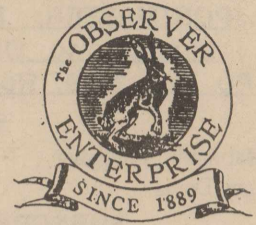


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Runoff holds little interest

As expected the runoff elections held Tuesday generated little voter interest in Coke County. A total of 111 votes were cast in the county. Democratic voters totaled 105, while 6 Republican ballots were cast.

Coke County went against state totals in the Democratic senatorial runoff. Victor

Emergency Feed Assistance available

The US Department of Agriculture has designated Coke County eligible to apply for Emergency Feed and Emergency Feed Assistance Programs. The objective of the programs is to provide cost-share assistance for the purchase of necessary livestock feed.

Eligible livestock are cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, and horses used in the operation of a ranch. For more information or to see if you may qualify for this program call the FSA office in Coke County at 453-2751.

Morales took a narrow victory against US Rep. John Bryant in state totals, but Coke Countians went for Bryant 68-47. Morales will be up against US Senator Phil Gramm on the November ballot.

In the race for Judge on the Criminal Appeals Court, Place 2, county totals mirrored state totals with Charles Holcomb defeating Gary Taylor for a place on the November ballot. Holcomb will face off against Republican nominee Paul Womack.

Republican nominees for Criminal Appeals Court Judge will be, Place 1 - Sue Holland, Paul Womack, Place 2; and Place 3, Tom Price.

Br. Lions Club broom sale

The Bronte Lions Club will have their annual broom and mop sale plus many other items on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 8 am at the First National Bank parking lot. All members are requested to be present to assist with the sale.

Spring Turkey season opens April 13

Spring turkey season opens Saturday, April 13 in Coke County. The bag limit for the big birds will be 4, gobblers only.

The dry season we have had thus far may make rustling up the birds a little frustrating for hunters. Although Coke County did receive a nice amount of moisture last week, it was not enough to make any significant difference in the hunting conditions. Hunters shouldn't lose heart though - the season continues until May 19, and if we receive any significant rainfall hunting should improve accordingly.

Veteran turkey hunters are aware for the most part that regulations regarding turkey hunting vary from county to county. If you are new to the sport and plan to hunt, you would be well advised to check the TPWD Hunting regulations guide. The guide offers a wealth of information for both novice and experienced hunters.

A special turkey stamp and a valid Texas hunting license are required to hunt during the spring season.

Southside COC to host program

Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee will host a series of programs based on the book by Dr. Paul Faulkner, "Achieving Success Without Failing Your Family". The meetings will be held each Tuesday in April from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Each meeting will be on a different topic, but all will have the goal of enriching family life in a fast-paced world. Childcare will be provided and the public is encouraged and invited to attend.

WCCCD Carnival

West Coke County Community Development will sponsor a carnival April 17-21. Tri-State Attractions will host the event. The carnival will be held on the vacant lot on the corner of Austin and Hwy. 208.

Coke Co. Retired Teachers to meet

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 15, 1996. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.



Texas Tech University Animal Science majors Cheryl Morton, Kelly Smith, and Laura Thomas recently visited the 8 Oaks Bird Farms at Bronte. Cheryl and Kelly are from the Houston area and had not seen an emu farm firsthand. Laura, who boards her own emus at 8 Oaks, gave the girls a tour of the farm's facilities. While there, Gary Davis entertained the girls with a few emu stories and his wife Jerry finished their tour with an educational discussion. Coke County is fast becoming one of the top emu ranching areas in West Texas.

Laura and Kelly are members of the Meat Science Association headed by Dr. Mark Miller. Both girls are working toward being on the Meats Judging Team in their future at the Lubbock campus.

Br. mission to begin new ministry

Mission Nueva Vida en Cristo (New Life in Christ Mission) will begin a new outreach ministry in Bronte on Wednesday, April 17.

Every third Wednesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the members will distribute food and clothing to the needy. The mission is located at 214 North Jefferson in Bronte.

Anyone interested in participating in this ministry or wanting additional information should contact Ms. Maria Ema Cruz at 658-3747 in San Angelo or Mrs. Edward Minjarez at 473-6441 in Bronte.

Coke Co. Rodeo Assoc. playday

Coke County Rodeo Association will have a practice playday Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 pm at the Rodeo Arena in Bronte. There will be a short business meeting. All persons interested in becoming a member are invited.

Reunion/Workday planned at Brookshire

Let's enjoy renewing old friendships and also make the cemetery look better at a reunion/workday at Brookshire Cemetery near Tenyson, Saturday, April 20. Let's all bring bouquets of artificial flowers for our own beloved ones and friends' graves. You may bring extra for those who have none.

Don't forget your shovels, hoes, rakes and wheel barrows. We will not need lawn mowers at this time. Also bring lunch, drinking water and lawn chairs.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Third Thursday Dance

The Coke County Cavaliers will provide C&W music for the Third Thursday Dance on April 18th at 7:30 pm in Robert Lee. The event is open to dancers of all ages and tickets are available at the door.

