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Students attend Ag Field Day

The Bronte and Robert Lee fourth graders, along with their teachers, Marty Blair, Cindy Bessent and Denise Roberts, recently attended Ag Field Day hosted by the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau as part of the "Ag in the Classroom" program.

County plans Easter Egg Hunt

Coke County invites all children through 1st grade to come to the biggest Easter Egg Hunt around. It will be held March 30th at 10 am at the Coke County Courthouse. There will be lots of eggs to find. Prizes will be given away for special eggs that are found. Refreshments will be served.

Please call Lorrie at 453-2641 by March 24th to let her know approximately how many children to expect.

Little League plans registration

Coke County Little League baseball registration will be held Monday, March 22, and Tuesday, March 23, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Bronte players should register at the Bronte baseball field and Robert Lee players at the Robert Lee field.

John Stephens, board president, showed the students the tractor he uses in his farming operation and the various types of hay baling equipment that can be used. Bobby Roberts brought a butter churn that was used by his family and made butter for the students to taste.

Sutton Page, area representative for the Texas Farm Bureau, brought with him an agricultural display to show the students the raw materials that go into producing products that we use in our homes on a daily basis.

Raymond Branch of Robert Lee demonstrated his talent of bull rope braiding and displayed other types of ropes that are produced. Jeff Eubanks let the students pet a goat and told them about what a goat's diet consists of and what they are used for.

Russell Johnson of Bronte was on hand with his border collies to demonstrate the process of training a dog to help on the ranch. He concluded his presentation with a sheep dog trial.

The experiences brought about many questions from the students and hopefully an understanding into agriculture's effect on our lives.



The most reliable sign of spring is visible (barely) in this shot taken out by Lake Spence. The young mesquite in the foreground has started putting out leaves, which is normally a sure sign that the final frost of the year is behind us.

Not so this year, as Saturday night's temperature dipped below 30°F. However, most area fruit trees (and this young mesquite) seem to have made it by this freeze with just minor damage.



Bobby Roberts show's these Coke County elementary students the art of churning butter during the "Ag in the Classroom" program hosted by Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau.

County youth place in shows

During the world's largest Junior Livestock Show held recently in Houston, Coke County 4-H members placed their animals very well against some stiff competition. In the junior Barrow Show with more than 5,000 entries, Macy Hill placed her light heavyweight Duroc 12th. In the junior Lamb Show, Lance Millican placed his lightweight Finewool cross lamb 26th. Clay Antilley placed his heavyweight Hereford 4th.

During the San Angelo Stock Show held last week, in the Market Goat show, Michele Sanchez placed 10th and Nicole Sanchez placed 14th in the light heavyweight class, Clay Antilley placed his medium heavy goat 20th and April Cowart placed her lightweight goat 25th. In the junior steer show, Clay Antilley placed his Simbrah 7th in the heavy American breeds Class. Lance Millican placed his lightweight Finewool Cross 4th, Ashlee Millican placed her light heavy Finewool Cross 5th and her heavy cross 10th, and Jake McCabe placed his medium weight Finewool Cross 25th.

The members of the Coke County 4-H clubs should be commended for placing livestock in every major stock show including Odessa, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo, for the 8th straight year and brought

several thousands of outside dollars back to Coke County. The junior livestock program in Coke County amounts to well over a \$200,000 business.

CC Pageant Assoc. to meet

The Coke County Pageant Association will meet on Thursday, March 25, at Robert Lee City Hall at 7 pm. All interested area residents are encouraged to attend. Planning will begin for this year's pageant production at this meeting.

Runnels Baptist Assoc. plans rally

Runnels Baptist Association will hold an Evangelism Rally March 24, 1999, at First Baptist Church, Bronte. The Rally begins at 7 pm. The choir is to meet at 6:30 pm.

Special music and a drama team from Angelo State University will perform. Special guest speaker is Dr. Russell Dilday. Tony King, Associational Evangelism Director, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

Reminder to Bronte residents

Residents of Bronte are reminded not to park vehicles and trailers in the alleys. The alleys are to be kept clear for use by utility vehicles and emergency vehicles.

West Texas Ranch for Christ Singing

A gospel singing of all denominations will be held at the West Texas Ranch for Christ Sunday, March 21st, from 2 to 4:30 pm. The Ranch is located 22 miles south of Sweetwater on Highway 70, or six miles north of Blackwell. Signs will be on both sides of the highway 3 1/2 miles east. Please drive slowly through the ranches as the road is very winding and watch for cattle. If you have any questions, call J.D. Taylor at 282-2756, Blackwell.

Rabies Clinic

Coke County 4-H clubs will be sponsoring a rabies clinic on Saturday, March 27, 1999 at the county show barn from 2 to 4 pm. Pets 4 months of age or older should be immunized. Pets should be vaccinated for rabies annually. There will be a veterinarian in charge.

