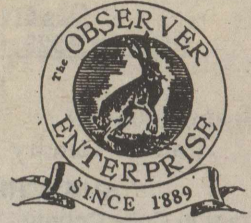


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Kevin McMahon, area business manager for West Texas Utilities, (center), presented Robert Lee Elementary 4th Grade teacher, Carolyn Davis, with a \$250 check for the Robert Lee Education Project, etc. Robert Lee Elementary Principal, Lindsey Wallace, looks on.

Coke County library news

The Coke County Library will have a book sale on Saturday, May 2, from 9 am until 4 pm. Paperback and hardback books will be offered. A box of free items, and some miscellaneous items will also be available.

There are books for sale which have copyright dates back to the late 1800's and some as recent as 1997. The most recent copyright books are duplicates in the present collection.

Planned for this month also is the Story Hour graduation tentatively set for Tuesday, May 12. Head Start Story Hour graduation will be held May 15.

Library card applications will be made available to the Robert Lee and Bronte schools for those students who want to continue to sharpen their learning skills by reading for fun during the summer. The Library plans to have the young adult reading section to serve the students.

Caught Me a Big 'Un by Jimmy Houston is new in the Library. The book is an actual fishing "how-to" with some other observations such as "The fishing was great, but the catching wasn't so hot." Question: "How much does a fish weigh?" Answer: "Depends on who caught it." And another observation: "Stud-

ies of tagged bass show that they seldom travel more than one mile in their entire lives. We go a lot further to catch 'em.

Family Dance

The Coke County Pageant Association will host a family fun dance Saturday, May 9, 1998, at the Robert Lee Community Rec Hall. Music will be provided by "West Texas Sound Machine" with all proceeds from the dance benefiting the Coke County Pageant Association Building Fund.

Graduation issues slated

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools later this month. The issue honoring the Bronte class is scheduled for May 22, with the issue honoring the Robert Lee seniors being the following week.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in these special editions, please call our office in Robert Lee at 453-2433 or in Bronte at 473-2001.

Local elections slated for this Saturday

Elections for the Robert Lee Independent School District, East Coke County Hospital District, and the city of Robert Lee will be held May 2, 1998.

Bronte Spring Clean-up planned

The annual Spring Clean-Up has been set for the City of Bronte for May 16th thru May 22.

On Saturday, May 16, B.F.I. will make an extra run to pick up household items and other trash. The items need to be bundled or in bags or boxes.

Beginning on Monday, May 18, City employees will begin picking up tree limbs and lumber only. No paper or plastic will be picked up.

Items to be picked up must be placed curbside. Citizens are asked to have their tree limbs and lumber curbside no later than Monday morning. This will help city employees to work each street only once.

Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, May 3, 1998, from 2 to 4 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Water Restrictions

The Robert Lee City Council will be discussing the Watering Restrictions Ordinance during the May 11th meeting. Watering restrictions begin June 1st and end October 1st. Contact City Hall for details.

Pageant Association to meet

The Coke County Pageant Association will meet on Thursday, May 7 at Robert Lee City Hall at 7 pm.

All interested area residents are encouraged to attend.

This is an important special meeting to discuss this upcoming season's production and the amphitheatre buildings.

The work day scheduled for May 9 has been postponed. A new date will be discussed at the meeting.

In the City of Robert Lee election, the terms of Mayor Kelly Nichols and council members, John Conley, Donnie Devoll, and Kenneth Green expire. For the 2 two year terms on the council, Donnie Devoll has filed for re-election and he will be joined on the ballot by Frank Casey. Nita Stovall-Duncan has filed for the one unexpired term available. Kelly Nichols will face Jim Naico in the mayor's race.

In the RLISD election, Cathy Hendry, Darrel Pitcock and Teddy Millican will be up for re-election. They will be joined by Jim Gray and Mike Bagwell in the hunt for the 2 three year

No May Tennyson Singing Slated

There will be no First Saturday Singing at the Tennyson Community Center in May.

CCJJCC meeting scheduled

The Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council regular monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 4th, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte beginning at 6:00 p.m. The community is invited to join us.

Commission returns to Bronte

They're back! The Master's Commission will be back for one night only, Friday, May 1st, at 7 pm, at the River of Life Church (old Texas Theater) in Bronte. You are welcome to be a part of this gathering. For more information, call 473-5901.

Lions Club fundraiser slated

The Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club will have their annual door to door light bulb sale Monday, May 4, 1998.

Golf tournament to be held

The Mountain Creek Golf Club of Robert Lee is hosting a three person, 27 hole select shot golf tournament May 2, 1998.

For registration times, fees, and additional information, contact Jesse Flores, 915-453-2317.

terms available. Three people have filed for the 1 two year term: Lonnie Bloodworth, Dallas Johnson, and Mark Riley.

For East Coke County Hospital District, six candidates are vying for three seats. Incumbents Bob Lasswell, Ed Cumbie, and Royce Fancher have filed for re-election. These men will be facing newcomers Jerry Davis, Billie Sue Helm, and Leatrice Joy Ehl.

Elections originally scheduled for the West Coke County Hospital District, Bronte Independent School District, and the City of Bronte have been cancelled and the candidates in each of these races elected by acclamation.

Kendall Gibbs and Andra Arrott will take seats on the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. Kendall is a current member of the board and Andra will be filling the seat vacated by Steve Kelton.

Bill Casey and Linda Burns will remain on the West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors. Joe Walker did not seek re-election and no one filed by the deadline for his seat. Therefore, the board will appoint someone to fill the vacant seat.

Martin Lee will begin another term as Mayor of Bronte. Martha Ratliff and Leslie Rolls are retaining their places on the council. George Snapp will take the seat left vacant when James Lammers' term expired.

Robert Lee sports banquet slated

The Robert Lee Sports Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 5, 1998. The sports boosters will have pictures for sale ranging from snapshot size to 8x10's.

Parents and grandparents are invited to come and enjoy the banquet.

Trappers meeting

The Coke County Trapper's Association will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 1998 at 7:30 in the district courtroom of the Coke County Courthouse.

This is a very important meeting to discuss dues and the increase in cost of the trappers program.

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Death Notices

Jacoby

Opal I. Jacoby died Monday, April 27, 1998, at her residence in Robert Lee.

