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## Couple indicted in former resident's death

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Jan. 21, 1999 issue)

A Slaton husband and wife were indicted Wednesday for injury to an elderly person in the beating death of an 82-year old woman last August.

If convicted, Thomas Wat-

son, 37, and Netia J. Watson, 46, each face a maximum life sentence.

Goldie Marie Thomas of Slaton and formerly of Robert Lee, died August 20, 1998, in a Lubbock hospital just one day after she was found comatose in the Watson's house at 330 W. Garza St. She was Thomas Watson's grandmother.

James said police immediately became suspicious about Thomas' death.

He said the Watsons called a funeral home before they called police.

"That struck us as kind of odd," James said. "The call came in to us as a deceased person...EMS worked it as (an emergency), and got a pulse."

He said the Watsons claimed Thomas injured herself from several falls.

"Their explanation didn't fit," James said. "Her injuries were inconsistent with a fall, and their demeanor didn't seem right."

James said Thomas moved from Robert Lee in June, and police developed "good information" that she had no injuries before moving. He said the beatings were likely from fists and were inflicted for about the five weeks prior to her death.

James believes the Watsons wanted Thomas' assets, which included cash and real estate. He said Thomas was a

retired nurse, and the Watsons had power of attorney over her estate and knew of her assets.

According to an autopsy report, Thomas had multiple contusions on her face and scalp, recent cuts on her upper and lower lips, recent contusions on her tongue, and healing cuts behind her ears. She also had widespread contusions on both breasts.

Medical examiner Dr. Glen R. Groben ruled the death as heart failure caused by multiple blunt force trauma, which, he said, made it a homicide. It is Slaton's first homicide in about six years, James said.

Groben also determined Thomas had a diseased heart, which may have contributed to her death.

"The coroner ruled it a homicide, so our choices were murder or injury to an elderly," James said. "The penalties are exactly the same, and they believe they have a stronger case with the injuries."

## Walker signs FB membership week proclamation

County Judge Jackie Walker has signed a proclamation designating February 1-5 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week" in Coke and Sterling counties.

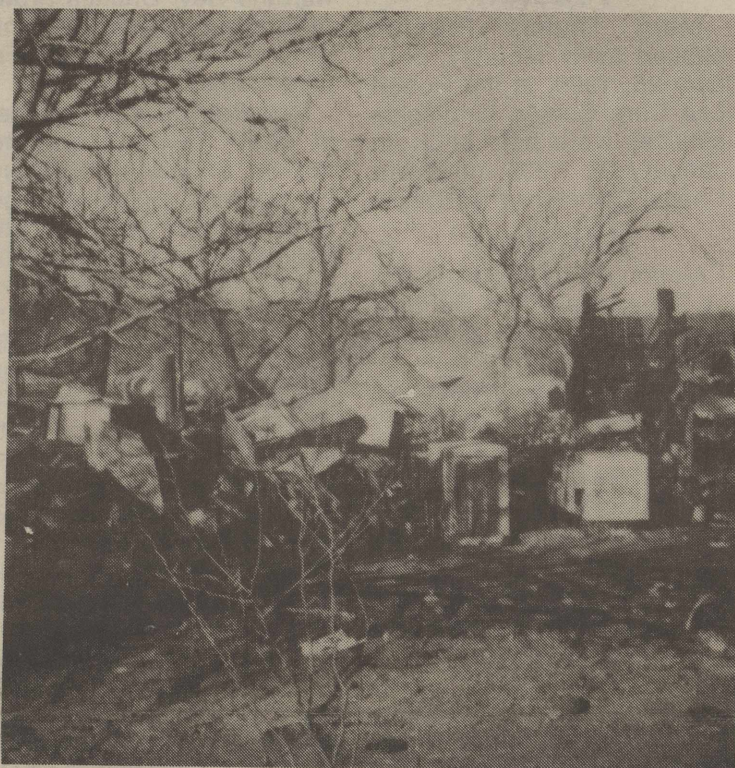
The week is part of a statewide observance during which county Farm Bureaus will make a special effort to enroll new members, according to John Stephens of Robert Lee, president of the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau.

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

"Farm Bureau is a grass-roots organization. Its foundation is the county unit. There are 209 organized county Farm Bureaus in the state including the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau," the proclamation states.

John Stephens said the local county Farm Bureau has 640 members and is seeking to exceed that number in 1999.

He said that the Farm Bureau is a general farm organization that seeks to improve



Although Chester Derrick wasn't injured in this fire, it totally destroyed his home 2 miles east of Tennyson Sunday, January 31. The 77-year-old Coke County resident had lived in the home since 1921. Donations or other assistance for Mr. Derrick may be directed through his daughter, Shirley Honea, at (915) 659-0791.

the income of farm and ranch families. The organization represents the farmer and rancher at the local county courthouse, in Austin, and in Washington, D.C.

## Sing-A-Long

J.D. Taylor and friends will be performing at the Bronte Nursing Home on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 2 pm to 3 pm. Everyone is invited to come join

in with this spectacular fun filled hour of singing.

## Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, February 7, 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.

## 1999 Disaster Program meeting

The sign up for the program was scheduled to begin February 1, however, we will not receive our training and program information until February 5, 1999. We will be holding a producer meeting Wednesday, February 10, 1999, in the Coke County Courthouse. We ask that producers wait until after the meeting before calling for an appointment. This will help all of us since we know nothing about the program. The Small Hog Program will also be discussed.

