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# Lady Longhorns celebrate successful volleyball season

The Bronte Lady Longhorns had a very successful season, making a dramatic turnaround from a 5-19 team that finished last in 1997, to winning a district title and advancing to the Region I-1A championship match.

Bonnie DeLaughter, a 6-foot-1 senior was named to the Region I-A All Tournament Team, District 8A Most Valuable Player, All-West Texas 1st Team, and to the all-tournament squad at the Wink Tournament.

During the season she had 210 kills, 69 blocks, five aces, 11 assists and was an 89.4percent server. She had a season-high 21 kills in an area playoff match and 10 blocks in a district contest.

Her game high kills during the regular season were 15 against Albany on September 26; during the district season, she had 16 against Water Valley on October 20; and in the playoffs, 21 against Chillicothe on November 10.

Her game high blocks during the regular season were 7 against Sweetwater on August 18; during the district season, 10 against Water Valley on October 10, and in the playoffs, 3 against Chillicothe on November 10 and also against Grandfalls on November 13.

Brittany Barrett, a 5-foot-9 senior, and Nicole Butts, also a 5-foot-9 senior, were both

named to the All-West Texas Volleyball 2nd Team.

Other members of the Lady Longhorns this season, are Michaela Arrott, 5-foot-9 sophomore; Cara Sefcik, 5foot-7 sophomore; Natasha Reed, 5-foot-7 freshman; Yvette Bedell, 5-foot-7 senior; Jade Richards, 5-foot-7 sophomore; Lacy Schoenfield, 5-foot-6 freshman; Chrissie Counts, 5-foot-6 freshman; Lauren Williams, 5foot-9 freshman; Brooke Mc-Cutchen, 5-foot-7 sophomore; Stacie McKee, 5-foot-7 senior; and Angie Harrell, 5foot-8 sophomore.

The head coach of the Longhorns is Amy Bohensky, assistant coach Jennifer Davidson, and Manager Natasha Carper.

The Lady Longhorns have worked hard this season and have much to be proud of.

#### Food For The Needy program

West Coke County Community Development will again be the sponsor for their Food For The Needy program. Collection boxes will be put in the grocery stores for donations of non-perishable foods. Meats, fresh fruit, and other items will be bought from WCCCD funds.

If anyone knows of a needy family, please call 453-4777 or 453-2713. Food boxes will be delivered Christmas week.



Bonnie DeLaughter

### Special Wednesday evening in Bronte

Come join your friends and neighbors in downtown Bronte on Wednesday, December 9, for an evening of special activities. Local businesses will be open till 6 pm for your Christmas shopping. Several organizations will have food booths open from 5 - 6 pm.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth should contact a merchant to reserve your spot in front of their business.

A brief community Christmas Celebration will begin at 6 pm in the downtown area. In case of bad weather, the program will be held at the River of Life Church. Make plans now to participate in this evening of special activities.



**Brittany Barrett** 

### Christmas in Bronte

The Bronte Nursing Home and the Bronte Auxiliar will be combining forces for this year's Christmas in Bronte events on December 5th, from 8 am to 2 pm.

The nursing home will be having a bake sale and distributing information on Advance Directives. All proceeds go to benefit the activity department. For baked goods donations, see Lisa Thralls at the nursing home or call 473-3621.

The auxiliary will be taking orders for the annual fried turkeys, which will be delivered in time for Christmas dinner. The auxiliary will also provide free coffee, orange juice and sweet rolls. For more information regarding these delicious fried turkeys, call George Snapp at 473-6011 or Les Rolls at 473-2391.

### Angel Tree project

You can help a child have a Merry Christmas by participating in the Angel Tree Project. Pick up an Angel at one of the following businesses after December 1st: Molly B's, Robert Lee State Bank, Coke County Pharmacy, or Wrinkle Ace Hardware. Purchase a present. Wrap the gift in Christmas paper and return it along with the Angel, to the business where you picked up the Angel. All gifts must be returned by December 18. Thank you for caring.

#### Bryan's Barn

Bryan's Barn will open on December 1st, and will remain open every night from 6 to 9 pm during the month of December to add to the festive holiday season.



Nicole Butts

#### Children's Christmas Open House

A Children's Christmas Open House will be held Saturday, December 5th, at the Bronte City Hall from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Children from four years of age to ten years of age are invited to attend the fun-filled activities. Santa Claus will be present to hear the children's wishes.

As a fundraiser, the Parent Teacher Organization will be available to take pictures with Santa. An exciting storytime is planned with the Grinch. He will be reading How the Grinch Stole Christmas, as well as several other Christmas favorites.

Santa's elves will be assisting with the arts and crafts. Each child can design a Christmas ornament and decorate a Christmas cookie. A spicy, delightful gingerbread house will be given away as a door prize at 12 pm. You must register for the door prize during the Open House and be present to win.

Refreshments will be served. Come see Santa, his elves, and the Grinch, and participate in these holiday activities.

#### CCJJCC to meet

The Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council will meet on Monday, December 7th at 6 pm at the City Hall meeting room. Please note the new meeting place. They encourage all members of this council to attend and help make plans for the Christmas holiday for the young boys at the Center. This meeting will last only one hour. Please come.



Local officials took a trip to Robinson, Texas, to look at the Robinson City reverse osmosis water plant. Those pictured include (from left) Max Renfro, Robinson Mayor, Frank Casey, Mayor Kelly Nichols, Beth Prather, Kay Torres, John Carver, and Robinson Plant Manager Larry Walton.

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#### Obituaries —

Wojtek

Mildred Murtishaw Wojtek, our loving mother, sister, and granny, left us to be with the Lord at 5:14 am, Thursday, November 26, 1998. Mildred was born December 27, 1911 in Robert Lee to Claude and Grace Murtishaw of Bronte, Texas.

Her husband, Eugene Wojtek, preceded her in death in 1975. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, and a grandson.

Mildred is survived by children Dale Wojtek and his wife Sue; Melba Long and her husband, Otho, all of Robert Lee. Mildred has six grand-children: Richard Long and wife Patsy of Sweetwater; Kyle Long and wife Rosa,

#### City of RL sets

Effective January 1, 1999, the Robert Lee Landfill will no longer open on the second Tuesday of each month. The Landfill will continue to open each Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon.

Customers are reminded that only the following items will be accepted: lumber, tree limbs, grass, concrete, bricks, construction and demolition.

Recycling containers are placed at the Post Office and behind the elementary school. Citizens are encouraged to recycle their cardboard boxes, grocery sacks, feed sacks, newspapers and aluminum cans.

### Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, Dec. 6, 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.

Randy Long and wife Norma, Harvey Wojtek and his wife Carla Jean, all of Robert Lee; Terry Wojtek and wife Shirley of Sterling City; and Carla Sue Wojtek Kristinek and husband Walter of Whitharral, Texas; and sixteen great-grandchildren. She also has two sisters, Mary Sharp of Carlsbad, Texas and Maurine "Renie" Sparks of San Angelo; and one brother, H.C. Murtishaw of Timberon, New Mexico and his wife Chris. Mildred is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends.

