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## Annual Health Fair slated for Monday, December 13 at RL

The Coke County Extension Service will be hosting the annual Health Fair on Monday, December 13, 1999 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. The general public is invited to attend this health fair for information on various topics and also, to be tested free of charge for several important health areas.

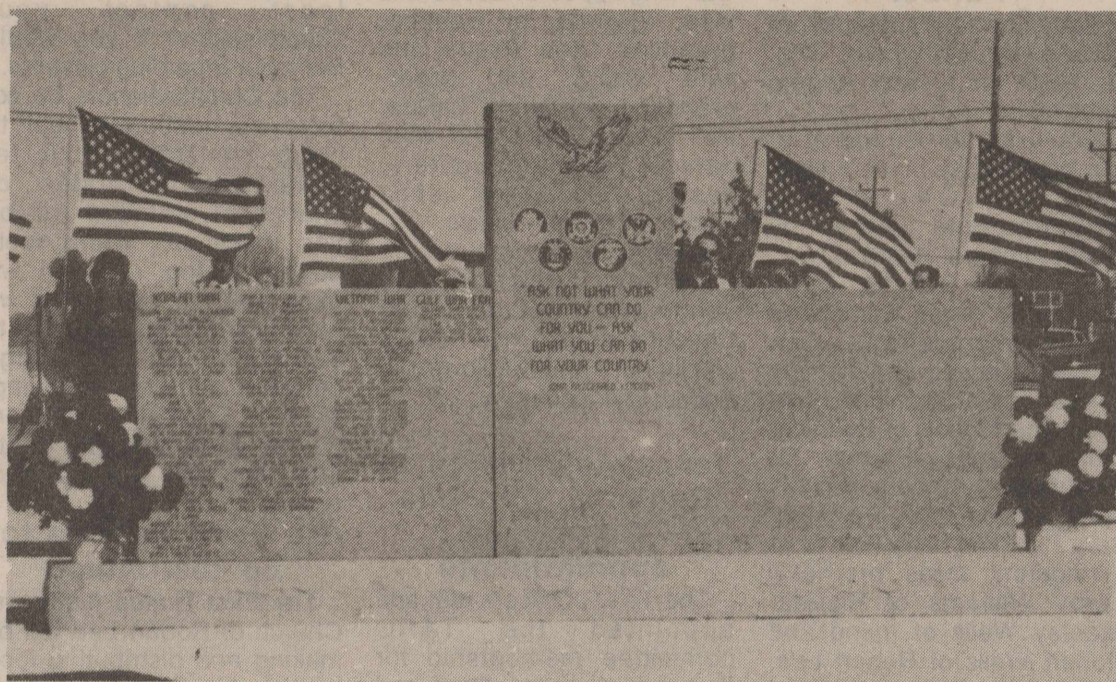
The various booths with free testing includes: San Angelo Community Medical Center to test for cholesterol, flexibility, grip strength, and body fat analysis; North Runnels Home Health Agency for blood sugar; 55 plus - blood pressure. 911 will be offering a program for children at 1:00 pm at Robert Lee School. Vince and Larry will make special appearances throughout the day, as well as Ready Fox. Information booths will also be on hand with free bulletins and brochures. These will include: Texas Agricultural Extension Service with

information on Indoor Tanning; Coke County Tax Office with Voter's registration, 911, American Heart Association, Future Homemakers of America, Area on Aging, American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Association, Rio Concho East, Family Hospice, Clay Lewis - Massage Therapy, Safe Kids Coalition, Child Find and New Spirit Natural Inc.

Everyone is invited to attend this Health Fair and receive either free testing on various health areas or to gain information concerning numerous diseases, or to find out more about services offered in this area. For more information please contact the Coke County Extension Service at 453-2461.

### Voting for Bronte's best lights

It was a very cold and windy night last Saturday evening when Bronte Chamber of Commerce decided to cancel the program scheduled for



The Veterans Memorial at the historic depot in Bronte was unveiled and received an official dedication during ceremonies held this past Saturday, December 4, 1999. A large crowd braved the cold, windy weather to honor those from our area who answered the call to preserve and defend their country.

the mini-park. Signs were posted at the mini-park and program participants were called. However, don't be dismayed because votes for your favorite lights can still be cast. Ballots can be turned in at Main Street Market. The deadline for voting is Saturday, December 11. Lots of homes are beautifully decorated for the holidays. The Chamber hopes you and your family enjoy choosing your favorites.

### Filing period for Coke County government positions has opened

The filing period for Coke County government positions on the primary election ballot has begun. It opened on Dec. 3, 1999 and will continue through Jan. 3, 2000 at 6:00 pm. Current officeholders whose four-year terms will expire in 2000 are: Kristeen Roe, tax assessor-collector; Sheriff Rick Styles; Paul Burns, commissioner of precinct 1; Pat Percifull, Commissioner of precinct 3; Constable Kenneth Rasco; and Constable Russell Johnson.

During the illness last year of Coke County Attorney Lane Arthur, his wife, Mrs. Nancy Arthur, was appointed by the commissioners court as assistant county attorney. At this time, officials have not named anyone to fill his unexpired term since his

death last month. Indications are they will do this following the close of the filing period.

Primary Election Day will be Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

### BHRC sponsoring benefit for residents

Bronte Health and Rehab Center is sponsoring an "Angel Tree" to benefit our residents this Christmas. Anyone who wishes to participate in this project may come by the nursing home and pick an "Angel" from the tree by the front office.

The names of the residents have been left off the Angels, but a corresponding number is kept on a list in the activity dept. A list of the wishes of the resident is listed on the back of the blue and red "Angels". The community is invited to join the employees of BHRC in making this a special Christmas for our residents. It is a wonderful opportunity to express our love and appreciation to our older generation without their knowledge of who "Santa" was. Pick out an "Angel", select a gift, and return it to BHRC with the "Angel" by December 22. For more information, you may contact the activity dept. at 473-3621.

