

RLISD announces early release

Due to Staff Development, Robert Lee Independent School District will have early release on Friday, February 17th at 12:30 pm. The buses will be running at that time and arrangements will need to be made to pick up students at the early release time.

Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 for any questions concerning the early release.

RLISD slates UIL Awards Ceremony

Robert Lee Independent School District will hold an Awards Ceremony on Friday, February 17, to recognize students, Grades 2nd thru 8th, who placed in events at the District 11A-Zone 2 UIL Academic Meet, held in December at Panther Creek.

The ceremony will be held at 9:30 am in the RLISD cafetorium. All parents and family members are encouraged to attend. Please call the Elementary Office at 453-4555 if you have any questions.

RLHS Basketball

On February 7, the Robert Lee Steers fell to the Bronte Longhorns 16-36.

Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman 8, Will Howard 3, Zach Skinner 3, and James Robert 2.

On February 10, the Steers faced Garden City and were defeated 39-54.

Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman 22, Will

Howard 8, Zach Skinner 6, James Roberts 1, and Dawson Brisbin 2.

The JV Steers lost to Garden City 27-42.

Scoring for the JV Steers were Everett Wilson 5, Michael Curry 2, Shelby Davis 7, Eric Wells 9 Mychael Tyjerina 2, and Mason Hill 2.

Area Foundation Scholarship application available

The San Angelo Area Foundation's 2012 scholarship application is now available through March 1, 2012, for students attending college in the fall of 2012.

Interested students can apply at www.saafound.org, by clicking on the "Scholarships" tab. The San Angelo Area Foundation manages over 80 scholarship funds, created by generous donors for the benefit of students. The student need only complete one online application and each scholarship is awarded based on a variety of qualifications unique to each scholarship fund. Scholarship awards are announced in early May.

If you have any questions during the application process, please contact our office either by email, scholarship@saafound.org or by calling (325) 947-7071.

Didja Speak?

By Lynn Beal

Submitted by Ruth Beal

Didja Speak? This is kinda long so you may want to skip it, but for any of you ex- or current Coke Countians it may bring back memories. The other day someone mentioned my facebook photo doing the "Texas Wave" so I thought I would explain how I came to choose it. I first

heard that term a few years ago from an acquaintance in Indiana who learned it growing up while staying summers with relatives in Texas. I didn't know that it had a name-I guess we just thought of it as "speaking". When Robbie and I moved to Tuscola a few years ago, I often noticed that on the country roads around I was greeted by it. And, even those who don't offer it will usually respond with a "back at ya" when offered to them. On a few occasions I was shocked to be greeted by drivers of cars and trucks while on my motorcycle! And, equally surprised to see how often people would return it when I waved from the bike. Considering one day how unusual I figured this activity to be in the rest of the world, I wondered if it's isolated to this little corner of Texas? Those thoughts took me way back to that time and place when it was just a thing everybody did around Silver and Robert Lee where I grew up-for sure among the folks you knew-but it was also the polite thing to do even when meeting unrecognized traffic on the highway. Besides, what if that oncoming driver was someone from the community (of course everyone knew everyone) but you hadn't recognized they had traded cars? So, if you waved anyway there was no risk of being seen as rude (or worse, envious).

I got my first lesson on that subject one day when I

went to work with Daddy as he was making his pumping rounds on the Perking-Prothro lease. As usual, I was always begging to drive and had recently convinced him to let me drive without sitting in his lap. I was only big enough to sort of sit on the edge of the seat and kind of stand up at the same time so I could see out between the dash and underneath the top of the big old steering wheel in that faded, used to be red, '51 Chevy pickup. As usual, I was concentrating on trying to avoid hitting big rocks on the caliche lease roads (he would ask if I was trying to hit them-tires didn't grow on trees you know) and doing my best to keep from stalling the engine on the next road out of a creek by Goat Mountain. Because if I did kill the engine, would have to quickly "pump" the brakes to hold it (any of you old enough to remember doing that?) to keep from rolling backwards down the hill. Then would have to stand on that long throw clutch, shift into first gear on the column, and use my right foot to share the brake pedal, AND the floor starter (bet few of you remember that!!) located next to the gas pedal. Then I would have to release the starter without letting off the gas or brake, slowly let out the clutch while gradually releasing the brake, and press the gas just enough to start back up the hill without spin-

ning the tire (they don't grow on trees) and without killing the engine again! Of course, I found every excuse I could to "peel out" because it was fun but not easy with those old "hot water sixes" even on a caliche road.

So, having to concentrate on all those things as well as trying to avoid colliding with the pickup I was meeting on the one lane road, I was surprised when Daddy looked over at me after I successfully passed the oncoming pickup and said, "Didja speak?" "Huh?", I said. He said, "You didn't speak to Doug-you didn't wave." It took me a minute to figure out what code I had violated and then it dawned on me that I was supposed to wave with the forefinger from the steering wheel just like all the men did. Heck, I was just a little kid, but that day I learned that if I was big enough to drive, it was now my duty as the pilot in command to be courteous and to "speak". So from that day on if I met Sleeve, Whit, Peanut, John, Roe-sy, Paul, Les, Jones-y, or Bob out on the Perkins lease, or Mert or Pete or any of the Texas Natural folks between the camps, or on the way to Silver if we met H.G. or Raymond or anyone else, I was obliged to wave.

Later on in high school driving around Robert Lee, you always "spoke", even to "The Law"-Ollie and Melvin. Of course, you developed your own individual style which

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, February 20

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 21

Cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 22

Biscuit and jelly or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, February 23

Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, February 24

Pigs in blanket or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 20

Pizza, salad, corn, applesauce, graham crackers, milk

Tuesday, February 21

Chicken a la king, rice, egg roll, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, February 22

Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, crackers, pickles, apple, pudding

Thursday, February 23

Chicken fried steak, cream potatoes, peas, bread, strawberries

Friday, February 24

Chicken patty on bun, salad, pickles, French fries, peaches

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