Mildred was a housewife, and had worked for Froggy's as a waitress. She had also popped popcorn at the Wojtek movie theater for many

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### **Death Notices**

Service

Ruth Service, 90, of Robert Lee died Saturday, November 28, 1998, in a local care center.

Services were held Tuesday, December 1, 1998, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sons, J.W. Service Jr. and C.R. "Butch" Service, both of Robert Lee; two brothers, Mack McCutchen of Canyon Lake and Bill McCutchen of Nogal, New Mexico; four sisters, Lavern Cole of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Hilda Kirchman and Joyce Hood, both of San Angelo, and Yvonne Devoll of Robert Lee; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

# Make the Holiday Special For Your Loved Ones!

This year do something great for those who generously give of themselves. Nothing tells them how much you care like a gift certificate for a full hour of massage therapy. Pamper your loved ones & give them a needed break in their hectic holiday schedule. Call Clay Lewis, R.M.T. for an appointment or information. If no



answer, please leave a message.



# Players named to All-District football teams

The All-District 1A Football Teams were recently announced, and both Bronte and Robert Lee were well represented.

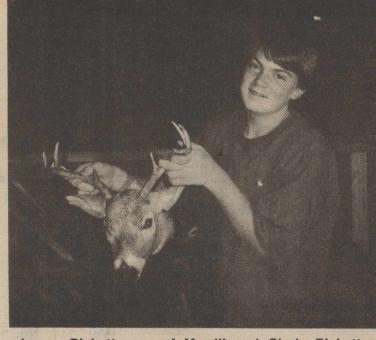
In District 12-1A, the first team included four Robert Lee members. They were: Offensive Line, Jeremy Edging, a senior; Defensive End, Jeremy Edging, senior; and Linebacker Will Simpson, a senior.

Second Team included, as Quarterback, Chad Helwig, a senior; Running Backs Michael Munoz, a senior, and Chase Rainwater, sophomore. Dan McCown, a junior, was named Guard, and Andrew McCabe, a junior, was named as Wide Receiver. Justin Kendall, a senior, was named as a Tackle, and named as Defensive Back was B.J. Bessent, a junior. Sophomore Beau Boxell was named Punter.

In District 13-1A, several Bronte players were named to the All-District Teams. Rodney Adams, a senior, was named as Offensive Co-MVP.

The first team also included Daniel DeLaCerda, a senior, as Running Back; Jimmy Soto, a senior as Wide Receiver; Dustin Holland a senior, as Tight End; Billy Arthur, a senior Center; Blake McKee a junior, for Offensive Line. On defense, Billy Arthur, a senior, was named as an end; Chris Keller a senior, as Tackle, Wes Howell and Jake Graves, both juniors, as Linebackers; and Dustin Holland, a senior, as a Defensive Back.

Senior Chris Keller and Junior Jake Graves, were named linemen for the second team. Blake McKee, a junior, was named Place-kicker. Junior Shaylon Arrott was named as defensive Tackle, sophomore Zeb Speary was named Linebacker, and Rodney Adams, a senior, was named as defensive back.



Lance Pickett, son of Merrill and Cindy Pickett of Abilene, brought down this 8 point buck during youth weekend season on the Clark Ranch east of Bronte. Lance is a seventh grader at Madison Middle School. Bobby and Billie Jean Clark and Ellarine Schuknecht are his grandparents. His great-grandmother is Willie B. Edmiaston.

O/E Christmas
Greetings

It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! The O/E would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose yours.

In the next two weeks, we will try to contact those who placed greetings last year. However, if we miss you, please let us know.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Dec. 15. They will be printed in the December 18 edition of the O/E.

#### Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade in Bronte will be held Saturday, December 5th at 10 am. Entries should gather at Celia's Antiques on South State at 9:30 am. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places over all. Santa will be present to ride in the parade.

All businesses, organizations, clubs, children as well as individuals, are urged to

participate. Trail riders are a must!

For more information, contact Bronte City Hall at 473-

### Bronte bank to hold Open House

First National Bank in Bronte will be holding an Open House on December 4, 1998. Refreshments will be served beginning at 10 am, and a special singing group will be featured at 10 am. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### Churches of Robert Lee Invite You to Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 609 •1019 Colorado City Hwy
(915) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First United Methodist Church

(915) 453-2417 Rev. Jim McWilliams, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School

PO Box 144 •9th & Chadbourne

11 am Worship Wed. 7 pm Choir Northside Church of Christ PO Box 388 •9th & Chadbourne (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270 Tommy Williams, Minister Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;

Wed. 7 pm
Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Steding City Hwy
(915) 453-4645
Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

Southside Church of Christ PO Box 698 •8th & Houston (915) 453-2176 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am, Worship

11 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Worship Victory Assembly of God PO Box 638 •6th & Houston (915) 453-2208 Rev. Loyd Thurman, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm Worship Wed. 7 pm, Worship Robert Lee Baptist Church PO Box 493 •22 W. 11th (915) 453-2724 Rev. Garry Bivins, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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Sat. 6 pm

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#### **Blood Drive** scheduled at Wackenhut

The Wackenhut Correctional Facility will sponsor a community blood drive in Bronte Tuesday, December 8th, from 12 noon until 4 pm inside the visitation area of the

United Blood Services of San Angelo will conduct the drive, where organizers hope to draw 15 to 20 donors. Donors are asked to provide identification, such as a driver's license or UBS donor card. Donors are also asked to know the name of any medication they are currently tak-

Appointments are available, but not mandatory, by contacting Donna Andrews at 473-5700. Donors with appointments will be taken before walk-ins. The entire donation procedure takes approximately 45 minutes.

Patients in need at area hospitals rely on volunteer blood donors to keep the blood supply ample. Because a unit of whole blood is separated into components, one donation can help up to three patients.

Not everyone is able to donate blood. Some people have a medical condition that would keep them from ever donating, or they may have a condition that results in a temporary deferral. Listed below are some of the qualifications that must be met before someone can donate blood. The donor must:

·Feel well and healthy at time of donation;

•Be at least 17 and no older

·Weigh at least 110

•Not have received a tattoo or accidental needle stick in the past 12 months;

·and must not have had a positive test for hepatitis.

However, many medications and vaccines do not defer a donor. For example, someone can donate if they are talking the following types of medications:

Anti-inflammatory, hormones, asthma medications. antihistamines, decongestants, analgesics, antacids, diuretics, vitamins, blood pressure medication, laxatives, muscle relaxers, antidepressants, contraceptives and others.

Anyone interested in more information on the blood drive or donating blood may contact UBS at 653-1308 or (800) 756-0024.

