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Early voting begins February 28

Early voting for the March 14 Primary Election will begin February 28 and will run thru March 10. You can vote in the County Clerk's office from 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 during these two weeks. On Wednesday, March 1 and March 10, early voting will also be held at Bronte's City Hall from 9:00-12:00. Be sure to bring your voters registration cards. If you have misplaced them, you will need to bring a form of ID containing a

photograph that establishes a person's identity. Tuesday, March 7 will be the last day that the County Clerk's office can receive applications for ballots by mail.

WTU announces changes in operations

West Texas Utilities Company is announcing operational changes to position the company for the start of retail competition in Texas.

"We will be discontinuing our merchandise program by the end of September," said WTU President and General Manager Paul Brower. "Additionally, our area offices will be used more exclusively for operational purposes."

Brower said that after September, WTU local offices will no longer provide traditional customer transactions, including bill payments. In some offices this may be accomplished sooner than the September time frame, while it may take longer in other offices. He noted that customers will continue to have company access through its Customer Service Center, which provides service 24-hours a day, 7 days a week via a toll-free telephone number.

"A changing business environment and changing customer needs are reshaping our business," Brower said. "WTU will continue to work in partnership with communities through its economic development activities, volunteerism, contributions and customer service. The company is following an industry trend in making use of new technologies to provide more options in customer service."

Brower said that to promote fair competition, utilities must separate their operations. This requires a reevaluation of the services offered by WTU. As a result, WTU's merchandise program no longer fits with its business priorities.

He added that now WTU customers have more options in paying their bills, including:

Mail

Automatic bank drafting using the Direct Advantage Plan

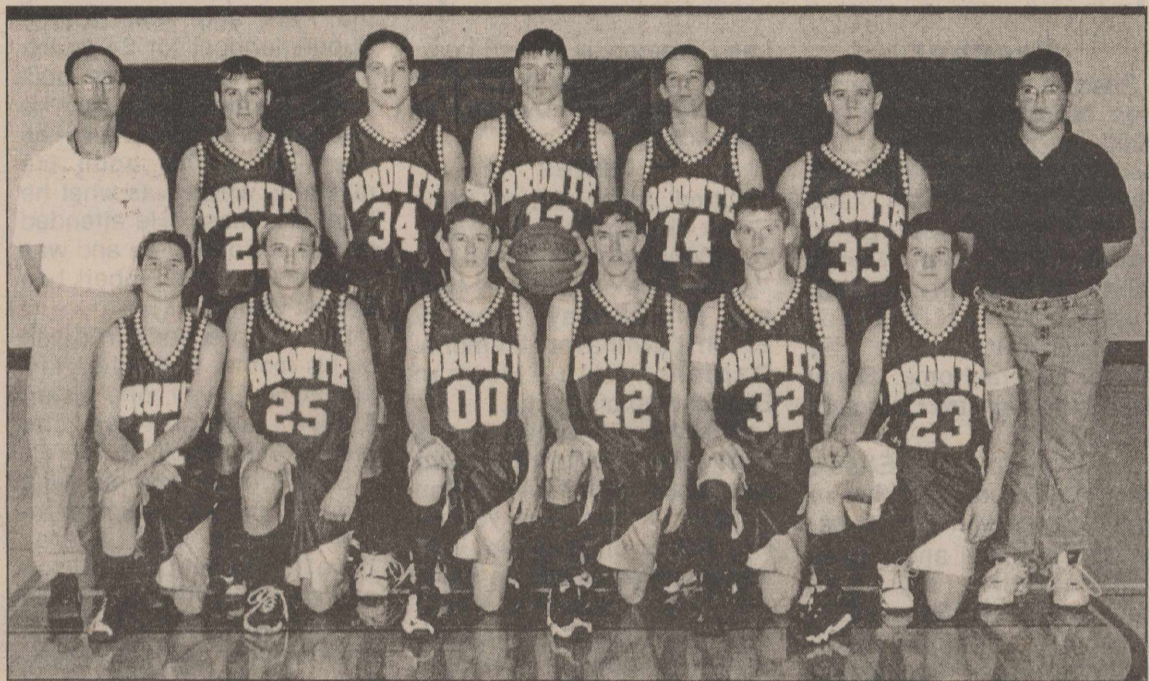
The Internet (www.csw.com), which provides a full range of customer

Coke County Child Welfare Board seeking interested Citizens

Anyone who would be interested in learning more about the Coke County Child Welfare Board is invited to attend the next regular meeting which will be held on Friday, March 3 at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee at 12:00 noon. The board will soon need some additional members. Board chairman, Frank Daniels, encourages Robert Lee and Bronte citizens who are interested in children to attend this meeting. This meeting will present a general overview of the functions of the board in this county. For more information, please call Lorrie Martin at 453-2641.

Brush control meeting set

State Representative Rob Junell has sponsored legislation to increase water efficiency in the North Concho River Watershed by using brush control. The Upper Colorado River Watershed is now being considered for the same type of program. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at 6:30 pm at the Ballinger Community Center, located at 200 Crosson Avenue in Ballinger, Texas. At this meeting, program coordinators will explain how the feasibility study will be conducted, how the program will be implemented if funded, and the legislative process. There will be time set aside for landowners' questions and input. Also, there will be an opportunity to appoint a landowner oversight board. Please make plans to attend.



The Bronte Longhorns took home the Bi-District trophy following their 73-45 victory over Trent in Abilene Tuesday evening, February 22, 2000. The win improved the Horns' record to 21-7. The Longhorns will face Ira for the Area Championship Friday evening (tonight) at 7 pm in Merkel. The Horns are coached by Rocky Rawls and include (back row, from left) Coach Rawls, Josh Schoenfield, Henry White, Brandon Gibbs, Andy Blair, Steve Eldred, Mgr. Brandon Poehls, (front row, from left) Anthony Gibbs, Charlie Bettis, Ryan McCorkle, Tim Green, Zeb Speary, and Jerrod McClure.

services, including bill payment, connect/disconnect requests and program information.

