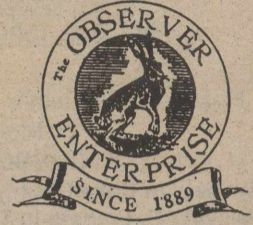


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Local students to play ball "down under"

The International Sports Specialist, Inc. has selected Jerrod Pitcock, a Robert Lee High School Senior, and Keith Treadaway, a Bronte High School Senior, to represent Texas in this year's Texas All Star Football team at the ninth annual "Down Under Bowl" in Australia. They were selected along with other football players throughout Texas because of their outstanding high school achievements. This is a once in a lifetime program available to high school seniors only.

The Down Under Bowl is an annual event hosted in Australia and New Zealand each June and July. Jerrod and Keith will have the opportunity to play in two games. The first game will be in Australia and the second game will be played in Hawaii. They not only see part of the world, but they act as Ambassadors for America as they exemplify the great sporting traditions we love.



Keith Treadaway



Jerrod Pitcock

Filing deadline passes

Wednesday, March 19, marked the deadline for candidates to file for positions on six local taxing entity boards. Positions on the boards of West Coke County Hospital District, East Coke County Hospital District, Robert Lee School Board, Bronte School Board, Bronte City Council, and Robert Lee City Council will be up for grabs.

At presstime Wednesday, Bronte School reported four candidates filing for three positions on that board. Incumbents Jeff Schoenfield and Wayne Coalson will appear on the ballot with newcomers Andra Arrott and Bob Frazee.

The East Coke County Hospital District will also see a contested race as three candidates have filed for two seats on the board. Incumbents Charles Sonnenberg and Ron Cooper will appear on the ballot with Russell Johnson.

Bronte city secretary Pat Martindale reported incumbents Pete Percifull and Gerald Sandusky will run unopposed for two seats on the council.

West Coke County Nursing Home administrator Roger Alexander stated that two in-

cumbents have filed for reelection to the board. Mary Bessent and Dwayne Vincent will be running unopposed for the two vacancies on the board.

At presstime Wednesday, the City of Robert Lee faced a unique problem in that little interest has been generated in filing for places on the council. Two incumbent council members have filed for re-election. Kim Hodge and Beth Prather will be seeking to return to the board. That leaves a vacancy as Kenneth Green's term expired and no one had filed for the position at presstime.

Robert Lee ISD will see a contested race as five candidates have filed for the three seats on the board. Incumbents Diann Simpson, Darrel Pitcock, and Beverly Burdett will face off against newcomers Bill Ballew and Sally Gloria.

Bake Sale

Southside Church of Christ youth will be holding a bake sale Friday, March 28 at Super H in Robert Lee. The sale will begin at 9:00 am and continue until all goods are sold. Persons wanting to place advance special orders may do so by calling 453-2673. All sales will benefit youth who will be attending Teams Camp.

WCCCD to re-organize

A core group of interested citizens have been meeting to discuss a re-organization of West Coke County Community Development. Officers and a board of directors will be nominated in the near future. The group will be seeking a membership body right away.

The organization has an adequate fund of monies on hand to do some larger permanent projects, but need backing and input from the community. One of the worthwhile projects mentioned was the building of an open-air pavilion at the county park. The large slab could accommodate parties, reunions, barbecues, and other school and community activities, as well as WCCCD's Extravaganza and Hunter's Barbecue.

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg hunt at the Coke County Courthouse Tuesday, March 25 beginning at 10:15 am. The egg hunt will be for pre-school age children only. Eggs will be furnished and children are asked to bring a basket.

Martin to celebrate 80th

Margaret Martin, longtime Bronte resident, will celebrate the occasion of her 80th birthday Saturday, March 22, at the Bronte Senior Center. The party will be hosted by her daughter, Dot Mitchell.

Margaret began work in 1969 with the COG and Area Agency on Aging for Coke County. She retired in 1990. She was also a long-time employee of the Observer/Enterprise.

Hayrick Cemetery Assoc. clean-up

Hayrick Cemetery Association will host a clean-up day Saturday, March 22 beginning at 8:00 am at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Anyone that would like to assist in the cemetery clean-up is urged to attend. Bring your tools and enjoy the fellowship of others as you help do some much needed work.

RL Landfill sets new hours

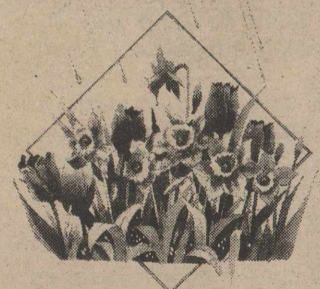
The Robert Lee Landfill will be open Saturdays only from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. These hours are effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

Pageant Assoc. to meet

Coke County Pageant Association members will meet Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Robert Lee City Hall. Items on the agenda will include the election of new officers, grounds work, the upcoming season, and applications for grant money. Anyone interested in the pageant is urged to attend.

County closing notices

Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed Friday, March 28 in observance of Good Friday. Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will also close. Business will resume as usual Monday, March 31.



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Sheriff's Department receives funds

State Comptroller John Sharp has delivered more than \$5.9 million in supplemental training funds to 2,156 local law enforcement agencies across the state.

"More than 51,800 Texas peace officers now have additional funds for ongoing law enforcement training. The good news is that the state's smaller law enforcement agencies - many of them hard-pressed for training funds - share in the allocation," Sharp said.

Law enforcement agencies across the state are required to meet standards set by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

"Many of these TCLEOSE-approved training programs cost between \$55 and \$75 per officer," Sharp said. "A class on crime-scene investigation or fingerprinting will cost \$125. A 560-hour basic peace officer certification class costs between \$775 and \$800."

In 1996, Sharp returned more than \$1.3 million to over 50,000 peace officers in 2,327 agencies. At the time of that first-ever 1996 allocation, the program had only been in effect for four months. The 1997 training fund allocations represent the first full year the program has been in effect.

"The statute enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1995 requires that 20 percent of the total amount collected from a special \$2 court cost is to be allocated equally among the state's law enforcement agencies. The remaining 80 percent is allocated based on the number of eligible law enforcement positions each agency had as of January 1.

"Based on the prescribed formula, this year each agency receives \$549.15 as its share of 20 percent of the total court cost collection, and an additional \$91.25 per officer," Sharp said. "Following the formula for the allocation, even a one-person constable's office will receive just over \$640 to help pay for continuing education," Sharp said.

The largest allocation of \$477,464 went to the Houston Police Department and its more than 5,200 officers. The Dallas Police Department received nearly \$256,953 based upon the formula for its more than 2,800 officers. The 1,900 officers of the San An-

tonio Police Department received \$174,448 in additional training funds. The Fort Worth Police Department, with nearly 1,200 officers, received \$107,309, the El Paso Police Department and its more than 1,000 officers received \$97,570, and the

Austin Police Department force of slightly over 1,000 officers received \$95,274.

Conversely, the Anderson County Constable will receive \$640.40 while the Crystal City Police Department in Zavala County will receive \$1,284.75, typical of the smaller allocations to law enforcement agencies around the state. Coke County Sheriff's Department received \$920.55.