#### Johnson provides phone numbers

Russell Johnson, Coke County Constable, has stated that if he is needed or can be of any assistance, he can be contacted at these numbers: Office 915-473-2003; Mobile 915-277-1642; or Pager 915-278-2577

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To help celebrate Thanksgiving, the Head Start was treated to a program by county agent Jan Yanez. Each student made a Thanksgiving Turkey Hand Print photo and enjoyed decorating it with cereal and candy. Those present were Linsey Arellano, Jonah Saucedo, Dusty Howard, Mason Hout, Taylor Brackeen, Diana Vera, and Kevin Saucedo.

Missionary Speaker at First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church in Bronte will be hosting a special guest speaker for this Sunday's 10:55 am worship service. Dr. Rob Sellers, Associate Professor at Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology, will be bringing the morning mes-sage. Dr. Sellers holds the position of the Connally Chair of Missions at Hardin-Simmons University. He and his family have recently returned to the United States after a long tenure as Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia, serving under the appointment of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bronte's First Baptist Church is currently in the midst of its emphasis on international (foreign) missions. "Wonder Working Power" is the theme for this emphasis. Dr. Sellers will be sharing some of his experiences on the mission field as well as issuing a challenge to greater missions involvement and support. Pastor Morris Johnson says, "Dr. Sellers is an entertaining and informative speaker who will hold the attention of all ages. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this special opportunity to hear a first hand report of mission work around the world."

First Baptist Church is located at 424 S. Washington, Bronte. For more information, call 473-2331 or 473-5661.



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The Bronte Lady Longhorn volleyball team enjoyed a very successful season this year, ending their season at the Regional tournament. The Ladies include (front, from left) Lacy Schoenfield, Jade Richards, Stacy McKee, Brooke McCutchen, Natasha Reed, (back, from left) Coach Amy Bohensky, Brittany Barrett, Kala Arrott, Bonnie DeLaughter, Nicole Butts, and Yvette Bedell.

#### Booster Club sponsors Varsity Parent Workday

Bronte All-Sports Booster Club will sponsor a Varsity Parent Workday Sunday, December 6th from 2-5. During the work time, they will make posters for the boys' and girls' locker rooms, make paper

SCHOOL

Breakfast Monday, Dec. 7 Cereal, Sliced Peaches, Teddy Grams, Milk Tuesday, Dec. 8 Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 9 French Toast Stix, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk Thursday, Dec. 10 Scrambled Eggs, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk

Friday, Dec. 11 Breakfast Burrito, Mixed Fruit, Donut, Milk

Lunch Monday, Dec. 7

Chicken Strips with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Rolls, Milk, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Tuesday, Dec. 8 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, Milk, Pink Panther Cake

Wednesday, Dec. 9 Soft Tacos with Cheese, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Sugar Cookies

Thursday, Dec. 10 Spud Day, Chili & Cheese, Baked Potato, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Milk, Jello with Mixed Fruit

Friday, Dec. 11 Barbecue on Bun, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Pickle Spears, Milk, Cinnamon Rolls.

basketballs for the downtown windows, and make wooden yard signs. Sports Boosters will furnish all the supplies needed. We just need helpers. All Sports Booster officers and parents of varsity basketball players are encouraged to meet at the ag shop.

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 17th, in the school cafeteria at Bronte Junior High Girls Basketball

The Bronte Junior High Girls Basketball teams played Sterling City on November 30,

The 7th grade lost to Sterling City 14-6. Scoring for the Shorthorns were Kanah Coalson, Ashley Denton, and Sheena Head, each with 2 points. Brittany McCutchen

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Bronte, Texas • 473-7371 Berner and ender Sender Sender and Melissa Flores had good defensive games.

The 8th grade girls lost to Sterling City 18-8. Scoring for Bronte were Kayla Hilliard with 4, Lindsey Williams with 2 and Heather Ritchey and Crystal Jackson with 1 each. Joel Sefcik, Barbie Arant and Heather Sturgill had good games defensively.

#### Bronte school news

There will be a PTO meeting on December 14th at 6 pm in the Bronte school auditorium.

The elementary school will present its annual Christmas Musical immediately following the PTO meeting. The Bronte High School Longhorn Band will also be presenting its annual Christmas Concert.

Get in the Christmas mood and support these students who have worked very hard to bring a Merry Christmas to Bronte!

State Champions

Brittany Glenn was named captain and chaplain of the State 4-A TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) champion volleyball team. Brittany plays with Second Baptist High School of Houston and was named to the All-State Team.

The championship game was played in Georgetown on November 7 against St. Francis of San Antonio. Second Baptist rallied from a first game score of 8-15 to overpower their opponents by scores of 15-12, 15-2. Their season record is 35-2

A great deal of credit for the team's success goes to their



**Brittany Glenn** 

coach, Sue Schelfhout. She was, herself, a high school champion, as well as a member of the U.T. national championship team. Later, she played with the Olympic Volleyball Team for USA.

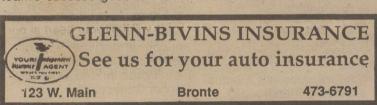
One of six seniors on her volleyball team, Brittany is the daughter of David and Denise Glenn of Houston and the granddaughter of Clark and Mary Frances Glenn of Bronte



Kids Register

For Giant

Stocking!





would like to invite you to share the joy of the holidays with us.

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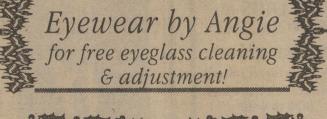
OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 5th

9 am to 4 pm

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#### Blackwell ISD lists Honor Roll

Blackwell Independent School District has announced the students who have maintained grades high enough to qualify them for the A or A-B Honor Roll for the second six weeks.

They are:

A Honor Roll 2nd Grade

Geoffrey Ehl, Jessica Grasch, Darron Griffin, Jade Hughey, Ashton Monroe, Katelynn Noble, Clay Stanford, Kristin Hyde, Sherri Lantrip, Manuela Saavedra, Mirella Solis

3rd Grade

Mary Eoff, Tyser Robertson, Clay Gestes, Elijah Hinkle, Samantha Morrow, Marcy Mc-Morris, Kali Pena, Sergio Gat-

4th Grade

Amanda McWhorter, Daniel Jones, Jarred Walker, Sylvia Solis, Luke Calhoon, Kacee Lowrie

5th Grade

Philip Buckner, Jake Wilkinson, Cody Morgan, Rikki Saunders, Jessica Chavez 6th Grade

Tiffany Coffey, Ambra Cole 7th Grade Kayla Saunders, Heather Jones

8th Grade Chris Morgan, Lindy Wilson 9th Grade

Mindy Boyd 10th Grade Katrina Buckner 11th Grade

Keshia Stidham 12th Grade Roy Daughtrey, Lee Nault, Jimmy Holland

A-B Honor Roll 2nd Grade Garrett Blair, Caitlyn Ware 3rd Grade Brett Wills, Brittany Sarratt 4th Grade Gerald Ward, Tasha Early,

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See one of the most beautiful and meaningful Christmas Presentations in Texas this season at The First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, Big Spring, from December 10 through 13, 6:30 to 9:30 pm each evening. This is one of the most unique and captivating presentations of the Christmas story anywhere. As you follow a beautiful trail of luminary, you will view seventeen thrilling scenes of the story of Christ, including the two new scenes that have been added for this year. A wonderful cassette tape or compact disk, played in your car stereo, tells the story of each scene that takes you back nearly 2,000 years ago. Children and adults will thrill to the sights of live animals and a cast of more than 130 people participate each evening to bring this wonderful event to life.