### Tax Office closing

The Coke County Tax Office will be closed from 11:50 am to 1:10 pm on Tuesday, December 14, in order for the personnel to participate in the County Christmas Party. The office

will also close on December 24 for the Christmas Holiday, as well as December 31 for the New Year.

In order to assist taxpayers who wish to have their tax payments posted in December, all payments received either in person or by mail on Monday, January 3 will be dated and posted as a December 31 payment. We hope this will help to adjust for any inconvenience caused by holiday closings.

Please accept the tax office staff's sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season and a very happy new year!

### Open House set for Bronte City Hall

The Bronte City Hall Open House will be held on Dec. 15 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

### Christmas Greetings set for Dec. 24

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

Deadline for this year's greetings is December 21. They will be printed in the December 24 edition of the *Observer/Enterprise*. For more information or to place an ad, contact the Bronte office at 473-2001 or 453-2433 in Robert Lee.



Most of the children Santa Claus visited with during his visit to Robert Lee Friday, December 3, were extremely glad to let him in on their Christmas Wish List. However, this little lady doesn't appear to be one of them.

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**Death Notices**

**Palmer**  
 Betty Lorraine Palmer, 67, of Robert Lee died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.  
 Graveside service was at 10 am Wednesday in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.  
 Survivors include three daughters, Karen Humphries of Henderson, Madge Taylor of West Virginia and Tammy Cross of Jacksonville; five sons, Joe Nichols of Reading, Ohio, James Palmer of Sweetwater, Anthony Nichols of Robert Lee, Garry Palmer of Livingston; three brothers, Leroy Williams of Florida, Stanley Wells of Irving and Robert Wells of Robert Lee; and a sister, Delorce Wells of Irving.

**Escue**  
 Iva Retta Braswell Escue died on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999 in San Angelo.  
 She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Mattie & Roy Braswell, and her only sister, Melba Braswell Denman.  
 She is survived by her husband, Irvan Escue; three sons and their families, Fred Escue and wife, Teresa, and grandsons, Matt Escue and Josh Escue, stepgrandchildren, B.J. Brewer, and Teri Jo Brewer, great-grandchildren, Dean and Tesa, all of

San Angelo, John Escue and wife, Virginia, of Bastrop, grandson, Aric Escue and wife, Dana, and great-grandson, Taylor of LaRue, and Glenn Escue and wife, Janice, grand-daughters, Jessica Escue and Jenna Escue, all of San Angelo.  
 Funeral service was at 1 pm Saturday, Dec. 4, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Chris Seidlitz officiating. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery.

**Texas Association of Regional Councils Committee appointments**  
 The TARC Officers met and appointed the TARC committee membership for the coming year. Staff and elected officials from the Concho Valley Council of Governments appointed to committees are as follows: Judge Jackie Walker to the Emergency Communications, the Governor's Office and Executive Branch Relations, and Vice-Chair to the Budget and Bylaws. Robert Weaver to the Economic Development, Criminal Justice, and National Issues.  
 The Committees will be meeting quarterly in Austin, except for the annual meeting which will be held at different places throughout the State as selected.

**Texas Department of Transportation Condemns Coke County Bridges**

Coke County Commissioners were informed recently by Jerry Fields, representative of the Texas Department of Transportation, that the following bridges are recommended for closure due to safety purposes:  
 Sand Rd Bridge over W Kickapoo Creek  
 Rawlings Rd Bridge over Live Oak Creek  
 Nipple Peak Rd Bridge over Dry Creek

The Commissioners will be taking formal action on closing the above listed bridges December 13 at Regular Commissioners Court Meeting. All interested parties should attend or at least contact your Commissioner if you would like input regarding closures.  
 The Commissioners do not have any option except to close the bridge, but replacement of bridge or change of structure will be very important. With County dollars being reduced we must analyze everything we do and spending \$400,000 to \$600,000 on a bridge certainly requires studying. With the Federal Government paying 80% and the State 10%; our 10% is still a lot of money.

**RL Food Baskets to be distributed**

The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will be making and distributing food baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving and again at Christmas.  
 If you are a family or know of a family in need of one of these food baskets, please write the name of the family and an address where this can be delivered to them, and mail it to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 144, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, or call Carla Wojtek at 453-2911 between 8:30-5:00.

**Bronte Masonic Lodge #962 sixty year pin presentation set for December 11**

A sixty year pin will be presented to Brother J. T. Henry at the Bronte Masonic Lodge #962, in Bronte, Texas at 2:00 pm on December 11, 1999. Presenting the sixty year pin will be Billy Young, District Deputy Grand Master, District 77, of The Grand Lodge of Texas. Refreshments will be served by the Bronte Eastern Star, Chapter #1048, after the program.  
 If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Grady Coulter at (915) 743-2038.

**Santa Claus set to visit Coke County Library**

Tuesday, December 14 at 10:00 am is the date that Santa Claus will visit the library to hear from all three to five-year-olds and their younger brothers and sisters. Children are reminded to have their requests ready at 10:00 am on Tuesday, December 14. Grandparents are welcome to come and bring cameras.

The library is fortunate to have received a copy of Sanco: A Turn of the Century Village by Josephine Rorex Bird. Her husband, Ulmer Bird, was born in Sanco and Mrs. Bird served as postmaster there for many years. The book contains history and pictures of this area that have been treasured by the Birds and now shared with the community. Future historians will be thankful for the sense of responsibility to people and places that the Birds have felt and that Mrs. Bird has made available to all in a formative and personal way.

A new shipment of books from the Big Country Library System has arrived. Among the selections are large print western and romance books

as well as fiction of all kinds in regular print.

The Open House on December 3 brought old and new friends to the library as well as to the offices and businesses downtown. The food was outstanding everywhere and the hospitality was heart-warming.

