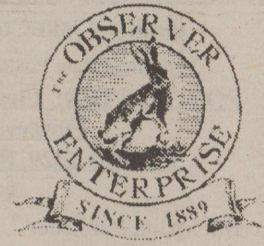


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Robert Lee Softball tournament set for July 1st

Come celebrate The Fourth on the First in Robert Lee. Beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 1, in the Coke County Park, a softball tournament will begin. Nine teams are expected and, so far, 4 N Out, The Matrix, Kool Arrows, Jewelry Box, and the X-Men are ready to take on any opponents in some mighty tough softball. One person from each team is asked to umpire for another game. For more information, call Brandi Ramon at 325-453-2831.

Winners receive t-shirts emblazoned with "Second Annual Summer Bash in Robert Lee."

Food and drinks will be available all day long, and a hamburger lunch is planned for the players. Funds raised during this tournament will help support the Coke County Baseball Association, whose volunteer members provide worthwhile experiences for young people in the county through the sport.

The fierce competition among softball teams makes for some really exciting baseball. The players' enthusiasm spreads to the stands in a hurry. Watching live baseball in Robert Lee can't be matched on TV.

With citizen support and attendance, the Baseball Association and its volunteers will be able to continue to provide a valuable experience for the young people of the county.

Gospel singing scheduled for Sunday, July 2

Community gospel singing will be held Sunday, July 2, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Ladies Water Aerobics set

Ladies water aerobics sessions are being held at the Coke County Park swimming pool in Robert Lee on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 pm - 7 pm. Ladies of the county are encouraged to take advantage of this time for aerobics.

Holiday Closings

There will be several county offices who will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the 4th of July holiday. These offices include the Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee City Hall, Bronte City Hall, as well as the Observer/Enterprise. All news must be in the O/E office by Monday, July 3 to get in the July 7 issue.

RL trash service holiday schedule

Due to the 4th of July Holiday the trash service Tuesday route will change to Monday, July 3rd.

Swimming Lessons offered in RL

Robert Lee will be offering swimming lessons at the pool on June 26-30 and July 3-7. The lessons will be held from 10 am - 11 am. For more information call 450-5204 or 453-4420.

Watermelon and Ice Cream Supper set for July 3

On Monday, July 3, 2006, the Senior Center in Robert Lee will be the site for an ice cream and watermelon supper, beginning at 6:00 pm. Sandwiches and chips will also be available. The event is, once more, potluck to make having these celebrations possible.

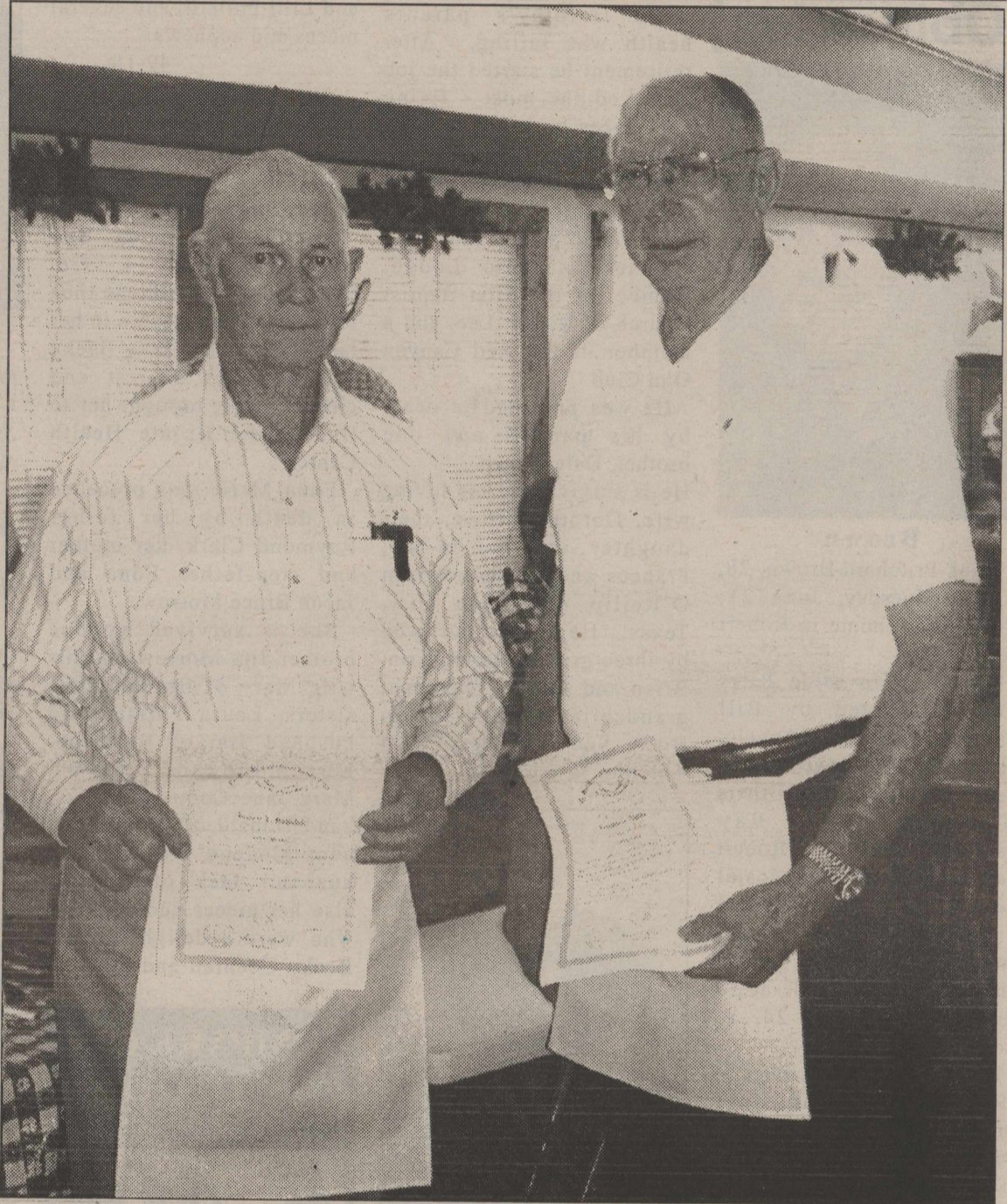
This event is not limited to those attending meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. All Seniors and their families are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Karla Hamrick at 453-4780 or Susan Millegan at 453-4790 or to the center at 453-2314.

