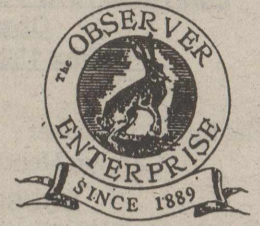


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County students participate in ag field day

The Bronte and Robert Lee 4th grade classes, along with their teachers, Marty Blair, Cindy Bessent, and Carolyn Davis, recently attended an Ag Field Day sponsored by the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, as part of an "Ag in the Classroom" experience.

John Stephens, board president, explained to the children the process of bailing hay and showed them the farm equipment used in this operation. Raymond Branch of Robert Lee taught the children about bull rope making and the different types of braids in a rope. The students were shown a cow and calf and explained the importance of beef in today's industry.

Bobby Roberts showed them how, in the earlier days, butter was made by hand beginning with cow's milk and then churned into butter. The

All District Team selected

The UIL selections for the 26-A All District Basketball Team have been announced with Robert Lee having two selections.

Eli Boxell, a 6'1" senior, and Matthew Millican, a 6'4" senior, were selected to the team. During the basketball season, Eli averaged 11 points and 7 rebounds per game. Matthew averaged 13 points and 8 rebounds per game.

students fed baby lambs and saw pigs, goats, and chickens.

Russell Johnson from Bronte was available with his sheep dog, and he explained to the students the process of training a dog to work livestock and the different commands a dog can be taught to respond to his master's needs. To end the tour, the students were able to watch Mr. Johnson and his dog demonstrate a sheep dog trial. The students had many

Coke County receives needed rainfall

Welcome rain fell in Coke County this week with totals ranging from a little over 1.5 inches near Robert Lee to over 3.0 inches just north of Bronte. The storms rolled through Sunday and light rain continued to fall through Monday morning. Residents were again watching the skies Tuesday evening as more storms developed and moved across the county depositing up to .2-.3" more rain.

Gospel Quartet to hold concert

Heaven's Jubilee, a southern gospel quartet, will give a concert at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 21, 1998, at the United Methodist Church at Blackwell, Texas.

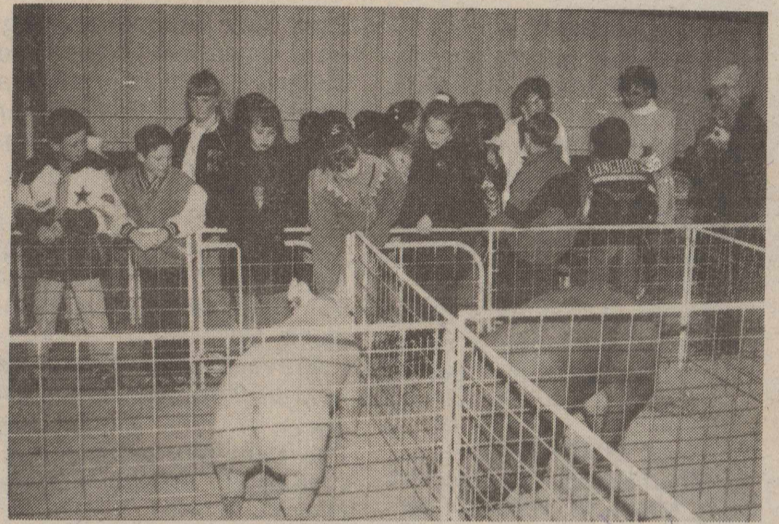
questions throughout the tour, and the teachers even had a few themselves.

Pecan Baptist Church introduces new minister

On February 22, 1998, Dale Patterson began serving as pastor of Pecan Baptist Church, Robert Lee. Dale, his wife, Martha, and his two daughters, Jami and Jodi, moved to Robert Lee from Waxahachie, Texas. Dale and his family are excited for the opportunity to minister to and serve with the folks at Pecan Baptist Church and in Coke County. Dale worked at Texas Baptist Home for Children, working with at-risk youth in an alternative school setting, before surrendering to preach. Pecan called Dale as their pastor after the resignation of Bro. James Rogers, who faithfully served as Pecan's pastor for thirty-two years. Bro. and Mrs. Rogers ministered to many people and gave their lives to serving Coke County.

Dale is the son of M.E. (Pete) and Idamae Patterson. Pete pastored Pecan Baptist Church back in the 1950's and has served as pastor of Central Baptist Church in Bronte on two different occasions. Pecan Baptist Church was Pete's first church to pastor as is Dale's. Martha is the daughter of the late Ted and Freida Stanley. Bro. Stanley served as president of Texas Baptist Home for Children. Jami, 17, and Jodi, 15, both attend Robert Lee High School.

The Pattersons are thrilled to be ministering in Robert Lee and in the county. They look forward to great things yet to come. After graduating from Bronte High School and moving away, Dale has always said, "It's not a matter of if we move back to Coke County, but rather a matter of when." Dale went on to say, "I am thankful God has led my family and me to Pecan Baptist Church and back to Coke County. Nowhere on earth can there be found a greater group of folks than here." Dale wants everyone to feel free to call on him at any time if he can assist with any need. He also wants to invite you to visit Pecan Baptist Church if you do not already have a church home.



County 4th graders view market hogs during the "Ag in the Classroom" demonstration held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Showbarn in Robert Lee.



Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau directors John Stephens and Bobby Roberts demonstrate the lost art of churning butter from cream.

Early voting in run-off slated for April 6-10

Early voting by personal appearance for the upcoming run-off election is set for April 6 through the 10 in the County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Robert Lee. The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot is April 7, 1998. This election, to be held Tuesday, April 14, 1998, will decide two of Coke County's new commissioners.

In the race for Precinct 2 commissioner, Sid McGinnis will face Wayne McCutchen. In Precinct 4, David Rawlings will square off against Rick Styles.

Historically, voter turn-out in run-off elections has been low. However due to the importance of these races to the next commissioners' court, Coke County voters are urged to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

Correction

Due to a clerical error, we received an incomplete total of ballots cast for County Treasurer, Phelan Wrinkle. The correct total was 901 votes.

On a related matter, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Joan Davis was inadvertently omitted from the sample ballot we received from the clerk's office.

Both of these were uncontested races in the democratic primary. The Observer/Enterprise regrets these errors and any inconvenience they may have caused.

Bronte places two on All-District Team

The Bronte Longhorn basketball team had two members placed on the All-District team. Michael Martinez and Rodney Adams received the honor of being on the all-district team. Michael Sallee was named to the honorable mention team.



The Patterson Family
Dale, Martha, Jami, and Jodi

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Death Notices

Badley
 Steve Richard Badley, 84, died Wednesday, March 11, 1998, in a Hobbs, New Mexico, nursing home. Graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 13, 1998, in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home. Survivors include a niece, Rosell Badley and a great-niece, Thresa Hunter, both of Hobbs.