**1999 D.A.R.E. Graduation set for December 10**

The Coke County Sheriff's Department in conjunction with the Robert Lee and Bronte I.S.D. cordially invite all citizens to the 1999 D.A.R.E. Graduation. The graduation exercise will be held at the Coke County Courthouse, District Court Room, located at 13th East 7th Street in Robert Lee. The graduation will be on December 10, 1999 at 1:00 pm. Please come and support the local youth of our community.

**Angel Tree project**

Your opportunity to help make Christmas a little brighter for a child in our community is hanging on a tree at one of the following locations: Robert Lee State Bank, Bob Wrinkle's Ace Hardware, Molly B's, C & H Auto Parts, Especially For You, Frankie's Beauty Shop, Designs by Toni, and Coke County Pharmacy.

Look for the red and green angels and select one to fulfill the wishes and needs of a child.

Attach the Angel to your gift and return it to the same store where you picked it up. Gifts need to be under the trees by December 17.

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**First United Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144-9th & Chadbourne  
 (915) 453-2417  
 Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor  
 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  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
 Wed. 7 pm

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

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493-22 W. 11th  
 (915) 453-2724  
 Bro. Waide Messer, 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  
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1997 Maroon Super Cab	Rodney Gardner, (was Robert Lee)	\$10,995
1993 White Super Cab	Bob Gulley, Sanco	\$ 8,995

**453-2715**

**Hines - Sanders exchange vows**

Tina Ann Hines and Robert Shane Sanders were united in marriage on September 25, 1999. The wedding took place in the Water Valley Park with Garry Bivins officiating.

Parents of the bride are Steve and Brenda Hines of Bronte. Grandparents of the bride are Joe Ed and Wilma Scott of Bronte, Mabel Baggett of Branson, Mo, and the late T.C. Baggett. Parents of the groom are Robert Sanders of Water Valley and Beth Sanders of Kerrville. Grandparents of the groom are Mary Sanders of Water Valley and the late Dink Sanders and Charlene Hodges of Menard and the late Johnny Hodges.

The wedding took place on a beautiful sunny morning with the groom riding up from the river on horseback. The bride and her father arrived in a beautiful white horse - drawn carriage. The park was decorated with a western flair of sunflowers, wagons, cowboy saddles, ropes, boots, hides, chaps and an

**Commissioners Court meet**

The Commissioners Court met in special session on November 22, 1999 in the Courtroom in Robert Lee. All members and Mary Grim, County Clerk were present.

The following business was conducted:

The minutes were approved and bills were paid.

The Treasurer's Affidavit, Trapper's Report and an amendment to the Vendor's Agreement for services to older individuals were approved.

The Library budget was amended \$3,000.00 to take care of the Library Grant.

Judge Jack Moore's report of activity for the year was reviewed.

Sheriff Rick Styles requested that a \$100.00 donation be given to help in paying expenses for the care of the nineteen dogs that were taken from Bronte to San Angelo. He also reported that they will be looking into a grant for the installation of another repeater tower on the east side of the County.

The Court approved to pay the rest of November and all of December to Assistant County Attorney Nancy Arthur. Nancy has been working with no pay. An appointment will be made in January to fill the vacancy.

Funds from the sale of two tractors and one Yazoo rider were approved to be transferred back to Bronte Park Maintenance.

A workshop regarding bridges was held with Jerry Fields of TxDOT.

The next meeting will be December 13, 1999 at 9:00 am. The public is invited.



Mr. and Mrs. Shane Sanders

antique carriage.

Attendants were Sandy Hilliard Taylor, Maid of Honor, of Abilene, Texas; Cindy Thomas of Ft. Worth, Michelle McMutt of Christoval, Robby Millhollen of Midland and Allison Davis of Tahoka, Texas. They wore matching lavender dresses and carried a bundle of sunflowers, each tied with a different colored ribbon. Flower girl was Kelsey Johnson of Goldthwaite, Texas. She wore a white dress adorned with flowers and a matching halo. Best man was Chance Wade of Stephenville, Texas. John Robinson of Carlsbad, Chuck Barbee of Mineral Wells, T.C. McElroy of Midland and Shawn Davis of Tahoka, Texas; served as groomsmen. Ushers were Roger Burris of Ft. Worth and Stacey Jennings of Roswell, NM. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with denim wranglers, black bow ties, buckles and black hats.

The bride wore a formal halter style floor length gown. The gown was adorned with sequins and pearls and a satin trim. The bride carried a wildflower bouquet of red and yellow sunflowers, gerbera daisies, liathis, delphinium and bells of Ireland.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Bronte High School. She received degrees from Vernon Regional Jr. College and Tarleton State University. She is currently employed by GTE of San Angelo. The groom is a 1988 graduate of Water Valley High School. He received degrees from Snyder Jr. College and Tarleton State University. He is the owner of Sanders Custom Taxidermy.

The honeymoon took place in Cancun, Mexico. The couple is making their home in Water Valley, Texas.

**RLVFD meets**

On November 16 the RLVFD held a short meeting, and adjourned to work on the equipment. Nine members were present.

Ron Perry of the Texas Forest Service stopped by to inspect truck 6.

On December 6 they held their first meeting of the month. Seven members were present. The minutes and treasury reports were approved.

Chief Rick Drennan told of a letter he received from the National Weather Service telling about an open house at their facility in San Angelo. The needed nozzles are on order. A first response vehicle was discussed.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson reported he is working with the Forest Service to get a generator to put at the Water Plant, or wherever it is needed. Should a disaster ever occur and the electric service be shut down, the fire department would be unable to fight fires if water was not available.

The group discussed fund raisers with a possibility of having a pancake supper the night of the Robert Lee and Bronte basketball game.

Several times this week the sirens have gone off. There have not been any fires. They have replaced the switch at the fire station.

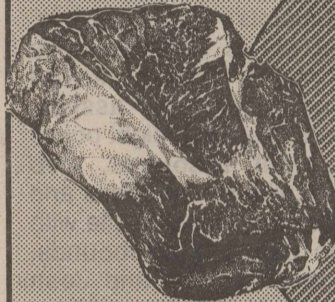
It was decided the first meeting of the month will be the business meeting and the third Monday will be the work night.

