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## 13th Coke County Ranch Rodeo set for Saturday

The 13th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo will be held Saturday evening, June 26, 2004, at the Coke County Arena in Bronte. The event will begin at 5 pm. There is no charge for admission to the rodeo, but organizers request spectators to help out Coke County's youth by visiting the concession stand and buying a raffle ticket.

Robert Lee's AON Club will be in charge of the evening meal and concession stand with the proceeds to help finance RLHS 2005 scholarships.

Joe Spiller graciously donated a pair of his beautiful handmade spurs to be raffled off (\$5/ticket) by Robert Lee 2005 Project Graduation.

Mark Saunders will be judging this year's contest, with Hal Spain serving as line judge. Wayne McCutchen will be announcing the action. Teams include Gotno Land and Cattle Company of Sterling City, Mike McCutchen, captain, members - Doug McCombs, Jeremy Jack, Button Greenwood, Laramie White; NT Ranch of Stanton, Joe Brewer, captain, members - Cody Aaron, Casey Armstrong, Ty Brown; Dove Creek Land and Cattle Company of Knickerbocker, Kevin Thorp, captain, members - Frank Lindley, Kyle Bailey, Lon Felts; Outyonder Ranch of Overthere, Shelly Granzin, captain, members - Blake Belcher, Andy Smith, Clint Rainey, Kirby Jones; Bull Lake Cattle Company of Amherst, Rex Foust, captain, Dakota Lewis, Tyler Rice, Ryan McNabb; YMC Ranch of San Angelo, Jerry Yancy, captain, Eddie Cowen, Mando Martinez, Ricky Miranda; A-H Cattle Company of Shallowater, Todd Holbrooks, captain, members - Roy King Potter, Key Arnold, Mark Altman, Matt Heikes; Falcon Seaboard Ranches of Fredricksburg, Decky Spiller, captain, members - Paul Turney, Stacy Turney, Shawn Miller, Wheelis Miller; Diamond Ranch of Fluvanna, Rick Furlong, captain, members - Logan Furlong, Bobby Reid, Eric Roberson; Rafter S Ranch of Colorado City, Matt Salmon, captain, members - Bryne Stone, Tom Messick, Carlos Vensuela;

Flagcreek Cattle Company of Ovalo, Dusty Grun, captain, members - Marcy Grun, Mike Robinson, Monty Robinson, Cody Lawrence; Foster Ranch of Sterling City, Colby Frizzell, captain, members - Will Foster, Scooter McCaleb, Rick Ferguson, Leland Foster; Alexander Ranch of Miles, Ricky Lacy, captain, members - Matt Dickinson, Randy Lacy, Jake Wagner; Coke County Ranches of Coke County, Bartley Murray, captain, members - Luis Rojas, Thad Metcalf, Shawn Felts; Juniper Hill Ranch of Bronte, Gary Hubbard, captain, members - Beaver McManus, Doc Holladay, Wade Rathmell; and Hemphill Land and Cattle Company of Coleman, Heath Hemphill, captain, members - Lester Lofton, Rick Adams, Lanham Horne, Danyelle Hemphill.

Rodeo events include team penning, team branding, team roping, trailer loading, and wild cow milking.

Don't miss an action-filled evening of fun at the arena in Bronte Saturday!

### Fireworks prohibited

The cities of Bronte and Robert Lee would like to remind residents that the discharge of fireworks are banned within the city limits. Violators will be prosecuted.

### Hazard Mitigation Planning

The cities of Bronte and Robert Lee and Coke County are currently working on Hazard Mitigation Plans. The purpose of these plans is to identify and assess disaster risks and determine how to best minimize or manage those risks. Public participation surveys are available at each City Hall and at the Coke County Judge's office.

For further information call Bronte City Hall at 473-3501, the Robert Lee City Hall at 453-2831, or the Judge's office at 453-2641.

### Mt. Creek Junior Golf Association announces organizational meeting

The organizational meeting for the Mountain Creek Junior Golf Association has been set for Wednesday, June 30th, at 9:00 am at the Mountain Creek



**It's Ranch Rodeo time again!** *The Wild Cow Milking is just one of the events to be held during the 13th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo Saturday evening, June 26th. The fun starts at 5 pm at the Coke County Roping Club Arena on Highway 158 west in Bronte.*

Clubhouse. The new association, which is for junior golfers grades K through 12, will elect officers, set goals, and plan events.

A nine hole scramble tournament will follow the meeting. Yearly dues have been set at \$5.00, and non-members will be charged for green fees.

### City Halls, courthouse to observe holiday

The Robert Lee and Bronte City Halls and the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the July 4th holiday. Have a safe July 4th Holiday.

### TCE sets Rainwater Capture Meeting

Texas Cooperative Extension will hold a "Rainwater Capture Meeting" at 7 pm, June 29, in the San Angelo Convention Center.

John Begnaud, Extension horticulturist in Tom Green County and a meeting coordinator, said interest in rainwater capture is increasing, especially as a way to supplement existing water sources for landscape irrigation.

"The topic can apply to city

dwellers as well as country folk," said Begnaud. "One inch of rain collected over a 1,000-square-foot roof yields 600 gallons of fresh water. That's a substantial amount in dry West Texas where every drop counts"

Billy Kniffen, Extension agriculture agent in Menard County and a rainwater capture expert, will discuss procedures and equipment, as well as storage and application, for irrigation and in-home use. He uses a rainwater capture system at his own home.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information and copies of resource material on rainwater capture, contact Toni Fox, San Angelo Water Conservation Coordinator, at 657-4506 or Begnaud at 659-6528.

### BHRC to host fireworks display

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary is hosting their annual Fireworks Display on Sunday, July 4th. The auxiliary will also have a bake sale/auction prior to the fireworks, hope-

fully around 8:15 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the fireworks. Come early and help support the auxiliary by taking some of the desserts home with you.