Humble
 Elbert Humble, 86, died Friday, March 13, 1998, in Post. Services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 1998, at the Post Church of Christ with burial in McKenzieville Cemetery in Silver. Arrangements were by Hudman Funeral Home. Survivors include his wife, Patsy Haywood Humble; two sons, Max'sl Elbert Humble of Snyder and Fred Humble of

64 Study Club meets
 The '64' Study Club met Tuesday, March 10, 1998, with approximately 25 members present. The meeting convened at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church after a short social time. Reba Tabor introduced the speaker for the evening, Betty Ford, director of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments. Betty gave an amazingly informative program. The group found that the council works with Coke County and surrounding counties with special outreach projects and beneficial counseling for many. Thelma Jo Hinnard was in charge of the program and business in President Pat Carwile's absence. The hostesses for the evening were Arlea Parks, Maybelle Stewart, Sarah Green, and Margaret Jones. It was an enjoyable time for everyone.

Post; two daughters, Mary Ann Dameron of Midland and Elaine Griffin of Ralls; a brother, A.M. Humble of River Oakes; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Chesshir
 Genevieve Chesshir, 77, of Newark died Sunday, March 15, 1998, at Decatur Community-Hospital. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at the Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Chesshir. She is survived by her husband, D.E. Chesshir of Newark; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Mary Chesshir of Robert Lee; two daughters and son-in-laws, Kathy and Page Durham of Newark and Debbie and Ernie Pannell of Wimberly; two brothers, Leroy Stone of Lubbock and Ken Stone of Oregon; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Euterpean club news
 The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met February 19, 1998 in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church. Myrle Thompson, president, conducted the business meeting. Lillie Burwick, secretary, read minutes from the last meeting. Sharon Taylor gave the treasurer's report. Wilma Breen of San Angelo, a member of Concho Valley Quilters Guild, gave a program on the fun of quilting. Hostesses were Myrle Thompson and Geneva Zarfonetis. Other members attending were: Rosie TenEyck, Margaret Stout, Mary Lee, Linda Watts, Tommie Lucas, Bobbie Varnadore, Collene Fletcher, Sharon Taylor, Betty Cole and Hulene Magness.

Pageant Association meets
 The Coke County Pageant Association met in regular session Monday, March 16, 1998, at the Robert Lee City Hall. President Roger Alexander presided at the meeting. The following business was conducted:
 • The minutes of the February 16, 1998, meeting were approved.
 • The bylaws were amended to state that the board will consist of nine directors, including four officers.
 • An answer should be received shortly on the grant request. Other possible grant sources are being researched.
 • No action was taken on the vacancy on the board
 • Community family dance was discussed as a fund raiser to raise funds to improve the sound and lighting building. A date will be set at the April meeting for this event.
 • Updated report on building repairs needed at the amphitheatre.
 • Publicity enlisting volunteers for this year's production will begin in April in the *Observer/Enterprise*.
 • Work day was set for Saturday, May 9th from 8:30 am until finished.
 • Report given by Souvenir Committee about their festivities.
 • Discussed the dire need of stage hands to help with props and rearranging on stage.
 • The next meeting was set for April 20 at 7:00 pm at Robert Lee City Hall

Personal
 Ginger Eubanks of Natchitoches, Louisiana, recently visited her mother, Helen Murtishaw, her in-laws, Sid and Johnnie Eubanks, and other relatives and friends. A birthday celebration was held honoring Helen, Dewey Lockett and Bill Lockett, whose birthdays all fell in February. Enjoying the evening meal at a local restaurant were Ginger, Helen, Bill and Diane Lockett, Dewey Lockett, Joey Lockett, all from Bronte. Also attending were Joy and A.J. McDaniel from San Angelo. Ginger and Helen took a short trip to Carlsbad, Texas to visit Ginger's aunts, Mary Sharp and Maurine Sparks.

Robert Lee City Council Reports
 The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on March 9, 1998 at 7 pm. The following actions are reported.
 •A public hearing was held for public comment on the 1998-1999 fiscal year budget.
 •Minutes and bills were approved.
 •Contract for management services for the 1998 T.C.D.P. Grant Project was awarded to Municipal Consulting Agency.
 •Contract for engineering services for the 1998 T.C.D.P. Grant Project was awarded to Hibbs & Todd, Inc.
 •A resolution was approved authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Secretary depository signatories for the 1998 T.C.D.P. Grant Project.
 •Ordinance #1079 prescribing new sewer rates was passed and approved.
 •Ordinance #1080 adopting the 1998-1999 fiscal year budget was passed and approved.
 •Election judge, alternate judge and clerk were appointed for the May 2, 1998 city election and compensation established for same.
 •Ordinance #1081 establishing an election precinct and polling place for the May 2, 1998, election was passed and approved.
 •Resolution for the approval of the sale of the Appraisal District building was passed and approved.
 •Budget amendments to the 1997-1998 fiscal year were passed and approved.
 •A public hearing was ordered April 13, 1998 at 7 pm for junk/abandoned vehicle citations ordered.
 •City secretary was approved to attend Municipal

Court school.
 •Date for employee dinner was set.
 •Date for water association dinner was set.
 •There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Hall completes season as Cowgirl
 Kim Hall, freshman from Bronte, recently completed her first season as a Hardin Simmons Cowgirl. As the 6th man, Hall helped to guide the Cowgirls (17-7) to their fourth Conference Championship in 6 years.

"Kim is such a pleasure to coach. Her quickness and overall athleticism make her difficult to guard. She works so hard every day in practice and really pushes her teammates. Kim was undoubtedly the best freshman in our conference and I look forward to coaching her the next three seasons," said Coach Julie Goodenough.

Season stats for Kim were a season high of 17 points against McMurry, and averaging 48% of field goals; 71% in free throws (10th in ASC), 50% 3 point field goals; 5.7 rebounds per game (2nd on team, 9th in ASC); 8.8 points; 29 assists; 25 steals; scored in double digits 12 of 24 games; recorded 2 double doubles; scored 11 points, 13 rebounds versus Sul Ross.

Latino softball tournament registration
 The 3rd Annual Texas Latino softball tournament will be held March 21, at the Rio Concho Sports Complex in San Angelo, Texas. For further information call Gerald Barker 365-2108 or Mark Gonzales at 365-3927.