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"If you have a question regarding bill payment or want to know the location of the nearest pay station, you should contact our toll-free Customer Service Center at 1-888-216-3490," said Brower. "There are many changes on the horizon that will give customers more choices in how they conduct business with us. The one thing that will never change is our commitment to customer service."

Filing deadlines noted

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 6, 2000 Election. Three Directors will be elected for a term of two years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 21 and March 22. Applications and petitions may be obtained at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center during normal business hours, 9 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Mary Ann Choat, Administrator.

Filing deadlines noted

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 6, 2000 Election. Three Directors will be elected for a term of two years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 21 and March 22. Applications and petitions may be obtained at the Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.

City of Robert Lee election filing date set

The City of Robert Lee has announced filing deadlines for the May 6, 2000 City Election. Applicants may file for a place on the ballot beginning on Monday, February 21, 2000 and ending Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at 5:00 pm.

Applications can be obtained at the Robert Lee City Hall and must be returned by the deadline. The position of Mayor and two council members are available. Places are currently held by Garland Davis, serving as Mayor to an unexpired term, Donnie Devoll and Frank Casey serving as council members.

Baseball sign-ups

The Coke County Little League will be having Baseball Sign-Ups Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday March 9 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

All children wanting to play ages 5 to 18 years are encouraged to sign up.

Bronte is holding their sign-ups at the new pavilion by the baseball parks in Bronte.

Robert Lee will be holding their sign-ups at the baseball fields in Robert Lee.

Parents need to accompany children to sign Medical Release forms. For more information please call Angie Hoyt 473-3600 in Bronte, or Ricky Ross 453-4671 in Robert Lee.

O/E delivered at new time

The *Observer/Enterprise* is now arriving at the post office and other locations in Bronte at approximately 3:30 pm on Thursdays. Please note this change in delivery time.

Council meeting changed

The date for the regular meeting of the Robert Lee City Council for March has been changed from the 2nd Monday. The City Council's March meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

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Death Notices

Sanchez

Rosa R. Sanchez, age 95 died Monday February 21, 2000 in San Angelo, TX. Services were at 2:00 pm Thursday, February 24, 2000 at First Baptist Church in Bronte, TX. Bro. Morris Johnson and Bro. Robert Cuellar officiated. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home. Burial was at the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, TX.

Her husband Eliseo Sanchez Sr. preceded her in death along with two sons, David Sanchez and Eliseo Sanchez Jr., and one grandson, Eliseo Sanchez III. Survivors include two brothers, Frank Fuentez of Bronte, TX; Bernard Fuentez of Burnsflat, OK; five sons, Manuel Sanchez and Raymond Sanchez of Bronte, TX; Jesse Sanchez of El Reno, OK; Lupe Sanchez of Palmer, TX; and Marcos Sanchez of Cordial, OK; and one daughter, Mary Lara of Levelland, TX. She is also survived by forty-one grandchildren, ninety-nine great grandchildren, and sixty-eight great great grandchildren.

Lowrance

Alta Faye Lowrance, 85, of San Angelo died Monday, February 14, 2000, at her residence.

Service was conducted at 9:30 am Wednesday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Dwain Morrison officiating. Graveside service followed at 11 am in Robert

Lee Cemetery in Robert Lee. She is survived by her husband, David Lowrance of San Angelo.

Jones

Carroll Jones, 63, of Grape Creek died Sunday, February 20, 2000, in a local hospital.

Graveside service was held at 2 pm Tuesday, February 22, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Herman Beauchamp officiating.

Survivors include his longtime friend and companion, Sue Taylor of San Angelo, TX; two sons, William Ray Jones of Spokane, WA; Daniel Jones of Marble Falls, TX; three daughters, Nelle Routh and Roxy Smith, both of San Angelo, TX; Debbie Glass of San Antonio, TX; four brothers, Alfred Jones of Magnolia; Alvin Jones of Carrizo Springs, TX; Taylor Jones of Hockley and Johnny Jones of San Angelo, TX; six sisters, Mabel Walker and Virginia Cypert, both of Christoval, TX; Dorothy Webernick of Edna, TX; Wanda Sparks of San Angelo, TX; Jimmie Lou Smith of La Pryor and Nellie Ross of Robert Lee, TX; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fish Fry set for March 10

The friends of Olfen will have a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 10. For more information contact the Olfen School at 915-442-4301.

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Thoughts on the Scripture

By Rev. Jim Reeves

Isaiah 55:6, 7 "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon."

A great hymn says, "O where could I go, oh, where could I go, seeking a refuge for my soul?" Sometimes we find ourselves like a rudderless ship, tossed about without direction. Isaiah says to us, "Seek the Lord." God is our rest and our safe haven. If we turn to God, we find mercy and forgiveness. We also find direction and purpose.

May God bless each one of you.
Brother Jim

Obituaries

Devoll

Lendy Eugene Devoll, 72 of Robert Lee died Saturday, February 19, 2000 at his residence in Robert Lee.

Services were at 2:00 February 21 at the Robert Lee First Baptist Church with Rev. Wade Messer officiating. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Lendy was born October 10, 1927, in Sanco to I.H. and Alvie Devoll. He married Yvonne McCutchen on July 27, 1946. He first worked in the oil field prior to becoming the Park and Golf Course Superintendent for 24 years. The Golf Course was built during his time there and he was very proud of it. Also, he spent all of his adult life ranching, which was what he loved the most. He attended school in Robert Lee and was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, I.H. and Alvie Devoll, one sister, Evelyn Jackson, and one brother, I.H. Devoll, Jr.

Survivors include his wife Yvonne, son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Audrey Devoll of Robert Lee, TX; son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Marcia Devoll of Midland, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Greg Pearson of Livingston, TX; grandsons, Shane Devoll of Denver, Colorado; Casey Devoll of Commerce, TX; Chad Helwig of Nacogdoches, TX; and Allan Pearson of Livingston, TX; granddaughters, Amy and Lacy Devoll of Littlefield, TX; Jodee Helwig of Robert Lee, TX; Regan Pearson of Livingston, TX; sister Alma Moore of San Antonio, TX; his McCutchen brothers and sisters; numerous nieces,

nephews and friends. He was a kind and gentle man. His family was the most important thing in his life and he will be missed dearly.