Blackwell CISD to hold special election

Blackwell CISD, in conjunction with the regular May first election, will hold a special unexpired term election. The last day in which to sign up for the special election is March 31, 1999. For more information contact the central office at Blackwell CISD, (915) 282-2311.

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Coke County **Library News**

The State Legislature is in session and there are bills before it regarding the funding of library needs.

HB 1673 (Pitts) would create a Texas Public Library Fund, the interest from which would be used to fund direct aid to Texas public libraries. Senate Bill 1673 (Lucio) has also been filed.

HB 1618 would amend public library district law to allow voters to create public library districts by removing the population restriction.

HB 2433 would allow public

64 Study Club news

Members of the 64 Study Club met in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, Tuesday, March 9, 1999.

Nettie Autry, president, opened the meeting. Beth Prather introduced Harrell Johnston, Postmaster of the Robert Lee Post Office. Harrell told about the many services the postal system had to offer. He also told the club of some changes that will be

In a short business meeting, the Scholarship Committee reported they have started to work on this year's award. One "Lucky Senior" will be chosen

in May for a \$500 scholarship. Using a St. Patrick theme, a wonderful array of refreshments were provided by the following hostesses: Johnetta Lawrence, Carolyn Long, Patti Ivey, Margaret Jones, Charlotte McKnight and Pauline

Enjoying the evening were 18 members and one guest.

library participation in the TexShare library funding which has formerly included only academic libraries. (Texas spends only a dollar per student for TexShare while Georgia, which modeled its program on TexShare, now makes a commitment of over \$11 per student for access.)

Rep. Rob Junell is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and Sen. Troy Fraser is a member of the Senate Finance Committee. Representatives' mailing address is P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910. Senators may be reached at P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711-2068, if anyone would care to write a letter or send a card in support of these efforts.

Death **Notices**

Phillips

Effie Lois Phillips, 89, of Robert Lee, died Monday, March 15, 1999, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 17, 1999, in the McKenzieville Cemetery.

Survivors include one son, J.W. Phillips of San Angelo; three grandchildren, Bobby Phillips of Atlanta, Georgia, Jay Phillips of Marion, Virginia, and Lois Phillips of San Angelo; three step grandchildren, Deaun Wood of Bedford, Randy Sharp of Pflugerville, and Tommy Sharp of Abilene; and two great grandchildren, Tina Phillips of San Angelo and Courtney Phillips of Ashland, Virginia.

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Raymond Branch advised these Coke County elementary students about horses and tack during the "Ag in the Classroom" program hosted by Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau.



Jeff Eubanks shows these Coke County elementary students a Boer goat and discusses their care and feeding during the "Ag in the Classroom" program hosted by Coke-Sterling Farm

Stanley Davis Fund established

A fund for Stanley Davis has been established at Robert Lee State Bank. Mr. Davis was diagnosed with multiple

myeloma on October 13, 1998. Although the disease can be cured, it was too far along for effective treatment.

For more information concerning the fund, contact the Robert Lee State Bank at 453-2545.

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Winters sets annual Mayfest Celebration

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce announces their annual Mayfest Celebration to be held May 1 at the Ted Meyer Park and Community Center.

There will also be a coed softball tournament held in conjunction with the festival. Anyone who is interested in signing up a team, may contact the Chamber office at 915-754-5210.

Churches of Robert Lee Invite You to Worship

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Sun. 10 am Sunday School 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

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

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 Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 601 W. 10th (915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Rebecca Chalk and Dean Burns to wed

Rebecca Chalk of Sonora and Dean Burns of Robert Lee will exchange wedding vows on May 22, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora.

Becca is the daughter of Mrs. Joyce Chalk and Mr. Luther Chalk of Sonora. A graduate of Sonora High School, she attends Angelo State University and is a junior.

Dean is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burns of Robert Lee and is a candidate for May graduation at Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science.

Della Alexander attends ceremony for sister in D.C.

On March 4th, Della Alexander made a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the promotion of her youngest sister SFC Margaret A. Riddle to the E8 classification of Master Sergeant (MSG). Also making the trip were her mother, Jonita Riker, and sister, Becky Seago, both of Lamesa; sister, Glenda Holmes of Iowa Park; and aunt, Carolyn Garrett of Lubbock. While in the DC area, the group did some sightseeing, made a trip to Atlantic City, N.J., and went to the National Theater to see a production of the Wizard of Oz starring Mickey Rooney. The group returned to Texas on March 9th.

The ceremony for MSG Riddle was held on Friday, March 5, in the Indian Treaty Room at the White House. Officiating the ceremony was retired Four Star General Barry McCaffery who currently is the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). All of MSG Riddle's attending family had parts in the promotion ceremony.

