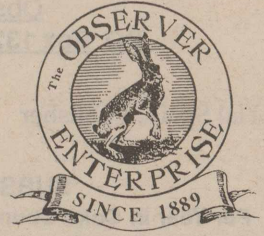


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## Lake Spence nets big gains from recent thunderstorms

by Hal Spain

Early last Thursday morning Coke County was blessed with more than just a good general rain. Although total amounts ranged from between a half and one inch, the greatest benefit may be the large amounts of rain that didn't fall on the county.

The same weather system dumped up to five inches of rainfall on the Lake Spence watershed. The City of Snyder received as much as 5.25 inches, Colorado City 4.3 inches, Lake Thomas 4.5 inches, and in Big Spring amounts ranged up to 5 inches.

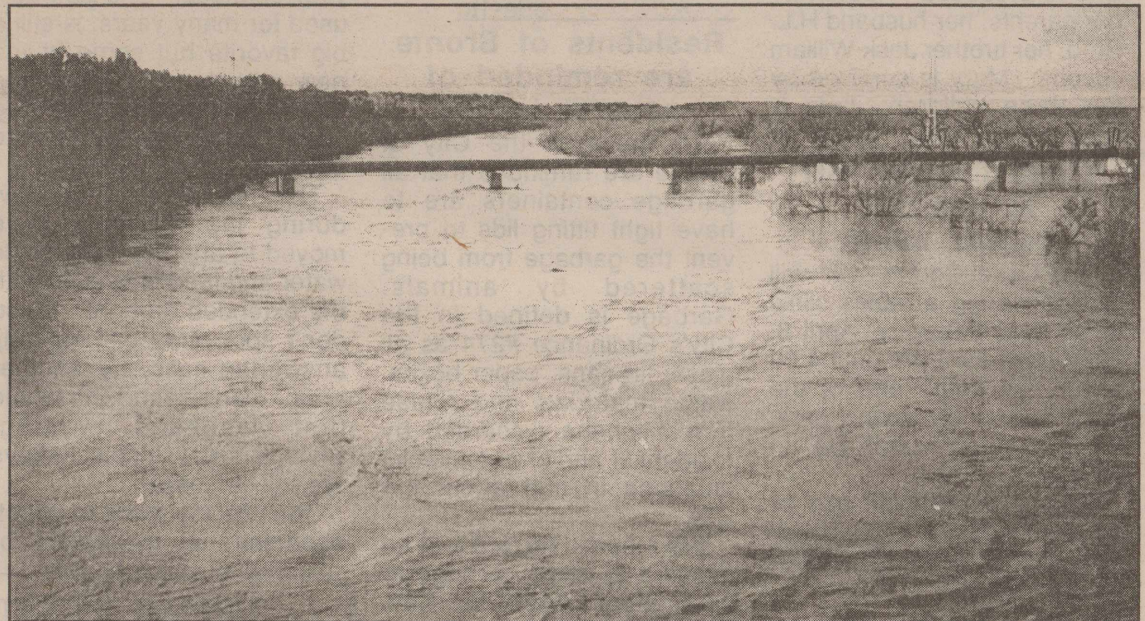
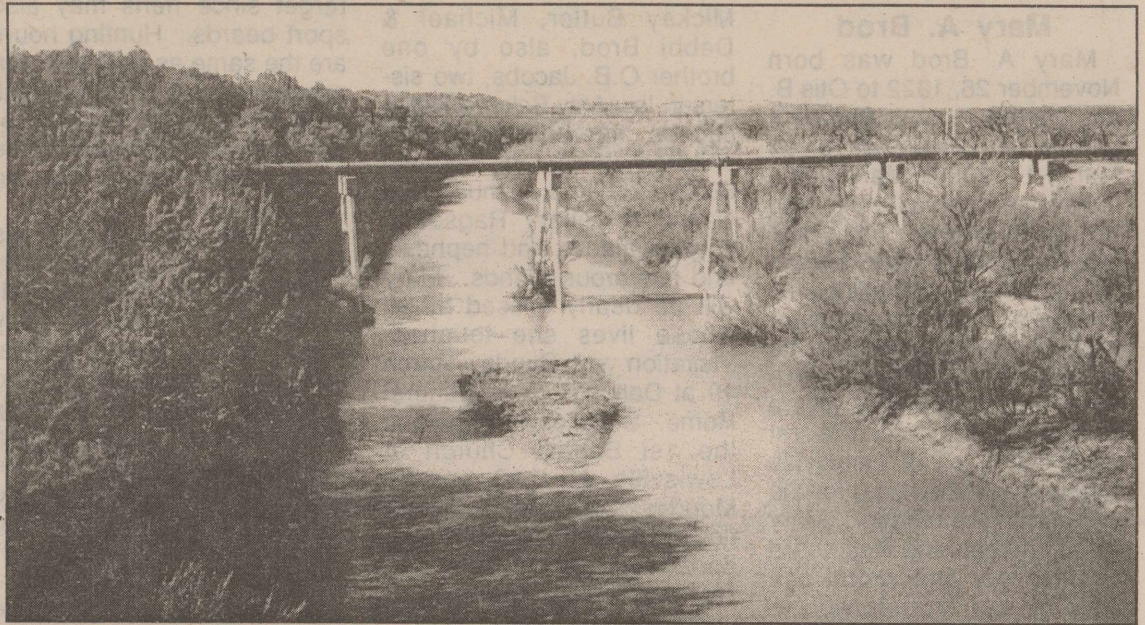
Some of us can still remember Robert Lee Mayor Robert Vaughan (now deceased) stating that "a good 2-inch rain falling in the right place would fill up our lake". Mayor Vaughan didn't live to see it, but at least some of his prediction finally came true. What he nor anyone else could foresee at the time was the lake falling to 10% of capacity due to the extended drought, a situation that has created a critical water shortage for the cities of Robert Lee, San An-

gelo, Snyder, Midland, and Odessa.

With the lake falling to this level, there's no telling what it would have taken to fill it up. However, with the runoff from these downpours, we have at least bought some time in the battle to maintain our water supply.

Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) General Manager John Grant has estimated that Lake Spence could rise as much as ten to twelve feet from this runoff. The total runoff could add up to as much as 40,000 acre feet of water, which would increase Spence's numbers from 10% to over 20% of capacity.

An added benefit to the influx of water is the reduction in the salinity level. Before the runoff, Spence's chloride level stood at around 1300 ppm (parts per million). The chloride level of the water entering the reservoir now is somewhere between 100 and 200 ppm. Mix the two together and you end up with a chloride level we have all learned to live with in west Texas.



This view (top photo) of the Colorado River at the Silver bridge is normally what people see when they cross the bridge. Tom Francis and Teri Hayes snapped this shot Thursday, March 23, 2000, at 4 pm before the arrival of the floodwaters. What a difference a day makes. The lower photo, also taken by Francis and Hayes, was taken Friday at 5 pm.

## Local election ballots finalized

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.

Seven candidates will vie for three - 3 year terms on the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. Incumbents Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield and Bobby Frazee will be challenged by Paul Williams, Connie Tounget, Doug Hoyt, and Joe Sefcik. Terry Charles is unopposed in his bid for re-election for the one - 1 year

seat.