BHRC Auxiliary to host July 4th celebration

Bronte Health and Rehab Center is inviting everyone to a community wide Fourth of July celebration on Tuesday, July 4th at 6 pm.

There will be a hot dog supper followed by a talent show and bake sale. It would be great to see lots of people there supporting the local talent in the talent show.

Bring your lawn chairs and plan on eating supper with the BRHC and enjoying great entertainment. Don't forget your checkbooks so you can



50 Year Masons! Bob Ragsdale (left) and Tommy Franks received their 50 Year pins and certificates on Saturday, June 24, 2006. Their awards were the highlight of the evening at The Shed, where a room full of Masons and their families enjoyed the catered meal and celebration.

Both Bob and Tommy were born at Blackwell, Texas. Tommy lives in North Richland Hills, near Fort Worth.

Bronte's own Bob Ragsdale is a Master Mason and Past Master of the Bronte Masonic Lodge #962.

Bob's family present for the occasion were: wife, Beverly; daughter Jana and husband Jeff Brisbin, children, Dawson and Briana, of Robert Lee; and son Joe Bob and wife Paige Ragsdale.

take home great baked goods to be sold in the bake sale.

Driftwood to play at Amphitheater

Celebrate The Fourth of July on the evening of Saturday, The First of July, at Robert Lee's Amphitheater when Driftwood plays everyone's favorite music, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The concert will last until 10:30 p.m. - or maybe later. Bring chairs, snacks, drinks, and celebrate our country's independence with friends and neighbors.

Donations will be accepted at the gate to further the renovation of the amphitheater

and grounds. Some of the upgrades will be noticeable but there is a ways to go to complete the project.

Fireworks banned in Coke County

Citizens of Bronte are reminded that the use of all fireworks are banned within the Bronte-city limits.

The City of Robert Lee's Fire Marshall, Bud Thompson would like to remind all residents that fireworks are illegal also within Robert Lee city limits.

At family reunions, picnics, barbecues and camping at the lake can be fun, but everyone must

use caution against fires. Barbecues should be in an open space, a water source nearby since it only takes one spark to start a grass fire. If you are at home, you need to keep a garden hose close by and if at a picnic a bucket of water should be handy.

Many organizations have free fireworks displays. Plan to attend one and leave the fireworks to professionals. There have been recent showers but also winds that dry out foliage. Fire danger is still high in the Concho Valley and fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

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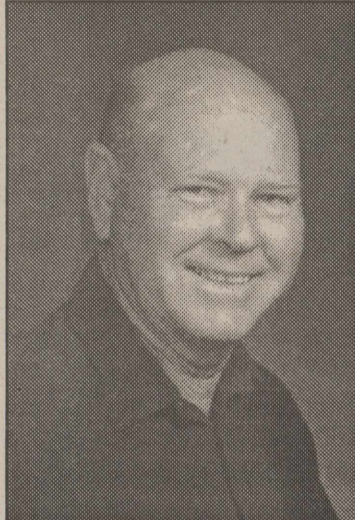
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Obituaries



Brown

Frank Pritchard Brown, 78, died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, in his home in Robert Lee.

Masonic Graveside Rites were officiated by Bill Campbell of San Angelo, Lodge #570, a courtesy for Hayrick Lodge #696. Others officiating were Ray Aldridge, minister of Robert Lee Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, and Mike Burson, Chaplin. The services were under the direction of the Shaffer Funeral Home at 10 am Saturday, June 24, at Robert Lee Cemetery.

Pritch was born October 6, 1927, to John and Ruth Brown in Robert Lee, Texas. On September 16, 1949, he married Dorothy Yvonne Walton of Bronte, Texas.

Pritch started working for Sun Oil Company soon after he and Dorothy married. He held jobs from roustabout to plant chemist while working there. In 1980 he requested a transfer back to Robert Lee

when Dorothy's parents health was failing. After retirement he started the job he loved the most - fixing appliances with his brother, Dale Brown.

