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CC Juvenile Justice Center expansion slated

Expansion of the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte was the main topic of discussion when Coke County Commissioners met June 30. The Center will receive 96 additional beds versus the original expansion plan calling for 48 more beds. Also, the facility, operated by Wackenhut Corporation, will be changing to an Intermediate Sanction for Boys.

The commissioners approved Tom Pollan of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, and McDaniel, LLP to

represent the County. Wackenhut is responsible for this expense. Mr. Pollan will be working with Coke County Attorney Lane Arthur.

The Court then approved Carlos Valdes-Fauli as Architect, Agent, and Construction Manager for the project.

There are currently 144 months remaining before the original debt incurred for the Center is retired. The Center will now be refinanced for the same length of time with minimal cost to the County, mainly phone calls, paper, etc.

The expansion is expected to be completed by November 1, 1998.

RL girls 10 & under All Stars

Six girls from Robert Lee's 10 & under Pro's softball team were chosen to compete in All Stars at Midland in July. They are Raegan Ritchey, Cassidy Wink, Rebecca Skinner, Vanessa Saucedo, Haylee Neighbors, and Kelsey Duncan.

These girls need financial backing to help buy food and pay for motel rooms. They will be gone July 16, 17, 18 & 19. Donation cans have been put out at Skinner's Grocery, Super H, and Ace Hardware. If you are able to help these girls in any way, please do so. For more information, you may contact Brenda Skinner at 453-4751 or 453-2414. We are proud of these girls and let's show them how much.



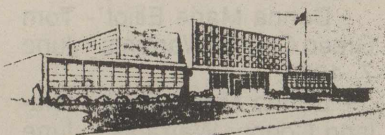
The Robert Lee Pros girls 10 & under softball team ended their season in first place with a 13-1-2 record. Team members include (bottom row, from left) Haylee Neighbors, Vanessa Saucedo, Casie Marie Nesbit, Monica Martinez, Allison Millican, Sarah Philley, (middle row, from left) Brittany Reed, Kelsey Duncan, Cassidy Wink, Raegan Ritchey, Becca Skinner, and Melissa Palmer. Coaching the girls were (from left) Buck Duncan, Jimmy Skinner and Tim Philley. The girls' sponsor was Larry Hayes with RV Refrigeration.

Special RL Council meeting set

The Robert Lee City Council will have a special meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 1998 at 6 pm at City Hall. Topics to be discussed will be the present filtration system at the Water Treatment Plant and cost analysis on R.O. systems. Hibbs & Todd Engineering Firm will be at the meeting to answer any questions. This meeting is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Democratic Committee to meet

The Democratic Executive Committee of Coke County will meet at 10:30 am Friday, July 3, 1998, at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee. The purpose of the meeting is to visit with those interested in being appointed as the Democratic Candidate for Constable Precinct 2. All those interested in being considered for this nomination are asked to please come and speak to the committee.



Courthouse holiday closing

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed Friday, July 3, 1998, in observance of Independence Day.

Dewhurst to be in Robert Lee

David Dewhurst, Republican candidate for Texas Land Commissioner, will be in Robert Lee on Tuesday, July 7, 1998, 1:30 pm at the Commissioner's Courtroom. Mr. Dewhurst will be making a short campaign stop in Robert Lee. Anyone interested in meeting Mr. Dewhurst is invited to attend.

Fireworks banned in Robert Lee

Robert Lee City officials wish to remind citizens that all fireworks are banned within the city limits. Due to the very dry conditions we are experiencing at this time, residents are urged to use extreme caution.

Robert Lee City Hall to be closed

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed Friday, July 3, 1998, in observance of the July 4th holiday. The landfill will be closed Saturday, July 4, 1998. Residents are reminded that the discharge of fireworks are prohibited in the city limits.

Tennyson 4th of July barbecue

There will be a barbecue Saturday, July 4, 1998, at the Tennyson Community Center. The meat will be furnished. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. The meal will be served at noon. Everyone in the area is invited to attend.



Bronte Mayor Martin Lee (center) visits with State Representative Rob Junell (left) and U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm at the festivities last Saturday during Fort Chadbourne Days in Bronte.

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Death Notices

Darnell

Betty June Heidel Darnell, 67, of Mexia, formerly of Mc-Gregor, died Thursday, June 25, 1998, at her residence.

Services were at 11:30 am Monday, June 29, 1998, at Waco Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Waco Memorial Park.

Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Bolfig and husband, Don, of Hewitt, and Peggy Jezek and husband, Tony, of Waco; three sons, Jimmy Dixon, and wife, Jenny, of Waco, Billy Dixon of Dallas, and Perry Darnell of Amarillo; two sisters, Sybil Nelson and husband, Willie, of Waco, and Mildred Heidel Thomason of Bronte; and eleven grandchildren.