Service was at 2 pm Thursday, April 30, 1998, at the Southside Church of Christ with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Burns of Robert Lee and Nancy Baty of San Francisco; a sister, Katherine Gullatt of Van Nuys, California; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Chapman

Coke Chapman, Jr., 64, of Bronte, Texas, died April 25, 1998.

Survivors include one son, Danny Chapman and his wife, Lynelle; one daughter, Donna Rae Eixenberger and her husband, Max, all of Sturgis, South Dakota; one brother, Robert Chapman, New York City, New York; one sister, Charlotte Reed, Longmont, Colorado; and five grandchildren, Cody Skinner, Saman-

tha "Sam" and Erik Eixenberger, and Danilee and Caleb Chapman. He is also survived by a very close friend, Nellie Gloria.

Hughes

John F. Hughes, 92, of Pleasanton, Texas, passed away April 21, 1998 in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held Thursday, April 23, 1998, with burial being in the Pleasanton City Cemetery in Pleasanton, Texas.

Survivors are his wife, Ona Hughes of Pleasanton; one son, Ronald Hughes and wife Sandy of Pleasanton; two brothers, Bill Hughes of Orville, California, and Edward Hughes of Paradise, California; one sister, Ruby Bussey of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren, Guy Christopher Karpienski, and Kelly Suzette Reynolds; and two great-grandchildren, Celine Suzette Reynolds and Erin Michelle Karpienski.

In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.

Obituaries

Hipp

Edith Tubb Hipp, 88, of Bronte, passed away at 5:30 am. Wednesday, April 22, 1998, at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. She had been a resident of the Bronte Nursing Home since 1994.

Services were held Friday, April 24, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte with the Reverends Ronald Blackmon and Morris Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Decker Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Edith was born December 2, 1909, in Silver, Texas, to Jettie and Robert Tubb. She attended Collins School in Nolan County. She married Wornock Hipp on October 17, 1926 in Blackwell. They were involved in farming and ranching in Blackwell and Silver before moving to their stock farm near Bronte in 1941. Edith was a Licensed Vocational Nurse and worked for 25 years at the Bronte Hospital and a Winters Nursing Home. She was an active and faithful member of the First Baptist Church for 55 years. She was a member of the Bronte Diversity Club, Home Demonstration Club, and the J.O.Y. Class of the First Baptist Church.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband, Wornock, in February, 1979. She is survived by two

sons, Wornock Hipp, Jr. and his wife Juanetta of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Billy Hipp and his wife Sue of San Angelo; one grandson, Cory Hipp of Hobbs, New Mexico; two granddaughters, Cynthia McKenzie and her husband, David of St. John's Newfoundland, and Peggy Zabala and her husband Juan of Austin, Texas; five great-grandchildren, Michael, Stephen, and Catherine McKenzie, and Christine and Kevin Zabala.

Pallbearers were Cory Hipp, Juan Zabala, and nephews Tommy Hipp, John Hipp, Billy L. Hipp, and Boyce Eidson.

The family requests memorials be made to the Bronte Nursing Home Auxiliary or the East Coke County Ambulance Service.

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Heck

Melba Heck, 61, of Robert Lee, died Wednesday, April 15, 1998, at Shannon Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service was held Saturday, April 18, 2 pm, at the First Baptist Church in Robert Lee, with graveside service at Hayrick Masonic Cemetery immediately following. Services were officiated by Garry Bivins of the Robert Lee Baptist Church, Dale Patterson of Pecan Baptist Church in Robert Lee, Ray Aldridge of the Pentecostal

Church in Robert Lee and Roy Epperson of Ballinger.

Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Melba was born August 13, 1936, in Liberty, Texas, to J.D. and Gussie Doucette. She married John Heck on January 15, 1954 and was married 44 wonderful years. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, supporter and friend.

She is survived by her husband, John; two daughters, Sheila Carver and her husband, John; Pam Millican and her husband, Tim, all of Robert Lee; one brother, Jimmie T. Doucette and wife, Yvonne of Ville Platte, Louisiana; five grandchildren and one-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to Robert Lee EMS.

Pallbearers were Scot and Matthew Millican, Kevin Cassidy, Ron Dickey, Thomas Butler and Joel Percifull.

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Tomes wins competition

Saturday, April 25th, George Tomes, Bronte High school sophomore, won the Area Level Computer Science Competition which was held at Hardin Simmons University. Placing 1st at this event qualifies George to compete at state level in Austin May 8, 1998.

Open House

Come and celebrate TWO great events at one time, National Nursing Home Week and Mothers' Day 1998.

