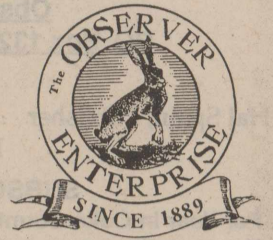


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## Candidates file for places in local elections

Coke County voters will go to the polls May 6 to fill vacancies on a number of local governing boards. Wednesday, March 22, at 5 pm was the last opportunity to file for a place on the ballot. The following is based upon who had filed for these seats as of presstime at noon on Wednesday.

The most interest by prospective candidates is shown in the school board elections. The Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees has three - 3 year seats and one - 1 year seat open. Incumbents Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield and Bobby Frazee have filed for the 3 year seats and 1 year incumbent Terry Charles has filed to retain his seat. Challengers for the three 3 year seats are Paul Williams, Connie

Toungel, and Doug Hoyt.

Four people have filed for the three - 3 year openings on the Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees. They include Wes Washam, Brian Hamrick, Ray Aldridge and Fredda McCabe.

Both the cities of Robert Lee and Bronte will be electing a new mayor and members of their councils. As of presstime, no one had filed for the mayoral office in either city. Robert Lee has two council positions open. Bonita Copeland is the only person to file as yet. Bronte has three council positions open and incumbents George Snapp and Leslie Rolls have filed for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by Frances Williams.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three open-

ings filled by the upcoming election. Filing for these openings as of presstime were incumbent Ed Cumbie, joined by Larry Robinson and Leon Brooks. Royce Fancher and Bob Lasswell had not as of presstime filed for re-election.

The three seats currently held by Winton Milliff, Linda Burns, and Patty Byrne on the West Coke County Hospital District Board will be decided May 6. Milliff has filed for re-election. Mary Bessent is the only other person who has filed as of presstime.

### Community action council still has funds available to provide child care

The Tom Green County Community Action Council, Child Care Services is still making appointments to determine if parents are eligible for subsidized child care.

The funding is still available and the time frame for enrollment was extended.

If you are working or attending school and need help paying for child care, please call Child Care Services at 915-653-2411 or 800-326-5440 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

Also, if your child is in school now but you will need care for him/her this summer, NOW is the time to call and get your name on the summer list.

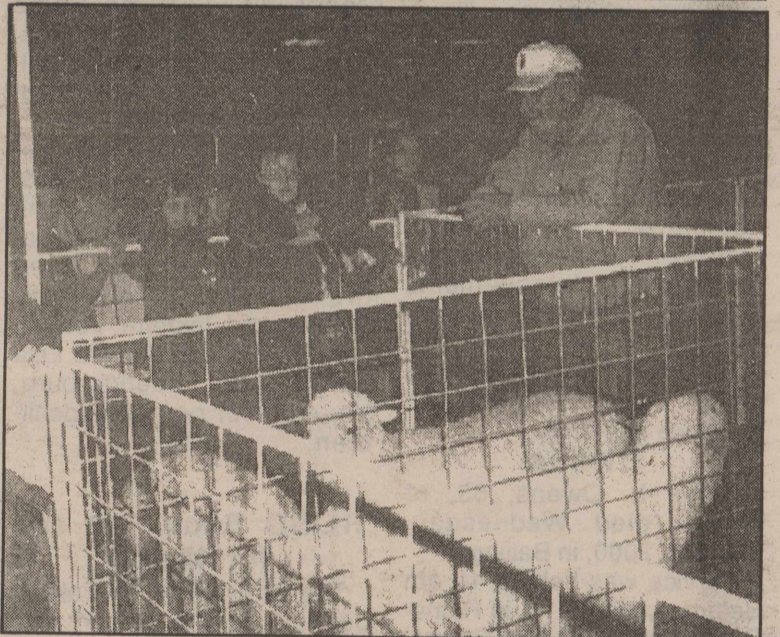
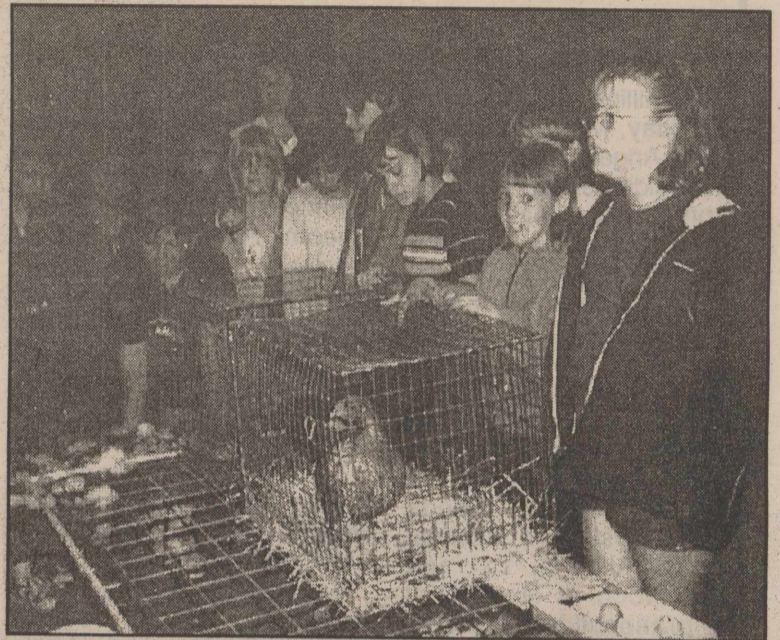
### Fort Concho Speakers Series

This year's schedule is set for one of the fort's most popular programs, the Fort Concho Speakers Series. Talks are scheduled from noon to 1 pm each Wednesday during April. The presentations will be held in the Commissary building at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark. Admission to the program is free.

On Wednesday, April 5, "Texas Rangers" will be the topic with Henry Adams, Sgt. speaking. He is with the Fort Concho Cavalry.