Pritch was a volunteer EMS driver, senior citizens bus driver, member of the Hayrick Masonic Lodge, member of the First Baptist Church of Robert Lee, and a member of the Red Canyon Gun Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dale Brown.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy Brown, their daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Raymond Sean O'Reilly of Royse City, Texas. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Erin, Brian and Austin, four great grandchildren, and sister, Billie Sue Douthit of San Antonio.

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Lovell

Mary Velma Barger Lovell, of Irving, passed away June 22, 2006. Funeral services were held at 10 am, Saturday, June 24, 2006 at Northgate United Methodist Church,

3700 W. Northgate, Irving with Pastor Scott Holcomb-McLain officiating. A graveside service was held at 6 pm, Saturday, June 24, at Terry Memorial Cemetery, Edith, Texas.

She born on December 20, 1905, to Anna and Charles Barger.

Velma married Sylvester James Lovell on June 8, 1926.

She is survived by son Jan Lovell and wife Mary Ann; two granddaughters Sylvia Pollard and husband Kris; Lynda Lovell; three great-grandchildren Bari, Shafer and Lilli Pollard; and several nieces and nephews.

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Ritchey

Edna Marie Clark Ritchey passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

She was born in San Angelo on January 14, 1936. She grew up in Abilene then returned to San Angelo in her later years. In 2000, Becky Cochran, her dearest and closest niece, brought her to live at the Bronte Health Center.

Edna Marie was preceded in death by her father Raymond Clark, her mother and step-father Edna and Jacob Bruce Morrow.

She is survived by one brother Jim Morrow and his wife Mary of Bronte; three sisters, Laura Forman and husband Jim of Burleson, Lesa Morrow of Brenham, Mary Jane Cooper and husband Donald of Bronte; one aunt Modene Williams and husband Jack of Abilene; also her nieces and nephews who were a delight to her, Becky Cochran and husband



Blair named Soldier of the Month! Specialist Cody Blair of Robert Lee, currently stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, won Company Soldier of the Month, for the month of April. Specialist Blair went on to compete in and win the Battalion Soldier of the Month Competition, for the month of May.

Each board consists of the company's/battalion's five highest ranking enlisted members and competitors are quizzed on over 16 categories of military knowledge, appearance and discipline.

Specialist Blair also attended the June Promotion Board and earned his promotable status. Cody was also selected to participate in the Army's Green to Gold Program to commission as an Army officer.

Specialist Blair is the son of Joe Dee and Terri Blair of Robert Lee.

Kenneth of Bronte, Jami Williams and husband Patrick of San Angelo, John Morrow and wife Shannon of Tuscola, Jim Bob Forman of Burleson, Amanda Forman of Waxahachie, Pam Saunders of San Angelo, Molly Lee and husband Steven of Brenham, Misty Golson of Hamilton, Jacob Golson of San Angelo, Melanie Baucom

and husband Wendell of Big Lake, Donya Spill and husband Kelly of Gatesville, Kristie Gilliam and husband Jeff of San Angelo, Jason Cooper and wife Ann of Albuquerque, New Mexico; seventeen great nieces and nephews.

A family memorial service given by Jeff Gilliam was held at the Fort Chadbourne Cemetery.

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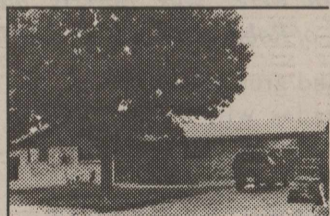
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Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm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

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
Portis Ribble, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
Wed. 6 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
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
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(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) 473-2040
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
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Conservation Rancher for 2005! The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District has announced that the Bowen Ranch has been named the Absentee Conservation Rancher for 2005. Pictured are (left to right) Joe Ash, SWCD Director, Latimer Bowen and son, Watson, Kristy Hooten and son, Colton, and Craig Demere, SWCD director.

Bowen Ranch Honored as Conservation Rancher for 2005

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to acknowledge the Bowen Ranch as Absentee Conservation Rancher for 2005.

The Bowen family ranching history began in Coke County in 1937, and has stretched through four generations.

Cross fencing and water development were the first order of business on the road to recovery for the Blackwell ranch, purchased in the late 1970s. These items allow ranch foreman Jim Hooten to better manage grazing during extensive brush management projects. Despite past control efforts the ever-present cedar and prickly pear continue to be a pest.

With assistance from the Mountain Creek Special Project administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation board in 2002, the Bowen's cleared approximately 300 acres of moderate to heavy cedar on the Blackwell Ranch.

Ranch foreman, Jim Hooten, has been instrumental in the ongoing cooperative agreement between the Bowen family, the Coke County SWCD and the USDA-NRCS. He helps the Bowen family manage a Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Special Project and three EQIP contracts. He also works closely with the equipment operator, Bill Westerman, and NRCS to ensure that correct areas are treated.

Ground disturbance, caused by mechanical brush removal, planned deferment, and timely rainfall are key components in the recovery of former pastureland. While the ranch historically runs mixed herds, currently Boer cross goats are lightly stocked to suppress noxious

forbs and brush seedlings. Steep, rocky slopes, deep draws and outwash flats pose quite a management challenge, especially where mechanical brush removal is used. Selective removal of juniper and other noxious brush encouraged a natural return to the historic shin oak-grass plant community while guarding against erosion.