WTU wins 4-H service award

West Texas Utilities Company in Abilene has been awarded a Citation for Outstanding Service to the area's 4-H programs.

The company has given freely to the 4-H programs in the far west, west central and rolling plains area for more than 40 years.

Toby L. Lepley, Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H specialist, says the West Texas Utilities Company has donated more than \$1 million in financial and in-kind support to the 4-H program.

"Despite corporate mergers and company downsizing, West Texas Utilities has continued to increase their support of the area's 4-H programs," he adds.

Their dedication can be attributed to the company's keen understanding of the value and power of the upcoming youth in Texas Lepley said. "WTU has always seen the value of employee involvement and leadership in youth."

West Texas Utilities demonstrates this understanding through involvement and youth leadership. Employees volunteer as lifeguards and square dance callers at 4-H events and have also served as the Texas 4-H Foundation Directors Lepley said.

Furthermore, the company has sponsored and helped conduct various district 4-H events such as the Gold Star Banquet and the District Fashion Show and donated ribbons for all of the 4-H events in Districts 3, 6 and 7.

Ellis

Cecil Ellis, 81, of Bronte died Monday, June 29, 1998, in an Eden hospital.

Graveside service was at 10:00 am Thursday, July 2, 1998, at the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Ann Ellis of Bronte; four daughters, Brenda Ellis of Bronte, Vicki Moore of Bronte, Beulah Kennedy of Mentone, CA, and Shirley Bale of New Underwood, SD; one brother, James Ellis of Alvord, TX; one sister, Dorothy Russell of Acton, TX; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ross Roundup held

The seventh annual Ross Round-up was held at Robert Lee Recreation Hall on Saturday, June 20, 1998.

Descendants of Roy and May Ross gathered for a day of visiting, games, door prizes and an auction of family made crafts. Barbecued meats were prepared by Dennis and Roxie Ross, with family members providing the rest of the "fixins" for a delicious lunch and evening meal.

Sixty family members in attendance were: Bea Ross from Waco; Debbie, Mike, Sam and Stacey Conley, Ross, Kay, Jessie and Zack Adkins, Clair McManus, Cecil, Holley, Carson and Sam Ross, Morris, Wanda, Duncan and Garret Wallace - all from San Angelo; Angela Vann, Michael Adkins, Michelle, Kenneth, Derick, Karissa and Michiah Fickle - all from Abilene; Preston and Norma Ross from Brownwood; Bob, Polly, Will and Kate McDonald - from Austin; Wallace and Billie Ross, Cressie and Patton McClatchey, all from Bangs; Wade Wallace from Dallas; Marie Ross, Dennis and Roxie Ross, Chris, Gina, Seth Ross; Barbara (Ross) and Elmer Adkins, Joe and Nellie Ross, Ricky, Becky, Mason and Meagan Ross, Jo Nell, Tommy, Amanda and Beau Blair, Gayle, Lane, Landon and Joseph Shandleley, and Alice (Ross) and Royce Wallace, all from Robert Lee.

Guests were Cara Ward from San Angelo; Eloise McDonald and Maudie Conley of Robert Lee; and Amy Mathers.

A good time was had by all!

Sheriff's Dept. posts June arrests/charges

The Coke County Sheriff's Department has released the following arrests made and charges filed during the month of June.

- Jeffery Scott Vantuinen - Aggravated Assault Against Public Servant (2 counts), Evading Arrest or Detention using Vehicle - June 1, 1998.
- Rex Darby Saunders - Criminal Mischief - Felony - June 1, 1998.
- Jason Harrell - Making Alcohol Available to a Minor - June 3, 1998.
- Julia Delan Gentry - Burglary of a Building, Motion to Revoke Deferred Adjudication - June 7, 1998.
- Paul Dean Smith - Driving While License Suspended - June 7, 1998.
- Billy Barton - Driving While License Suspended - June 8, 1998.
- Jesse Percifull - Theft of Motor Vehicle - June 11, 1998.
- Tim Sanchez - Making Alcohol Available to a Minor - June 16, 1998.
- Verdie Lee Fikes - Violation of a Protective Order, Motion to Revoke Probation - June 16, 1998.
- Benjamin James Marshall - Minor in Possession of Alcohol - June 17, 1998.
- James Emmitt Cantrell - Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor - June 17, 1998.
- Stephen Callaway - Boating While Intoxicated - June 13, 1998.
- Lucy Casares - Theft: Property by Check - June 22, 1998.
- Julie Montgomery - Theft: Property by Check - June 23, 1998.
- Kendra Bohannon - Class C Theft - June 26, 1998.
- Derrick Brown - Disorderly Conduct - June 28, 1998.
- Jason Joe Martinez - Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Out of County Warrants - June 28, 1998.
- Donna Marie Elliot - Tom Green County Warrants - June 7, 1998.
- Donna Marie Elliot - Midland County Warrants - June 11, 1998.
- Lenard Charles Barnes - Tom Green County Warrants - June 19, 1998.