Wednesday, April 12, "Concho Avenue" will be the topic with Tanya Norris the speaker. She is a local Historian & Researcher.

Wednesday, April 19, "Battle of San Jacinto" will be



Gaylon Pitcock (lower photo) discusses the Texas sheep industry with Sterling City students during their visit to Robert Lee for Ag Field Day, sponsored by Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau. In the upper photo, students learn about the poultry industry.



Lance Millican, son of Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee, exhibited the 2nd Place Finewool Lamb at the San Antonio Livestock Show.

the topic with Joyce Gray speaking. She is a local Historian and a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Wednesday, April 26, "Horsehead Crossing" will be the topic with Joe Allen the speaker. He is a researcher of the Crossing & former School Superintendent at Crane ISD.

### Victory in the Vine

"Victory in the Vine" is a one day ladies retreat for women of all ages.

Join us for a powerful Saturday retreat for women of all ages, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, March 25, 2000, First Baptist Church, 424 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas. For more information, contact the church at 473-2331.

### Youth fund-raiser

The Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth are selling Lemel candles as a fund-raiser March 26 through April 8. The money will go toward camp and conference expenses. For more information, contact any RLBC youth group member or call the church office at 453-2724.

### BHRC to host gospel singing

Bronte Health and Rehab Center will be the location of a special evening of gospel singing on March 23. "Because He Lives", a group of singers from San Angelo, will be performing at 6:30 pm. The public is cordially invited to attend. The group performed at 26 different places in 1999. Come join us for a wonderful "singing".



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**Death Notices**

**Phillips**  
 J.W. Phillips, 66, of Harriett died Friday, March 17, 2000, in a San Angelo hospital. Graveside service was held at 2 pm Monday, March 20, at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens officiated by Miguel Zuniga, minister of Johnson Street Church of Christ. Survivors include three children, Bobby Phillips of Harriett, TX; J.W. Phillips Jr. of Richmond, Va.; and Lois Phillips of Longview, TX; three stepchildren, Randy Sharp of Austin, TX; Tommy Sharp of Abilene, TX; and Deaun Wood of Hurst, TX; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Burton**  
 Alma Richards Burton, 85, of Menard and formerly of Bronte, died Thursday, March 9, 2000, in Big Spring. Graveside service was conducted at 3 pm Sunday, March 21, in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home. Survivors include two nieces, Rita Ratcliff and Sammie Sessions.

**Owens**  
 Annie L. Owens, 63, of Bronte died Wednesday, March 8, 2000, in Ballinger. Service was held at 10 am Saturday, March 10, in Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Evergreen Cemetery. Survivors include three sons, Jimmy Jackson of Ballinger, TX; Lloyd Lynn Jackson and Anthony Jackson, both of Bronte, TX;

three daughters, Darlene Jackson and Crystal Jackson both of Bronte, TX; Belinda Jackson of Ballinger, TX; a brother, Johnny Hardin of Ballinger, TX; four sisters, Evelyn Hollis and Jolene Herridge, both of Ballinger, TX; Betty Keele of Bronte, TX; Louise Green of Austin, TX; five grandchildren; a great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

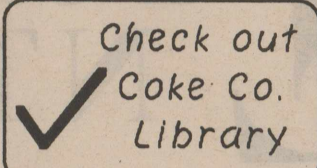
**Wilharm**  
 Everett "Willie" Wilharm, 80, of San Angelo died Saturday, March 11, 2000, in the Robert Lee Care Center. Service was held at 10 am Monday, March 13, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Neal Brillhart officiating. Burial followed in the Protestant Cemetery in Rowena. Survivors include his wife, Malinda Pauline Wilharm of Mount Pleasant, TX; one daughter, Carolyn Volden of Mount Pleasant, TX; three grandchildren, John E. Volden and Lynette Volden, both of Minneapolis and Lisa Laverina of Fredericksburg, Va; and four great-grandchildren.

**RLISD Book Fair set for March**  
 The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Robert Lee High School Library on Monday, March 27; Tuesday, March 28; and Wednesday, March 29 from 8:00 to 4:00 each day. Family night is Tuesday, March 28 from 5:00 to 7:00.

**Coke County Retired Teachers Association meets**  
 Two Robert Lee High School UIL contestants gave presentations during the Coke County Retired Teachers Association meeting on Monday, March 20. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Nicole Sanchez presented an impressive collection of prose and poetry on the theme "The Road to Freedom." Monica Barrera gave a delightful reading of the poem "Being Brave at Night" by Edgar A. Guest. The girls were introduced by Lindsey Wallace, Robert Lee High School principal.

Janet Wommack, president, presided at the business session. Unit members voted to present \$50 checks to Bronte Elementary and Robert Lee Elementary for academic purposes. The group also voted to hold a bakeless bake sale at the April meeting. The price for the non-goods will be \$10 per member. The nominating committee was appointed: Mary Frances Glenn, chairman, Lee Wommack, and Kenneth Rasco. They will give their report at the April meeting. The next meeting will be April 17, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. The Rev. Jim Reeves, pastor of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church, gave the invocation and a word of welcome to the twenty-three members and nine guests. Those attending were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, Jamie Boren, Celia Bowden, Oleta Braswell, Jack Brewer, Nina Brewer, Garland Davis, Rosie Davis, Harrell Foshee, Janice Foshee, Mary Frances Glenn, J.T. Henry, Sybil Henry, Mary Lawhon, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Fay Roe, Gerald Sandusky, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack. Guests: Monica Barrera, William Hood, Rick Howell, Terry Marr, Jim Reeves, Alan Richey, Nicole Sanchez, Janet Wallace, and Lindsey Wallace.

**WCCCD memorials**  
 The following memorials have been received by West Coke County Community Development.  
**Lendy Devoll**  
 Peggy Davis  
 Joan Davis  
**Lane Arthur**  
 Joan Davis  
**Eldred McGuire**  
 Joan Davis



The Coke County Library will have the spring book sale Saturday, April 1, 2000. There will be a large selection of paperbacks. Some really nice hardbacks will be available. The hardbacks have been donated especially for the sale. The sale will be held from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

The spring book fair dates have been announced for March 27, 28, and 29. Book fairs are great places to buy birthday and special events presents.