## Two named to Dean's List

Rebecca Emert has been named to the Sul Ross State University's Dean's List for the Fall semester. Becca is a sophomore elementary education major and is the daughter of Tad and Therese Emert. She graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1998.

Eli Boxell, son of Lonnie and Marla Bloodworth, was also named to the Dean's List.



Coke County Judge Jackie Walker (left) signs a proclamation designating February 1-5 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week" in Coke and Sterling Counties while Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau President John Stephens of Robert Lee looks on.



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**Death Notices**

**Preston**  
 Mary Thelma Preston passed away Monday, January 25, 1999, at the Robert Lee Care Center. Graveside services were held at 3 pm January 28, 1999, in Elmira Chapel Cemetery in Longview

**McKelroy**  
 Marion Harris McKelroy, 82, of Robert Lee died Sunday, January 31, 1999, at a San Angelo hospital. There were no services. Arrangements were made by Shaffer Funeral Home. Survivors include two sons, David McKelroy and Steve McKelroy; two brothers, Roy and Rodney; one sister, Emily; ten grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**ECC EMS contributions**  
 The East Coke County Ambulance Service reports the following contributions received during January.

- Donations**  
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- Memorials**  
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with the Rev. Charles Brown officiating. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

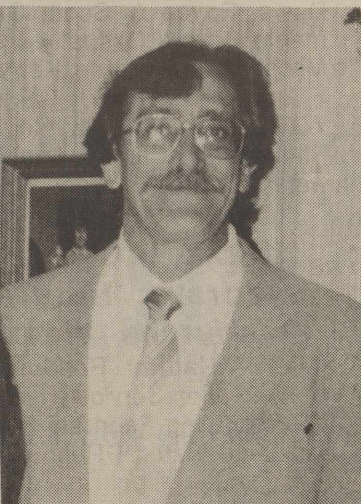
Mrs. Preston was preceded in death by her husband, William, on May 1, 1998, and by one son, Daniel George. She is survived by one daughter, Patricia and husband, Gerald Brasuel of Robert Lee; two sons Kenneth Wayne and wife Cecelia Preston of Parks, Arkansas, and William Arden, Jr. and wife Claudene Preston of Converse, Louisiana. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Michael Brasuel, Janet Maxwell, Arden Brasuel, Barry Preston, Karen Hancock, Danny Preston, Douglas Preston, Diane Preston and Denise Keller. Also missing their "little" Ninny will be nineteen great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, along with many friends.

**Concho Valley Czech Heritage Society to meet**  
 The Concho Valley Czech Heritage Society of Runnels, Concho and Tom Green Counties will hold its first quarterly meeting of 1999 on Sunday, February 21 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the SPJST Lodge #49 in Rowena.

After the meeting, there will be a beginners class for the traditional Czech card game of Tarok with the Havlak group volunteering as instructors. The meeting and Tarok instruction are open to anyone interested in learning about Czech history and customs. Members and visitors are asked to bring finger-foods (chips, sandwiches, cookies) to share with the group after the meeting.

For more information, contact Louis Kokes at 651-7994.

**Obituaries**



of Shaffer Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Sean Barrett, Robert Barrett, Randy and Gary Bilbrey of San Angelo; and Donny Edging, Jr., Jeremy Edging, Michael Burns, and John Gallimore, all of Robert Lee.

Honorary pallbearers were Cory English, Joey Barrett, Casey Rowoldt of Greenwood, Larry Wayne Franklin of Houston, and Sean and Joshua Wilkes of Subiaco, Western Australia.

**You Are Still Holy**  
*Holy, you are still Holy,  
 Even when the darkness surrounds my Life.  
 Sovereign, You are still sovereign,  
 Even when confusion has blinded my eyes.  
 Lord, I don't deserve your kind affection  
 When my unbelief has kept me from your touch.  
 I want my life to be a pure reflection of your Love and  
 So I come into your chamber and I dance at your feet, Lord  
 You are my Savior, and I'm at your mercy.  
 All that has been in my life up till now, it belongs to you.  
 You are still Holy.  
 Holy, you are still Holy,  
 Even though I don't understand your ways.  
 Sovereign, You will be sovereign,  
 Even when my circumstances don't change.  
 Lord, I don't deserve your tender patience  
 When my unbelief has kept me from your truth.  
 I want my life to be a sweet devotion to you and  
 So I come into your chamber And I dance at your feet, Lord.  
 You are my Savior and I'm at your mercy.  
 All that has been in my life until now,  
 It belongs to you.  
 I belong to you.  
 You are still Holy.  
 You are still Sovereign.*

**English**  
 Jesse W. English, Jr., of Robert Lee, left this earth on Sunday, January 31, 1999, to be with Jesus. He was forty-six years old when he passed away at Shannor Medical Center. He was born on July 16, 1952, in Laredo, Texas, and had lived in Coke County since 1965.

Survivors include his wife, Susan English, of Robert Lee; four sons, Cory English of Bronte, Sean Barrett of Hampton, VA, Joey Barrett and Robert Barratt, both of Robert Lee; his mother, June English, of Robert Lee; four sisters, Karen Rowoldt of Greenwood, Cheryl Millican of Bronte, Caralyn Elliot and Tommy Edging, both of Robert Lee; his grandmother, Mrs. Fraulein Ralston, of Denver City, Texas; six nieces and eleven nephews.

Preceding him in death was his father, Jesse W. English, Sr., and sister, Sheila L. Hanna, both of Robert Lee. He was a senior at Angelo State University, majoring in Marketing.