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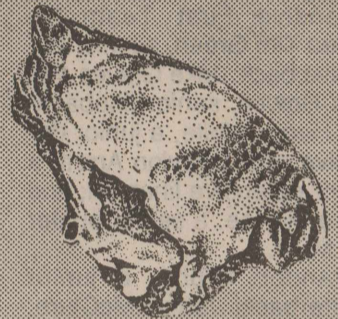
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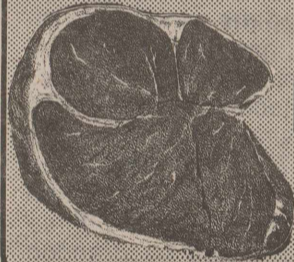
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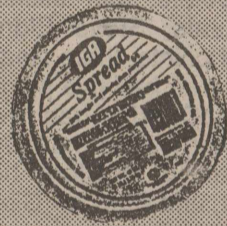
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# Bronte School News

## Longhorns named to 13-1A All-District Football Teams

The District 13-1A All-District football teams have been announced. Several Bronte Longhorns were named to the honor roll lists. Jesse McClure, a junior, was honored with the "Heart" award. Senior Blake McKee was named Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Longhorns named to the Offensive First Team included Steve Eldred, a sophomore running back; Zeb Speary, a junior wide receiver; Randy Johnson, a senior center; and Blake McKee and Jake Graves, senior linemen.

Longhorns named to the Defensive First Team included Tim Green, a junior defensive back; Jake Graves and Wes Howell, senior linebackers; Henry White, a junior defensive end; Shaylon Arrott, a senior defensive lineman; and Blake McKee, a senior punter and MVP.

Brandon Gibbs, a junior quarterback; Jerrod McClure, a senior running back; Josh Schoenfield, a junior wide receiver; and Henry White, a junior offensive lineman, were among the Longhorns named to the All-District Offensive 2nd Team.

Ryan McCorkle, a junior defensive back, and Zeb Speary, a junior defensive end, were among the Longhorns named to the All-District Defensive 2nd Team.

## Bronte Longhorns defeat Trent

The Longhorns defeated Trent by a score of 62-54. Leading scorer for the Horns was Brandon Gibbs had nineteen points and three steals. Jerrod McClure with eight points, five rebounds, and six steals, Ryan McCorkle with eight points, seven rebounds, and six assists, Steve Eldred with eight points and eight rebounds, Zeb Speary with seven points and four assists, Henry White with seven points, six rebounds, and four assists, and Josh Schoenfield with five points.

## Longhorns travel to Ballinger for tourney

During the first game of the Ballinger tourney, Bronte played Jim Ned. Bronte lost by a score of 29-41.

Brandon Gibbs and Ryan McCorkle had six points each, Gibbs with six rebounds and McCorkle with five, Henry White had four points, Josh Schoenfield had four points and three steals, Steve Eldred had four points and six rebounds, Blake McKee had three points and five rebounds, and Zeb Speary had two points and five rebounds.

The second game Bronte won against Miles by a score of 70-27. Steve Eldred led the Horns with eighteen points, eight rebounds, three steals, followed by Brandon Gibbs with twelve points, six rebounds, three steals. Josh Schoenfield had seven points, four assists, three steals; Henry White had six points, Anthony Gibbs had six points, three steals, Jerrod McClure had five points, three steals, Zeb Speary had five points, four assists, Ryan McCorkle had four points, five rebounds, Blake McKee had four points, seven rebounds, and Tim Green had two points and eight rebounds.

Reagan County defeated Bronte during the third game by a score of 42-64. Henry White had thirteen points, six rebounds, Zeb Speary had eleven points, four assists, three steals, Steve Eldred had eight points, three steals, Blake McKee had five points, Ryan McCorkle had two points, Andy Blair had one point, Jerrod McClure had one point, and Brandon Gibbs had five assists.

The last game of the tournament Bronte played Wall. They won by a score of 64-50.

**Do not fear tomorrow because when it comes, it will be today.**

Zeb Speary was the leading scorer for the Horns. Ryan McCorkle had twelve points, five rebounds, four assists, Henry White had eleven points, five rebounds, Brandon Gibbs had ten points, five rebounds, four assists, Josh Schoenfield had nine points, four assists, Jerrod McClure had five points, six rebounds, four assists, five steals, and Steve Eldred had two points.

## Blair presents patriotism essay

Andy Blair, a BHS student read the following winning essay he had written for the Memorial Dedication on Saturday:

### Memorial Dedication Essay by Andy Blair

Today, we come here to dedicate a memorial and to pay tribute to all those who have fought, and many who have died for this country. We owe these veterans a great deal of respect and a tremendous debt of gratitude.

In the course of our day-to-day lives, we often forget the freedoms that we have in this country because of our veterans. Even here in Coke County, there are so many freedoms that we are given that we do not always think

## Bronte ISD Christmas Concert and Open House

Bronte ISD Band Christmas Concert and Open House is December 13, 1999, at 6:00 pm.

Bronte ISD extends an invitation to everyone to attend the Open House of its new facilities and Annual Band Christmas Concert on December 13. The concert will begin at 6:00 pm in the school auditorium.

The Christmas concert will feature the fourth grade recorder band, the junior high band and the high school band. Immediately following the Concert the new facilities will be open for everyone to tour and refreshments will be served in the new commons area.

The new facilities include eight new high school classrooms, two science labs, a distance learning center, a commons area, and new administrative offices. Cadco Architects - Engineers, Inc. of Abilene were the architects and construction managers for the project. Bronte ISD Trustees and employees are proud of the new facilities and cordially invite you to join us in this night of festivities.