An eligible law enforcement position, as defined by law, is one held by a person licensed under Chapter 415, Government Code, who works as a peace officer or licensed jailer an average of at least 32 hours a week, is compensated by a political subdivision of the state at the minimum wage rate or higher, and is entitled to all employee benefits offered to a peace officer.

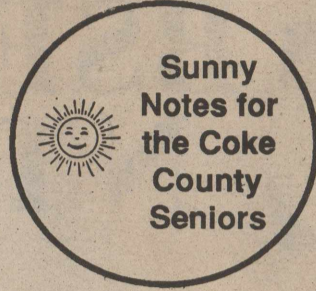
The 1997 payments to local law enforcement agencies came from the \$2 court costs

for criminal offenses, including traffic fines, assessed and collected on or after January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 and remitted to the Comptroller's Office. Subsequent annual payments of the previous year's collection will be made by the Comptroller each February.

Abela, a province of Italy, an apple a day may in fact keep the doctor away. Naturally sweet, apples are one of the best sources of soluble pectin fiber which is thought to help prevent cancer and generally promote good health.

Menu

- Monday, March 24**
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/Fruit
- Wednesday, March 26**
Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/Carmel Icing
- Friday, March 28**
Closed for Good Friday
Happy Easter!



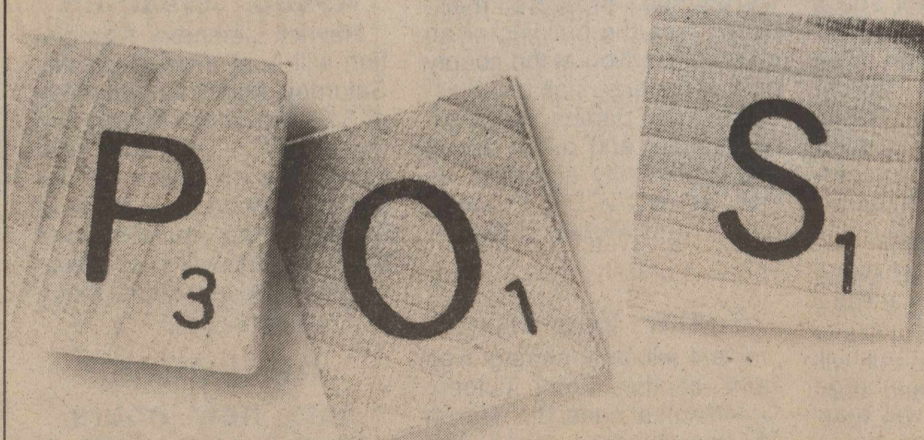
Dominos and Games
 The Bronte Senior Center will be open at 9 am Thursday, March 27, for dominos and games. A pot luck lunch will be served at 12 noon. Come on out and join in the fun!
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**Lee, Nay wed
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Heather Denise Lee and Samuel Heath Nay were united in marriage on December 28, 1996, at First Baptist Church in Woodway. The Rev. Ron Keener officiated the ceremony.

Heather is the daughter of Ronnie and Kreta Lee of Woodway. She is the granddaughter of Norman Kiker of Bronte and Bobbie Lee of San Angelo, formerly of Bronte. Heath is the son of Sam and Molly Nay of Woodway and the grandson of Sam and Marge Nay of Waco.

Heather wore a white gown with a sweetheart neckline and a lace and beaded bodice. The bell skirt was accented with lace and beads around the edge, a lace and beaded bow in the back, and a cathedral train with medallions of lace and beads. She also wore a gold cross which was an heirloom from her great-great-grandmother. Heather's bouquet was made of white roses and orchids.

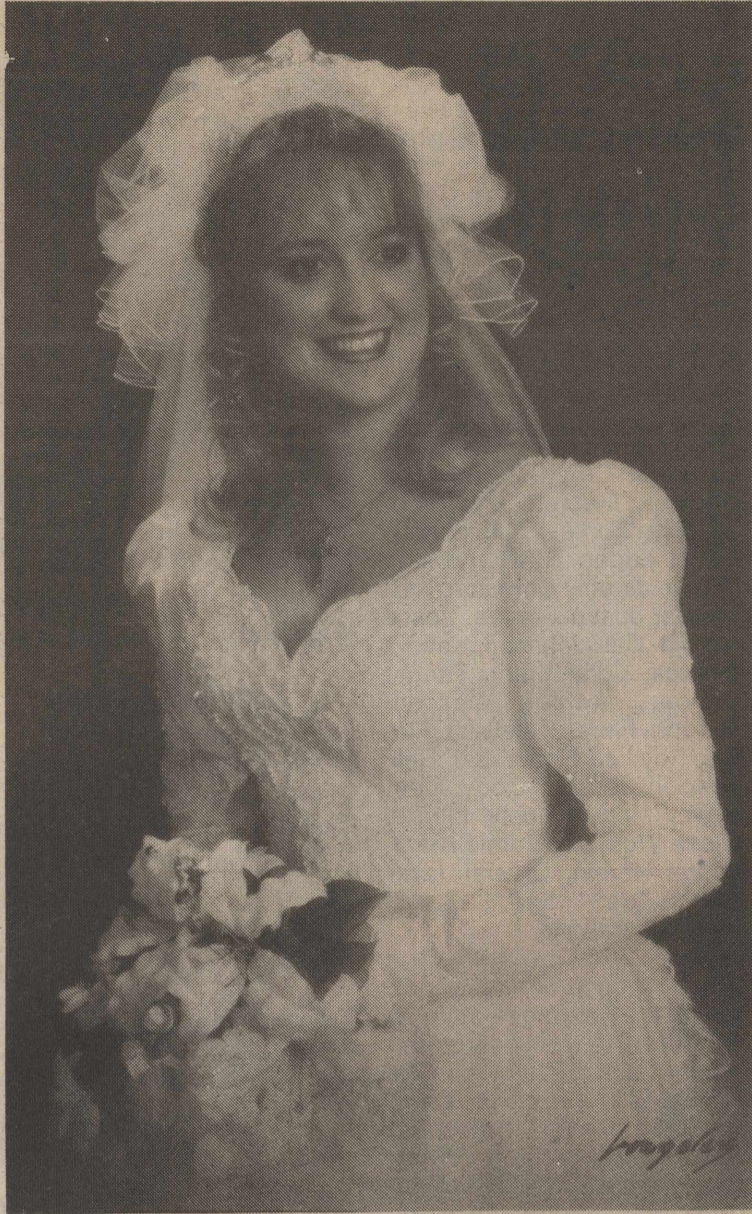
Vanessa Lehnus was maid of honor. Her bridesmaids were Robyn Lee, Amber Lee, Jennifer Richards, Holly Nay, Leigh Anne King, and Inez Balderas. Jessica Hoch was the flower girl.

The best man was Billy McMahan. Groomsmen were Mike McGee, Lee Wilhite, Jason Hall, Scott McCune, Justin Ketler, and Jody Gonzalez. Ushers were Michael Allen, Marc Allen, Kerry Walter, Kyle Richards, Timothy Lee and Shane Bender.

Dan Johnson and Carey Marable read scripture. Vanessa Lehnus and Billy McMahan were soloists, accompanied by Phil Hassler.

A Christmas theme of lighted trees, garland, columns, candles, and angels decorated with colors of plum and gold, adorned the church and the fellowship hall where the reception was held.