Pianist to study in Austria

Elaine Gregston, a junior at Robert Lee High School, has earned the honor of spending one month of her summer studying music in Vienna, Austria.

This summer, Elaine and thirteen other piano students have been invited to attend the Bosendorfer International Piano Academy for one month of intensive education, practice, and entertainment! This honor is especially rare for anyone of Elaine's age, as she is one of only four students in high school. Elaine

will study under the expert instruction of Krassimira Jordan, Artist-in-Residence at Baylor University and previous Professor of Piano at the Vienna Academy of Music. Elaine will be in Austria from May 31 - June 30.

Elaine's recent piano honors include second place at the State Performance Contest and first place at the Knox Music Festival, as well as many special performances. At this time, Elaine is under the instruction of Diane Dyer of San Angelo.

Many local residents have heard, or at least heard of, the musical talent of Elaine, who began her musical career with piano lessons at the age of seven and would like to make the piano her lifelong career. If you have not heard the magic Elaine can perform on the piano, Robert Lee Baptist Church is giving the people of our area the opportunity to hear Elaine in concert as she prepares for her trip in May. The concert will be in the Robert Lee Baptist Church sanctuary on April 20 at 7:00 pm.



Elaine Gregston

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Rodriguez-Mata wed

Theopa Lynn Rodriguez of Robert Lee and Pablo Zamora Mata of Sterling City were married March 23, 1996, at Christian Faith Center. The Reverend Robert Cuellar officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josue Rodriguez of Robert Lee. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Cornelio Fuentes of Sterling City and Ms. Alma Mata of San Angelo.

Matron of honor was Florinda Fuentes, sister of the groom, of Sweetwater, and maid of honor was Darnisha Robinson, sister of the bride, of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Katrina Rodriguez, sister of the bride, and Regina Luna, both of Robert Lee, Janie Ornelas and Dixie Gloria, both of San Antonio, and Rachel Hinderliter of Synder. Junior bridesmaids were Siriaca Robinson and Alma Fraire, both of San Angelo. Flower girls were Vanessa Rodriguez of Sterling City and Amber Ortega of Medina. Candlelighters were Loretta Rodriguez of Sterling City and Danny Lee, Jr. of San Angelo.

Best man was Frank Fuentes of Sterling City, and honorary best man was Tomas Fuentes of Sweetwater. Groomsmen were Adam Rodriguez of Sterling City, Gabriel Ornelas of San Antonio, Charles Alvarez of Lorraine, Cody Hinderliter of Snyder, and Fabian Alvarez of San Angelo. Junior groomsmen were Armando Fraire, Jr. and Danny Lee, Jr., both of San Angelo. Ring bearers were Angel Ortega of Medina and Meagan Fuentes of Boerne. Pillow carriers were Darrell Robinson and Pablo Fraire, both of San Angelo.

Ushers were Javier Rodriguez of Sterling City and Kenneth Patrick of Menard.

Mrs. Mata is a 1990 graduate of Robert Lee High School and received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Angelo State University in 1994.

Her husband is a 1989 graduate of Sterling City High School and is employed by



Mrs. Pablo Zamoro Mata

Wagner & Brown in Sterling City.

The couple will make their home in Sterling City.

Lee; and Ava Lou Davis of Robert Lee.

Twenty-seven family members attended Easter services at the Robert Lee United Methodist Church. An early morning Easter egg hunt and Sunday dinner were at the home of Mrs. Alta Bilbo, 901 Bishop.

Personal

Visiting in the Robert Lee homes of Mrs. Alta Bilbo and Bob and Jamie Boren for the Easter weekend were: Alta Bell and Lamar Kay of Alpine; Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield of Grove, Oklahoma; Janet Rathmell of Mertz; Jan and Bobby Hungate, Kara and Kayce, and Tiffany Lewis, all of Waco; Kathy and Joe Alexander; Jamie Jo and Joe Bob of Midland; Bebo Boren of Lubbock; John and Jill Boren, Lauren, Jordan, and Sloan of Snyder; Steve and Mary Evans, Lance and Allen of Water Valley; Kathryn and Robert McGuire of Robert

Personal

Dr. J. Lynn Lawhon, DVM, owner of Brookhollow Animal Clinic in Abilene, was installed recently in Dallas as a district director for the Balcones Cross Timbers region of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. He is a graduate of Bronte High School and a 1977 graduate of Texas A & M University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lawhon of Bronte.

Death Notices

Barnes

Jack Burch "Jake" Barnes, 71, of Blackwell died Thursday, April 4, 1996.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 pm, Friday, April 5 at Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include one son, Johnny Barnes of Blackwell; 2 brothers, M.L. Barnes of Roscoe and Bryan Barnes of Blackwell; one sister, Lula Belle Walton of Sweetwater, and two granddaughters, Amanda Barnes and Shelley Barnes, both of Ballinger.

Wrinkle

Leotha Best Wrinkle, 88, of Bronte died in a San Angelo hospital, Thursday, April 4, 1996.