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. Robert Lee has two council positions open. Bonita Copeland and Beth Prather have filed for these seats and Garland Davis has filed to retain the office of mayor. Council members Donnie Devoll and Frank Casey did not file for re-

election. 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. Martin Lee has filed for another term as Bronte mayor. Council member Martha Ratliff did not file for re-election.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three openings filled by the upcoming election. Filing for these openings were incumbent Ed Cumbie, joined by Larry Robinson and Leon Brooks. Royce Fancher and Bob Lasswell did not file 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. All three have filed for re-election. Mary Bessent has also filed for election to this board.

### RL City Council changes date for meeting

The April meeting of the Robert Lee City Council has been changed to Monday, April 3, 2000 at 7:00 pm at Robert Lee City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

### Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, April 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

### Pageant Association to meet

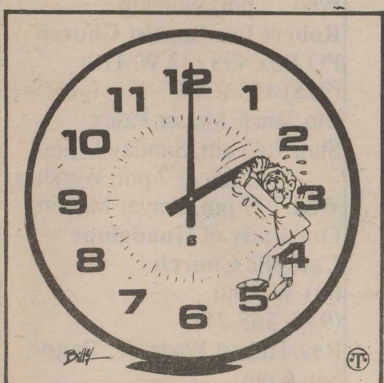
The Coke County Pageant Association will meet on Thursday, April 6 at Robert Lee City Hall at 7 pm.

All interested area residents are encouraged to attend.

### Coke County Roping Club starts Sunday

The Coke County Roping Club will have their first roping this Sunday, April 2, beginning at 2:00 pm at the arena in Bronte. The first roping will be a practice session, as will the Wednesday night sessions which will begin at 7:00 pm. Round robin ropings have been set for the second and fourth Sunday afternoons each month.

All interested area ropers are invited to join the club and join in the fun.



### Daylight Savings Time returns

Daylight Savings Time will return to Coke County, and across the nation, on the first Sunday of April at 2:00 am, April 2. Most folks, for the sake of convenience, will "spring forward" one hour on Saturday night.



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**Obituaries**

**Mary A. Brod**  
 Mary A. Brod was born November 26, 1922 to Otis B. and Martha Jacobs. She went to meet her Lord in heaven on March 17, 2000. Mary was a vibrant person, full of life and helpful to others. For years Mary worked as a bookkeeper for a pharmacy still finding time to raise a family and volunteer for the Ladies Auxiliary for the Lewisville Volunteer Fire Department. She was also a devoted member of the 1st Baptist Church of Lewisville where she helped care for the children in the nursery. Mary loved children and was heard often to say how proud she was of her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband H.L. Brod, her brother Jack William Jacobs. Mary is survived by her three children, Judy & Sam Ragsdale, Betty &

**Coke County 4-H to sponsor rabies clinic**  
 The Coke County 4-H will be sponsoring a rabies clinic to be held Saturday, April 8, 2000 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm in the south end of the show barn at the county park. A veterinarian will be in charge.

Pets 4 months of age or older should be immunized. Pets should be vaccinated for rabies annually.

**Bronte City wide garage sale**  
 The city-wide garage sale will be held in Bronte on Saturday, May 6th. If you would like to participate, please register at City Hall by April 20th. Suggested sale hours are 8 am - 4 pm. Maps of garage sale locations will be distributed on sale day at the bank parking lot.

Mickey Butler, Michael & Debbi Brod, also by one brother O.B. Jacobs, two sisters-in-law Amy Baker & Helen Jacobs, her beloved grandchildren Jonathan & David Butler, Jordan & Joshua Brod, Daniel & Hillary Ragsdale, several nieces and nephews and numerous friends. Mary will be dearly missed by all whose lives she touched. Visitation was Sunday March 19 at Dalton & Sons Funeral Home. Services were held at the 1st Baptist Church of Lewisville at 2:00 pm on Monday, March 20. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Lewisville.

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**Residents of Bronte are reminded of several issues**

Residents of the City of Bronte are reminded that all garbage containers are to have tight fitting lids to prevent the garbage from being scattered by animals. Garbage is defined in the City's Ordinance #274 as all glass, tin cans, paper boxes, waste materials and refuse from kitchens discarded by residential and/or commercial locations in and about the City.

It is a health hazard and an eyesore to allow garbage to be scattered within the City. Residents and business owners are encouraged to make every effort to help keep garbage and trash contained especially during this time of high winds.

The City has also received several complaints regarding dogs running loose and being a nuisance. Residents are reminded to keep their dogs confined on their property at all times.

**Turkey season set to open April 1**

The last of the major hunting seasons, until September, will open on Saturday, April 1. In the opinion of thousands, it's saving the best for last. Spring turkey season will stretch through May 7 in Coke County, gobblers only and bag limit is four per license year for all seasons combined. You must add the \$5 turkey stamp if you failed to get it on your current hunting license.

If you take that gobbler, immediately cut out the month and date of the kill and where it was taken. Attach securely to any part of the bird and it must remain til its final destination for processing. The beard must remain on the breast. Make sure of your target since hens may also sport beards. Hunting hours are the same as deer and non migratory game birds, one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The law prevents hunting roosting turkeys ever.

The Rio Grande turkeys present in our area are really handsome birds and their eyesight and cautious, wily ways make them a real challenge. Not many hunting thrills match the sight of a big, strutting Tom. Decoys often will draw your gobbler in range of your rifle or shotgun and may distract him from looking directly at you. Wear camo or paint your face, along with a practiced call, will increase your chances. The box call, used for many years, is still a big favorite but some of the new mouth calls have the added advantage of having your hands free to fire quicker.

The flocks that you saw during the fall may have moved to another roost since water and feed is scarcer with the extended drought. If you don't spot birds or hear any answering calls, try another area. Don't spend the whole first weekend waiting. Biologists say ample turkeys are still out there.

Don't be too quick to shoot, especially at movement or

sounds in thick brush or cedars. A few years ago, a hunter on a lease in west Coke County was injured when another hunter shot at him. Wearing black clothing and a pair of high black boots, with red striped hunting socks turned down over the tops, he was on a small knoll, squatting, watching a flat below when a careless, excited hunter took him for a gobbler. Thankfully, the shooter wasn't as accurate as some.

The TP&W Outdoor Annual, particularly pages 62-65, gives more on means, restrictions, etc. Stop where license and sporting goods are sold and pick one up; they're free. Good hunting!

**Letter to the Editor**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for a special event that took place in Bronte on Saturday, March 25, 2000. It was on that day that more than 100 ladies from around our area gathered at the First Baptist Church for a ladies' retreat. The theme of the retreat was "Victory in the Vine," based on John 15:1-5. Featured speaker was Denise (Mrs. David) Glenn of Houston. Denise is a nationally known author and speaker and founder of Motherwise, a Bible study and support organization for women. She was accompanied by her ministry assistant, Phyliss Sullivan, and her husband David.

It was such an encouragement to me to see so many women working together in the preparation for this big day in our community. Ladies from Bronte's Central Baptist Church, Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church, St. James Catholic Church, and First Baptist Church have worked and planned and prayed for many weeks getting everything ready for the retreat. Publicity, registration, decorations, hospitality, food preparation, and many other areas were well taken care of by these special ladies. It was a joy to see the results of their planning and hard work turn out so well. Area businesses

also got in on the fun, supplying door prizes and gift certificates. Oh yes, there was a male contingent present. They volunteered to prepare a delicious lunch (chicken nuggets and the trimmings) so all the ladies could participate in the sessions of the retreat.

