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Lights shine bright at Bryan's Barn

Christmas lights at Bryan's Barn, located west of Robert Lee on Messbox Creek were especially bright from December 1 through December 31, 1997.

The Bryans have added to the number and variety of lights annually since they started decorating in 1991, but many visitors said "They've outdone themselves this year."

Most of the lights were put up on weekends when Wilson's "kids," Thelma Jo Hinnard, his daughter; Cookie and Molly Burns, his granddaughter and great-granddaughter, all of Robert Lee; his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Tillie Bryan of Ballinger; and a son, Terry Frank Bryan of San Angelo were free from their jobs.

By early October a typical "work day" might start with the family plus Big Jim Garrett, a faithful helper, having breakfast at The Barn then all going out to put up lights except Lucile. It was her job to clean up the kitchen, prepare for a late lunch, and decorate the inside Christmas tree.

Usually, an afternoon session of about 3 hours was all the crowd would need to feel satisfied with the day's accomplishments.

As December approached, weekends were not enough. Wilson spent most of his time daily adding lights and other devices that made The Barn unique and colorful. Thelma Jo, free since her retirement, took almost as many steps as her dad did.

By late November, pressure increased. Opening night



Jaclyn Waldrop

was fast approaching and company was coming. Wilson's brother, Frank Dean, who has lived in California many years, and his wife, Doris Simpson Bryan, were to arrive soon to visit with both his relatives and her family in San Angelo. The Simpson "kids," then were able to plan their family reunion with all the family together since their mother's death nine years ago.

The Bryan clan was almost completed when Frank Dean's son, Patrick, and his wife, Gayle, from Belvedere, Washington, arrived the last week in November to visit relatives in San Angelo and to help put up lights at Bryan's Barn. They got in on both reunions and put up many lights.

With the arrival of Thelma Jo's son, John, and his wife, Lynn, from Rotten, Connecticut, the Bryan family was complete. (The Navy has kept John so busy that he had not been home in six years.)

Beside the relatives from widely separated locations, many friends helped the Bryan family prepare for the busy month of December. After Open House started on December 1, much of the welcoming of viewers into The Barn and registration in the guest books was done by friends who volunteered their

Waldrop named Athlete of the Week

Jaclyn Waldrop was recently named Athlete of the Week in American Southwest Conference action.

Waldrop, a shooting guard for the Howard Payne University Lady Jackets helped her team improve their record in conference play.

Against Texas Wesleyan, Waldrop scored 21 points and was 5-12 from the three-point line and 4-4 from the free throw line in the win. She also had two rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Against Sul Ross State, she had 17 points in the game. She hit three three-pointers, four field goals and was 6-8 from the foul line. She also added two rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Waldrop is a sophomore from Robert Lee.



The Bronte National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony Thursday, January 15, 1998. The ceremony was conducted in the high school library with parents, teachers, administrators, and school board members in attendance. New inductees were Yvette Bedell, Nicole Butts, Bonnie DeLaughter, and Stacie McKee. Pictured are (front row, from left) Yvette Bedell, Nicole Butts, Erin Marrs, Cara Barnett, Stacie McKee, (back row, from left) Bonnie DeLaughter, Rodney Adams, Michael Martinez, and Courtney Beam.

time and energy. Others put up lights, donated and installed unique objects inside and outside of The Barn, and helped in various creative ways.

A count of names registered totaled 6,426. However, it is impossible to know how many people saw the display because many viewers do not go inside to register. Hundreds merely drive by the whole scene, cross Messbox Creek, admire the reflections there and the numerous scenes on the west bank of the creek, then get another view from a different angle as they return to Robert Lee. Many families visit numerous times to bring other family members arriving during the holidays, and lots of children want to return to "see the train" or "the Santa Claus" or something else of their special interest.

Registration books disclosed that eight countries besides the U.S. were represented by visitors, and thirty-seven states besides Texas. Five of those states sent more than twenty visitors, with New Mexico having the most - 37.

Countries recorded were El Salvador, Ireland, Singapore, Australia, England, Canada, Brazil, and Korea.

Many questions are asked of the Bryans every year:

"How many lights do you

have?" "A bunch!"

"How do you put lights on those cactus bushes?" "Very carefully!"

"Why do you do all this work?" "Because it's Christmas - Jesus' birthday! It is hoped that the beauty of thousands of lights will remind everyone of The True Light of the World whose birthday is being celebrated."

Welcome to Bryan's Barn.

Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, February 1st from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in this area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Roping Club meeting scheduled

The Coke County Roping Club will have a meeting February 1, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. in the home of Mark Saunders. For more information, call Mark.

Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, February 14, 1998 plan to attend a SWEETHEART DANCE at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. DAKOTA will be playing for evening which is sponsored by the West Coke County Community Development.

CCJJCC to meet

The next scheduled meeting of the Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council will be Monday, February 2, 1998. The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte at 6 pm. All members and those interested in learning more about the group's activities at the Wackenhut facility are urged to attend.

Square Dance Lessons

Beginning on Thursday, February 5, 1998, Ed Hart will begin another Square Dance class for beginners. We had four graduate with *honors* at the end of 1997. If you haven't heard by now, the Happy Hart's Square Dance Club has lots of fun and fellowship. A good way to meet folks if you are new in the community. At our Saturday dance in January, we had dancers for Abilene, San Angelo, Winters and Bronte attend. We had approximately 65 in attendance.

If you are interested in lessons beginning February, contact Ed Hart at 473-3161 or Pete Percifull at 473-2166. The first two lessons will be free so come and see if this is something you might like to try. Start 1998 with exercise and fun all at the same time. See you there.

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Obituaries

Vaughan

Robert Davidson Vaughan, 84 of Robert Lee, died Saturday, January 24, 1998 in the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside services were held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Memorial services followed at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church with the Reverend Jim McWilliams officiating. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Born August 26, 1913 in Victoria, Texas, son of Robert Lee and Mary Orr Vaughan, Robert married Pauline Haynes on December 27, 1934. Mr. Vaughan is survived by his wife, Pauline; four daughters, Eileen and her husband, Norman Watson of Arlington, Mary and her husband, Ben Bessent of Robert Lee, Vernay and her husband Bob Lomas of Longview, and Paula Vaughan of Abilene; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and great grandson, Cody Bill Bessent. After growing up in Victoria, Texas, Robert attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He was the civilian manager of the Post Exchange System at North and South Camp Hood during World War II. The Vaughans lived in Eastland from 1940 to 1952 where he owned and managed the Western Auto store there. While in Eastland, Robert was active in civic organizations, was a member of the Masonic Lodge, building chairman of the Eastland Memorial Hospital and served on the Eastland School Board.