*Sunday, May 10, 1998
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm*

- *State Representative Rob Junell will speak at approximately 2:30 pm.*
- *County Judge Jackie Walker will present a proclamation.*
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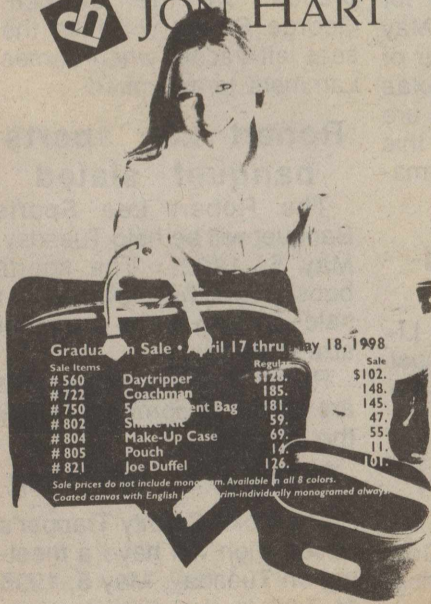
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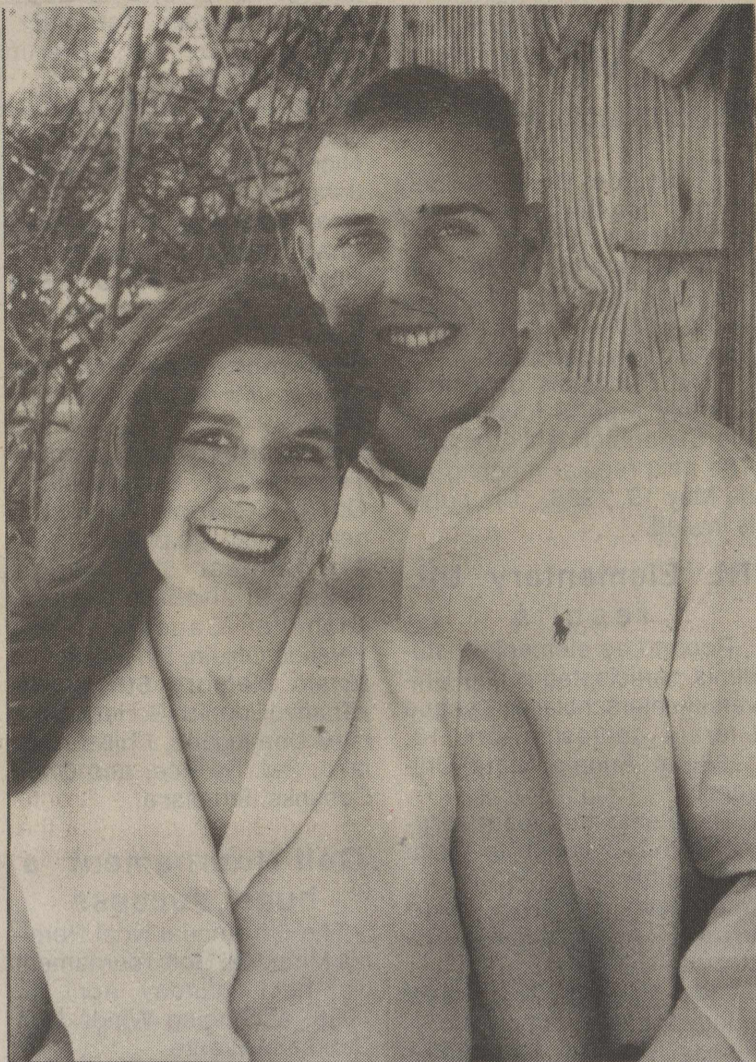
Osborn - Breitschopf engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Osborn of Robert Lee announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer D'Ann to Travis Ross Breitschopf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Breitschopf of Georgetown, Texas.

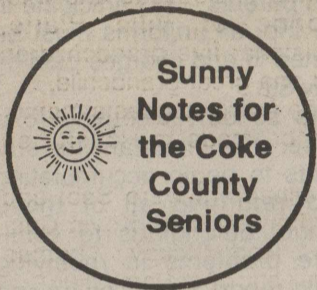
The couple will marry June 20, 1998, at 12:30 pm in the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Meadow High School, will graduate from Texas Tech University in May with a degree in early childhood.

The future bridegroom, a graduate of Georgetown High School, will graduate from Texas Tech University in May with a degree in English and Exercise in sports science.



Jennifer D'Ann Osborn and Travis Ross Breitschopf



Menu

Monday, May 4

Potato Soup, Roast Beef Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, Sliced Beets, Crackers, Apple, Sugar Cookies

Wednesday, May 6

Oven Fried Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Mixed Greens, Cornbread, Orange Juice, Chocolate Cake

Friday, May 8

Ham, Cheese & Macaroni, Stewed Tomatoes, Cornbread, Pears, Peanut Butter Cookies

Personal

The Austin family gathered at the ranch to celebrate the 90th birthday of Lila Austin Cope, April 28. Lila is the daughter of Wiley and Eva Byrd, pioneers in Coke County, and is the widow of Isham M. Austin, Sr. She is famous for her delicious, nutritious meals; is creative, paints in oils, and makes quilts and decorative pillows.

Here to help celebrate were her children, Isham and Lucy Austin of Robert Lee; Stan and Janice Austin of Porter, Texas; Charles and Ruth Austin Taylor of Marshfield, Missouri; Jane Austin Brucher of Fort Worth, Texas; and grandchildren, Monty and Neva Austin of Robert Lee, and their children.

Lila has nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.



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BNH posts May schedule

By Jan Fields
Admission/Activity Coordinator

- May 2 - BNH Garage Sale, 8 am - 12 noon
- May 2 - ECCHD Board Election Day
- May 5 - Square Dancers, 7 pm
- May 8 - Salute to Mothers' Day, 3 pm
- May 9 - BNH Bake Sale, 9 am - ?
- May 10 - Mothers' Day
- May 11 - Bronte Nursing Home week begins
- May 11 - Open House with Greg Hardagree, 10 am
- May 11 - Girl Scouts presentation, 3:45 pm

- May 12 - Clowns & more clowns, 3 pm
- May 12 - Johnnie Elliott, 7 pm
- May 13 - Awards, 1:30 pm
- May 13 - Band concert, 2:30 pm
- May 14 - Kitchen cook-off & judging at 12 noon.
- May 14 - Balloon release, 4 pm
- May 15 - Master's Commission, 2:30 pm
- May 16 - Auxiliary Activity, 3 pm
- May 21 - Spring Fling, 9 am
- May 21 - Auxiliary meeting, 7 pm
- May 22 - Resident Birthday Party, 3 pm
- May 23 - Sing-a-long with Rev. Austin, 3:30 pm
- May 28 - Fishing trip, 1:30 pm

PLEASE VOTE May 2nd
I will appreciate your support in the May 2 election. I promise to continue working on improvements that will benefit the people of Robert Lee.

Re-Elect Kelly Nichols
Mayor of Robert Lee

pd. pol. adv. by Kelly Nichols

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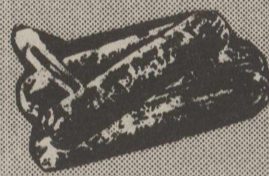
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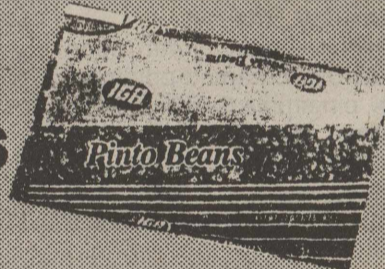
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Reg. Track results Posted

Tracksters from the Robert Lee track team that qualified for regional participated in the Wall Regional Qualifiers Track Meet April 24, 1998.

Jeremy Edging certainly held his own by placing 1st in the shot put with a throw of

53'4" and first in the discus with 168'3".

Joel Gallegos placed third in the 3200 run with 11:19.62.