The library has acquired several new books on regional history. Horsing Around: Contemporary Cowboy Humor, Texas Tech Press; Fencing the Sky, James Galvin; Memorias: A West Texas Life, Salvador Guerrero; Winning 42: Strategy and Lore of the National Game of Texas, Roberson; Why Cowboys Need a Partner by Laurie Knowlton; and Learn About Texas Insects from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Press.

The following dates are important to prepare for the Read Across America campaign coming up in April: Monday, March 27; Tuesday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 29 are the dates for the book fair at the school and Saturday, April 1, for the book sale at the library. Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday 8-4; Thursday 1-5; Friday 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main St. Market in Bronte, and to the library where the food-for-fines program is still in effect.

**Bobbie McCoy**  
 Joan Davis  
**Bob Wrinkle**  
 Peggy Davis  
 Carroll & Dorothy Leathers  
 Jim & Jo Gossett  
 Polly & Bob Large  
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 David & Kathryn Gulley  
 Coke Co. Abstract  
 Add & Barbara Davis  
 Joan Davis  
 Fay Roe  
 Gladys Waldrop  
 Thelma Jo Hinnard  
 Dean Percifull  
 Hadley Richards  
 Joyce Dodson  
 Tuny & Mary Glenn  
 Donnie & Dee Anna Thompson  
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 Robert & Mona Mathers  
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 Bob & Jamie Boren  
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 Donations and memorials to the organization may be made by mailing them to WCCCD, P.O. Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

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 11 am Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

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 Wed. 7 pm

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 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**  
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 11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
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**Long-Vincent exchange vows**

Kyla Vanessa Jean Long and Jerrid Dwayne Vincent, both of Robert Lee were married February 19, 2000 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Reeves officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Kyle & Rosa Long of Robert Lee and the groom is the son of Dwayne & Wilda Vincent of Robert Lee and Debra Vincent of Claude, Texas.

Maid of Honor was Kelley Long, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tina Flores of Eules, Melissa Sanders, Holly Copeland and Kimberly Gloria, all of Robert Lee. Flower girl was Shelby Sparks, also of Robert Lee.

The Best Man was Jeremy Vincent, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Bobby Fouquet of Claude, Corey Pitcock, Josh Timm and Jonathon Torres, all of Robert Lee. Ring bearer was Cooper Chambers of Robert Lee and ushers were John Sanchez and Craig Sanchez of Andrews, Texas.

Gayle Bolding of Robert Lee provided the music and Solos were by Macy Hill (From this Moment-Shania Twain) and Kyle Long, father of the bride (I Cross my heart-George Strait).

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is presently attending Texas College of Cosmetology.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Robert Lee High School. He attended West Texas A&M and is presently employed by Veribest Feed Lot, Veribest, Texas.

The couple will make their home in Robert Lee, Texas.

**RLVFD news**

The Fire Department held Advanced Skywarn classes on March 20th.

Twelve Robert Lee Volunteer Fire fighters, six Bronte Volunteer Fire Fighters, one person from San Angelo, and seven Robert Lee interested citizens attended the lecture given by Buddy McIntyre of the National Weather Service.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerrid Vincent

He explained cloud formations and what to expect from the different types of clouds. The life cycle of a storm, what type of clouds are likely to produce tornado funnel clouds, and damaging winds and hail were explained.

He showed climatology maps of the predictions of the future and films of tornadoes and wind damage of the past few years.

He stressed the point that contrary to popular belief underpasses are not a safe place to hide. The gym, cafeteria, church, or any large room are not safe either, unless it is in the basement. The safest place is an interior room, or hall without windows.

He requested that in severe weather questions should be directed to Coke County EMC, Keith Eubanks, or Coke County Skywarn leader, Bud Thompson, as they are in constant touch with the weather station. The weather station is extremely busy with the doppler radar and other weather reporting equipment. In severe weather a ham operator is present to keep the spotters informed with what is happening and where.

**Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary meets**

There were nineteen people at the last meeting. If you are not a member we urge you to join before the end of March by paying your membership dues as follows:

- \$5.00 Active Membership (per year per person that puts in volunteer service).
- \$10.00 Contribution Membership (per year per person or per organization or per business, who may or may not put in volunteer service).
- \$50.00 Supporting Membership (per year per person or per organization or per business who may or may not give volunteer service).

We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. If you cannot attend the meetings and would like to become a member, take your check by the Health and Rehab Center or mail it to our Treasurer, Phebe Heffernan, P.O. Box 223, Bronte, Tx 76933. We need your help to make the center the "Best in the West."

*I want to thank all the voters who supported my bid for re-election. I sincerely appreciate it and promise to do my best as your commissioner.*

**Paul Burns**

Coke County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Paul Burns

**Thoughts on the Scripture**

By Rev. Jim Reeves

*Psalm 37:23 "If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm, though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand."*

Where do we draw our strength from? The greatest strength we can have comes from having a firm relationship with God, a relationship that pleases God. In such a relationship, even in the midst of adversity, we know that God will lift us up and carry us.

May the Lord bless each one of you.  
Brother Jim

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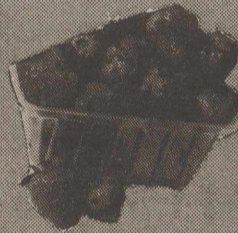
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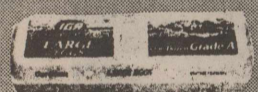


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# Robert Lee School News

## Robert Lee Steers track team travels to Menard

On Saturday March 18, 2000 the Robert Lee Steers traveled to Menard for the Silver Mine Relays. The Steers were the team champions with 166 points.