MSG Riddle has been in the Army since May 1985. In this time period she has served in Germany, Panama and numerous North American posts. MSG Riddle first became acquainted with Gen. McCaffery in June 1993 when she was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. In March 1994 Gen. McCaffery assumed the position of Commander in Chief of

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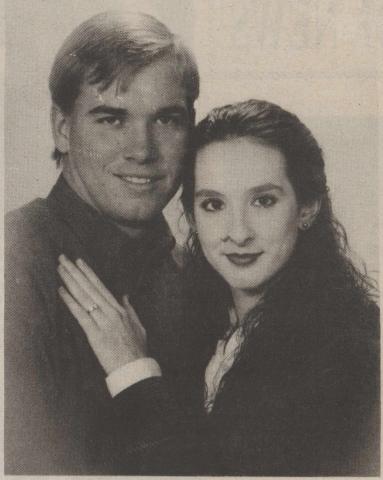
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Southern Command. At this time MSG Riddle was ranked as a Staff Sergeant (E6) but served as Administrative Assistant to Gen. McCaffery in a Sergeant First Class (E7) position. Riddle achieved the rank of E7 in November 1995. The position with McCaffery at SOUTHCOM lasted until February 1996 when he retired to head the ONDCP being established by President Clinton. SFC Riddle returned to a position with the Joint Staff where she was stationed until March 1998. In March 98 she moved to her current post in the Army's PERSCOM in Alexandria, Virginia, where she will serve until September of this year. MSG Riddle will be attending the First Sergeant Course at Fort Bliss

during the month of September and will start a position as a Company First Sergeant (ISG), also an E-8 ranking, for Headquarters Company, TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command) in Virginia Beach, VA on October 6th. Her Company will consist of 400 local personnel along with 400 others stationed at various locations around the United States. Her responsibility will be for the care and welfare of these troops and their families.

MSG Riddle's family wishes to share with all of you how proud they are of her accomplishments in her almost 14 years of military service, and they are looking forward to what she will accomplish in the future.

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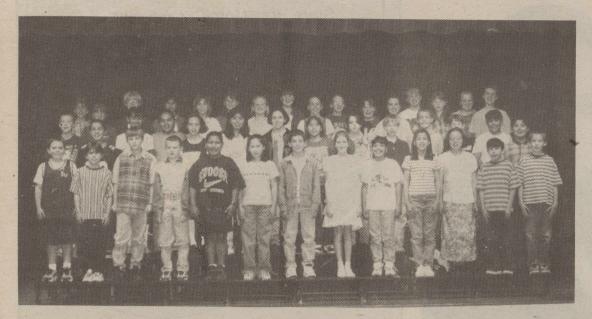
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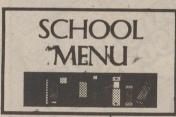


The Robert Lee 5th and 6th grade Dogie Band competed in Ballinger March 6th and received a Division I rating in both Concert and Sight-Reading.

Dogie Band Successful

The Robert Lee 5th and 6th grade band competed in Ballinger on Saturday, March 6th. The Band received a division one rating in both concert and sight-reading. A division one rating is a superior rating. This is the fifth year in a row for the 5th and 6th grade band to receive a superior rating.

Forty-six students represented Robert Lee at this contest. These students received 66 1st Division medals, and 17 2nd Division ribbons. They played solos, duets and ensembles of all sizes and



Breakfast Monday, March 22 Orange Juice, Donuts, Cold Cereal, Milk

Tuesday, March 23
Orange Juice, Pancake wrapped around Sausage, Cold Cereal, Milk

Wednesday, March 24 Orange Juice, Banana Nut Muffin, Sausage, Cold Cereal, Milk

Thursday, March 25
Orange Juice, Breakfast
Pizza, Cold Cereal, Milk
Friday, March 26
Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Cold Cereal, Milk
Lunch

Monday, March 22
Pizza, Corn, Applesauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk
Tuesday, March 23
Steakfingers with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk Wednesday, March 24
Tacos, Mexican Style Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Banana Pudding, Milk
Thursday, March 25
Barbecue Ribs, Sliced New

Potatoes in Sauce, Broccoli with Cheese, Rolls, Peaches, Milk Friday, March 26

Friday, March 26 Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Tator Tots, Rice Krispie Treats, Milk kind. These students had to practice and work together for this kind of success.

Some people and other band directors thought that the 5th and 6th graders were junior high students (7th and 8th graders). The Jim Ned High School band director said "Wow! I can't believe that they are only 5th and 6th graders. You've got to be kidding. Man, they play really good for their age."

Instrumental music causes a person to learn and improve themselves in discipline and in mental capacity. The results prove that these young people showed much discipline in preparing for this contest. These ratings would not be possible without the support of parents and supporting teachers.