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4-H members wind up stock shows

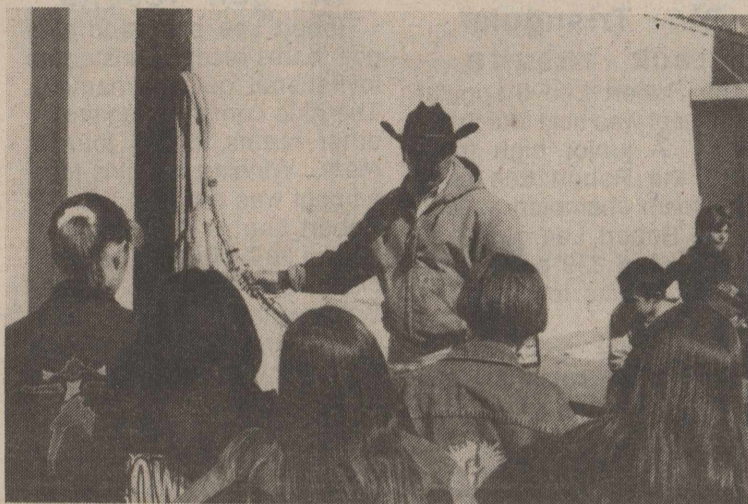
During the last two weeks, Coke County 4-H members wound up the stock show season with wins at Houston and San Angelo. During the Houston show, Lance Millican placed his mediumweight finewool lamb 13th, Ashlee Millican placed her finewool-cross lamb 16th in the heavyweight class and Erin Millican placed her heavy-weight mediumwool lamb in the top 50.

At the San Angelo stock show this past week, several members placed their animals including Erin Millican with the 3rd place medium-heavy finewool lamb and 17th heavy finewool cross, Ashlee Millican exhibited the 4th place medium finewool cross, 5th place heavy finewool cross, 12th place light finewool cross and 12th place medium heavy finewool cross. Jake McCabe placed his heavy finewool cross lamb 14th. In the mediumweight cross barrow show, Cara Eaton place in the top 20.

Once again for the 4th straight year, 4-H members have placed their animals in every major stock show entered bringing him more than \$30,000.



Russell Johnson's border collies were the center of attention during Field Day activities.



Raymond Branch demonstrates the art of rope making during "Ag in the Classroom" Field Day, sponsored by Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau.

Master's Commission:

Answer to Prayer

By Pastor Eddie Sparks

Ever since God called us to Bronte, my heart has been heavy for this city and this region. As I look out over the city and the people, I see a need for change. It overwhelms me to see shattered hearts, shattered lives, broken homes. People need the Lord, they need to know Jesus is the answer for whatever they want to change in their lives.

As I would pray for help in how to reach out to those in need, I would be reminded of Matthew 9:37-38, *Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."* Part of the answer to my prayer is the Master's Commission who come forth believing in the supernatural power of God to change lives and heal the shattered hearts.

The Master's Commission team will arrive in Bronte Monday, March 23. During the week they are here, we are believing for God's revival fire to fall upon this community, that our lives and the lives of many others will be changed, never to be the same again, but be full of His hope, His love and His purpose.

If you need more information please call River of Life Church at 473-5901.

Agency meeting slated

The regular meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging will be held Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at 10 am at the Concho Valley Regional Training Center located at 5014 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo. Please note the change in meeting place.

CCRTA reports

The Rev. Jim McWilliams, pastor of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church, presented the program when the Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, March 16, 1998. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Rev. McWilliams spoke of teachers who had influenced him with lessons of life and the gifts of love. He further highlighted his message as he played his guitar and sang the songs, "I Can't Help Wondering Where I'm Bound" and "The Gift of Love".

C. B. Barbee, president, presided at the business meeting. Upcoming meetings announced were the state convention in Lubbock on April 22-25 and the District XV Leadership training workshop in Brownwood May 15. The next regular meeting is April 20, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Unit members welcomed new member, Beth Prather, and six guests attending the meeting were recognized.

Members attending were C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, Jamie Boren, Jack Brewer, Nina Brewer, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, Mary Lawhon, Beth Prather, Fay Roe, Bettye Smith, Joe Smith, Janet Wommack, and Lee Wommack.

Guests attending were William Hood, superintendent of the Robert Lee schools, Rhonda Hood, Bob Boren, Jim McWilliams, and Joyce and Doc Rives of San Angelo.

Bluegrass Festival planned

The Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department is planning a Bluegrass Festival April 3-5, 1998, at the Community Center in Big Lake. For more information, call (915) 884-3650 or (915) 884-3396 and leave a message.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

High school track meet held

The Robert Lee High School sponsored an invitational track meet held Friday, March 13, 1998. Results are as follows:

Boys

Shot put: 1st. Jeremy Edging, 54'4"; 4th. Dustin Clendennen, 43'6"; 5th. Eric Hill, 39' 1/2"; 6th. Chris Torres, 38'10".

Discus: 1st. Jeremy Edging, 143'3"; 2nd. Dustin Clendennen, 127'11"; 3rd. Justin Kendall, 116'10"; 4th. John Gallimore, 95'11".

Long jump: 1st. Matthew Millican, 19' 5 5/8"; 2nd. B.J. Bessent, 19' 2 3/4"; 3rd. Andrew McCabe, 18' 5 5/8".

Triple jump: 1st. Dan McCown, 39'7"; 4th. Jeremy Eaton, 37'10".

High jump: 1st. Matthew Millican, 5'10"; 3rd. Dan McCown, 5'8"; 5th. Andrew McCabe, 5'6".

Pole vault: 1st. Tony Bell, 10'; 2nd. Matthew Pitcock, 9'; 3rd. Curtis Bell, 9'.

3200 run: 1st. Jeremy Ortega, 11:01.13; 2nd. Freddy Landeros, 12:17.47; 3rd. Polo Arellano, 13:31.13.

400 relay: 1st. Matthew Millican, B.J. Bessent, Eli Boxell, Michael Munoz, 47.25.

800 run: 1st. Joel Gallegos, 2:13.02; 4th. Eli Boxell, 2:17.50; 5th. Jose Colon, 2:21.88.

110 hurdles: 1st. Dan McCown, 16.30; 3rd. Andrew McCabe, 17.95; 4th. Jeremy Eaton, 18.28.

100 dash: 3rd. Daniel Cates, 12.14; 4th. Lewis Samaniego, 12.27; 5th.

Michael Munoz, 12.31.

400 dash: 1st. Matthew Millican, 53.11; 2nd. Lewis Samaniego, 56.35.

300 hurdles: 1st. Dan McCown, 43.49; 2nd. Andrew McCabe, 43.52; 5th. Justin Frances, 51.57.

200 dash: 3rd. B.J. Bessent, 25.53; 4th. Daniel Cates, 25.66; 6th. Beau Boxell, 25.97.

1600 run: 1st. Jeremy Ortega, 5:06.74; 2nd. Joel Gallegos, 5:06.92; 4th. Jose Colon, 5:45.68.

1600 relay: 1st. Andrew McCabe, Eli Boxell, Dan McCown, Matthew Millican, 3:41.61.