Services were held Saturday, April 6, at 3:00 pm at Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte

Personal

Jerry Davis of 8 Oak Bird Farms of Bronte recently attended the Coast to Coast Coop annual meeting in Austin, Texas. Of the 187 total members, there were 138 members present from all over the USA. Ms. Davis was elected as Vice President and will serve on a board of six members. Ms. Davis will be representing the West Texas area. Coast to Coast is one of the leading coops working to market emu byproducts in the United States. Coast to Coast has its headquarters in Lockhart, Texas.

RL resident graduates from TSTC

David Wayne Lohman is a winter quarter graduate of Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

Lohman is a graduate of the Hazardous Materials Management program.

He is the son of Dot and Lee Starling of Robert Lee and is a 1973 graduate of Irving High School.

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under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Reverend R.W. Blackmon and Randy Johnson were officiants for the service.

Surviving Mrs. Wrinkle are one son Bill Wrinkle and wife, Pat of Rankin; one daughter Juanita White of Arlington, five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Word

Claude G. Word, 87, of Andrews and previously of Bronte, died Sunday, April 7, 1996 at Permian General Hospital in Andrews, Texas.

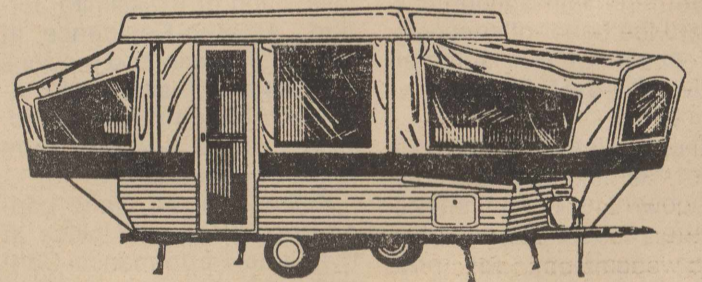
Services were held Tuesday, April 9, at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Andrews, with Dr. H.A. Hanks officiating. Burial was in Andrews Old Cemetery, with arrangements by McNett Funeral Home, Inc.

Mr. Word is survived by his wife, Estelle Word, of Andrews; 2 daughters, Juanell McMahan of Brownwood Lake, Texas and LaJean Shaw of Snyder; six brothers, Adolph Word and Jimmy Word, both of San Antonio, J.B. Hunt, Elbert Hunt, and John Hunt, all of San Angelo, and Thurman Hunt of Borger; 2 sisters, Gladys Smith of Andrews and Marie Perkins of San Antonio; five grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

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Robinson-Davidson exchange vows

Jennifer Lynn Robinson and Gregg O'Neil Davidson were married Saturday, April 6, 1996, at 2:00 pm in the First Baptist Church of Bronte. The Reverend Garry Bivins, pastor of the Harriett Baptist Church, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Larry G. Robinson of Bronte. Roy Robinson of Bronte is the bride's grandfather and Madge Robinson of Wingate is her great-grandmother.

Parents of the groom are Shirley Davidson of San Angelo and the late Gary Davidson.

Bridesmaids were Kelly Seales of Christoval and Natalie Ward of Seguin. Flower girl was Madeline Davidson, daughter of the groom.

Garrett Davidson served as his father's best man. Groomsman was Dane Gibbs of Austin. Ushers were Jim Davidson of Brownwood, brother of the groom, and Cory Robinson of Bronte, brother of the bride.

Wedding music was provided by Marifrances Mackey, organist, and Reverend Morris Johnson, soloist.

Wedding guests were registered by Kelly Barnett of Mertzon.

Given in marriage by her father, Jennifer wore a gown of purest white delustered satin and shiffle lace, highlighted by faux pearls and crystal sequins. The basque bodice featured a sweetheart neckline and leg of mutton sleeves, which tapered to a bridal point at the wrist. The detachable chapel train circled the full skirt. Appliques of lace adorned the skirt and a wide band of lace at the hem added the final touch to her skirt and train. The gown was designed by the Mori Lee Collection. The headpiece consisted of beaded pearl flowers, sequins, and crystals. A double pouf, sparsely dotted with miniature pearls, held a two-layered silk illusion veil flowing from the back of the crown. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of bridal white and pink roses, alstroemeria with accents of misty blue lace, and heather.

For something "old", the bride carried a locket given to her by her paternal great-grandmother, Madge Robinson. Something "new" was her gown and veil. From her mother, she "borrowed" a gold wedding band which had belonged to her maternal great-grandmother, Ora Eubanks. The "blue" satin on her garter rounded out the



Mrs. Gregg O'Neil Davidson

tradition.

The bridesmaids wore spruce chiffon floor-length dresses by Jordan with cap sleeves, a V-neck, and princess line cut, accented by a bow in the back that cascaded down the skirt. They carried baby's breath and heather centered with mauve carnations accented with a teal bow.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. Serving at the bride's table were Kelly Barnett of Mertzon and Lori Eubanks of Robert Lee.