### Bronte class reunion slated July 10

On July 10th, 2004, there will be a Bronte Class Reunion taking place at The Goodyear Proving Grounds Activity Building. This will be a class reunion for all the classes of 1960 through 1969.

If you are interested in coming, the visitation will begin at 7 pm and will last until everyone has left. You do not have to be a graduate of these classes to come. This is to the public and to anyone interested in seeing and reuniting with an old classmate or friend.

If you have any questions, give Jeanna Lee, Marilyn Bivins (both located in Bronte) or myself Gale Sartain (located in San Angelo) a call and we will be more than happy to answer your questions.

## Happy July 4th!

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**Obituaries**



**Wilkerson**

Patricia Jean Wilkerson, 61, passed away Friday, June 11, 2004, at home with her husband at her side.

Funeral service was held June 14, 2004 at the Laurel Land Memorial Chapel.

Pat Earl was born on November 1, 1942, in Sadler, Tx. where she grew up. She married Milton D. Wilkerson on June 3, 1960, in Valley View, Texas.

She has touched so many lives and hearts. She was always full of life and charm, a delight to be around. Anyone who knew her would tell you how she loved to pull your leg and wait for your reaction. Pat was always a great friend and such a sincere listener, always trying to help those in need. We will miss you so much. Our lives will never be the same without your beautiful smiling face. We love you so much and are looking forward to a big hug in heaven.

Survivors include her husband, Milton D. Wilkerson; daughters, De'Angelia "Angie" Wilkerson-Hoyt and husband Douglas of Seymour, Amye Annette Wilkerson-Sewell and husband Bobby of Alvarado; six grandchildren, Michael Joe Sewell of OK, Kinlee Ryan Hoyt of Seymour, Justin Davenport of Saginaw, Bradlee Chase Hoyt of Seymour, Jacob Neil Davenport of Alvarado, Haylee Rhea Hoyt of Seymour; mother, Alice Earl of Whitesboro; sisters, Mercedes Moore and husband James of Wheatland, Cheryl Acker and husband Bobby of Whitesboro; brother, Larry Earl and wife Joyce of Whitesboro; lots of nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

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**Higgins**

Lawrence E. Higgins, 82, life-long resident of Robert Lee passed away on June 21, 2004.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 am Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Blair, Jim Naico, Dwayne Vincent, Dale Brown, Dub Metcalf, Ricky Wright, Bill Allen and Terry Eaton.

He was born on September 3, 1921 in Robert Lee to Elbert O. & Ellen Barnes Higgins. He was raised in Robert Lee and graduated from Robert Lee High School. He earned a scholarship from San Angelo Jr. College.

Mr. Higgins was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving 32 months of sea duty as a gunners mate. He was in the D-Day Invasion, prior to his ship sinking in the Pacific. They were on their way to Japan when the war ended and went on into Japan.

After graduation he drove a cattle truck, worked in the oilfield, and later was a partner in an oilfield trucking company.

He loved all sports and played baseball for the Robert Lee Rabbit Twisters. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed his golfing friends and his coffee shop friends. He also loved his farming and ranching.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Lloyd Higgins, Floyd Higgins, Billy Higgins; a twin sister, Elsie Higgins; and one niece.

Mr. Higgins is survived by his wife Chrystelle "Chrys" Higgins of Robert Lee; three sisters, Lela Smith, Cora Terry, both of San Angelo and Janie Sue Bruton of Midland; two nephews and four nieces.

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**Brasuel**

Debra Jo Brasuel, 47, of Denver City died in Robert Lee on May 30. Mrs. Brasuel and several family members were spending Memorial Day weekend in their vacation home on West 9th St. She died unexpectedly in the early morning hours after a long illness.

Survivors include her husband L.C. Brasuel of Denver City and her brother-in-law and wife, Gerald and Pat Brasuel of Robert Lee.

**Robert Lee Baptist Church Briefs**

Youth group will hold a fundraiser car wash to benefit Youth Camp on Saturday, July 3rd at Cindy's Grocery & BBQ on Hwy. 208 in Robert Lee, beginning at 9 am. Youth camp will be July

12-16 in Brownwood.

Deacon sponsored picnic in the park on Sunday, July 4th at 4 pm, Robert Lee County Park, regular evening services canceled.

100th Anniversary Celebration, July 17 & 18.

For more information on any event, please call 453-2724.

**J.T. Henry to receive 65 year pin**

Bronte Lodge No. 962 will be presenting J.T. Henry with a 65 year service award on Saturday, June 26th at 1 pm at the Bronte Pavilion. The Honorable Graham Childress, Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas, will be representing the Grand Lodge of Texas and will present J.T. Henry this prestigious Texas Grand Lodge Award.

J. T. Henry became a member of the Bronte Masonic Lodge No. 962 in 1939. Over the past 65 years, he has continuously held an office in this lodge. As well, he has been District Deputy for the 77th District of Texas and a Master of the Bronte Lodge. J. T. Henry is currently the treasurer of the Bronte Lodge No. 962.

The entire community is invited to attend the celebration Saturday at 1 pm. There they can give their best wishes to J.T. Henry and Sybil on this special occasion. Cake and drinks will be furnished following the presentation. You are asked to dress "weather appropriate" for the occasion. Remember to dress for hot weather since this celebration is being held outdoors.

**Bronte First Baptist slates Vacation Bible School**

First Baptist Church of Bronte invites all children ages 4 years through those who have just completed 6th grade to join their annual Vacation Bible School. It will begin on Sunday, June 27th and continue through Thursday, July 1st. VBS will be from 6:30 to 9:00 each evening. You are encouraged to come a little early on the first night to register and begin promptly at 6:30.