Everyone is cordially invited to this wonderful 12th Annual Drive-Through Nativity. It will surely warm your heart and bring you back to the reality of the true meaning of Christ-

The entrance to the Nativity Drive-Through is best approached from the west on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and then turn south onto Lancaster. For further information, please call 915-267-7015.

Johnathan Ehl, Casey Eoff 5th Grade

Luis Morales, Felicia Murray, Justin Thompson, Jeremy Gunn, Yadira Padilla, A'Kisha Ward

6th Grade Matt Miles, Lane Lowrie, Rosalinda Camarillo, Melinda

7th Grade

Ryan Ragland, LaTisha Roland, Angel Saavedra, Hilda Sims, Katy Wilkinson, Melissa Pate, Justin Roland, Sharla Holland, Albert Solis

8th Grade

John Allen Jones, Meghan McGhee, Auston Parr, Kaitlyn Saunders, Angel Padilla

9th Grade

Cody Blair, Tray Carter, Jennifer Dove, Jamie Hodges, Kammie Lisso, Jessica McIntire, Codi Munsey 10th Grade

Tanya Blackwell, Kristy Calhoun, Gayna Cantrell, Clint Morgan, Pascual Solis, Steven Hayes, Trenton Killough, Ashley Ragland, LaTosha Roland, Viola Sims 11th Grade

Leticia Camarillo, Stephanie Cantrell, Gloria Solis, Adam Wilkinson, Scotty Killough, Leman Saunders, Jennifer Solis

12th Grade

James Chance, Rosa Sanchez, Ricky Jones, Maria Morales, Ana Rocha, Elida Sims, Michelle Pate, Chayne Roland, Kristin Harvell, Florentino Saavedra, Justin Dove

Comanche Trail Festival of Lights

Excitement is in the air with the approaching lighting spectacular of the second annual Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. More than 150,000 lights will thrill your heart at our Comanche Trail Park. Our historic spring will be the center of attention once again, a



The Bronte Longhorn Band Color Guard looked great this year in their new uniforms. Color Guard members are (front, from left) Chrissie Counts, Stormy White, (middle, from left) Kim Smith, Lauren Williams, Amanda Bowie, (back, from left) Morgan McCutchen, Pamela Kresta, Bonnie DeLaughter, Cheyenne Head, and Michelle Owens.

dazzling display of thousands mini-lights, glowing like dia-monds. This year they have expanded taking in the whole Spring area and lighting up the trail past the Dora Roberts Civic Center. You will be able to park and walk along the trail and experience the beauty and magic of thousands of tiny white lights as they glow to bring out the true meaning of Christmas. They have several additional sculptures this year for your enjoyment, a 40 foot tall Christmas tree is one. The event begins December 4th and runs through December 31st, from 6 to 9 pm

Special musical programs are planned the week of December 14-18.

Parking will be available in the vacant lot west of Dora Roberts Civic Center, no parking allowed in Spring area other than for handicapped. Signs and traffic personnel will be assisting and directing traffic December 4-19. Enter the park at the northeast entrance from Hwy. 87 S.

The City of Big Spring invites travelers from across the West Texas area to visit our Spring and enjoy the Festival of Lights during the holidays.

Masonic Lodge presents award

The Bronte Masonic Lodge #962 presented the Golden Trowel Award to Brother Grady Coulter on November 28, 1998. This is the highest award that may be given by a local lodge and is given to members who have given of their time and service to the lodge and the community. Brother Coulter was honored by having his wife and family at the presentation.

There were over 70 Masons, family and friends in attendance. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.



You are invited to Attend Our CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE Saturday, December 5 - 9 am to 4 pm Door Prizes - Refreshments - Gifts **Poinsettias** Hallmark Cards Glassware Silk Arrangements



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& in Bronte on December 4th, 1998, from



#### Robert Lee Basketball

Girls Junior High The Junior High Girls played Sterling City on November 23rd.

The A team lost 27-16. Scoring for them were Kindra Matthews with 6, Christina Middleton with 4, and Nicole Sanchez, Misti Brothers, and Shelby Mace with 2 each.

The B team beat Sterling City 18-12. Scoring for Robert Lee were Shannon Mace with 14 points, and Rachel Wallace and Jennifer Dominguez with 2 each.

Both Junior High Girls teams played Garden City on November 30th.

The A team lost a close one by a score of 18-19. Scoring were Misti Brothers and Christina Middleton with 8 points each, and Kindra Matthews with 2

The B team beat Garden City 17-11. Scoring were Shannon Mace with 11 points, Shannon Honse with 4 and Tyler Lott with 2

**Boys Junior High** The Junior High Boys played Sterling City on November 23rd.

The A team won 41-19. Scoring were Stewart Millican with 16, Travis Pitcock with 15, Cooper Riley with 6, and Jaziel Gallegos and Billy Williams with 2 each.

The B team lost 16-36. Scoring were Travis Taylor with 9, Phillip Arellano with 5

and Brian Abalos with 2.

The A team played Garden City on November 30th and won 53-25. Scoring were Stewart Millican with 26, Travis Pitcock with 13, Cooper Riley with 11 and Jaziel Gallegos

The B team lost to Garden City 14-35. Scoring were Travis Taylor with 10 and Brian Abalos and Robert Phillips with 2 each.

Girls Junior Varsity

The Junior Varsity girls played Forsan on November 20th and won 34-23. Scoring for the Lady Steers were G. Torres and D. Van Huss with 8 each; S. Cole and C. DeLos-Santos with 4 each; J. Chessir, M. Landeros, B. Sparks, and A. Freeman with 2 each; and A. Kuhl and A. Townsend with 1 each.

The Lady Steers played Sterling City on November 24th, and lost 29-31. Scoring were Amanda Kuhl, Melissa Landeros and Christian De Los Santos with 5 each; Shyla Cole with 4; and Jamie Chessir, Ashley Townsend, Bobbie Sparks, and Amber Freeman with 2 each.

**Boys Junior Varsity** 

The Steers played Forsan on November 20th, and lost 31-42. Scoring for the Steers were Beau Blair with 13; Colby Eubanks with 6; Sammy Minjarez and Solomon Saucedo with 3 each; Louis Saminiego and Jeremy Eaton with 2 each; and Bret Ballew with 1.

Varsity Lady Steers The Lady Steers played the Sterling City Lady Eagles on

November 24th and won 54-39. Scoring were K. Osborn with 16, J. Helwig with 15, W. Montgomery with 9, K. Gloria with 5 and D. Dickey with 4.

