESTATE OF CUMBIE IVEY, JR., DECEASED, were issued on April 27, 1998, in Docket No. 1529, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to: PATTI LYNN IVEY PETERSEN. The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, the post office address is: 12520 Renoir Lane, Dallas, Texas 75230.

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

DATED the 4th day of May, 1998.

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By: FRANK W. ROSE  
State Bar No. 17256000  
ATTORNEYS FOR THE  
ESTATE  
40a-1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of John Thomas Thetford, Deceased, were issued on April 27, 1998, in Docket No. 1527, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to: Jack Elwood Thetford.

The residence of the Independent Administrator is in Coke County, Texas, the post office address is: c/o Ratliff, Edwards & DeHoyos, PO Drawer 1588, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

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

DATED the 4th day of May, 1998.

RATLIFF, EDWARDS & DEHOYOS  
By: Gerald R. Ratliff  
Attorney for the Estate  
40a-1tc

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Robert Lee Care Center will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for the removal of an existing emergency generator and installation of a new generator, including all work specified and shown on construction documents until Tuesday, May 12, 1998, 5:00 pm, Robert Lee Care Center, PO Box 1209, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, (915) 453-2511.

Construction documents are on file and available at the office of Administrator, Robert Lee Care Center and at office of Power Systems, 1009 Churchwell Road, San Angelo, Texas 76905, and at the Concho Valley Plan Room.

Robert Lee Care Center reserves the right to reject any and or all bids.

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**CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK CLEANING AND RESHAPING DITCHES**

Sealed proposals for various roads in Runnels County and covered by Contract No. RMC-6028-07-001 and sealed proposals for **CONCRETE REPAIR** at various sites on roads in Coke etc. Counties and covered by Contract No. RMC - 6028-08-001 and will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of Transportation's District Complex located at 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas, until 2:00 pm, May 20, 1998, and then publicly opened and read.

Only prequalified contractors are eligible to bid.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBIDDER'S MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.**

Requests for proposals for the above mentioned contract can be made in the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations,

915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904. Plans and specifications must be requested thru Austin Plan Rooms.

Minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Usual rights reserved.

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**CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE - MAINTENANCE WORK TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Sealed proposals for contract maintenance of **PICNIC AREAS** and **REST AREA MAINTENANCE** will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation's District Office, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, in San Angelo, Texas 76904, on the date and time indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

Only prequalified contractors are eligible to bid.

**MAY 19, 1998, 2:00 PM PICNIC AREAS**

- CSJ 6028-09-001, Coke etc. Counties
- CSJ 6028-10-001, Sterling etc. Counties
- CSJ 6028-11-001, Runnels County
- CSJ 6028-12-001, Tom Green County
- CSJ 6028-78-001, Kimble etc. Counties

**REST AREA**  
CSJ 6027-75-001, Coke County

Plans, specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P. E., Director of Operations, at the above mentioned address.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBIDDER'S MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.**

Prequalified minority contractors are encouraged to participate.

Usual rights reserved.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE ROBERT LEE PRE-K REGISTRATION/ ORIENTATION**

Robert Lee Elementary will conduct a pre-registration for the 1998-99 pre-kindergarten students from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm May 15, 1998.

Parents of children who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1998, can pre-register for pre-kindergarten.

Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate and a copy of the child's up-to-date immunization records and Social Security number. For more information, call the Robert Lee Elementary School office.

**REGISTRACION/ ORIENTACION DE PRE-K DE KINDERGARTEN**

La escuela primaria de Robert Lee va a dirija una pre-registracion para los estudiantes de Pre-Kindergarten para el ano 1998-99. La pre-restaracion va a ser desde las 11:30 am hasta las 12:30 pm el 15 de Mayo 1998.

Los padres de los ninos que va a cumplir cuatro anos en o antes del/de Septiembre 1998, pueden pre-registrar

para pre-kindergarten.

Pidimos los padres traer la acta de naimiento del nino una copia de los archivos de inmunizacion completos y el numero de seguro social del el nino. Para mas informacion llama la oficina de la escuela primaria de Robert Lee.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE PRE-K - KINDERGARTEN**

There will be a Pre-K - Kindergarten transition meeting in the Robert Lee school auditorium on Thursday, May 14, 1998, at 6 pm. All parents of incoming kindergarten students are invited to attend. An overview of kindergarten curriculum will be given and parents may visit in the classrooms.

If your child is not presently in Pre-K and will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 1998, he/she will be eligible to attend kindergarten during the 1998-99 school year.

If your child is new to Robert Lee School, you will need to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, and up-to-date immunization records.