Bronte High School student Andy Blair presents his winning essay during the Veterans Memorial Dedication ceremony.

about. First of all, we have the freedom to speak our opinions openly without fear, and the right to express our beliefs freely whenever we like. We also are free to attend any church we wish of any denomination or religion. We can own businesses and choose where we want to live. Sometimes, we just need to stop and realize how truly privileged we are to live in a country that is so free. In many countries around the world, people do not enjoy these wonderful freedoms that we experience every day. Much of our world lives under oppressing governments that restrict their people's rights and deny them the freedoms of religion and speech. We must always remember that these freedoms have been given to us and are protected by those who serve in our armed services.

Also we must realize that freedom has a cost. One might say that freedom does not come freely. The veterans that we honor with this memorial paid a price for our freedom. They left their homes and families to fight a war halfway around the world. They gave up their civilian

lives and many of their lives all together in order to serve the people of this country and to ensure our freedom. They did not think of themselves, but instead gave up their lives that we may live in freedom. I ask you, what greater sacrifice can one give that their own life? Because of their sacrifices, we must always be grateful to those fine soldiers who have fought for our country in battle. Their brave deeds are to be commended, and they should be given much respect for what they have done for the people of America. They most definitely deserve honor for the sacrifices that they have made.

Finally, I feel that there is much for us to learn from our veterans. The way they lived teaches us a great deal. By looking at these examples of selflessness and sacrifice for others, we can find ways to better our own selves. So today, as we honor those who lived and died for our country, I would request that we take time to remember the reasons for which they served, that we may better appreciate these fine veterans and the freedom they have won for us all.

## SCHOOL MENU

### Breakfast

**Monday, Dec. 13**

Breakfast Pizza, Peaches, Teddy Grams, Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**

French Toast Stix, Apple Sauce, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**

Sausage, Grape Juice, Pancakes, Milk

**Thursday, Dec. 16**

Cereal, Apple Juice, Biscuit, Milk

**Friday, Dec. 17**

Student Holiday

### Lunch

**Monday, Dec. 13**

Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Roll, Chocolate Pudding, Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**

Cheese Burgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Bun, Apple Crisp, Milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**

Turkey & Dressing w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Rolls, Christmas Cookies, Milk

**Thursday, Dec. 16**

Beef Enchilada, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Ice Cream Cups, Milk

**Friday, Dec. 17**

Student Holiday

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# Robert Lee School News

## RL JV girls defeat Garden City

On November 30 the Robert Lee JV won against Garden City by a score of 22-19.

Misti Brothers led the Steers with six points, followed by Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, and Amber Freeman each having four points. Krystal Soliz and Bobbie Sparks had two points each.

## RL JV travels to Grape Creek for tourney

On December 2 the Robert Lee JV played Garden City for the first game. They won by a score of 34-25.

Bobbie Sparks led the team with twelve points, Misti Brothers with five points, Christina Middleton, Amber Freeman, and Rachelle Mills all with four points. Ashley Millican and Amanda Kuhl had

two points and Kindra Matthews had one point.

On December 3 the JV girls played Eldorado. They lost by a score of 22-28.

Amber Freeman had eight points, Ashley Millican with five, Christina Middleton with four, Krystal Soliz with three, and Rachelle Mills had two points.

## Eighth grade boys lose by one

On December 6 the eighth grade boys played Irion County. They lost by one point. The final score was 23-24.

Travis Taylor led the team with thirteen points, followed by Brian Abalos and Phillip Arellano with four points. Cole Flanagan had two points.

## Seventh grade boys travel to Irion County

The seventh grade boys also played Irion County and lost by a score of 6-19.

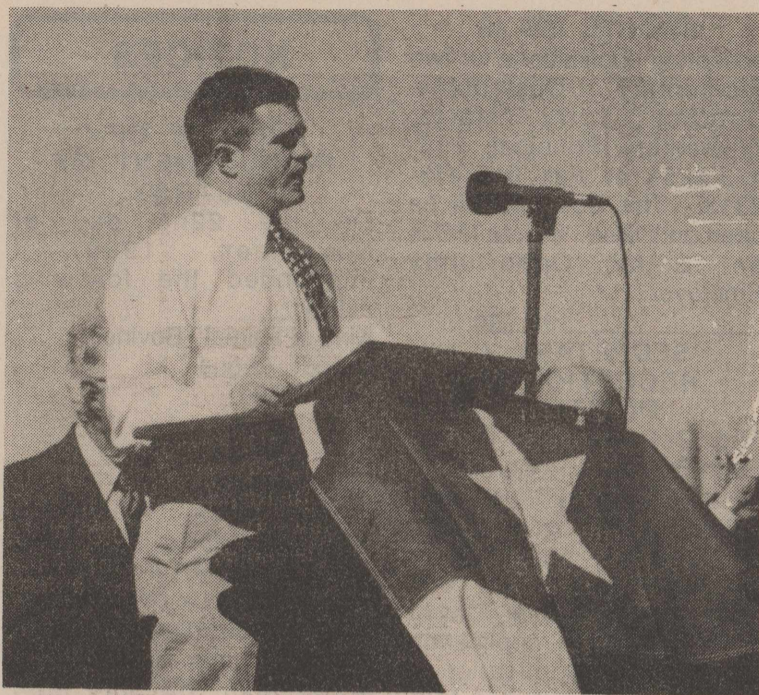
Ruben Torres led the team with three points, Logan Gaitan with two points, and Cisco Moreno had one point.

## Robert Lee Christmas Program slated

On Monday, December 13, the Robert Lee ISD will present its Christmas program for the public. The program will take place at 6:30 pm in the school auditorium.

The first performing group will be the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in the musical "Santa's Stuck In The 50's." The next performing groups will be the third recorders, fourth recorders, fifth beginning band, sixth middle school band, and the Stompin' Steer Band.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Christmas.



Robert Lee High School student Daniel Cates presents his winning essay during the Veterans Memorial Dedication ceremony.