After a honeymoon trip to Disney World, the couple is residing in Waco where they are students at Baylor University.



Mrs. Samuel Heath Nay

when microwaved at 20% power.

*Soften one 8 ounce package of cream cheese by microwaving at 30% power for 2 to 2 1/2 minutes. One 3 ounce package of cream cheese will soften in 1 1/2 to 2 minutes.

*Thaw frozen orange juice right in the container. Remove the top metal lid. Place the opened container in the microwave and heat on high power 30 seconds for 6 ounces and 45 seconds for 12 ounces.

*Dissolve gelatin in the microwave. Measure liquid in a measuring cup, add jello and heat. There will be less stirring to dissolve the gelatin.

*Heat hot packs in a microwave oven. A wet fingertip towel will take about 25 seconds. It depends on the temperature of the water used to wet the towel.

*To scald milk, cook 1 cup milk for 2-2 1/2 minutes, stirring once each minute.

*To make dry bread crumbs, cut 6 slices of bread into 1/2 inch cubes. Microwave in 3 quart casserole 6-7 minutes, or until dry, stirring after 3 minutes. Crush in blender.

*Refresh stale potato chips, crackers or other snacks of such type by putting a plateful in the microwave oven for about 24-30 seconds. Let stand for 1 minute to crisp. Cereals can also be crisped.

*Nuts will be easier to shell if you place 2 cups of nuts in a 1 quart casserole with 1 cup of water. Cook for 4 to 5 minutes and the nut meats will slip out whole after cracking the shell.

*When thawing hamburger meat, the outside will many times begin cooking before the meat is completely defrosted. Defrost for 3 minutes, then remove the outside portions that have defrosted. Continue defrosting

the hamburger, taking off the defrosted outside portions at short intervals.

*To drain off fat from hamburger while it is cooking in the microwave (one pound cooks in 5 minutes on high) cook it in a plastic colander placed inside a casserole dish.

*Treat fresh meat cuts for 15 to 20 seconds on high in the microwave oven. This cuts down on meat-spoiling types of bacteria.

*Shaping meatloaf into a ring eliminates undercooked center. A glass set in the center of a dish can serve as a mold.

*When baking large cakes, brownies, or moist bars, place a juice glass in the center of the baking dish to prevent a soggy middle and ensure uniform baking throughout.

*Using a round dish instead of a square one eliminates overcooked corners in baking cakes.

*For stamp collectors: place a few drops of water on stamp to be removed from envelope. Heat in the microwave for 20 seconds and the stamp will come right off.

*Do not salt foods on the surface as it causes dehydration (meats and vegetables) and toughens the food. Salt the meat after you remove it from the oven unless the recipe calls for using salt in the mixture.

*Toast coconut in the microwave. Watch closely as it browns quickly once it begins to brown. Spread 1/2 cup coconut in a pie plate and cook for 3-4 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds after 2 minutes.

*Place a cake dish up on another dish or a roasting rack if you have difficulty getting the bottom of the cake done. This also works for potatoes and other foods that don't quite get done on the bottom.

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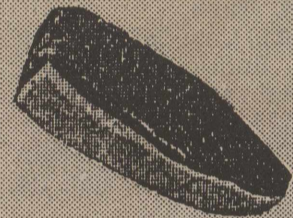
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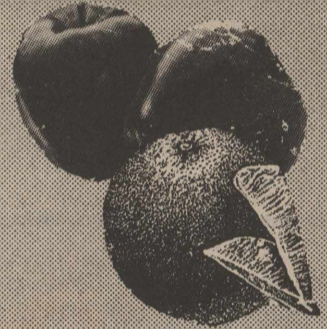
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**Worth
Remembering III**

Continuing with helpful ideas that are 'worth remembering' this week we'll cover microwave hints:

*Place an open box of hardened brown sugar in the microwave oven with 1 cup hot water. Microwave at high for 1 1/2 minutes for 1/2 pound or 2 to 3 minutes for 1 pound.

*Soften hard ice cream by microwaving at 30% power. One pint will take 15 to 30 seconds; one quart, 30 to 45 seconds; and one-half gallon 45 seconds to one minute.

*One stick of butter or margarine will soften in 1 minute

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

BJH girls track results

Bronte junior high girls competed March 7 at the Irion County track meet held in Robert Lee. The girls placed second in the meet with 123 1/2 points. Individual stats and results are listed below.

2400 M. Run

1st. Kelly Cooper, 11:10; 2nd. Rosa Rodriguez, 12:47.

400 M. Relay

2nd. Natasha Reed, Tessie McMullan, Kala Arrott, Lauren Williams, 56.38.

100 M. Hurdles

1st. Tessie McMullan, 17.10; Kala Arrott, 21.8.

800 M. Run

1st. Chrissie Counts, 3:01; Kara Thompson 3:22.

100 M. Dash

5th. (tie) Cara Sefcik, 14.64; Rosa Rodriguez, 15.36; Shannon Van Vleck, 17.04.

400 M. Dash

6th. Stormy White, 75 seconds; Jenna Thompson, 84 seconds.

300 Int. Hurdles

1st. Tessie McMullan, 54.27.

200 M. Dash

2nd. Cassandra Casares, 29.78; 3rd. Natasha Reed, 30.4; Stormy White, 31.8.

1600 M. Run

1st. Kelly Cooper, 7:01; 2nd. Chrissie Counts, 7:11; Kara Thompson, 8:02.

1600 M. Relay

5th. Brooke McCutchen, Jenna Thompson, Lauren Williams, Natasha Reed, 5:13.

800 M. Relay

Kelly Cooper, Brooke McCutchen, Kala Arrott, Lauren Williams, 2:12.

Field Events Discus

1st. Brooke McCutchen, 76'6"; 4th. Lacy Schoenfield, 62'.

Shot Put

3rd. Lacy Schoenfield, 23'7"; 5th. Crystal Moore, 23'4".

Triple Jump

Kara Thompson, 24'2"; Chrissie Counts, 23' 1 1/3"; Rosa Rodriguez, 22' 2 1/2".

Long Jump

6th. Kala Arrott, 12' 11 3/4"; Stormy White 12' 9 1/4".

High Jump

Tessie McMullan, 4' 4".

BHS golf results

Bronte's high school golf teams competed earlier this week at the golf tournament hosted by Robert Lee. The boys team placed 8th in field of 13 teams. The girls team placed 3rd in a field of ten. Scores for the teams are as follows:

Bronte Boys - 405

Blake McKee - 99; Jesse McClure - 94; Drew Peterson - 119; Scottie Graves - 93; Wes Howell - 128.

Bronte Girls - 445

Shelley Sims - 102; Olivia Guzman - 107; Kim McCorkle - 103; Sommer Beck 133; Courtney Arrott - 134.

Individual scores

Cody Harris - 122; Harley Hall - 137.

BISD holiday

BISD will release early Thursday, March 27. Buses will run at 12:35. There will be no school Friday, March 28 or Monday, March 31.

Electronic Bookshelf Celebration

Thursday, March 6th, turned out to be a wonderful day to celebrate the point clubs for Electronic Bookshelf.