The results are as follows:  
 400 M Relay - Brown, Ballew, Samaniego, Brothers, 46.7  
 110 High Hurdles - 1st, Dan McCown, 15.02; 3rd, Todd Hamilton, 15.86; 5th, Deric Brothers, 16.59  
 800 M Run - 3rd, Joseph Wink, 2:19; 4th, Brandon Van Huss, 2:20, 6th, Clifton Bohannon, 2:24  
 300 M Hurdles - 1st, Dan McCown, 39.81 (school record); 3rd, Todd Hamilton, 43.71; 5th, Clifton Bohannon, 46.47

3200 - 1st, Joel Gallegos, 10:58

1600 - 1st, Joel Gallegos, 4:58; 2nd, Joseph Wink, 5:16  
 1600 M Relay - 3rd, Hamilton, Van Huss, Brothers, Samaniego, 3:45.5

Pole Vault - 1st, Matthew Pitcock, 12'6"; 2nd, Stewart Millican, 12'6"; 5th, Clifton Bohannon, 11'

Shot Put - 3rd, Adam Cates, 37'2"

Discus - 5th, Adam Cates, 109'11"

High Jump - 2nd, Dan McCown, 6'2"

Long Jump - 2nd, Dan McCown, 20'6"; 5th, Deric Brothers, 19'3 1/2"

Triple Jump - 1st, Dan McCown, 40'11"; 2nd, Deric Brothers, 40'8 3/4"

## Robert Lee JV track

The JV also participated in the Silver Mine Relays in

Menard on Saturday March 18, 2000.

The results are as follows:  
 100 M Dash - 4th, Taylor Clendennen, 12.28  
 400 M Dash - 5th, Travis Pitcock, 63.87  
 200 M Dash - 5th, Taylor Clendennen, 25.33  
 Long Jump - 4th, Taylor Clendennen, 16'10"  
 Shot Put - 3rd, Cooper Riley, 34'6"; 5th, Sean Edging, 32'6"  
 High Jump - 4th, Travis Pitcock, 5'2"  
 Discus - 2nd, Cooper Riley, 105'5"  
 Triple Jump - 4th, Travis Pitcock, 34'3 3/4"  
 Pole Vault - 1st, Taylor Clendennen, 11'; 2nd, Travis Pitcock, 10'6"

## Coahoma Invitational Golf Tournament

On March 17 Robert Lee's golf teams played at Comanche Trails Golf Course in Big Spring. The boys results are:

Team Results: 1st, Forsan #1 - 342; 2nd, Sterling City - 345; 3. Robert Lee - 351; 4th, Tahoka - 356; 5th, Coahoma #1 - 367; 6th, O'Donnell - 373; 7th, Stanton - 384; 8th, Loop - 385; 9th, Coahoma #2 - 391; 10th, Forsan #2 - 399; 11th, Westbrook - 417

Robert Lee boys individual scores are: Deric Brothers - 85; Salomon Saucedo - 87; Beau Blair - 89; Jeremy Eaton - 90; Stewart Millican - 91; Cooper Riley - 112; Clifton Bohannon - 102.

The girls team results are:  
 Team Results: 1st, Robert Lee - 378; 2nd, Coahoma - 422; 3rd, Robert Lee #2 - 461; 4th, Sterling City - 518; 5th, Westbrook - 530

Robert Lee girls individual scores are: RL #1 - Whitney Millican - 92; Dixie Simpson - 90; Dee Van Huss - 97; Shanna Wojtek - 99; Macy Hill - 100.

RL #2 - Ashley Townshend - 99; Amber Brosh - 109; Jennifer Nesbitt - 116; Becky Wesch - 137.

Girls Medalist were Dixie Simpson and Whitney Millican.

## Robert Lee Invitational Golf Tournament

During the Robert Lee golf tournament Robert Lee Orange placed 2nd and Robert Lee Black placed 3rd. The girls team results are:  
 Team Results: 1st, Midland Christian - 376; 2nd, Robert Lee Orange - 379; 3rd, Robert Lee Black - 422; 4th, Loop - 434; 5th, Coahoma - 453; 6th, Midland Trinity - 481.

Individual results for Robert Lee Black are: Macy Hill - 95; Dixie Simpson - 96; Amber Brosh - 102; Jennifer Nesbitt - 136; Becky Welch - 129. They had a total of 422.

Robert Lee Orange results are: Dee Van Huss - 85; Shanna Wojtek - 96; Whitney Millican - 98; Ashley Townshend - 100. They had a total of 379.

Dee Van Huss placed 2nd as medalist, Macy Hill placed 3rd, Dixie Simpson and Shanna Wojtek tied for 4th, Whitney Millican placed 6th, and Ashley Townshend tied for 8th.

The boys team results are:  
 Team Results: 1st, Forsan - 335; 2nd, Ballinger - 340; 3rd, Robert Lee - 348; 4th, Rankin - 353; 5th, Eldorado #1 - 365; 6th, Coahoma - 367; 7th, Bronte - 378; 8th, Winters -

399; 9th, Loop - 401; 10th, Eldorado #2 - 461.

Robert Lee individual results were Solomon Saucedo - 82; Stewart Millican - 84; Jeremy Eaton - 91; Beau Blair - 91; Colby Eubanks - 93. They had a total of 348. Solomon Saucedo tied for 2nd medalist. Stewart Millican tied for 6th medalist.

Deric Brothers and Cooper Riley played as medalist. Brothers shot a 88 and Riley shot a 101.

Bronte individual scores are: Brandon Gibbs - 85; Ryan McCorkle - 91; Jarod McClure - 96; Josh Schoenfield - 96; Charlie Bettis - 115. They had a team total of 378.

Henry White played as medalist and shot a 102.

Brandon Gibbs tied for 10th medalist.

## Lady Steers track results

The Lady Steers traveled to Menard on 3-18-00 for a track meet and finished first place with 135 points.