## Cates presents patriotism essay

Daniel Cates, a senior at RLHS wrote the winning essay from Robert Lee for the veterans memorial dedication. He presented the following essay during the Veteran's Memorial Dedication on Saturday, December 4:

### Patriotism by Daniel Cates

Webster's dictionary defines patriotism as the act of loving one's country. In my opinion, we should all go one step further than merely loving this great country, we should do what is in our power to protect and preserve this land of freedom.

Instead of just simply loving this country, there have been millions of men and women willing to fight and to die for this great nation! When the United States has been threatened, our nation's military...and civilians have responded each and every

time. Patriotism is a dying art at this particular time in our country. In my generation, the so called, "Generation X", teenagers and young adults take for granted the everyday freedoms this country provides.

When a child says, "I hate school," that student should be thankful for the ever-present opportunity for free public education. When workers complain about low wages, they should remember it is their privilege to earn pay and not be forced to work as in a Communist society. There are constant complaints about an inefficient government when in reality this is the most elite government the world has ever known. U.S. citizens are so used to the fruits of democracy, they don't take time to reflect upon how truly wonderful this land is.

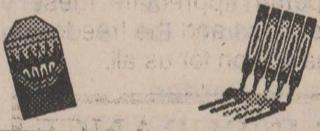
I want to speak on behalf of my generation and say "Thank you" to all the men and women who made it possible for us to gather here today. Thank you to these men and women who served our country in foreign wars. These veterans, and civilians made it possible for you and I to have the freedom and blessings the United States offers and the confidence to know these gifts will be passed on to yet another generation, and many more to follow. Thank you all, American citizens, for patriotism. We have the greatest country in the world, we ought to love it with all our hearts.

## Robert Lee Seniors

On December 16 at 7:30 pm the Robert Lee Seniors will be going door to door collecting non-perishable food items.

Items will be donated to the Methodist Church for Christmas food baskets.

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

**Monday, Dec. 13**  
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
Orange Juice, Pancake wrapped around Sausage, Milk

**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
Orange Juice, Donut, Cereal, Milk

**Friday, Dec. 17**  
Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffin, Sausage Patty, Milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Dec. 13**  
Pizza, Corn, Applesauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
Sausage Links, Red Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread, Applesauce, Milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
Sloppy Joes, Pickles, Potato Wedges, Peaches, Chocolate Cluster, Milk

**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
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**Friday, Dec. 17**  
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**MISC**

**GENEROUS REWARD** for the return of necklace believed to have been lost Dec. 4 at the Veterans Memorial Dedication in Bronte. Necklace is spur clip with name Freda in the spur. Great sentimental value, given to me by my parents on my 18th birthday in 1943. Contact Mrs. W. R. Brooks at 915-378-4791 or Box 804 Sterling City, TX 76951.  
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**BRONTE ISD IS** accepting applications for two Elementary Custodians. Contact Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal, 915-473-2251 or Fax 915-473-2313. This position will be open until filled. Bronte ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
19b-2tc

**SECRETARY / RECEPTIONIST POSITION** The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau in Robert Lee is looking for a self-motivated individual with good public relations and phone skills. Computer experience and office skills are helpful. Call or come by for an application 453-4505. Application / Resume deadline is Dec. 15.  
19a-2tc

**BRONTE ISD IS ACCEPTING** applications for an elementary special ed aide. Applications can be made by contacting Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal through December 14, 1999. Elementary Principal's office number is 473-2251. Fax number 473-2313. Bronte ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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Dale & Juanell Brown  
20a-1tc

**THE FAMILY OF** John C. Gregston wishes to thank all the wonderful people who provided support during our loss by remembering us with food, flowers, prayers, visits, and phone calls. Our special thanks to our local EMS personnel, the staff of Shaffer Funeral Home, Bro. Frank Daniels, and Goodfellow A.F.B. Honor Guard for attending to our special needs during this significant loss. God bless you all.  
The Gregstons  
20-1tp

**DEAR FRIENDS OF OUR BRONTE COMMUNITY,** I extend my most heartfelt thank you for your thoughts, prayer meeting at our school to heal me, and your incredible support. I was very blessed by your kindness and please know that I cherish this community and am so overwhelmed by living in such a great place. Thank you so much for all you do for my family!  
Love,  
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**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY**  
On the 22nd day of November, 1999, I impounded the following estray:

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Breed: Angus  
Color: Red  
Sex: Female  
Age: 5 year old  
Size: 850 lbs.  
Brand, Mark, Identifying Characteristics: earmarked with underbit in left ear. Branded ~~~~~ on left upper hip. Undetermined brand on left lower hip, and, on the 22nd day of November, 1999, 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 15th day of December, 1999, said estray will be sold at public auction at Producers Livestock Auction.

**WITNESS** my hand this 22nd day of November, 1999. Rick Styles (Sheriff of Coke County, Texas) (Designee of Sheriff of Coke County, Texas)  
19a-2tc

**East Coke County Ambulance Service contributions for November**

The East Coke County Ambulance Service received the following contributions for November.

Donations were received from an anonymous source and Ben and Kay Hambright.

- Memorials**
- Ershel Mackey** Robert & Mary Teschendorf, Bill & Nelda Thomason
  - Leland Carlton** Bill & Nelda Thomason
  - Virginia Frazier** Garland & Lana Richards, Robert & Mary Teschendorf, Wesley & Wanda Gibbs, J. B. & Martha Arrott
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# Reflections of the Past

## Chaplain, AUS Ulmer Smith Bird

Chaplain, AUS Ulmer Smith Bird served from February 7, 1944 to June 6, 1946 in England, France, Luxembourg, Germany and Belgium.

The Battle of the Bulge and Battle of Germany, terminal promotion as Major.

He served as Chaplain, at Brooke General Hospital in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from 1947-1948.