Services were held at the Victory Assembly of God Church in Robert Lee, Wednesday, February 3 with Rev. Loyd Thurman officiating, assisted by George Rainey. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction

*You are still Holy, Lord.  
 You are still righteous.  
 You are all knowing.  
 You are still Holy.*

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**Equine Seminar slated for Feb. 22**

Fort Dodge Animal Health and Pioneer Veterinary Clinic of Winters, Texas, are co-sponsoring a seminar entitled "Equine Health Management and Breeding Management." As you know, proper equine care and maintenance are required for optimum performance and health as the new year unfolds. Therefore, the purpose of this seminar is to help keep horse owners informed and ready to handle situations that may arise with their horses as they prepare for successful breeding and showing seasons.

The seminar will be held February 22, 1999, at The Shed Restaurant in Wingate, Texas. Dinner will be served at 7 pm with the program beginning at 7:30 pm. Fort Dodge is providing door prizes for seminar participants. If you have questions or would like to attend this seminar, please call Pioneer Veterinary Clinic at (915) 754-5487 by February 15th to make reservations.

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 Wed. 7 pm Choir
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 11 am, Worship
- Southside Church of Christ**  
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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship
- Victory Assembly of God**  
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### THC travels throughout Texas

Larry Oaks, deputy director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), and other THC staff members are holding a public meeting in Abilene on Feb. 4 and in San Angelo Feb. 5 to introduce a new agency initiative, the State of the State of Preservation. The THC is conducting a statewide survey to determine what constituents see as the condition of their historic resources and what their preservation-related goals are for the next five years. The results will determine how the THC can best assist communities across the state in the coming years.

"We are laying the groundwork to build preservation partnerships for a new millennium," said Larry Oaks, deputy director of the Texas Historical Commission. "By talking with people across the state to learn their needs, we can determine how to most effectively channel our agency's resources toward the common goal of protecting and preserving the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas."

The goals of the State of the State Preservation public meetings are to:

- Identify THC resources that the public may not know about.

- Learn what various communities see as their biggest challenges in preservation, and how the THC can help.

- Discover the strengths/weaknesses of various geographic regions from a historical/archeological resource protection standpoint.

- Discuss how to develop an action plan working with local and state contacts to protect and promote local historical resources.

Those who attend the Feb. 5 lunch meeting in San Angelo can bring their own lunch or order a \$5 box lunch by calling 915-481-2646 by 12 pm on Feb. 4. The meeting host, Fort Concho, will provide drinks.

Additional State of the State of Preservation meetings coming up include: Sunday,

Feb. 21 in College Station, Thursday, Feb. 25 in Houston, and Friday, Feb. 26 in Beaumont.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas. For more information on the Texas Historical Commission programs, call 512-463-6100 or see the agency's web site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us).

### RL VFD lists contributions

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department has received the following donations recently.

#### Memorials

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### USDA-NRCS to celebrate Natural Resources Week

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is celebrating February 8-12, 1999, as Natural Resources Recognition Week in Texas. In a statement issued by USDA-NRCS State Conservationist John P. Burt, the week is designed to encourage all Texans to reflect on the importance of natural resources in our daily lives. "Our abundant natural resources of soil, water, air, plants, and animals continue to provide us with a healthy environment," Burt said. "The wise use of these resources sets us apart from every other country in the world. We are fortunate to have a conservation ethic that encourages landowners and all citizens to conserve and protect those things which benefit all of us."

In Texas, NRCS works with 216 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to address local resource issues. As part of the local celebrations, various activities are planned at each USDA-NRCS office in Texas. These will include conservation tours, displays, educational programs, environmental awareness, and other events.

"Each office will participate in its own program," Burt said, "which will be tailored to local natural resource issues or concerns. We have a real opportunity to have people across the state become better aware of our environment and the work of our conservation programs in Texas."

For more information, contact your local USDA-NRCS office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or visit our website at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>.

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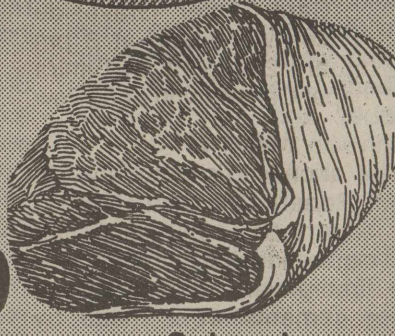
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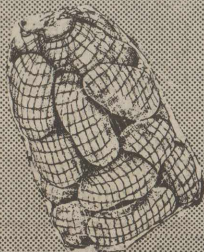
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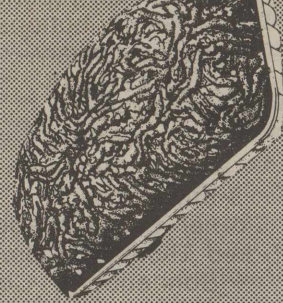
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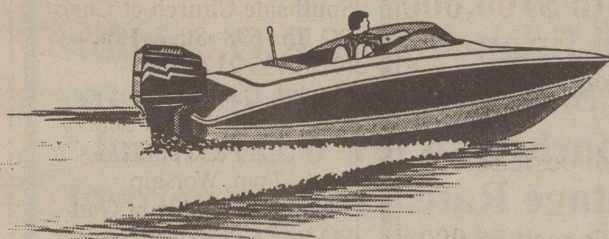


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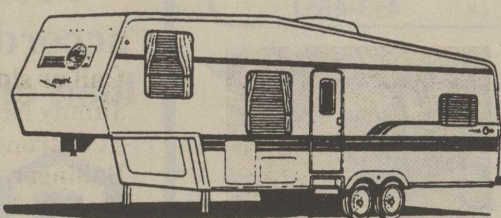
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Robert Lee Jr. High and JV basketball results

The Robert Lee Junior High Girls A team played Sterling City on Feb. 1 and lost 15-33. Leading the scoring for Robert Lee was Christina Middleton with 6 points. Others scoring were Krystal Soliz with 4 points, Ashlee Millican and Amber Brosh each had 2, and Amie Kendell had 1.