Pallbearers were Johnny Torres, Marshall Millican, Ross Adkins, Joey Harmon, Clay Allen, Gary Sam Williams, and Lupe Torres.

The family requests that any memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo or the organizations of their choice.

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Mattie Belle Payne

Mattie Belle Payne, 85 of Azle, TX died Saturday, February 19, 2000.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, February 22, 2000. Burial services were held in Robert Lee, TX at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under direction of Greenwood Funeral Home.

Mattie was born September 19, 1914 in Luling, TX. She was a homemaker.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Barney Lee Payne.

Survivors include her son Bobby L. Payne and wife, Patsy of Azle, TX; Grandsons are Dustin L. Payne and wife, Kim, of Fort Worth, TX; Danny L. Payne and wife, Sabrina, of Fort Worth, TX; David L. Payne of Fort Worth, TX; Sean Robinson and wife, Amy, of Burlington, NC; Great grandchildren are Jenna Marie Payne and Jordan Lee Payne, brothers are Pete Kirchman of Alabama; Billy Jack Kirchman of Washington; sisters are Nancy Grantham of Luling, TX; Janie McGallian of Whitney, TX; Aggie Rae Self of Winters, TX; and Sue Campbell of Winters, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to a charity of one's choice.

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Death Notice

Belcher

Savannah R. Belcher, of Odessa, died on February 18, 2000 at Seabury Center in Odessa, Texas. Services were held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at First Baptist Church. Reverend Melvin Warren officiated with Dr. Jimmy Braswell and Reverend Ron Minor assisting. Graveside services were held at 4:00 pm in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas.

She is survived by her son, J. Dug Belcher Jr. of Odessa, TX; a daughter, Becky Showers and husband Jack of Victoria, TX; twin granddaughters Katy and Lacey Showers of Victoria, TX; grandson Jeven Showers of Ashland, Oregon; brothers R. T. Caperton of Bronte, Texas and Matt Caperton of Big Spring, Texas.

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."
-- Former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle

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Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

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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

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Robert Lee Water Customers

Local residents named to Dean's List

Jerrold D. Copeland and Chad Walker Helwig were two local residents named to the Dean's List at Stephen F. Austin State University for the fall semester. Jerrold is majoring in Kinesiology, and Chad is undecided about his major course of study. Both are from Robert Lee.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 semester hours and maintain an excellent grade-point average.

"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president."
-- Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents

TxDOT recognizes employees

Dolores Roe, Coke County Maintenance Section office manager, was recently awarded a 15-year service award from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Roe received a framed certificate for 15 years of service with the department. She is employed in the San Angelo District that includes 298 employees in 15 counties.

Douglas Roberts, assistant supervisor of the Coke County Maintenance Section, serves on a committee that received an award from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

The Employee Recognition Committee created a program that honors an outstanding employee of the quarter. Roberts, along with 10 committee members, were recognized at a recent supervisor's meeting for their efforts in implementing the employee recognition program in the San Angelo District. The group was presented a Quality Team Recognition Award from AASHTO. This program recognizes high performance teams that are worthy of being imitated.

According to Paul Chevalier, Sonora Area Engineer and committee chairman, the San Angelo District was the first district of the 25 TxDOT districts to initiate an outstanding employee program selected by co-workers. The quarterly winner is selected by another committee of TxDOT employees who represent the maintenance, engineering, and administrative services of the San Angelo District that includes 298 employees in 15 counties.

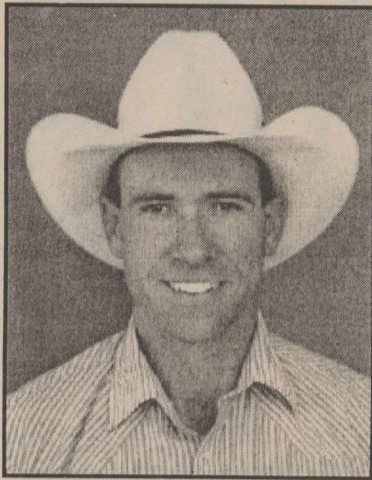
Ron Waggoner recently completed the New Employee Orientation program at the San Angelo District Office. Waggoner was hired in January as the equipment mechanic for the local TxDOT office.

First United Methodist Church begins website

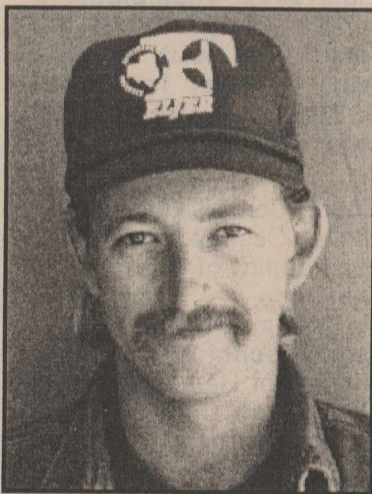
First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee has a new website at "forministry.com". Persons wishing to access the website are urged to click on "QuickFIND" and enter the zip code 76945. This will list the churches in town currently having a website. The website for First UMC will contain schedules for services, activities, Bible



Dolores Roe



Douglas Roberts



Ron Waggoner

studies and other events, as well as a message from the pastor, a profile of the church and community, youth activities, and the "Thought for the Day" which is currently being sent via e-mail. Anyone wishing to receive the daily devotional is urged to send their e-mail address to: jimr.com@juno.com.

"I haven't committed a crime. What I did was fail to comply with the law."
-- David Dinkins, New York City Mayor, answering accusations that he failed to pay his taxes.

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Robert Lee School News



The Robert Lee Lady Steers faced Borden County for the Area Championship last Friday night in Sweetwater and were defeated. The Lady Steers are coached by Wayne Alexander. Team members are (back, from left) Amanda Kuhl, Bobbie Sparks, Jennifer Alexander, Jodee Helwig, (middle, from left) Amber Freeman, Rachelle Mills, Deshira Dickey, Dixie Simpson, (front, from left) Shanna Wojtek, Whitney Millican, Kizre Matthews, and Jennifer Hamilton.