The value of wildlife and wildlife's need for cover and travel ways were not neglected during planning or execution of the brush management programs. While large amounts of mesquite and juniper were removed, areas bordering creeks and draws, along with hillside slopes remain undisturbed.

The Coke County District has enjoyed working with the Bowen Ranch and is pleased to honor them as Absentee Conservation Rancher for

2005.

Blackwell VFD annual barbecue

Blackwell's annual barbecue will be held at the fire station in Blackwell on Saturday, July 1, at 5:30 pm.

The meal includes brisket, sausage and all of the trimmings. The parade will start at 5 pm. For more information, contact Karen Walls at 282-3037.

BHS Alumni Reunion set for July 29

A Bronte High School Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, at the Bronte Community Center. There will be a golf scramble beginning at 7 am, as well as a dance, featuring Muddy Creek, from 7 pm - 11 pm. All classmates, teachers, friends and family are invited to come out.

HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of these banks will be **CLOSED Tuesday, July 4.**

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Letter to the Editor

I was in Lubbock last week and a friend asked me about Ft. Chadbourne Days. Her children were with a group that came from a school in the Lubbock area 2 or 3 years ago. That school was wanting to schedule another trip. I told her they have already missed their chance this year but told her approximately when it will be next year. She told me how much fun all the kids had and how they continue to talk about what they learned about pioneer life—they were fascinated by the way our ancestors lived and survived. She mentioned how they made their clothes, cooked their food over open fires, hunted for food, made their soap, fought the Indians, survived the elements, etc. She commented on how fortunate we are to have something of this nature so close for our young people to enjoy. When I told her that the students of Robert Lee have never been taken to Ft. Chadbourne on School Day she was in disbelief.

The more I think about it, I find it surprising that our school has never taken advantage of this treasure in our County. I know that this year there were almost 1200 students who were in attendance on Friday (the day set aside for the kids). There is no admission charge. The students are encouraged to bring a couple of drinks or they can buy drinks there. They can bring a sack lunch if they desire or they can buy from vendor booths. When the buses arrive one of the Fort personnel will step on the bus and explain what they will experience while on the Fort grounds. They will be taken back to a time that was uncertain. A time with no conveniences, no real medical care, no medicine. People made their own soap, their clothes, their blankets, furniture, tools, etc. They were dependent on themselves for survival. They also had Indians, rattlesnakes, mountain lions, etc. to worry about. Our ancestors were resilient people and because of them we have become what we are today.

The Fort is also a working ranch. There are cattle, buffalo and all kinds of wildlife. The children will have the opportunity to ride on wagons and see the wildlife; they also will see old sewing machines being operated by women in costume. There will be many other people in period costume doing chores the way they were done during the 1800's. They will see a blacksmith working, women weaving blankets, soldiers doing drills, camps set up under tents, a doctor's office with very primitive instruments, a store with the type merchandise sold during that period, etc. There will likely be a display of lye soap and someone to tell about how it was made.

The restoration that has been done is amazing and more is being done all the time. This is

our heritage and we, the people of Coke County, are fortunate that we have a family who is dedicated to preserving a part of our history. We are also blessed to have the opportunity to visit the Fort and experience the way our ancestors lived.

I hope that the members of the Robert Lee School Board will make the decision to choose Fort Chadbourne as one of the school trips this year. It is my understanding that there are four trips each year and that they are planned before the beginning of school. What could be more fun and educational than a day at our very own Coke County Fort?

Marilyn White

A&M-Commerce graduates announced

In four graduation ceremonies held May 13, a total of 931 students graduated consisting of 587 with bachelor's degrees, 334 with master's degrees, and 10 with doctoral degrees.

From the Bronte area, Micah Ann Hoyt graduated with a Master of Science degree.

2006 ASU Dean's List released

The Dean's List for the 2006 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Local students from Blackwell include:

Sharla Deanne Holland, business.

Local students from Sterling City include:

William Bryan Beck, studio art; John Ross Copeland, animal business; Stephanie Renae Elizondo, studio art; and Whitney Lynn Searcy, pre-medicine.