Twenty-five point participants who enjoyed the Read-In were Ryan Martinez, Jeremy Uber, Vanessa Lange, Jessica Davis, Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Lora Martinez, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, Joe Boalts, Christy Casares, Jeff Jones, Zach White, Gracie Garcia, Richard Hoover, Mary Lou Garcia, Lindsey Butler, Matthew Compton, Christian Kelly, and C.T. Lloyd.

Sixty point club students had their sack lunch outside with Mr. Howell and then were treated to a movie and popcorn. These kids were: Kinlee Hoyt, Ashleigh Kelly, Cody Moore, Terence Scott, Ashley Wilcox, Rebekah Beauchamp, Katie Cooper, Mason Jackson, Shane Jones, Ashley Turner, Jamie Vivian, Monica DeLaGarza, Blaine Dyess, Salena Soto, Joshua Eubanks, Tana White, Brittany Eldred, Garrett Fievash, Sheena Head, Jesse Rodriguez, Khannie

Beauchamp, Charlie Bettis, Lyndon Butler, Amanda Cox, Sarah Basquez, Meagan Rosenquist, Bailey Saunders, and Jaylon Saunders.

The 125 point club kids enjoyed their sack lunch with Mr. Howell, then loaded up on the bus to spend the afternoon at the park. This bunch included: Cory Cooper, Iliana Green, Garrett Jackson, Stephen Tomes, Alonzo Martinez, Logan Rawls, Justin Taylor, Jeremy Compton, Nick Flores, Justin Frazee, Jesse Herold, Calli Johnson, Kendra Graves, Eddy Arant, Tanner Corder, Ashley Denton, Joseph Flores, Melissa Flores, Roy Lee Flores, B.J. Hall, Joseph Israel, Cody Lee, Casey McKee, Justin Moore, Diane Womack, Barbie Arant, Jenna Herold, Crystal Jackson, Joe'l Sefcik, and Rebecca Rawlings.

The 200 points club brought sack lunches and spent the afternoon helping with the Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade classes. The students were Romana Hoover, Philip Rawlings, Ashley McCutchen, Tyson Baker, Kanah Coalson, Jessica Compton, Kailey Howell, Britney McCutchen, Natalee Reed, Ashley Torres, Chase Williams, Cody Blaylock, Sampson Booker, James Graves, Kayla Hilliard, Michael Johnson, Kyla McGinnis, Joel Webb, Lindsey Williams, and Lillian McMullan.

In the 350 point club, Heather Richey and Jonathan Tomes got to pick the point club they wanted to join for the afternoon and then were also treated to lunch at El Ranchero with their teacher Charlotte Jackson the next day.

Dinner Theater slated for Mar. 24

The Bronte High School One-Act Play will have a Dinner Theater Monday, March 24. They will present this year's play, "April Fish," and then serve dinner. "April Fish" is a comedy about an Italian family living in New York in the 1940's. The wife, Assunta, has hired a plaster man to fix the bathroom wall but finds out that her husband, Fortunato, has spent their entire life savings on a gold tooth. They decide to play "April Fish" (the Italian equivalent of April Fool's Day) on the plaster man in order to get a plaster job for free. The results are hilarious! For advance tickets, contact Tamatha Barnett at Bronte High School or any One-Act Play member.

By the time an American graduates from high school, he or she will have eaten 1,500 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches.



The 25 point Electronic Bookshelf club at Bronte Elementary celebrated recently with a sack lunch.

Sorosis Club meets

The Sorosis Study Club of Bronte met in the historical Santa Fe depot at 7:30 pm Thursday, March 13, 1997, with Celia Bowden as hostess.

A guest, Jeanene Andrews, Interim Administrator of East Coke County Nursing Home, gave an interesting and informative presentation concerning the recently organized Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary. She also discussed other possibilities for improving the services of the nursing home.

Then the meeting was called to order by President Pat Lee. Among the items of business that were discussed, the club voted to give a \$100 donation to the Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary.

Following the business session, Mildred Thompson presented a clever and humorous rendition of "How to Tell a Real Texan".

The hostess carried out a St. Patrick's Day theme with a green table cloth, shamrock napkins and cookies, and lime punch; also candy-filled Easter eggs. Refreshments were served to the following members: Pat Lee, Janet Wommack, Diane Lockett, Mary Frances Glenn, Jean Fancher, Mary Glenn, Mildred Thomason, a guest, Frances Kemp, and the hostess, Celia Bowden.

CCJJC News

Those community members who have volunteered for the March, April, and May Birthday Parties at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center are: Joyce Wilcox, Elmer Beck, Eula Verne Lee, Lora Belle Brown, Stover Taylor, Russell Johnson, Ben and Kay Hambright, Janet Hurley, Edith Rolls, Mary Percitull and First National Bank.

Birthdays are celebrated on the third Friday of each month. There are four dorms and three or four individuals provide a cake, drinks,

napkins, and paper goods for each dorm. If you would like to help during June, July, and August, please call Janet Hurley and volunteer.

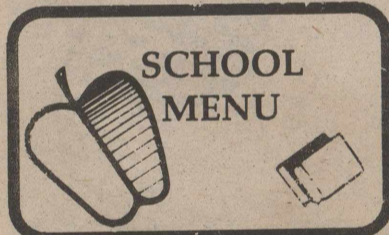
A new president for the Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council will be elected in April. All board members will receive a notice when that meeting will take place. Those who are on our board of directors are: Odalia Martinez, Garry Bivins, Ettie Hubbard, Richard Johnson and Elmer Beck. New board members will be elected in May.

Everyone in the Coke County Community is urged to consider coming to the meetings the first Monday of each month. They are held at First United Methodist Church in Bronte at 6:00 pm. The April meeting has been changed to Monday, April 14th.

When the community council was established, the goal was to work with the Wackenhut Corporation to provide activities and occasional parties for the young girls involving the community so that they might be exposed to positive role models and to show that there are those who do care.

For the most part, that goal has been reached. However, the number of volunteers is few and reinforcements are needed. It doesn't take much time. R. T. Caperton is the membership person and he would love to hear from you. The businesses in Coke County have been our lifeline, but families are needed as members. We appreciate all of your support for the Center.

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SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, March 24
Breakfast Pizza, Grape Juice, Milk

Tuesday, March 25
French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffin, Milk

Wednesday, March 26
Sausage, Orange Juice, Pancakes, Milk

Thursday, March 27
Oatmeal, Apple Sauce, Pop Tart, Milk

Friday, March 28
Holiday!!!

Lunch

Monday, March 24
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Milk, Brownies

Tuesday, March 25
Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Apple Sauce, Bun, Milk, Blueberry Cake

Wednesday, March 26
Burrito w/Cheese, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Milk, Spice Cake

Thursday, March 27
Submarine Sandwich, Ham & Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Sliced Orange, Pork & Beans, Bun, Chips, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, March 28
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL Golfers win first

Robert Lee golf teams took first place in the golf tournament they hosted here Monday and Tuesday. The girls' team took first place in a field of ten, while the girls "B" team placed 6th. The boys "A" team placed first in a field of 13, while the "B" boys placed second. Melissa Smith took first medalist honors for Robert Lee in the girls division. Jason Tavarez won second medalist in a one hole playoff against team member Justin Francis.

Individual and team scores are as follows:

Boys

Robert Lee "A" - 355

Jason Tavarez - 81; Fred Wojtek - 91; B.J. Bessent - 87; Daryl Calder - 96; Rocky Coates - 109.