In 1952 Robert and Pauline moved to Robert Lee, Texas where he owned and operated Vaughan Chevrolet until retiring in 1978.

In Robert Lee, he had served as B.C.D. president; director of the Upper Colorado River Authority six years; served as a member of Chevrolet Dealer council of the Dallas Zone; Executive Director of Tri-Region Health Systems Agency; and Citizens advisory director Texas Water Quality Board (Section 208). He was a West Texas Chamber of Commerce Director; Heart O' Texas Savings Director; Charter member of the Mountain Creek Golf Association; Charter member and active participant in the Coke County Pageant Association

and its pageant. He was a member of the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church since 1952 and had served in many capacities. Robert served as Mayor of Robert Lee from 1962 to 1968, during which time many improvements for the City were accomplished. He was given the B.C.D. award in appreciation for Community Service. He was awarded the Lions Club Citizen of the Year award in 1978. He again took the Mayor's office in January, 1979; served a part term and served a second full term which ended April 1984. His main concern was adequate water supply for the City and rural people. He obtained a government grant for upgrading Robert Lee's water plant.

Gardening was his hobby and golfing was his favorite recreation. Memorials may be given to the First United Methodist Church or to the West Coke County E.M.S.

Pallbearers were Craig Bessent, Randy Bessent, Mike Watson, Marcus Lomas, B. J. Bessent, Mike McColium, and Keith Watson. Honorary pallbearers were Dale Wojtek, Donny Robertson, Foy Askins, Horace Scott, George Lomas, and Jack Brewer.

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Byrne, Renfroe receive degrees

Two Robert Lee students at Angelo State University were among 296 students to receive degrees during the Fall commencement at the university.

Sarah Ann Byrne received a Bachelor of Arts, with a major in History, and Lori Mae Renfroe received a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a major in Marketing.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Last summer, Congress made major changes in health benefits under Medicare. These changes were in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The full effect of these cuts are just now being realized.

In the Standard Times, January 25, 1998 issue, an article on the front page reported the closing of the Ballinger Clinic. One of the changes reported was the reimbursement per patient of \$57.77 by Medicare regardless of the treatment received - whether the complaint was a cold or the patient was having a major heart attack. One requires minimal care while the other complaint requires major care including lab and numerous diagnostic tests. How long will the rural clinics be able to sustain themselves with this ration of reimbursement/cost?

The other major change by Medicare affects home care agencies. Basically, home care agencies are being forced to reduce expenditures by 15 to 30 percent. A new limit per patient based on what home care cost the agency in 1993-1994 is being instituted. These cuts make it particularly difficult for those patients with intensive or long-term care needs. Patients who end up back in the hospital or nursing homes are not better off, and the cost of care in these institutions is extremely more expensive than home care services. Home health is only about 10% of the cost of Medicare.

These decisions seem to be motivated by economic consideration rather than by the needs of patients. I recommend that you write Senators Kay Bailey Hutchinson and Phil Gramm, and Representatives Charles Stenholm and Lamar Smith to let them know these changes need to be reversed. Saving money is good, but not at the expense of needed medical care for our elderly or rural population.

Sincerely,
Cookie Burns

Copeland named to Dean's List

Jerrold D. Copeland of Robert Lee has been named to the Dean's List at Stephen F. Austin State University.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours and maintain an excellent grade point average.

Jerrold is the son of Daryl and Myna Kay Copeland of Robert Lee.

Death Notices

Dunham

Faye B. Dunham, 88 of Robert Lee, died Friday, January 23, 1998 in Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24, 1998 at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby Green of Robert Lee and Danny Green of Hawkins, Texas; two daughters, Betty Storm of LaGrange, Texas and Bonnie Spearman of Bruswick, Georgia; ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Thompson

Rowland M. Thompson, 83, died January 22, 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Omelia May Thompson of Port St. Lucie; a son, Rowland "Bud" M. Thompson, Jr. of Robert Lee, Texas; a daughter, Margaret Thompson of Port St. Lucie; a brother, Therman Thompson of Saugus, California; a sister, Bernice Thompson of Gaylord, Michigan; eight grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rowland E. and Florabell Thompson.

Treat

Jean W. Treat, 66, of Rialto, California died Friday, December 19, 1997 at Loma

Linda University Community Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Donald B.; two sons, Donald P. of Fontana and Brook Warner of Rialto; her daughter, Cynthia of Rialto; and her brother, James Wayne Warner of San Bernardino; and two aunts, Mrs. Ella Pruitt and Mrs. Pearl Mae Andrews of Bronte, Texas.

Walker

Samuel Gorman Walker, 67, of Robert Lee died Tuesday, January 20, 1998, in a Dallas hospital.

Service was on Friday, January 23, 1998 at Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial in McKenzieville Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Jewel Walker of Robert Lee; a son, Jimmie Walker of Robert Lee; four daughters, Linda Jones of Hico and Martha Blackstock, Janet Graves and Cathy McGinley, all of Robert Lee; a brother, Ronnie Walker of Rankin; a sister, Mary Streng of San Angelo; eight grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

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**Carver - Cassidy
Wed**

On Saturday, December 20, 1997, Kimberly Diane Carver and Kevin Doyle Cassidy were joined together in a double ring ceremony in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Brother Garry Bivins officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. John Carver of Robert Lee. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cassidy of Burleson, Texas.

Music by Kevin Kerns, Kenny Gee, and Jim Barickman set the atmosphere for the candlelight ceremony. Roger Alexander sang the Parent's Song while both mothers together were lighting the candles. Tracy Uchshon of Abilene sang "My Valentine" while the couple was lighting the unity candle. John Hanna of Abilene sang "The Lord's Prayer" acappella as the closing prayer. Pianist was Heidi Huffstetler of Abilene.