Ladies from all over our area were represented at the retreat. In addition to those from Bronte, registrants came from Ballinger, Robert Lee, Miles, Blackwell, San Angelo, Wall, Christoval, Winters, Belton, Brownwood, and Abilene. Not many of the ladies admitted their age, but from my observation, the age range included teenagers on up to those in their eighties.

There has been talk of making this an annual event, and it appears one or more Motherwise groups will be formed as a result.

As a pastor of First Baptist Church, I consider it a privilege and a blessing to be associated with women like these. I would love to mention all their names, but I know I would leave out far too many. God has richly blessed our community, and I thought the community ought to know.

Sincerely,  
 Morris Johnson

**ASA Girls Softball Tournery slated**

ASA girls 12 & under softball tournament is slated for April 15th in Ballinger. First, second, and third place awards will be given. For more information call Gerald at 915-365-8159 or 915-365-2108, or call Becky at 915-365-5693 or 915-365-2049.

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**Thoughts on the Scripture**  
 By Rev. Jim Reeves

*Psalm 84:12 "O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you."*

Trust has always been important to us. In today's world, trust sometimes seems to be something less than it used to be. Gone are the days when a simple handshake could seal a million-dollar deal. In its place are confusing, entangling legalisms. God's assurance rises above all need for anything other than pure trust. Put your trust and faith in God and you will be blessed.

May God bless each one of you.  
 Brother Jim

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**Graves, McKee sign to play college football**

Jake Graves and Blake McKee, Bronte High School seniors, have signed to further their football careers at the collegiate level. Jake will play for the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys in Abilene. Blake will play for the Angelo State Rams.

Jake is the son of Susan and Jerry Graves of Bronte. He was selected as an All-District offensive lineman and All-District linebacker during his junior and senior years. He is looking forward to the challenges of playing for HSU.

Blake is the son of Debbie and Tony Mackey. He was selected as All-District offensive lineman, All-District punter/place kicker and All-West Texas offensive lineman as a junior. During Blake's senior year he was selected All-District offensive lineman, the defensive MVP, All-District punter, and All-West Texas as a defensive lineman. He is excited about the opportunity to play for ASU.

Both of these young men had great careers playing for the Bronte Longhorns. All that hard work should pay off now that they have moved on to the next level of play.

**The Euterpean Club meets**

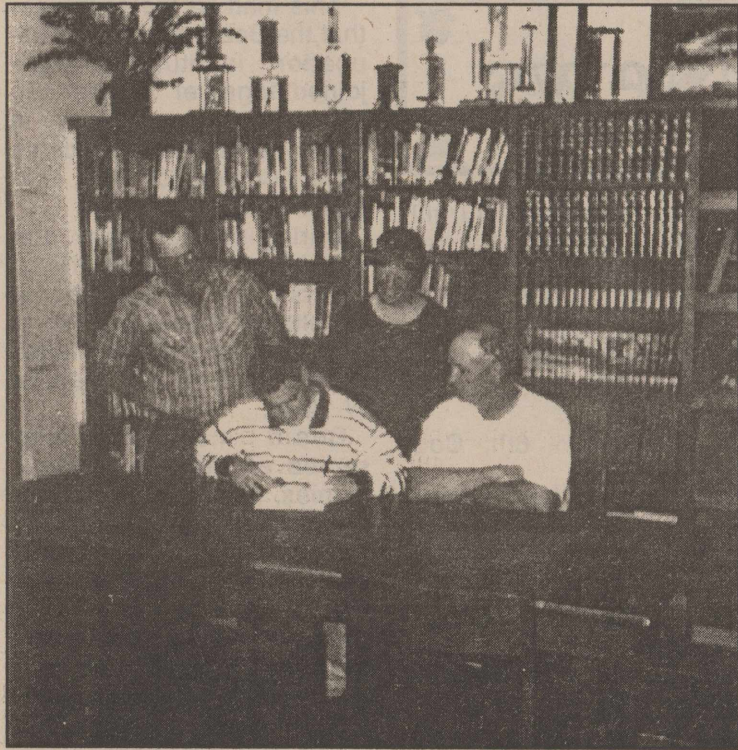
The Euterpean Club met March 16 in the Blackwell Methodist Church at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Gypsy McMullin, president called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests. Regular business was postponed until the next meeting.

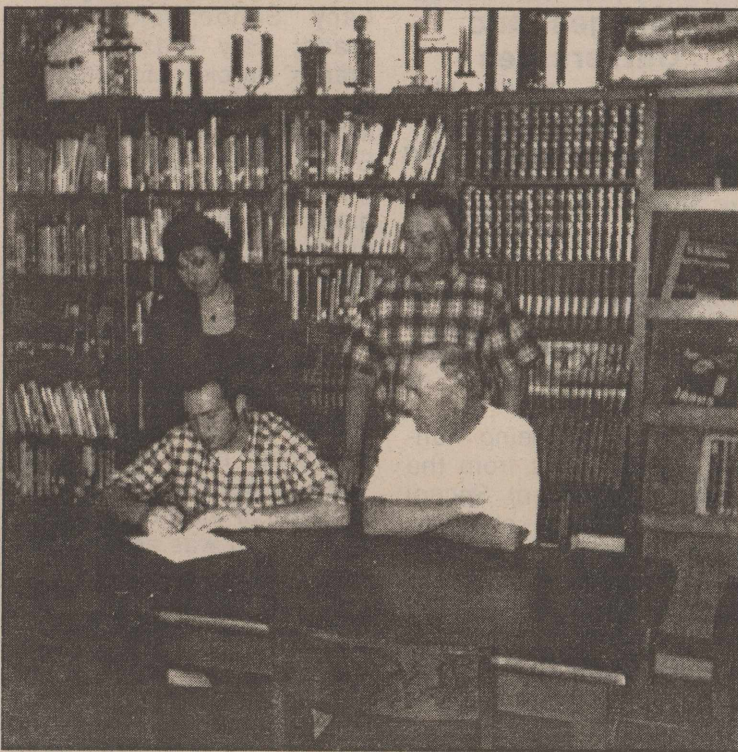
Myrle Thompson gave a brief history of the Euterpean Club. Lee Ann Allison, Meteorologist for KTXS Television Station, was the guest speaker. Everyone enjoyed her informational talk and question and answer period afterwards. She was presented with a framed caricature of herself drawn by club member Karen Saunders.

Hostesses Sharon Taylor and Heather Sanderson served a variety of finger sandwiches, fruit, chips, and dips with punch. Also desserts using Saint Patrick's Day theme to guests and members.

Those attending were Mary Burnett, Lillie Burwick, Sue Dean, Collene Fletcher, Mary



Jake Graves signs to play football for Hardin-Simmons University as Coach Keith McCutchen and parents, Jerry and Susan Graves, look on.



Blake McKee signs to play football for Angelo State University as Coach Keith McCutchen and parents, Debbie and Tony Mackey, look on.

Lee, Tommie Lucas, Karen McBride, Gypsy McMullin, Heather Sanderson, Karen Saunders, Margaret Stout, Sharon Taylor, Rosie Ten Eyck, Myrle Thompson, Bobbie Varnadore and Linda Watts.

**Look Who's New Zachary Ian Johnson**

We have a new arrival! Zachary Ian Johnson was born on Monday, March 20, 2000

at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene, Texas. He arrived at 7:08 pm - weighed 7 lbs. and 15 oz. and was 21 in. long. The proud parents are Kevin and Jackie Johnson of Potosi, Texas.