Robert Lee "B" - 366

Jeremy Eaton - 91; Justin Francis - 81; Gilbert Torres - 97; Bobby Longoria - 97; Eli Boxell - 105.

Girls

Robert Lee "A" - 404

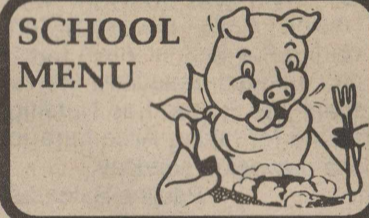
Melissa Smith - 80; Meagan Hill - 107; Kizzie Howell - 104; Tracy Millican - 113; Brandi Brosh - 117.

Robert Lee "B" - 511

Bree Bolding - 102; Macy Hill - 143; Kim Townsend - 135; Becca Emert - 131.

Individual scores

Jerrold Pitcock - 101; Justin Brickey - 139; Eric Hill - 129.



Menus subject to change.

Breakfast

Monday, March 24

Blueberry Pancake wrapped around Sausage w/Syrup, Orange Juice, Milk.

Tuesday, March 25

Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Wednesday, March 26

Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.

Thursday, March 27

Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Friday, March 28

Good Friday Holiday.

Lunch

Monday, March 24

Salisbury Steak, New Potatoes in Sauce, Broccoli & Cheese, Homemade Rolls, Diced Pears, Milk.

Tuesday, March 25

Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Tossed Salad, Potato Patty, Cake w/Chocolate Icing, Milk.

Wednesday, March 26

Baked Ham, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Fruit Salad, Milk.

Thursday, March 27

Hamburgers, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Pickles & Onions, Tator Tots, Peaches, Milk.

Friday, March 28

Good Friday Holiday.

RL Book Fair

The Robert Lee PTA is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Thursday, April 3, 1997, from 8:00 to 4:00 in the Elementary Library.

This reading event features the newest titles from over 100 publishers and presents students, parents and teachers a golden opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young readers.

Don't miss the Scholastic Book Fair coming to our school. Parents are welcome to come with their children. For more information call Lorie Martin at 453-4500.

RL Accelerated readers named

Accelerated readers at Robert Lee Elementary for the month of February have been named. They are:

First Grade

Bryne

1st. Andrea Pineda; 2nd. Brody Dillard.

Payne

1st. Molly Burns; 2nd. Chase Roe.

Second Grade

Horn

1st. Brettne Reed, Kelsy Duncan; 2nd. Dixie Johnson.

Duncan

1st. Katie Bessent; 2nd. Becca Skinner.

Third Grade

McCown

1st. Leslie Smith; 2nd. Stephanie Trejo, Kayla Medrano.

Devoll

1st. Cassidy Wink; 2nd. Shannon Martin, Teka Long.

Fourth Grade

Davis

1st. Jake McCabe; 2nd. Lindsey Roe.

Fifth Grade

Wilson

1st. Chris Eubanks; 2nd. Sean Barnett.

Sixth Grade

Burns

1st. Sarah Alexander; 2nd. Kindra Johson.

Gardner

1st. Alice Beach; 2nd. Adam Caston.

Coke Co. RTA meets

Three UIL participants from Robert Lee High School presented the program when the Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, March 17, 1997. The noon luncheon meeting was held in the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Kannan Millican presented a selected reading from *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. Stacy Hendry gave a prose reading entitled "It Takes Courage" by Bill Sanders. "Thirty-Nine" by Willa Peritt was the selection presented by Joe Gonzales. The students were introduced by Tricia Ballew, Robert Lee High School English teacher.

C.B. Barbee, president, presided at the business meeting. Reports were heard from Paul Gothard, who gave a legislative update, and Mary Frances Glenn, Informative and Protective Services

chairman.

The next meeting will be April 21 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Guests attending the meeting were: William Hood, Robert Lee superintendent of schools, Rhonda Hood, Cliff Gardner, Robert Lee high school principal, Tricia Ballew, Kannan Millican, Stacy Hendry, and Joe Gonzales.

Members present were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Norma Barker, Jamie Boren, Oleta Braswell, Jack Brewer, Nina Brewer, Mary Frances Glenn, Paul Gothard, J.T. Henry, Sybil Henry, Mary Lawhon, Kenneth Rasco, Janet Wommack, and Lee Wommack.

UMW hosts meeting

United Methodist Women, Dorcas Circle, and The Satellite Group met together on the evening of February 12, 1997 in the Fellowship Hall of Robert Lee First United Methodist Church. After a business and planning session, the group heard Alice Beaty give a second book report on a mission study concerning the life and beliefs of John Wesley, a founder of the Methodist Church.

John Wesley, (1703-1791), was raised in a devout family, but did not have a "heart-warming" experience until 1738. Between 1735 and 1738 Wesley went as chaplain on a mission to the colony of Georgia in America. He hoped to convert the Indians and save his own soul. He felt he failed in both, but he learned much about people and faith. Having sailed there with some Moravians who showed such astounding calm and repose during a terrific storm, he felt a weakness in his own faith. On May 24, 1738, he wandered into a Moravian meeting in Aldergate Street, London. It was there that he felt his heart "strangely warmed," and his ministry became truly productive. He reached thousands by preaching on the streets, in mines, in labor camps, or wherever he could be heard by the "soul of thirsty people."

The heart of Wesley's preaching was "Salvation by Faith," a theme he emphasized in hundreds of sermons over 50 years.

UMW members will hear the third and last part of the book, *John Wesley - Holiness of the Heart*, at the next meeting, March 26 at 6:00 pm.

Personal

Gayle Shandley of Christoval spent several days in Robert Lee over Spring Break. While in Robert Lee she visited her parents, Joe and Nellie Ross and her mother-in-law, Doris Shandley. Gayle was accompanied by sons, Lance, Lynn, and Landon.

Wife: "Some mornings I wake up Grumpy. Other mornings, I just let him sleep."



Robert Lee Accelerated Readers show off prizes they received recently. The prizes were donated by Robert Lee State Bank.

Grant writing seminar scheduled

Concho Valley Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) will be sponsoring a Grant Writing I Seminar in Sonora March 25-27. The seminar will be held at the Sonora EMS meeting room.

The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Don Udell. Dr. Udell received his Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of Arizona and his Doctorate from Arizona State University. Dr. Udell has authored and published many articles and monographs. He has written and received funds for and directed over thirty federal, state, and philanthropic grants.

"The seminar will teach you the basic steps needed on how to research and prospect for potential funding sources," added Tony Resendez, Acting Coordinator. "There is a need for grant writers in your communities and this is the perfect opportunity to attend a seminar close to home," he said.

For more information on the registration or the seminar, contact Tony Resendez in Brady at 915-597-1860.

Programs and services of Concho Valley RC&D Area, Inc. are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

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32b-3tc

FOR SALE

Three bedroom, two bath house for sale at 724 S. State, Bronte. 473-4031.

28B-tnc

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Owner will finance, 2 bedroom home with large pecan trees. Nice neighborhood. Exceptionally clean 3 bdrm home w/central heat/air. Looks new. Make an offer - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, fireplaces, extra large corner lot. Commercial property - lease/sale - 2 offices, like new. Call now.