The church was decorated with Christmas wreaths, drapes of Christmas greenery with large arrangements of red poinsettias, white Magnolias, red Roses, Holly, and white candles. Two 15 branch brass fan candelabras stood on each side of the baptistery with two 15 branch brass spiral candelabras stood elegantly amongst the bridesmaids and groomsmen. Red poinsettias laid gracefully in the baptistery as well as around the brass unity candle stand.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long white satin gown, V-neck in the front with pearls, beads, lace, and iridescent sequins accenting the gown. Strings of pearls flowed down the opening V on the back of the gown. A white satin bow and lace accenting the back of the gown with strings of pearls and lace flowing into a cathedral chapel length train. Her veil was of pearls and iridescent sequins and tulle that flowed the length of the train. The brides bouquet was designed by her mother and was made in the shape of a teardrop. The bouquet was made up of white roses, white gladiolas, white lilies, fox tails, and white poinsettias. Eucalyptus, gold berries, pearls, holly and gold ribbon accenting the bouquet. Pieces of snow greenery added the Christmas touch.

The bridesmaids wore floor length red satin gowns with a red chiffon scarf around their necks that flowed down the back of their gowns. They carried a brass candelabra with red roses, magnolias, mistletoe, holly, and berries also designed by the brides mother.

Krystal Murphy, sister of the bride, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, served as Matron of Honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Kim Light, sister of the bridegroom from Burleson, Texas; Cherith Huffstetler, Kimberley McMilton, Amy Duncan, all of Abilene, Mitzi White of Lubbock, and Heather Millican of San Angelo, Texas.

Flower girl was Allison Millican of Robert Lee. Allison wore a white floor length gown accenting with lace, small white pearls, and a



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cassidy

headpiece of white flowers attached to a tulle veil in her hair. Allison carried a gold basket of red rose petals.

The groom wore a white tuxedo accented with a red rose boutonniere. Byron Cassidy of Burleson served his brother as Best Man. Groomsmen along with the Best Man all wore black tuxedos with red rose boutonnieres. Groomsmen were Robert Franklin of Burleson, Keith Taylor, Pat Potts, Josh Fuchs, all of Abilene, Jeff Martinez of West Point, New Jersey and Mark Zimmer of Mansfield.

The ushers and candlelighters also wore black tuxedos accented with red rose boutonnieres. Ushers were Matthew Millican and Judd Pitcock both of Robert Lee. Candlelighters were Randy Murphy of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Scot Millican of Sweetwater, Texas.

A reception followed the candlelight ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church. The Christmas theme was carried out with red floor length table cloths with white lace overlays. Red poinsettias sat at the end of each table on top of white pedestals. Tall Northfork Pines also accented in between the tables. The 4 tiered wedding cake adorned the brides table and a Black Russian cake centered the grooms table. Cake, finger foods, cheese balls, fruit, and mock Champaign punch was served from silver appointments. Serving in the house party were Mary Beth Drennan, Dolores Roe, Tammy Roe, Pam Millican, Patsy Dunn, Sharon Pitcock, Sheri Millican, Debbie Wilkes all of Robert Lee, Pat Cox of Olney, Texas, Linda Mendez, Tammy Smith and Vandra Hall all of Burleson, Texas.

Many guests enjoyed Christmas music by Harpist

Kim Norman of Snyder, Texas. Out of town guests were many friends and families of John and Sheila Carver, and Bill and Jane Ann Cassidy of Burleson, Texas. Also attending were a host of well wishers, professors, and classmates of the couple from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Sorosis Club News

The Sorosis Study Club of Bronte met in the home of Earlene Moore, 7:30 p.m., January 9, 1998.

Plans were made to sponsor the birthday party for Bronte Nursing Home residents to be held in February.

The nominating committee will present its recommendation for new officer at the February 12 meeting in the home of Dorris Sonnenberg.

A clever and informative presentation on "Safety for Older Americans" was given by Janet Wommack.

Refreshments were served by the hostess to the following members: Celia Bowden, Jean Fancher, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, Pat Lee, Diane Lockett, Fredna Moore, Dorris Sonnenberg, Mildred Thomason, Janet Wommack, and Jeanene Lee.

**Local Students
receive Degrees**

Three Bronte students at Angelo State University were among 296 students to receive degrees during the Fall commencement at the university.

Traci Hindman Slaughter received a Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, with a major in Kinesiology, Kimberley Michelle Stewart-Lee received a Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Language Arts, and Alisa Arrott Webb received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Early Childhood.

Wilson Bryan family members wish to thank their many friends who helped make the Christmas celebration a success at BRYAN'S BARN in 1997.

Special thanks are due Speedy Brasuel, Roy Blair, Roy Tinkler, Gary Sam Williams, and Robert Lee-Silver Lion's Club.

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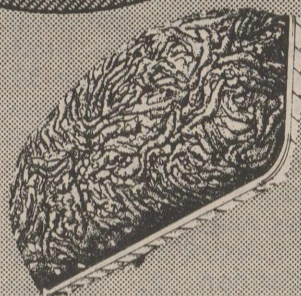
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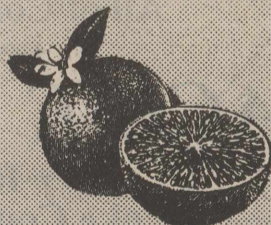
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Junior High Boys B'Ball

Robert Lee "A" boys junior high squad won 3rd place at the Water Valley tournament. Game one went into double overtime with Robert Lee winning 34 - 32 against Sterling City. Brady Bolding racked up 18 points with Colby Eubanks adding 9, Casey Eubanks 3, Charles Abalos 2, Nathan Mecher and Adam Cates 1 each.

The boys lost game two against Irion County. Casey Eubanks led the scoring with 13, Brady Bolding 8, Bret Ballew 3, Taylor Clendennen, Trent McCabe, and Colby Eubanks added 2 each. Final score was Robert Lee 30, Irion County 35.

The third place game was against Water Valley which ended with Robert Lee 34, Water Valley 19. Scoring was really spread out with each player. Scoring was Casey Eubanks 8, Brady Bolding 6, Charles Abalos 6, Colby Eubanks 4, Adam Cates 4, Taylor Clendennen 2, Nathan Mecher 2, Bret Ballew 2.

RLJH Girls win WV tournament

The Robert Lee junior high girls team traveled to Water Valley January 22-24, 1998.

The "A" girls defeated Sterling City in game one with a score of 43 to 9. Jodee Helwig scored 14, followed by Whitney Millican with 10, Shanna Wojtek 6, Kizre Matthews 4, Jamie Chessir 3, Bobbie Sparks and Rachelle Mills with 2 each.