Final results: Robert Lee, 1st with 299 points; Bronte, 2nd, 147 points; Crowell, 3rd, 51 points; Christoval, 4th, 33 points; and the Robert Lee "B" had 1 point.

Girls

Shot put: 4th. Bree Bolding, 29'11".

Discus: 4th. Bree Bolding, 79'5"; 6th. Ashley Townsend, 72'5".

Long jump: 1st. Dixie Simpson, 15'5 1/2"; 2nd. Dee Van Huss, 14'8 1/2"; 3rd. Whitney Montgomery, 14'5 3/4".

Triple jump: 1st. Dixie Simpson, 31'8 1/2"; 2nd. DeShira Dickey, 30'5 1/4"; 4th. Whitney Montgomery, 29'6 1/2".

High jump: 1st. Bree Bolding, 5'0"; 2nd. DeShira Dickey, 4'8"; 3rd. Dee Van Huss, 4'0".

3200 run: 2nd. Gina Torres, 15:23.61; 3rd. Amber Freeman, 16:35.06; 4th. Mary Arellano, 18:12.09.

400 relay: 1st. Dixie Simpson, Samatha Padgett, Tiffany Copeland, DeShira Dickey, 55.24.

800 run: 2nd. Christian DeLosSantos, 3:03.87; 4th. Laticia Olguin, 3:19.34; 5th. Mary Arellano, 3:32.01.

100 low hurdles: 2nd. Dee Van Huss, 20.19.

100 dash: 3rd. Whitney Montgomery, 14.22.

800 relay: 1st. Dixie Simpson, Samatha Padgett, Tiffany Copeland, Whitney Millican, 2:09.17.

400 dash: 1st. DeShira Dickey, 1:05.46; 4th. Tiffany Copeland, 1:13.97; 5th. Gina

Torres, 1:17.38.

300 hurdles: 2nd. Dee Van Huss, 57.82.

200 dash: 1st. Dixie Simpson, 28.45; 5th. Jennifer Woods, 32.80; 6th. Kelly Lockstedt, 34.68.

1600 run: 3rd. Christian DeLosSantos, 7:12.89; 5th. Amber Freeman, 7:35.50; 6th. Laticia Olguin, 8:12.40.

1600 relay: 1st. Dixie Simpson, Samatha Padgett, Whitney Montgomery, DeShira Dickey.

Final results: Robert Lee 1st, 231 points; Bronte, 2nd, 158 points; Christoval, 3rd, 65 points.

RL Triangular track results

The Robert Lee triangular track meet was held March 13, 1998. A junior high track meet, the Robert Lee boys were team champion as well as the Robert Lee girls who accumulated 239 points. Individual results for the boys are as follows:

Shot put: 1st. Adam Cates; 3rd. Jesse Cerritos; 4th. Sean Edging (7th grade); 5th. Charles Abalos.

Discus: 2nd. Colby Eubanks; 3rd. Charles Abalos.

Long jump: 3rd. Casey Eubanks; 4th. Bret Ballew; 6th. Taylor Clendennen.

Triple jump: 1st. Colby Eubanks; 3rd. Bret Ballew; 4th. Stewart Millican.

High jump: 3rd. Colby Eubanks; 4th. Taylor Clendennen; 5th. Stewart Millican.

Pole vault: 1st. Taylor Clendennen; 2nd. Stewart Millican.

2400 run: 2nd. Samuel Minjarez.

400 relay: 1st. Clendennen, Millican, Casey Eubanks, Ballew.

800 run: 1st. Colby Eubanks; 6th. Trent McCabe.

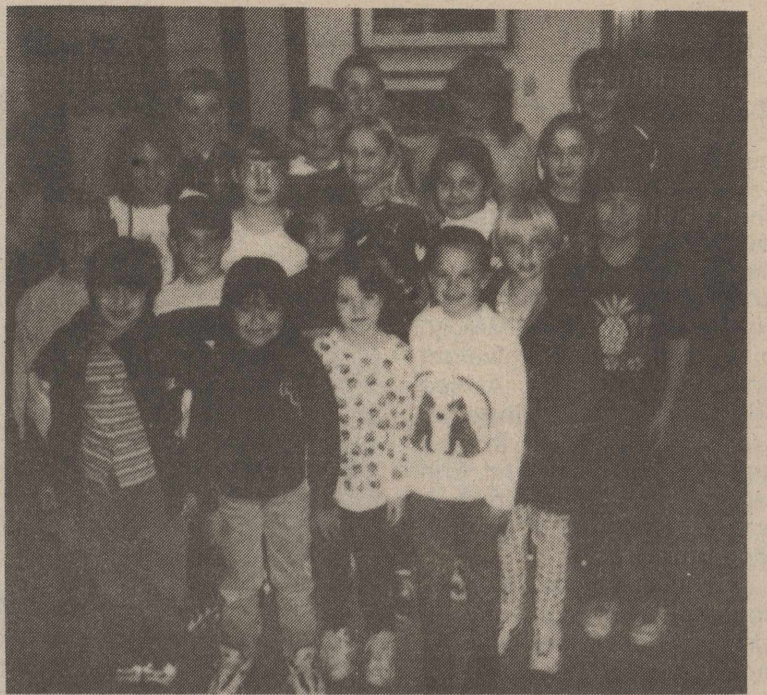
110 hurdles: 1st. Casey Eubanks; 2nd. Jesse Cerritos; 5th. Samuel Minjarez.

100 run: 2nd. Bret Ballew; 3rd. Taylor Clendennen.

300 hurdles: 2nd. Colby Eubanks; 4th. Casey Eubanks; 6th. Trent McCabe.

200 run: 1st. Bret Ballew;

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These students are the February winners in the Robert Lee Elementary School Accelerated Reading Program.

RL golf results

Robert Lee boys and girls golf teams recently hosted an invitational golf tournament. The girls competed against 7 other teams in the tournament. Winning the girls tournament was the host team of Robert Lee with a combined total of 384. Tying for second place was Water Valley and Bronte with 440 each. Fourth place berth was Robert Lee #2 team with 446 combined total.

Individual medalists were: 1st. Melissa Smith, 76; 2nd. Erika Murphy, 91; 3rd. Brooke McCutchen with 93.

Other top scores for the Robert Lee girls were Bree Bolding with 98 and Dee VanHuss with 101.

The girls also won the For-san Invitational tournament recently with Melissa Smith (79) and Dee VanHuss (98) as 1st and 2nd medalists.

In the boys division, 17 teams competed for the 1st place title but Coahoma overcame with a combined score of 331, Irion County placed 2nd with 343; Westbrook, 3rd, 356; Bronte, 4th, 359; and Robert Lee 5th with 366.