Lady Steers win RL Invitational

The annual Robert Lee Invitational Golf Tournament was held on March 8 and 9 at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The local girls' team bested a field of 14 teams and won the event with a score of 422. Shanna Wojtek led the way with a 103. Dixie Simpson shot 104, Dee Van Huss shot 107, and Ashley Townsend shot 108. Also participating for Robert Lee were Macy Hill and Whitney Millican. The teams from Bronte and Water Valley were 2nd and 3rd. Brooke Mc-Cutchen from Bronte took medalist honors with a score

Rocksprings won the Boys division on the 9th with a score of 329. Sterling City was 2nd and Forsan was 3rd. Twenty-three teams participated in this year's event. The Steers placed 6th. They were led by BJ Bessent who shot a 79. He was followed by Jeremy Eaton with an 88, Joseph Wink with a 94, and Beau Blair with a 99. Justin Francis shot a 102. Robert Lee had a second team in the event. Their scores were: Colby Eubanks - 98, Zeke Montgomery - 106, Brady Bolding - 111, Taylor Clen-dennen - 115, and Sammy Schiwart - 117. Two others participated for the Steers. Matthew Tinkler shot a 98 and Clifton Bohannon shot a 117.

The next event for Robert Lee will be the Forsan Invitational on March 22 at Big Spring.

RL 4th grade band reminder

Mr. Ratliff, band director, would like to remind the 4th grade band members and their parents about practicing and the grading policy. Each member is required to practice for 60 minutes each week. A practice sheet is to be filled out each week and turned in on Fridays.

Every week, two or more grades are attained in the following ways:

1. Playing an exercise for the director.

2. Handout sheets turned in.

3. Clapping, counting, and tapping rhythm exercises from either the book or from handout sheets.

Any grade can be raised by playing the weekly exercise for the director again.

For more information, call Mr. Ratliff at 453-4555.

County Court Disposition

The Coke County Court posts the following disposition from March 9, 1999.

State of Texas vs. Cathy Sue Fannin in the charge of Theft. Plea: \$600 Fine, 30 days Jail Time, Probated for 24 months, \$1,934.04 Restitution.



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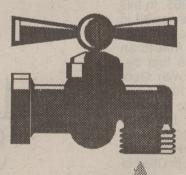


During a special UIL Awards assembly at Robert Lee Elementary, Stacey Denton received a certificate for a Perfect Paper in the Music Memory contest, a difficult task and quite an accomplishment. The daughter of Mr. Lynn Denton, Stacey is shown here being presented with her award by Mrs. Janet Wallace, elementary school principal. Mr. Lindsey Wallace, high school principal, looks on.



These students competed for Robert Lee Elementary School in Music Memory at the Elementary District meet held in Robert Lee February 27. They included (back row, from left) Melissa Palmer, Robert Raney, Stacey Denton, (front row, from left) Yolanda Olguin, Shelby Phillips, Cisco Moreno, and Tina Arellano. Melissa and Tina comprised the 5th grade team which placed 4th. The 6th grade team of Robert, Stacey, Yolanda, Shelby and Cisco placed 3rd.

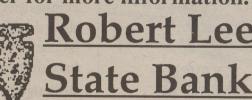
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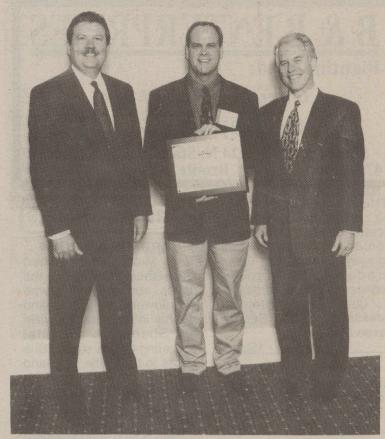
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CAS President, Barry Jones (left), and Billy Hibbs, Sr., CEO of HHC (right) are shown with Bronte Independent School District Superintendent Alan Richey.

School district recognized for safety record

Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent of Bronte ISD accepted the Gold Award from the Texas Educational Insurance Association for an outstanding safety record for the 1997-98 school year. Bronte ISD was recognized for their efforts in preventing work related accidents and injuries.

of 1992 the district has saved \$125,765. More than 330 Texas schools participate in this program, developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company in 1991 and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc. (CAS). Emphasis is placed on employee safety through prevention. Both companies, located in Tyler, with service offices throughout Texas, provide workers' compensation programs for over 30% of Texas school dis-

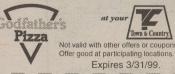


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Bronte ISD's individual savings for the 1997-98 school year were \$26,342. Barry Jones, President of CAS stated, "Our insurance program was developed to create safer working conditions and better savings for school districts. Our safety professionals work with individual schools to implement strict safety policies and procedures.'