Winters COC to host tourney

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Winters Country Club on July 25, 1998.

The tournament will be an eighteen hole, four person scramble. Cash prizes, door prizes, and extra contests will be featured. Carts will be available or you may bring your own.

The Chamber directors will be offering coffee and doughnuts for sale prior to the 8 am tee-time. Sandwiches, snacks, and drinks will also be sold throughout the day.

For more information or to sign-up your team, call the Chamber office at (915) 754-5210, or the Winters Country Club at (915) 754-4679. If no answer, please leave a message and someone will return your call on the next business day.



Lonnie and Roma Jeanne Forman are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary July 3. They were married in 1948. A family celebration was held at Inks Lake Saturday, June 13, at the Forman family reunion. Their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild recognized Lon and Roma with a brief tribute for their years together as loving parents and grandparents. The couple has one son, Bob of Abilene, and a daughter, Judy Miller of Arlington. They have four grandchildren: Dana, Clint, Chad, and Scott; and one great-grandson, Caleb.

Coke County Library News

Coke County Library patrons who live in Bronte now have an opportunity to return books without making a drive. Kay Gothard at the Main Street Market will accept books which are to be returned to the Coke County Library. The books will be picked up on a regular basis. This will be a help to those who wish to return books on time. The Library appreciates the opportunity offered by Kay.

Library patrons are reminded that they can renew books by phone. Receiving books that are over-due back in the library is always appreciated. Getting the books back is more important than collecting fines. If there are library books just sitting around, just drop them off at the library or at Main Street Market.

"Who's There" is the latest Knock Knock joke book at the library. Just a sample: Knock Knock. Who's there? Wilma. Wilma who? Wilma lunch be ready soon? One more: Knock, Knock. Who's there? Cows. Cows who? Cows go moo not who. Well, OK, just ONE MORE. Knock Knock. Who's there? Sarah. Sarah who? Sarah doctor in the house.

Winner of this week's drawing for students, 7-12 is Sean Barnett. He wins a free drink from Super H Grocery.

It's never too late to join the summer reading programs at the library. Remember the treat-a-week opportunity and the drawing, as well as the new books that are circulating fast.

New westerns and other fiction books have arrived from the Big Country Extension Service.

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Brice family holds 1998 reunion

The Winters Community Center was the location of the Brice Reunion, which was held June 20 & 21, 1998, with 154 people attending.

Those attending were Mary Snow and JoAnn Lightfoot of Carlsbad, NM; Earl Brice, Jack and Earline Brice, Gene Brice, and Juanita Bradley of Bronte; Garry and Marilyn Brice of Albuquerque, NM; Polly Helsley, Malina Mapes & daughter of Mustang, OK; J.D. & Harriette Brice of Ennis, Texas; Beth Brice, Eddie & Ann Bedrick and daughter, Georgia Collier, Linda & John Scott, Donald & Christy McKinley and family, Cody & Mychelle Woodward and family, and Judy Snowden of Odessa; Nita & Nikki Steven of Round Rock; Stephen Bradley of Pflugerville; Billy Brice of Sweetwater; Brandi Maker of Garland; Patsy Roberson of Tuscola; Marvin & Fayrene Henager, Janie Potts and boys, Eddie and Vickie Watts and family, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Brice and family all of Belton; Leon & Maetta Brice, Gloria Smith and family, Debbie Parker of Comanche; Horace & Odell McGinnis, Sherry and Gary Johnson and family, Bodie McGinnis, Scarlett Bridges and son of Mineral Wells; Ricky Weidner and family of Brownwood; Iris Coffey and grandson, Jake, Frances Faglie and Doc Bramble of Port Lavaca; Joyce Weidner, Carolyn Weidner and family, Karl & Brenda Braden and family, Leslie Brice and boys and granddaughter, Sara Kay Gandy, Rita and Ben Blakene of San Angelo; Darvin and Willie Bradley of Grape Creek; Bessie Brice of Robert Lee; Terry Sanders and Bruce Sherrod, Gaylon & Tina Mitchell and family of Abilene; Teresa Long and Brandi of Placedo; Kenneth and Cynthia Henager and girls of Moody; Dane and Lisa Moore and family of Merkel; Jim Bob Webb of Cisco; Darrell and Denise Coffey and family of San Antonio; Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Justin, Breanna, & Bryce Webb of Coppell; Vonda Grun and girls of Moro Community; Anita Wood and Bob & Oleta Webb of Winters.