Elaine Lee
453-2995



453-2995

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at Bronte Cemetery. \$125 each, 658-6791.

30-4tc

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vacuum cleaner with attachments, \$75, 473-4251.

33b-1tp

THE ROBERT LEE JUNIOR CLASS
will be selling bedding plants. A large assortment of plants will be available for delivery May 18, 1997. All plants will be delivered to purchasers' home. For more information, call Beth Heard, 453-4556 or 453-2749, or contact any Junior to order.

33a-2tc

HOUSE FOR SALE
by owner. Brick, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage; central heating/air; ceiling fans; interior freshly painted; new carpet throughout; new ceramic tile floors in kitchen and bathrooms; new roof; fenced yard. Owner financing. 219 Zero St., Robert Lee. Call collect, 409-836-6265.

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FOR RENT OR LEASE
Building, 20 x 32 ft., 640 sq. ft. Formerly beauty shop. Call 453-4786.

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16a-EOW

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MISC

BRONTE MINI STORAGE
has storage building for rent. 473-2221 or 473-2140.

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2 BEDROOM HOUSE
for rent, 453-2756.

33-4tc

BOOK FAIR

RLPTA Scholastic Book Fair, Elementary Library. Thursday, April 3, 8-4. Don't miss it!

33-2tc

DO YOU NEED

home repair or plumbing? Mobile home experience. No job too small. References available. Louis Clark, 453-2924, Robert Lee.

33-3tc

BAKE SALE

Friday, March 28, 9 - ?, Super H. Let us do your Easter baking! Place special orders in advance by calling 453-2673. Sales benefit Southside Church of Christ youth camp.

33a-1tc

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pruned, topped, or removed. 453-2238 after 6 pm.

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31a-tnc

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27B-tnc

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for stocking. Order NOW. Delivery in March. Delivery to site available. Coke County SWCD. 453-2623.

26a-tnc

WANTED

Ford Mustang Owners & Enthusiasts. We are looking for people who are interested in becoming members of our San Angelo Ford Mustang Club. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Zentner's Steak House at 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo. If you would like any information on our club please call Ken or Teresa at 915-949-1757 nights, 915-949-9501 days or Fax us at 915-944-4116.

30a-4tc

MISC

THE ROBERT LEE JUNIOR CLASS

is looking for white iron lawn furniture to borrow for the Jr/Sr prom. Anyone willing to loan their furniture, call Beth Heard, 453-4556 or 453-2749 (home).

33a-2tc

MEETING

Coke County Pageant Association, Robert Lee City Hall, Tuesday, March 25, 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

33a-1tc

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33-2tp

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32b-2tc

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24-32 hours per week. Apply at Wackenhut Corrections, Bronte.

32b-2tc

THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE

is accepting applications for a position for outside laborer through March 25. High school diploma or G.E.D. required. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 6 E. 7th Street.

32a-2tc

Small Medicaid Certified Nursing Home has need of RN weekend coverage. Call Penny Rodriguez or Bill Boswell @ 915/652-8626

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE

24 foot motor home, 24 foot 5th wheel trailer home, lots of miscellaneous items. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 214 North State, Bronte.

33b-1tc

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Lots of miscellaneous items, doors, windows, men's shirts, blouses. Come see! Friday & Saturday, 715 East Main Street, Bronte.

33b-1tp

GARAGE SALE

Saturday and Sunday. Clendennen's storage buildings across from Super H.

33-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

TO THE MERCHANTS OF BRONTE

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to Troy's service and also for your love and concern.

The Family of Troy Lee

33b-1tc

OUR SPECIAL THANKS
for the flowers, cards, prayers and words of encouragement at the recent death of our brother and brother-in-law.

Leslie and Edith Rolls

33b-1tc

TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE

gifts for Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hodges' bridal shower, we would like to thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Matthew & Jessica Hodges
Vicky Ybarra

33-1tp

THE FAMILY OF ALICE LARA AND PAULINE BALDERAS

would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, and phone calls we received during the loss of Alvin Lara, Sr. I would especially like to thank the Robert Lee Nursing Home for taking Alice Lara to the graveside services.

Pauline Balderas

33-1tp

CHARLES AND I

want to express our deepest appreciation for all the beautiful flowers, the visits, delicious food, phone calls and most of all the prayers that we received these past days. A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO EACH OF YOU.

Love,

Dorris Sonnenberg

33b-1tc

OUR THANKS GOES TO EACH

and every one who helped in any way with the Bagwell benefit/bake sale last March. In your honor, we have donated trees and shrubs to beautify our school. Planted in front, they will ever be a reminder of how much you've helped. We extend a special thanks to Krystal Carver and Misty Williams who initially organized the bake sale.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRONTE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Bronte will hold a Public Hearing at 5 pm March 25, 1997, at the City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Martin Lee
Mayor, City of Bronte
33b-1tc

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 12th day of March, 1997, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal: Cow
Breed: Crossbred
Color: Red with white spots on head and flank
Sex: Female
Age: Middle Aged
Size: 700-900 pounds
Brand, Mark, Identifying Characteristics: Branded Mx on Left Hip, Red Ear Tag #111 on Right Ear

and, on the 17th day of March, 1997, 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 2nd day of April, 1997, said estray will be sold at public auction at Producer's Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas.

WITNESS my hand this 17th day of March, 1997.

Mike Harris
Sheriff of Coke County, Texas
Wayne McCutchen
Designee of Sheriff of Coke County, Texas
33a-2tc

ORDINANCE #1070
AN ORDINANCE
ADOPTING A BUDGET AND
APPROPRIATING
RESOURCES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
APRIL 1, 1997, AND ENDING

MARCH 31, 1998.

WHEREAS, PURSUANT to the laws of the State of Texas for General Law Cities, the budget covering proposed expenditures for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1997, and ending March 31, 1998, was prepared by the City Secretary and notice of public hearing on the same was provided as required, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City Council of the City of Robert Lee on said budget on March 18, 1997, at which time said budget was fully considered, and interested taxpayers present were heard by the City Council;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS:

I.
That the budget estimate of the revenues and expenditures for the City of Robert Lee, Texas, as presented by the City Secretary and appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1997, and ending March 31, 1998, be and it is hereby adopted for such fiscal year.

II.
That the sum of the One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$136,244.66) is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund Revenues for the payment of operating expenses and capital outlay of the City Government as set forth in the budget.

III.
That the sum of Seventy Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$70,528.56) is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer fund reserves for the payment of operating expenses and capital outlay of the City Sewer Utility enterprise as set forth in the budget.

IV.
That the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven and Six Cents (\$228,867.06) is hereby appropriated out of the Water Department revenues for the payment of operating expenses and capital outlay of the City Water enterprise as set forth in the budget.

V.
That the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$64,394.92) is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation revenues for the payment of operating expenses for the City Landfill and Sanitation enterprise of the City as set forth in the budget.

That this ordinance be in full force and take effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, upon first and final reading at a special meeting on the 18th day of March, 1997, with a vote of 4 ayes, and 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Kelly S. Nichols
Mayor, City of Robert Lee
ATTEST:
Kay Torres, City Secretary
33a-1tc

ORDINANCE NO. 1069
ORDINANCE AMENDING ALL FORMER ORDINANCES SETTING TAPPING FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IN THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, AND SETTING DEPOSIT AMOUNT, AND RECONNECT FEE.
BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. A sewer tap fee of One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) shall be charged.