The results are as follows:  
 400 M Relay - 1st, Matthews, Simpson, Matthews, Dickey, 53.96

100 M Hurdles - 1st, Helwig, 17.20; 4th, Brothers, 18.62

100 M Dash - 3rd, Dickey, 13.24

800 M Relay - 5th, Brothers, Soliz, Middleton, Matthews, 2:02.41

400 M Dash - 3rd, Simpson, 66.58; 5th, Mills, 69.44

300 M Hurdles - 3rd, Helwig, 52.99

200 M Dash - 2nd, Dickey, 27.87; 4th, Simpson, 28.67

1600 M Relay - 2nd, Helwig, Mills, Matthews, Matthews,

4:40.81  
 Shot Put - 4th, Freeman, 30' 10 1/2"; 5th, Sparks, 30' 9"  
 Discus - 2nd, Sparks, 102' 10"  
 Triple Jump - 3rd, Simpson, 31' 9 1/2"  
 Long Jump - 1st, Simpson, 15' 6 3/4"  
 High Jump - 1st, Dickey, 4'10; 3rd, Soliz, 4'6; 4th (tie), Middleton, 4'4

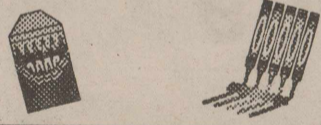
## 25th annual Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts & Crafts Show set for April

The 25th annual Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts & Crafts Show will be held in Ballinger again this year on the last full weekend in April...the 29th and 30th. The festival will be on the Runnels County Courthouse lawn (or in case of inclement weather, the Community Center).

Downtown, Saturday morning, the 29th, the festival will begin at 9:00 am with the Colorado River Bike Fest (100K, 18 mile, 5 mile), followed by a large parade at 9:30 am. Ethnic food booths, arts & crafts, live entertainment, Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show, community booths, games for the children, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament for all ages youth - Sat. and adult - Sun., and the Second Annual Pioneer Plaza Art Show. Also, Miss Ballinger will be crowned during this two day event!

Everyone's invited for two big fun filled days!

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

**Monday, March 27**  
 Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Tuesday, March 28**  
 Orange Juice, Muffins, Sausage, Cereal, Milk

**Wednesday, March 29**  
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Milk

**Thursday, March 30**  
 Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Friday, March 31**  
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Milk

### Lunch

**Monday, March 27**  
 Frito Pie, Crackers, Corn, Tator Tots, Brownies, Milk

**Tuesday, March 28**  
 Salisbury Steak, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Spiced Apples, Milk

**Wednesday, March 29**  
 Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Carrots, Garlic Rolls, Pineapple, Milk

**Thursday, March 30**  
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**Bronte track news**

The Bronte Longhorns participated in the Robert Lee track meet. They placed 2nd with 80 points. The results are as follows:

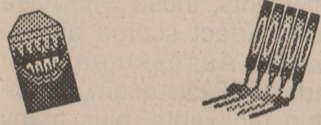
- Shot Put - 3rd, Blake McKee, 48'3 1/2"
- High Jump - 4th, Ryan McCorkle, 5'10"; 5th, Josh Schoenfield, 5'8"
- 400 M Relay - 1st, Jesse McClure, Blake McKee, Josh Schoenfield, Jerrod McClure, 44.74
- 800 M - 1st, Josh Schoenfield, 2:11.3
- 110 M Hurdles - 4th, Henry White, 17.12
- 100 M - 4th, Jesse McClure, 11.68
- 400 M - 1st, Jerrod McClure, 52.09
- 1600 M Relay - 1st, Wes Howell, Tim Green, Josh Schoenfield, Jerrod McClure, 3:36.4

**Bronte Lady Horns track**

The Bronte Lady Longhorns participated in the Robert Lee Relays March 10. The following girls placed at the meet.

- 400 M Relay - 4th, Jessica Sturgill, Jennifer Sturgill, Stormy White, Lauren Williams, 54.02
- 800 M Run - 5th, Crissie McCoulskey, 2:48.86
- 100 M Dash - 6th, Jennifer

**SCHOOL MENU**



**Breakfast**

- Monday, March 27**  
French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Teddy Grams, Milk
- Tuesday, March 28**  
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancake, Milk
- Wednesday, March 29**  
Scrambled Eggs, Tator Tots, Toast, Milk
- Thursday, March 30**  
Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- Friday, March 31**  
Cereal, Apple Sauce, Pop Tart, Milk

**Lunch**

- Monday, March 27**  
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Pears, Rolls, Milk
- Tuesday, March 28**  
Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Pork & Beans, Bun, Apple Crisp, Milk
- Wednesday, March 29**  
Lasagna, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Blueberry Cake, Milk
- Thursday, March 30**  
Cheese Burgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Apple Sauce, Bun, Sugar Cookies, Milk
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- Sturgill, 13.9
- 800 M Relay - 1st, Jessica Sturgill, Jennifer Sturgill, Stormy White, Lauren Williams, 1:54.42
- 1600 M. Run - 3rd, Crissie McCoulskey, 6:31.60

**Bronte Junior High boys track**

- High Jump - 1st, Cody Lee, 5'2"; 5th, Tyson Baker, 4'8"
- Long Jump - 5th, Josh Eubanks, 14'8"
- Triple Jump - 6th, Kinlee Hoyt, 29'9 3/4"
- Discus - 4th, Cody Lee, 98'9"; 6th, Casey McKee, 95'7"
- 400 M Relay - 5th, Garrett Jackson, Cody Lee, Cody Moore, Cory Cooper, 54.02
- 800 M - 2nd, Tyson Baker, 2:30; 5th, Joseph Israel, 2:40
- 400 M - 1st, Cody Lee, 59.63; 2nd, Josh Eubanks, 63.1
- 300 M Hurdles - 6th, Cory Cooper, 54.5
- 200 M - 5th, Kinlee Hoyt, 27.37
- 1600 M Relay - 3rd, Josh Eubanks, Tyson Baker, Kinlee Hoyt, Cody Lee, 4:20