The theme for VBS this year is "The Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally." It is a challenge to race toward the goal of knowing Jesus and following Him throughout the course of our lives. Each day will be packed with the sights, sounds, and flavors of Japan as the children enjoy a variety of activities such as Bible stories, music, crafts, recreation, and snacks planned especially for them.

"The Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally" will conclude on Thursday night with Family Fun Night! On this night, children will come at the usual time of 6:30 pm. Parents and other guests are invited to join them at 7:30 pm. You will enjoy seeing some of what your children have learned followed by a time of refreshments and fun



**Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henry**

games for all ages.

The week of fun is free of charge and open to everyone. Call First Baptist Church, Bronte at 473-2331, or VBS Director Judy Johnson at 473-5661 for more information.

**Ballinger soccer clinic slated**

Runnels County Soccer Association will be hosting The Challenger Sport British soccer clinic. The clinic will be at The Bonnie Clark Sports Complex in Ballinger.

The clinic will be June 28 through July 2nd. The clinic will be for ages 4-5 years old, and 6-16 years old.

For more information go to [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) and click onto Ballinger clinic dates and times.

**RLBC to celebrate 100th Anniversary**

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary beginning on July 17 at 3 pm with visitation and reminiscing, followed by a home cooked meal of ham and all the trimmings at 6 pm. It will continue on July 18th at 10:30 with the praise and worship service. Sunday School will not be held. For more information contact the church at 453-2724.

**Churches of Coke County**

*Invite You to Worship*

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118S. Jefferson  
Bronte  
(325) 473-3291  
Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm  
**Central Baptist Church**  
324S. Franklin • Bronte  
(325) 473-4811  
Tim White, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wed. 7 pm  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2360  
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm  
**First Baptist Church**  
424S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331  
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth  
and Worship  
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte  
(325) 473-3281  
Rev. Carol Fiero  
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 Youth  
**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2417  
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship  
Wed. 7 pm Choir  
**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
101 Houston • Robert Lee  
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296  
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel  
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am  
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270  
Tommy Williams, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
Wed. 7 pm  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
(325) 365-2687  
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm  
**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee  
on Sterling City Hwy  
(325) 453-2004  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
(325) 453-2724  
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2176  
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
Joe Hodges, Pastor  
(325) 468-0014  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2208  
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Hoch - Harper engagement announced**

Michelle Leigh Hoch and Gregory Bruce Harper, both of San Marcos, will exchange wedding vows on July 10, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church in Garden City.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoch of Garden City and the granddaughter of Royce Lee and the late Betty Ruth Lee of Bronte and the late Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hoch of Garden City. Michelle is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, where she was a Strutter and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications. Michelle is in her third year of teaching at San Marcos High School.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harper of San Marcos and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Harper of San Marcos and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bryant of Baird. Greg is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He graduated in August of 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. Greg is the owner of Greg Harper Insurance Agency in San Marcos.

**City Council accepts bids on RLVFD construction**

Members of the Robert Lee City Council met on June 11 to open two bids submitted for construction of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department station to be built at the junction of Highways 208 and 158. The low bid was some \$16,000 over the amount which has been raised over the course of a year in a fund raiser to match a \$46,000 grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation. The overage was not unexpected as metal and building material prices have raised from 60% to 100% since last year due to economics beyond local control.



**Gregory Bruce Harper and Michelle Leigh Hoch**

At the Robert Lee City Council meeting on June 17 it was determined that the low bid from Handyman Construction/West Texas Concrete and Metal Buildings be accepted and that work begin following a pre-construction meeting including the builders, the council and mayor, and members of the RLVFD. The references of the low bidder were contacted and those contacted highly recommended the contractor and bidder.

To fund the \$16,000 overage, the Council will extend the \$2.00 surcharge on the water bill until December, 2004. This will raise approximately \$6,000 toward the overage. Another fund raiser will be planned, and corporations who benefit from the services of the RLVFD but who have not contributed to the fund will be contacted for contributions. It is disappointing that the \$47,480 raised to match the San Angelo Health Foundation's \$46,000 grant fell short of the funds needed. However,

because the building plans are conservative as far as amenities go, and the San Angelo Health Foundation is reluctant to accept a change of the original plan, the decision to extend the \$2.00 surcharge and continue fund raising was made. The \$2.00 surcharge for another six months will equal a \$12.00 total for each water meter. Without the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, the E rate for household insurance would not be possible and each household would be paying from \$300 to \$400 more for homeowner insurance.

The people involved in the fund-raising effort for the fire station are hoping for positive input for ideas for fund-raisers, new contributors, and other sources of funds. Many generous and supportive people and groups have helped get this far. Most understand that the fluctuating national economy affects local economies and that choices must be made in view of these changes.

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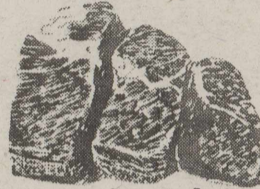


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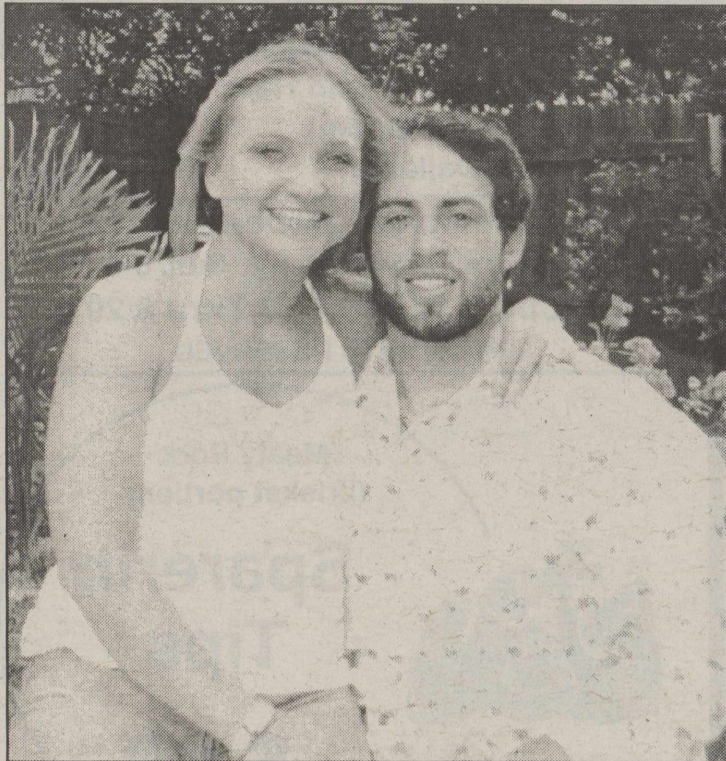
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Brandee Havlak and Blake McKee