The 1st Graders in Mrs. Gardner's and Mrs. Pena's class enjoyed lunch around the campfire during a two-week study of cowboys and ranch life.

Game two was again victorious against Irion County. Final tally, Robert Lee 33, Irion County 6. Whitney Millican had a good game with 15 points, Jodee Helwig 8, Shanna Wojtek 6, Kizre Matthews and Bobbie Sparks with 2 each.

For the championship game it was Robert Lee 41 - Bronte 24. High scoring came from Jodee Helwig 18 and Whitney Millican 13, followed by Shanna Wojtek 6, Kizre Matthews 2, and Melissa Landeros 2.

Texas Highway Department Retirees luncheon

Retired highway employees are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, February 9, 1998 at Zentner's Restaurant, 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

The purpose of this luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to attend the luncheon. For more information contact: D.R. Watson at (915) 944-3968.

RL 5th Grade in D.A.R.E. Program

The 5th graders in Robert Lee have been participating in the D.A.R.E. Program, with the help of Officer Neel. He has taught us how and why to stay drug free. The best three D.A.R.E. essay writers were Lindsey Roe, Jake McCabe, and Cisco Morena. They all received a metal. They read their essays at the D.A.R.E. graduation on January 7, 1998. Every 5th grader received a certificate and a T-shirt.

Submitted by: Lindsey Roe, Julie Riley, Kayli Dickey, and Jack McCabe



Josh Timm, RLHS Senior, gave a roping demonstration to the 1st Graders in Mrs. Gardner's and Mrs. Pena's class during their two-week study of cowboys and ranch life.



5th Grade D.A.R.E. Class



Breakfast

- Monday, February 2**
Orange juice, cinnamon rolls, cold cereal, milk
- Tuesday, February 3**
Orange juice, blueberry pancake wrapped around sausage, cold cereal, milk
- Wednesday, February 4**
Orange juice, banana nut muffins, cold cereal, milk
- Thursday, February 5**
Orange juice, breakfast pizza, cold cereal, milk
- Friday, February 6**
Orange juice, pancakes, sausage, milk

Lunch

- Monday, February 2**
Beef stew w/crackers, pears, cake, milk
- Tuesday, February 3**
Mexican casserole, corn, tossed salad, chocolate pudding, crackers, milk
- Wednesday, February 4**
Grilled cheese sandwich, pickles, potato patty, fruit cocktail, cake, milk
- Thursday, February 5**
Salisbury steak, creamed potatoes, English peas, rolls, applesauce, milk
- Friday, February 6**
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onion, potato wedges, bananas, milk

Bake Sale

The Robert Lee High School Band will be having a bake sale on Valentine's Day to raise money for 31 new uniforms. With the continual growth of the band additional uniforms are greatly needed. Look for the bake sale at the fire department and Super H. Thank you for your support.

RL PTA Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Robert Lee PTA is scheduled for February 5, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the Robert Lee school cafeteria.

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Norma Waldrop Warrington

Warrington's 92nd Birthday honored

Thursday, January 15, Norma Waldrop Warrington was honored by family and friends in celebration of her 92nd birthday during the third Thursday dance at the Robert Lee Community Center.

Norma, a long time resident of San Angelo, shares in the rich heritage of Coke County. Her parents moved to Robert Lee in 1908 where they farmed and ranched. Her father, James Alexander "Dick" Waldrop also taught school and was the postmaster for a short time. Norma attended school in the Hayrick community and also at Fort Chadbourne.

more information from one of the bidders.

•Contract with Schleicher County for housing of inmates was approved at \$35.00 per day.

•Court was reminded of Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. January 26, 1998.

•Group recessed to Wackenhut for visit and found all in good order.

•Bills paid and meeting adjourned.



Judge Jackie Walker signs Farm Bureau proclamation.

Farm Bureau Proclamation Signed

County Judge, Jackie Walker, has signed a proclamation designating February 2-6, 1998 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week" in Coke County.

The week is part of a statewide observance during which county Farm Bureau will make a special effort to enroll new members, according to John Stephen's of Robert Lee, president of the Coke County Farm Bureau.

Bobby Roberts of Robert Lee is chairman of the membership committee which is responsible for membership acquisition and maintenance. Other committee members are: Robert M. Brown, Alonza Robbins, and Charles Oliphant of Bronte, and Jeff Eubanks of Robert Lee.

"The Texas Farm Bureau, with more than 300,000 members families, is influential in both state and national affairs on behalf of agriculture," the proclamation reads.

"Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization. Its foundation is the county unit. There are 211 organized

county Farm Bureaus in the state including the Coke County Farm Bureau," the proclamation states.

John Stephens said the local county Farm Bureau has 678 member families and is seeking to exceed that number in 1998.

He said that the Farm Bureau is a general farm organization that seeks to improve the income of farm and ranch families. The organization represents farmers and ranchers at the local county courthouse, in Austin, and in Washington, D.C.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

A divorce recovery workshop entitled "Growing Through Divorce" will be held in Bronte at the Senior Citizens Building beginning on Wednesday, February 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. The workshop will meet the following Wednesdays at 7:00 for five additional weeks. The workshop is progressive and each session will build on the previous session. The workshop is focused on "growing" through a divorce instead of just "going" through one and deals with most aspects of the process. This workshop is recommended for anyone that has just been divorced, anyone in the process of divorce, or anyone that has been divorced for a number of years. Each session will be approximately 2 hours long. The workshop is free to anyone who wishes to attend. For more information call 473-2603.

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BJH and BHS Honor Rolls posted
A Honor Roll

7th Grade

Cody Blaylock, Jenna Herold, Heather Richey, Jonathan Tomes, Joel Webb

8th Grade

Katy Frazee, Christine Galvan, Lacy Schoenfield

9th Grade

Angie Harrell, Brooke McCutchen, Tessie McMullan, Crystal Moore, Jade Richards, Cara Sefcik, Casandra Parks

10th Grade

Jerrold McClure, George Tomes, Andy Blair, Josh Butts, Gayle Porter

11th Grade

Yvette Bedell, Nicole Butts, Stacie McKee, Rodney Adams, Bonnie DeLaughter, Brandy Denton, Erin Marrs

12th Grade

Courtney Arrott, Courtney Beam, Michael Martinez

A-B Honor Roll

7th Grade

Barbie Arant, Khanni Beauchamp, James Graves, Michael Johnson, Joe'l Sefcik, Melissa Walker