**Bronte High School Tennis**

**Bronte vs. Water Valley March 20, 2000**

**Boys singles**

- Andy Blair (B) Def M. Ball (WV) 8-4
- Nic Casares (B) def C. Tipton (WV) 8-0
- Jeremy Sanchez (B) Def B. Chambers (WV) 8-1

**Girls singles**

- Crissie McCoulskey (B) def S. McGloflen (WV) 8-2

**Girls doubles**

- Lacy Schoenfield/Lindsey Springer (B) Def Wright/Domingus (WV) 8-0

- Christine Galvan/Crissie McCoulskey (B) Def Martin/Evans (WV) 8-3

- Lindsey Springer/Crissie McCoulskey (B) Def Wright/Martin (WV) 6-3

**Boys doubles**

- Ryan McCorkle/Brandon Gibbs (B) Def Ball/Tipton (WV) 8-1

- Henry White/ Zeb Speary (B) Def Chambers/Tipton (WV) 6-1

- Anthony Gibbs/Charlie Bettis (B) Def Ball/Chambers (WV) 6-1

- James Graves/Joel Webb (B) Def Evans/Domingus (WV) 8-2

**Bronte UIL Academic practice meet at Hardin-Simmons University**

The Bronte Math/Science teams traveled to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene for a practice contest on Saturday, February 26. The following students participated:

- Clayton Acker- number sense, calculator, mathematics, science.
- Anthony Flores - science.
- Elizabeth Morgan - calculator, mathematics, science.
- Amy Morgan - mathematics, science
- Brandon Poehls - science.
- Jade Richards - number sense, mathematics, science
- Cara Sefcik - mathematics, science
- Joe'l Sefcik - calculator, science.
- Lindsay Springer - calculator, science

The Teams performed very well at this meet with several winning medals and ribbons. Overall in the Small High School Sweepstakes category the students placed seventh out of thirteen 1A and 2A schools. The Number Sense team placed ninth overall, the Mathematics and Calculator teams placed eleventh overall while the Science Team placed second overall.

**Number Sense**

- Eleventh Grade
- 10th, Clayton Acker
- 11th, Jade Richards

**Mathematics**

- Tenth Grade
- 8th, Amy Morgan
- Eleventh Grade
- 3rd, Clayton Acker
- 7th, Elizabeth Morgan
- 8th, Jade Richards
- 12th, Cara Sefcik

**Calculator**

- Ninth Grade
- 12th, Joe'l Sefcik
- 13th, Lindsay Springer
- Eleventh Grade
- 8th, Elizabeth Morgan
- 14th, Clayton Acker

**Science**

- Ninth Grade
- 8th (tie), Joe'l Sefcik
- 14th, Lindsay Springer
- Tenth Grade
- 5th (tie), Anthony Flores
- 8th, Brandon Poehls
- 10th, Amy Morgan
- Eleventh Grade
- 1st, Jade Richards
- 3rd (tie), Elizabeth Morgan
- 5th, Clayton Acker
- 19th, Cara Sefcik

**Parent classes set for Bronte residents**

There will be parent classes in the Bronte School Cafeteria Monday, March 20, Monday, March 27, Monday, April 10, and Monday, April 17 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

All classes are free and childcare will be provided. Classes will be presented by Amy Lesley, Tom Green County JJC.

On March 27 positive discipline is the topic; on April 10 positive self-esteem; and April 17 anger management are the topics.

**Say yes to preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome**

**Did you know:** Shaking an infant can cause brain damage, blindness, mental retardation, and even death.

Head trauma is the leading cause of disability and death among abused infants and children. Violent shaking is involved in many of these cases.

Although professionals have been calling for a campaign to alert parents for decades, less than half of all Americans are aware that shaking a baby can lead to brain damage and death.

**Never shake a baby!** Shaken baby syndrome most often occurs when par-

ents or people who care for children become frustrated or angry with a child. Instead of shaking, there are many safer ways to handle a crying baby:

Check first to see if the baby is hungry, wet, or uncomfortable.

Try giving the baby a pacifier or teething ring.

Take the baby for a walk or a ride in the car.

Try hugging the child, gently rocking or carrying him.

If you find yourself angry or upset, ask someone trustworthy to sit with the baby while you take a break. If all else fails, leave the baby in a safe place, such as a crib, and step out of the room or go outside until you feel more in control.

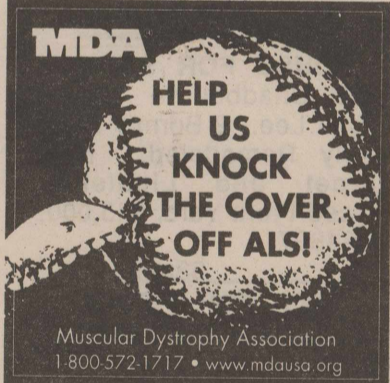
**Play Safely**

Occasionally a parent or person who cares for a child causes unintentional harm by playing too roughly, throwing a small child into the air too vigorously, or hitting an infant too hard on the back. Although parents should not be afraid to handle their children, or to let others play with them, they should remember to be gentle.

Always take care when handling a child younger than age 2. Make sure that anyone who cares for your child knows that children should never be shaken for any reason.

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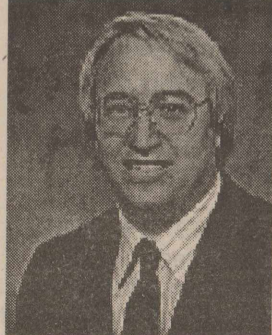


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**Educational Excellence Celebrated at Texas Colleges and Universities**

More than 6,000 high school students will be honored March 30 for outstanding academic achievements during the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence awards program. Of those, about 500 will be honored on March 27 at a ceremony at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Among those being honored are students from the Robert Lee Independent School District. These students will join with 187 other students from the area at a ceremony at Angelo State University. The event will begin at 10 am in the Math, Computer Science Building.