The Robert Lee Junior High Girls B team Tournament was held on Jan. 30. In the first game, Robert Lee beat Miles 8-6. Scoring were Shannon Mace with 3, Tyler Lott and Monica Rodriguez each had 2, and Valerie Sanders had 1.

In the second game, Irion County won 4-12. Scoring for Robert Lee were Monica Rodriguez and Jennifer Fluhmann with 2 each.

The Junior High Boys A team played in the Water Valley Tournament on Jan. 23, and came away in first place. In the first game, they played Miles and won 49-31. High scorer was Travis Pitcock with 17 points, followed closely by



The Robert Lee High School Mixed Ensemble received a III Rating for their performance at the UIL Solo-Ensemble contest held January 30.

Stewart Millican with 15. Also scoring were Jaziel Gallegos with 7, Anson Lott had 6 and Cooper Riley had 4.

Robert Lee beat Sterling City 56-11. Leading the scoring was Stewart Millican with 18 points. Cooper Riley and Travis Pitcock each had 10 points, Anson Lott had 9, Jaziel Gallegos had 6, and Billy Williams had 3.

In the Championship Game, Robert Lee played Bronte and won 42-19. Leading the scoring was Jaziel Gallegos with 15, followed by Travis Pitcock with 13, Stewart Millican with 8 and Cooper Riley with 6.

On Jan. 25, the boys played Bronte. Robert Lee came away with the win, 38-27. Leading the scoring were Travis Taylor and Stewart Millican with 10 each. Jaziel Gallegos and Travis Pitcock each had 6, Cooper Riley had 4 and Phillip Arellano had 2.

The Junior High boys B team played in the Robert Lee B Tourney on Jan. 30. In the first game, they lost a close one to Irion County 24-25. Scoring were Travis Taylor with 11, Phillip Arellano with 9 and Brian Abalos with 4. They lost the second game to Miles 12-16. Phillip Arellano scored 8 points and Brian Abalos had 4.

The junior varsity boys played Roby on Jan. 26. The Steers came away with the win, 45-13. Leading the scoring was Lewis Samaniego with 13 points. Sammy Schiwar had 9 points, Bret Ballew, Colby Eubanks and Deric

Brothers each had 7, and Solomon Saucedo had 2.

The JV girls beat Roscoe on Jan. 22 in a close one. The final score was 17-16. Scoring were Shyla Cole with 12 and Ashley Townsend with 5.

On Jan. 26, the JV girls lost to Roby 27-35. High scorer was Gina Torres with 8 points. Jennifer Hamilton scored 6 points, Shyla Cole and Christian DeLosSantos each had 5, and Amanda Kuhl had 2.

## Lady Steers improve to 5-0 in District

The Robert Lee girls continued their winning ways with wins over Roscoe and Roby. They improved their overall record to 21-3 and remain perfect in district play.

Last Friday, the Lady Steers defeated Roscoe 40-21 using a suffocating man defense. Jodee Helwig led the balanced scoring attack with 10 points. Kelli Osborn chipped in 7, Kim Gloria and Whitney Millican had 6 each, Kizre Matthews had 5, and Shanna Wojtek and Whitney Montgomery both scored 3.

On Tuesday, the Lady Steers outscored the visiting Roby team 56-39. Twenty-one points from the freethrow line proved to be the difference. Kelli Osborn and DeShira Dickey shared high point honors with 12. They were followed by Jodee with 10, Kim with 6, Whitney Montgomery and Kizre had 4, Shanna and Whitney Millican had 3 each, and Macy Hill had 2.



Macy Hill (left) and Trichelle Gray, students at Robert Lee High School, both received I Ratings for their solos at the UIL Solo-Ensemble contest held January 30.



The Robert Lee High School Girls Ensemble received a II Rating for their performance at the UIL Solo-Ensemble contest held January 30.

## RL choirs attend UIL competition

The UIL Solo-Ensemble Contest was held this past weekend. Robert Lee High School sent 28 of the 54 members of the choir to compete. The school district is very proud of the accomplishments of these students.

Trichelle Gray and Macy Hill each received a rating of I in their solos. The Girls Choir received a rating of II, and the Mixed Choir received a rating of III.

The choir will be performing their musical, "The Wizard of Oz", in the spring and hope the community will come and see it.