Varsity Steers The Robert Lee Steers played the Sterling City Eagles on November 24th, and lost 45-46. Scoring were A. McCabe with 15, M. Pitcock with 11, J. Gallegos with 10, D. Brothers with 3, and B. Bessent with 2.

#### **RL School Choirs** to perform

The high school choir will present their Christmas musical next Wednesday, December 9th, at 8 pm in the school auditorium. They will perform the musical "The Wishing

The Junior High Choir will sing several selections before the high school performance.

Come and support the choirs as they get you in the Christmas spirit.

#### Personal

Thanksgiving visitors to the Doris Shandley home were her children and six grandsons: Lynn and Joy Shandley and sons Mike and Cody of Kingwood, Texas; Beverly and Rick Jepson and son Logan of Grapevine; Lane and Gayle Shandley and sons Lance, Lynn and Landon, of Pipe Creek.

Other visitors were Louise Gaddy, Kara Armijo, Ardena and Adam Armijo of Kent, Washington; Amber Alderman of San Angelo and Sabrina

Antle of Longview.



These Robert Lee Elementary 1st and 2nd graders were among those visiting Robert Lee State Bank as part of the reward system of the Reading Renaissance program. RLSB President Bill Allen presented each of the students with a crisp, new \$2 The students were required to meet their Accelerated Reading goal for the 2nd 6 weeks or to raise their reading level one step in order to be eligible for the award.

#### Robert Lee

Fourth Grade News

On Thursday, December 10th, from 6 to 8 pm, the beginning band students will be assigned instruments. The band director would like to meet with each parent and choose an instrument that is suitable for your child. There

are some school instruments that will be available. Caldwell Music Company, from San Angelo, will have a representative there to sell new and used instruments.

Please call Mr. Ratliff at 453-4555 (school), or 453-2989 (home), if you have any questions. Please help make the beginning band a success for your child.

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Thursday, Dec. 10 Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cold Cereal, Milk

Friday, Dec. 11 Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Milk

Lunch Monday, Dec. 7 Frito Pie, Corn, Chili Beans, Diced Pears, Crackers, Milk Tuesday, Dec. 8

Chicken O's, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Peas, Homemade Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 9
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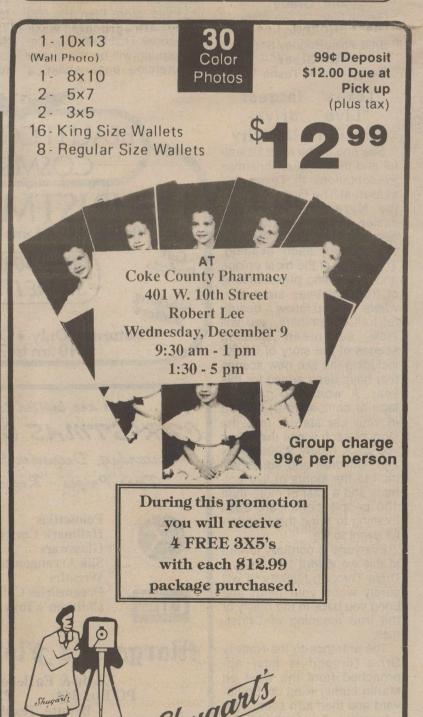


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# Travel the world with an exchange student

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The Council for Educational Travel USA (CETUSA), a non-profit organization, is the sponsoring program. Each year, students and hosts are matched for a semester or school year of cultural and academic enrichment.

Take this opportunity to make a difference by calling Diana Cooley at her toll-free number, 1-888-878-4545.

## Area students included in Who's Who

A total of 32 students from this area are included in the 32nd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1997-98.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 32nd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1997-98, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit their website at www.honoring.com.

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# RL Care Center employees attend convention

Employees from Robert Lee Care Center spent the week of Nov. 16 - 20 in Dallas attending continuing education seminars and an exhibitors' trade show at the Texas Health Care Association's (THCA) 1998 convention held at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The convention focused on the potential growth of this industry, both in the quality and types of care offered. As the state's population ages, the need for nurs-

### Emergency food & shelter program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently announced \$100 million will be distributed via the **Emergency Food and Shelter** Program (EFSP) National Board. The funds will go to thousands of non-profit organizations across the nation to help feed the hungry and shelter the homeless during fiscal year 1999 (Oct. 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999). Over the past sixteen years, Congress has appropriated a total of more than \$1.8 billion for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

"This program's supplemental funds continue to assist thousands of people facing non-disaster emergencies," said FEMA Director James Lee Witt. "Last year, the funding helped local non-profit and government agencies provide more than 4 million nights of shelter, pay more than 300,000 rent, mortgage and/or utility bills, and serve more than 80 million meals."

"The EFS Program continues to be a model public/private partnership," said ESFP National Board Chairperson Kay Goss, who is FE-MA's Associate Director for Preparedness, Training and Exercises. "Each year, the National Board develops a formula based on national unemployment and poverty rates to determine funding distribution." The EFSP National Board has representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, Council of Jewish Federations, The United Way, and The National Council of Churches.

The public/private partnership carries through to the grassroots level as local determine how to use EFSP funds in their communities. Each jurisdiction (county/city) receiving EFSP funds establishes a local board whose composition mirrors the National Board. Local boards advertise the availability of funds, establish local priorities, select the nonprofit and government agencies to receive EFSP funding and monitor program compliance.

"We all take great pride in a program that so efficiently distributes federal funds by relying on a continuing partnership between FEMA and dedicated volunteer organizations," Witt said. "With a minimum of paperwork and bureaucracy, the Emergency Food and Shelter program is an example of how the federal government can help communities help themselves."

ing facility care will increase and the continuum of long term health care services available to consumers will continue to expand.

The selection of education provided participants numerous opportunities to learn about many aspects of long term care. Staff members of Robert Lee Care Center took advantage of the variety by attending seminars involving Medicaid LTC Claims Management System, updates on employment law, media relations and marketing.

Barbara Smith, Director of Nurses, attended Nurses' Day, which focused on the MDS. This special education

# Concho Christmas Celebration Ceremony

San Angelo's month long Concho Christmas Celebration will begin at 5:30 pm Friday, December 4th, at the River Stage, according to Lee Pfluger, chairman of the event.

Everyone is invited to the fourth annual musical program and Community Christmas Tree lighting event. Admission is free.

It is the opening of the Concho Christmas Celebration which also includes a program of holiday music by San Angelo Community Band and the voices of over 500 SAISD 5th and 6th grade choirs singing everyone's favorite Christmas carols. There will be a sing-along, too, guaranteed to put everyone in High Holiday spirits, but that is only the beginning of the biggest and best Concho Christmas Celebration in the event's short history, according to Pfluger.

Immediately following the opening program, the process begins of switching on 2.5 million lights along the 2.5 mile driving route that begins behind the downtown Post Office at Bryant Throughway South and First Street. Greeting visitors will be RE-ACT Team volunteers partnering for the first time with other volunteer greeters representing Downtown, East Side, North West and South Side Lions Clubs; Goodfellow Air Force Base, Sunset Mall and other volunteers willing to fill several remaining open evenings.