Dan McCown cleared 6' in the high jump to place fifth.

In the girls division, DeShira Dickey with her run of 63.11 in the 400 placed third while Bree Bolding placed fifth with her 5' high jump.

RLISD board minutes reported

The Robert Lee ISD school board met in regular session on April 21, 1998. All members of the board were present. The following business was conducted.

•Bills were paid and minutes of previous meetings were approved.

•The proposed new contract, notice of assignment and salary, and notice of supplemental duty and assignment forms recommended by Schwartz/Eichelbaum, school attorneys, were approved.

•Local policies that complement the contracts and notices from Schwartz - Eichelbaum were also approved.

•A local Acceptable Use Policy for the internet was adopted.

•A new local salary schedule for teachers, administration, and auxiliary personnel was approved.

•The 1998-99 school calendar recommended by the SBDM committee was adopted.

•Moves and Amendments to the 1997-98 budget were approved.

•A bid from Bryan Builders for the choir/theater arts classrooms was approved.

•A resignation from Ruth Kelly was granted and several contract adjustments for personnel were approved.

•The Principals gave their monthly reports followed by the Superintendent's report. The next regular meeting will be May 19, 1998. The public is invited.

RL Elementary UIL results

Robert Lee elementary students participated in the University Interscholastic League Literary contests April 18, 1998, at Angelo State University.

The elementary team accumulated 253 points to place 2nd overall.

Creative Writing 2nd grade - Ashly Hopson, 5th place.

Ready Writing 3rd grade - Cody McCabe, 3rd place.

Ready Writing 5th grade - Lindsey Roe, 1st place, Kayli Dickey, 2nd, and Ashley Womack, 3rd.

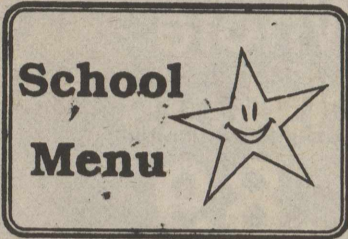
Ready Writing 6th grade - Rachel Wallace, 1st place, Monica Rodriguez, 2nd.

Number Sense 4th grade - Cassidy Wink, 3rd place.

Number Sense 5th grade - Lindsey Roe, 1st place.

Number Sense 6th grade - Travis Taylor, 3rd place, Phillip Arellano, 6th.

Calculator Applications 6th grade - Chris Eubanks, 4th place.



Breakfast

Monday, May 4

School out

Tuesday, May 5

Orange juice, donut, cold cereal, milk.

Wednesday, May 6

Orange juice, breakfast pizza, cold cereal, milk.

Thursday, May 7

Orange juice, blueberry muffins, cold cereal, milk.

Friday, May 8

Orange juice, cinnamon roll, cold cereal, milk.

Lunch

Monday, May 4

School out

Tuesday, May 5

Pizza, corn, applesauce, Teddy Grahams, milk.

Wednesday, May 6

Soft tacos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, apple slices, milk.

Thursday, May 7

Salisbury steak, green bean casserole, creamed potatoes, rolls, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Friday, May 8

Ham and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, carrot and celery sticks, peaches, ice cream, milk.

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- Develop a work order system with a call back feature.
- Support and improve the fire department equipment.
- Clean up and Beautify the city.
- Support and enforce those ordinances that are in the city charter.
- Develop job descriptions for city employees, with roles and responsibilities.
- Will hold Town Hall Type meetings for the public each quarter of the fiscal year so that the citizens can ask questions, and have input as to how their city is operating.

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I believe I have the skills to do more for the city with less resources and tax dollars.

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Pd. Pol. Adv. by Jim Naico

Spelling 6th grade - Travis Taylor, 6th place.

Storytelling 2nd grade - Allison Millican, 1st place, Chase Roe, 4th, Sterlin Ebenstein, 5th.

Storytelling 3rd grade - Colten Cullen, 1st place, Nicole Barnett, 3rd, Dixie Johnson, 6th.

Oral Reading 4th grade - Analy Gallegos, 4th place.

Listening Skills 5th grade - Drew Schultz, 5th place.

Impromptu Speaking 6th grade - Monica Barrera, 1st place.

Art Contest 4th grade - Team of Analy Gallegos, Eric Ortega, Stephanie Trejo, Bridgett Barnett, 4th place.

Art Contest 5th grade - Team of Robert Raney, Michelle Sanchez, and Yolanda Olguin, 5th place.

Music Memory 6th grade - Team of Monica Barrera, Jennifer Dominguez, Phillip Arellano, R.J. Service, and Chris Eubanks, 5th place.

Golf tournament a huge success

The 6th Annual Noel Perci-full Memorial Golf Tournament was held Saturday, April 25, 1998, at Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte.

Championship Flight winners include: 1st. Don Hodge - Dwaine Vincent (96); 2nd. Gerald Stautzenberger - Dean Draper (97); 3rd. Bill Allen - Clay Allen (98); 4th. Russell Merket - Blake Hammond (99).

First Flight winners: 1st. Jessie Flores - Bill Blair (103); 2nd. Norman Weatherford -

Ron Carter (103); 3rd. Weldon Walker - Joe Stinson (106); 4th. Mike Johnson - Mickey Pierce (106).

Second Flight winners: 1st. Robert Mathers - Jim Collier (104); 2nd. Chad Briley - Mincy Briley (108); 3rd. Joe Garza - Rudy Garza (108); 4th. Robert Gordon - Jim Campbell (109).

Third Flight winners: 1st. Adrian Navarrete - Isiah Navarrete (102); 2nd. Jim Morrow - Joey Luckett (103); 3rd. Wade Stautzenberger - Gwen Baker (106); 4th. Tommy Bedell - Joe Williams (108); 5th. Richard Hembree - Frank Hale (111).

Steer band going to Fiesta Texas

The Robert Lee Steer Band will be traveling to Fiesta Texas for an end of year trip Saturday, May 9th.

Just a reminder to students and parents - to participate in the trip, all uniforms must be turned in and charges paid by May 8th.

As school is coming to a close, it is important for students to begin accumulating and returning all of those school belongings to eliminate problems in receiving their report cards or having their transcripts sent to inquiring colleges.