In all, Celebrations will be held at 21 college and university campuses around the state. Scheduled to be honored are National Merit Scholars, prospective valedictorians, Academic Decathlon participants, those who have made perfect scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam, scholarship recipients, plus many other ninth through twelfth grade students who have achieved academic recognition.

This marks the sixth year that the Board and higher education institutions have joined together to host the celebrations of excellence. In 1999, some 8,800 students were honored for their academic accomplishments.

During the ceremonies, the students will receive Celebrations of Educational Excellence medallions along with a congratulatory letter signed by Governor George W. Bush.

Board members, who serve as masters of ceremonies, and university officials will address the students.

Along with the 6,000 students attending the ceremonies, more than 4,000 students who are unable to attend the presentations will receive their recognition and medals at local awards events later in the year.

For more information, contact Dorothea Wright at Robert Lee High School.

The following students will be attending the Celebrations of Educational Excellence:

Jennifer Alexander, Mary Arellano, Joel Gallegos, Jodee Helwig, Dan McCown, Ashlee Millican, Erin Millican, Shelby Roe, Robert Sailer, and Bobbie Sparks.



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by Tommy Antilley  
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**Watering lawns and gardens during drought conditions**

For our area, water is probably the most limiting nutrient that is required for green lawns and gardens. With the drought conditions we have been experiencing lately this is becoming more true than usual. To get your garden and lawn off to a good start this spring, there are several tips on efficient watering that need to be considered.

When watering your lawns, especially if you are using Robert Lee water, it is important to give it a deep soaking watering rather than short frequent watering with sprinklers. The reason for this is to leach the salt content into the soil formation and not have it collecting over time in the top of the soil profile whereby the salt accumulation could damage the grass or garden. The soil should be wet from 4-6 inches deep for effective

moisture retention. Water only when the top 1-2 inches of soil becomes dry as over watering can be just as detrimental to lawns as not having enough water. This is due to water logging which can cause suffocation of the grass due to lack of oxygen in the soil.

To water your garden for a good start up, again give the soil a deep soaking by running water down the furrows instead of light frequent sprinklings which can leave the salt residue on the plants.

Fertilizer for your lawn can also be very important, especially during dry conditions. The proper rate of fertilizer to apply can only be determined precisely after a soil test has been run on your lawn. Applying more fertilizer than needed will cause a need for additional water and will cause excessive mowing. There is a new lawn fertility test that is inexpensive and can be obtained in the County

Extension office at the courthouse. Fertilizing lawns should be done for our area in late April or early May. Hopefully we will have had some rainfall by this time, but if we are still dry, it is recommended to split the fertilizer applications in two separate times. About half of the fertilizer should be applied and watered in sufficiently and wait two weeks to a month and apply the rest. A general rule of thumb for fertilizer is to apply 3-4 pounds of actual nitrogen for 1,000 square feet of lawn area.

For additional information on lawn care or gardens, contact the Coke County Agricultural Extension Service at 453-2461.

**Say yes to promoting healthy minds**

A newborn child's brain has enough cells to last a lifetime.

People who care for children are the brain's first and most important teachers and can do many things toward developing brain cells.

Brain cells begin developing months before the actual birth of the baby. Read and sing to babies before they are



Ashlee Millican, daughter of Waldon and Judy Millican of Robert Lee, exhibited the 2nd Place Finewool Cross Lamb at the San Antonio Livestock Show.

born.

When the brain is stimulated, tiny bursts of electricity travel through the brain. At eight months, an infant's learning process could form 1,000 trillion connections in its brain cells.

More connections are formed when the child has many sight and sound experiences. Language is learned in the first months. The outside world shapes how the brain works.

The brain will lose connections that aren't used. It is important to speak often of the

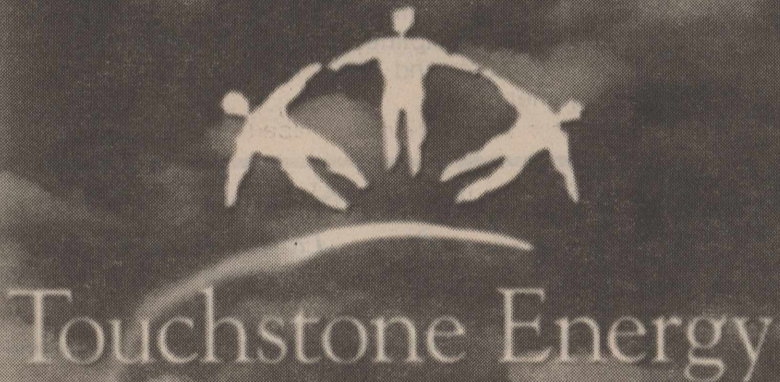
child to reinforce learning.

Talking and singing to infants and toddlers can help them learn hundreds of words by age 2.

Our brains develop through repeated experiences.

Music helps develop the brain's connections. It helps children learn mathematics. It is easier to remember words when they are set to music.

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### Octogenarians' reunion leads to Wedding Day

By Joyce Turner  
Women's News Editor  
(Article taken from Tyler Morning Telegraph)

When Susie and Winford Baze first met, he was a high school football player, and she was a cheerleader for a rival school.

They dated, fell in love and got engaged. Then life seemed to take them in different directions, and they drifted apart, living separate lives and eventually marrying someone else.

But that's all changed. Their love story, which began in the 1930s, got a high-tech boost through the Internet, and now they're together - again.

After about a year of dating, Susie Wike of Tyler and Winford Baze of Mount Pleasant were married October 10, 1999 - the 69th anniversary of their very first date.

A friend introduced them, Mrs. Baze said. "But her daddy wouldn't let her date until she was 17," said Carolyn Batten, Mrs. Baze's daughter.