Lady Steers capture Bi-district crown: Fall to Borden County in Area Round

The Lady Steers were able to coast to an 91-44 victory over the Blackwell Lady Hornets last Tuesday night, February 15, in a bi-district game. The Lady Steers were led by DeShira Dickey's nine-

teen points, followed by Jodee Helwig with eighteen, Whitney Millican with fourteen points, Jennifer Alexander, Shanna Wojtek and Dixie Simpson each had six, Bobbie Sparks and Jennifer Hamilton had four each. Kizre Matthews had three and Amber Freeman finished with one point.

After the Tuesday night win over Blackwell, the Lady Steers were off to Sweetwater Friday night to face the defending Regional Champs, the Borden County Lady Coyotes. The game was a rematch of last year's Area contest, in which Borden County won 59-43. The game was intense from the outset, and the Lady Steers jumped out to a 7-0 lead, early in the first quarter, but could not hang on to the lead, as they trailed 16-22 at the half. The third quarter marked the turning points, as the Lady Coyotes pulled away to a 35-21 lead at the end of the third and finished with a 51-32 victory, ending the Lady Steers season at 20-10. While the Lady Steers and Coach Wayne Alexander were disappointed with the loss, they feel like better things are yet to come out of this group, as the Lady Steers will lose no one to graduation, and they will return all five starters and four lettermen next year.

Blackwell FHA hosts Career Fair

The Blackwell FHA Chapter hosted a Career Fair on Thursday, February 17, 2000. The 23 presenters who attended the Career Fair represented a wide range of different careers. Local participants included James Jones for the West Texas Utilities - Oak Creek Power Plant, Nolan

County Commissioner Tommy White, Cosmetologist Diane McGlothlin of Oak Creek Cottage, Computer Programmer Darrel Brotsch, Lab Technician Debbie Chance of Hendrick Medical Center and Certified Public Accountant James Sanderson of Armstrong, Backus and Company. All students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade attended the event.

Immediately following the Career Fair, the presenters attended a luncheon in their honor. Kammie Lisso, Future Homemakers of America Region II Vice President of Records and the local chapter president, presided at the luncheon. Each presenter was recognized with a certificate of appreciation.

The Career Fair was the result of a survey which revealed that only 43% of our seniors and 57% of our juniors had a career plan following graduation. The survey was conducted by the Blackwell FHA members.

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Steve Apodaca, Assistant Professor of Art at Angelo State University, spent time with Robert Lee Elementary third and sixth graders recently. The students made primitive pinch pots and were treated to a discussion by Mr. Apodaca on the chemistry and history of pottery.

Sixth graders and third graders play in clay

Sixth graders (Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe's class) along with third graders (Mrs. McCown and Mrs. Devoll's class) spent an interesting afternoon playing in clay.

These RL Elementary students enjoyed making primitive pinch pots under the directions of Mr. Steve Apodaca, assistant Professor of Art at ASU. Mr. Apodaca generously offered his time to give RL elementary students a taste of the ancient art of pottery making. While doing so, he also explored the chemistry and history of pottery.

Mr. Apodaca is a New Mexico native who graduated from New Mexico State University in 1981. He spent the next few years teaching at Salpointe Catholic College

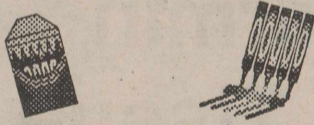
Prep High and Pima Community College before working and teaching in the Dominican Republic of Central America. Since that time, he has taught at ASU, juried the 5th Biannual Ceramic and Sculpture Show in Honduras, Central America and become one of the driving forces in the San Angelo Annual Ceramic Show.

A few days later, once the pots were completely dry, they were pit fired in an open pit in a similar fashion used by Native Americans.

Mr. Apodaca and his demonstration proved an interesting way to learn about art, science, and history.

No one can make you feel inferior unless you allow them to. -Eleanor Roosevelt

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 28

Holiday

Tuesday, Feb. 29

Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk

Wednesday, March 1

Orange Juice, Biscuits w/Jelly, Sausage, Milk

Thursday, March 2

Orange Juice, Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Milk

Friday, March 3

Orange Juice, Pancake and Sausage on a stick w/Syrup, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 28

Holiday

Tuesday, Feb. 29

Nachos, Potato Patty, Refried Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Wednesday, March 1

Chicken O's, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, March 2

Chile Con Carne w/Crackers, Potato Wedges, Peaches, Milk

Friday, March 3

Hamburger, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Ice Cream, Milk

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The Bronte Elementary "A" Honor Roll Luncheon was held recently. Students honored were Gus Saunders, Rebekah Beauchamp, Philip Rawlings, Lauhren White, Garrett Acker, Lilly McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, and Cheyenne Webb. Vicky McCutchen told the children how special it was to be an honor roll student and to always act like one because they are an example to others. Others attending were Marty Blair, Pat Lee, Heather Lee and Terry Marrs.

Bronte vs. Crosbyton

During a practice game against Crosbyton the Longhorns won by a score of 68-50.

Henry White led the Horns with eighteen points, ten rebounds, followed by Steve Eldred with sixteen points, five rebounds; Jerrod McClure with nine points, seven rebounds; Ryan McCorkle with eight points, six rebounds, five assists; Brandon Gibbs with six points, ten rebounds; Tim Green with six points, four assists, three steals; and Zeb Speary with five points and six assists.

Bronte vs. Rankin

The Longhorns also played against Rankin during a prac-

tice game. They lost by a score of 54-64.

Brandon Gibbs was the leading scorer with fourteen points, nine rebounds. Ryan McCorkle with eleven points, four assists; Henry White with ten points; Jerrod McClure with six points, five assists; Steve Eldred with six points; Zeb Speary with three points; Tim Green with two points, four assists and Andy Blair with two points.