"Member districts' commitment to safety is the primary reason for the Association's success," said Wesley Slade, senior Vice President of CAS. "Our program has set the example for all other schools for reduction of job related injuries, and for saving tax dollars. Taxpayers can be confident knowing HHC/CAS, the Board of Trustees, and Bronte ISD are working in tandem to provide the safest possible working environment for employees and to reduce the costs of workers' compensation."

Bronte ISD Board of Trustees meets

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 11, 1999. All Board members were pre-

The Board heard the principals' reports.

The Board set the following early release dates (dismiss at 12:35 pm): April 1st, April 30th, May 21st, May 27th.

A motion was made and approved to adopt the state list for textbooks, adopting all titles acceptable for school

The Class Size Waiver was approved.

A discussion was held concerning new motors for the basketball goals.

The Board cast its votes for the Election of Directors for ESC Region XV.

The date change was approved for the regular Board meeting to Tuesday, April 13th at 7 pm.

A motion was made and approved not to waive the penalty and interest on school taxes for 1998 for Heart Land Petroleum.

A motion was made and approved to offer and renew teacher contracts for 1999-2000 school year.

Alan Richey's Superintendent's Report included the following items: Updates on the facilities, maintenance records on buses and vehicles, financial items, and CCJJC enrollment. Discus-



This tree near the new Bronte Park Pavillon was struck by lightning during the storm last Friday morning. The tree was uprooted and debris was scattered all around the area.

sion was held concerning the disposal of a portable build-

A motion was made and approved to pay the February

The Board adjourned at 10:35 pm. The next regular meeting will be April 13, 1999 at 7 pm. Pictures for the annual will be taken at this time.

Blackwell lists Honor Roll

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

A Honor Roll 1st Grade

Shelbie Buchanan, Dylan Keiner, Bill Miller, Stacie Murray, Kymberlee Orsak, Travis White, Lacey Saunders

2nd Grade

Mellisa Keele, Clay Stanford, Kristin Hyde, Darron Griffin, Jade Hughey, Ashton Monroe, Katelynn Noble

3rd Grade

Sergio Gatica, Robertson, Kail Pena, Samantha Morrow, Clay Gestes, Marcie McMorris

4th Grade Amanda McWhorter, Jarred Walker

5th Grade

Philip Buckner, Jake Wilkinson, Cody Morgan, Rikki Saunders, Jessica Chavez, Felicia Murray, Yadira Padilla

6th Grade Tiffany Coffey

7th Grade Kayla Saunders, Heather Jones, Sharla Holland

8th Grade Chris Morgan, Lindy Wilson, John Allen Jones

9th Grade



Mindy Boyd 10th Grade

Katrina Buckner 11th Grade

Jennifer Solis, Stephanie Cantrell, Leman Saunders, Adam Wilkinson, Keshia Stidham 12th Grade

Lee Nault, Jimmy Holland, Maria Morales, Elida Sims, Justin Dove, Ana Rocha, Teri Shafer, Roy Daughtrey

A-B Honor Roll 1st Grade

Zac Burwick, Marissa Griffin, Kolten Pena, Manuela Solis, Callen Ware

2nd Grade

Jesus Barco, Geoffrey Ehl, Caitlyn Ware, Sherri Lantrip, Manuela Saavedra, Garritt Blair, Jessica Grashe, Mirella Solis

3rd Grade Brett Wills, Mary Eoff, Brit-

tany Sarratt, Elijah Hinkle 4th Grade Daniel Jones, Tasha Early,

Johnathan Ehl, Aaron Noble, Kacee Lowrie, Casey Eoff, Stephen Harvell, Sylvia Solis

5th Grade Steve Henderson, Mike

Delgado, Justin Thompson, Jeremy Gunn, Luis Morales 6th Grade

Ambra Cole, Rosalinda Camarillo, Ashley Early, Melinda

7th Grade

Angel Saavedra, Albert Solis, Melissa Pate, Ryan Ragland, Katie Wilkinson

8th Grade

Meghan McGhee, Kaitlyn Saunders, Brandye McCarty, Juan Rocha, Jenifer Breshers 9th Grade

Cody Blair, Jennifer Dove, Kammie Lisso, Codi Monsey

10th Grade Viola Sims, Luis Solis, Gayna Cantrell, Ashley

Ragland, Pascual Solis, Jerry Scott 11th Grade

Leticia Camarillo, Julie Grimes, Gloria Solis, Doug Hughey, Scotty Killough

12th Grade Rosa Sanchez, Ricky Jones, Jesus Chavez, Kendra Taylor, Michelle Pate, Chayne Roland, Florentino Saavedra, Slater Simmons, Nick Rutherford, Nolan Munoz

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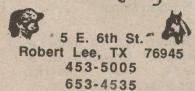
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> Mr. & Mrs. John Woodard Mr. & Mrs. Jack Snead Mr. Jim Caraway

WCC EMS lists donations

The West Coke County EMS has received the following contributions during the month of February.