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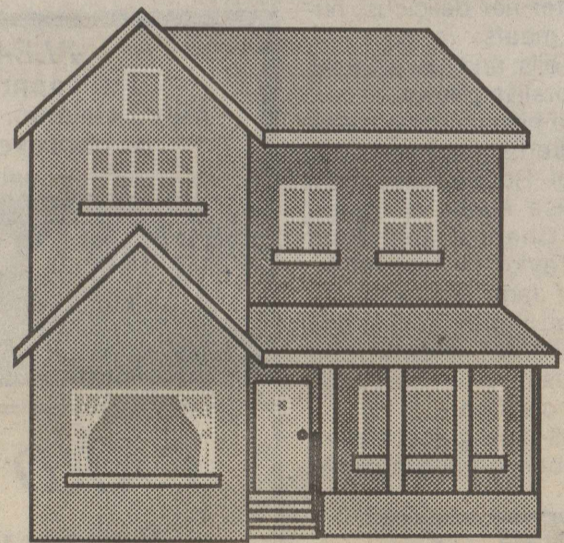
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

BJH competes at District Tennis

The Bronte Junior High Tennis Team competed at the District Tennis Meet held at ASU on Monday, April 20.

Lacy Schoenfield and Cassandra Casares took 1st place in 8th grade girls doubles. Lorenzo DeLaGarza and Steve Eldred took 3rd in 8th grade boys doubles. The match results are as follows.

7th grade boys doubles 1st round

J. Webb/C. Blaylock (Bronte) Def. Bejil/Bell (Christoval) 6-0

J. Graves/L. Butler (Bronte) Def. Chatham/Glasscock (Christoval) 6-2

2nd Round

Condraco/Reyes (Menard) Def. Webb/Blaylock (Bronte) 6-0

Hernandez/Ruiz (Menard) Def. Graves/Butler (Bronte) 6-1

7th grade girls singles 2nd Round

Henke (Menard) Def. B. Arant (Bronte) 6-0

7th grade girls doubles 1st Round

Clark/Arango (Christoval) Def. K. McGinnis/K. Beauchamp (Bronte) 6-2

8th grade girls singles 1st Round

Aycock (Sterling City) Def. B. Adams (Bronte) 6-0

8th grade girls doubles 1st Round

Riordan/McCartney (Miles) Def. M. McCutchen/C. Galvan (Bronte) 6-1

2nd Round

Schoenfield/Casares Def. Estrada/Eurste (Eden) 6-0

3rd Round

Schoenfield/Casares Def. Farmer/Rainwater (Eden) 8-3

Finals

Schoenfield/Casares Def. Medders/Edwards (Menard) 9-8 (7-3)

8th grade boys singles 1st Round

J. Green (Bronte) Def. Deaver (Christoval) 6-2

2nd Round

Robles (Eden) Def. Green (Bronte) 6-1

8th grade boys doubles 1st Round

L. DeLaGarza/S. Eldred (Bronte) Def. Potts/Winchester (Sterling City) 6-3

2nd Round

DeLaGarza/Eldred (Bronte) Def. Nichols/Robinson (Menard) 6-3

3rd Round

Brown/Driver (Miles) Def. DeLaGarza/Eldred 8-3

3rd Place

DeLaGarza/Eldred Def. Ortiz/Leija (Sterling City) 8-2

WTU helps sponsor symposium

Bronte High school student, Jimmy Soto, and science teacher, Jerita Taylor, have been chosen to attend the 38th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin, June 2-5, 1998.

The Symposium is jointly sponsored by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas. West Texas Utilities Company is one of the sponsoring companies in the Foundation and will pay all expenses for 50 students and teachers from their service area.

Jimmy and Mrs. Taylor will be among 400 outstanding high school science students and teachers throughout the state attending the sessions in Austin. Participants will tour some of the finest scientific facilities available and attend lectures and workshops conducted by leading professionals in the scientific field.

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Bronte PTA news

The Bronte PTA will meet Monday, May 4, 1998, at the Bronte School Auditorium. The Junior High Band and the Fourth Grade Recorders will perform following the meeting.

One item on the agenda for discussion will be determining a fundraiser for Fort Chadbourne Days.

The PTA is currently selling business memberships for \$10.00. Your support is appreciated.

The PTA would also like to remind everyone that the week of May 4-8 is teacher appreciation week. Let them know they are appreciated!

Spring Concert slated

Mark your calendars for May 4th. The new Bronte Jr. High School Shorthorn Band, under the direction of Band Director George Tomes, will perform its first annual Spring Concert at 7 pm in the Bronte school auditorium. The concert will begin with the 4th grade recorders, the 5th grade band and end with the

55 member Junior High School Shorthorn Band. The Junior High school band has been very successful this year with its performances at Jr. High football games as well as formal concert band performances.

There will be a band booster meeting in the band hall after the concert, beginning at 8 pm.

All fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade band students are invited to attend the annual pizza - skating party sponsored by the Bronte Band Boosters. The party buses will depart at 9 am Saturday, May 2nd and return prior to 3 pm. Extra sponsors are needed for the party. Please call Mr. Tomes at 473-2511 and let him know if you can help.

Cactus Jazz series

The San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council is proud to present the Cactus Jazz Series featuring jazz harpist Carlos Guedes and his trio, Desvio, on Friday, May 8, 1998, at 8 pm at the historic Cactus Hotel, 36 E. Twohig, San Angelo. Tickets are on sale at the Cultural Affairs Council office located on the mezzanine of the Cactus Hotel.

Carlos Guedes was raised in Caracas, Venezuela, and continues to tour South America, though he now calls Dallas his home base. He and his group, Desvio, have shared the stage with Ray Charles, Mongo Santamaria, Tito Putente and Larry Carlton.



Breakfast Monday, May 4

Sausage, Orange Juice, Pancakes, Milk

Tuesday, May 5

Cereal, Diced Pears, Teddy Grahams, Milk

Wednesday, May 6

French Toast Stix, Grape Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

Thursday, May 7

Scrambled Eggs, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk

Friday, May 8

Breakfast Burrito, Apple Juice, Banana Nut Muffin, Milk

Lunch Monday, May 4

Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Sliced Peaches, Rolls, Milk, Brownies

Tuesday, May 5

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Bread Sticks, Milk, Jello

Wednesday, May 6

Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Apple Sauce, Bun, Milk, Apple Cobbler

Thursday, May 7

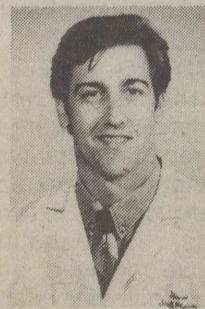
Tacos w/Cheese, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Taco Shells, Milk, Pink Panther Cake

Friday, May 8

Bar-B-Q Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Pickle Spears, Bun, Chips, Milk, Ice Cream Cups

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Scott Westmoreland, D.P.M.