Visitors were Roger & Tommie Burfiend and Bryan Sparks of Merkel; JC Herry and Casey Bramlett of Belton; John Shuler and Peter Sikes of Odessa; Amanda Follis and Wayne Hayes of San Angelo; Jerry Don Mayfield of Mineral Wells; Tyler Whately of Port Lavaca; Larry and Tommy Webb of Moro Community; and Johnny and Ann Walker of Winters.

Retired highway employees luncheon set

Retired highway employees are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 am on Monday, July 13, 1998, at Zentner's Restaurant, 2715 Sherwood Way, in San Angelo.

The purpose of this luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships.



The "Ole Coke County" choir serenades pageant goers during a 1994 performance. Be sure not to miss the 1998 version of the pageant set this year for July 23, 24 & 25.



Douglas Roberts (right) portrays an Indian during the 1995 presentation of "Ole Coke County." Preparations and rehearsals are underway for this year's July performances.

Murtishaw reunion held

The 62nd Reunion of Murtishaws was hosted by Mary Sharp at her home on Live Oak Creek near Carlsbad, Texas.

The first reunion was held on Christmas Day at Wildcat in the home of Claude and Grace Murtishaw in 1936. There were seven children and two grandchildren present.

At this 62nd reunion, there were 52 present, three children, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and fifteen great-great-grandchildren. Walter Kristinek was the man of the day. He brought the delicious barbecue. Everyone else brought pot-luck.

Even though the weather was hot, there was a slight breeze. The bunch had fun and enjoyed fellowship.

Sue and Carla Sue held a white elephant auction which was enjoyed. Also, scrapbook albums were shared. Those attending were Melba, Otho, Richard, Patsy and Chrystal Long, Dale, Sue, Terry, Shirley, Harvey, Carla Jean, Shane, Shanna, and Jamie Wojtek, Keegan Jameson, Walter, Carla Sue, Will, Josh & Scott Kristinek, Darrel, Leona, Murty Shaw, Seth and Angelo Eubanks, Lajuan, Torrie, Jennifer, and Mathew Hayes, H.C., Chris, Mark, Diane, and Eric Murtishaw, Jim and Babe Beyerlein, Maurine Sparks, Linda Owens, David Wayne, Jennifer, Trae and Miranda Owens, Helen Murtishaw, Mary Sharp, Jerry, Cliffie, and Luran Sensabaugh.

Guests were Marvin and Snookye Landers, Randy, Linda and Heath Sharp and Andrew McCabe.

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The Millican family were joined by friends as they worked their calves June 4 at Sanco. Helping out with the duties were Lance, Ashlee, and Waldon Millican; Coke and Tommy Hendry; and Tommy and Clay Antilley.

BHS reunion slated

October 9 & 10, 1998, are the dates to circle on your calendar as a reminder to attend the big "Turn of the Century Bronte High School Homecoming". Class lists from 1930-1997 have been passed out to ex-students from those classes for updated mailing addresses, some have been turned in but there are still several out. Committee Chair Bill Thomason said that the aim of this year's committee is to have a computerized mailing list of all the ex-students of Bronte High that can be kept up to date for future reference. If you still have one of these lists, please complete it as soon as possible and return it to Bronte City Hall or one of the committee members.

Several classes have started planning class reunions following conclusion of events scheduled at the school. If someone hasn't contacted you about your class, start the ball rolling yourself and call up some former classmates and encourage them to come this year. It has been four years since the last large homecoming, so it is time to get back in touch.

The activities will begin Friday night with a pre-game ceremony honoring all ex-football players, anyone who has ever played football at Bronte will be introduced, so come early and be prepared to march out on the field. The Santa Anna Mountaineers will be coming to town and Coach Keith McCutchen says this is an important test for the Longhorns since it is the first of five district games. With the new district alignment going into effect, it will be the first time Bronte has played Santa Anna in six years.

Diane Luckett will be responsible for the traditional Saturday morning parade. She hopes to draw several specialty entries along with commercial, civic, and social

groups and school related floats. Following the conclusion of the parade, everyone is invited to go to the school for an open house. Marilyn Bivins will again be in charge of the catered noon lunch. Information concerning price and reservations, along with a listing of other planned activities will be included in the letter that will be sent out soon.

J.T. and Sybil Henry are compiling a list of former teachers, all will be invited to return for the event. If you have kept in touch and have a current address for a former teacher, contact the Henrys so their name can be added to the list.

A publicity spot has been arranged with Pat Atteberry on KLST Thursday, October 8, 1998, at 5 pm. Edward Cumbie has agreed to do the interview and plans to have some old pictures and documents depicting the history of the school system at Bronte. Contact him if you have something special to add to his story.