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Lee Relays

The Robert Lee Relays were held March 12, 1999, and the Steers and Lady Steers both walked away with

In the boys division, Robert Lee scored 224 points for the win, with Stanton taking second at 132 1/2. Bronte came in third with 116, Jayton had 27 1/2, Christoval had 20, Robert Lee JV 16, and Stanton JV 8. Jeremy Edging hit a new school record in the shot put with 56' 7". Following is how the Steers placed in their events:

Shot Put - 1st, Jeremy Edging, 56'7"; 3rd, Justin Kendall, 41'3 1/4"; 4th, Adam Cates, 35'8 1/4"; Matthew Tinkler, 33'8".

Discus - 6th, Beau Boxell, 99'8"

Long Jump - 2nd. Dan Mc-Cown, 19'1"; 4th. Andrew McCabe, 17'10"; 5th. B.J. Bessent, 17'10".

Triple Jump - 1st, Dan Mc-Cown, 41'7 1/2"; 4th, B.J. Bessent, 37'6 1/2"

High Jump - 2nd, Dan Mc-Cown, 5'8"; 3rd, Andrew Mc-Cabe, 5'8"

Pole Vault - 1st, Tony Bell, 13'0"; 2nd. Deric Brothers, 12'6"; 3rd. Matthew Pitcock, 12'0"; 5th, Clifton Bohannon, 11'0"; 6th, Curtis Bell, 10'6".

3200 Run - 1st, Joel Gallegos, 10:43.59; 4th, Joseph Wink, 11:15.71.

400 Relay - 2nd, Robert Lee. 46.26.

800 Run - 3rd, Colby Eubanks, 2:23.81; 5th, Brandon Van Huss, 2:30.07.

110 Hurdles - 1st, Dan Mc-Cown, 15.46; 3rd, Deric Brothers, 16.50; 4th, Andrew McCabe, 17.29; 6th, Todd Hamilton (Gray), 18.0.

100 Dash - 6th, B.J. Bessent, 12.18.

400 Run - 2nd. Chase Rainwater, 55.74.

300 Hurdles - 1st, Dan Mc-Cown, 41.92; 2nd, Deric Brothers, 45.21; 3rd, Todd Hamilton (Gray), 47.14; 6th, Clifton Bohannon (Gray), 49.89.

200 Dash - 3rd, Ross Schultz, 24.19; 5th, Daniel Cates, 24.99.

1600 Run - 1st, Joel Gallegos, 4:56.49; 4th, Joseph Wink, 5:12.16.

1600 Relay - 3rd, Robert Lee, 3:50.61; 5th, Robert Lee Gray, 4:16.98.

Robert Lee Girls also came away winners, scoring 196 1/2 points. The Lady Steers placed as follows:

Shot Put - 2nd, Bobbie Sparks, 32' 3/4"; 3rd, Kendra Bohannon, 29'7 1/2"

Discus - 3rd, Whitney Millican, 84'7"; 4th, Bobbie Sparks, 74'4"; 6th, Amy Riley (Gray), 65'9".

Long Jump - 1st, Dixie Simpson, 14'10"; 2nd, Whitney Montgomery, 14'6"; 3rd, Kizre Matthews, 14'5".

Triple Jump - 2nd, Dixie Simpson, 32'6 3/4"; 3rd, Shanna Wojtek, 32'1/2"; 4th, Whitney Montgomery, 30'7".

High Jump - 1st, DeShira Dickey, 4'8"; 4th, Shanna Wojtek, 4'2".

3200 Run - 2nd, Melissa Landeros, 16:58.81

400 Relay - Robert Lee (Simpson, Wojtek, Matthews, Dickey), 54.07.

800 Run - 3rd, Jamie Chesshir, 3:01.39; 6th, Leticia Olguin, 3:25.34.

100 Low Hurdles - 2nd. Jodee Helwig, 18.46.

100 Dash - 2nd, Whitney Montgomery, 14.25.

800 Relay - 3rd, Robert Lee, 2:00.73. 400 Dash - 1st, DeShira

Dickey, 64.90. 300 Hurdles - 1st, Jodee Helwig, 57.30.

200 Dash - 1st, Dixie Simpson, 27.82; 3rd, Kizre Matthews, 30.24.

1600 Run - 4th, Audrey Arledge, 7:10. 1600 Relay - 2nd, Robert

Lee, 4:33.70.

School reunion meeting set

A planning meeting for a reunion of the Robert Lee High School graduating classes 1950-1970 will be held Thursday, March 18, 5:30 pm at the home of Tom and Gay Sawyer.

The reunion has been set for June 11-13 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, San Angelo, as announced by chairman Fran Lomas.