"There is no mandatory charge for the tour, but those who wish may contribute a suggested \$2 per car donation to assist in expanding the event and keeping existing facilities repaired and installed each year," Pfluger said.

And what will you see besides over 2.5 million twinkling lights? Ten major, 12 minor lighted scenes, 48 lighted angels, 46 lighted decorations, and 39 lighted Christmas cards decorate the route. The tour winds through Santa Fe Park, Concho Street's Block One and ends at El Paseo de Santa Angela, across from Fort Concho.

"All of this is made possible through the generous gifts of businesses, individuals and hundreds of dedicated, hardworking volunteers," Pfluger

The lights go on every night through December 31. Questions may be directed to Jonnie Roberts, event coordinator, (915) 949-6609.

session featured speakers Cindy Norgan, RN, MSN, and Molly Morand, RN. In conjunction with the education session, an awards luncheon was held to honor the Director of Nurses (DON) of the Year and nurse scholarship winners. Ms. Smith attended other sessions throughout the week directed at various nursing issues.

Roger Alexander, Administrator, attended numerous education opportunities offering care providers a chance to learn about advances in long term health care techniques as well as changes in state and federal regulations. One of the key opportunities of the THCA Convention is the interaction with others in the long term care industry.

Della Alexander, Business Office Manager, spent the week attending sessions in the changes being made to both Medicare and Medicaid billing and administration along with learning how to maintain quality patient care in conjunction with these changes.

Robert Lee Care Center is a not-for-profit long term care facility operated by the West Coke County Hospital District. RLCC is an 83 bed facility providing long term and respite care for private pay, Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries. The Facility is a member of the Texas Health Care Association, which represents a broad spectrum of long term care providers and professionals offering long term, rehabilitative and specialized health care services. Membership consists of 1,100 members including more than 830 facilities caring for almost 90,000 long term care residents. Member facilities, owned by both non-profit and for-profit entities, include



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nursing facilities, specialized rehabilitation facilities and personal care homes.

#### Debit cards riskier than credit cards

Debit and ATM cards are joining credit cards in pocketbooks across the nation to offer consumers another way to handle money. But the new cards are not without responsibilities

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by Tommy Antilley Coke County Agent

#### Timing and what kind of livestock supplement do we need

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quality pasture. When pastures become short or the quality is very poor, energy supplementation can complement protein supplementation but the efficiency of response is much lower. Grain and molasses (starch supplements) are most efficient when consumed at less than 0.25% of the animal's weight, while the fiber supplements, hulls, wheat midds, etc., appear to be utilized more efficiently than the grains where moderate to large amounts are needed (0.25-0.75 percent of body

Now comes the question of energy supplementation relative to calving. Is it better to feed a thin cow before calving or following calving? Extensive studies have shown that cows need to be in good body condition (scores of 5.5 to 7) to be able to breed back quickly and maintain a good calving record. Cows in poor body condition (3 and 4) are always slow to breed back if at all, will not milk well and have weaker calves with increased health problems. These body condition scores are a visual appraisal of the cows condition and can be easily determined with a little practice. If you would like assistance in determining your cattle body condition score, I would be glad to assist you.

In dry, low quality conditions like we are in now, it is extremely important to maintain your livestock's condition before they begin to lose weight. Besides hurting your weaning weights on the present calf with lower milking rates, body condition of cattle now can have a tremendous effect on how soon they will breed back if at all and how large a calf they will wean next year. Your decisions on supplemental feeding this winter can have either positive or devastating effects on your operation for the next 14 - 18 months. Trying to play catch up after calving or cows begin to lose weight, is next to impossible economically if not biologically. It's like the old commercial, "You can either pay a little now or pay a lot later."

In supplementing your livestock, it is important to remember that protein can be stored by animals, therefore protein supplements can be fed only two or three times a week. On the other hand, if energy is the limiting factor, livestock cannot store energy, therefore it must be supplemented every day. Also, if

available forage is of poor quality like this year, there is a misconception that cattle will just eat more, but in reality, if quality of grass is poor and low in digestibility, it takes longer for the rumen to digest the forage forcing the animal to actually eat less per day, compounding the problem of low nutrient intake.

When buying supplemental feed, determine the cost by actual pounds of protein and nutrients found in the feed. Sometimes the so called "bargain cubes," if figured on pounds actual protein, are not really a bargain at all. Feeds containing some source of non-nitrogen protein (usually urea) are not totally utilized by the animal. If you are buying feed containing this unnatural protein source and they only

utilize about 75-80% of the protein, your 20% feed is only furnishing about 15-16%. To get the needed amounts of protein in the animal you must actually feed more of this type of feed, increasing the cost.

One other item to be considered is the amount of money spent on maintaining your herds. If conditions are bad enough that you are having to supplement nearly the entire supply of nutrients for cattle, don't get caught in the trap of going through the winter and owing the bank for livestock and feed store for feed. There are always some animals that could be culled for some reason, sell these animals and use that money to buy feed for the rest.

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Brickey is the son of George T. and Lea Anne R. Brickey of 406 W. 16th St., Robert Lee.

He is a 1998 graduate of Robert Lee High School.



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The family of Mildred Mable Wojtek would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, flowers, phone calls, visits. Thanks also to Hospice, Care Center, wonderful lunch the First United Methodist Church women provided, Rev. Jim McWilliams services, and Kelly Nichols for the wonderful job he did on our beloved one.

God Bless You All Love, Dale & Sue Wojtek Melba & Otho Long Grandchildren Great-Grandchildren 19a-1tc

#### NOTICES

NOTICE OF IMPOUND-MENT OF ESTRAY

On the 11th day of November, 1998, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal: Bovine Breed: Charolais Steer Color: White Sex: Steer Age: 8 months Size: 350 to 400 lbs. Brand, Mark, Identifying

Characteristics: None and, on the 11th day of November, 1998, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Coke County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Coke County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 17th day of December, 1998, said estray will be sold at public auction at Producers Livestock Auction.

WITNESS my hand this 30th day of November, 1998.

Rick Styles (Sheriff of Coke County, Texas) 19a-2tc

#### Legume research may lead to improvements

Mirror, mirror on the wall, what do legumes provide for us all?

Scientists are hoping that a \$3.5 million National Science Foundation grant will answer that. A thorough genomic study of a simple legume species may be the looking glass for more complex crops such as soybeans.

The legume family is one of the most important groups of plants worldwide, according to Dr. Doug Cook, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station plant pathologist and lead scientist on the project. Legumes - including soybeans, alfalfa and peas - are important sources of protein in human and livestock diets. They also are valuable oil crops and provide a vital source of nitrogen, a kind of natural fertilizer, to the biosphere.

The project will analyze the total DNA or genome of Medicago truncatula, a simple legume which can serve as a model for the other, more complex legumes, Cook said.