Individual medalist for the tournament consisted of Jimmy Holland from Blackwell with a 79 for 1st. Top Robert Lee finishers were B. J. Bessent 86 and Beau Blair with 90.

RL February AR winners listed

The February Accelerated Reading winners are listed below:

First Grade

1st. Morgan Hill and Kaden Duncan; 2nd. Jasmine Gloria and Amy Barnett

Second Grade

1st. Briana Longoria and Chase Roe; 2nd. Ashley Hopson and Cody Denton

Third Grade

1st. Katie Bessent and Becca Skinner; 2nd. Monica Manzanares and Rosa Rojas

Fourth Grade

1st. Jessica Coleman; 2nd. Kayla Medrano

Fifth Grade

1st. Lindsey Roe and Drew Schultz; 2nd. Jake McCabe and Stacey Denton

Sixth Grade

1st. Travis Taylor; 2nd. Jessica Fluhmann

Book Fair

Robert Lee PTA is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Thursday, March 26th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Robert Lee 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.

The public is invited; so plan to attend.



- Breakfast**
- Monday, Mar. 23**
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk
 - Tuesday, Mar. 24**
Orange Juice, Donuts, Cold Cereal, Milk
 - Wednesday, Mar. 25**
Orange Juice, Muffins, Cold Cereal, Milk
 - Thursday, Mar. 26**
Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Milk
 - Friday, Mar. 27**
Orange Juice, Biscuits, Jelly, Cold Cereal, Milk

- Lunch**
- Monday, Mar. 23**
Frito Pie, Corn, Potato Patty, Crackers, Cake, Milk
 - Tuesday, Mar. 24**
Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
 - Wednesday, Mar. 25**
Red Beans, Cornbread, Tator Tots, Spinach, Peach Cobbler, Milk
 - Thursday, Mar. 26**
Chicken A La King, Oven Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
 - Friday, Mar. 27**
Ham & Cheese Subs, Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Wedges, Pears, Milk

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I am grateful to all of you for your interest and support in re-electing me as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. I appreciate each voter who took the time to mark their ballot for me.

Thank you,
Joan Davis

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Joan Davis, PO Box 396, Robert Lee, TX 76945

I want to thank everyone who supported and voted for me for Coke County and District Clerk.

Thanks again,
Sheryl Tavarez

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Sheryl Tavarez

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Bronte JH track

Bronte Junior High girls traveled to Water Valley February 26, 1998. After the last gun fired and points were tallied, the 7th grade team came home with the 3rd place trophy and had accumulated 132 1/2 points. The 8th grade girls won their meet by racking up 241 points.

Individual results for the 7th grade are as follows:
Shot put: 4th Khanni Beauchamp, 19'9"; 5th. Amanda Cox, 18'6 1/2".
Discus: 4th. Khanni Beauchamp, 46'4".
High jump: 4th. Jenna Herold, 4'.
Triple jump: 4th. Kayla Hilliard, 25'2 1/4"; 6th. Jenna Herold, 24'10 1/4".
Long jump: 3rd. Barbie Arant, 12'3 1/2"; 6th. Melissa Walker, 10'7 1/2".
400 relay: 2nd. Bronte, Khanni Beauchamp, Heather Sturgill, Jenna Herold, Kayla Hilliard.
800 run: 2nd. Barbie Arant, 3:12.53; 4th. Jenna Herold, 3:23.94.
110 Hurdles: 2nd. Kayla Hillard, 21.14; 3rd. Barbie Arant, 22.54; 4th. Melissa Walker, 22.59.
100 meter run: 4th. Heather Richey, 17.01; 5th. Lindsey Williams, 17.23.
800 relay: 2nd. Bronte, Melissa Walker, Joe'l Sefcik, Heather Richey, Lindsey Williams, 2:26.30.
400 dash: 3rd. Heather Sturgill, 1:26.63.
300 hurdles: 2nd. Heather Richey, 1:11.00; 4th. Khanni Beauchamp, 1:18.79; 5th. Joe'l Sefcik, 1:19.38.
200 dash: 4th. Lindsey Williams, 36.86; 5th. Heather Sturgill, 36.9.
1600 relay: 3rd. Khanni

Beauchamp, Kayla Hilliard, Barbie Arant, Jenna Herold, 5:43.51.

Individual 8th grade results:
Shot put: 4th. Lacy Schoenfield, 24'7 1/2"; 5th. Katie Frazee, 23'5 1/2".
Discus: 2nd. Lacy Schoenfield, 71'10"; 3rd. Katie Frazee, 70'6"; 6th. Lindsay Schafer, 60'.
High jump: 1st. Natasha Reed, 4'7"; 2nd. Lauren Williams, 4'4"; 3rd. Chrissie Counts, 4'2".
Triple jump: 3rd. Chrissie Counts, 27'5 1/4"; 5th. Stormy White, 24'8 3/4"; 6th. Britni Adams, 24'3 1/2".
Long jump: 4th. Stormy White, 12'5 1/2"; 5th. Natasha Reed, 12'5"; 6th. Lauren Williams, 11'8 1/2".
3200 or 2400 run: 1st. Christine Galvan, 14:11.13.
400 relay: 2nd. Bronte, 56:54.
800 run: 1st. Kelly Cooper, 3:01.56; 4th. Chrissie Counts, 3:21.00; 5th. Morgan McCutchen, 3:47.63.
110 hurdles: 1st. Natasha Reed, 18.80; 2nd. Lauren Williams, 20.54; 3rd. Michelle Owens, 24.05.
100 meter dash: 3rd. Lindsay Shaffer, 16.98; 4th. Cheyann Head, 17.39; 5th. Lacy Schoenfield, 17.84.
800 relay: 3rd. Bronte, 2:08.68.
400 dash: 2nd. Leah Lowe, 1:14.13; 3rd. Michelle Owens, 1:27.36; 4th. Christine Galvan, 1:27.65.
300 hurdles: 1st. Natasha Reed, 59.00; 2nd. Kelly Cooper, 1:03.71; 3rd. Cheyann Head, 1:09.43.
200 dash: 1st. Cassandra Casarez, 31.56; 4th. Leah Lowe, 33.89; 5th. Lacy Schoenfield, 39.58.
1600 meter run: 1st. Kelly Cooper, 7:33.69; 3rd. Chrissie Counts, 8:17.76; 4th. Morgan McCutchen, 9:06.03.
1600 relay: 3rd. Bronte, 5:16.47.

6th annual egg hunt slated

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and KRUNK/CSE will sponsor its' 6th annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 11, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. in the Ballinger City park. Children will need to register between 10 and 10:55 a.m. to participate.

Prizes will be awarded in four age groups; toddlers to 3; 4-5 years; 6-8 years; and 9-11 years. There is no charge for the hunt and all children are welcome. Call the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at 365-2333 for further information.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte ISD school board meeting notes

The Board of Trustees of the Bronte Independent School District met at 7:00 p.m. March 12, 1998, in the Board Room. Trustees Jeff Schoenfield and David Scott were absent.