Kevin is a 1986 graduate of Robert Lee ISD. Zachary's grandparents are Judy and Tommy Shook of Robert Lee, Texas; Isabell and Steve Thurman of San Angelo, Texas; and Wally and Kay Johnson of Rankin.

With the date of the countywide elections rapidly approaching, I am humbly volunteering my time and services to the citizens of the Bronte ISD by submitting my name as a candidate for the Board of Trustees.

Between now and the date of election, I would like to propose multiple topics that should be of interest to all the constituents of the school district.

My prayer is that these topics will generate healthy debate throughout the community, thereby enlightening each of us in the process.

All of the topics that I will put forth to you will be macro in nature. Micro topics such as individuals employed by the school district, current curriculums, etc. will be considered off limits.

I will make myself available for discussion between now and May 6th at 473-3800, or please feel free to e-mail me at Bronte ISD@aol.com. I respectfully request that those who call or write identify themselves. I will not consider an anonymous call or e-mail.

**Paul Williams**

Candidate for the Bronte I.S.D. Board of Trustees

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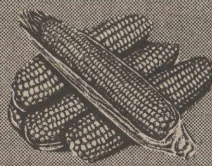
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# Bronte School News

## High School UIL District contest

The Bronte High School UIL participants competed in the District contest on Saturday, March 25.

### Current Events

Andy Blair - 3rd  
Andy Blair, Anthony Flores, Brandon Poehls - 2nd place team

### Number Sense

Jade Richards - 5th

### Calculator

Elizabeth Morgan - 4th

### Science

Jade Richards - 2nd  
Jade Richards - 1st place

### Biology

Cara Sefcik - 1st place

### Physics

Jade Richards, Brandon Poehls, Anthony Flores - 2nd place team

### Mathematics

Jade Richards - 1st  
Jade Richards, Cara Sefcik, Elizabeth Morgan - 1st place team

### Headline Writing

Morgan McCutchen - 3rd

### Feature Writing

Morgan McCutchen - 3rd  
The District UIL Academic Meet was held at Eden High School on Saturday, March 25. The following students with their individual events are:

Clayton Acker - Number Sense, Calculator, Math, Science

Andy Blair - Current Events  
Anthony Flores - Current Events, Science

Christine Galvan - News, Feature, Editorial, Headline  
Jeremy Sanchez - Current

## Events

Morgan McCutchen - News, Feature, Editorial, Headline  
Elizabeth Morgan - Calculator, Math, Science

Brandon Poehls - Current Events, Science

Jade Richards - Number Sense, Math, Science

Tiffany Riordan - Prose Interpretation

Cara Sefcik - Math, Science  
Joe'l Sefcik - Calculator, Science

Lindsay Springer - Calculator, Science

The following students will advance to Regional UIL in Abilene on April 14-15.

Jade Richards, Mathematics, Science  
Cara Sefcik, Science, Mathematics

Andy Blair, Current Events  
Morgan McCutchen, Headline Writing, Feature Writing

Elizabeth Morgan, Mathematics

## Bronte track news

The Longhorns participated in the Sterling City relays. They had a total of 73 points.

High Jump - 4th, Josh Schoenfield, 5'8"; 5th, Ryan McCorkle, 5'8"

400 M. Relay - 1st, Jesse McClure, Wes Howell, Josh Schoenfield, Jerrod McClure, 44.72

800 M. - 2nd, Josh Schoenfield, 2:07.5

110 Hurdles - 5th, Henry White, 17.29

100 M. - 5th, Jesse McClure, 11.65

400 M. - 1st, Jerrod McClure, 51.63; 5th, Ryan McCorkle, 57.4

300 M. Hurdles - 6th, Zeb Speary, 45.50

200 M. - 5th, Jesse McClure, 24.50

1600 M. Relay - 1st, Wes Howell, Tim Green, Josh Schoenfield, Jerrod McClure

## Lady Longhorns

The Lady Longhorns also participated in the Sterling City Eagle Relays this past Friday.

400 M. Relay - 3rd, Jessica

Sturgill, Jennifer Sturgill, Stormy White, Lauren Williams, 54.6

800 M. Run - 5th, Crissie McCoulskey, 2:39

100 M. Dash - 6th, Jessica Sturgill, 13.9; 5th, Jennifer Sturgill, 13.8

400 M. Dash - 6th, Codi Monsey, 66.6

800 M. Relay - 2nd, Jessica Sturgill, Jennifer Sturgill, Stormy White, Lauren Williams, 1:55.21

1600 M. Run - 6th, Crissie McCoulskey, 6:11.3

Shot Put - 4th, Lindsey Springer, 30'

Long Jump - 3rd, Codi Monsey, 14'11"

## Educational Excellence Celebrated at Texas Colleges and Universities

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

Among those being honored are students from the Bronte Independent School District. These students joined many other students from the area at a ceremony at Angelo State University. The event began at 10:00 am in the Math Science, Computer Bldg., Room 100 on Dena Drive.

In all, Celebrations were held at 21 college and university campuses around the state. 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 were those who were honored.

This marked 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 ceremony, the students received Celebrations of Educational Excellence medallions along with a congratulatory letter signed by Governor George W. Bush.

Board members, who served as masters of ceremonies, and university officials addressed the students.

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

Students from Bronte ISD are:

Jenna Herold, ninth grade; Heather Richey, ninth grade; Lacy Schoenfield, tenth grade; Katy Frazee, tenth grade; Brooke McCutchen, eleventh grade; Tessie McMullan, eleventh grade; Elizabeth Morgan, eleventh grade; Cara Sefcik, eleventh grade; Andy Blair, twelfth grade; Tamara Sedden, twelfth grade.

## Bronte ISD Board of Trustees meet in Special Session

Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in Special Session March 23, 2000, at 7:15 am in the Board Room. David Scott was absent from the meeting.

Motion was made and passed to approve the Campus Improvement Plan for each Campus for 1999-2000.

Motion was made and passed to approve the District Improvement Plan for 1999-2000.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 am with no further business.

## BHS Scholarships

Bronte High School will begin the local scholarship application process in April and May for the 2000 graduating senior class. Last year, local community members, businesses, organizations and the school donated and raised money in the amount of \$6,250.00! The students receiving these awards have been very successful in completing their first year of college. Our seniors of 1999 received scholarships from outside sources totaling around \$12,550.00!

As college costs rise, students and their parents need more help than ever. Without our community this would not have been possible. The teachers of Bronte will be raising funds for the Bronte ISD Teacher's Scholarship at the local track meet that Bronte will host on April 7 from the concession stand proceeds. The following scholarships have been donated for the past several years: Lion's Club Scholarship Fund, First National Bank of Bronte Scholarship Fund, Bronte High School Sports Boosters Scholarship Fund, Pat and Martin Lee Christian Athlete Scholarship Fund, Elmer and Janet Hurley Scholarship Fund, Bronte Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund, and Eastern Star Scholarship Fund. Any local business, individual, or organization interested in supporting our graduating class can contact Vicky McCutchen or Rick Howell at the school.