## Lady Steers fall to Garden City

For the second time in two weeks, the Lady Steers fell victim to Garden City, by once again two points, 51-53. The visiting Lady Steers fell behind early and trailed at one point in the fourth by thirteen at 36-49 with just over four minutes in the game. Shanna Wojtek and Kizre Matthews led the comeback, as Wojtek connected for twelve of her sixteen points in the final stanza. Matthews hit a three pointer with just over two minutes to play to ignite the Robert Lee offense, which scored twenty four points in the final period. Matthews scored seven points for the game. De Shira Dickey had eleven points and hit on five of six free throw attempts. The Lady Steers hit on eleven of twelve free throws for the game. Other scorers were Jodee Helwig with eight, Whitney Millican with five, Dixie Simpson and Macy Hill rounded out the scoring with two points each. The Lady Steers hit for forty-six percent from the floor and ninety two percent from the line, as well as out rebounding Garden City 24-20, but were unable to overcome their foul trouble and numerous turnovers.

Ulmer and his Battalion were at Swarzenberg Castle when the end of WWII came.

## Open Window

by Ulmer Bird

The last long convoy has brought us

Out of the last campaign.

As deft as a boat on the Danube

Peace moves like an old refrain.

Open the castle window.

Roll up the curtains of gloom.

Let light flow out in the twilight

From this stately and gracious room.

Full throated and youthful voices

Come up from the woodland near,

Over the stone wall, music,

Release from tension and

## Bronte JV boys travel to Wall for Tournament

On December 2, 3, and 4 the Bronte JV boys basketball team took part in the Wall basketball tournament.

They played Sonora on December 2. Bronte lost by a score of 58-48. Charlie Bettis led the Horns with twenty-seven points, James Graves with eleven, and Joel Webb and Randy Johnson had five points each.

On December 3 Bronte played Eden and lost by a score of 40-33.

Bettis had twenty points, followed by Webb with ten, Johnson with two, and Graves with one point.

Bronte lost against Wall on December 4 by a score of 29-25. Bettis led the team with fourteen points, Johnson seven, and Smith and Graves two points each.

fear.

After the storm and the scramble,

When the prophets of hate have fled,

The roar and the whine and the shamble,

Pitiful things of the dead;

Out where the lilacs are blooming,

And pines climb high up the hill,

Youth will walk on the wood paths,

With a heart that's for singing still.

Broad is my castle window. The world has its quota of sin.

Let the blackout of hearts be lifted,

And the light of the stars come in.

Germany, May 16, 1945.

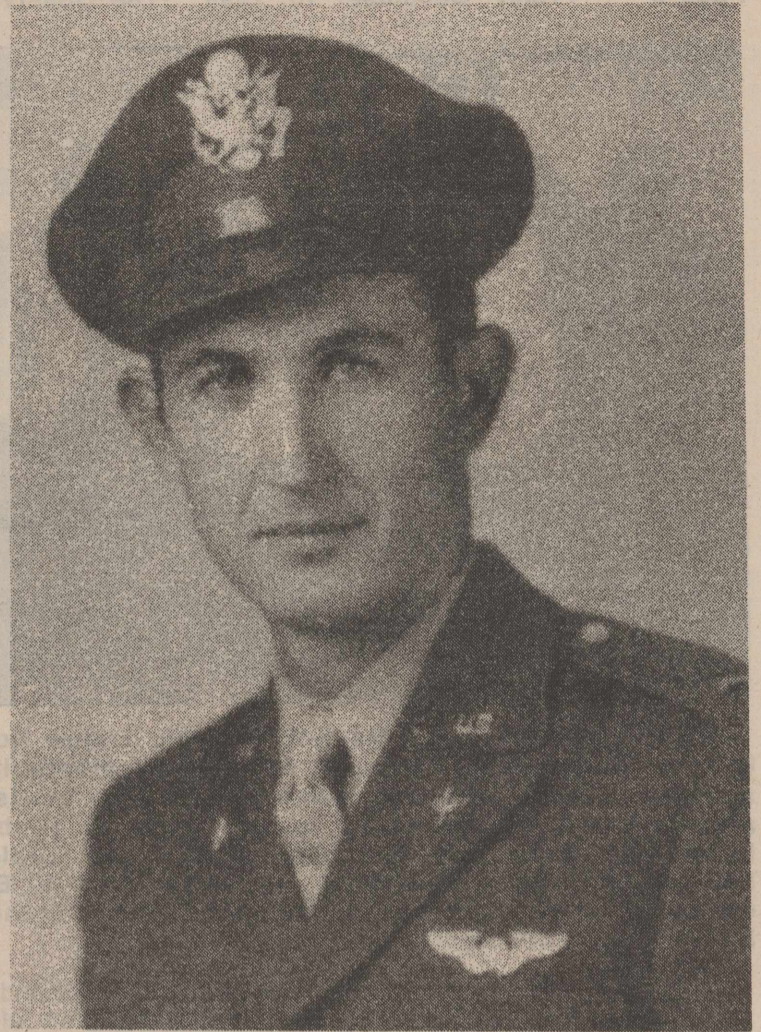
## Lt. Richard I. Collier, Jr.

Lt. Richard I. Collier, Jr. was born in Bronte and graduated from Bronte High School. He then attended Hardin Simmons University where he graduated as valedictorian. He taught band at Anson, Cisco, and Corpus Christi.

Additionally, Collier served as a civil service instructor at Lincoln Nebraska Army Airbase before entering the service July 1, 1943.

Lt. Collier received his commission and navigator wings at Ellington Field, Houston, on May 20, 1944. He was sent overseas in August 1944 and assigned to the 15th Air Force in Italy where he served as a navigator on a B-24 bomber.

While on a bombing mission to Steyr, Austria, his plane dropped from formation while flying through clouds. A plane, presumed to be his,



Lt. Richard I. Collier, Jr.

was seen crashing in the Adriatic Sea near the island of Cherso. He was reported as missing in action on October 16, 1944 and subsequently declared to have been killed in action.

Lt. Collier was survived by his wife, Charlotte Collins Collier and a son, Richard R. Collier.

## November arrests/charges filed

John McMilian, open container of alcohol within 1000 ft. of school, 11-5-99.