Serving at the groom's table were Pam Hendricks of Sweetwater and Cheramy McCorkle of Dallas. Members of the houseparty were Wanda Barbee, Christine Clark, Patty McCorkle, Donna Scott, Jane Webb, Pat Martindale, Cynthia Robinson, and Mary Morrow, all of Bronte.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Bronte High School and a 1995 graduate of Southwest Texas State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Sports Science and a minor in Biology. She is a member of The Golden Key National Honor Society.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Eldorado High School. He received an associate degree from Midland College. He is currently employed at Flashcards, Inc. in Austin.

On March 16, the couple was honored with a bridal brunch at the Bronte First

Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Marilyn Bivins, Mary Jane Cooper, Glenda Draper, Brendi Gentry, Shalon Gibbs, Pat Lee, Marifrances Mackey, Kay Robbins, Donna Scott, Fayne Thorn, Janel Vaughn, and Jane Webb.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple will make their home in Austin.

**LOOK WHO'S NEW
Hanna Elise Hamrick**

Brian and Karla Aldridge Hamrick are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hanna Elise Hamrick. Hanna, her Papa's Easter Bunny, was born on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1996, at 3:17 pm at Shannon Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Ray and Leta Aldridge of Robert Lee and Darlene Hamrick and the late Bobby Hamrick of Lorraine. Maternal great-grandparents are J.B. and Samantha Robertson of Robert Lee and Warren and Marion Aldridge of Santa Anna. Paternal great-grandmother is Gertrude Stokes of Meeker, Oklahoma. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Beulah Aldridge of Santa Anna.

Hanna was welcomed home by her grandmommy and Aunt Kristi.

Some things have to be believed to be seen.

—Ralph Hodgson

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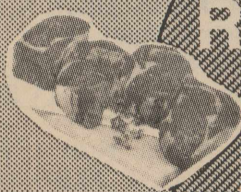
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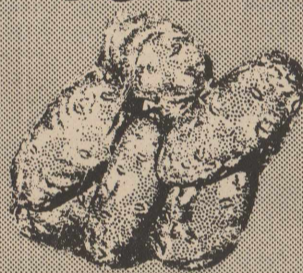
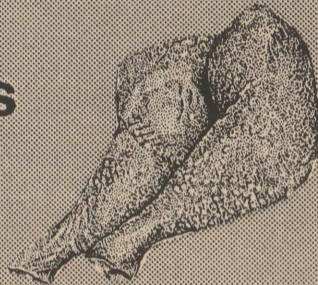
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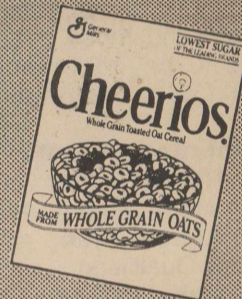


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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL Boys Golf team takes District

The Robert Lee Boys Golf team took the district title Tuesday in Bronte and won a chance to compete in the regional tournament. Both the RL 1 and RL 2 teams will compete in regional competition by virtue of taking 1st and 2nd place in district. RL 1 shot a 690 to take first place while the RL 2 team scored a 751 for second place.

Robert Lee 1 team members are Jason Tavarez, Koby Howell, Eric Torres, Fred Wojtek, and David Sevier.

RL 2 team members are Daryl Calder, Jerrod Copeland, Rocky Coates, Randy Murphy, and Justin Francis.

Jason Tavarez took runner-up medalist honors for Robert Lee with a total of 170.

In individual medalist competition Joe Gonzales shot a 190 and Eli Boxell scored 197.

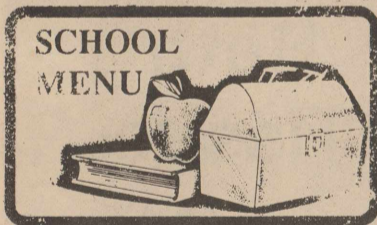
RL boys take district

The Robert Lee Varsity Boys track team nailed the district championship Thursday, April 4, at their final meet held in Sterling City. They came away from the meet with a combined 159-point total and many qualifiers for the upcoming regional meet. Following are the participants, placings, and those athletes who will be representing Robert Lee at the regional meet.

Running Events

440 Relay - 2nd. Eric Torres, Adam Morgan, Aaron Hood, Marc Owen, 45.27 (Regional Qualifiers)

110 High Hurdles - 2nd. Mike Pentecost, 16.04 (Reg. Qualifier); 3rd. Adam Morgan, 16.44 (Alternate).



Breakfast

Monday, April 15
Holiday
Tuesday, April 16
Holiday
Wednesday, April 17
Donuts, Cold Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk

Thursday, April 18
Biscuits, Sausage w/ Gravy, Orange Juice, Milk
Friday, April 19
Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday, April 15
Holiday
Tuesday, April 16
Holiday
Wednesday, April 17
Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Pickles, Tator Tots, Peaches, Milk

Thursday, April 18
Chicken & Noodle Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Rolls, Milk
Friday, April 19
Hot Dogs w/ Chili & Cheese, Potato Patty, Fruit, Milk

100 Meter Dash - 4th. Marc Owen, 12.46; 6th. Harley Wagner, 12.56.

400 Meter Dash - 2nd. Matthew Millican, 53.37 (Reg. Qualifier); 4th. Aaron Hood, 53.48.

330 Int. Hurdles - 4th. Mike Pentecost, 41.28.

200 Meter Dash - 6th. Matthew Millican, 24.57.

3200 Meter Run - 3rd. Rocky Coates, 11:26.03 (Alternate).

800 Meter Run - 2nd. Eric Hood, 2:05.24 (Reg. Qualifier).

1600 Meter Run - 3rd. Rocky Coates, 5:09.4 (Alternate).

Mile Relay - 1st. Aaron Hood, Eric Hood, Mike Pentecost, Matthew Millican, 3:35.40 (Regional Qualifiers).