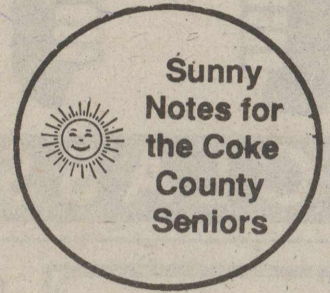
- The Board heard the reports of the principals, Rick Howell, secondary, and Terry Marrs, elementary.
- Heard textbook committee report from Mr. Marrs, tabled certification of textbook selection report until March 31st.
- Approved 1997-2000 Technology Plan.
- Approved early release dates: March 13-Track Meet; April 9-Junior High district track meet; May 15-Field Day; May 21-last day of school. Heard early release dates for CCJJC.
- Approved resolution to appoint Terry Marrs as associate director for BISD Central Texas Coop Health Plan.
- The Board cast their votes for ESC Region XV Board of Directors.
- Approved resolution to approve the sale of the Appraisal District building at 710 Austin Street in Robert Lee.
- The Board considered records consultants.
- Approved moving the April regular board meeting date to April 21st. A special board meeting was called for March 31st, to consider textbooks, Cadco, and personnel.
- Approved motion to offer contracts to certified personnel for the 1998-99 school year. Tabled action on contract for Michelle Grady until March 31.
- Reviewed the board evaluation tabulations.
- Heard the superintendent's report including the following: Accepted the proposal on the bus barn from Kendall Denton, heard update on the track field, railroad property and Cadco. Looked at the preliminary school calendar for 1998-99. Set the Board Retreat for April 25. Discussed the report for the Office of Civil Rights and also the 1998-99 state funding estimates.
- Approved motion to pay February 1998 bills.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. by the president. The next meeting will be a special meeting March 31, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be April 21, 1998, 7:00 p.m.

3rd place trophy to Bronte JH boys

The Bronte Junior High boys brought home a 3rd place trophy from the Irion County Track meet. The boys accumulated 87 points.

Results are:
2400 meter run: 1st. Coby Carper, 9:30.
400 meter relay: 2nd. Lorenzo Delagarza, Steve Eldred, Cody Sedden, Dalton Graves, 52.4.
800 meter run: 3rd. Cody Sedden, 2:38.
300 meter hurdles: 1st. Steve Eldred, 47.7.
1600 meter run: 1st. Cody Sedden, 5:58.
1600 meter relay: 3rd. Lorenzo Delagarza, Coby Carper, Dalton Graves, Steve Eldred.
Discus: 3rd. Coby Carper.
Triple jump: 3rd. Cody Sedden, 31'6 1/2".
Long jump: 4th. Steve Eldred, 15'10"; 6th. Lorenzo Delagarza, 14'1".
High jump: 3rd. Steve Eldred, 5'.



Bronte Menu for the Week

Monday, March 23
 Chopped steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, parslid carrots, dinner roll, mandarin oranges, orange cake.
Wednesday, March 25
 BBQ beef, baked potato, whole kernel corn, dinner roll, apple cobbler.
Friday, March 27
 Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread, peaches, tapioca pudding.
Dominos
 Bronte Senior Center will be open March 26th, at 9 a.m. for dominos. A "pot luck" lunch will be served at noon. You are cordially invited.



Breakfast
Monday, March 23
 French toast stix, orange juice, banana nut muffin, milk.
Tuesday, March 24
 Sausage, apple juice, pancakes, milk.
Wednesday, March 25
 Scrambled eggs, grape juice, biscuit, milk.
Thursday, March 26
 Cereal, sliced peaches, teddy grahams, milk.
Friday, March 27
 Pancake and sausage on a stick, mixed fruit, banana nut muffins, milk.
Lunch
Monday, March 23
 Chicken nuggets with gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet corn, rolls, milk, chocolate pudding.
Tuesday, March 24
 Burrito with cheese, tossed salad, tator tots, milk, chocolate chip cookie.
Wednesday, March 25
 Grilled cheese sandwich, beef and vegetable soup, carrot sticks, cornbread, milk, peach cobbler.
Thursday, March 26
 Soft tacos with cheese, re-fried beans, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, flour tortilla, milk, sugar cookies.
Friday, March 27
 Cheese burger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, bun, milk, cinnamon rolls.

Health Notes

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

PAINKILLERS
 How do painkillers work?

Opiates and opioids apparently work through specific receptors in the central nervous system. Aspirin and the other non-prescription drugs are thought to work by blocking the body's production of particular types of prostaglandins, hormone-like substances that are produced throughout the body.

Secondary Side Effects

The most common side effect of aspirin and the stronger nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories is gastrointestinal irritation. This can be minimized by taking them with meals or milk.

Acetaminophen does not cause as many intestinal side effects as aspirin, but it should be used with caution by persons who have liver or kidney disorders. The combination of aspirin and acetaminophen is especially damaging to the kidneys, as is heavy alcohol consumption and long-term acetaminophen use to the liver.

Codeine often causes nausea, dizziness, and constipation. A more serious problem, however, involves the tendency of codeine and other narcotic drugs to produce drowsiness. Thus, these agents should not be taken by anyone who must remain alert. In addition, narcotic drugs should never be taken in combination with alcohol, antihistamines, and other allergy or cold pills, anticonvulsants, tranquilizers, muscle relaxants, or any other agent that depresses the central nervous system. Narcotics increase the effects of these drugs on the brain, and a fatal overdose can result from their combined use.

The potentially addictive effect of opiates and other narcotic agents is the major drawback to their long-term use. However, overconcern

about addiction has resulted in their underuse in the control of severe pain in a patient with terminal cancer.

Some painkillers have beneficial secondary effects. For example, low-dose aspirin may help prevent a heart attack or stroke by preventing clot formation. By the same token, aspirin can cause bleeding problems.



Sharon Pearson, R.N.