Todd Schwartz, open container of alcohol within 1000 ft. of school, 11-5-99.

Edward G. Minjarez Jr., retaliation of witness, retaliation against a Peace Officer, retaliation on a public servant, resisting arrest & search, assault - family member, 11-6-99.

Steven F. Southerland, driving while intoxicated 3rd, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, 11-7-99.

Belinda Vivian, assault - family violence, 11-10-99.

Jo Sanders, possession of controlled substance, 11-12-99.

Santos Sierra, criminal mischief - forfeiture of bond, 11-17-99.

William Brady Roe, failure to attend school, 11-17-99.

Jeremy Ortega, driving while intoxicated 1st, 11-24-99.

Jose Colon, minor in possession of alcohol, 11-24-99.

Fernando Landeros, minor in possession of alcohol, 11-26-99.

David O'Banon, assault - causing bodily injury, 11-26-99.

## Out of County warrants served

Gary L. Wauqua, motion for enforcement/contempt of court, child support (Ector Co. warrant), 11-17-99.

**Juveniles**  
Criminal mischief, two males, 11-8-99.

## Coke County Court Disposition

The State of Texas vs: Alberto Martinez Sanchez

Charge: Driving while intoxicated 2nd

Plea: Fine \$1,000 Court costs \$210.25 90 days jail-probated for 24 months.

## Bronte JH vs. Miles 7th grade girls

On December 6 the Bronte junior high girls traveled to Miles. The seventh grade girls lost by a score of 5-36.

Ryan Martinez and Monica DeLaGarza each had two points, followed by Ashleigh Kelly with one point.

## 8th grade girls

The eighth grade girls also played Miles on December 6. They won by a score of 25-24.

Britney McCutchen led the team with eight points, Ashley Torres with six, Ashley Denton and Brittany Eldred each had four points, and Kanah Coalson had three points.

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Three members of the Hayrick Masonic Lodge No. 696 of Robert Lee received 50 year membership awards. Those receiving awards were Pat Lewis, accepting for his deceased father, Hugh S. (Bub) Lewis, Jr. (from left), Pritchard Brown, and Eddie Paul Good (right). Presenting the awards was W. E. Campbell, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master (2nd from right).

**Hayrick Masonic Lodge No. 696 presents 50 year membership awards to three members**

Hayrick Masonic Lodge No. 696 of Robert Lee was honored to present 50 year membership awards to three of their members on Saturday, November 20, 1999. Presiding over the meeting was John Carver - Worshipful Master of Hayrick Lodge assisted by Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master - W.E. Campbell of San Angelo.

Those receiving the awards were Prichard Brown of Robert Lee, Eddie Paul Good of Plano, and the late Hugh S. (Bub) Lewis, Jr. of San Angelo. Receiving the award for his father was Pat Lewis of San Angelo. Mr. Lewis's daughters, Gayle Moseley and Lexie Holloway both of San Angelo were also present for the presentation. These three young men were living in Robert Lee in 1949 and received their Masters Degree in Hayrick Masonic Lodge at

that time. Prichard Brown and Eddie Paul Good (son of Coke County Sheriff - Paul Good) were working for Sun Oil Company and Hugh S. (Bub) Lewis, Jr. served as Post Master of the Robert Lee Post Office for many years.

Others present were Garland Davis, Sheila Carver, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, David Chesshir, Wayland Drennan, Peter Prentice, Cotton Beasley, Donny Robertson, Bob and Polly Large, Bill and Bobbie Allen, Allen Bloodworth, Billie Roberts Good, Cindy Lewis, Joe D. Moseley, and Billy M. Young.

Refreshments were provided by members and their wives and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

**Lady Steers win Irion County Tournament**

The Robert Lee Lady Steers finally got on the right track by winning the Irion County Tournament last weekend. The Lady Steers were able to defeat Forsan



The Hayrick Masonic Lodge No. 696 presented 50 year membership awards during ceremonies November 20. They are shown with family and friends following the presentation.

45-31 in the opening round, Water Valley 49-22 in the second round, and the undefeated host, Irion County by a score of 47-36 in the Championship game.

In the Forsan game, Jodee Helwig led all scorers with eighteen points as she hit six of six from the free throw line. She also led the team with eleven rebounds and six assists. Whitney Millican had one of her best games of the early season with twelve points, as she connected on six of eight from the field and added eight rebounds. Other scorers were DeShira Dickey with nine points and ten rebounds, Shanna Wojtek and Macy Hill each had three points and Jennifer Alexander had one point.

In the semi-final match-up with Water Valley, the Lady Steers went to work in the first half as they led the Lady Wildcats 29-6 at the half and coasted to a 49-22 victory. Dickey led the Lady Steers with sixteen points followed closely by Helwig with thirteen points and ten rebounds. Millican had ten points,

Alexander had three, Wojtek, Kizre Matthews and Hill had two each and Dixie Simpson had one.

In the Championship win over Irion County, 47-36, the Lady Steers jumped out to an early first quarter lead, 17-5, and were able to maintain the lead throughout the game, although the Lady Hornets closed to within one point in the second half. It was clutch free throw shooting down the stretch that enabled the Lady Steers to walk away with the eleven point victory. Helwig once again led the scoring with fifteen points. Millican and Wojtek had eleven points each, Dickey had eight, and Simpson rounded out the scoring with two.

Helwig was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the

Tournament as she averaged 15.3 points and nine rebounds per game. She also led the team with eleven assists and connected on fourteen of eighteen free throw attempts. Dickey and Wojtek were also selected to the All-Tournament team. Dickey averaged eleven points and 7.3 rebounds per game. Wojtek hit three big three pointers in the championship game to give her team the lift it needed to go on to win. Millican also had an outstanding tournament as she averaged eleven points and six rebounds per game. Kizre Matthews also had a good tournament, as she led the Lady Steers in playing time and had fourteen steals for the tournament. She also handled the ball well and quarterbacked her team well.

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