Field Events

Shot Put - 2nd. Kory Pitcock, 48'1" (Reg. Qualifier); 3rd. Aaron Hood, 44'3 3/4" (Alternate); 4th. Donny Edging, 43'3".

Discus - 2nd. Kory Pitcock, 139'5" (Reg. Qualifier); 6th. Donny Edging, 118'7".

Triple Jump - 3rd. Aaron Hood, 41'2" (Alternate).

High Jump - 3rd. Mike Pentecost, 5'10" (Alternate).

Long Jump - 4th. Adam Morgan, 19'10 1/4".

Pole Vault - 1st. Daniel Hayes, 13' (Reg. Qualifier); 2nd. Adam Morgan, 12'6" (Reg. Qualifier); 3rd. Starski Oleksiuk, 10'6" (Alternate).

RL girls take third in district track

The Robert Lee girls track team also traveled to their last district meet held in Sterling City Thursday, April 4. A total of 70 points gained the team third place in district standings and individuals the opportunity to compete in the regional meet. Following are participants and their placings:

Running Events

440 Relay - 5th. Jaclyn Waldrop, Samantha Padgett, Vanessa Digby, Jennifer Scott, 55.15.

400 Meter Dash - 6th. Kizzie Howell, 70:24.

3200 Meter Run - 1st. Heather Millican, 12:37:40 (Regional Qualifier).

800 Meter Run - 1st. Heather Millican, 2:34:70

(Regional Qualifier); 5th. Kendra Bohannon, 2:44:63.

1600 Meter Run - 3rd. Kendra Bohannon, 6:18:78 (Alternate).

800 Relay - 5th. Jennifer Scott, Jaclyn Waldrop, Samantha Padgett, Vanessa Digby, 1:59:73.

Field Events

Shot Put - 1st. Shalon Waldrop, 36'9 1/4" (Regional Qualifier).

Discus - 2nd. Jaclyn Waldrop, 97'11" (Regional Qualifier); 6th. Shalon Waldrop, 88'8".

Triple Jump - 5th. Samantha Padgett, 31'2 1/2".

High Jump - 1st. Bree Bolding, 5'0" (Regional Qualifier).

RLJV boys travel to Sterling City

The Robert Lee JV boys track team brought home 65 combined points for their athletic efforts at the meet sponsored by Sterling City Thursday, April 4. Participants and placings are as follows:

Running Events

440 Relay - 3rd. Gilbert Torres, Rodrigo Xavier, Bobby Longoria, Will Simpson, 49:06.

100 Meter Dash - 2nd. Rodrigo Xavier, 13:02; 6th. Bobby Longoria, 13:41.

200 Meter Dash - 6th. Rodrigo Xavier, 26:70.

1600 Meter Run - 6th. Kenneth Prine, 6:27:74.

Field Events

Shot Put - 5th. Eric Hill, 34'7 1/2".

Discus - 1st. Justin Kendall, 109'.

Triple Jump - 2nd. Gilbert Torres, 37'.

High Jump - 3rd. Will Simpson, 5'2".

Long Jump - 4th. Jerrod Pitcock, 16'9"; 5th. Bobby Longoria, 16'5 1/4"; 6th. Ross Schultz, 16'5".

Pole Vault - 1st. Jerrod Pitcock, 8'6".

RL Elementary UIL results

Robert Lee elementary students received the following placings in UIL competition in the events listed.

2nd Grade

Story Telling - Cody Martin, 1st place.



A very special day for Heather Ann Vinson and Clint Jerrome Sasser of Spearman is almost here. They will be married May 3, 1996. Their parents are very proud of them and wish them the best. Heather is the daughter of Craig and Beverly Vinson of Spearman. Clint is the son of Melinda Sasser of Robert Lee and Richard Sasser of Spearman.

3rd Grade

Ready Writing - Lindsey Roe, 3rd place.

4th Grade

Ready Writing - Becky Leugers, 1st place; Jennifer Fluhmann, 3rd place.

Number Sense - Phillip Arellano, 1st place; Monica Navarro, 2nd place.

Art Contest - Becky Leugers, Monica Navarro, and Melissa Long, 1st place.

Spelling - Becky Leugers, 2nd place.

5th Grade

Art Contest - Stewart Millican, Shelby Roe, Misti Brothers, and Cooper Riley, 3rd place.

Maps, Graphs, & Charts - Sean Edging, 3rd place.

Dictionary - Amber Robinson, 2nd place.

Number Sense - Shelby Roe, 2nd place.