Please contact any of the Homecoming committee with any suggestions or offers to help, otherwise a lot of you may be called on to volunteer. Members are Bill Thomason (915) 786-2015, Martha Boatrigh Arrott (915) 468-3574 or Jean Smith Herring (915) 288-4207.

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Jaden Gunner Rector

Stork Airlines announce an arrival at San Angelo, Texas, at 4:45 pm on June 25, 1998, of an 8 lbs., 5 oz., 19" baby boy. The pilot and co-pilot were Jory and Jodi Rector. They chose to call their on-board arrival Jaden Gunner Rector.

Jaden was greeted at gate one by a host of family and friends.

Serving as flight attendants were grandparents, Ron & Joyce Waggoner of Robert Lee and Randy Rector & Shireen Jackson of San Angelo.

Waiting on the patio wing were great-grandparents, Bonnie Roberts of Robert Lee, Charlotte Jackson of San Angelo, Lester and Wilma Waggoner of Watsonville, California.

Special attendants working in rear cabin were Uncle Ronnie & Aunt Jonie Waggoner of Robert Lee.

First Class flight attendant was Great Aunt Louise Bower of Water Valley helping with delays and turbulence for a safe and smooth landing.

A Flag Waving Fourth in Fredericksburg Area

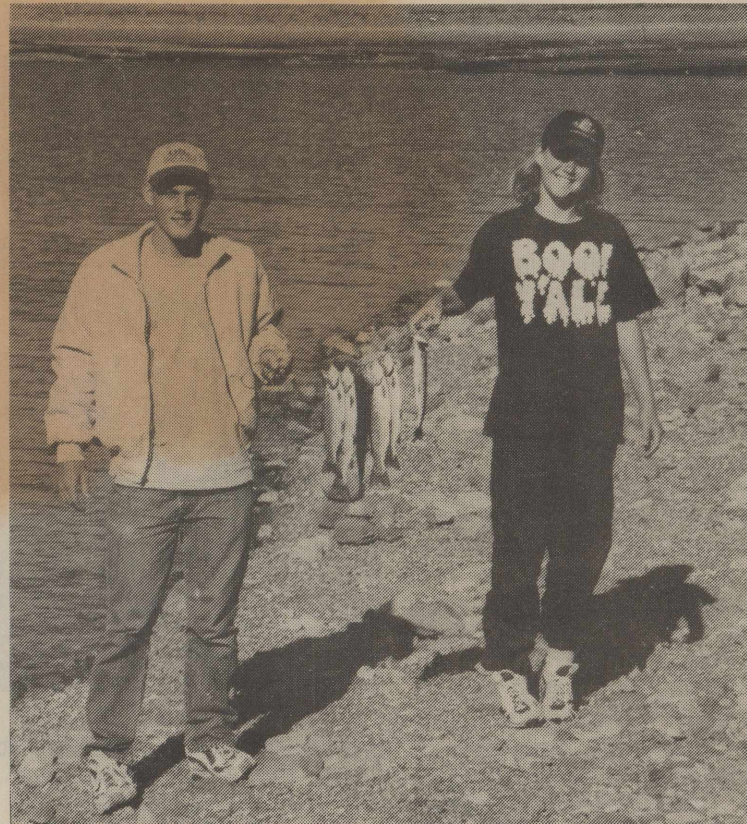
Fredericksburg, located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, provides an ideal site for an old-fashioned, flag-waving Fourth of July. A parade down Main Street, concerts, museums, theatrical presentations and fireworks are all part of the celebration.

Activities kick off on July 4 with a parade that begins at the Admiral Nimitz Museum, which then proceeds west on Main Street.

July 4th and 5th, pari-mutuel horse racing fans will be flocking to the Gillespie County Fair Grounds, which is located southwest of Fredericksburg on Highway 16 South. Following a day of horse racing, the Hill Country favorite, Ryan Thomas, will perform for a dance at the fair grounds.

Willie Nelson and a few thousand of his fans and friends will descend upon tiny Luckenbach, which is located between Fredericksburg and Sisterdale, for his Fourth of July Picnic. Special guests include Ray Price, Robert Earl Keen, Gary P. Nunn, Asleep at the Wheel and many more.

For a complete list of all activities during the Fourth of July weekend at Fredericksburg, call their Convention and Visitor Bureau at 830-997-6523.



Dan McCown and Chrissie Counts enjoyed camping and fishing at Gunnison, Colorado, with their grandparents, Floyd and Shirley Farrington. Dan caught his limit of trout at Taylor Park and everyone had a good time.

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Casey McKee's poster earned him a first place ribbon in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District contest. Casey and his poster are shown with SWCD Director Mike Arrott.