8th Grade

Britni Adams, Gene Butts, Steve Eldred, Dalton Graves, James Green, Cheyenne Head, Chrissie Israel, Morgan McCutchen, Michelle Owens, Brandon Poehls, Daisy Porter, Natasha Reed, Joey Rhodes, Stormy White, Lauren Williams

9th Grade

Amanda Bowie, Brandon Gibbs, Eric Johnson, Jesse McClure, Ryan McCorkle, Rosa Rodriguez, Kara Thompson, Henry White

10th Grade

Randy Johnson, Wes Howell, Tamara Sedden, Jessica Sturgill, Blake McKee

11th Grade

Billy Arthur, Dustin Holland, Rod Harrell, Cody Harris, Jose Rodriguez

12th Grade

Cara Barnett, Sommer Beck, Casey Gibbs, Holly McDuffie, Michael Sallee, Eli Speary

Rhodes honored with shower

Katelynn Renee Tijerina and her mother, Cindy Rhodes, were the guests of honor at a baby shower January 20, 1998. Special guests included Cindy's grandmother, Betty Jean Caddel, Cindy's mother, Janet Rhodes, and her sister, Dawn Rhodes.

The shower was hosted by the River of Life Church ladies' Bible Study and was held at the home of Cindy's great aunt, Dora Duren. Family and friends enjoyed an evening of games, gifts, cake, and other refreshments.

Commissioner's Court Actions

by Jackie Walker

Meeting was called to order with pledge to the flag and prayer led by Mayor Nichols. Mayor Nichols, Rick Drennan, Joe Sefcik, Marty Boyd, Sid McGinnis, Wayne McCutchen, Floyd Blackwell, Mike Harris, Kristy Roe, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Lahoun, and Darrell Sowell were present.

•Minutes approved as presented.

•Mayor Nichols requested funds for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. Rick Drennen reported what was needed to repair equipment. Mr. Drennen said it would take about \$21,000 to get things in shape. Mr. Tidwell expressed concern over needing so many trucks. Extra money has not been budgeted and research will be needed to find a source. Court will take it under consideration.

•Pat Percifull was appointed Judge Pro-tem for 1998.

•Mr. Blackwell presented a request from citizens on Brother English Road to have their road paved. The County's part would be to dedicate a one mile strip as County Road, move fence, and work on paving. The citizens would buy the materials. County will check with City of Sweetwater, Nolan County, and land owner regarding agreements. Court will report back to the citizens.

•Wackenhut Agreement review was tabled due to County Attorney being out of town.

•Bronte Volunteer Fire department requested additional funds also for truck and dispatching equipment. This will be looked into at same time as Robert Lee's.

•Government Trapper's report was approved as presented.

•Kristy Roe reported on Appraisal District Board Meeting.

•Bridge report was handed out to Commissioners for them to review and report back to the Court.

•Mike Harris requested a line transfer for repairs and gas, under advisement of Stover Taylor, we will wait until later to do this.

•Mike Harris discussed sharing a deputy to CRMWD, City of Robert Lee, and Coke County. Mr. Harris wanted two appointed to a committee to study this. Royce Lee and Pat Percifull will serve on this committee.

•Repairs on asphalt truck was discussed. Court wanted

Judge Davis attends Seminar

Judge Joan Davis was certified at the recent 20 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held January 20-23, 1998, in Austin, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Death and Dying: How to Process the Emotion, Justice of the Peace and Constable Relations and Duties, Emergency Mental Commitments, Cultural Diversity, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues, Legal Research, Court Costs and Fees, Disposition of Stolen Property, Advanced Civil Law and Trial Procedure.

Ms. Davis was accompanied by Judge Joyce Weems of Winters to Austin. The pair has traveled together since both took office initially in 1991.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Elementary READERS

There was a chill in the air Friday, but it didn't keep the students participating in Point Club celebrations from having a good time. This past Friday, many students in grades two through 6 enjoyed such things as a movie, a Read-In, and being a buddy with the little kids in their classrooms.

Each six weeks students read books and take quizzes on the Electronic Bookshelf. At the end of the six weeks points are tabulated and students who met their reading goals become a member of a point club. This depends on the number of points earned that six weeks on Electronic Bookshelf. The goal is to motivate students to read and then reward them for their efforts.

Students who were members of the 25 Point Club were invited to a special Read-In Friday afternoon. Mrs. Jackson, the elementary computer lab teacher, read a Judy Blume book to students and then the rest of the time was spent snacking and reading some other books. These students were, Meagan Rosenquist, Matthew Luna, Jesse Rodriguez, Brittany Eldred, Riley Coalson, John Basquez, Christy Casares, D.J. Brittain, Ashley Wilcox, Garrett Fiveash, Christopher Guzman, Kinlee Hoyt, Tanner Corder, Morgan Fields, and Joseph Flores.

The 60 Point Club students enjoyed popcorn and Sprite while spending some time after lunch watching a movie.

Migrant Education Program

The Bronte Independent School District has in place a Migrant Education Program. The Migrant Education Program is there for students and families who must move from one school district to another in order to seek or obtain temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture or fishing work. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about the Migrant Program at our school, please call 473-2511.

Horns fall to Eden, Water Valley

The Bronte Longhorns fell to Eden, 40-46. With 14 points and 7 rebounds, Rodney Adams took top scoring honors. Michael Martinez posted 9 points and 5 rebounds, Michael Sallee 8 points and 5 rebounds, Scott Graves 6 points and 8 rebounds, Casey Gibbs 2 points and 4 assists, and Dustin Scott 1 point.

The Horns lost a heart-breaker in overtime to Water Valley, 44-47. Scott Graves was high pointer with 12 points, followed by Michael Martinez with 11 points, 4 assists and 3 steals. Rodney Adams put in 9 points and had 6 rebounds, Michael Sallee put in 8 points with 6 rebounds, and Casey Gibbs and Dustin Holland each had 2 points.

The kids included were, Albert Bravo, Bailey Saunders, Angelo Arant, Chris Brown, Eddy Arant, Salena Soto, Matthew Compton, Jaylon Saunders, Emily Austin, Anthony Vivian, Melissa Flores, Justin Moore, Ryan Martinez, Rebekah Beauchamp, C. T. Lloyd, Cheyenne Webb, Everick Boalts, Zach White, Cody Lee, and Shane Jones.