Section 2. Water tap charges for water service in the City shall be as follows:
TAP CHARGES FOR NEW SERVICES:

5/8" Meter.....\$125.00
1" Meter.....\$175.00
1 1/2" Meter.....\$300.00

TAP CHARGES FOR EXCHANGE FOR LARGER METER:

1" Meter.....\$150.00
1 1/2" Meter.....\$300.00

Section 3. The deposit to be charged for water service shall be \$50.00. A service charge of \$10.00 will be applicable. The reconnect fee for water service disconnected for non-payment shall be \$15.00.

Section 4. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof heretofore adopted and in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage thereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 1997.

Kelly S. Nichols
Mayor, City of Robert Lee
ATTEST: Kay Torres
City Secretary
33a-1tc

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Bronte School News

The College Entrance Exam: A Junior Year Test

The fall arrival of applications in the guidance office signals the beginning of the college application process for many seniors; however, one integral piece of information can (and should) be taken care of months before - the college entrance exam. You must have EITHER (not necessarily both) an ACT or SAT score before your file can be considered and postponing test taking can delay the entire process.

Waiting until the senior year to test can also put unnecessary pressure upon you, for several reasons. Testing opportunities are somewhat limited, with only five to seven test dates per year for each test (October-June). Since it takes three to six weeks to receive your scores, waiting until October to test may mean your application goes unprocessed until December. This may be too late for some deadlines (such as for certain programs or scholarships) or

put you on a waiting list if the school has reached its enrollment goal. Also, if for some reason you cannot take the test on that date (illness, car trouble, etc....) you will have to reschedule for the next date and everything is even later. Another consideration is the possibility that you might want to take the test a second time, in hopes of raising your score - if you waited until your senior year to take the first test, it might be January or February by this time.

To avoid all these conflicts, many students choose to test in the spring of their junior year. In addition to ensuring that they have a test score when they are ready to apply, there are other benefits to spring testing as well. You'll have your scores and other information early enough to impact your senior year; for example, you may decide to take an additional class in an area in which your test was low. You may decide you want to retest. A big advantage is that colleges will learn of your interest in them, and will send you information about admissions, advanced placement, scholarships, and special programs. Receiving information from them will assist you in your college search, and you can utilize it as you begin to make campus visits. Trying to decide which college is right for you can be stressful, too, so the earlier you can begin your search, the better.

Remember, there is never a penalty for taking a test early or taking one over, so do what best prepares you to find and be admitted to the college that best suits you.

Campus Visit Tips

It is never too early to start looking for the "perfect" college; making a campus visit is probably the most important component of the college search process. It is also probably the LAST component, as you can (and should) do a lot of the initial "leg work" without leaving your home and school.

Consider the factors that will ultimately make your decision - while a college on the beach SOUNDS wonderful, the "real world" issues such as distance from home, size, cost, and field of study will probably be those most important to you. Resources in your school counseling office and library can help you "narrow the field" by determining which meet the criteria you have established. Another means of learning more about different schools is by attending a college fair or the presentations of visiting college admission representatives.

As you might guess, all of this takes time. That's why it is so important to start evaluating schools, and yourself, early. Many students make the mistake of waiting until their senior year to really start thinking about what they are going to do after high school. For those who plan or hope to attend college, this may be too late, as many schools have specific admission requirements, early deadlines, or other prerequisites that students need to know about in order to be prepared to meet them. Some issues, like academic preparation, are addressed as early as in your

eighth grade year, when classes are selected for your freshman year - algebra and biology are college preparatory courses, general mathematics and general science are not.

Spending time your junior year learning more about yourself, what you want, and what schools meet your needs, should enable you to narrow your focus to three to five schools. Once these are identified, it will be time to actually make campus visits, and the summer before your senior year is the perfect time. Save your "college visit day" during your senior year for a SECOND, confirming visit to your top-choice school.

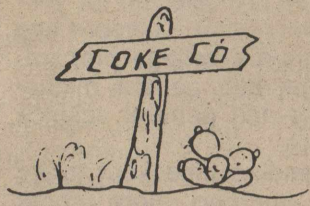
One very important thing to be aware of is timing your visit; the absolute worst time to go is any time classes are not in session. Just imagine visiting your own high school on a day two weeks before school starts... the doors are unlocked, the principal and secretaries are there, but there are no students, no teachers, no activities - it's basically just a building. A college campus is no different - your impression of it may not be very valid if you visit on a Saturday, Sunday, or during a college vacation time.

Finally, make sure to PLAN your campus visit. Simply showing up on a campus for a visit is as impractical as a trip to the grocery store without a list. You may get most of the items you need, but you are certain to have forgotten something. Contacting the admissions office or the campus visit center prior to your trip will insure its success - below are a list of activities you might want to consider. Have fun!

- Meet with an admissions officer.
- Verify admission requirements (tests and high school preparation).
- Discuss your chances for success.
- Obtain a school calendar and a catalog, if you don't already have them.
- Determine college costs.

- Ask about financial aid opportunities, as well as deadlines, forms required, etc.
- Meet with faculty in the academic area of interest to you.
- Ask questions about academic requirements/offerings.
- Attend a class to get an idea of typical size, teaching style, academic atmosphere.
- Ask about the placement record for graduates in the field you might study.
- Identify career planning services for undergraduates.
- Tour the campus. (Be sure to check out the dorms, dining hall, library, etc.)
- Talk to students about the general academic environment and the study commitment necessary for success.
- Find out what student activities (clubs, organizations, intramurals, etc.) are available.
- Inquire about campus life and social activities.
- Investigate transportation options.

The only people who like change are babies with wet diapers.



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Develop landscape to conserve water

With hot, dry weather looming ahead, homeowners and others involved in landscape development should focus on water conservation.

Water conservation can be practiced in all areas of landscape development and maintenance, including plant selection, irrigation practices and equipment, and soil preparations. These practices can be aesthetic as well as practical.

Homeowners can lower their landscape water usage in several ways:

*Using native and adapted plants. Native plants often thrive on existing growth conditions and reduce the need for extra irrigation. Many plants have been introduced that show adaptability to soil, rainfall and temperature conditions.

Building a better memory

by Robert J. Luchi, MD

It is often thought that as we age, we lose some of our memory. But that is not exactly what happens.

Experts at the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston say that instead, the speed at which we process information slows down. As we age, it takes a little longer to absorb the information around us. Our reaction time also slows down.

A good memory can be maintained into advanced age by taking an active role in improving "remembering" skills. Important strategies include:

*Paying attention. Anyone, regardless of age, is going to have a difficult time remembering something if they don't pay close attention to it. We tend to remember things we want to remember.

*Repeating names, directions and other items. Studies show people have an easier time remembering specifics if they repeat them out loud.

*Writing things down. A business professional can't get through the day without jotting down notes in a calendar or notebook. It's a good idea to carry that practice into retirement to help you remember appointments and other important activities.

*Establishing habits. If you have a difficult time remembering where you put your keys, develop the habit of always putting them in the same place after you enter your home.

*Relaxing. If you are having trouble remembering someone's name, take a deep breath and give yourself time to let the name come to you.