McKee wins poster contest

Casey McKee of Mrs. Heather Lee's Bronte 6th grade was the winner of the poster contest for students in the 5th and 6th grade for 1997-1998. This contest is sponsored by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. In addition to a ribbon and certificate, Casey received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and was honored at an awards banquet in San Angelo recently. Casey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim McKee of Bronte.

Monica Barrera of Mrs. Linda Burns' Robert Lee 6th grade class was the district runner-up and the recipient of a \$50 savings bond. Monica is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Delphino Navarro of Robert Lee.

The top three places in each class were: Mrs. Suzie Wilson's Robert Lee 5th grade: 1st - Veronica Cerritos, 2nd - Ashley Womack, 3rd - Jennifer Fluhmann; Mrs. Pat Lee's Bronte 5th grade: 1st - Calli Johnson, 2nd - Ryan Martinez, 3rd - Cody Moore, Honorable Mention - Terence Scott; Mrs. Heather Lee's Bronte 6th grade: 1st - Casey McKee, 2nd - Ariel Marrs, 3rd - Melissa Flores. Every student who submitted a poster received a certificate from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in appreciation for the thought, effort and publicity on the need and worth of soil and water conservation that the posters depicted. These posters were displayed at Robert Lee State Bank and First National Bank in Bronte.

In recognition of the growing response from teachers and students, the directors

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Mrs. Heather Lee's Bronte 6th grade class was presented with an award for Most Outstanding Class by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District for their efforts in the poster contest.

instituted a new award in 1995. The class with the most outstanding posters will be honored as the year's Outstanding Class and presented a rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year.

Mrs. Heather Lee's 6th grade was chosen Outstanding Class for 1997-98, for the second straight year. All the youngsters seemed to regard the award with enthusiasm and there was already talk among next year's Coke County 5th and 6th graders about plans to win the plaque for their class next time.

Three posters done by Casey McKee, Monica Barrera and Rachel Wallace were entered in the Texas Area II Contest, which includes 52 counties.

Pupils could choose any phase of resource conservation that is part of the work of the local soil and water conservation district. Included in this work are: soil use and treatment; erosion control practices; crop, range, and pastureland management; drainage problems; watershed protection; flood prevention; fish and wildlife management; and promoting the involvement of all citizens in conserving water and renewable resources.

Response from teachers and students was excellent and posters submitted were outstanding, both in art work and content. Each year choosing only two to four

winners per class and two overall becomes more and more difficult for the board of directors.

Contributions from First National Bank in Bronte and Robert Lee State Bank and the Kickapoo Creek Water Control and Improvement District made the contest possible and helped pay for the awards. Without their support and the enthusiastic participation by the schools, the contest could not have been successful.

Wallace places 3rd at Area contest

Rachel Wallace's poster entitled, "Rangeland Nutrient Cycle," won third place in the Texas Area II Contest, which includes 52 Texas Soil and Water Conservation districts. Rachel's poster, along with posters from every other 5th and 6th grade student in Coke County, was judged earlier in the year by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. The top three posters, done by Casey McKee, Monica Barrera and Rachel Wallace, were entered in the Area competition.

Rachel was honored at a banquet held at the Houston Harte Center on the campus of Angelo State University where she received a beautiful plaque for her accomplishment.

Rachel was accompanied to the banquet by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Lindsey Wallace;

her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cash; her teacher, Mrs. Linda Burns; District Director, Wilbern Millican; District Conservationist, Bruce Deere, and wife, Linda-Carole; and District Technician, Donna Waldrop, and husband, Riley.

The 5th and 6th grade students of Coke County are to be highly commended for their imagination and artistic ability they portrayed in this contest. This is the seventh year the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District has sponsored a poster contest and the students always represent the County well in competition.

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District thanked the Robert Lee and Bronte students for their participation and teachers and principals for their support and enthusiasm in helping make this contest a success.



Winning 3rd place with her poster, "Rangeland Nutrient Cycle," in the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Area II Contest was Rachel Wallace.

Larry Hayes
A Proud "Papaw"

Harrison Baylor
Hayes
June 25, 1998
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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
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Jack Moore
STATE REPRESENTATIVE 72ND DISTRICT
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Russ Duerstine

FOR SALE


FOR SALE
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48a-2tc

BRONTE ISD
has openings for the following positions:
• Clerical work at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. Contact Glen Coles, Administrator CCJJC, (915) 473-4040, or Superintendent's Office 473-2511.
• Janitor at Bronte High School. Contact Rick Howell, Principal, or the Superintendent's Office, (915) 473-2511.
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47b-2tc

HELP WANTED

CNAs needed for all shifts. Full time and part time. Competitive pay. Contact Sarah Lee, DON, Senior Citizens Nursing Home, Winters. Phone 754-4566.

36b-tnc

GARAGE SALES

BIG GARAGE SALE
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 3, 4, 5, Barrett Ranch, 5 miles East of Blackwell (see signs on Hwy 1170 and Hwy 277). Lots & lots of junkie from jigsaw puzzles to grain drills.