The 125 Point Club students brought a sack lunch to eat and then spent the afternoon helping in the Pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade classrooms. Helpers were, Sarah Basquez, Lora Martinez, Ariel Marrs, Natalee Reed, Nicholas Flores, Calli Johnson, Megan Gibbs, Rebecca Rawlings, Savannah Martinez, Cory Cooper, Justin Frazee, Ashleigh Kelly, Casey Harris, Stephanie Flores, Gus Saunders, Britney McCutchen, and Blaine Dyess.

One student, Ashley McCutchen, was a member of the 200 Point Club. Ashley had a sack lunch and then was able to choose how she would like to spend her afternoon. Lillian McMullan, with over 400 points, was treated to lunch at El Ranchero. Her dad and brother were her special guests. After Lillian returned from her lunch she also was able to choose how she would spend the afternoon.

The Point Clubs are fun, but hopefully over time if children are turned on to reading while

they are still young, those children will become life-long readers. That is our wish for all the children at Bronte. Keep on reading.

Boys junior high teams win in close games

It took overtime play for the Bronte junior high 7th grade basketball team to be victorious. Scoring for Bronte was Joel Webb 11, Charlie Bettis 6, James Graves 5, and Michael Johnson 2. Final score was Bronte 24 - Garden City 23.

The 8th grade team won by two, Bronte 26 - Garden City 24. Steve Eldred led with 14, followed by Coby Carper 6, Lorenzo DelaGarza 4, and Gene Butts 2.

BJHS girls win

The 7th grade Bronte Junior High girls had their first big win over the Garden City Bearcats. Final score was Bronte 16 - Garden City 10. Scoring for the Shorthorns were Melisa Walker 6, Heather Richey 4, Kim Tousek 3, Joe'l Sefcik 2, and Lindsey Williams 1.

Lauren Williams led the 8th grade girls during their win over Garden City with 14 points, while Natasha Reed added 6, Chrissie Counts 5, and Daisy Porter 2. Final score was Bronte 27 - Garden City 19.

Lady Shorthorns face RL in tournament final

The Bronte 8th grade Lady Shorthorns competed in the Water Valley "A" Basketball Tournament. With a bye in the first round, the Ladies faced off against Garden City at 11 am Saturday. Less than two points separated the two teams at the end of each of the first three quarters. However, the final score showed the Lady Shorthorns ahead by three points to win 27-24. High pointer was Lauren Williams with 8, followed by Kelly Cooper with 6, Britni Adams with 4, Lacy Schoenfield with 3, and Daisy Porter, Chrissie Counts, and Natasha Reed with 2 each.

The Lady Shorthorns fell to the Lady Dogies in the Championship game, 25-41. Lacy Schoenfield was high scorer with 11 points, including three 3 pointers. Stormy White added 7, Natasha Reed 3, and Chrissie Counts and Lauren Williams each put in 2. White and Reed each scored a 3 point shot. The team was 4 of 8 from the free throw line.



Members of the Bronte Elementary EBS 25 point club are (from left) Jesse Rodriguez, Tanner Corder, John Basquez, Matthew Luna, Joseph Israel, Kinlee Hoyt, and Riley Coalson.



Members of the Bronte Elementary EBS 25 point club are (from left) Meagan Rosenquist, Morgan Fields, Brittany Eldred, Christy Casares, and Ashley Wilcox.



Members of the Bronte Elementary EBS 125 point club are (front row, from left) Cory Cooper, Blaine Dyess, Justin Frazee, Sarah Basquez, Natalee Reed, Rebecca Rawlings, (back row, from left) Gus Saunders, Lora Martinez, Stephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, Casey Harris, Ashleigh Kelly, Ariel Marrs, Calli Johnson, Nicholas Flores, and Britney McCutchen.

BJHS boys take 2nd place at WV tournament

The tournament matched the Bronte 8th grade boys with Water Valley for the first game of the tournament with Bronte winning by a large margin of 40 to 17. Scoring for Bronte was Lorenzo Dela-

Garza 18, Steve Eldred 10, Cody Sedden 4, Gene Butts 4, Coby Carper 2 and Jeremy Sanchez 2.

For the championship, Bronte was matched with Irion County. Final score was Irion County 42 - Bronte 26. Scoring was led by Steve Eldred 18, Coby Carper 4, Coby Sedden 2, and Lorenzo DelaGarza 2.



Breakfast
Monday, Feb. 2
 Cereal, Sliced Peaches, Teddy Grahams, Milk
Tuesday, Feb. 3
 Sausage, Orange Juice, Pancakes, Milk
Wednesday, Feb. 4
 Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk
Thursday, Feb. 5
 Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Milk
Friday, Feb. 6
 French Toast Stix, Orange Juice, Banana Nut Muffins, Milk

Lunch
Monday, Feb. 2
 Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Brownies
Tuesday, Feb. 3
 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Sweet Corn, Broccoli w/Cheese, Bread Sticks, Milk, Chocolate Chip Cookies
Wednesday, Feb. 4
 Soft Tacos w/Cheese, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Jello w/Mixed Fruit
Thursday, Feb. 5
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Red Grapes, Milk, Pink Panther Cake
Friday, Feb. 6
 Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Pork & Beans, Bun, Milk, Ice Cream Cups

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Maroon Bluebonnet
Seeds to be
released this fall

Starting this fall you can buy seeds to plant maroon bluebonnets. The name of the new bluebonnet isn't official yet, but it's likely to be named after Greg Grant who showed the most determination in breeding for that famous Aggie color. The Texas A&M graduate was going through a test field of pink bluebonnets when he realized they weren't truly pink. They had some blue in them. He describes them as a washed out lavender mauve. Grant says getting them to actually become maroon took many years of breeding as the color gradually improved. Grant is not a horticulturist with Stephen F. Austin University back in his hometown of Nacogdoches. He's flattered that his former boss, Extension horticulturist Dr. Jerry Parsons, wants to call the maroon bluebonnet, Grant's maroon bluebonnet, but Grant feels he doesn't deserve such an honor. He believes the flower should have a more marketable name, but understands that legally it

Social Security
Administrator
Upp retires

San Angelo Social Security district manager. Franklin H. Upp, recently announced his retirement after serving over 34 years with the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Upp has been with SSA since 1963, beginning his career as a claims representative in the San Angelo office. Following promotions to managerial positions in Abilene, Sherman, Dallas, Lubbock and Lufkin, Mr. Upp returned to San Angelo as District Manager in 1975.