## SCHOOL MENU

### Breakfast

**Monday, Feb. 8**  
Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Tuesday, Feb. 9**  
Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Milk

**Wednesday, Feb. 10**  
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
Orange Juice, Pancake, Sausage Patty, Milk

**Friday, Feb. 12**  
Orange Juice, Banana Nut Muffin, Cold Cereal, Milk

### Lunch


**Monday, Feb. 8**  
Nachos, Corn, Chili Beans, Cake, Milk

**Tuesday, Feb. 9**  
Oven Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk





**Wednesday, Feb. 10**  
Red Beans, Cornbread, Spinach, Tator Tots, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

**Thursday, Feb. 11**  
Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

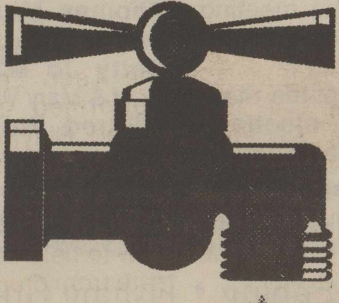
**Friday, Feb. 12**  
Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Wedges, Peaches, Milk

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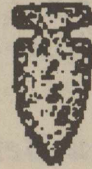
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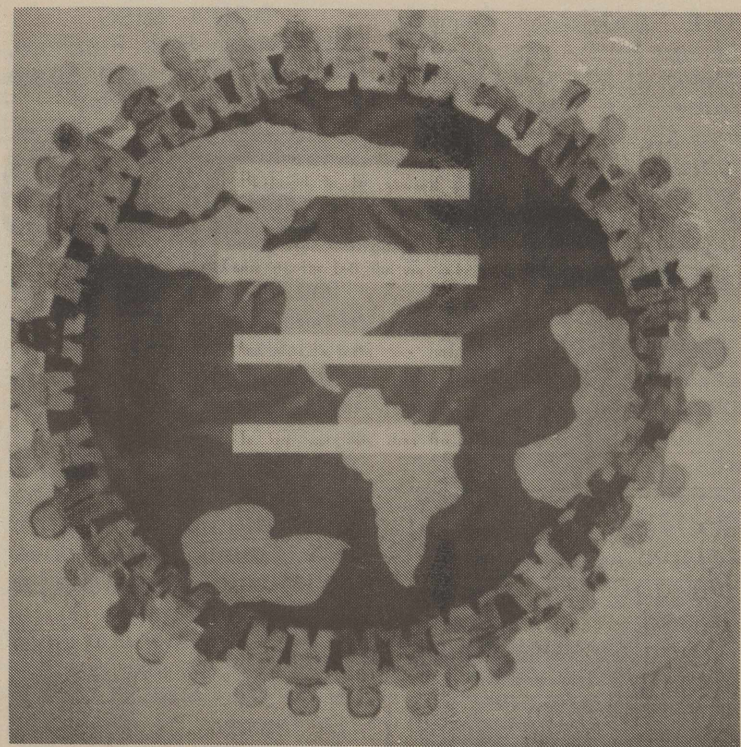
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



The Bronte Elementary Kindergarten class took first place in the Drug Awareness Week Poster contest held recently.

## Drug Education week in Bronte

Bronte Schools held their Drug Ed Week January 25-29 with a different theme each day to help kids think about saying no to drugs.

Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Tie Day, Wednesday was Hat Day, Thursday was Boot & Cowboy Hat Day and Friday was Rally Day/Knock Out Drugs.

On Friday, the school met in

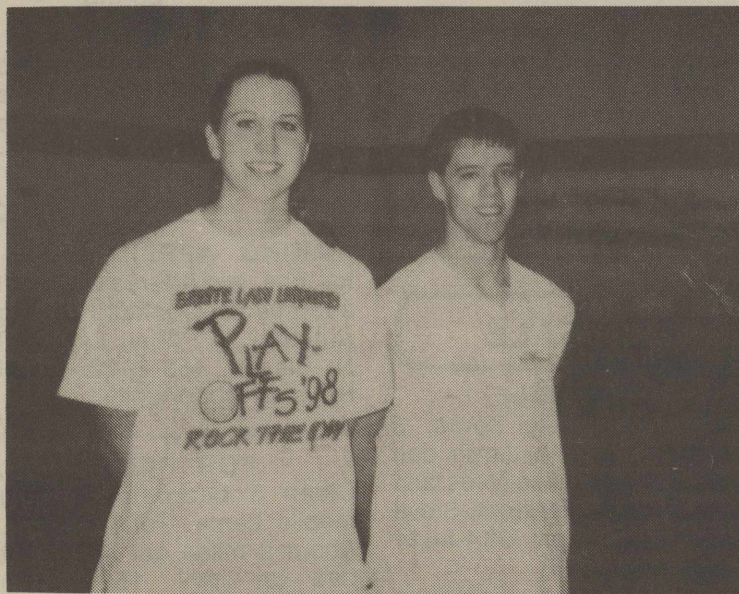
the two gyms with each 7-12 class competing in a game of 'Knock Out Basketball.' The elementary classes were in charge of cheering their assigned class on to victory and competed in a Poster/Sign Contest. Everyone had fun.

The winner of the Knock Out game was Steve Eldred representing the freshmen and the 5th grade cheered for them. They will receive a dessert party from the Student Council. The sign contest was won by the Kindergarten, Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Graves 1st grade; 2nd place by 3rd grade (Mrs. Poehls) and 3rd place, Mrs. Pat Lee's fifth grade.

On Thursday evening, Russell Johnson, Coke Co. Constable and Gary Smith, Probation Officer, led an informative meeting on drugs in our youth and prevention strategies for parents.

On Monday, Gary Smith spoke to grades 7-12 classes all day concerning facts about drugs and the law and how it affects them. On Wednesday, the drug dog took a stroll through the school and parking lot unannounced and found it clean.