**BISD Awards
Fourth six weeks**

**Kindergarten
Super Citizenship**
Katie Austin, Creed Coalson, Brent Kelly, Sara Lara, Mackenzie Gibbs,

Kimberly Lee, Austin Mertz, Kaitlin Moore, Leticia Pena, Jordan Rowan, Madelyn Tounguet, Amy Godinez, Samuel Bullard, Maegen Preslar

**Pre-K
Perfect Attendance**
Stetsen Emfinger, Lyndsay Hargrave, Mason Hoyt, Johnathan Moore, Brayde Knight, Paige Royall

**First Grade
Super Citizen**
Victoria Acevedo, Terron Charles, Reid Clark, Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, Justin Saldana, Kelsey Sedden

Handwriting Award
Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Kerwin Rawls

Math Award - 100 Test Average
Victoria Acevedo

Science Award - 100 Six Weeks Average
Arlis McMullan, Kerwin Rawls, Heath Richey, Nicholas Shults

Perfect Attendance
Victoria Acevedo, Dustin Brown, Peyton Eubanks, Benny Fuentez, Chase Harris, Cheyenne Hunter, Arlis McMullan, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Justin Saldana, Kelsey Sedden, Nicholas Shults

Met or Exceeded AR Goal

Victoria Acevedo, Kaycee Baker, Terron Charles, Reid Clark, Peyton Eubanks, Joshua Hargrave, Chase Harris, Cheyenne Hunter, Arlis McMullan, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, Heath Richey, Justin Saldana, Kelsey Sedden, Nicholas Shults

**Second Grade
All A's**

Kasey Glover, Crawford James, Denver McCollough, Ali Tounguet

Math Wizard (Addition)
Kasey Glover, Ashley Royall, Kimberly Womack, Emily Fiveash, Louie Martinez

Super Citizen
Ashley Fisher, Kasey Glover, Crawford James,

Emilie Jimenez, Louie Martinez, Denver McCollough, Krista Moore, Ali Tounguet, Kimberly Womack, Case Braswell

Met or Exceeded AR Goal

Kasey Glover, Crawford James, Emilie Jimenez, Dannie Martinez, Louie Martinez, Krista Moore, Ali Tounguet

Perfect Attendance
Austin Clayton, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Denver McCollough, Krista Moore, Tyler Riney, Jackson Rowan, Ashley Royall, Haydan White, Kimberly Womack

**Third Grade
Perfect Attendance**

Maranda Alix, Ariel Coalson, John Dickson, Kendra Fuentez, Ty Mackey, Samuel Rawlings, Jeremy Sanchez

AR Reading Goal
Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, John Dickson, Ty Mackey, Samuel Rawlings

All A's
Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Samuel Rawlings

**Third Grade - Rawlings
A Honor Roll**

Matthew Allen, Nicole Reed

A/B Honor Roll
D. J. Acevedo, Cory Glover, Jessica Grasch, Chase Hoyt, Prescilla Lara, Nathan McCoulskey, Reece Springer

Outstanding Reading Student - Nathan McCoulskey

Outstanding English Student - Will Macon

Outstanding Spelling Student - Matthew Allen

Outstanding Math Student - Nicole Reed

Outstanding Science Student - Prescilla Lara and Samuel Rawlings

Outstanding Social Studies - Jessi England

Good Citizenship
Matthew Allen, Israel Cecilio, Callan Clark, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Jessica Grasch, Samuel Rawlings, Nicole Reed, Reece Springer, Prescilla Lara

Met AR Goal:

Haleigh Bryant, Cory Glover, Jessica Grasch, Chase Hoyt, Nathan McCoulskey, Nicole Reed, Reece Springer, and Samantha Swagerty

**Fourth Grade - Blair
A Honor Roll**

Gus Saunders

A/B Honor Roll
Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Savannah Martinez, Freddy Soele

Citizenship Awards
Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Chris Guzman, Gus Saunders, Brett Wills

Perfect Attendance
Emily Austin, Chris Guzman, Casey Harris, Kyler Lee, Terrah Macon, Gus Saunders, Cody Wallace

Met A-R Goal
Casey Harris

**Fifth Grade
Perfect Attendance**

Katie Cooper, Eric Hendrickson, Jonathan Marrs, John Paul Martinez, Logan Rawls, Justin Taylor, Crystal Waller

A Honor Roll
Rebekah Beauchamp, Philip Rawlings, Lauhren White

A/B Honor Roll
Eric Hendrickson, Jonathan Marrs, Logan Rawls

Citizenship Awards
Patty Galvan, Philip Rawlings, Justin Taylor, Crystal Waller

Met A-R Reading Goals
Rebekah Beauchamp, Patty Galvan, Mason Jackson,

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Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 28
Breakfast Pizza, Peaches, Teddy Grams, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 29
French Toast Stix, Apple Sauce, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

Wednesday, March 1
Sausage, Grape Juice, Pancakes, Milk

Thursday, March 2
Scrambled Eggs, Potato Rounds, Toast, Milk

Friday, March 3
Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Biscuit, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 28
Chicken Spaghetti, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Sliced Pears, Bread Sticks, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 29
Corn Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Tator Tots, Sliced Peaches, Rice Krispie Bars, Milk

Wednesday, March 1
Beef Fajitas w/Cheese, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Onions & Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Jello, Milk

Thursday, March 2
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Blueberry, Milk

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Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28. We urge all people to attend the Church of their choice. We invite anyone interested in Bible study to join us on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:15 to 9:30 at 202 South Randall, in Bronte. We will study God's Word and how to apply it in our daily lives.

Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me. John 14:6

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GARAGE SALES

DON'T FORGET!!!
City wide garage sale, Bronte, May 6.

30b-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

JUST A LINE TO
tell the Methodist Church how much we enjoyed the beautiful Christmas music. Every one we have talked to appreciates the bells. We are so fortunate to have this as most small towns do not. We just want to thank whoever is responsible for the beautiful music. We hope it doesn't stop.

Sincerely,
June English & family

30-1tp

SPECIAL THANKS FOR
the kindnesses shown to us before, during and since my surgery. We feel so blessed to live in a community of such thoughtful family and friends. We appreciate the cards, calls, visits, gifts, food, flowers, love, support and especially your prayers.

May God bless each of you,
Alice and Royce Wallace

30-1tp

NOTICES

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 6, 2000 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 21, 2000 and March 22, 2000. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.

INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS

El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Oeste De Coke hacen saber que el dia 6 de Mayo, 2000 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada tres (3) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 21 de Febrero, 2000 hasta el 22 de Marzo, 2000 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 9 AM - 5 PM en el Robert Lee Care Center. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador Roger Alexander.