He is married to Tellie McWilliams of Trent, Texas and they have three married children - Shellie Smyser of Woodbridge, VA, Jeff Upp of Abilene, Texas and Angie Cowart of San Angelo, Texas. A grandson, Braden Upp (almost three years old) and a granddaughter, Brittany Smyser (will be 2 years old in March).

Mr. Upp has a BS in Business from Abilene Christian University and an MBA in Management from Texas Tech University. He has called Texas home since his marriage in 1960. He has served as a deacon and elder at the Johnson Street Church of Christ and is a member of the board of directors that operates Christian Village and Village East Retirement Homes.

Prior to his career with SSA, Mr. Upp spent 4 1/2 years in the Air Force and worked for 3 years as a manager for a discount department store chain.

He is an avid golfer and enjoys all spectator sports. He plans to pursue other business opportunities that give him the flexibility to play golf and travel when he chooses.

cannot be given a name relating to Texas A&M. He also points out that in breeding the maroon bluebonnet, he had to breed a red bluebonnet, so Texas Tech fans can have their version of the state flower as well. What's the chance for an orange bluebonnet for patrons of that other big state university? Grant says years ago he noticed brownish flowers in a white bluebonnet field, but he promptly pulled them up, stomped on them and threw them away. He says University of Texas folks will just have to do without.

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 taking the test 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 four to six weeks to receive your score, waiting until October to test may mean your college application goes unprocessed until December. This may be too late for some deadlines (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 don't 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 score 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 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.

CV MHMR provides
services

The Concho Valley Mental health Mental Retardation Center Children's Services department provides mental health care for children at the clinic, their home, or the school.

Children from birth to 18 years with serious emotional disturbances, behavioral

problems, and those with a dual diagnosis of mental disturbance and mental retardation can qualify for services.

To be eligible to receive services from the Children's and Adolescent's Division, a child or adolescent must: Be a resident of Tom Green, Crockett, Reagan, Irion, Sterling, Coke, or Concho counties; Be between the ages of birth to 18 years; Have an Axis I mental health diagnosis, or be enrolled in any early childhood intervention program; Be classified as seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) by your school district, or have a global assessment functioning score of 49 or below, or be at risk for out-of-home placement because of behavioral problems requiring mental health care.

The ways MHMR can help include: Medication Services - provides psychiatric evaluations, lab work, assessments, and medication management; Therapeutic Counseling Services - including individual therapy and therapeutic outings; Case Management Services; Community Support and Referral Services; Family Support Program - provides respite and flexible funding to assist families whose children have mental health difficulties to overcome barriers to treatment and be able to access therapeutic services; Summer Program Fun - including therapeutic counseling and activities for school age children with mental health difficulties.

For information and access to services, call (915) 655-8969, ext. 433 or 432.



At the conclusion of the second grade stamp unit, Postmaster Harrel Johnston and Mrs. Lackey, president of the Robert Lee Stamp Club, visited the class. Mr. Johnston gave a presentation and Mrs. Lackey shared her personal stamp collection. They also looked at the students' collections and answered questions. Each child received a Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club coloring book.

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I will over the next few months be phasing down the production part of our monument company. We will still be selling monuments but have the production work done on site at the quarries.
I have NOT been involved with real estate for the past two years and I no longer hold a Real Estate License
PERSONAL RESPONSE: I would not have even filed for candidacy if I thought in any way that I could not meet the requirements of the office. Every candidate for every office is currently employed and/or involved with other business interest. I hope that they have made plans to meet the requirements of their offices. I KNOW I HAVE.
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FOR COUNTY JUDGE

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Blackwell Honor Roll

The Blackwell CISD announces the following students maintained grades high enough to qualify them for the "A" or "A-B" honor roll during the third six weeks.

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade

Darren Griffin, Jade Hughey, Katelynn Noble, Ashton Monroe, Clay Stanford, Kristin Hyde, Garrett Blair, Geoffrey Ehl.

Second Grade

Mary Eoff, Brittany Sarratt, Clay Gestes, Elijah Hinkle, Samantha Morrow, Kali Pena, Brett Willis.

Third Grade

Amanda McWhorter, Rachel Smith, Jarred Walker.

Fourth Grade

Philip Buckner, Jake Wilkinson, Lynsey Matthews, Cody Morgan.

Fifth Grade

Tiffany Coffey, Ambra Cole, Melenda Solis.

Sixth Grade

Sharla Holland, Heather Jones, Melissa Pate, Kayla Saunders, Amber Williams.

Seventh Grade

Chris Morgan, Lindy Wilson, Meghan McGhee.

Eighth Grade

Mindy Boyd

Ninth Grade

Katrina Buckner, Tayna Blackwell, Steven Hayes, Ashley Ragland.

Tenth Grade

Leman Saunders, Jennifer Boyd, Kisha Stidham, Adam Wilkinson.

Eleventh Grade

Justin Dove, Jimmy Holland, Lee Nault, Maria Morales.

Twelfth Grade

Elizabeth Camarillo, B. J. Marshall, Kallie Lisso, Jimmy Loveday, Shawn Robertson, Joanie Ussey, Miranda Scott.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade

Jesus Barco, Caitlin Ware, Manuela Saaverda, Merella Solis, Sherri Lantrip.

Second Grade

Sergio Gatica, Miranda Riney, Chad Holland, Jessica Matthews, Joshua McWhorter, Angelica Sims, Garritt Harris, Tyser Robertson.

Third Grade

Luke Calhoun, Daniel Jones, Sylvia Solis.

Fourth Grade

Kelly Dove, Jessica Chavez, Yadira Padilla, Luis Morales, Felicia Murray, Rikki Saunders.

Fifth Grade

Vanessa Lange, Lane Lowrie, Rosalinda Camarillo, Jeremy McWhorter, Tana White.

Sixth Grade

Ryan Ragland, Latisha Roland, Justin Roland, Hilda Sims, Paul Rodriguez, Angel Saavedra, Joshua Scott, Chris Hamilton.

Seventh Grade

Jenifer Breshers, John

Allen Jones, Santiago Morales, Auston Parr, Juan Rocha, Kaitlyn Saunders.

Eighth Grade

Will Blaine, Cody Blair, Cayla Henderson, Jamie Hodges, Kammie Lisso, Jessica McIntire, Codi Munsey, T. J. Holland, Christiina Nichols, Justin Roberson.