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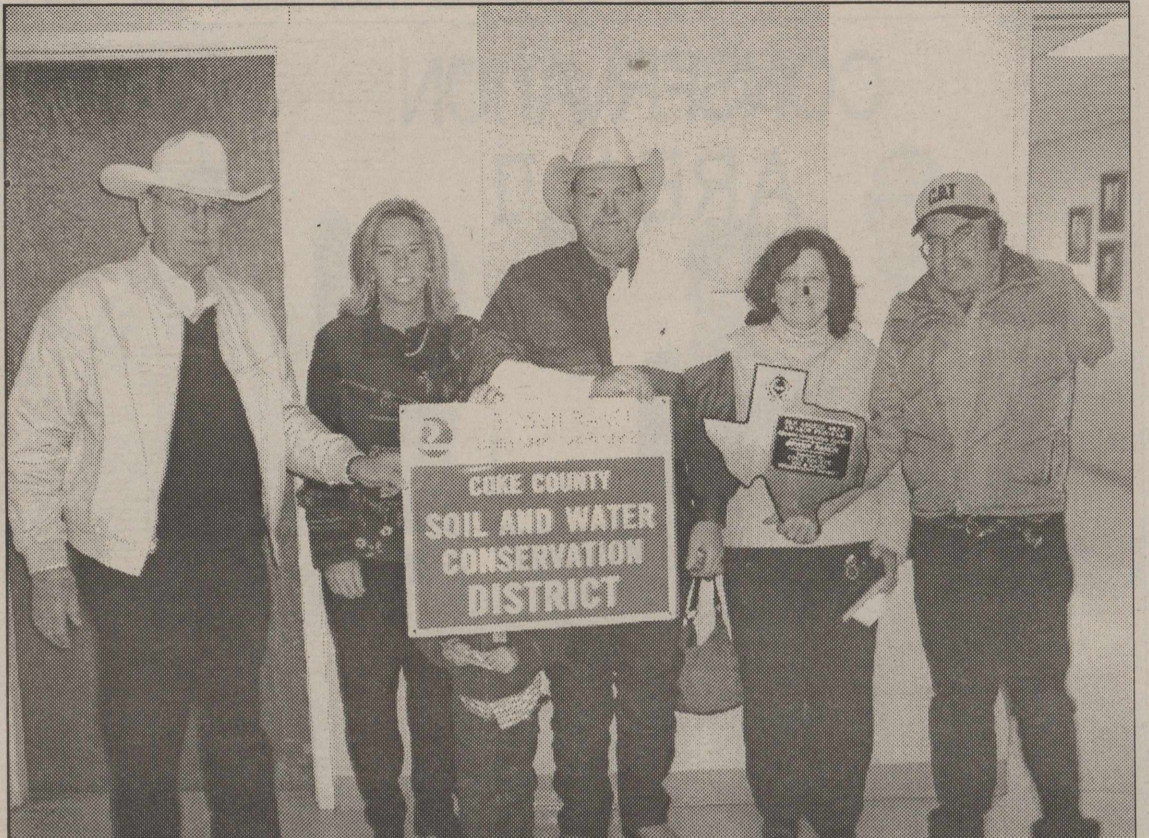
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- Sorry...carts and green fees not included.
 Thanks B.W. & Dolores Roe!
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Conservation Rancher for 2005! Others who played a part in the Bowen Ranch receiving the CCSWD award included (left to right) Joe Ash, SWCD Director, Kristy Hooten, Colton Hooten, Jim Hooten, Mrs. Bill Westerman and Bill Westerman.

FSA Office Certifying Spring Crops

The Coke-Sterling FSA Office is in the process of completing final certification of all spring seeded crops. If you have not come by the office and certified your Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Hay, CRP or other spring seeded crops, time is running out. July 17, 2006 is the final date to have all these crops certified. Failure to get them certified by July 17 will cost the producer a late-filed fee.

Producers who enrolled in the farm crop program (DCP) must make sure all crops are certified and that all your cropland is certified. Even if nothing is planted on the acres you must certify the acres as fallow to stay in compliance for the DCP program.

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

**Check Out
 Coke County
 Library**

The winner of the Coke County Library Summer Fun Reading drawing for Friday, June 23, 2006, was Ashlie Tennison who chose as her prize the really big frisbee. There are six more great prizes

for readers to choose before the end of the program. For every book returned, readers are eligible for an opportunity to win in the Friday drawings.

The Library has received a new version of the Takehome Defensive Driving Course on DVD. There is a 24-hour call center for questions. The DVD's may be checked out for two weeks.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop on the Library porch. Call 453-2495 for more information.

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Coke County Military Update

(Editor's Note: Last week, we asked for updates on members of the U.S. military who have roots in Coke County.)

Matthew Millegan, a 2002 graduate of RLHS, is a member of the USN and assigned to the USS Bataan, Homeport Norfolk, VA with his wife and 2 children. Matthew just returned from maneuvers in the Caribbean. He will be going to Iraq in January. Matthew is the son of proud parents Lewis and Susan Millegan of Robert Lee.

Orville W. Davis, III is serving in the US Navy. He is stationed on USS Topeka submarine out of San Diego. He recently returned from a six-month deployment in the Pacific. His grandmother is Millie Davis of Robert Lee and wife, Angie and 3 sons, Drew, Noah, and Nicholas live in Robert Lee.

Phillip Arellano is in the Air Force and a 2004 graduate of RLHS. He is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Arellano of Robert Lee.

Darrin Burwick is stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA. He is a graduate of Blackwell High School. Darrin is the son of Tanya and Glenn Burwick of Blackwell.

E-6 Daniel Lynn Frasier

First thing I want to do is thank our Heavenly Father for taking care of my son, while the Navy has sent him all over this world helping the Army, Marine, & Air Force taking care of everyone in Our Great Country. E-6 Daniel Lynn Frasier will retire from the Navy C.B.'s Oct. 13, 2006.

He was raised in Odessa and went through school there, then went into the Navy C.B. He was sworn in April 1986 in Odessa after finishing school. I am very proud of him. He wasn't ever injured. I want to Thank everyone for all the Prayers that have gone up to our Heavenly Father for him and all the other branches of service and for all of their parents.

Daniel is the son of Marie Raney and the late Jerry Raney of Robert Lee.