**McKee-Havlak announce engagement**

Tony and Debbie Mackey of Bronte and Gary and Helen McKee of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Walter Blake McKee to Brandee Sueann Havlak, daughter of Harvey and Connie Havlak of Miles.

The couple will exchange vows on July 24, 2004 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena.

Brandee is a 1998 graduate of Miles High School and is a 2004 graduate of the Surgical Tech Program at Howard College. She is currently employed by San Angelo Community Medical Center.

Blake is a 2000 graduate of Bronte High School and is currently employed by Aylor Landscape Services.

**RL outside watering to be restricted**

After considering the written ideas of several citizens and hearing a report from the City Water Superintendent, the Robert Lee City Council determined that the most easily monitored watering situation was to ban outside watering between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. These are the hours of the highest evaporation rates, and will give customers a chance to water in the morning if that is their choice, or to water in the evening if it is more convenient. This also gives the water system a chance to recover from the heavy usage during the early morning, noon-time, and evening hours. It is necessary for a full reserve of water to be on hand in case of a fire in the city.

The Coke County Sheriff's Department deputies who serve City citations will be observing violations of the City Council's ban on outdoor watering between the hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. They will issue a warning following an observed watering violation. Citations will be issued after the first warning visit. It has been noted that following a request from the City for outdoor watering restrictions, the rules are followed for a while, and then some people begin watering during the day again. Also, one

person who is observing the outdoor water restrictions is not pleased to see a neighbor disregarding the restrictions, and the calls begin coming into City Hall.

With customer cooperation, the water problems should be under control for the time being. An outdoor watering ban from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm is in effect in the City of Robert Lee beginning July 1, 2004.

**2004 Wheat variety test results**

Eleven different varieties of wheat and one fertilizer treatment were tested on Phelan Wrinkle's field. The plots were sown on November 6, at a rate of 70 pounds per acre. On December 2, a fertilizer treatment of 21-0-0 amounting to 30 pounds per acre was placed on a portion of the Lockett variety for comparison.

The plot was harvested May 28, with the following results in bushels per acre and a gross income per acre with wheat prices figured at \$3.70 per bushel. The varieties and results are: TAM 111 -29.10 bu, \$107.69; Jagalene - 23.03 bu, \$85.20; Weathermaster 135 (seed treated) - 20.47 bu, \$75.74; Coronado - 15.67 bu, \$57.99; Cutter - 15.51 bu, \$57.39; WinMaster - 14.07 bu, \$52.07; Abilene Ag #1 - 12.95 bu, \$47.93; Lockett (fertilized) - 11.51 bu, \$42.60; Weathermaster 135 - 11.51, \$42.60; Hardeman Grain 9 - 10.39 bu, \$38.46; Lockett - 9.59 bu, \$35.50; Thunderbolt - 8.0 bu, \$29.58.

Drought during critical stages

coupled with freeze damage in March and April caused lighter yields than expected, but a good comparison can still be made between varieties under same conditions.

The difference between the fertilized Lockett and untreated was significant. Differences between the better yields and lower yields were also significant.

This test will be continued in the following growing seasons to compare new varieties. For information on this test or wheat tests from around the area, contact the Coke County Extension office.

**Red Canyon bird site seeded**

The Red Canyon bird site on the landfill road has been seeded and with the rains there are grasses, grains and some small fruit trees flourishing. Some millet that was planted has grown, dried out, and re-seeded itself already. The grain will provide enough seed for some of the birds that might otherwise leave the area to stay here during the winter.

Noel and Quincey Gregston have been doing the planting at Red Canyon. Some of the seed has been provided by Key Feed. With the help of Caston Company and Rocky Counts, a road is slowly emerging on the site. By manually filling some of the low places with stones which won't wash out, a driving trail is being established. The Caliche Wildlife group has been approached by several Boy Scout groups to do camping and work at the site. The group has received a grant from the Robert Lee Economic Development Corporation 4B for plants and signs.

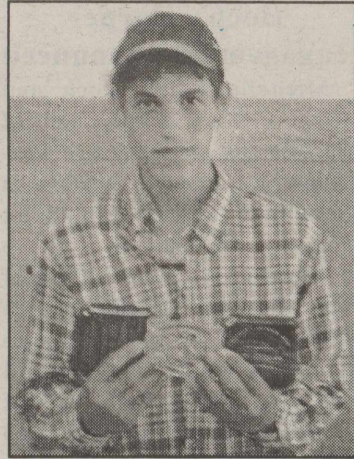
The Gregstons receive one or two phone calls a day about the site as a result of the Texas Department of Transportation/Texas Wildlife Department map which includes five bird sites in and around Robert Lee.

**FSA taking spring seeded reports**

Acreage reports for all hay type crops, CRP, grass (not intended for NAP), Cotton and Gain Sorghum is underway. All spring seeded crops must be certified by July 15, 2004. This is a must for DCP, NAP, CCC Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments, including Wool & Mohair LDP's. Producers requesting benefits under the aforementioned programs must visit the



**4-H Roundup!** Stacey Denton attended State 4-H Roundup in College Station June 8-11. She placed 4th with her Method Demonstration "Environmental Landscaping".