30a. 32a & 33a-31c

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Robert Lee will hold a public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2000 and ending March 31, 2001. This hearing is for public input into the budget process. The hearing will be held at the City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 7:00 pm.

Garland Davis, Mayor
City of Robert Lee
30a-11c

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 6, 2000 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 21, 2000 and March 22, 2000. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health & Rehab Center during normal business hours, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Mary Ann Choat, Administrator.

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30b-11c

...BISD Awards

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Jonathan Marrs, Philip Rawlings, Juston Taylor, Lahren White, John Paul Martinez

Sixth Grade - Lee

A Honor Roll

Garrett Acker, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, Cheyenne Webb

A/B Honor Roll

Sarah Basquez, Lindsey Butler, Riley Coalson, Megan Gibbs

Super Citizen

Curtis Moore, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Cheyenne Webb

Perfect Attendance

Garrett Acker, Sarah Basquez, B. J. Bilbrey, Riley Coalson, Christian Kelly, Lillian McMullan, Curtis Moore, Rebecca Rawlings, Jaylon Saunders, Cheyenne Webb, Zach White, Reese Braswell

A-R Goal Reachers

Rebecca Rawlings, Rachel Ridgeway, Bailey Saunders, Lillian McMullan, Curtis Moore, Jaylon Saunders, Cheyenne Webb, Zach White, Riley Coalson, Garrett Acker, Megan Gibbs

Robert Lee

Elementary School

Perfect attendance

Fourth six weeks

PreK Mrs. Treadaway

Dawson Brisbin, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Makenna Netting, Zachary Skinner, Zachery Sanchez

Kindergarten Mrs. Bagwell and Mrs. Gibbs

Grady Barnett, Randy Barnett, Cooper Chambers, Chad Martin, Kimberly Roach

First Grade Mrs. Drennan and Mrs. Payne

Heidi Austin, Callie Chambers, J. P. Conner, Jake Cotter, Haden Dillard, Amanda Mendoza, Paul Pineda, Meagan Ross, Joshua Rowoldt, Travis Sailer, Cody Taylor, Sarah Walker

Second Grade Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Horn

Breana Anderson, Emily Arellano, Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Cayetano Carrera, Sarah Coppedge, Dylan Deanda, Justina Gloria, Tanner Hanigan, Sarah Jones, Nancy Landeros, Blake Millican, Stetson Nesbit, Colton Reed, Olivia Trejo, Jathan Williams

Third Grade Mrs. Devoll and Mrs. McCown

Amy Barnett, Garrett Blair, Jasmine Gloria, Kaden Duncan, Morgan Hill, Arrin Minjarez, Olga Perez, Megan Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Cody Williamson, Jimmy Womack

Fourth Grade Mrs. Bessent

Molly Burns, Chelsea Conner, Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Sterlin Ebenstein, Joshua Gallegos, Melissa Martinez, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner, Cameron Hodge

Fifth Grade Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Roberts

Nicole Barnett, Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Brian Eubanks, Colton Holmes, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Jessica Long, Cody McCabe, Tony Munoz, Johnathan Pagan, Will Parker, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Rosa Rojas, Chelsey Rowoldt, Becca Skinner, Robin Taylor, Eleasar Vera, Chelle Wright

Sixth Grade Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe

Tina Arellano, Clayton Austin, Tiffany Bagwell, Bridgette Barnett, Josh Conner, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Olivia Martinez, Kayla Medrano, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Brandon Phillips, Amanda Robinson, Brandon Soliz, Stephanie Trejo, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

Robert Lee

Elementary School

Accelerated Reader

Honor Roll

Fourth six weeks

First Grade - Mrs. Drennan and Mrs. Payne

Paul Pineda, Diego Saucedo, Meagan Ross, Kacee Roberts

Second Grade - Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Horn

Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Dylan Deanda, Sarah Jones, Ivan Landeros, Nancy Landeros, Terry McDonald, Blake Millican, Emilee Yanez, Breana Anderson, Emily Arellano, Cayetano Carrera, Sarah Coppedge, Justina Gloria, Tanner Hanigan, Jacob Moreno, Stetson Nesbit, Olivia Trejo, Jathan Williams

Third Grade - Mrs. Devoll and Mrs. McCown

Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Jasmine Gloria, Norma Rojas, Cori Torres, Cody Williamson, Jimmy Womack, Morgan Hill, Arrin Minjarez, Olga Perez, Megan Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Bessent

Chelsea Conner, Brody Dillard, Sterlin Ebenstein, Ashley Hopson, Briana Longoria, Melissa Martinez, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner, Molly Burns, Cameron Hodge

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Roberts

Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Jessica Long, Cody McCabe, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Kelsy Duncan, Nicole Barnett, Tony Munoz, Eleasar Vera, Ashleigh Rogers, Brian Eubanks, Colton Holmes, Dixie Johnson, Rosa Rojas, Becca Skinner, Johnathan Pagan, Kevin Honse, Chelsey Rowoldt

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe

Tina Arellano, Clayton Austin, Analy Gallegos, Vanessa Saucedo, Bridgette

Barnett, Andra Braswell, Chris Torres, Kayla Medrano, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Brandon Phillips, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

Robert Lee

Elementary School

Honor Roll

Fourth six weeks

Thrd Grade Mrs. Devoll and Mrs. McCown

Kaden Duncan, Jasmine Gloria, Morgan Hill, Mason Ross

Fourth Grade Mrs. Bessent

Chase Roe, Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Kasie Skinner, Sterlin Ebenstein, Molly Burns, Taylor Percifull, Brody Dillard, Ashley Hopson

Fifth Grade Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Roberts

Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Becca Skinner, Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Cody McCabe, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Ashleigh Rogers

Sixth Grade Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe

Tiffany Bagwell, Josh Conner, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Stephanie Trejo, Bridgette Barnett, Kayla Medrano, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

"A" Honor Roll

Fourth six weeks

7th Grade

Kaylie Dickey, Jake McCabe, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe

8th Grade

Chris Eubanks, Tyler Lott

9th Grade

Misti Brothers, Ashlee Millican, Shelby Roe

10th Grade

Jennifer Alexander, Jamie Chesshir, Jodee Helwig, Bobbie Sparks

11th Grade

Mary Arellano, Amber Freeman

12th Grade

B.J. Bessent, Daniel Cates, Christian De Los Santos, Jeremy Eaton, Joel Gallegos, Macy Hill, Dan McCown, Matthew Pitcock, Gina Torres, Ashley Townsend, Joseph Wink, Jennifer Woods

"A/B" Honor Roll

Fourth six weeks

7th Grade

Wade Arledge, Stacey Denton, Alana Parker, Michele Sanchez, Brittany Soliz, Ashley Womack

8th Grade

Brian Abalos, Josh Alexander, Monica Barrera, Evan Braswell, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Shannon Honse, Timothy Messer, Travis Taylor, Rachel Wallace

9th Grade

Alice Beach, Amie Kendall, Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, Jennifer Nesbit, Joanna Pedersen, Travis Pitcock, J.J. Reyes, Cooper Riley, Robert Sailer, Nicole Sanchez, Rebecca Welch, James Wojtek

10th Grade

Charles Abalos, Adam Cates, Trichelle Gray, Melissa Landeros, Kizre Matthews, Rachelle Mills, Shanna Wojtek

11th Grade

Beau Blair, DeShira Dickey, James Gallegos, Erin Millican, Dee Van Huss

12th Grade

Gi Gi Barnett, Deric Brothers, Kent Freeman, Coke Hendry, Jamie Luna, Andrew McCabe, Cecelia Ortega, Jodi Patterson, Sammy Schiwart, Brandon Van Huss, Shane Wojtek, Mandy Jo Blair

Look Who's New Caden Mattiann Pedini

Caden Mattiann Pedini was born February 16, 2000 at 8:22 pm at Presbyterian Hospital in Plano, Tx. She weighed seven pounds and five ounces and was nineteen inches long.

Dennis and Callie Pedini of Frisco, Tx are the proud parents. Maternal grandparents are T.C. and Ann McCutchen of Robert Lee. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Connie Pedini of Hong Kong.

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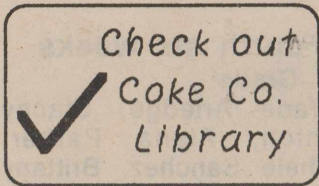
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From the almanac this week besides Presidents' Day, February is the birthday month of Erma Bombeck, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Pancho Villa, George Harrison, John Steinbeck, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,

"64" Study Club meets

Members of the "64" Study Club met February 15 at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. President Nettie Autry welcomed twenty-six members and three guests.

Eva Horton from West Texas Rehab Center came by to thank us for helping work the Rehab. She told us for a small county, "Coke", was unique because they man two phone banks. Because of the two phone banks, monies raised in Coke County is awesome.

Olene Sims, a long time Robert Lee resident and a former "64" Study Club member was our second guest. Good to see Olene and happy to have her visit us.

Roger Alexander was guest speaker. His topic was Everything You Need To Know About Admission to a long term care facility but don't ask until it's too late. He spoke about the many things we need to take care of in advance to ensure the care we want. We need to choose who we want to be in charge of us if we can't make our own decisions. Long Term Care Insurance is an important part of our care that each of us need to think about.

During the business meeting we made plans for "Ladies Night Out." We will meet at the Courthouse March 30 at 5 pm. We will carpool to San Angelo and have dinner at Henry's Diner. After dinner we will go to the Angelo Civic Theater to see the play "Fiddler on the Roof." Nita Duncan announced new offices to be installed at the May meeting. This was voted on and approved by the club.

A Valentine theme was carried out in the evening buffet. A lovely meal of mini meatballs, salad, french bread, heart shaped cookies and candies plus cream puffs and tea was served.

Hostesses for the evening were: Charlotte McKnight, Johnetta Lawrence, Carolyn Long, Patti Ivey, Margaret Jones and Maybelle Stewart.

and Johnny Cash. Also noted is the fact that F. W. Woolworth opened his first "five and dime" store in Utica, New York, 1879.

The food-for-fines program is still in effect. Any overdue books may be turned in with canned goods and the fines are eliminated. A volunteer gathers the food from the library to be deposited at the Methodist Church, the temporary home for the county-wide Food Closet.

Story Hour is Tuesday at ten for three to five year olds. Children are welcome to join at any time. Library hours are 8-12 Tuesdays; 8-4 Wednesdays; 1-5 Thursdays and 8-12 Friday. Books may be turned in to the Main St. Market in Bronte and the Coke County Library during regular hours.

Blackwell ISD "A" Honor Roll

1st Grade
Jennifer Allen, Kaitlyn Gaston, Caleb Magness, Jessica Morrow, Taylor Robertson, Justin Walker, Malinda Walker, Caleb Jeter

2nd Grade
Zac Burwick, Marissa Griffin, Dylan Keiner, Bill Miller, Stacie Murray, Kolten Pena, Lacey Saunders, Callen Ware, Travis White

3rd Grade
Darren Griffin, Jade Hughey, Kristin Hyde, Ashton Monroe, Clay Stanford, Katelyn Noble

4th Grade
Sergio Gatica, Tyser Robertson, Samantha Morrow, Kali Pena

5th Grade
Daniel Jones, Amanda McWhorter, Jarred Walker

6th Grade
Philip Buckner, Chris Morgan

7th Grade
Lindsey Brotsch

8th Grade
Sharla Holland, Heather Jones, Ryan Ragland, Angel Saavedra, Kayla Saunders

9th Grade
Jenifer Breshers, Chris Morgan

10th Grade
Mindy Boyd

11th Grade
Katrina Buckner, Gayna Cantrell, Clint Morgan, Latosha Roland, Ashley Ragland

12th Grade
Scotty Killough, Keshia Stidham, Adam Wilkinson, Stephanie Cantrell, Gloria Solis, Tiffani Fagg

Blackwell ISD "A/B" Honor Roll

1st Grade
Brandon Elliott, Hadley Holland, Juanito Solis

2nd Grade
Brandon Harrell, Manuela Saavedra

3rd Grade
Mirella Solis, Manuela Saavedra, Caitlin Ware, Sherri Lantrip, Geoffrey Ehl, Sherri Lantrip