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

**Monday, April 3**  
Holiday

**Tuesday, April 4**  
Cereal, Apple Sauce, Toast, Milk

**Wednesday, April 5**  
Sausage, Grape Juice, Pancake, Milk

**Thursday, April 6**  
French Toast Stix, Sliced Pears, Donut, Milk

**Friday, April 7**  
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Toast, Milk

### Lunch

**Monday, April 3**  
Holiday

**Tuesday, April 4**  
Chicken Nugget w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Apple Sauce, Rolls, Spice Cake, Rolls

**Wednesday, April 5**  
Soft Taco w/Cheese, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Spanish Rice, Flour Tortilla, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk

**Thursday, April 6**  
Spud Day, Chili & Cheese, Potato (Baked), Broccoli w/Cheese, Crackers, Jello, Milk

**Friday, April 7**  
Cheese Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Pear Halves, Bun, Pink Panther Cake, Milk

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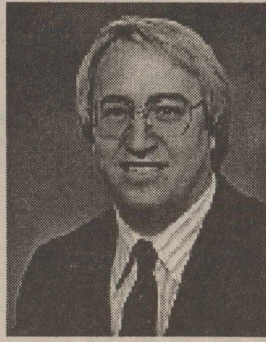
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**Robert Lee track news**

**JV Boys**

On March 24 Robert Lee traveled to Sterling City for a track meet. They placed third with a total of 91 points.  
 Discus - 3rd, Cooper Riley, 103'8"; 4th, Sean Edging, 94'6"  
 High Jump - 2nd, Travis Pitcock, 5'2"  
 Long Jump - 5th, Anson Lott, 16'8 3/4"; 6th, Taylor Clendennen, 16'6 3/4"  
 Shot Put - 1st, Cooper Riley, 35'6"; 3rd, Sean Edging, 35' 3 1/2"  
 Triple Jump - 5th, Travis Pitcock, 33' 5 1/2"  
 Pole Vault - 1st, Curtis Bell, 11'0"; 2nd, Taylor Clendennen, 10'0"; 3rd, Travis Pitcock, 10'0"  
 400 M. Relay - 3rd, Pitcock, Lott, Brickey, Clendennen, 49:68  
 100 M. Dash - 6th, Taylor Clendennen, 12:29  
 200 M. Dash - 3rd, Anson Lott, 25:53; 4th, Taylor Clendennen, 25:83  
**Varsity Boys**  
 Robert Lee varsity boys also competed at the Sterling City track meet on March 24. They were the team champions with 172 points.  
 Discus - 5th, Joel Gallegos, 114'2"  
 High Jump - 1st, Dan McCown, 6'0"; 3rd, Andrew McCabe, 5'10"; 6th, (tie), Colby Eubanks, 5'6"

Long Jump - 5th, Dan McCown, 19'9 3/4"  
 Shot Put - 6th, Adam Cates, 37'6"  
 Triple Jump - 1st, Dan McCown, 43' 1/4"; 4th, Colby Eubanks, 37'2 1/4"; 5th, Garrett Brown, 34'6 1/2"  
 Pole Vault - 1st, Stewart Millican, 12'6"; 2nd, Matthew Pitcock, 12'6"; 4th, Clifton Bohanon, 12'0"  
 3200 M. Run - 1st, Joel Gallegos, 10:51.38; 3rd, Jaziel Gallegos, 12:30.45  
 400 M. Relay - 4th, Brown, Ballew, Samaniego, McCabe, 46:77  
 800 M. Run - 5th, Joseph Wink, 2:14.12  
 110 M. Hurdles - 1st, Dan McCown, 15:02; 2nd, Todd Hamilton, 15:54; 6th, Clifton Bohannon, 17:44  
 100 M. Dash - 3rd, Deric Brothers, 11:57  
 400 M. Dash - 6th, Colby Eubanks, 58:53  
 300 M. Hurdles - 2nd, Dan McCown, 40:46; 4th, Todd Hamilton, 42:27  
 200 M. Dash - 3rd, Deric Brothers, 23:86  
 1600 M. Run - 1st, Joel Gallegos, 4:53.84; 3rd, Joseph Wink, 5:05.58  
 1600 M. Relay - 2nd, Hamilton, Van Huss, McCabe, Samaniego, 3:42.14

**Robert Lee JH girls track travels to Menard for track meet**

The Junior High girls track traveled to Menard on March 25. They placed fourth with 66 points.  
 High Jump - 6th, Alana Parker, 3'10"  
 Shot Put - 6th, Stacy Denton, 20'6 1/2"  
 2400 M. Run - 2nd, Michelle Sanchez, 11:09.19  
 400 M. Relay - 5th, Jennifer Fluhmann, Brittany Soliz, Tyler Lott, Rachel Wallace, 58.43  
 800 M. Run - 6th, Monica Rodriguez, 3:04.48  
 100 M. Hurdles - 1st, Jennifer Fluhmann, 18.81; 2nd, Tyler Lott, 18.83

100 M. Dash - 6th, Shannon Honse, 15.84  
 800 M. Relay - 4th, Brittany Soliz, Becky Lockstedt, Alana Parker, Rachel Wallace, 2:10.05  
 400 M. Dash - 6th, Michelle Sanchez, 77.10  
 300 M. Hurdles - 4th, Tyler Lott, 57.67; 6th, Jennifer Fluhmann, 58.76  
 200 M. Dash - 4th, Rachel Wallace, 30.84; 5th, Shannon Honse, 31.49  
 1600 M. Run - 4th, Monica Rodriguez, 7:02.02  
 1600 M. Relay - 4th, Brittany Soliz, Ashley Womack, Becky Lockstedt, Alana Parker, 5:29.07

**Helwig named to 2000 All West Texas Basketball Team**

Jodee Helwig, a 5'8 sophomore forward for the Lady Steers, has been named to the San Angelo Standard Times, Class 1A, All West Texas Team. Jodee led the Lady Steers to a Bi-District Title averaging 13.2 points per game and 7.6 rebounds. She also connected on 70% of her free throws and averaged 3.1 assists per game. Jodee was named to three all-tournament teams at Stanton, Sterling City, & was named the MVP at the Irion County Tournament. She also was named the MVP for District 20-A for the second year in a row. Others making the All West Texas Team were: MVP Lysie Blau of Menard, Coach - Jerry McSherry of Menard; Lacey Blau of Menard; Buddie Richmond of Brookesmith; M'Lynn Niehues of Garden City; Jennifer Hawkins of Wink; and Windy Robertson of Irion County.

**District UIL results**

On March 25, 2000, the Robert Lee UIL Academic Team traveled to Eden for the District UIL Meet. The sponsors attending were: Winnie McPeck, Jerry Horn, and Tricia Ballew. The results of our team are as follows:  
 Number Sense: Shelby Roe  
 Mary Arellano - tied for second  
 Bobbie Sparks - 6th  
 First as a team and they all advance to Regional!  
 Calculator: Bobbie Sparks - 5th  
 Mary Arellano - 7th  
 Joel Gallegos - 13th  
 Current Events: Daniel Cates - 5th  
 Spelling and Vocabulary: Daniel Cates - 3rd  
 Adam Cates - participant  
 Mary Arellano - participant  
 They were third as a team. Daniel will advance to Regional!  
 Poetry Reading: Nicole Sanchez - 6th  
 Computer Applications: Dan McCown - 1st  
 Dan advances to Regional!

We are very proud of the hard work these students have put forth this year. Good luck to the ones still competing on the Regional level!!!

**School Board meets**

The Robert Lee ISD school board met in regular session on March 27, 2000 in the high school library with all members present. The following business was conducted:  
 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.  
 Monthly bills were paid.

The district's participation in the Take Our Daughters to Work program was granted for May 5, 2000.

