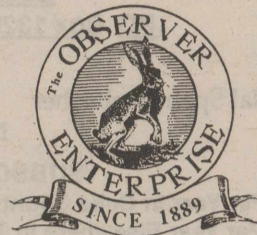


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Early voting continues for local elections

Early voting for three local governing entities began Wednesday, April 19, and will continue until May 2, for the May 6 election. Friday, April 28 (today), is the last day to receive an application by mail.

Through presstime Wednesday, the County Clerk's office reported a large number of people voting early in the West Coke County Hospital District and Robert Lee Independent School District elections. Reports from Bronte show low early voter turnout.

West Coke County Hospital District voters may vote at the County Clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Four candidates are vying for the three vacancies. Incumbents Winton Milliff, Linda Burns and Patty Byrne

will be joined on the ballot by Mary Bessent.

Those wishing to vote early in the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees election may do so in the Superintendent's office Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Seven candidates are running for the three 3-year terms. They include incumbents Wayne Coalson, Bobbie Frazee, and Jeff Schoenfield, along with Connie Tounget, Joe Sefcik, Doug Hoyt and Paul Williams. Terry Charles is unopposed in his bid to retain his 1-year term.

Robert Lee Independent School District early voters may cast their ballots at the County Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Four candidates are run-

ning for the three 3-year terms. They include Wes Washam, Brian Hamrick, Ray Aldridge, and Fredda McCabe.

The City of Bronte, the City of Robert Lee, and the East Coke County Hospital District have all cancelled their elections due to the fact that there were no opposed races.

County-wide day of prayer

As a part of the annual National Day of Prayer activities, the Coke County Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a county-wide prayer breakfast, Thursday morning, May 4th, beginning at 6:45 am in the recreation hall in Robert Lee. Breakfast will be prepared by various men's groups of the churches and everyone in the county is invited to come share in the food, fellowship and a time of prayer for our communities, schools, the county, state, nation and our world.

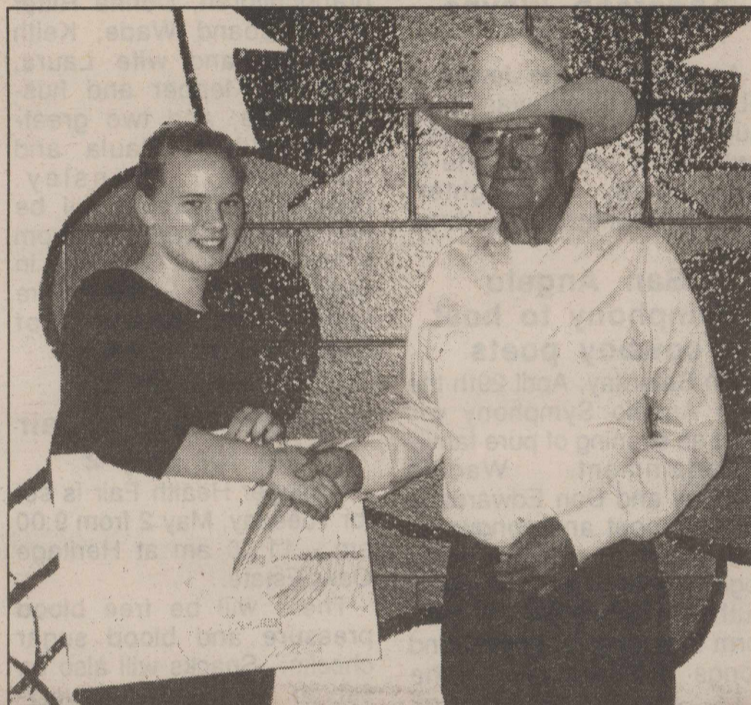
Bronte VFD to host golf tournament

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 am at Singing Winds Golf Course. The format for this year's tournament is a 2 person, 27 hole, select shot. Teams wishing to participate may call Singing Winds Golf Course at 473-2156 to sign up.

Graduation issues slated

The *Observer/Enterprise* will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools during the latter part of May. The issue honoring the Robert Lee class is scheduled for May 19, with the issue honoring the Bronte class being the following week, May 26.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in these special editions, please call our office in Robert Lee at 453-2433 or in Bronte at 473-2001.



District SWCD Director Tom Price awards Tiffany Bagwell (left) with a \$100 savings bond for winning the poster contest.