Also during Drug Ed week, the Teen Leadership class performed a puppet show called Playing It Smart, for Kindergarten through 6 grade. The puppet show was about drug awareness and how to help each other to stay safe from drugs. The play was



Bronte High School Freshman Steve Eldred (right) led his class to victory in the Knock Out Drug (basketball) contest held on Rally Day during the Drug Awareness activities. The Senior Class took 2nd place due to the efforts of Bonnie DeLaughter.

presented on Wednesday, Jan. 27th for Kindergarten through 3rd grades and on Thursday, Jan. 28th for 4th through 6th grades. After the show, there was a discussion on drugs, and cookies and punch were served.

## Bronte Basketball results

On Tuesday, Jan. 26, the Bronte JV boys lost to Roscoe 35-24. Scoring for Bronte were J. McClure with 2, A. Gibbs and A. Blair each had 3, L. DeLaGarza had 9 and R. Johnson had 7.

The Junior High 8th grade girls played in the Water Valley Tournament on Jan. 23rd. In the first game, Bronte lost to Water Valley 4-35. Scoring for Bronte were Melissa Walker with 2 and Linsey Williams and Heather Richey each had 1. In the second game, Bronte lost to Robert Lee 17-26. Scoring for Bronte were Heather Richey with 6, Melissa Walker with 5, Lindsey Springer had 4 and Jenna Herrold had 2. Other members of the team are Crystal Jackson, Heather Sturgill, Barbie Arant and Joel Sefcik.

The 7th grade girls played Robert Lee on Jan. 25 and lost by a score of 12-24. Scoring for Bronte were Ash-

ley Denton with 6, Kailey Howell with 3, Brittany McCutchen had 2 and Kanah Coalson had 1.

The 8th grade girls also played Robert Lee on Jan. 25 and lost 18-26. Scoring were Lindsey Williams and Kayla Hilliard with 4 each, Lindsey Springer had 5, Heather Richey had 3 and Jenna Herrold had 2.

On Jan. 30, the Bronte 7th grade girls attended the Robert Lee Tournament. In game 1 Bronte beat Garden City 10-7. Scoring for Bronte were Brittany McCutchen and Kanah Coalson with 4 each, and Brittany Eldred had 2.

In the 2nd game Bronte beat Water Valley 18-10. High scorer was Ashley Denton with 6. Also scoring were Kailey Howell and Brittany McCutchen with 4 each, Ashley Torres and Brittany Eldred each had 2. Other 7th grade team members were Natalee

**Tobacco?**

**Don't get me started...**

### Breakfast

- Monday, Feb. 8**  
Cereal, Sliced Peaches, Teddy Grams, Milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 9**  
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 10**  
French Toast Stix, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk
- Thursday, Feb. 11**  
Scrambled Eggs, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- Friday, Feb. 12**  
Breakfast Burrito, Mixed Fruit, Donut, Milk

### Lunch

- Monday, Feb. 8**  
Steak Fingers with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Rolls, Milk, Banana Pudding
- Tuesday, Feb. 9**  
Chili Mac, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Rolls, Milk, Pink Panther Cake
- Wednesday, Feb. 10**  
Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Fruit, Milk, Cherry Cobbler
- Thursday, Feb. 11**  
Lemon Pepper Chicken, New Potatoes with White Sauce, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Jello
- Friday, Feb. 12**  
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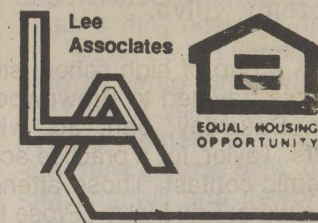
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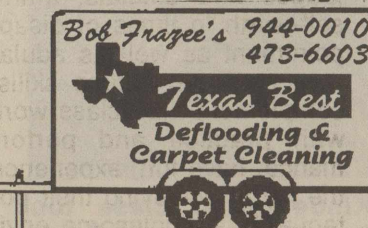
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### UIL News

The University Interscholastic League believes that most students enjoy the pursuit of excellence and seek opportunities to test themselves against their accomplishments and those of their peers. These opportunities are best

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The contest sponsors are Mrs. Barnett - GAP, Speaking events (HS, JHS); Mrs. Brewer - Computer (HS); Mrs. Collins - Journalism (JS); Mrs. Davidson - Ready Writing, Speaking Events (HS, JHS); Mrs. C. Lee - Spelling (JHS); Mrs. Lloyd - Mathematics, Calculator, Number Sense (JHS); Coach McCutchen - Current Events; Mr. Merriman - Ready Writing, Speaking Events (HS, JHS); Mrs. Taylor - Science (HS, JHS), Maps, Graphs, Charts, Listening Skills, Dictionary Skills (JHS), Spelling (HS); Mr. Tounget - Mathematics, Calculator, Number Sense (JHS, HS); and Mr. Walker - Science (HS, JHS).

Contests that the high school students may enter are: 1. CX & LD Debate; 2. Prose Interpretation; 3. Poetry Interpretation; 4. Persuasive Speaking; 5. Informative Speaking; 6. Ready Writing; 7. Current Events; 8. Spelling/Vocabulary; 9. Headline Writing; 10. News Writing; 11. Editorial Writing; 12. Feature Writing; 13. Literary Criti-

cism; 14. Number Sense; 15. Science; 16. Computer Science; 17. Mathematics; 18. Calculators; 19. Computer Applications; and 20. Accounting.