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31-3tp

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Small 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 1214 Chadbourne Street, Robert Lee. Call after 4 pm (806) 271-4146.
32-tnc

2 SPECIAL
Robert Lee homes for rent. Ref. & deposits. Call Mr. Sage at 655-9141 off./655-0370 res.
25-tnc

MISC

FOUND
Large female yellow dog. Call 453-2101 and identify dog tag after 5:30 pm.
33-1tp

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33-1tc

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33b-2tc

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for full-time cook at the Bronte Nursing Home. Please apply in person at 900 South State Street.
33b-1tc

COKE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
now accepting applications for the secretary's position. Applications available in the attorney's office. Coke County is an equal opportunity employer.
33a-1tc

GARAGE SALES

MOVING SALE
at Wingate, March 21 & 22, CASH ONLY! First house north of Shed Restaurant. Household goods, ranch and hunting equipment.
33b-1tp

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, March 21, 8 am - 11 am, 514 S. Washington, Bronte.
33-1tc

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33-1tc

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE CITY OF BRONTE will accept bids for the sale of a 1976 and 1977 Jeep previously used as postal vehicles. The Jeeps can be inspected at the City's Water Plant located at 123 West Jackson between 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5 pm April 9, 1998. The City of Bronte reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. (915) 473-3501, Box 370, Bronte, Texas 76933.
33b-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE #1080
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1998, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 1999. 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, 1998, and ending March 31, 1999, 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 9, 1998, 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

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Mary Grim

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
Sid McGinnis

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
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NOTICES

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, 1998, and ending March 31, 1999, be and it is hereby adopted for such fiscal year.

II.
That the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$129,385.55) 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 Sixty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$65,552.46) 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 Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$203,869.97) 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 on the 9th day of March, 1998, with a vote of 4 ayes, and 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

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

ORDINANCE #1079
ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING NEW SEWER RATES

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Robert Lee has determined the necessity of an increase of sewer rates for the payment of operating expenses and for the payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued for the sewer system;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE:

Section 1: There shall be charged for sewer service the following monthly rate up to and including 8,000 gallons, thereafter \$.05 per thousand gallons:

- Residential...\$9.50
- Business...\$9.50
- Non-Profit Organization...\$9.50
- Individual Trailer Location...\$9.50
- County Park...Per Unit...\$9.50
- Motel...Per Unit...\$3.50
- Apartment House...Per Unit...\$6.00
- Trailer Parks...Per Unit...\$6.00
- Service Station...\$12.00

- Business with Car Wash...\$12.00
- Cafes...\$14.50
- School...\$57.00
- Courthouse...\$57.00
- Nursing Home...\$57.00
- Laundry...\$63.00

Section 2: All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof heretofore adopted and in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed and insofar as they conflict herewith.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect with the utility billing issued for the month of April, 1998.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 1998.

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

...Track

(cont'd. from page 4)

2nd. Stewart Millican.
1600 run: 6th. Jaziel Gallejos.

1600 relay: 3rd. Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Trent McCabe, Jason Dean.
Individual girl's results:

Triple jump: 1st. Shanna Wojtek, 29' 1 1/2"; 2nd. Rachelle Mills, 28'; 3rd. Krystal Soliz, 27'6".

High jump: 1st. Shanna Wojtek; 4'6"; 4th. Christina Middleton, 4'4".

Shot put: 1st. Bobbie Sparks, 27'10"; 2nd. Melissa Landeros, 26'10"; 3rd. Whitney Millican, 24'10".

Long jump: 1st. Mia Lopez, 14'4 1/2"; 2nd. Kizre Matthews, 13'2 1/2"; 5th. Rachelle Mills, 12'.

Discus: 2nd. Whitney Millican, 81'9"; 3rd. Bobbie Sparks, 69'1"; 6th. Melissa Landeros, 64'11".

2400 meter run: 3rd. Misti Brothers, 11:33.37; 4th. April Cowart, 12:24.94.

400 meter relay: 1st. Kizre Matthews, Rachelle Mills, Mia Lopez, Shanna Wojtek, 56.03.

800 meter run: 3rd. Jamie Chesshir, 3:05.81; 4th. Melissa Landeros, 3:10.88; 5th. Shelby Mace, 3:12.81.

100 meter hurdles: 4th. Misti Brothers, 20.64; 5th. Kindra Matthews, 20.73; 6th. Krystal Soliz, 21.48.

100 meter dash: 1st. Mia Lopez, 13.74; 2nd. Kizre Matthews, 13.93.

800 meter relay: 1st. Kizre Matthews, Rachelle Mills, Mia Lopez, Shanna Wojtek, 2:01.33.

400 meter dash: 1st. Christina Middleton, 1:15.73; 4th. Nicole Sanchez; 1:19.35; 5th. Amie Kendall, 1:21.79.

300 meter hurdles: 4th. Callie Walker, 1:01.78; 5th. Krystal Soliz, 1:02.11; 6th. Misti Brothers, 1:05.07.

200 meter dash: 4th. Kindra Matthews, 33.15; 5th. Shelby Roe, 33.77; 6th. Nicole Sanchez, 35.01.

1600 meter run: 4th. Shelby Mace, 7:26.84; 5th. Melissa Landeros, 7:40.76; 6th. April Cowart, 8:02.77.

1600 meter relay: 1st. Shanna Wojtek, Jamie Chesshir, Whitney Millican, Rachelle Mills, 4:53.99.

Falling interest rates boost housing

Texas homes became more affordable to a wider population because the interest rate charged on home mortgage loans at the end of 1997 was the lowest it has been in two years.

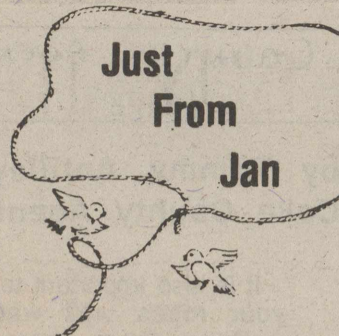
"The average rate on loans, both fixed and adjustable, closed in Texas during the last three months of 1997 was estimated to be 7.35 percent," says Jack C. Harris, a research economist for the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. "This rate compares to 7.6 percent paid one year ago and the most recent low point of 7.21 percent during the first quarter of 1996."

The Texas Housing Affordability Index, which indicate the adequacy of a median household income for purchasing a median-priced Texas home, rose to 1.48 in the fourth quarter.

"The index means that the median Texas income of \$38,000 was 48 percent higher than the amount needed to qualify for a mortgage to purchase a home selling for the median price of \$91,000 at prevailing market interest rates," says Harris.

Out of seven million Texas households, it is estimated that 66 percent can afford the median priced home, up from 63 percent last year.

"The improvement in the Index was caused solely by the lower interest rate," says Harris. "Affordability appears to have stimulated sales, as the number of homes sold through Texas Multiple Listing Services for the quarter was 7 percent higher than the number sold during the fourth quarter of 1996."



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Child safety seats

Child safety seats really do work. Children, especially those under the age of 5, are vulnerable in collisions because of the size and shape of their bodies. Safety seats are designed to spread the forces of a crash over more of the body for front-facing toddlers, and cradle the fragile neck and back of rear-facing infants.

Child safety seats are the most effective occupant-protection devices used in motor vehicles today. If used correctly, they are 71 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization. Unfortunately, parents often do not know the basic who, what, when, where, why, and how of child safety seats.