New textbook selections were certified for 2000-2001 school year.

A new DEC (local) policy concerning worker's compensation as recommended by TASB was approved.

Eula Faye Blair was appointed election judge for the May 6 school board election with Jeannie Tinkler as alternate judge for both the regular and early voting portions of the election.

A date of May 6, 2000, 6:30 was set to canvass the votes of May 6 election.

The school calendar for 2000-2001 which was recommended by the District Site Based committee was accepted.

The board accepted Supt. Hood's recommendation to reassign Dorothea Wright from classroom teacher to PK - 12 counselor.

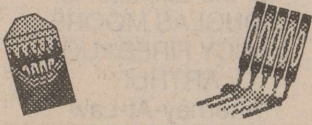
Supt. Hood's recommendation for the employment of current professional staff of Robert Lee High School was accepted.

The recommendation of Supt. Hood for the employment of current professional staff of Robert Lee Elementary school was accepted.

The principals and Superintendent gave their respective reports. The next regular meeting will be April 20, 2000.

The public is invited to attend.

**SCHOOL MENU**



**Breakfast**

**Monday, April 3**  
 Orange Juice, Donut, Cereal, Milk  
**Tuesday, April 4**  
 Orange Juice, Muffin, Sausage, Cereal, Milk  
**Wednesday, April 5**  
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Milk  
**Thursday, April 6**  
 Orange Juice, Pancake & Sausage on a stick, Cereal, Milk  
**Friday, April 7**  
 Orange Juice, Rolls w/Cinnamon & Butter, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Lunch**

**Monday, April 3**  
 Pizza, Corn, Applesauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk  
**Tuesday, April 4**  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Peaches, Chocolate Pudding, Milk  
**Wednesday, April 5**  
 Spaghetti, Carrots, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Sliced Bread, Pears, Milk  
**Thursday, April 6**  
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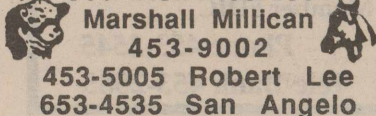
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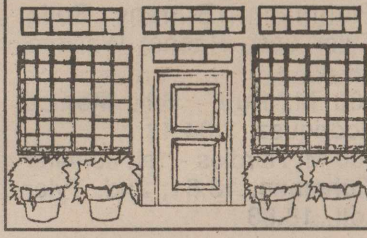
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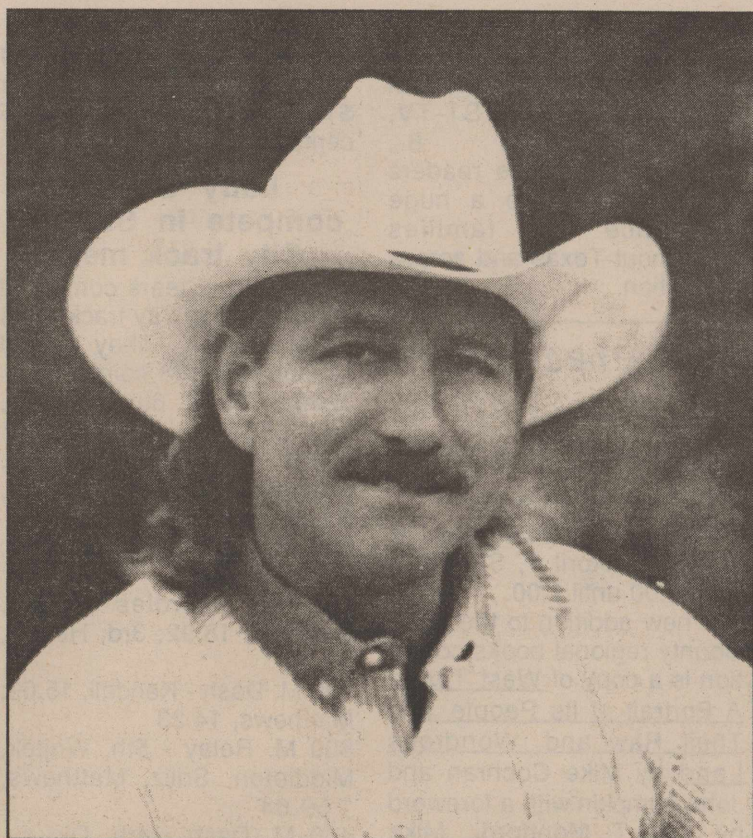
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
DATED March 28, 2000  
NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR  
Attorney for the Estate

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
ORDINANCE #1102  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2000 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2001. PASSED AND APPROVED the 6th day of March 2000.  
Approved: Garland Davis, Mayor  
Attest: Kay Torres, City Secretary

**PUBLIC NOTICÉ**  
Effective February 27, 2000, I, Tammy B. Howard, will be responsible for only those debts which I may incur.

**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.





Kevin Atwater

**Atwater launches debut CD**

*(Editor's Note: The following article is taken from Brentwood Press. Kevin Atwater is the son of Ann Atwater and the late Ray Atwater.)*

Veterans Memorial Building shimmered with the glitz of show biz, stood quiet for a heart-tugging thank-you, but mostly boomed to hard-driving music last weekend as Brentwood resident Kevin Atwater used it as ground zero for his launch into the world of country music.

Atwater and his Ironhorse Band treated a roomful of friends, family and supporters to a sumptuous meal first, then delivered a crisp performance of his debut CD "17th and Austin."

"I didn't know how much support I had in the community," a grateful Atwater said this week. "It's very uplifting when you know the community is behind you like this."

The evening saw a progression of people important to Atwater appear on stage with him. There was his wife Kelly, who sang back-up vocals on a few songs; his brother Gary, who flew out from Oklahoma to play drums for him; Ken Hocter, a fellow member of Atwater's rock 'n' roll alter ego with the band "Xpress;" and local businessman Roger Moore, who financed Atwater's debut album.

"I heard from several people that he was very talented but that he ought to be playing country music," said Moore, who backed Atwater's dream without having heard him play. In fact, Moore added ironically, "I don't even like country music."

Also appearing on-stage with Atwater, as always, was his father's portrait. The album, several songs and Atwater's band's name are all inspired by Kevin's father, who died in a tragic house fire one year to the day before a man Kevin didn't know (who turned out to be Moore) approached Atwater with his offer of support.

"I believe that man," Atwater told the crowd last weekend during a tearful introduction of Moore, "was sent by my father."

KAT Country radio, doing a

remote at the Weathervane western store downtown on Saturday, played two of his recorded songs as well as one live one.

Atwater's CD "17th & Austin" was named after the street his mother and father lived on in Robert Lee.

**Skywarn news**

On Wednesday, March 22 at 5 pm the Coke County Skywarn team was alerted about a line of potentially dangerous storms moving northeast in a line from Del Rio to north of Snyder.

Spotters were on the road throughout all the counties along the line and reported three tornadoes that touched down from Westbrook to Garden City before 7 pm. Robert Lee had dark clouds that passed over at that time.

At 7:05 a tornado was reported on the ground south of Snyder between Hwy. 350 and 208.

At 7:34 reports came in that the highway was flooded at Hwy. 158 in Glasscock County and golf ball size hail was reported at Colorado City.

At 7:52 a tornado was on the ground west of Rotan and tennis ball size hail.

At 8:28 a tornado was on the ground in Nolan County near Roscoe.

The storms then slowed down.