CC Retired

Teachers meet

The March 15, 1999 luncheon meeting of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association was held at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. President Janet Wommack welcomed our guests and new members to the meeting. Jack Brewer introduced UIL contestants Gigi Barnett and Jodee Helwig, who presented our program. Jodee read a delightful short story entitled Summer of the Monkeys and Gigi presented a poem entitled "Love Song for Difficult Times."

President Janet Wommack presented Robert Lee High School principal Lindsey Wallace a check for \$50 from the Coke County Retired Teachers Association to be used for Academic Competition at Robert Lee High School.

President Janet Wommack urged the teachers to support the TRS Omnibus Bills now before the Legislature in Austin.

Beth Prather gave a report on Health Care.

Historian Nina Brewer brought the yearbook for our perusal.

Our State Convention will be held April 10-13 in Dallas.

The Coke County RTA is donating books to the Head Start and Early Childhood programs in Bronte and Robert Lee.

Members in attendance were Emma Lee and Jimmy Bickley, Celia Bowden, Oleta Braswell, Jack and Nina Brewer, Garland and Rosie Davis, Mary Frances Glenn, J.T. and Sybil Henry, Beth Prather, Kenneth and Nancy Rasco, Gerald Sandusky, Joe and Bettye Smith, Janet and Lee Wommack. New members are Harrel and Janice Fashee and Ruth Kelly. Guests were Lynne and Jim McWilliams, Lindsey and Janet Wallace, Gigi Barnett and Jodee Helwig.

The next meeting will be at the First Baptist Church in Bronte on April 19, 1999.

Sorosis Club meets

Members of Sorosis Study Club met at the historic Santa Fe Depot in Bronte at 5 pm, Thursday, March 11, 1999. From the depot they traveled by bus to Fort Chadbourne Cemetery, Ross Cemetery and the cemetery at the old town of Fort Chadbourne. Bus driver was Bill Luckett and information on the cemeteries was provided by "tour guide" Diane Luckett.

After an interesting, but chilly trip, the group returned to the depot where hostess Mildred Thomason served delicious beef stew, cornbread, coleslaw, and pecan pie.

In the business meeting that followed, the club welcomed a new member, Swan Archinal. Also, plans for the March 13 Bronte Nursing Home Birthday Party and the March 20 District Meet in Ballinger were finalized.

Those attending were Dorris Sonnenberg, Mary Glenn, Diane Luckett, Mary Frances Glenn, Celia Bowden, Earlene Moore, Janet Wommack, Pat Lee, Fredna Moore, Swan Archinal, Mildred Thomason, and two guests, Carmen Jackson and Nelda Thoma-

These Robert Lee Elementary represented their school quite well at the District UIL meet. They include (from left) 6th grader Cisco Moreno - 2nd place Oral Reading; 6th grader Michele Sanchez - 5th place Oral Reading; 4th grader Katie Bessent - 5th place Spelling and 6th place Number Sense; 4th grader Becca Skinner -4th place Ready Writing and 6th place Spelling; and 6th grader Clarissa Peel - 5th place Spelling.



Lee Elementary Robert students These represented their school quite well at the District UIL meet. They include (back row, from left) Allison Millican - 1st place 3rd Grade Storytelling; Molly Burns - 2nd place 3rd Grade Storytelling; Chase Roe 4th place 3rd Grade Storytelling; (front row, from left) Jasmine Gloria - 5th place 2nd Grade Storytelling; and Mason Ross - 6th place 2nd Grade Storytelling and 6th place Creative Writing.

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RL student has paper published

Rachel Wallace, a seventh grader in Robert Lee, wrote a personal narrative entitled A Dream Come True, as part of a class assignment. It was submitted to *The High School Writer*, and was published in March. Rachel's narrative is included below:

A Dream Come True

by Rachel Wallace
"Watch out! You're slipping
over the wake, Rach," my favorite cousin Roy hollered
over the rushing water and
the roar of the boat's motor as
I waterskied on Lake
Buchanan at our family reunion a couple of years ago. I
will always remember that reunion because my dream of
finally being able to water ski
came true.

It all began one gorgeous day in July. My mom strolled into my room and said, "Rise and shine! Today's the day you've been waiting for." Still a little groggy, I glanced at the calendar. Then it hit me like a wave against the shore. Today was July fifteenth. The day our reunion began. My uncle and cousins had promised to teach me how to waterski, something I had wanted to do since our very first reunion when I was four. I thought we would never get there. I must have driven my parents crazy asking how many more miles we had left over and over. Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, we arrived at our little string of cabins next to the shore. I hopped out of the car and sprinted around to the front of the cabins. Uncle Andy and my cousins were ready to get this show on the road. First, they put the skis on the ground so we could size them, and so I could get the feel of them. Then we all piled in Uncle Andy's blue and silver metallic boat. We got to the center of the huge body of water and I jumped into the icy cold water. I carefully put on the skis and grabbed the neon green rope. The first time I hit a gigantic wave and busted. The second time I stayed up for a few seconds. and then I wiped out. But the third time, I stayed up for over five minutes! Like they always

RLVFD News by Marian Thompson, Secretary

The volunteers met at the Fire Station for their regular meeting and for a work evening to do truck maintenance. Eleven members were present.