Listening - Justin Sexton, 3rd place.

Ready Writing - Misti Brothers, 3rd place.

6th Grade

Oral Reading - Jodi Devoll, 1st place.

Spelling - Trichelle Gray, 1st place; Jamie Chesshir, 2nd place.

Number Sense - Bobbie Sparks, 3rd place.

Ready Writing - Shanna Wojtek, 3rd place.

Dictionary - Bobbie Sparks, 1st place.

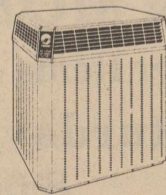
Listening - Bret Ballew, 2nd place.

Calculator - Bobbie Sparks, 1st place; Rachelle Mills, 2nd place.

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Southside Church of Christ - Robert Lee
7:00-8:00 pm - Childcare will be provided

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Br. students help kids with cancer

Did you know that cancer is the leading disease killer of American children and that St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the leading center for the conquest of these killers? By viewing a video tape, the students at Bronte Elementary were made aware of these facts and agreed to participate in a Math-A-Thon to raise money to help fund cancer research. Students asked their friends and families to sponsor them by pledging a certain amount of money for each correct problem they worked during the contest.

Thirty-four students collected from \$35.00-\$74.99 and will receive a T-shirt with the St. Jude Math-A-Thon logo on the front of it. Five students collected more than \$75.00 and will receive a T-shirt and sports bag. Bailey Saunders, who raised \$131.00, is the winner of the boom box given to the student who raised the most money. Bailey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Saunders, is in the second grade.

The students did an outstanding job and have shown their compassion and caring for children who are so desperately ill with cancer.

Barnett to tour with choir

Nathan Barnett of Bronte will participate in Hardin-Simmons University's Concert Choir annual choir tour beginning Saturday, April 13, and ending in a spring concert at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Abilene, at 8 pm on Monday,

April 22.

Barnett, a bass in the concert choir, is a junior music business major at HSU.

The choir will perform at Lakewood United Methodist Church, Houston; South Main Baptist Church, Pasadena; J. Frank Dobie High School, Pasadena; Sam Rayburn High School, Pasadena; Louetta Road Baptist Church, Houston; West Orange-Stark High School, Orange; First United Methodist Church, Livingston.

The choir will also perform at A&M Consolidated High School, College Station; First Baptist Church, Bryan; Belton High School, Belton; Field Street Baptist Church, Cleburne; Burleson High School, Burleson; First United Methodist Church, Burleson; and First Baptist Church, Lancaster.

Br. to hold Kindergarten Round-Up

The Bronte Elementary will be having the 1996 Kindergarten Round-Up on Friday, April 19, 1996. All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 1996 are invited to spend the morning at Bronte Elementary. Boys and girls will start the day at 9:00 am and eat a good lunch before going home at 11:30 am. An adult can fill out an information packet at this time for the 1996-97 school year. Please make sure you bring the following items: 1. child's social security number; 2. copy of the child's birth certificate; 3. immunization records; 4. \$1.00 for lunch; 5. Smile!

News for Br. children ages 3 - 4

The Bronte I.S.D. is currently trying to identify any children who are in the Bronte and surrounding community. These children will need to be 3 years of age on or before September 1, 1996. Bronte Elementary would like to start an Early Childhood Program as well as a Preschool Program if there is a need. If you have a child or know of a child, please call the Bronte Elementary School at 473-2511 before April 19, 1996. If there are enough children in the area to justify a program, it would start as a half- or possibly full-day program for the 1996-97 school year. Call now!!

BNH receives contribution

Elmer and Janet Hurley made a donation to the Bronte Nursing Home Memorial Fund for the period of January 16, 1996 through March 31, 1996. This donation is sincerely appreciated. Memorial Fund donations are used to purchase a variety of supplies needed for the nursing home. Recently, a Polaroid camera was purchased with money from the Memorial Fund. Donations to the Bronte Nursing Home Memorial Fund may be made by coming by the business office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, or by sending contributions to: Bronte Nursing Home, PO Drawer M, Bronte, TX 76933.

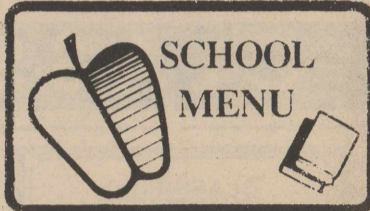
BHS

Preregistration

Bronte High School will begin preregistration this week for all students who will be entering the 7th grade through 12th grade for the 1996-97 school year. The students will review their four-year plan for high school and sign up for the classes of their choice. The school is planning on an 8 period day. The preregistration will help to plan the master schedule for next year. It will also provide the students with an opportunity to explore some career pathways and increase awareness and understanding on what courses in high school will be needed for that career. After all, the ultimate goal for our students is to prepare an educational experience that will enhance every aspect of their life so they will become responsible citizens and be well prepared to contribute to society and hopefully become lifelong learners.