Contests the junior high students may enter are: 1. Calculator; 2. Mathematics; 3. Number Sense; 4. Oral Reading; 5. Ready Writing; 6. Spelling; 7. Dictionary Skills; 8. Science; 9. Maps, Graphs & Charts; 10. Listening; 11. Impromptu Speaking; and 12. Modern Oratory.

Elementary students are also working on their UIL events. Their District Contest is February 27 at Robert Lee. Contests that these students may enter are: 1. Creative Writing; 2. Oral Reading; 3. Storytelling; 4. Ready Writing; 5. Art Contest; 6. Mathematics; 7. Number Sense; 8. Listening Skills; 9. Music Memory; 10. Calculator Applications; 11. Dictionary Skills; 12. Maps, Graphs & Charts; and 13. Spelling.

The school seeks your help and support to encourage all students to choose a contest and work toward the goal of personal achievement.

The high school District meet will be held at Eden on March 27th. The district schools are Bronte, Christoval, Cross Plains, Eden, Evant, Lometa, Menard, Miles, Robert Lee and Santa Anna.

The junior high District meet will be held at Robert Lee on Feb. 27. Junior high Ready Writing will be held at Miles on Feb. 24. This event is counted as one of the four events allowed for each contestant. One Act Play does not count as one of the four events. District schools are Bronte, Eden, Christoval, Miles, Menard and Robert Lee.

On January 30, Mr. Tounget sponsored a group of sixth and eighth grade students at the Science/Math contest in Stamford. Those students attending were: 8th graders - Joe'l Sefcik, Calculator, Mathematics, Science; Lindsay Springer, Calculator and Science; Heather Richey, Calculator and Math; Jonathan Tomes, Math and Science; and Lindsey Williams, Number Sense. 6th graders were Garrett Jackson, Number Sense, Calculator and Math; Cody Moore, Number Sense, Calculator, and Math; Ashley McCutchen, Number Sense, Calculator and Math; Justin Frazee, Number Sense and Math; and Nick Flores, Number Sense, Calculator and Math.

Students have attended several practice meets. Yvette Bedell, Erin Marrs and Anthony Flores attended the Ozona meet on January 16 in high school science.



Bronte 7th grade students participated in "Hat Day" during Drug Awareness activities recently. Shown are (front row, from left) Tyson Baker, B. J. Hall, Jessie Rodriguez, (back row, from left) Andrea Sanchez, Britney McCutchen, Kalley Howell, and Ashley Denton.



Bronte High School students and teachers got into the spirit of Drug Awareness Week by participating in "Hat Day". Shown are (from left) Pete Galvan, Rodney Adams, Tony Blackstock, Coach Lloyd, Kendra Gordon, Yvette Bedell, and Jeremy Silva.

A group of high school students traveled to Brownwood on Saturday, Jan. 30, with Mrs. Taylor, for a practice academic contest. Those attending were: Erin Marrs - Prose Interpretation, Current Events, Science; Yvette Bedell - Ready Writing, Headline Writing, Science; Elizabeth Morgan - Calculator, Mathematics, Science; Amy Morgan - Spelling, Mathematics, Headline Writing, Science; Cara Sefcik - Ready Writing, Mathematics; Jade Richards - Number Sense, Science; Anthony Flores - Current Events, Science; and Brandon Poehls - Current Events.

### Country Western Night planned at Heritage Oaks

Heritage Oaks Estate Skilled Nursing and Rehab Facility in Ballinger, Texas announced today that they will be hosting a Country Western Night. The public is invited to enjoy the sounds of guitar, banjo, fiddle, and steel guitar played by the Ballinger String Band. The local group will be performing on February 9th at 7 pm.

Together over 25 years, the Ballinger String Band members Charlie Bradshaw, Horace Brown, Calvin Dusek, Margaret Gentry, Danny Hamilton, Jerry Holden, Jackie Isham, Goldie Kilpatrick, and R.J. & Casey Laird are a winning combination of strings and vocals. Their performance

is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Heritage Oaks is located at 2001 Sixth Street in Ballinger.

### Steers win two in a row

The Robert Lee Steers won their last two district games to up their district record to 3-2. Last Friday night the Steers defeated Roscoe 57-45, overcoming an early 17 point deficit. Led by Andrew McCabe's 25 points, the Steers outscored Roscoe 35-15 in the second half. Other scorers were Matthew Pitcock with 12, B.J. Bessent with 11, Ross Schultz 5, and James Gallegos and Beau Blair had 2 each.

On Tuesday, the Steers led the entire game against Roby, taking the win 50-38. Andrew again led the way with 21 points. Joel Gallegos had 16, Beau Boxell 7, and BJ had 6.

### RL to host elem. and JH UIL Meet

On Saturday, February 27, Robert Lee will host the district UIL Literary Meet for elementary and junior high students. Students from Bronte, Menard, Miles, Christoval, Eden, and Robert Lee will compete in UIL contests. Robert Lee community members are invited to come to school on that day to serve as guides, graders, and supervisors for this one day event. Please contact Judy Shook in the elementary school office if you can volunteer your time for part or all of the day.

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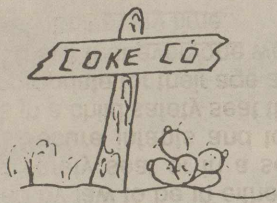
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

**Grow Texas Onions**

Onion planting time is here! Onions do well in Texas if growers plant the right variety at the appropriate time.