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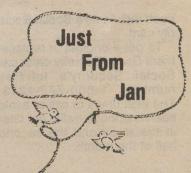
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by Jan Yanez Coke County Ext. Agent

#### Stains just happen during Holiday Season

Holidays and parties are a natural go-together. But aftermaths of some parties can mean stains on rugs, carpeting, furniture and clothing. Here are some helpful stain removal hints for a few of the common stain problems:

·Candle wax - Rub with an ice cube and carefully scrape off excess wax with a dull knife. Place the fabric between layers of paper towels and press with a warm iron. This same process can be used on carpet. Place the paper towel on the wax spot on the carpet and press with warm iron. Be sure the iron is just warm as most carpet is nylon and you can melt the carpet as well as the wax!

· Greasy stains - Gently scrape off excess solids. Blot area until no more liquid is being absorbed. Apply liquid dry-cleaning solvent. Continue until stain is removed. Let dry, then gently brush

•Fruit stain - Run cold water through the stain. Soak in cold water for 30 minutes. Sponge with white vinegar. If stain remains, sponge with alcohol. Launder in hot water and chlorine bleach, if safe for fabric. This same procedure also works for alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, coffee and tea. However, some soft drink stains, which may be invisible after drying, may turn yellow with age or heat. Yellow stains may be impossible to remove.

#### Bronte Eastern Star celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Order of the Eastern Star, Bronte Chapter #1048 met on Monday, November 9, 1998. The Chapter celebrated their 40th Anniversary. Beautiful decorations and delicious refreshments, provided by Della and Gary Shaffer and Mildred Thomason, were enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Chapter will participate in Christmas in Bronte on Saturday, December 5th, by having a bake sale and Rada Cutlery will be offered for sale.

#### Personal

Descendants and friends of the late Mrs. Johnnie Turner gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 29, in Norton, Texas. Those attending were Barbara Brock of Norton; Dorothy Mae Finley of Bronte; Harley and Mary Belle Hilliard of Norton; Gladys Keesee and Joyce Knight of Bronte; Billy Ren and Nathan Lee of Ft. Worth; Jeff, Kim, Kolby, Jon, Turner and Evy Lee of Bronte; Sandra, Crissy, Jennifer and Kayla Scaramuzzo of Clyde; Marva Jean Underwood of Winters; and Randall Underwood of Dallas.

•General precautions - Air dry all stained fabrics after treatment. Never put a stained fabric in the clothes dryer until you are sure the stain is gone. The heat of the dryer could set the stain permanently.

·Chlorine bleach check - Mix one tablespoon of bleach with one-fourth cup water. Apply a drop of this solution to an inconspicuous portion of the item. Make sure the solution penetrates the fabric. Allow it to stand for a minute. Blot dry with a paper towel. If the color remains, the bleach is safe to

#### Ranchers, hunters urged to check for screwworms

It took only one tiny fly larvae this fall to shake up West Texas and put ranchers around the state on high alert, watching for flesh-eating screwworms, a pest that has been officially eradicated from the U.S. and Mexico. Still uncertain when or where this pest entered the country, state and federal livestock health officials are urging ranchers and hunters to check animals for maggots that may have burrowed into sores or wounds.

According to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, one of nine suspicious maggots submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, was confirmed to be a screwworm larvae. A rancher near Rocksprings, in Edwards County, collected the mag-

gots in late October from an Angora goat that had suffered a shearing wound.

"Ranchers, hunters or anyone handling livestock or wildlife should check animals and pets closely and call us immediately if there are any maggots or larvae in wounds, said Dr. Terry Beals, TAHC executive director and state veterinarian. "A TAHC or USDA field specialist will go to the ranch or hunting lease to pick up the larvae for laboratory submission and gather information for the investigation."

"If we find another screwworm larvae in the state, the **USDA's Emergency Services** will make sterile screwworm fly drops over the affected area,' said Dr. Beals. He explained that sterile screwworms would mate but produce no offspring, thus eradicating the pest. This procedure has been used since the mid-1970s in the successful screwworm eradication programs in the U.S. and Mexico.

"We are collecting preliminary information about airport facilities in the area, storage space and costs, in case another larvae is found. Within 24 hours, the USDA could have sterile screwworms shipped from the plant in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico, the world's only sterile screwworm production facility," he said.

Field staff from the TAHC and USDA have distributed nearly 2,400 screwworm submission kits to veterinarians, county agents, livestock markets and feed stores. The kits consist of a cardboard tube containing a test tube filled with a folding solution and small plastic bags for maggot collection. Dr. Beals said maggots can also be placed in alcohol in a glass jar, medicine bottle or film canister for safekeeping until a TAHC or USDA staff member arrives. Animals infested with the larvae should be held in a pen or barn, so they may be inspected.

USDA immediately if maggots or larvae are detected," said Dr. Beals. "We must act quickly if another screwworm larvae is found to prevent further spread." TAHC area offices may be called, or the Austin TAHC headquarters may be called at 1-800-550-8242. The USDA's Veterinary Services office in Austin can be reached at 512-916-5555.

#### **Texas** Forest service sells windbreak trees

A tree standing alone adds a certain aesthetic quality to rural living. But the systematic planting of trees and shrubs in a windbreak becomes a management tool that affects every aspect of a farm or ranch, says a Texas Forest Service official.

Now is the time for Coke County landowners to order windbreak seedlings produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock, before preferred stock is sold out, says Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester.

Windbreaks protect the soil, increase land value and crop yields, and reduce livestock weight loss and death rate. But producing a high performance windbreak requires more than just planting a line of trees.

Prior to planting a windbreak, landowners should determine: the area or structure in need of protection; tree species adaptable to the planting region; and the planting dimensions of the break, be it a homestead, livestock, field or wildlife windbreak or a living snow fence.

A planting dimension, such as proper spacing, prevents crowding and reduces tree stress, which also decreases insect and disease susceptibility thus extending the life of each tree row should be Boston in 1816. planted 20 feet apart with 10-

"Please call the TAHC or to 25-foot spacing between each tree within the row.

When designing a windbreak, it is also recommended planting multiple rows of evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs. The purpose of the windbreak dictates the number of rows required.

Each row within a multiple row windbreak serves as a backup in case one row is lost to pest damage or other casualties. Generally, insects and diseases are confined to a species.

Also, within the multiple row structure a deciduous tree row will provide early protection. Deciduous trees are faster growing than evergreens, which are the backbone of multiple row windbreaks.

Specie diversity in a multiple row windbreak also enhances aesthetics with foliage that changes with the seasons (depending on the species).

A single row of trees may suffice for a period, but a multiple-row windbreak established with the recommended dimensions can serve for a lifetime.

To order windbreak seedlings this fall or for more information contact the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District (915) 453-2623 or the Texas Forest Service (806) 746-5801.

#### **RL** Senior Citizens Menu

Monday, Dec. 7 Hash, Spinach, Carrot Curls, Cornbread, Cake Wednesday, Dec. 9

Grilled Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Carrots, Cornbread, Pound Cake Friday, Dec. 11

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#### You mean these people are volunteers? They looked like professionals to us!