Students must take certain courses required by the state such as English, mathematics, social studies, health, computer science, fine arts, and a foreign language. In addition to state requirements, some local requirements are added such as elective courses, more than one year of a foreign language, computer science, and an added social studies course in World Geography. Learning Power is a course Bronte added last year and required all freshmen to take. It is a course which provides students with some very important tools for learning, ways to solve problems, organizational skills, and life after graduation. Bronte has also invested in Advanced Placement courses

in English and Biology. Students who take these courses are able to take a test at the end of the course and possibly earn college credits depending on their score. Students at Bronte are also provided with high school courses in business that will transfer to Howard College.



Breakfast

Monday, April 15
Cereal, Biscuit, Grape Juice, Milk

Tuesday, April 16
Breakfast Burrito, Orange Juice, Milk

Wednesday, April 17
Sausage, Pancake, Apple Juice, Milk

Thursday, April 18
Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Orange Juice, Milk

Friday, April 19
Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Lunch

Monday, April 15
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Banana Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, April 16
Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Bread Sticks, Chocolate Cake, Milk

Wednesday, April 17
Frito Pie w/ Cheese & Chili, Fresh Fruit Salad, Pinto Beans, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk

Thursday, April 18
Oven Fried Chicken w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Jello, Milk

Friday, April 19
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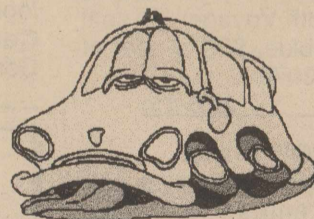


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36-1tc

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36B-1tc

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36-1tp

DEAR FRIENDS,
Melodie and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that called, came by, sent cards and other gifts during our trip to Austin for Tim's eye surgery.

Sometimes our outlook on life becomes dim because of the many hurdles we have to overcome. But with great friends that we have made over the last ten years here in Robert Lee, our outlook has become crystal clear.

Thank you again for everything and for letting us be a part of your community. Without great friends like each and every one of you, our lives would not be as fulfilling as they are today.

Thank you,
Jeff, Melodie and Tim Barnes
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to those who extended their concern and sympathy to us during our recent loss. Your prayers, visits, flowers, cards and food were sincerely appreciated. We would like to extend a special thank you to the women of the Tennyson Baptist Church for the wonderful meal they prepared and to the Bronte Nursing Home for the loving care they provided for PaPa.
The Family of Herbert Holland
36B-1tc

NOTICES

Political Calendar
The Observer/Enterprise
has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.
Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

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Pat Percifull

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Paul Burns

COKE COUNTY ATTORNEY
Lane Arthur

COKE COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2
William "Keith" Fletcher

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY
On the 9th day of April, 1996, I impounded the following estray:
Kind of Animal: Cows; Breed: Angus; Color: Black; Sex: Female; Age: Unknown; Size: Approximately 800-1000 pounds; Brand, mark, identifying characteristics: One cow has no marks, one cow has green ear tag with #7 in left ear;
and, on the 9th day of April, 1996, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Coke County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Coke County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.
Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray

is not determined by the 27th day of April, 1996, said estray will be sold at public auction at Producer's Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas.
Witness my hand this 10th day of April, 1996.
Marshall Millican
Sheriff of Coke County, Texas
(Designee of Sheriff of Coke County, Texas)
Wayne McCutchen
36a-2tc

NOTICE OF GENERAL AND A SPECIAL ELECTION
To the Registered Voters of Bronte, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on May 4, 1996, for voting in a General and a Special election, to elect a Mayor and three Councilmen.

The adoption of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to be used for the promotion and development of new or expanded business enterprises and any other public purpose authorized by Section 4B, Article 5190.6, V.T.C.S., as amended, (The Development Corporation Act of 1979).

Location of Polling Place: 114 South Washington
Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 114 South Washington between the hours of 8-12 am and 1-5 pm beginning on April 15, 1996 and ending on April 30, 1996.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Pat Martindale, Box 370, Bronte, TX 76933.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 1996.

Issued this 8 day of March, 1996.

Martin Lee
AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL Y ESPECIAL
A los votantes registrados del Bronte, Texas;

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 am hasta las 7:00 pm el 4 de mayo de 1996 para votar en la Eleccion para elegir un alcalde, tres Concejales.

La adopcion del impuesto de ventas y uso al precio de un medio de uno por ciento sera usado para la promocion y desarrollo de impresas nuevas o expansionadas y cualquier otra intencion publica autorizada por la seccion 4B articulo 5190.6 V.T.C.S., como es enmendado, (El decreto de la corporacion de desarrollo de 1979.)

Direccion(es) de las casillas electorales 114 South Washington
(cont'd. next page)

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en 114 South Washington entre las 8-12 de la mañana y las 1-5 de la tarde empezando el 15 de abril 1996 y terminando el 30 de abril 1996.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia

por correo deberan enviarse a: Pat Martindale, Box 370, Bronte, TX 76933.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) 26 de abril 1996.

Emitada este dia 8 de marzo, 1996.