At 2:15 am Robert Lee spotters were called out by the National Weather Service. Thunderstorms were headed our way with winds 50 to 60 mph. Heavy rain and hail to dime size was expected.

At 2:56 am a storm cell North of the dam and another one coming from Water Valley was headed our way.

The weather service advised the spotters to head for cover.

At 3:05 am Robert Lee was experiencing heavy rain and strong winds.

At 3:17 am it was moderate rain and light wind.

At 3:22 am the storm cell moved into Bronte and Robert Lee had light rain.

Robert Lee received around a 1/2 inch of precipitation.

**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.

**Robert Lee District Golf RL boys**

March 20 was the first round of District play. They played at Eden Golf Course with a par of 72.

Team results: 1st, Menard #1 - 319; 2nd, Bronte - 351; Tie for 3rd, Robert Lee - 356; Eden - 356; 5th, Cross Plains - 361; 6th, Menard #2 - 365; 7th, Miles - 386; 8th, Lometa - 413; 9th, Santa Anna - 508.

Robert Lee results: Salomon Saucedo - 89; Stewart Millican - 86; Jeremy Eaton - 97; Beau Blair - 92; Deric Brothers - 89; Colby Eubanks - 89; Cooper Riley - 102; Clifton Bohannon - 100.

**RL girls**

On March 21 the RL girls played their first round of District golf at Menard. The overall course par was 66.

Team results: 1st, Menard - 336; 2nd, Robert Lee #1 - 339; 3rd, Bronte - 373; 4th, Robert Lee #2 - 401.

Robert Lee #1 - Dee Van Huss - 80; Shanna Wojtek - 89; Dixie Simpson - 90; Macy Hill - 88; Whitney Millican - 82.

Robert Lee #2 - Ashley Townsend - 78; Amber Brosh - 94; Jennifer Nesbitt - 102; Becky Welch - 127.

The final round will be 18 holes on March 29 at Bronte.

**District boys golf results**

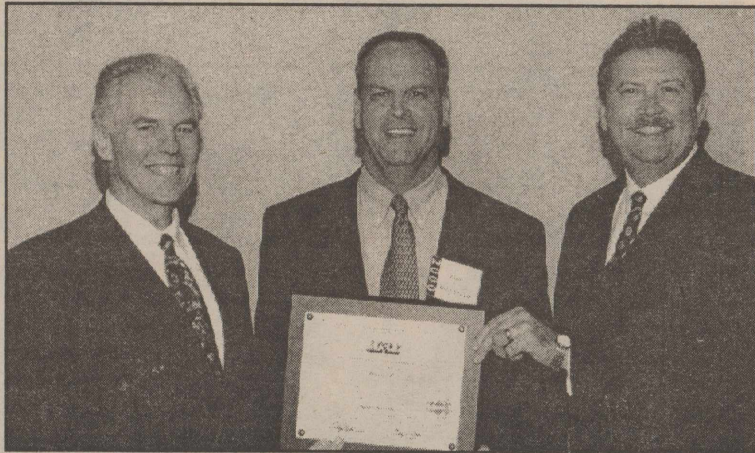
The Robert Lee boys played their final district round of golf at Mountain Creek Golf Course on Monday, March 27.

The team results for the 36 hole tournament are: 1st, Menard, 624; 2nd, Bronte, 691; 3rd, Robert Lee, 703; 4th, Eden, 718; 5th, Menard #2, 740; 6th, Cross Plains, 747; 7th, Miles, 767; 8th, Lometa, 844; 9th, Santa Anna, 1021.

Robert Lee team results for the 36 hole tournament are 1st, Stewart Millican, 86-84=170; 2nd, Beau Blair, 92-84=176; 3rd, Salomon Saucedo, 89-91=180; 4th, Jeremy Eaton, 97-88=185; 5th, Deric Brothers, 89-99=188.

Robert Lee medalists were 1st, Colby Eubanks, 89-87=176; 2nd, Clifton Bohannon, 100-86=186; 3rd, Cooper Riley, 102-122=224.

Menard #1 and Bronte qualified for the Regional Tournament.



Bronte Independent School District Superintendent Alan Richey (center) is presented with his award by Billy Hibbs of HHC-H and Barry Jones of CAS-R.

**Texas Educational Insurance Association recognizes local superintendent**

Bronte ISD, represented by Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent, was recognized by the Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs geared toward preventing injuries in the workplace. The award was presented at the recent Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin, Texas. Bronte ISD, one of more than 340 participating schools, has saved \$152,833 since joining the program in September-92. Designed and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc. (CAS), the program specializes in safety procedures designed to prevent and reduce workplace injuries. Claims Administrative Services, Inc. provides more than 30% of Texas school districts with workers' compensation insurance and have amassed a combined savings of over \$49 million. Every year, since startup in 1991, savings to districts have totaled over \$129 million dollars with reductions of claims reduced 5%, and on the job injuries down no less than 28% over the previous year.

Bronte ISD received the Silver Award for savings to the district of \$24,157 and 75% or less, of the funds reserved for

possible claims expenses during the 1998/1999 year. Wesley Slade, Senior Vice President of CAS, describing the program, explained, "Taxpayers will be gratified to know results of participating in the CAS safety program, reduction of injuries and money saved, have raised the bar for all Texas schools for reduction of work related injuries. At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum."

**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.

**Gibbs named to All-West Texas and All-Region Teams**

Brandon Gibbs was recently named to the Class A All-West Texas Basketball Team. He was also named to the Class A Region II - second team All-Region Team.

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Jimmy Grice of Loraine, Texas, landed this 23 pound striper while fishing off the bank near the dam at Lake Spence March 23, 2000. Richard Taylor of Robert Lee provided the net to bring this big fish on shore.

### Students participate in Ag Field Day

Fourth grade students from Bronte, Robert Lee, and Sterling City participated in the annual Ag Field Day hosted by Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Wednesday, March 22. The event was held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Show Barn in Robert Lee. The students and their teachers were treated to a tour of several different displays and demonstrations relating to the importance of agriculture and its by-products in every day life.

Sutton Page, Area Field Representative for Texas Farm Bureau, set up a display and explained how agriculture has an impact in all phases of life. Students were able to see many of the products that are obtained from the farming and ranching industry, some readily apparent such as breakfast cereal, and some not so easily recognizable, such as shaving cream.

County President John Stephens and Director Gaylon Pitcock provided a tractor and hay baler for the students to see. They explained the importance of good equipment to the farming industry. Most students have seen tractors and hay balers in the fields as they drive by, but this was an opportunity for them to see and closely examine this type of farm machinery.

Director Bobby Roberts demonstrated the almost lost art of making butter from fresh milk. The students were able to see a churn and also taste "real" butter.

As always, animals stole the show. Several types of farm and ranch animals were provided by Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau directors for the students to see and touch. Jeff Eubanks provided Boer goats, Donnie Thompson brought chickens, and Gaylon Pitcock provided a heifer and calf. Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau member Jimmy Byrne displayed pigs provided by Steve Oleksiuk.

Joey Harmon was on hand with his ranch horse. He explained the fundamentals of saddling a horse and also ex-

plained the value and importance of a horse to a rancher. He then gave a brief question and answer session. The students were able to ask questions about horses and horse-related ranch work and pet the horse.

The tour ended with a sheep dog trial provided by Bob Leverett of San Angelo. Mr. Leverett gave a fascinating demonstration with these amazing dogs and presented an informative talk on the training and care of the animals.