Dr. Westmoreland received a B.S. in environmental science from Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos and completed pre-medicine requirements at North Harris County Community College at Houston. In June 1995, he graduated second in his class from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines, Iowa. He completed a podiatric surgical residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

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Wednesday, May 13

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Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

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

COKE COUNTY JUDGE

Jackie Walker
COKE COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK

Mary Grim

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2

Jack Moore

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 72ND DISTRICT

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MISC

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39-4tp

FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

Please join our family for a (casual) come and go visitation, Sunday, May 3rd, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall from 2 to 5 pm. Jeff, Leticia, Clint, Daylon, and Rainy will be looking forward to seeing you.

Doug & Debbie Wilkes

39a-1tc

COKE COUNTY PAGEANT ASSOCIATION NEEDS

Singers, actors, prop and costume designers, workers on stage and off. Pageant days are here again and you're invited to join in the fun. ANYONE wanting to participate in any way should call 453-2436 and leave your name and phone number. We also need costumes. If you have borrowed a costume from us in the past please return it. If you can make or donate costumes, please call.

36a-4tc

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39b-4tc

BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 2, 9-4, at the Coke County Library, Robert Lee.

39-1tc

CIRCLE A SIDING SPECIALTIES

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36b-tnc

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36-tnc

OPENINGS

for a cook and a cook's helper 2 mornings and 2 evenings, 4 on and 2 off. Serious inquiries only. Contact Brenda Williams, F.S.S., 453-2511 or come by Robert Lee Care Center, 307 West 8th, Robert Lee, Texas. EOE.

39a-2tc

GARAGE SALES

MOVING SALE

3 Riverview Drive, Robert Lee, Texas. Friday & Saturday, May 1st & 2nd, 8 until ?.

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SALE

Lots of goodies added. Butane Sales Company, Robert Lee. Saturday Only.

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GARAGE SALE

615 Houston, Robert Lee, Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3. Starts at 9 am.

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GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 2nd, 8 am until ?.

39-1tp

FAMILY YARD SALE

Thursday, Friday, & Sunday, 8 am to 1 pm; Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm. 400 Summit Drive, Bayview Estates, approximately 6 miles west of Robert Lee off 158.

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CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Bronte, May 2nd. Maps available day of sale at bank parking lot.

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ESTATE SALE

Balance of Margaret Brunson Estate. Some furniture, microwave, electric lift chair, golf clubs, lots of good clothes, saddle - plus lots more odds & ends. Saturday only. 307 Barclay Street, Bronte.

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GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Bronte Masonic Lodge Hall, Saturday, May 2, Gigantic Garage Sale - Furniture, luggage, roll-away beds, day bed, sleeping bags, clothing, odds & ends! Baked Goods! Don't Miss It! Bronte O.E.S.

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CARD OF THANKS

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR heartfelt thanks for the care received from the Robert Lee Care Center and the Hospice of San Angelo organization during the illness of our loved one.

Eva Linevarger Family
39-1tp

WE WOULD LIKE

to give thanks to our wonderful friends who were at our church reception that was prepared by our children, and all who sent cards, letters, phone calls, the beautiful plants that we received, and all the expressions of love and happiness. We appreciate it very much. May God bless you.

Gilbert & Beatrice Basquez
& Family
39b-1tp

THANKS

to my friends who sent cards and letters and those who called on my 90th birthday. Love to all.

Lila Austin Cope
39-1tp

NOTICES

NOTICE

The City of Robert Lee election for Mayor and Council on Saturday, May 2, 1998, will be held at the COURTHOUSE, not the City Hall.

39a-1tc

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Robert Lee Care Center will receive sealed bids for a

...Classifieds

single construction contract for the removal of an existing emergency generator and installation of a new generator, including all work specified and shown on construction documents until Tuesday, May 12, 1998, 5:00 pm, Robert Lee Care Center, PO Box 1209, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, (915) 453-2511.

Construction documents are on file and available at the office of Administrator, Robert Lee Care Center and at office of Power Systems, 1009 Churchwell Road, San Angelo, Texas 76905, and at the Concho Valley Plan Room.

Robert Lee Care Center reserves the right to reject any and or all bids.

39a-2tc

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
Sealed proposals for **CLEANING AND RESHAPING DITCHES** on various roads in Runnels County and covered by Contract No. RMC-6028-07-001 and sealed proposals for **CONCRETE REPAIR** at various sites on roads in Coke

etc. Counties and covered by Contract No. RMC - 6028-08-001 and will be received in the Assembly Room of the Texas Department of Transportation's District Complex located at 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas, until 2:00 pm, May 20, 1998, and then publicly opened and read.

Only prequalified contractors are eligible to bid.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBIDDER'S MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.

Requests for proposals for the above mentioned contract can be made in the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904. Plans and specifications must be requested thru Austin Plan Rooms.

Minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid.

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CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE - MAINTENANCE WORK TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Sealed proposals for contract maintenance of **PICNIC AREAS** and **REST AREA MAINTENANCE** will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation's District Office, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, in San

Angelo, Texas 76904, on the date and time indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

Only prequalified contractors are eligible to bid.

MAY 19, 1998, 2:00 PM PICNIC AREAS
CSJ 6028-09-001, Coke etc. Counties
CSJ 6028-10-001, Sterling etc. Counties
CSJ 6028-11-001, Runnels County
CSJ 6028-12-001, Tom Green County
CSJ 6028-78-001, Kimble etc. Counties
REST AREA
CSJ 6027-75-001, Coke County

Plans, specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P. E., Director of Operations, at the above mentioned address.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBIDDER'S MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.