48-1tp

3 FAMILY SALE
Chairs, bedspreads, TV chairs, hide-a-bed divan in good condition, curtains, antiques, appliances, much more. Saturday, July 4, at 323 N. State Street, Bronte, Dora's house.

48b-1tc

LARGE GARAGE SALE
Saturday, 8am - ? at the Carousel, 711 Austin; Robert Lee. Large assortment of items - furniture, clothes, gifts, baby things, stereo, cell phones, baby clothes & toys, bedroom furniture, living room furniture, bedroom suite, and more!

48a-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

THANKS TO EVERYONE for the calls, cards, food, flowers, memorials, prayers, and for being there for us in our time of need. A special thanks to the staff of the Bronte Nursing Home for the loving care shown to our mother, grandmother, and sister.

The Family of Leona Spivey
48b-1tc

THE FAMILY OF CHELSEA JOHNSON would like to say how much we appreciate all the people who gave us support in the way of flowers, cards, memorial gifts, telephone calls, food and especially all the hugs. Everything helped tremendously.

Chelsea was a special light in our lives for 14 years. We thank God for allowing us to care for her and share her special life with others.

We miss her dearly, but know she is whole and not suffering anymore. She is probably talking a mile a minute to her grandpa Willie.

Special thanks to Dr. Karl Wehner for being such a caring person. You are the best!

Chelsea was so fortunate to have had such loyal nurses to care for her. They kept her out of the hospital for eight years. Roselle Hall, Margaret Alderman, Jim Raines, Roberta Wilcox, and April Oden are to be commended for caring about special children like our Chelsea. Just saying "thank you" is not enough. You all have a special place in our hearts.

Chelsea's service was made very special by Dr. David Womack. He kept us going in the right direction when Chelsea was hospitalized for so long and gave us comfort after she passed away.

Thanks for caring.
Dixie, Paula, & Calli Johnson
48b-1tc

NOTICES

NOTICE

Bronte ISD is accepting bids on disposal of school property including: 20 complete computer systems, 486SX Processors, 8 Mg RAM, 1 Mg Hard Drive. Systems complete with monitor, keyboard, and mouse.

Deadline for bids will be July 3, 1998, at 11 am. Contact the Superintendent's office at (915) 473-2511 for more information.

47b-2tc

McDonald receives Partner's Award

Edward Jones Investment Representative Greg McDonald of San Angelo recently received the Partner's Award for his outstanding sales and service efforts over the past year.

"When you work for a firm that is known for its outstanding service," McDonald says, "it's quite an honor to be singled out for your service record."

John Bachmann, Edward Jones' managing principal added "Greg is an outstanding member of the Edward Jones team. He personifies the ideal Edward Jones investment representative, a representative who is 100% dedicated to serving the financial needs of his customers. I am very pleased to present this well-deserved award."

McDonald has been serving the San Angelo area since 1996, and is active in several local groups, including the San Angelo Financial Planning Council, Lions Club, and San Angelo A&M Club.

Greg's San Angelo office is one of more than 4,000 offices located throughout all 50 states. Indeed, Jones is the largest financial services firm in the nation in terms of offices. Subsidiaries of the firm serve investors in Canada and the United Kingdom, as well. Edward Jones recently unveiled an aggressive growth plan aimed at increasing the number of investment representatives to 10,000 by the year 2003.

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The firm traces its roots to 1871 and today serves more than 3 million customers.

The local Edward Jones office is located at 4241 Southwest Blvd., by Sunset Mall. Visitors can access Edward Jones at www.edwardjones.com.



Bronte Mayor Martin Lee rides atop the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department truck during the Fort Chadbourne Days Parade Saturday, June 27.



The Three Rivers Clowns were a big hit with children of all ages in the Fort Chadbourne Days Parade Saturday, June 27, in Bronte.

Pair receives degrees

Shirley (Joy) Rogers recently graduated with a AAS degree in Computer Science from Alvin Community College in Alvin, Texas. She was a member of Phi Theda Kappa.

Joy's son-in-law, Mark Wayne Wofford, also graduated in the same class. Graduation was

held May 14, 1998, at the Alvin Community College Gymnasium.

Joy is presently employed at Sitel in San Angelo. She is the daughter of Georgia Rogers of Ballinger and the late Leon Rogers.

Mark is the son of Dale and Judy Wofford of Abilene. He is continuing his education at the University of Houston at Clearlake.

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Crowds gathered on the grass surrounding the depot and gazebo to enjoy the music and booths during Fort Chadbourne Days in Bronte June 27.



A number of horseback riders participated in the parade held in conjunction with Fort Chadbourne Days in Bronte June 27.