The minutes and Treasurer's report were approved. There was a discussion about the training session which was held last Sunday on extraction procedures. Bronte Fire Department brought their jaws, and the 10 men present took turns using the jaw, saws, and other extraction equipment.

There was a discussion about the Burn Ban which was requested by the Forest Service. Ron Perry and Lou Stoke appeared before the Commissioners Court.

This year to date, the department has answered 13 calls, including 4 structure, 5 vehicle and 4 other, including precautionary and electrical.

say, "Third time's a charm." It felt awesome. I must have had a mile long grin on my face.

The next day I learned never to go over the wake unless you're an advanced skier. This was when Roy hollered at me, but he was a little late and before I knew it, my right ski had flown off, came up, and whacked me in the forehead. I was okay, but I had a bruise the size of Mt. Rushmore. I decided to steer clear of water skiing for a while. So I swam, played pool and basketball, and hung out with my cousins instead.

The next morning before we left, Uncle Andy got me back out on the skis, and I got over my fear. Now every year when we go back, I'm the first one skiing.

Prine enters active duty

Kelly R. Prine, son of Kenneth Prine and Darleene Morse of Robert Lee, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force on March 10, 1999, according to SSgt. Escobedo, Air Force Recruiter.

Kelly is a graduate of Robert Lee High School. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, Kelly is scheduled to receive technical training in the explosive ordnance disposal career field. In conjunction with the vocational skill, he will be earning college credits towards an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending Basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

Senior Games coming to SA

More than 600 senior athletes will gather in San Angelo May 5-9 for the second annual San Angelo Senior Games. This Olympic style competition, for anyone who will be 50 years old or older in 1999, will have athletes competing for the gold, silver, and bronze medals. Athletes compete in five year age divisions with separate male and female competitions. Athletic events include basketball 3 on 3, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, 5K road race, pistol and shotgun shooting, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and volleyball.

Recreational events include basketball around the world and free throw, billiards, bridge, dominoes, 42, dancing, and washers. Dancing, bridge, dominoes and 42 are not gender nor age specific. The competitive venues will be held at various locations around San Angelo.

The San Angelo Senior Games is operated under guidelines from the Texas Senior Games Association, the National Senior Games Association, and is the direct arm to senior athletes from the US Olympic Committee. The winners of the San Angelo Senior Games will be eligible to compete in the Texas State Senior Games to be held in Temple in September, 1999.

Registration ends April 15, 1999. For more information, call or fax 915-947-2444 or write San Angelo Senior Games, Inc., P.O. Box 54, San Angelo, TX 76902.

Sandy Renee Ford and Gary Dale Wood, Jr. to wed

Sandy Renee Ford of Odessa and Gary Dale Wood, Jr., of San Angelo, will join hands to be married on March 20, 1999 in Odessa at 2 pm.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Roy Ford of Snyder, Sidney Ingram of Odessa, and Wanda Ingram of Robert Lee. She is the granddaughter of J.M. Prine, Jr., and the late Mary Prine.

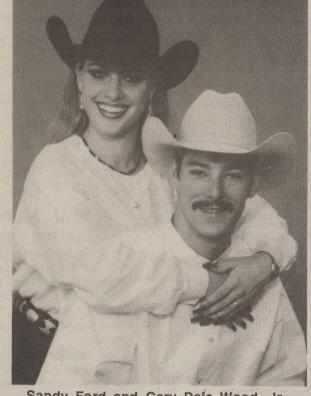
The groom-to-be is the son of Gary Pete Wood, Sr., of Longbeach, California, and Domalla Kay Bennett of Midland.

Sandy Ford was raised in Odessa and Gary Wood, Jr., was raised in Southern California.

They met in Beaumont in March of 1997, and plan to make Beaumont their home.

LOOK WHO'S NEW! Alexis Paige McCoulskey

Dona and Scott Mc-Coulskey of Carlsbad announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Paige Mc-



Sandy Ford and Gary Dale Wood, Jr.

Coulskey. Alexis was born at Shannon Hospital on March 5, 1999 at 12:24 pm. She weighed 9 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Welcoming Alexis were her grandparents, Kevin and Deanna McCoulskey, and

their children, Crissie and Nathan, who attend school in Bronte; and Don and Gina Bell and their children, Rick, who is in the Air Force at Sheppard, Tony, a 12th grader, and Curtis, a 10th grader, of Robert