Martin Lee
36B-11c

Counselor's Comments by Vicky McCutchen

"Do Unto Others"

All parents want their children to possess a healthy respect for other people. As a matter of fact, it is one of the most important kinds of respect that parents can teach their children. It is the basis for almost all other desirable behaviors. How many of us remember the "Golden Rule" of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? Many leaders believe that teaching children this rule is probably the most important thing parents can do. Why? Because it teaches children how to live successfully with other people.

How do we teach it? How do children learn best? Parents need to demonstrate it with children. Sometimes as parents we wonder if we are

doing the right thing with our children. A good rule of thumb is to ask yourself: "Would I want this done to me?" If your answer is no, then ask yourself: "Then why would I want to do this to my child?"

Children need to be taught to think about their own feelings and the feelings of others. Asking them in a certain situation, "How would you feel if that happened to you?" Teasing is a very common example for children. Teaching your child that teasing can hurt feelings and how you would not want that to happen to them is a good lesson. Parents should use those opportunities. Even though we are all on the go, lessons can be taught in the car. Opportunity is around every cor-

ner for parents to teach their children lessons that will help them the rest of their lives, and they will remember those lessons.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last June I came to Bronte hoping to find work and be able to live near the family of my only child, Mrs. Donald (Beth) Butler. Wackenhut Corrections enthusiastically accepted my proposal to teach and develop special art-related projects for the residents of Coke County Juvenile Justice Center.

Through research I learned of various kinds of grants available through the Texas Commission on the Arts. Last November I began working on a matching grant provided especially for underserved counties in Texas. Mr. Charles Uselton, interim Superintendent of Bronte I.S.D., was my liaison in attaining sponsorship by the school for the grant. Wackenhut Corrections agreed to provide the matching \$5,000 for the grant.

Mr. Alan Richey, our new Superintendent of Schools, signed our final contracts and is overseeing the administration of funds. April 1st, we received a check in the amount of \$5,000 from the Texas

Commission on the Arts!

The total of \$10,000 will be spent on a twofold project: the painting of murals on the day room walls of each of the four dorms at Coke County Juvenile Justice Center and for special props for the upcoming prom at Bronte High School. The residents of CCJJCC will assist in the creation of the murals for their living quarters. After the prom, the props will be given to Bronte Elementary School for use in their plays.

Betty Switzer, Director of Community Development and Rural Services for the Texas Commission on the Arts, told me that the many letters of

support for this project grant were a strong influencing factor in our getting it. Each individual, business and civic organization who took the time to write these letters contributed a lot to attaining a meaningful goal for the young people of our community and for me as a participant in these projects.

Wackenhut will have an open house for you to view the murals upon their completion.

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Sue Fletcher
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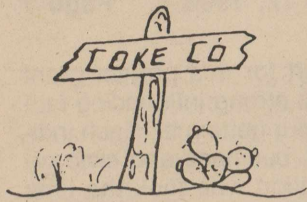
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Cattle prices at all-time low

In an article I read recently written by Cliff Cobb, a retired Production Credit manager, he had dug up some interesting research about the history of PCA and agricultural prices over the years. He discovered a rather dismal fact. Cattle prices in 1996, in real economic terms, are cheaper than during the Great Depression of the 1930's.

Only two years ago, in 1994, the average price of a calf was \$400. By early 1996, the average price had dropped to \$213 per head. In real economic terms, that \$213 cannot buy nearly as much as when animals were bringing \$5 during the 30's.

In 1993 and 1934 the federal government would come out to a farm or ranch, buy your yearling calves and shoot them right there. They would pay you \$5 per head, then distribute the meat to needy people.

Economic research shows the cost of an average tractor in 1933 was \$525. At \$5 per head, it would take 105 calves to buy a new tractor during the Great Depression.

Today, the average price of a new tractor in the 1990's is \$80,000. Using the 1996 average price of \$213, it would take 375 1/2 calves to buy a new tractor nowadays, more than three times as many cattle.

You don't have to go all the way back to the 30's to notice a drastic change in production items for the farm or ranch.

In 1971, a new pickup cost \$3,100 which amounted to selling 20-24 calves to pay for it. In 1996, it would take about 80 calves to buy a full size pickup.

Other interesting facts about the decline of agriculture show that in 1933 there were 6.7 million farms, the U.S. farm population was 28.8% and the number of people supplied by one farmer was 9.8. By 1996, this has declined to 2.1 million

Making good parents better

A special awareness session for the Practical Parent Education program will be held on Thursday, April 18 at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The Practical Parent Education program entitled "Making Good Parents Better" is sponsored by the Bronte I.S.D., the Coke County Child

Welfare Board, and the First National Bank of Bronte. Organizations in the community are encouraged to participate by supporting the program.

The session will consist of many enjoyable experiences for all who attend. There will be a snack supper, babysitting will be provided for children from ages 1 year to 6th grade for those parents attending, and a very rewarding session on "Building and Maintaining Self-Esteem in

Children." The babysitters for this session will be the BHS Student Council and the National Honor Society members. Please make plans to attend this rewarding experience. Presenters will be Kary Rawlings, Teri Rawls, Patti Frazee and Vicky McCutchen. If you have any questions, please contact Vicky McCutchen or Teri Rawls at the school at 473-2511 or come by and visit.

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