Who should use a child safety seat? Texas law requires all children aged two and under be restrained in a child safety seat. Children 2-4 years of age are required to be in a child safety seat or in a seat belt.

A parent may ask what kind of safety seat should be used. All children should be restrained in a safety seat that is appropriate for age and weight, and also meets federal safety standards. Infants up to 20 pounds should ride facing the rear of the vehicle in infant-only or convertible seats. Children weighing about 20-40 pounds should

ride facing forward in convertible safety seats. Children who have outgrown their convertible seat should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until adult belts fit them properly. Older children wear vehicle safety belts and keep the lap belt low and snug across the hips. The belt must not ride up over the abdomen, and the shoulder belt must not cross the face or front on the neck.

When should a child safety seat be used? Use a safety seat every time on every trip. Do not make the deadly mistake of using a car seat only on freeways or for long trips.

Ballinger to host Festival

The 23rd annual Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts and Crafts Show will be held in Ballinger again this year April 25-26, 1998.

Friday night a street dance will be held behind the courthouse on Strong Avenue. Saturday morning the festival will begin at 9 am with a Bike Fest, followed by a large parade at 9:30 a.m. A big dance Saturday night will feature The Texas Cowboy Choir from San Angelo.

For further information, contact the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, 365-2333 or 365-5611.

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COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Lawn & Garden
checklist for
March

•Vegetables

Be sure to wait until all danger of a late freeze has passed before you set out tender transplants such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplant. In central and south Texas, there is an old gardener's tale which says once the mesquite trees have leafed out, there will not be any more freezes.

As you are setting out your spring transplants, try adding a slow release fertilizer to the bottom of each planting hole prior to setting in the new plant. This simple addition will slowly feed your plants all season long without burning their roots. It is also a good idea to put some compost around each transplant after it is set, spreading the compost several inches deep over the surface of the soil. Then water deeply, thoroughly soaking the soil to settle the new plants in the ground.

•Flowers and Herbs

Make sure you leave the foliage on all your flowering bulbs until it dies back on its own, rather than cutting it off as soon as the flowers have faded. Cutting this foliage back too soon can have an adverse effect on next year's flowering, since the bulbs use the food made by the leaves in the spring for the production of future flowers.

Make sure you keep any container grown roses well watered. While these woody plants may not initially show the affects of overly dry soil as quickly as other more herbaceous flowers, they can be just as easily damaged if they do not receive regular supplies of moisture. As long as the soil in your containers is well-drained, soaking your container grown roses twice a week usually will not be too much.

If you are looking for a showy flowering annual to add to your garden, try planting Tithonia. Also known as Mexican sunflower, this outstanding plant is available from most garden centers as transplants or it may be grown from seed. Growing 5 to 6 feet tall, this interesting annual provides lots of bright reddish-orange daisy-like flowers all season long. With their long stems, these flowers are excellent as cut flowers. In addition to their striking floral display, Tithonia are also outstanding for attracting butterflies to your garden.

•Trees, Shrubs and Vines

This is the time to do any pruning on your roses which you may have missed last month. Naturally, you do not want to remove more than one-third of each rose you prune, with most antique roses needing much less in the way of trimming. Many of these plants only need to be shaped up, following the natural lines of each plant.

It is also important to keep your roses well watered, soaking them thoroughly once a week. One way to keep the soil around your roses evenly moist and weed-free is to first get all the weeds and grass out of the soil around your roses, then spread weed-block garden fabric (available in many garden and home improvement centers) over the soil around your roses, anchoring it down securely. Finally, spread a several-inch-thick layer of bark mulch over the fabric to produce a finished look to your rose garden.

•Lawns and Garden Design

Do not forget to water your lawn every week to 10 days this month if it does not rain regularly in your area. This is also a good time to get your mower tuned up for spring. Make sure the blade is ready for efficient cutting by replacing it or having it sharpened. It is also a good idea to change the oil, spark plug and tune your mower up.

If your looking for a unique ground cover for sunny areas which receive little foot traffic, try planting Albus or creeping thyme. Growing 5 to 8 inches tall, these thymes grow steadily and remain green throughout the year. Prostrate rosemary is also a good ground cover, especially in hilly areas. If you prefer a flowering ground cover, try purple-flowering lantana for sunny sites or periwinkle in the shade.

•Fruits and Nuts

If you have not cut out all the stems on your plum trees which have a jelly-like substance seeping out of them, now is the time to do so. Usually a sign of bacterial stem canker, these oozing spots need to be trimmed out before your plum trees begin growing this spring.

If you did not fertilize your young pear trees last month, now is the time to do so. Do not give them more than 1 pound of a complete fertilizer, however, because too much food can encourage your pear trees to put on excessive vegetative which can, in turn, be susceptible to fire blight. It is usually not a good idea to feed your pear trees with slow release fertilizers, as these can also lead to the excessive vegetative growth which should be avoided.

Wage reporting
errors costly

Errors in the wage reports employers are required to send to the Social Security Administration by the end of February can be costly to the employer, the nation's

employees and the government, according to Pat Gladden, Assistant Manager of the San Angelo Social Security office.

Employers are urged to make sure the wage reports they are required to file with Social Security during February are error-free, said Gladden. The wage reports filed by employers annually reflect the amount of wages paid to employees and how much was withheld for Social Security, federal, state and Medicare taxes during the

past year. The Social Security Administration investigates over 200,000 wage reporting errors annually. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) can assess penalties for the employer if discrepancies in wage reports are not corrected.

Correct reporting insures that employees have the proper wage amounts credited to their Social Security records. These amounts are used in calculating the Social Security benefits payable to them and/or their families if the worker dies, becomes disabled or retires, and in determining the worker's eligibility for Medicare coverage.

Frequent errors include a misplaced digit in the Social Security number, failure to reflect a name change in the newly married and incorrect or misspelled names, particularly in the case of Hispanic surnames.

For further information write your Social Security Administration at Data Operations Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18769.

Methodist Church
to sponsor
program

On March 23, the First United Methodist Church of Bronte is sponsoring an Introduction to Family Violence Issues. This informative, free program will run from 7 pm until 9 pm, and will be presented by Debra Thomas of the San Angelo Emergency Family Shelter.

Family violence is a growing social problem that dramatically impacts our communities. Although most people agree that family violence is a serious issue, few know how to help a victim, or what resources are available in their own community.

If you would like more information, please call Rev. Marilyn Austin at 473-3281.

BNH News

By Jan Fields
Admission & Activity
Coordinator

Upcoming special events planned for residents at Bronte Nursing Home include a resident birthday party at 3 pm March 20 and a dance at 7 pm March 20.

The country and western dance will have live entertainment provided by Johnny Sevier and the Folk County Cavaliers.

Put your boots on, join the fun and dance the night away. Townspeople of all ages are welcome.

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