**4-H All Around Roper!** Lance Millican earned All Around Roper honors at the District 7 4-H Horse Show in Sweetwater earlier this month. He won both the tie-down and the breakaway calf roping titles and will compete in the State 4-H Horse Show in late July. Lance, a junior at RLHS, is the son of Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee.

**4-H Reminders**

Attention 4-H members. Clothing Fun Day in Sweetwater will be held June 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to learn to sew a craft please contact the office. Registration deadline is June 21st.

Multi-County camp will be held July 8th & 9th at Buffalo Gap. This camp is for 3rd-8th grade 4-H members. Cost of camp is \$20. Deadline to register is June 28th. Please call (325)453-2461 if you have any questions.

county office, report acreage and provide actual planting dates of each crop. Failure to complete that requirement will result in either late file fees, loss of benefits or repayments.

Annually, FSA performs spot checks on crop reports and allows a tolerance of the greater of 1 acre or 5%, not to exceed 50 acres.

The county office is now involved in using new digital images for acreage. It will take the office 4 to 5 months of effort to get things ready to use. We will be working on this every day. It will be a great help if producers will take the time to make an appointment for conducting FSA business.


For more information regarding FSA programs, contact the Coke-Sterling FSA office at (325) 453-2751.

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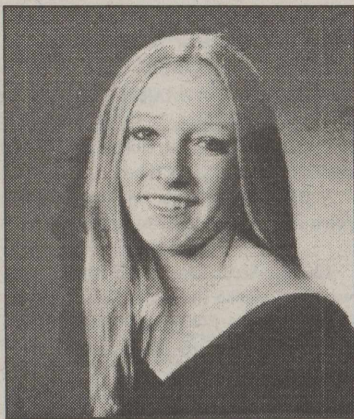
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**McCutchen to play for UT-Permian Basin!** Britney McCutchen has recently been notified that she has earned a volleyball scholarship to the University of Texas - Permian Basin at Odessa. A 5 foot, 9 inch all-state setter for Bronte, McCutchen is the front-runner to be the team's starting setter as a freshman, replacing four-year starter and former Grandfalls standout Misty Stocks.

The Lady Falcons of UT-Permian Basin finished 23-18 overall last year, with a 16-6 Red River Athletic Conference record, advancing to the NAIA Region VI Tournament for the second consecutive season.



**Howell to play in all-star contest!** Kailey Howell has been selected to participate in the inaugural Texas Sports Festival in Burleson. The event, which will feature all-star games in baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, golf, tennis, soccer, track, and football, has been set for June 25-27, and will feature more than 1500 of the state's top high school athletes.

Howell, a 5 foot, 10 inch middle hitter, was an all-state selection at Bronte following last year's season. A three-year varsity letterman, Howell had 402 kills, 79 blocks, and 123 digs her senior year for the Lady Horns.

**Area JH students participate in band camp**

Approximately 70 junior high school students from Eunice, NM, Alpine, Marfa, Presidio, Robert Lee and Van Horn participated in the Sul Ross State University Band Camp June 10-12.

Camp activities included practicing both in sectionals and with the whole band and concluded with Saturday's concert at the Marshall Auditorium, led by guest conductor/clinician Barry Morgan of Jent's Music Store in Lubbock.

Students were divided into two bands, the Scarlet Band and the Grey Band, for the final concert. The Grey Band played "Bandroom Boogie" and Jus' Plain Blues" by Michael Sweeney. Scarlet Band selections included "Prelude to a Festival" by Anne McGinty and "Alpine March" by Joseph Compello.

The combined band closed out

the concert with "When the Rhinos do the Rhumba in the Rain" by Len Orcino and "America, the Beautiful" by Samuel Ward, arranged by John Kinyon.

Scarlet Band members from Robert Lee included Amy Barnett, Olga Perez, Sarah Jones, Devin Batten, Ivan Landeros, Luke Thurman and Jodi Sheldon.

Grey Band members from Robert Lee included Arrin Minjarez, Erika Sheldon, Justina Gloria, Sarah Walker, Tanner Hanigan, Chelsea Arellano, Dustin Brown, Luke Sheldon, Joshua Rowoldt and Kristin New.

Band directors included Lucy Ferguson, Presidio; John Ferguson, Alpine; Chuck Wilson, Marfa; George Rangel, Van Horn; Forrest Perry, Van Horn; Brad Roberts, Robert Lee; Steve Ratliff, Fort Davis; Ben Hill, Eunice, NM; and Michael Stittsworth, Sul Ross.



**Bronte girls attend GA Camp!** Twenty-two girls and four sponsors from Bronte's First Baptist Church attended GA Camp at Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment on Lake Brownwood June 7-11. Activities included Bible study, mission study, recreation, and the challenge of the Ropes Course. Sponsors included Joni Frasier, DeAnn Grigg, Cara Hargrave, and Nola Hasty.

Girls attending included Cindy Davila, MacKenzie Gibbs, Erika Hargrave, Michelle Rhodes, Erika Puentez, Jael Williams, Katie Aguirre, Cheyenne Boyd, Samantha Coffey, Paige Royall, Kimberly Lee, Brayde Knight, Shelbi Waller, Kelsey Sedden, Ashley Royall, Krista Moore, Chelsea Meek, Chloe Grigg, Kasey Glover, Stephanie Frasier, Ashley Fisher, and Chelsea Cook.