When Coke County's offices of Emergency Management headed up a drill November 11 to test the preparedness and response of the fire departments, law enforcement agencies and medical responders, the main thing we weren't prepared for was the high level of awareness and dedication we would find in every department.

Of course, many of those involved really are professionals, but with the capability we saw in all quarters it would be hard to say which was which.

#### We extend our thanks & admiration to:

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#### Christmas at Old Fort Concho

For 16 years, Christmas at Old Fort Concho has brought a piece of the past into the future for thousands of visitors, and 1998 will be no exception.

The 17th annual Christmas at Old Fort Concho will take place December 4-6, 1998, and will bring a holiday mixture of the old and the new, with more merchants and artisans, a Holiday Hullabaloo, the Cowboy Hoot-n-Nanny, and the ever-growing Winter Rendezvous.

There's always a place for the kids at the Fort, with the Children's area and the Children's Christmas Workshop activities scheduled throughout the weekend. Santa Claus will be there in all his splendor, taking requests and pictures in Officer's Quarters 2.

Revelers may enjoy the frontier fantasy land as they stroll through the Fort's original and refurbished buildings, the halls decked to represent Victorian, German, Mexican and Czech Christmases.

Merchants and Artisans buildings will open at 1 pm on Friday, December 4, with the buildings and grounds remaining open until 9 pm. On Saturday, December 5, the festivities begin at 10 am and will continue until 9 pm. The final day, Sunday, December 6, begins with a Cowboy Campfire Breakfast at 9 am, with the merchants and Artisans buildings opening at 10 am and closing at 5 pm.

General gate admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children ages six to 12, and children under six are admitted free. Senior citizen admission is \$2, and a weekend pass is available for \$6 for adults and \$2 for children ages six to 12.

Certain events are limited in the number of people who can attend and require advance ticket purchases. Ticketed events are:

Cowboy Hoot-n-Nanny: Friday, 7 pm, \$6 per person.

Little Cowpokes Children's Christmas Workshop: (ages 5-10) Saturday, 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm; (ages 4-10) 10:30 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm, \$5.

Holiday Hullabaloo: Saturday, 6:30 pm, \$300 table, \$30 individual ticket.

Cowboy Campfire Breakfast: Sunday, 9 am, \$3 (breakfast price does not include admission to Fort grounds).

Tickets are offered on a firstcome basis and may be obtained from the Fort Concho administrative offices in the Barracks 1 Visitors Center, at 630 S. Oakes, or by calling (915) 481-2646. Purchases of tickets for ticketed events include free admission to the grounds.

It takes more than 1,000 volunteers to create the magic that surrounds Christmas at Old Fort Concho. Anyone interested in being a "worker elf" is encouraged to contact the Fort.

A frontier army post from 1867-1889, Fort Concho is a historic preservation project and museum that is owned and operated by the City of San Angelo. In 1928, Ginevra Wood Carson initiated efforts to preserve the fort, and in 1961 the U.S. Department of

. the Interior and the National Park Service designated the 40-acre site a national historic landmark. Special fund raising events such as Christmas at Old Fort Concho help to ensure the continued restoration of Fort Concho. Christmas at Old Fort Concho is also partially supported by funds from the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council, the City of San Angelo, the Texas Commission on the Arts, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Funds have also been received for this project from HEB through the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council. For more information about Fort Concho National Historic Landmark or Christmas at Old Fort Concho, call (915) 481-2646.

# National goals panel recognizes student gains

Texas has been recognized by the National Education Goals Panel as a national model for boosting student achievement. Along with North Carolina, Texas is highlighted for its "extraordinarily successful policies" in a new publication, Exploring Rapid Achievement Gains in North Carolina and Texas.

Additionally, in a recent report titled Mathematics and Science Achievement State by State, 1998, the Goals Panel gave Texas its two gold star (highest) rating for demonstrating significant improvement over time in both 4th and 8th grades on the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) math exams. Only six states received this designation.

In fact, Texas fourth graders tied for the largest gain (11 points) in the nation on NAEP math scores between 1992 and 1996, and their scale score (229) was only three points behind the highest score in the nation (Maine).

From 1990 to 1996, Texas eighth grade students had the second largest gain (12 points; national average gain - 8 points) on the NAEP mathematics test.

"The NAEP is an important nationwide test of student achievement and a valuable tool to gauge how Texas compares to other states. Based on the analysis provided by the Goals Panel, Texas has been clearly identified as a role model for other states seeking to improve student performance," said George McShan, president of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

After an analysis on the Goals Panel's 1997 report, two states - North Carolina and Texas - stood out for realizing positive gains on the greatest number of indicators. The Goals Panel commissioned Dr. David Grissmer, a research expert at the RAND Corporation, to study the gains. The report he and Ann Flanagan wrote was released recently and confirms that gains in academic achievement in both states are significant and sustained.

"While we are very pleased by the attention Texas is getting from the Goals Panel," said McShan, "we should not lose sight of the fact that there is still much to be done to improve student achievement. We want our gains to continue."

The Goals Panel tracks and annually reports on 33 indicators linked to the eight national education goals. These data points provide a picture of the individual state's success in improving education for their children.

NAEP is the only nationally representative and ongoing assessment that measures what students know and are able to do in different subject areas. It should be noted that state-level data in science are available only for 1996, so state improvement cannot be measured until 2000, the year science performance will be tested again.

TASB is a nonprofit association established nearly 50 years ago to serve local Texas school districts. It includes 1,047 school districts and county school boards, 44 junior colleges, 51 tax appraisal systems, 159 cooperatives, and 20 education service centers. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the

state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$20 billion and employ more than 475,000 people.

# Beat tax rush for Social Security numbers

Taxpayers are urged to act now to beat the rush for Social Security numbers needed for tax returns, according to Fredi Franki, manager of the San Angelo Social Security office. The internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not process returns with missing or incorrect Social Security numbers. If the return does not include the correct Social Security number, IRS may contact the taxpayer for the correct information before issuing a refund.

Taxpayers are now required to have the names of all dependents correctly listed on their tax returns. To avoid delaying your refund, you should make sure your name and Social Security number, and the name and Social Security number of your spouse and any dependents listed on the return, agree with the name and number shown on

each individual's Social Security card.

To get a original or replacement Social Security card, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. The best times to call to avoid peak telephone traffic are later in the week and the second half of the month.

If you have already applied for a Social Security number for your newborn child at the hospital where you gave information for your child's birth certificate, you should receive your child's Social Security card in the mail within two weeks after Social Security receives the necessary information from your state's vital statistics office.

### District Court Disposition

The 51st District Court handed down the following disposition on November 30, 1998.

State of Texas vs. Matthew Dean Hodges in the charge of Injury to an Elderly Person. Plea: Three years Deferred Adjudication, \$350 Fine, \$216.25 Court Costs.



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