Others on hand for the event were Kenneth Diershcke, Joe Sefcik, Wesley Washam, Alzono Robbins, Brandon Luce and Russell Davis.

Ag Field Day has proved to be a much anticipated event for the students and teachers. The directors and members of Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau receive a great deal of satisfaction from seeing the smiles on the faces of the students as they learn about different facets of farm life. The day gives the students a chance to see things that many of them have only read about in text books and it provides them with an opportunity to appreciate the importance agriculture and the ag related fields provide for all of us.

### County officials attend training

Judges Jackie Walker and Joan Davis and Mary Beth Dodson, secretary to the county attorney, attended a one-day training program sponsored by the Texas Council on Family Violence on Friday, March 24. It was held at San Angelo's law enforcement center near Lake Nasworthy.

According to program director Patrick Berry, assistant district attorney of Denton County, domestic violence is the #1 offense in total cases. Legislative updates from the arrest through conviction were covered.

Participants will receive 6 hours of continuing education credit.

### Robert Lee contributes to the 17th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign

My Irish eyes are smiling because Robert Lee has done it again! Thousands of area residents - when they patronized their favorite convenience stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other retail businesses - brought the luck of the Irish to families affected by muscle-wasting diseases. By purchasing and signing the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy mobiles, they turned these high-traffic venues green with good fortune for St. Patrick's Day.

Thanks to these caring customers, and all the service personnel who added humanitarian value to cash register transactions by asking patrons, "Would you like to buy a Shamrock to help families served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association," Robert Lee made an incredible contribution to the 17th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign.

I'm sure that St. Patrick is as grateful as are the million Americans served by MDA for the \$9 million that Shamrocks raised nationally this year. This sharing of the green has helped speed MDA-funded research at the University of Texas, the Baylor College of Medicine, other institutions in the state, and around the globe.

Moreover, this pot-o-gold is helping maintain the national network of 230 MDA clinics. The services of these hospital-affiliated clinics, along with MDA research, resulted in MDA becoming the first organization honored by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity." In Texas, MDA has 18 clinics, including the MDA clinic at Midland Memorial Hospital.

By taking part in Shamrocks and other local MDA events,

### Bronte Shorthorns travel to Menard for track meet

During the Menard Silver Nugget Jr. High Relays the Bronte Shorthorns placed third with 98 points.

Shot Put - 1st, Justin Moore, 37'7"; 3rd, Josh Eubanks, 32'8 1/2"; 6th, Casey McKee, 31'1"

Discus - 4th, Cody Lee, 107'

Triple Jump - 3rd, Garrett Fiveash, 33'7 1/2"; 6th, Kinlee Hoyt, 30'9"

High Jump - 1st, Cody Lee, 5'4"; 6th, Tyson Baker, 4'8"

400 M. Relay - 3rd, Garrett Jackson, Cody Lee, Cory Cooper, Garrett Fiveash, 53.1

110 M. Hurdles - 3rd, Garrett Fiveash, 20.66; 4th, Justin Moore, 20.75

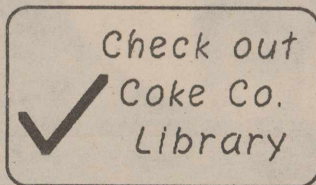
800 M. - 3rd, Tyson Baker, 2:24

400 M. - 1st, Cody Lee, 59.3; 4th, Josh Eubanks, 63.7

300 M. Hurdles - 4th, Justin Moore, 54.1; 6th, Cory Cooper, 55.2

1600 M. Relay - 3rd, Josh Eubanks, Tyson Baker, Garrett Fiveash, Cody Lee, 4:10

by calling in pledges to the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon broadcast on KLST-TV, Channel 8, Observer/Enterprise readers continue to make a huge difference for families throughout Texas and across the nation.



The library book sale is slated for April 1, Saturday, from 8:00 until 2:00.

A new addition to the Coke County regional books collection is a copy of West Texas: A Portrait of Its People and Their Raw and Wondrous Land by Mike Cochran and John Lumpkin with a foreword by John T. Montford. Mike Cochran is a native of Stamford and a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Bronte, Robert Lee, and Tennyson are mentioned in the book. More information on Coke County would have made the book more interesting.

"West" Texas according to the authors begins in Fort Worth, slides down to Del Rio through Brownwood and Brady, north to Wichita Falls, up through the Panhandle and out to El Paso and back south to Presidio. In pointing out what West Texas is, Cochran sates that it's a South Plains duster; a blizzard on I-40 by Amarillo; monument to a mule; a jackrabbit statue in Odessa and so on. It is also, he states, "the wonder of sheepdogs on a rock-strewn ranch near Robert Lee." He quotes a West Texas legislator who once said, "Don't waste a good man by sending him to Austin... Send me; I'm already ruined."

Bronte and Tennyson are lined with the literary trail which always catches the eye of reporters and writers, although it leaves too much of the beauty and history out.

The book is, as stated by one reviewer: "The only coffee-table book anybody will actually read." It is readable, and the photography is very good. A regional book can cover only the highlights. It makes one realize also how much has been left out.

The library book sale is Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 until 2:00. Paperbacks are

ten cents each. One book of very nice hardbacks will sell for \$1.00 each, others will be 25 cents each.

### Lady Steers compete in Sterling City track meet

The Lady Steers competed in the Sterling City track meet on March 24. They placed second with 108 points.

3200 M. Run - 6th, Sanchez, 14.23.58

400 M. Relay - 2nd, Matthews, Simpson, Wojtek, Dickey, 53.28

800 M. Run - Mills, 2.48.17; Roe, 3.03.44

100 M. Hurdles - 6th, Brothers, 18.92; 3rd, Helwig, 17.94

100 M. Dash - Kendall, 15.09; Matthews, 14.23

800 M. Relay - 5th, Wojtek, Middleton, Soliz, Matthews, 1:59.64

400 M. Dash - 4th, Dickey, 63.61; Kendall, 73.38; Mills, 70.84

300 M. Hurdles - Brothers, 58.31; 5th, Helwig, 53.61

200 M. Dash - Middleton, 30.82; 2nd, Simpson, 27.80

1600 M. Run - Alexander, 7.00.78; Hamilton, 6.55.01; Sanchez, 6.33.89

1600 M. Relay - 3rd, Matthews, Wojtek, Dickey, Simpson, 4:21.43

Shot Put - 5th, Freeman, 29'2"; 6th, Millican, 28'8"; 2nd, Sparks, 33'1"

Discus - 1st, Millican, 101'2"; 3rd, Sparks, 99'

Triple Jump - 4th, Dickey, 31' 11 3/4"; 2nd, Simpson, 33' 1/2"; 6th, Wojtek, 31' 2 3/4"

Long Jump - 6th, Matthews, 14' 3 3/4"; 3rd, Simpson, 14' 10 3/4"

High Jump - 3rd, Dickey, 4'8"; 5th, Middleton, 4'6"

### Breast Cancer semipostal stamp sales campaign runs April 22 - May 19

Like all good things, sales of the 40 cent breast cancer semipostal stamp will come to an end July 29, 2000 - the end of the maximum two-year sales period set up by law.

The Postal Service is planning a grand finale - one last big push to raise sorely needed funds for breast cancer research. The promotion hopes to sell out the entire print run of 280 million stamps. That would bring the total raised for research to \$20 million. We're at \$11.3 so far - with less than \$10 million to go.

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