**REUNION DE TRANSICION A PRE-K A KINDERGARTEN**

Va a ser una reunion de transicion a Pre-K a Kindergarten en el sala de espectaculos de la escuela Robert Lee el 14 de mayo 1998, a las 6 pm.

Invitamos todos los padres de estudiantes empezando el Kindergarten asistiran. Vamos a dar un sumario del plan de estudios y los padres pueden visiatar en los salones de clase.

Si tu nino no esta actualmente en el Pre-K y va a cumplir 5 anos de edad en o antes de/del Septiembre 1998, el/ella va ser elegible para asistira kindergarten durante el ano de escuela 1998-99.

Si tu nino es nuevo a la escuela Robert Lee, tiene que traer la acta de nacimiento, tarjeta de seguro social, y los archivos de inmunizacion completos del nino.

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**Travelers find healthy food on the road**

Eating while on the road presents travelers with two choices-bring your food or dine out. Those who are on the road for more than a day will probably end up eating in a restaurant.

Katie Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Brazos County agent, said that by using common sense, travelers can pick foods that are pretty good for them.

First, watch the fat. She says be careful with condiments like salad dressings.

Secondly, Harris says "baked is better."

Next, watch for sodium. Less than 2,400 mg of sodium is the daily recommended allowance based on a 2,000 calories per day diet.

Remember to drink water on the road. "The sugar content in colas is very high. If you have too much sugar in your system, it's converted to fat," Harris explained.

**Texas Beef Council news**

Seven prominent Mexican journalists toured Texas cattle and beef operations April 19-22 to report on the U.S. beef industry's technology and production processes. Their visit coincided with record quantities of U.S. beef entering their county.

The journalists' visit was funded by the \$1 per head beef checkoff program through the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) and the Texas Beef Council (TBC).

The journalists represented national print and broadcast media companies in Mexico. Many of the reporters also publish or broadcast to other Spanish speaking countries.

"Beef checkoff dollars brought these media to Texas so that they can report factually in Mexico about how U.S. beef is produced," said Gilberto Lozano, director of the USMEF-Mexico office. "This helps our sales because these prominent journalists are better able to respond to myths spread by our competitors worried about the growing market share of U.S. beef in Mexico."

Last year, U.S. beef exports to Mexico hit record levels, according to USDA figures. Sales volume increased 64 percent over 1996 to total 145,959 metric tons. In dollars, sales increased 74 percent to more than \$345 million. Mexico vaulted over South Korea and Canada to win the No. 2 spot behind Japan as major U.S. beef buyers.

On the beef checkoff-funded tour through Texas, the Mexican media representatives learned about every facet of beef production from an embryo to an entrée. The program started at Elgin Breeding Service in Elgin where technician Brad Cardwell backgrounded the group on improving beef production through technologies like arti-

ficial insemination and embryo transfer.

The journalists then visited Diamond A Ranch at Dime Box, owned by Jerry and Julie Armstrong, to view a cattle operation and to learn about production processes.

The following day, the media traveled to the Texas Panhandle to visit Littlefield Feedyard, owned by Friona Industries, Inc., at Amherst. Friona CEO James Herring briefed the journalists on how the company works with Mexican cattlemen to feed cattle. He also provided an hour-long interview on the beef industry to Eduardo Torreblanca, director of financial news for Televisa, a national network that will broadcast the interview to Mexico, Central and South America, Spain and Northern Africa.

The media representatives then visited the Excel plant in Plainview to look at fabrication of a beef carcass and food safety measures, including USDA government inspection and HACCP protocol. They then closed the visit out in Dallas with a tour of the state-of-the-art Freedman Food Service plant and a briefing on cattle industry economics by Bret Fox, a cattle analyst with Cattle-Fax.

After the tour, the media said their eyes were opened to the efficiency of the U.S. beef industry.

"The dominance of the (U.S. beef) industry and the capacity of its resources were what impressed me the most," said Marco Campillo, a business reporter for TV Azteca, another national network. "Its use of technology to not only produce for the U.S. consumer, but also for the consumer in my country and Japan was also highly impressive."

Aurelio Bueno, business writer for *El Financiero*, said he now better understands the production system of U.S. beef.

**COKE COUNTY KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1**  
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balances • All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>
	<u>General</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Tax Revenues	\$ 1,231
Interest Income	1,780
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,011</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Directors' Fees	\$ 500
Clerk Expense	600
Election Expense	288
Office Rent	315
Office Expense	24
Meeting Expense	88
Audit Expense	450
Bond	67
Tax Collection	56
Dam Maintenance	756
Inspection Expense	47
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,191</b>
<b>Excess Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ ( 180)</b>
<b>Fund Balance, January 1, 1997</b>	<b>\$ 43,679</b>
<b>Fund Balance, December 31, 1997</b>	<b>\$ 43,499</b>





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