Prequalified minority contractors are encouraged to participate.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ROBERT LEE PRE-K REGISTRATION/ ORIENTATION

Robert Lee Elementary will conduct a pre-registration for the 1998-99 pre-kindergarten students from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm May 15, 1998.

Parents of children who will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1998, can pre-register for pre-kindergarten.

Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate and a copy of the child's up-to-date immunization records and Social Security number. For more information, call the Robert Lee Elementary School office.

REGISTRACION/ ORIENTACION DE PRE-K DE KINDERGARTEN

La escuela primaria de Robert Lee va a dirigir una pre-registracion para los estudiantes de Pre-Kindergarten para el ano 1998-99. La pre-restaracion va a ser desde las 11:30 am hasta las 12:30 pm el 15 de Mayo 1998.

Los padres de los ninos que va a cumplir quatro anos en o antes del/de Septiembre 1998, pueden pre-registrar para pre-kindergarten.

Pidimos los padres traer la acta de naimiento del nino una copia de los archives de inmunizacion completos y el numero de seguro social del el nino. Para mas informacion llama la officina de la escuela primaria de Robert Lee.

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PUBLIC NOTICE PRE-K - KINDERGARTEN

TRANSITION MEETING

There will be a Pre-K - Kindergarten transition meeting in the Robert Lee school auditorium on Thursday, May 14, 1998, at 6 pm. All parents of incoming kindergarten students are invited to attend. An overview of kindergarten curriculum will be given and parents may visit in the classrooms.

If your child is not presently in Pre-K and will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 1998, he/she will be eligible to attend kindergarten during the 1998-99 school year.

If your child is new to Robert Lee School, you will need to bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, and up-to-date immunization records.

REUNION DE TRANSICION A PRE-K A KINDERGARTEN

Va a ser una reunion de transicion a Pre-K a Kindergarten en el sala de espectaculos de la escuela Robert Lee el 14 de mayo 1998, a las 6 pm.

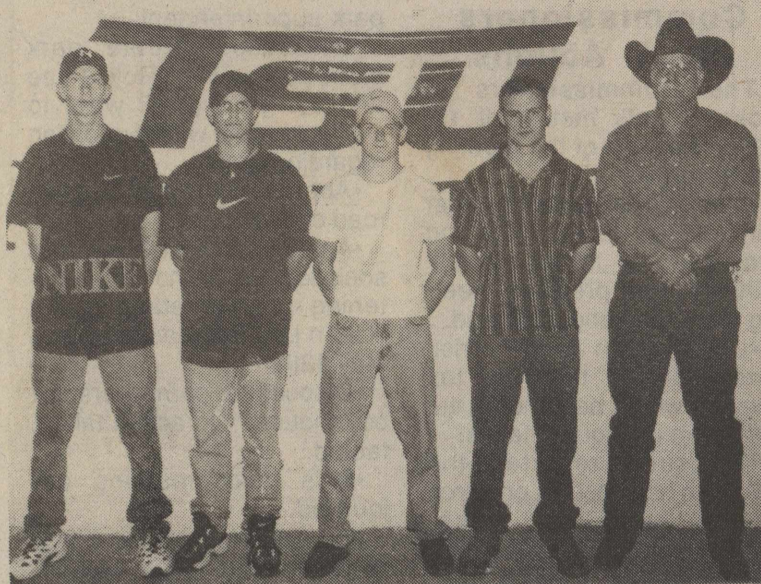
Invitarnos todos los padres de estudiantes empezando el Kindergarten asistiran. Vamos a dar un sumario del plan de estudios y los padres pueden visitar en los salones de clase.

Si tu nino no esta actualmente en el Pre-K y va a cumplir 5 anos de edad en o antes de/del Septiembre 1998, el/ella va ser elegible para asistira kindergarten durante el ano de escuela 1998-99.

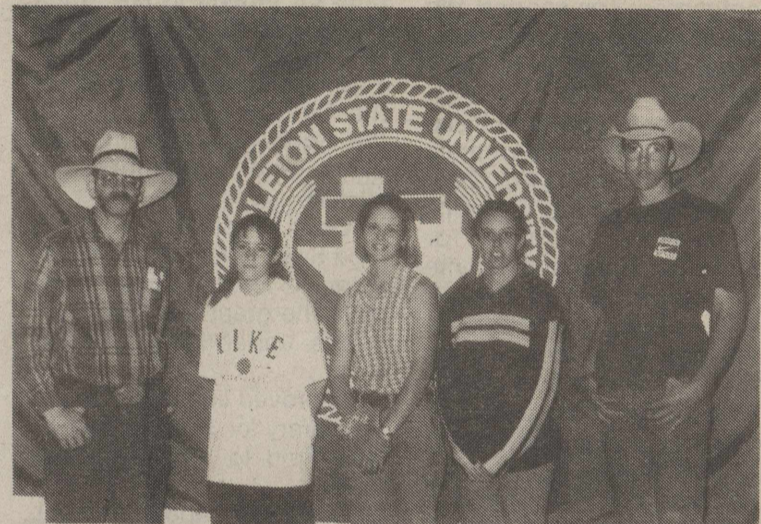
Si tu nino es nuevo a la escuela Robert Lee, tiene que traer la acta de nacimiento, tarjeta de seguro social, y los archivos de inmunizacion completos del nino.

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These Blackwell High School students placed fifth in the Land judging competition at the Area II Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. They included (from left) Chayne Roland, 14th high individual, Lee Nault, 9th high individual, Jimmy Lovelady, and Jimmy Holland. Tarleton faculty member and contest director, Dr. Joe Cadle is shown at far right. FFA teams from Areas VIII, IV and II participated in the Career Development Event which included nine different judging contests.



These Blackwell High School students placed fifth in the Range and Pasture judging competition at the Area II Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. Tarleton faculty member and contest director, Dr. Randy Rossiere is shown at far left. The team included (from left) Gayna Cantrell, Stephanie Cantrell, Keisha Stidham, and Freddie Peacock. FFA teams from Areas VIII, IV and II participated in the Career Development Event which included nine different judging contests.

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Commissioners Court Actions

The Commissioners of Coke County met April 13, 1998. Minutes of the meeting are as follows.

- Meeting was called to order with pledge to the flag and prayer led by James Tidwell. Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

- Under open forum Kristi Roe reported that the tax lawyers would be sending out letters on delinquent taxes.