So, one day past her 17th birthday, they had their first date, Mrs. Batten said.

With Baze playing for Robert Lee, a little town northwest of San Angelo, and Mrs. Baze cheering for Bronte, they were a natural target for teasing.

"I got a lot of razzing, cheering against him," Mrs. Baze said.

That didn't affect her feelings, though. "Why, I thought he was right cute," she said.

And his opinion of her? "A pretty little gal," he said.

The couple dated during high school and got engaged after he transferred to Schriener Institute in Kerrville. She went to Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton.

"At that time, (Schriener) was an all-military (all-boy) school," Baze said.

At Schriener, class members submitted photos of girls who were voted on for class favorite. He submitted (Susie's) photo, and she was elected class favorite of his company. "She was pretty good lookin' - then as well as now," he said.

**Different Directions**  
Baze eventually transferred to Texas Tech to play football, and Mrs. Baze stayed at Mary Hardin Baylor. Eventually, they broke up, but it was a mutual agreement.

"He was planning on a pro career. He needed to think about that instead of getting married," she said. "We never had a cross word - never. He needed to go on to school, and I did, too."

"We just kind of drifted apart," he said.

Baze went on to play professional football with the Philadelphia Eagles, when the pay was \$100 a game. "Back then, \$100 a game was pretty good money," he said.

Baze laughed and said people talk about having 15 minutes of fame, and he had his, too. "I was the first rookie to play 60 minutes of the first pro football game I started."

Unfortunately, Baze, who's 85, still suffers from knee injuries sustained during his

college and professional career. He's had five surgeries on his right knee and four on his left, he said.

After playing professional football, Baze served in the U.S. Navy and returned to Mount Pleasant, where he coached football at Mount Pleasant High School and was married. He retired after many years with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

His wife died 5 1/2 years ago, he said.

After they had gone their separate ways, (Susie) returned to Bronte where she met and later married A.C. Wike. They moved to San Angelo where she reared her family. Her husband died in 1966, and she worked as office manager and bookkeeper for the city of San Angelo until her retirement.

She moved to Tyler 4 1/2 years ago.

"Mother never got rid of the pictures of him. I've known about him all my life - that he was a football player and good looking," Mrs. Batten said. "They hadn't seen each other during all those years."

#### Internet Intervention

One day in the summer of 1998, Mrs. Baze, who just turned 86, said she was down at her daughter's lab in Tyler.

"I said, 'Let's see if we can't find Win (on the Internet). I believe he lives down in the Valley some place.'"

When they located a W.E. Baze, who lived in Mount Pleasant, Mrs. Batten's husband Jim, placed the call to see if he was the same person she'd known all those years ago.

He was - and they talked on the phone for a while.

"I don't know what we said," she said with a laugh.

However, Baze wasn't convinced the call was legitimate. "I thought someone was pulling my leg," he said. Only the day before, Baze had gone through a box of memorabilia, mostly from his son's childhood, and came across a picture of Susie.

"The irony of that picture," Baze said, shaking his head. "I didn't put it back in the box. I put it on the counter and showed it to a friend. I said, 'I think she passed away years ago.'"

When he got the phone call, it seemed too much of a coincidence. In fact, he called the Battens the next day - still not completely convinced the phone call wasn't a prank.

But they invited him to dinner, and the reunited couple began to date.

"They picked up instantly where they left off all those years ago," Mrs. Batten said.

Mrs. Batten smiled at her mother. "I would say, 'You're getting ready to get married.' But she would deny it."

When Mrs. Batten first found out what day they had selected as their wedding day, she panicked, she said.

"I didn't know what day of the week it was. We (photograph) a lot of weddings," she said, explaining that she feared a time conflict.

However, October 10 fell on a Sunday, and they got married during a ceremony they described as "fun", despite some obvious handicaps.

"My husband had just had bypass surgery, but all through his recovery, he kept saying, 'I'm going to do what every man wants to do - give my mother-in-law away.'"

And he did. Mrs. Batten said her husband walked his mother-in-law down the aisle two weeks after his surgery--

"staples and all," she said.

But he wasn't the only one recovering from major surgery. The bridegroom was in a full leg cast as a result of knee replacement surgery, and the bride came down the aisle in a wheelchair because of hip replacement surgery.

A week after they got married, Mrs. Baze found out that she has lymphoma.

"Her positive outlook, and his support have made this a curable disease," Mrs. Batten said. "In fact, she's in remission right now."

The Bazes said they have no regrets about the way their lives turned out. "We both had good marriages, and we're proud of our families," Mrs. Baze said.

Now, they're looking forward to the future and collecting items for the new home they are building. When they went to make arrangements to buy the house, they took out a 30-year loan, they said - and laughed with appreciation.

#### Parenting classes

Parenting classes are scheduled for parents interested at the Robert Lee ISD Cafeteria on March 21; March 28; April 18; and April 25. They will be presented by Amy Lesley, Tom Green County JJC.

All classes are free and child care will be provided. Classes begin at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm each night. Refreshments will be served.

Topics for the parenting class are communications, positive discipline, positive self-esteem, and anger management.

### Look Who's New Bethany Lynn Coppedge William Lewis Coppedge

Shawn and Bonnie Coppedge of Robert Lee received a double blessing on March 9 when Bonnie gave birth to twin babies, a girl and a boy.

Bethany Lynn was born at 4:52 pm, weighing 4 lb. 13 oz. and was 18 inches long. William Lewis was born at 4:50 pm, and weighed 5 lb. 9 oz., and measured 17 1/2 inches in length. They were born at San Angelo Community Medical Center. The couple also has a daughter, Rani, who is 2 years old and wants to "help" with the twins.

Grandparents include Shirley and Jim Coppedge of Robert Lee and Betty and Lawrence Walker of San Angelo.

Mrs. Bonnie Roberts of Robert Lee is the babies' great grandmother. Mrs. Iris Payne of Dinuba, California is their great great grandmother.

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