Wildfire Danger Predicted to Increase

Most regions of west Texas, from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande and from north central Texas to El Paso, are experiencing continued hot temperatures and very little to no rain fall. These conditions have lead to an ever increasing wild-fire danger for the entire region as well as most other parts of Texas.

Area fire departments are still reeling from the effects of the worst winter fire season in Texas history. Everyone needs to exercise EXTREME caution when using any type of heat, flame, or spark producing product or equipment. County authorities are imposing bans

on outdoor burning and use of some fireworks to help reduce the occurrence of wildfires. Before doing any outdoor burning or using fireworks during the upcoming Independence Day celebration, check with your local authorities.

Here are some common sense safety precaution with outdoor fires and fireworks:

Outdoor fires:

- Establish firebreaks down to bare dirt around all outdoor fires.

- Stay with campfires and other outdoor fires. Leaving fires unattended is a major act that leads to escaped fires.

- Establish a safety zone at least 30 feet wide around your home and out buildings in which grasses and weeds are mowed.

- Have tools such as shovels, rakes, and a garden hose or bucket of water nearby.

Fireworks:

- If allowed in your county, use fireworks outdoors in a safe area, well away from dry grass and buildings.

- Follow directions carefully and use fireworks only with close adult supervision.

- NEVER experiment with homemade or altered fireworks.

- Keep a bucket of water, wet towels, and a garden hose nearby.

My Soldier.com offers ways to show troop support

This is the fourth straight year that Americans will celebrate the Independence Day Holiday, and their right to live in freedom, while U.S. troops engage in dangerous missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Richard Berman, Manhattanville president and cofounder of the My Soldier pen pal program suggests that, "You can make a dif-



Bronte FBC GA's! The Bronte First Baptist Church GA group had 14 girls attend camp recently at the Heart of Texas Encampment on Lake Brownwood. Sponsors Leah Rosson and Tammy Royall accompanied the girls. The girls enjoyed lots of recreation times, riflery, missionary moments, crafts and worship times.

ference in those soldier's daily lives. Registering and participating in My Soldier provides civilians the chance to show how grateful we all are for everything our soldiers and marines do to protect our freedom and liberties."

Since Independence Day is recognized as a main patriotic holiday of the entire country it is an appropriate time to let service personnel know you are thinking of them. Accordingly, My Soldier.com created Five simple ways to show patriotic support:

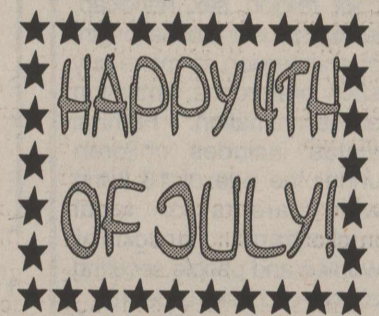
1. Go to www.mysoldier.com to register for the "My Soldier" program and adopt a soldier who could use a pen-pal friend
2. Encourage children/students to spend their

summer vacation creating a meaningful, even educational, pen pal relationship.

3. Join the program as a family. Family writing projects can create a bond for a common cause, which deepens familial ties.

4. Wear the free red My Soldier bracelet mailed to you via a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to show your support.

5. Submit the name of an active soldier who would like to be adopted through the website link.



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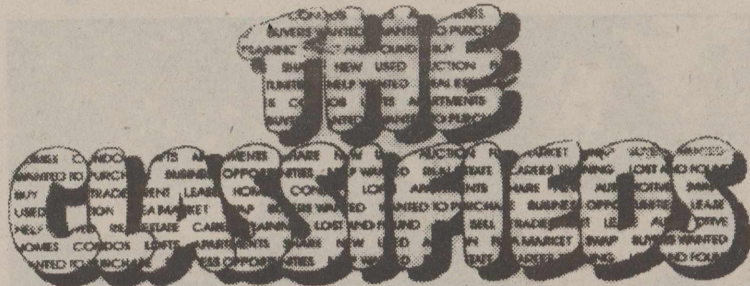
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LEMONADE STAND
Nicky and Noah Davis will hold a lemonade stand, Saturday, July 1, from 2 pm-4 pm at 121 W. 12th, Robert Lee. Come join them for a cool, refreshing drink and homemade treats!

LOST DOG
Missing, female Border Collie, has purple collar, no tags. Missing from 5 miles south of Bronte. Call Rick Styles 473-2106 or Sheriff's Office 453-2717.

THE "BARBER" SHOP
Debora England, 107 W. Main, Bronte. 277-8164. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm.

WARNING!!
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WANTED
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Very Nice Office Building Prime location. Landscaped with additional lots.

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Building To Be Moved, One room with partition, One half bathroom, Central Air-Conditioning/Central Heating, Very good condition.

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338 +/- AC. FM frontage, Rolling hills with deep creek, water well & electricity. Under wildlife management.

320 +/- AC. Secluded, rolling terrain with hills and mountainous views, older rock home. Two water wells, crossed fenced. Good hunting.

314 +/- AC. County Road access, two water wells with concrete reservoirs and electricity, mobile home cover, pens and barn, hay shed, all pasture with some deferred cultivation, rolling terrain with deep brushy draw, panoramic mountain views. Choice Hunting.

160 +/- AC. New Listing, County Road access, Rural Water, water well with 5x30 concrete storage, electricity, pasture land with deferred cultivation to CRP, cross fenced, hilltop view of Lake E.V. Spence.