**Super Swimmers receive certificates!** The first week of summer swimming lessons was completed Friday, June 18, 2004, with 13 "Super Swimmers" receiving certificates of achievement. Pool lifeguards, Tyler Lott, Lindsey Roe, Julie Riley, and Cassidy Wink taught the class water skills and basic swimming techniques. A second session of swimming lessons will be held the week of July 19, and swimmers may sign up at the Robert Lee Pool. Swimmers pictured are Payte Treadaway, Karlee Roach, Kourtney Roach, Bridger Netting, Makenna Netting, Jake Jackson, Morgan Eaton, Justice Saucedo, Bailey Hooten, Ben Allen, Leslie Schniers, Erin Smith, and Nicole Jones.

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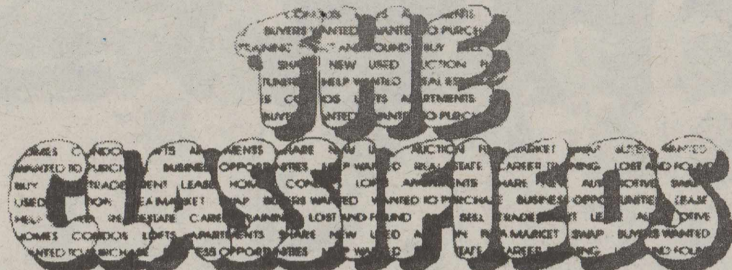
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**NOTICES**

**RLISD IS ACCEPTING** sealed Bids on a 1986 Ford F250 pick-up. Bids will be accepted until July 19th at 3:00 pm. Please see George Grim or call 453-4555. Send sealed bids to the Robert Lee ISD Superintendent's office at 1323 Hamilton, in Robert Lee, Texas 76945. The truck may be seen adjacent to the Robert Lee ISD maintenance building and press box.  
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**ROBERT LEE ISD** currently has a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. In the near future, the School Board will appoint a trustee to serve until the next regular election. The qualifications for being on the School Board are living in the school district, and being a registered voter in the district. If you meet the qualifications and would like to be considered for appointment, please contact M. Lindsey Wallace, Superintendent, Robert Lee ISD at 453-4555.  
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# NOTICES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of an Open Budget Hearing for East Coke County Hospital District for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. The hearing will be held Monday, June 28, 2004, at 6:00 pm in the BHRC board room.

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### Fireworks safety tips

By Bud Thompson

Robert Lee Fire Marshall

Family reunions, picnics, barbecues, camping at the lake. Have fun but also use caution with the fires.

Robert Lee Fire Marshal Bud Thompson would like to remind all residents that fireworks are illegal within the city limits of Robert Lee.

July 4th this year will be a 4 day weekend and many families will be planning to have outings, barbecues, campouts or just celebrating at home. If you are planning to set off fireworks, here are some safety tips.

If possible, leave fireworks to the professionals. Many organizations have free fireworks displays.

Child safety comes first, do not let children play with ignited fireworks. Read and follow instructions and warnings before igniting fireworks.

Check to be sure no one is in the way of shooting fireworks, including structures. Just because the rocket is supposed to go straight up, doesn't mean it cannot misfire.

Sparklers burn at such a high temperature they can quickly burn hands and clothing. You do not want to end up in the emergency room with a burned child.

Light your fireworks on a smooth flat surface out in the open and away from structures, dry grass or other flammable materials.

If you are at home, keep a hose close by, if at a picnic a bucket of water should be handy.

Never re-light any fireworks that have not fully functioned. Chances are it will go off in your hand.

We have had recent showers, but we have also had winds that dry out the foliage. Fire danger is still high in the Concho Valley and we should all be careful when lighting fireworks. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

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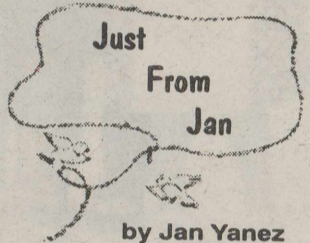
The Coke County library's winner in the Reading for Fun drawing for Friday, June 11, 2004, was Jaden Ray. He won a Sure Shot camera. The winner in last Friday's drawing was Diana Vera. She won four Skippies for games at the lake or in the pool. Next Friday's prize is a Slumber Bag. Drawings are held each Friday at 11:30 am.

For every book returned, readers can add their names for the drawings. Turn in five books, and have five chances to win a prize. Everybody gets a Treat of the Week, adults, too. A Grand Prize has been added to the

Summer Fun Reading Program. It is a camping set complete with a 5' x 4' domed tent, a sleeping bag, a camping chair, a flash light, and a compass.

A video called Applying for Financial Aid is available for the college bound. The video conference covers everything needed to successfully apply for federal grants. The video is available in Spanish and English.

The library has a selection of books which appears on most college reading lists. Those who are considering entering college can get a head-start on English literature classes during the summer. Most of the books listed are good reading even though they are required.



### How to Make Exercise a Habit

Do these comments sound familiar: "I don't think exercise will ever be an 'easy-come' habit for me"; "Exercise is more like a necessary evil. Some days I like it, some days I hate it, but I feel so much better because of it. That's what keeps me going."

Sound familiar? All but the part about keeping it going, perhaps? For many, exercise has a perpetual position at the bottom of the to-do list, occasionally rising to the top for two-or-three-day bouts of good will. You know you have to do it. You know it would help you lose weight faster. You know you need it for good health. But, at the risk of sounding like a whining four-year-old, you just don't like it. Don't worry. Perhaps this might help you.

Forget the Myths: First of all, these common misconceptions about exercise may be what are holding you back.

**Myth #1.** Exercise is never fun. Not only can exercise be fun (do you hate playing catch with your kids? walking through the woods?), it can help fill gaps in your life.

For example. If you're around people all day long, you can choose an exercise that allows you some alone time. If you sit in front of a computer, maybe exercise can be a social thing for you. If you never see your husband, exercise with him.

Find something that works for you on a personal level, too, and that will make exercise more fun. Plus, you'll be more likely to do it if you look forward to it.