- Treasurer reported the following balances as of March 31, 1998: Cash, \$858,970.31; Prior Month, \$912,445.93; Prior Year, \$998,576.84. Other Assets, \$780,177.40; Prior Month, \$780,177.40; Prior Year, \$566,396.00.

- Sheriff's office reported nine arrests for the month.

- The County Extension office report was approved.

- Court voted to pay Gene Montgomery \$250.00 for transporting the asphalt truck to San Antonio for repairs. Mr. Montgomery transported the truck during his vacation time.

- Line item transfers were approved for Pct. 1 - construction contracts for caliche for \$3,000.00; emergency budget amendment Pct. 2 for repairs \$4,399.03; Sheriff's jail fees to repairs for \$3,511.72; amended Bronte and Robert Lee Fire Department budgets by \$2,000.00 each due to emergency repairs. (This was done earlier.)

- Discussed transportation Code 201.706 regarding surplus materials.

- Approved emergency management funds from State to be split 50/50 between Bronte and Robert Lee EMS Services.

- Approved letting volunteer group from Robert Lee to replace playground equipment with approval of Curtis Walker,

park superintendent.

- Discussed Bronte park grant application. Royce Lee and James Tidwell went to Dallas to meet with foundation regarding grant.

- Approved Brother English road contract.

- Announced that Texas Association will be holding a listening post meeting at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall on May 12th.

- Discussed computers for courthouse. No action taken, tabled.

- Bills paid, meeting adjourned.

The following business was discussed during the April 27, 1998 Commissioners Court Meeting.

- Meeting opened with pledge to the flag and prayer led by Pat Percifull.

- Minutes approved as presented.

- Pat Percifull discussed Paint Creek Bridge project regarding possibility of doing low water crossing instead of bridge. Court would like figures on putting in low water crossing to compare with the amount for the bridge.

- John Brubaker of MHMR of the Concho Valley met with the Court regarding the services and procedures of MHMR.

- Court discussed applying for a Solid Waste Grant, it was voted to let the Sheriff complete the grant application for needs under local enforcement.

- Approved line item transfer for Library for \$168.00 from e-mail fund to office supplies fund.

- Reviewed trappers report.

- Discussed planning grant and decided the court would need to award contract for survey.

- Approved bills paid.

- Visited Wackenhut Facility.

- Meeting adjourned.

Property tax information

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities" is available at the Coke County Appraisal District office in the courthouse, 2nd floor West, in Robert Lee. Published by the State Comptroller's office in Austin, the pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings. Chief Appraiser, Patsy Dunn, noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as water and hospital districts).

"Remedies" describes how homeowners can file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads. It tells about other exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans, other disabled persons and senior citizens. The pamphlet also contains information about appeals to the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is a citizen board that hears taxpayer protests to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural land owners. Farmers and ranchers may be eligible for a special, lower valuation based on what

the land will produce rather than what it would sell for in the open market. The applications must be filed at the appraisal district office.

Appraisal district staff can offer more information and help with applications for special land appraisal, tax renditions, over-65 tax deferrals, and exemptions.

Blackwell school news

Six students from Blackwell High School competed at the Region II-A UIL Academic Competition at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, recently. Senior Jimmy Loveday placed 4th in Headline Writing and junior Lee Nault placed 4th in Feature Writing. Both students are alternates for state. Junior Kristin Harvell placed 2nd in Persuasive Speaking and will compete at the state competition in Austin, Texas, May 7-9th. This is the second year in a row a Blackwell student has competed at state in Persuasive Speaking.

Historical Society to meet

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ at 901 Main Street, San Angelo, Texas.

Installation of new officers for the 1998-2000 term will be

conducted by Grace Rogers. Refreshments will follow.

The society meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, September through May. Visitors are welcomed. For more information call Peg Gordon at 949-8870.

Bronte music news

History was made Saturday, April 18th, when a group of Bronte Elementary fifth and sixth graders participated in the music memory UIL competition at Angelo State University. By listening to a taped recording of various musical works, the students were expected to identify 16 classical composers, selections, and major works. The Bronte students, under the direction of Band Director, George Tomes, all scored a perfect paper. For the third year in a row, the sixth grade team came in first place. The Bronte fifth grade team came in second place after having to go to tie breaker questions with Miles 5th grade. Both teams had perfect papers the first go around with Miles edging out Bronte by a fraction of a point. Bronte team members for the sixth grade were Ariel Marrs, Brandon Hall, and RoyLee Flores. The fifth grade members included Stephen Tomes, Jesse Herold, and Micah Duke.

These students are a credit to themselves, their families, their school, and the Bronte community.

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ABSOLUTELY NO Household trash, tires, batteries, or chemicals.

Robert Lee is dying from Bad Water and Lack of Leadership! WHY?

There is nothing wrong that a **HEALTHY ECONOMY** will not cure. In order to attract new industry, new investment, and new blood - we have to compete with all other communities in the area. I am of the opinion that because of the **QUALITY OF OUR WATER**, Robert Lee will not receive serious consideration from anyone until the problem is satisfactorily solved.

It is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of the citizens, their elected officials, and the business community to solve the problem. Obviously, we have **FAILED** to do so.

However, I am of the opinion that someone outside the community will eventually **FORCE A SOLUTION** upon us - and it will be much cheaper for us to solve the problem ourselves than waiting for a solution in the form of a **COURT ORDER OR GOVERNMENT MANDATE**.

We are fortunate that this hasn't already happened! I feel that the city and its past and present officials have and are currently incurring the risk of **SUBSTANTIAL LIABILITY** by allowing the problem to continue to exist. Unfortunately, the liability is not only civil but possibly **CRIMINAL** and a good attorney could probably find grounds for a conspiracy that could lead to **TRIPLE DAMAGES**. In which case, we could pay for several new water plants and still not have one.

Thus neighbors, we are living with a **TICKING TIME BOMB** and I would sincerely urge you not to compound the problem with further procrastination.

This may make harsh reading for what are otherwise good, honest, hardworking people. But its purpose is to urge you to take the initiative and do something while you can.

Robert Lee is a classic case of the Biblical parable of the "Buried Talents."
We must bear in mind that "The Lord helps those that help themselves."
The truth never hurts unless it ought to.

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