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Joyce Knight would like to extend our sincere gratitude for every expression of sympathy directed toward us during our time of loss. Whether it was a card, call, food, flowers, memorial donation, or the gift of your presence, each was appreciated. We have been moved by the outpouring of kindness and are grateful for a community of caring people. We extend a special thanks to Bro. Tim White, the gentlemen who served as pallbearers, and Charles & Margaret Timmons for their special help. Again, we are extremely grateful.

JERRY AND I
would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and especially their prayers during his surgery and recovery time.
May God Bless,
Jerry & Pam Parker

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
412 E. Holmes, Bronte. Like new stove, futon, furniture, kids toys indoor and out, and much more. Saturday, July 1st from 8-12.

"BIG GARAGE SALE"
Saturday, July 1, 2006. 8:00 am-?. Old Chevrolet building, Robert Lee. TV's, clothes, lamps, motorcycle, tools, chain saw, lots of other things.

YARD SALE
Saturday, July 1. 8 am-? 318 E. 4th, Robert Lee.

MOVING SALE
Saturday, July 1. 8 am-?. 1721 Austin, Robert Lee.

GARAGE SALE
7:30 am - ? 9301 West State Hwy 158 (Gartmans), Robert Lee. Furniture (Couch, twin bed, bunk bed, recliner), clothes, toys, upright freezer, air conditioners, golf clubs and much more!

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NOTICES

**NOTICE
ORDER ALLOWING FOR
BRANCH POLLING
IN BRONTE**

On this the 22nd day of May, 2006, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Coke County hereby orders that branch polling be allowed at The First National Bank of Bronte for Election Precincts 2 and 4. The location is 102 W. Main, Bronte, Texas 76933. Signed this the 22nd day of May, 2006.

Roy Blair
County Judge

**NOTICIO
ORDEN PERMITIENDO
VOTACION SEPARADO
EN BRONTE**

En este dia, el 22 de Mayo, 2006, la Corte del Honorable Comisionario de el Condado de Coke, por la presente, ordena que la votacion separado este permitida en The First National Bank of Bronte para los precintos 2 y 4. La localizacion es 102 W. Main, Bronte, Texas 76933. Firmado este dia, el 22 de Mayo, 2006.

Roy Blair
Juez de el Condado
49-1tc

**NOTICE TO
CONTRACTORS OF,
PROPOSED TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
(TXDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: San Angelo
Contract 6145-19-001 for **PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE** in COKE County will be received on July 26, 2006 until 1:00 pm and opened on July 26, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$28,426.61.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification

materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 20540

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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
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San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 325-944-1501

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

48-2tc

**CITY OF BRONTE
DRINKING WATER
REPORT**

In accordance with U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) regulations, a Consumer Confidence Report (Drinking Water Quality) has been prepared for distribution to customers of the City of Bronte Water System. The report was mailed June 26. Copies are also available at the City Hall beginning June 26, 2006.

49-1tc

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE
ORDER PROHIBITING
CERTAIN FIREWORKS
IN UNINCORPORATED
AREAS OF COKE
COUNTY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Coke County; and

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of June, 2006, the Commissioners Court of Coke County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Coke County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing; NOW, THEREFORE the Commissioners Court of Coke County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Coke County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Coke County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. The Commissioners Court of Coke County has designated a "safe area" in Coke County at the Coke County Amphitheatre and the Mountain Creek Dam in Robert Lee under Local Government Code 352.051(f)

D. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C. Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2006, BY THE



GA Camp! These girls also attended GA camp at Lake Brownwood with a group from First Baptist Church in Bronte.

**COKE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT.
Roy Blair, COUNTY
JUDGE**

Attest: Mary Grim

47-3tc

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE
ORDER RESTRICTING
OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Coke County that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code #352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and

safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.04. Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, with the exception of barbecuing in an enclosed fire box with water hose or fire retardant accessible at all times and someone attending the fire at all times, and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire. The purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

1. Outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:

A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;

B. The welder must notify the Coke County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;

C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and

D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

In accordance with Local Government #352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 12th day of June, 2006