**Myth #2.** Exercise is a major disruption. The bottom line is that exercise, unlike diet, is something you have to make yourself do. Everybody has to eat every day, but you have to purposely set aside time to work out. And it's very easy to let other things get in the way.

But there's a bonus to working out that you won't notice until you do it. When you exercise, you get more energy. and when you stop (like many yo-yoers do), your energy level starts to

drop, so it's even harder to jump back in. Sticking with it helps, even if that causes scheduling problems in the short term.

Make it a habit. Making anything a habit--from exercise to eating right--is a matter of having enough "want power." Life gets in the way, so unless you do something proactively, it's very easy to make excuses.

One strategy for acquiring a new habit is to imagine the benefits of that habit - in the case of exercise, picture yourself in great shape from becoming fit. This will help inspire you.

Here are some other tricks for making exercise a habit:

\*Understand that you have to start slowly. An hour-long power aerobics class on your first day will only discourage you, maybe hurt you, and send you back to square one. Find an exercise buddy. A workout partner can be immeasurably helpful, because you have a responsibility to your friend not to talk yourself out of exercising. Make sure you choose a buddy who's in about the same shape as you.

\*Pick an exercise you like, then commit yourself to trying it consistently for at least three months. If you still think you hate it after that amount of time, give yourself permission to say, okay, this isn't working. Then pick something different and repeat.

### CC Local Coordination Incentive Award Project

Coke County Judge Roy Blair would like to announce that Mario Garza, a Community Auditor with the Texas Workforce Center of the Concho Valley, will be conducting research on behalf of the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board.

The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board is implementing a Local Coordination Incentive Award grant project by conducting strategic research to determine workforce development needs in Coke County. Mr. Garza will be conducting the mapping of community assets and the community audit for Coke County. The purposes of mapping community assets and the community audit are to identify existing services now available to meet workforce development needs and to identify training needs and skills needed in Coke County.

The community audit will begin with an employer survey followed by worker interviews. The employer survey will determine what type of skills employees need from their current employees to continue the growth of their businesses and the local economy. The worker interviews will determine the type of training needed by current employees to develop career paths or ladders in the company. In addition, the audit will identify the existing services available to meet area workforce development needs of employers and employees.

Upon completion of the community audit, the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board will present their findings to the community stakeholders in the public and private sector, education and training institutions, and community-based organizations. The goals of the project are to provide a collaborative develop-

ment of a regional strategic plan for Coke County, provide a community resource directory for Coke County, link educational and training institutions to provide customized training for currently employed workers, and share tangible results with the community stakeholders.

For this project to be successful, the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board requests that businesses and the community become involved in the planning for the development of a skilled workforce.

Judge Blair is excited about this project and looks forward to assisting Mr. Garza and the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board. Community participation in this project will ensure Coke County's continued involvement in planning to meet its workforce development needs.

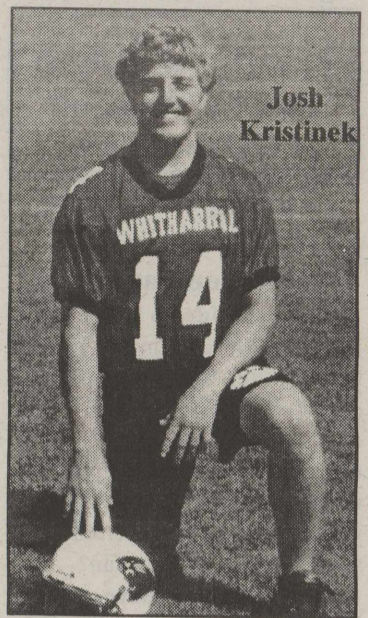
For more information about the community audit, please contact Mario Garza at (325) 653-2321, ext. 1238.

The Local Coordination Incentive Award project is made possible by a Texas Workforce Commission grant to the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board in the amount of \$87,110, a portion of which has been designated for the community audits of Sterling, Coke and Concho counties.

### Panthers represented at All-Americans Bowl

Josh Kristinek has a chance to play football once again with top athletes from Texas and around the world at the All-Americans Bowl in Garden City on July 3.

The All-Americans Bowl has been a growing spot for numerous six-man football athletes over the past seven years.



Josh Kristinek

The All-Americans Bowl, which began in 1996 with players from the U.S. and Canada, now features approximately 80 athletes from North America, Australia, and Norway. Last year, the Texas football all-stars, led by Whitharral quarterback, Jordan Barker, claimed a 64-14 win in front of approximately 1,500 fans.

Bret Tyler of Valley and Dwaine Lee of Strawn will coach the Texas team. Coaching the World team are Brent Green of Valley Christian, New Mexico, and Tom Tranmer of Brady, Montana.

The ball game between the Texans and the World is set for a 7:30 pm kickoff at Garden City, Texas.

Josh Kristinek's brother Will played two years ago, and they won state in six man football.

Josh is the son of Carla and Walter Kristinek and brother to Will and Scott of Whitharral.

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Fortunately, you have several options, including the following.

**\*Taking your money in a lump sum** - If you have lost your job, you may be under financial stress. This may tempt you to cash out your retirement plan and take the money as a lump sum. And if your plan is your only source of savings, you may not have much choice. But if you have other financial resources to draw on, you might want to avoid taking the lump sum. If you liquidate your plan, you'll no longer benefit from tax-deferred earnings growth. Furthermore, your employer must withhold 20% from your distribution - and if you're under 59 1/2, your distribution may be subject to a 10% penalty.

**\*Leaving the money in your plan** - You might be able to leave your money in your former employer's retirement plan, if the plan permits. This could be a good option if you are pleased with the investment choices available in the plan. But if you're not, you may want to consider other possibilities.

**\*Moving the money into a new plan** - You may be able to move the money from your old plan into a new employer's plan, if the new plan allows such transfers. This move might make sense if your new plan offers attractive investment options.