Success with onions has to do with understanding the phenomena of bulbing. Bulbing occurs as a result of the length of daylight hours. Day-length requirement differs among varieties which have been broken down into short-day, intermediate-day and long-day types. The day-length requirement of an onion variety must be met or bulbing will not occur.

•Short-day varieties, such as the 1015Y or Texas Super Sweet onion, require about 12 hours of daylight and will produce anywhere in Texas if planted at the right time.

•Medium-day and long-day types, which produce hotter and more pungent onions, grow only in specific areas.

The larger the plant, or the more leaves it has when bulbing is initiated, the larger the

bulb will be. The best way to have the right sized plant at the right time is to set out pencil-sized transplants six weeks before the average frost free date. In Coke County, the average date of the last freeze is March 24.

Most Texas soils are adequate for growing onions, but some may need more organic matter to increase drainage. Planting onions on top of raised beds will improve drainage and will enable the soil to warm up more quickly in the spring.

\*Several weeks prior to planting, evenly scatter about 1/2 pound of a complete fertilizer, such as 10-10-10, over 50 square feet of bed surface.

\*To plant onions, make small holes in the row 3 to 4 inches apart and about 1 inch deep. Set one transplant in each hole, firm the soil around it and water immediately.

\*After three to four weeks, side dress plants with one cup of ammonium sulfate or 2/3 cup of ammonium nitrate. Place the fertilizer about 4 inches from the onion plants.

\*Keep the soil moist, especially once bulbing (swelling at the base of the plant) begins.

\*Mulch around plants with two to three inches of organic matter.

\*Once plants start to mature, as indicated by a softening of the "neck" just above the bulb, allow the soil to begin drying. When bulbs are

mature, the softened necks will cause the plant tops to fall over. At this time, pull up the onions and place them in a dry area to cure.

•Several days later, clip the roots and tops, leaving 1 inch of stem attached to the bulbs to prevent entry of decay organisms.

Onions are usually ready for harvesting between May and late July.

**Bell completes basic training**

Air Force Airman 1st Class Ricky B. Bell has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bell is the son of Gina and Curtis D. Bell of Robert Lee.

He is a 1998 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

**Dallas Cowboys instruct youth**

Former Dallas Cowboy, Jay Novacek, will hold one of the nation's best youth instructional football camps, June 5-9 at Texas A&M University - Commerce, located in Commerce, Texas.

The camp is for boys ages 8-18, and features instruction from members of the Dallas Cowboys.

Novacek's camp is designed as a "skills camp" where emphasis is placed on teaching proper football skills.

Dallas Cowboys scheduled to instruct at the camp include: Troy Aikman, Daryl Johnston, David LaFleur, Eric Bjornson, Nate Newton, Bill Bates, Clay Shiver, Dexter Coakley, and Chad Hennings.

"Our main goal is to send each boy home a better citizen or person with a more positive outlook on life," said Novacek. "We try to teach them that football is not the ultimate end of life."

For more information concerning Novacek's camp please call 1-800-555-0801.

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Since 46% of all car crashes are frontal crashes, riding in the back seat is the safest position. Any or all passengers are safest in the back seat. The National ABC Campaign emphasizes Air Bag Safety, Buckle Everyone and Children in the Back. By following these three simple guides, you can better protect your children in the event of a vehicle crash. Even though air bags continue to save lives and prevent many injuries in motor vehicle crashes, they can seriously injure or kill children who are not properly restrained.

Therefore, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that all children aged 12 and under ride properly restrained in the back seat. Whether a vehicle has a passenger side air bag or not, the back seat is the safest place for children. To assure a safer ride for all passengers, buckle everyone every time. Texas law requires children aged 2 and under to be properly restrained in a safety seat that meets federal safety standards. From the ages of 2-4, children are required by law to be in either a child safety seat or in a seat belt. Secure infants and toddlers in a child safety seat that is appropriate for their age and size. Insist that everyone wear a safety belt every time.

**RL VFD news**  
by Marian Thompson,  
Secretary

The fire department held its first meeting of February on the first. Eight members were present, with Keith Eubanks, President, presiding. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was approved. Chief Rick Drennan reported on the calls they received in January. The Wild Fire School was discussed, and a motion was made not to go to Grape Creek on Saturday, but to have the Instructor come to Robert Lee and give the classes so that all firemen can attend.

On the night of the 21st, Tom Green County called for help at the Miles Feed Lot fire. They needed water and manpower. Bud Thompson took the tanker, and Ronny Waggoner and Brian Hamrick also spent the night at the Miles Feed Lot fire.

The Volunteer Fire Departments of the Concho Valley all assist each other in times of need.

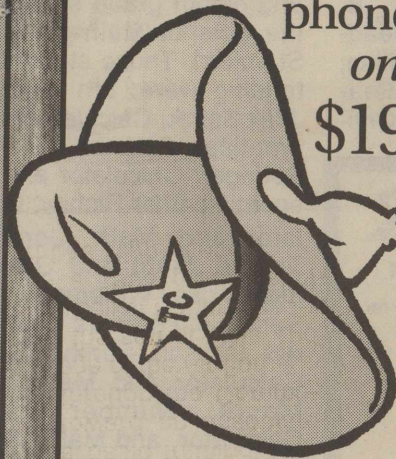
Bud Thompson reported with the money from the bake sale and rummage sale they were able to pay off another debt.

In January the department received six calls, including one structure, one gas spill, two vehicles and two calls to assist other departments.

The members adjourned to the fire station to work on the fire engines and do building maintenance.

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