Roy Blair, County Judge
Attest: Mary Grim,
County Clerk

47-3tc

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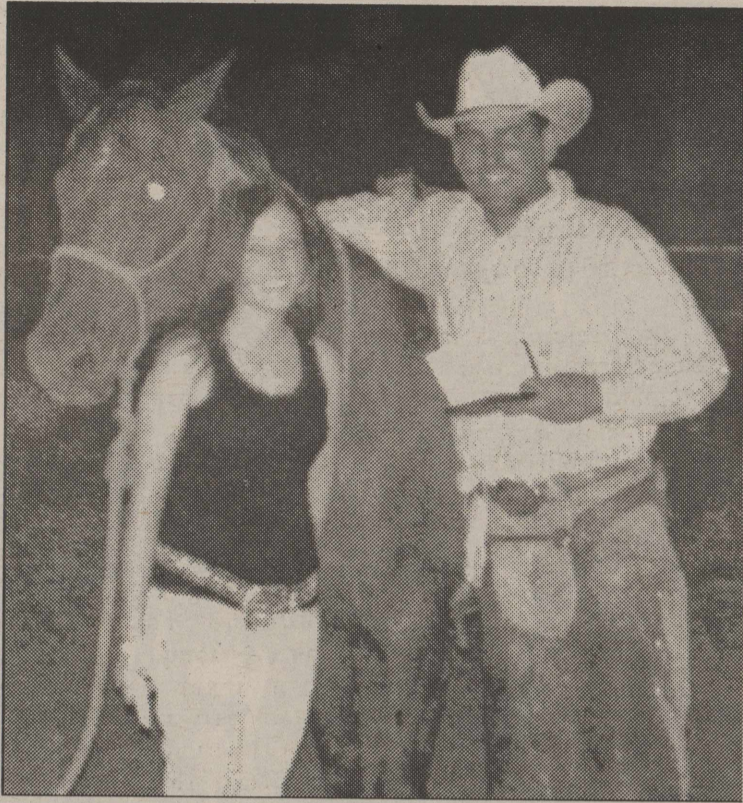
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Coke County Ranch Rodeo! *The Chico Ranch from Big Lake, Texas, (top right photo) came out on top at the 15th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo which was held Saturday, June 17, 2006. Team members included (from left) Cody Long, Colby Schneeman, (Bailey Saunders, Coke County Ranch Rodeo representative), Blake Belcher and Logan Furlong.*

The second place team was the Bar O Ranch (bottom right photo) out of Christoval, Texas. Team members include (from left) Lane Hughes, Clint Rainey, (Bailey Saunders), Carey Foster, and Ladd Hughes.

Not only did the Chico Ranch win first place but team member, Colby Schneeman (above photo), was awarded Top Hand.



Coke County Ranch Rodeo held

The Coke County Roping Club held their 15th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo, Saturday, June 17, at the Roping Arena in Bronte. Sixteen teams from around the area came to participate for the cash, prizes and bragging rights.

Coming out on top was the Chico Ranch from Big Lake, Texas, whose team consisted of Colby Schneeman, Cody Long, Blake Belcher and Logan Furlong. Right behind them in second place was the Bar O Ranch from Christoval, Texas, consisting of Ladd Hughes, Lane Hughes, Clint Rainey and Carey Foster. Lipan Cattle Feeders out of Veribest, Texas, came in third, thanks to Jeff Greenway, Tyson Baker, Jason Rios and Kevin Rohner. Other overall team placings include: 4th) Red Creek Ranch, San Angelo, Texas; 5th) Bar D Ranch, Nolan County, Texas; 6th) Mills County Commission Co., Goldthwaite, Texas; 7th) Falcon Seaboard Ranches, Sonora, Texas; 8th) Crawford Brothers Cattle Co., Andrews, Texas; 9th) The Ranch Hands, Robert Lee, Texas; 10th) NT & Guitar Ranch, Stamford, Texas; 11th) Nolan County Feeders, Roscoe, Texas; 12th) J & J Cattle Co., Big Lake, Texas; 13th) Swenson Land & Cattle,

Stamford, Texas; 14th) Young Guns Cattle Co., San Angelo, Texas; 15th) Rocker B Ranch, Barnhart, Texas; 16th) Lacy Trucking, San Angelo, Texas.

Individual event winners included: Team Penning, Chico Ranch; Roping and Tying, Bar O; Wild Cow Milking, Bar O; Trailer Loading, Chico Ranch; and Calf Dragging, Chico Ranch. The Top Hand Award was presented to Colby Schneeman of the Chico Ranch. Colby was presented with a Montana Silversmith buckle. The Top Horse Award was presented to Andy Paul on Triangle of the NT Ranch. Andy was also presented with a Montana Silversmith buckle.

Overall, it is probably safe to say that the 15th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo was a big success.

Sun Smart Tip

Did you know that incorrect use of sunscreen can lower the SPF by as much as 30%? To get the maximum amount of SPF in the product, you need to apply 1 oz—that's two full tablespoons, or about a shotglass full—every two hours.

Not So Magic Numbers

Dermatologists have long cited the sobering statistic that one blistering sunburn in childhood doubles a person's lifetime chances of developing melanoma,

the deadliest form of skin cancer. Now, Mayo Clinic researchers have given us a similarly scary new stat: Sustaining five or more sunburns by any age doubles your lifetime risk of developing any form of skin cancer.

Reporting on this research, the Mayo Clinic's Health Letter noted other alarming new data as well, reflecting what they called "an unrecognized epidemic of skin cancer" in the U.S. All the trends are in the same direction—upwards: 1. The percentage of women under age 40 with the most common form of skin cancer, basal cell carcinoma (BCC), tripled between 1976 and 2003, while the rate for squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), the second most common skin cancer, quadrupled. In the past, these cancers were generally considered a major problem only for people over age 50. 2. Just 60 percent, rather than the usual 90 percent, of skin cancers identified in this research occurred on body sites that are typically sun-exposed,

The remaining cancers were mainly found on the torso, a phenomenon that the researchers suspect may have resulted from widespread use of tanning beds. The important thing to remember about these statistics is that they're only numbers. They needn't apply to you personally if you routinely take the precautions recommended

by The Skin Cancer Foundation to protect yourself against the sun's (and tanning machines') harmful ultraviolet rays.

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