**\*Rolling over retirement assets into an IRA** - Depending on your individual situation, this "rollover" option could be your best choice. By making this rollover, you'll avoid the 20 percent withholding and current income taxes on your retirement plan distribution. Plus, you'll keep your retirement savings growing on a tax-deferred basis. And you'll have an almost unlimited array of investment choices. Within your IRA, you can even build a diversified portfolio to reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. Finally, once you move your retirement account into an IRA, you can later convert to a Roth IRA, so you can eventually make tax-free withdrawals, provided you meet certain conditions. (Keep in mind, though, that when converting a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you will generate a tax liability.)

**Review your choices carefully**

Review your retirement plan distribution options with your tax or investment professional. You may be making one of the most important financial decisions of your life - so make it a good one.

**Mountain Creek golf tournament results**

Mountain Creek Golf Course held a 4 person select shot Golf tournament on June 19th and 20th. The tournament was a success.

Results for the tournament are as follows:

Championship Flight: 1st place - Flores, Hodge, Vincent, Coalson; 2nd place - Sawyer, Sims, Watson, Smith; 3rd place - Millican, Braswell, Alexander, Jennings

1st Flight - 1st place - McClelland, Burns, Bautista, Blair; 2nd place - Hull, Alley, Henson, Henson; 3rd place - Smith, Smith, Smith, Smith

2nd Flight - 1st place - Wojtek, Longoria, Saucedo, Hernandez; 2nd place - Pitcock, Walls, McCowen, Treadaway; 3rd place - Gaston, Gaston, Modrall, Mertz

Contests: Closest to pin winner was Josh Alexander and Longest drive winner was Tom Sawyer.

The next 4 person select shot tournament will be held July 17th and 18th.

**RLISD board meets in regular session**

Be it remembered that on Thursday, the 17th day of 2004, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Pitcock.

Members present: Pitcock, Washam, Gray, Hill, Riley, McCabe and Supt. Wallace.

The meeting was called to order by President Pitcock.

Kevin Roe was sworn in as a new board member. Resignation letter was read to the board from Gayle Bolding declining position on the school board.

Wes Washam made a motion to fill vacancy by appointment seconded by Jim Gray. 5 for, 2 abstentions. Motion carried, vacancy will be filled by appointment.

Board adjourned into executive session at 7:26 pm. The board returned to open session at 7:54 pm.

Wes Washam made a motion to appoint Darrel Pitcock to fill board vacancy until next regular school board election seconded by Jim Gray. 5 for, 2 abstentions. Darrel Pitcock declined appointment.

Darrel Pitcock turned meeting over to Vice President Washam. Mark Riley made a motion to advertise for appointment to school board seconded by Ron Hill. All for.

Mark Riley nominated Jim Gray for Board President seconded by Kevin Roe. Jim Gray declined position. Kevin Roe nominated Fredda McCabe for President seconded by Ron Hill.

Fredda McCabe declined position. Kevin Roe nominated Mark Riley for President seconded by Fredda McCabe. Mark Riley accepted position of Board President. All for.

Meeting turned over to new Board President Mark Riley.

Fredda McCabe nominated Wes Washam for Vice President seconded by Ron Hill, Wes Washam declined. Ron Hill nominated Jim Gray seconded by Fredda McCabe for office of Vice President, Jim Gray accepted position. 5 for, 1 abstained.

Fredda McCabe nominated Ron Hill for office of Secretary of the Board, Ron Hill declined. Wes Washam nominated Kevin Roe as Secretary, Kevin Roe declined. Ron Hill nominated Fredda McCabe for Secretary seconded by Wes Washam. 5 for, 1 abstained. Fredda McCabe accepted position.

RLISD School Board Officers are as follows for 2004-2005: President - Mark Riley; Vice-President - Jim Gray; Secretary - Fredda McCabe.

Wes Washam made motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2004 regular meeting and the May 24, 2004 special meeting as read. Ron Hill seconded. All for.

Jim Gray made motion to approve the bills as listed. Ron Hill seconded. All for.

Fredda McCabe made motion to approve budget amendment. Seconded by Ron Hill. All for.

Supt. Wallace gave financial report.

2004-2005 TECS Contract was approved for Title I Part A and Title V Part A. Motion was made by Ron Hill, seconded



Students perform for RLCC residents! Mrs. Carolyn Long's piano students did a great job when they performed for Robert Lee Care Center residents recently.

by Kevin Roe. All for.

RLISD Code of Conduct/Student Handbook was adopted. Motion to accept by Jim Gray seconded by Fredda McCabe. All for.

Motion by Wes Washam to accept Supt. Wallace's recommendation to continue the contract with Claims Administrative Services/Workers Compensation, continuation of 3 year contract seconded by Fredda McCabe. All for.

2003-2004 District Improvement Plan was approved. Motion was made by Ron Hill seconded by Jim Gray. All for.

RLISD 2004-2005 Meal Prices were set. Motion made by Jim Gray, seconded by Fredda McCabe. All for.

Principals gave their respective reports.

Supt. Wallace gave his respective report.

Board adjourned into closed session at 9:22 pm. Returned to open session at 10:01 pm.

Mr. Wallace recommended hiring Kevin James, probationary teacher contract subject to assignment. Motion by Ron Hill to hire Mr. James seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

The next regular board meeting will be July 22 at 7 pm.

**\$2,500.00 reward**

**for the apprehension and conviction of individual (s) who shot and killed the 2 Scimitar Oryx on the Pierce ranch at Yellow Wolf Creek, east of North State Highway 208.**

**The second oryx was shot and killed on or about Friday, June 18, 2004.**

**A pick-up truck with a light rack was seen in the vicinity, spotlighting.**

**Contact Milton Pierce at 325-942-9393.**

**Confidentiality assured.**