Protecting property during drought

Now is the time to be thinking about what you can do to protect your property during the current and future droughts. Even though no one can prevent a drought, certain precautions can lessen the impact of one. Dealing with natural resource concerns now can minimize negative impacts and produce long-range benefits after the drought. Below are a few ideas to consider.

- Practice conservation stocking. Maintaining flexibility in stocking rates is critical. The base herd should make up about two-thirds to three-fourths of the carrying capacity. The remainder should consist of livestock that can be quickly liquidated to take some off the pressure of the grass.

- Consider how much forage you have and how long it will last if properly used. Generally, 60 to 70% of the year's forage has been produced by July 1. A cow eats about 26 pounds dry weight of forage a day - a pile about 2 feet high and 3 feet wide.

- Consider culling. Reducing herd size will place less strain on forage plants (and improve breedback percentages). Although supplemental feed programs help producers, they may also encourage hanging on to livestock instead of culling. This may not relieve pressure on the grass and may even encourage improper grazing. As plants are continuously and closely grazed, they lose their ability to capture energy from the sun, root reserves are used up, and root systems reduced. The end result - if grazing is not corrected - is death of the plant. The next stage will be bare, crusty "lizard-lick" ground that won't absorb water and invasion of undesirable plants.

- Cull deeper into the herd if conditions worsen.

- At some point, it may be necessary to defer all livestock to avoid ruining future forage production. If land is not leased for hunting, doing so would provide some supplemental income.

- Set up small grazing enclosures for visual comparisons of grazed versus ungrazed areas as a management tool. About 50% of the leaf surface produced each year is needed by the grass to maintain its own health.

- Consider fencing alternatives. While you may have less livestock on the place and they can be moved a little easier, consider constructing cross fences. Pastures that are too large can be divided into smaller, more manageable units.

- Provide supplemental feed for wildlife.

- Think about the long-term. Make sure your grazing plans, conservation plans, and drought plans are up-to-date.

For more information and assistance, contact your USDA-NRCS office in the Ag Service Center on East 7th in Robert Lee or call 453-2623.



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1998 Texas Farm Bureau Talent Find Contest

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau has scheduled a Talent Find Contest for August 15, 1998. Contestants must be between the ages of 16-19 as of September 1, 1998 and be a member of Texas Farm Bureau. The winner will receive \$100 cash and advance to the District contest in October where the winner is awarded a \$1000 College Scholarship. Texas Farm Bureau will pay mileage or public transportation, meals and (2) evenings lodging expenses for each district winner and one parental escort to the TFB State Convention in Lubbock on November 28-29. The first runner-up at the State level will receive a \$1,500 College Scholarship, and the winner will receive a \$2,000 College Scholarship. If you are interested in the TFB Talent Find Contest, please call or come by the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Office in Robert Lee and pick up your entry form today. The entry deadline is July 31, 1998.

Texas horses for work, not play

It is probably not a surprise to many people, but most horses in Texas are kept for work and not play, according to a recent survey by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Still, horses contribute much to the quality of life for Texans.

According to Dr. Pete Gibbs, Extension horse specialist, more than 280,000 Texans own horses. He said

the state's horses are valued at 4.2 billion. Owners have about 13 billion invested in their barns, trailers and related equipment, and are spending more than 2 billion annually to maintain horses."

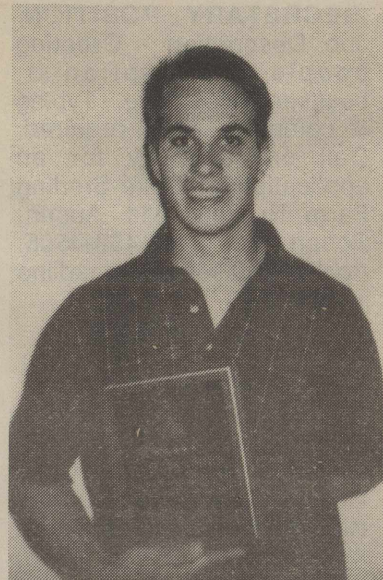
He said there is a tremendous cross-over between the recreational or leisure use and the competitive use of horses. For instance, a cowboy who works in a West Texas feedlot may also use his horse in rodeo competition.

Schultz receives FFA award

Ross Schultz, a 1999 senior at Robert Lee High School, received the award for Outstanding New Officer Instructor at the FFA Area II Leadership Camp held at Howard College. Ross' fellow campers voted on the recipient of the award. This is quite an honor since there were 261 students at the camp.

Ross, the son of Mike and Donna Schultz of Robert Lee, has been active in FFA since his freshman year in high school.

Others attending from Robert Lee included Bill Torres, Whitney Montgomery, and Erin Millican.



Ross Schultz



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