4th Grade
Danielle Breshers, Garritt Harris, Chad Holland, Marcy McMorris, Josh McWhorter, Brittany Sarratt

5th Grade
Stephen Harvell, Johnathan Ehl, Casey Hamilton, Aaron Noble, Robert Williams, Kacey Lowrie, Sylvia Solis, Cristina Brotsch

6th Grade

Jessica Chavez, Kelly Dove, Luis Morales, Jake Wilkinson, Rikki Saunders

7th Grade

Rosa Camarillo, Tiffany Coffey, Ambra Cole, Lane Lowrie, Melenda Solis

8th Grade

Johnny Bryant, Missy Pate, Paul Rodriguez, Justin Roland, Latisha Roland, Albert Solis, Melissa Long, Katie Wilkinson

9th Grade

John Jones, Meghan McGhee, Lindy Wilson, Kaitlyn Saunders, Jessica Vanover

10th Grade

Cody Blair, Jennifer Dove, Jamie Hodges, T.J. Holland

11th Grade

Tanya Blackwell, Ryan Dove, Katy Driver, Steven Hayes, Luis Solis, Pascual Solis, Will Carter, Trent Killough, Viola Sims

12th Grade

Leticia Camarillo, Tony Dove, Jennifer Solis, Doug Hughey, Leman Saunders, Julie Grimes

Coke County Retired Teachers Association meets

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association convened Monday, Feb. 21 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Following the luncheon, Janet Wommack, president, presided at the business meeting. She called for committee reports. Paul Gothard, legislative chairman, gave a comprehensive report on retired teacher-education related priorities for the legislature. Priorities were determined by a questionnaire to the membership last fall.

Nina Brewer, community services chairman, reported the unit had a total of 22,767 volunteer hours for the past year. Janet Wommack was named the individual with the most hours.

President Wommack introduced M. L. Green, District XV district president, of Comanche. Green spoke to the group about the RTA Building project in Austin. He commended the unit on their volunteer hours report and the legislative report. He also warned the group about specific fraud schemes aimed at

senior citizens.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2000 at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

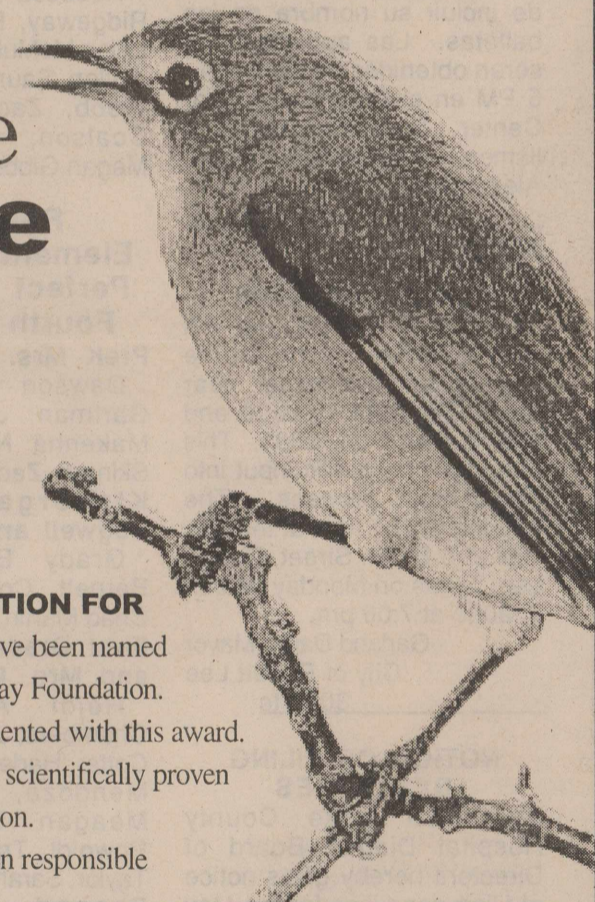
Twenty members and two guests attended the meeting. They were: C. B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Norma Barker, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, Jamie Boren, Jack Brewer, Nina Brewer, Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, J. T. Henry, Sybil Henry, Mary Lawhon, Beth Prather, Fay Roe, Gerald Sandusky, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack, and guests: M. L. Green and Ruth Green.

If you could live forever, would you and why?

"I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever."

-- Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest

Our Tree Maintenance Draws Praise From Those Who Know Best.



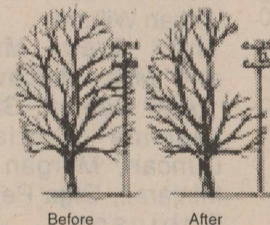
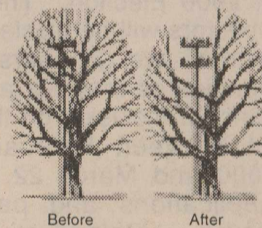
WTU RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR COMMITMENT TO TREES. At WTU, we've been named a Tree Line USA Utility by the National Arbor Day Foundation. We're proud to be one of the 38 U.S. utilities presented with this award. Recipients demonstrate a creative commitment to scientifically proven pruning methods, tree planting and public education.

Because falling limbs and branches are so often responsible for outages during inclement weather, WTU utilizes pruning methods which help ensure electrical service reliability. Our pruning techniques preserve the health of our trees while allowing power lines to run unobstructed (see illustrations at right).

What can you do to help? Avoid planting tall-growing trees underneath or too close to WTU lines and poles. At WTU, we believe one of the best things about being the power company... is having the power to do good.

Together, we can help ensure that WTU tree maintenance draws praise well into the future.

Through or V Pruning. Through or V pruning creates a branch-free hold through the tree's canopy, allowing utility lines to pass through while maintaining the tree's natural beauty and structure.



Side Pruning. Side pruning is used when trees are situated beside utility lines. A section of the tree's canopy is removed to allow utility lines to pass through the tree unobstructed.

Under Pruning. Used on large, structurally-sound trees whose lower branches interfere with utility lines. By carefully removing selected lower branches from all sides, a balanced appearance can be maintained.