Memory loss is the number-one concern of older people. But research shows that people who stay active both physically and mentally tend to maintain memory skills longer.

*Taking advantage of innovations in irrigation practices and equipment. The landscape irrigation business is experiencing a revolution, with new timing devices, low pressure systems, drip irrigation and other highly specialized water devices focusing on more efficient water usage. Irrigation systems and small ponds and fountains also can effectively use water as an aesthetic addition to a landscape.

*Using mulches for insulation. By providing an insulating layer between sun and soil, mulches prevent rapid drying and lower soil temperature in hot weather, which keeps the top soil from crusting or hardening. Low-cost materials such as hay, grass clippings, bark and pine needles are excellent for mulching and can add appeal with texture and color.

*Properly preparing the soil. When soil has been loosened and improved with plenty of organic material, such as peat, pine bark or compost, it will hold significantly more moisture and release it over a longer period of time. However, organic materials break down over time and need to be supplemented. A compost pile can be a good source of these materials, allowing the homeowner to recycle leaves, grass clippings, and other waste to improve the soil.

These are just a few practices that homeowners can use to significantly reduce water usage in their outdoor environment.

Long live the golden years

Living a long, healthy life is getting easier.

In the United States, there are currently 56,000 centenarians, and that number is expected to increase to more than 2 million over the next 70 years. Advances in public health, breakthroughs in medical technology and better preventive health are chief reasons.

"While 'good genes' can impact how well and how long you will live, life-style choices may be just as important," said Dr. Robert Roush, an associate professor with the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "What you do in your 20s and 30s has an effect on your 70s and 80s. But it is never too late to make changes."

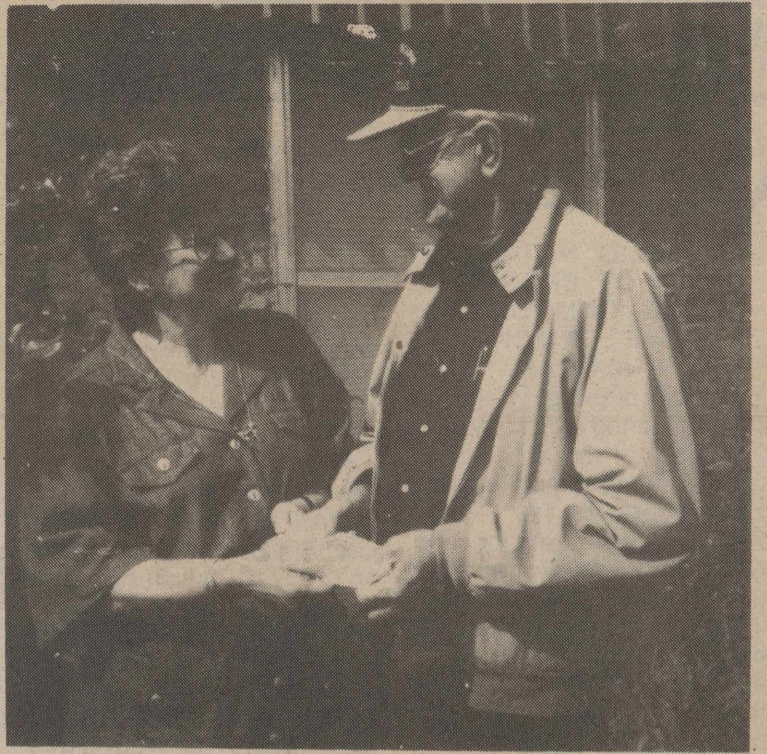
Staying active, both physically and mentally, is one of the most important steps to take. Aerobic exercise helps the body fight disease, strengthens muscle and works the heart.

Mental activities, like reading and talking, stimulate the brain and may help combat depression.

BNH celebrates b'days

The Bronte Nursing Home birthday party for those residents celebrating birthdays in March was held Friday, March 14. The party, sponsored by the nursing home, honored Georgia Mae Mackey, Ernestine Powell, Beulah Campbell, and Dorothy Awalt. Entertainment was provided by Jeanene Andrews, Interim Administrator.

The Easter egg hunt for the residents will be Friday, March 28. Anyone wishing to assist with the egg hunt or donate eggs, should contact Dean Pope at the nursing home, 473-3621.



Royce Lee of Bronte is shown presenting his full "Rollback Tax Refund" to Jeanene Andrews, East Coke County Hospital District Interim Administrator. Other local individuals who donated their refund include R. W. Blackmon, McCutchen & Spiller, Elmer Hurley, J. T. Henry, Bill & Glenda Fletcher, Bob Ragsdale, and several who wished to remain anonymous. The returned refunds will be applied to the debt of the hospital district.

Personal

Doris Shandley, of Robert Lee, held a mini-family reunion over the Spring Break. Visiting in her home were her sister, Louise Gaddy of Roswell, New Mexico; her brother, Don Hamilton of Midland; niece, Kara Armijo and children Ardena and Adam of Kent, Washington; nephew, Mark Gaddy of Lubbock; cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore of Colorado City; and son and wife, Lane and Gayle Shandley and their sons, Lance, Lynn, and Landon of Christoval.

Personal

Cody Harmon, son of Nick and Kim Harmon of League City, spent the week of Spring Break at the home of his grandparents, Alfred and Ethel Harmon of Robert Lee. Cody will celebrate his second birthday March 30. He returned home Sunday, March 16.

Insect protection needed when traveling

Travelers should leave the cologne at home when headed for areas where insects can be a health problem.

Colognes and other perfumed products such as hair spray, deodorants and soaps attract insects that can cause illness, said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, director of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Other ways to minimize the risks: *Use insect repellent, being careful to match repel-

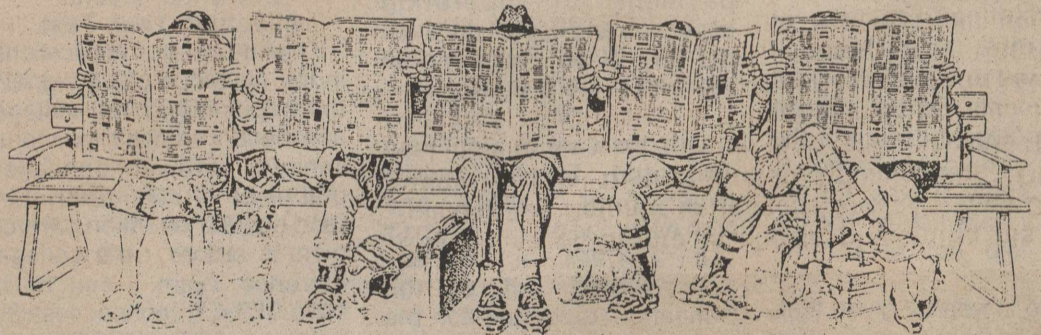
lents to expected insects. *Avoid open-air restaurants, buffets and markets. *Avoid shiny jewelry and brightly colored clothing. *Cover your body as much as possible. *Avoid walking barefoot. *Sleep only in rooms that are screened or air-conditioned or under a mosquito net.

Personal

Crystal and Lauren Hammer-ton of Houston spent their school spring break with their grandparents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. Other recent visitors in the Roberts' home were Jack and Betty Friend of New Braunfels.

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