Ninth Grade

Pascual Solis, Kristy Calhoun, Gayna Cantrell, Katy Driver, Clint Morgan, LaTosha Roland, Viola Sims.

Tenth Grade

Leticia Camarillo, Stephanie Cantrell, Doug Hughey, Gloria Solis, Cristi Matthews.

Eleventh Grade

Jesus Chavez, Roy Daughtrey, Elida Sims, Michelle Pate, Chayne Roland, Florentino Saavedra, Rosalia Sanchez.

Twelfth Grade

Mauricio Chavez

Super Bowl IV Won by Cowboys

The Robert Lee Super Bowl contest was won by the second grade cowboys. Second place went to the 1st grade Dolphins. Third place went to the kindergarten Grizzly Bears. Each grade competed against each other in these areas: Identifying recorded music, music flash cards, and identifying the instruments of the band. The contest was very intense because each grade knew their stuff from practice. The final score was: 2nd grade Cowboys, 28; 1st grade Dolphins, 21; K Grizzly Bears, 14.

Many parents and teachers attended the Super Bowl IV Contest. This really helped to make the game a success. The Cowboys won a prize for winning and will make a sign that will remain up until Super Bowl V takes place next year.

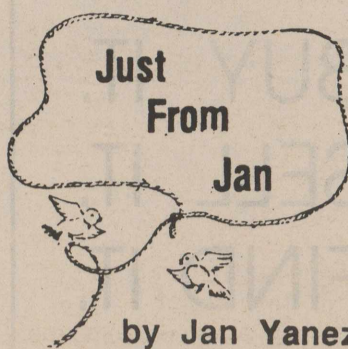
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by Jan Yanez
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Cutlery Care

Quality cutlery is expensive but, with proper care, it will last for generations. Proper cleaning and storage are important. Fine knives should be hand washed separately and thoroughly dried after each use. For safety's sake, hold the sharp edge away from the hand using the towel. Cleaning in the dishwasher should be avoided for several reasons. The combination of heat and detergent can have a corrosive effect on the blade. Blades can be dulled if they are knocked against other items; wood or synthetic handles may be damaged. Finally, if this happens, rub or soak the handles with an edible oil or a food grade wood conditioner. After oiling, lightly polish with fine steel wool.

Proper handling will protect both the user and the knife. sharp knives are the safest. They require less pressure for cutting and do not slip as easily as dull ones. Use a cutting board and, when possible, cut away from the body. When finished, lay the knife down in a cleared area with the blade and point away from the body and away from the edge of the table or cutting area.

Do not store sharp knives loose in a drawer. Contact with other hard objects will dull the blade. Instead, store them in a knife block or holder or use protective sleeve covers.

Ideally, a knife should be sharpened each time it is used. A sharpening steel is specially designed for this purpose. Sharpness is maintained by stroking the blade over the rod on a regular basis. A ceramic hone is designed to remove steel from the knife blade, creating a new edge. Manufacturers of quality cutlery produce sharpening steels and hones for their knives. By reading and following the directions that come with these accessories, at home chefs can be assured of implements with a professional edge.

Health Notes

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Depression

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Depression may seem to be simple fatigue or a general feeling of ill health. You just don't feel good, and you may not know the reason why. There is a sense of loss - a feeling of defeat or of having lost something - or someone - important.

In medical terms, most depression is "reactive," meaning that it is a reaction to an unhappy event. It is natural to have some depression after a loss such as a death of a friend or relative, or after a substantial disappointment at home or work.

Time and activity take care of most depressions. After all, life has its ups as well as its downs; happiness also is inevitable. But if the depression is so great as to disrupt your work or family life for a substantial period of time, put a time limit on it by making an appointment with your doctor.

More on "Depression" next week.



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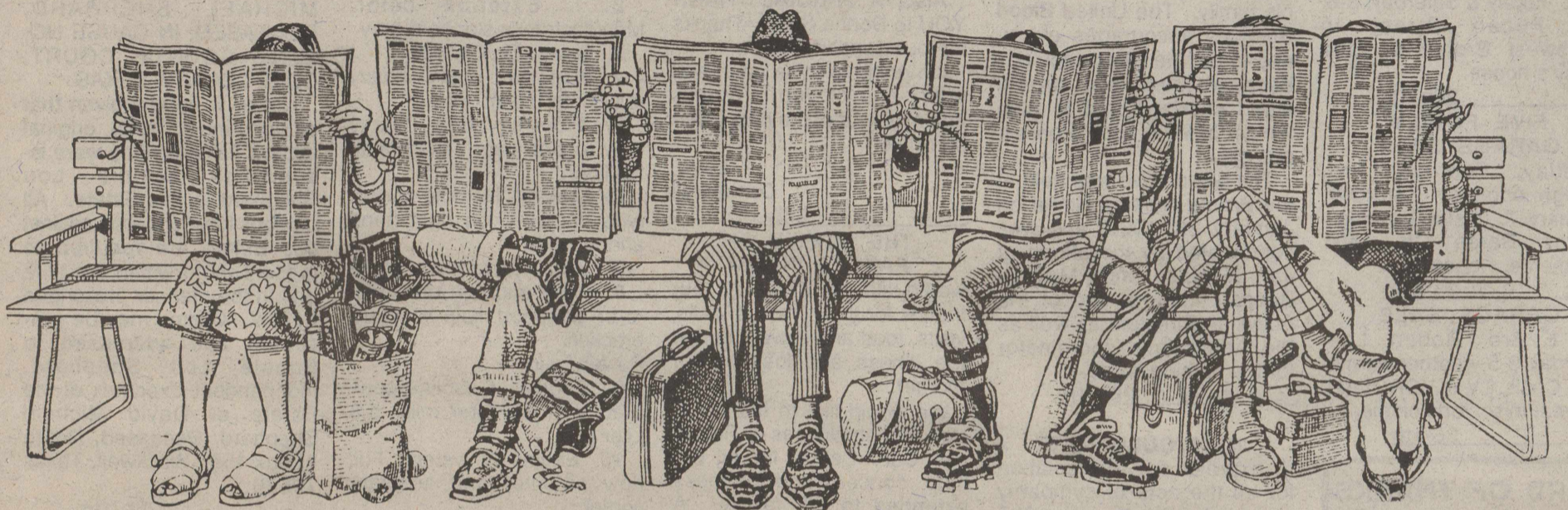
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