Bagwell named poster winner

Tiffany Bagwell of Mrs. Linda Burns' Robert Lee sixth grade is the winner of the conservation poster contest for students in the fifth and sixth grade for 1999-2000. The contest is sponsored by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. In addition to a ribbon and certificate, Tiffany received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and was honored at an awards banquet in Wall on March 23, 2000. Tiffany is the daughter of Mike and Cristie Bagwell of Robert Lee.

Katie Cooper of Mrs. Pat Lee's Bronte fifth grade was the district runner-up and the recipient of a \$50 savings bond. Katie is the daughter of Ron Cooper of Bronte.

The top four places in each class were: Bronte fifth grade (Mrs. Pat Lee); 1st - Katie Cooper, 2nd - Philip Rawlings, 3rd - Jonathan Marrs, 4th - Logan Rawls. Bronte sixth grade (Mrs. Heather Lee); 1st - Megan Gibbs, 2nd - Rebecca Rawlings, 3rd - Cheyenne Webb, 4th - Reese Braswell. Robert Lee fifth grade (Mrs. Denise Roberts and Mrs. Patti Byrne); 1st - Cara Cavness, 2nd - Katie Bessent, 3rd - Jordan Brown, 4th - Brian Eubanks. Robert Lee sixth grade (Mrs. Linda Burns and Mrs. Diana McCabe); 1st - Tiffany Bagwell, 2nd - Kyla Millican, 3rd - Cassidy Wink, 4th - Carolina Vera. Every student who submitted a

poster received a certificate from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in appreciation for the thought, effort and publicity on the need and worth of soil and water conservation that the posters depicted. The posters will be displayed at the Robert Lee State Bank and the First National Bank in Bronte.

In recognition of the growing response from teachers and students, the directors instituted a new award in 1995. The class with the most outstanding posters will be honored as the year's Outstanding Class and presented a rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year.

Mrs. Pat Lee's Bronte fifth grade was chosen Outstanding Class for 1999-2000. All the youngsters seemed to regard the award with enthusiasm and there was already talk among next

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Gospel Singing set for April 30

Everyone is cordially invited to a Gospel Singing of all denominations at First Baptist Church in Blackwell, Texas from 2:00 to 4:30 pm on April 30, 2000. Please come join the fun. Praise & Worship to bless your soul. For more information call Paula at 282-2127.



Daria Tinkler, almost 3 years old, adds an egg to her basket during the Coke County Easter Egg Hunt last week at the courthouse. Daria is the daughter of Mary and Wade Tinkler. Jerry and Kay Tinkler of San Angelo and Jose Salazar of Robert Lee are Daria's grandparents. Sylvia "Doodle" Tinkler is her great-grandmother.

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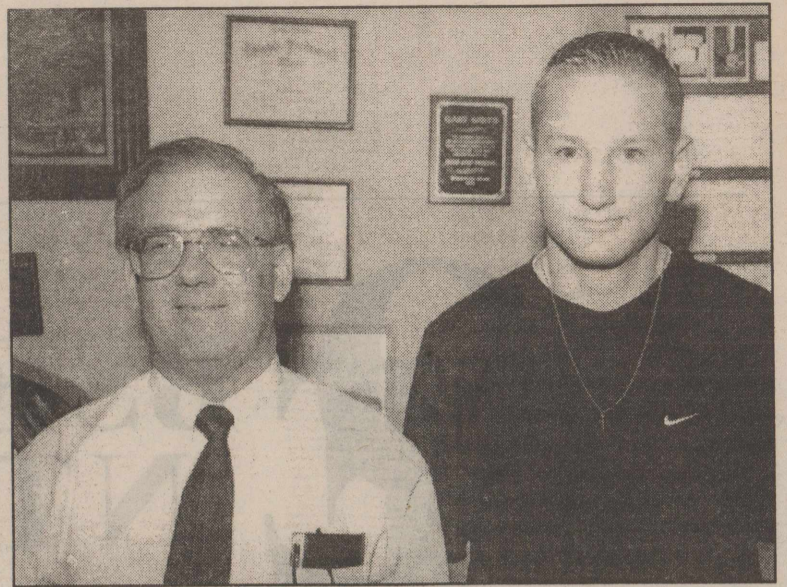
Blackwell High School student and teacher chosen to attend 40th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium

Blackwell High School student, Clint Morgan and teacher, Gary Smith, have been chosen to attend the 40th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin, June 6-9, 2000.

The Symposium is jointly sponsored by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas. West Texas Utilities Company is one of the sponsoring companies in the Foundation and will pay all expenses for 50 students and teachers from their service area.

Clint and Mr. Smith will be among 400 outstanding high school science students and teachers throughout the state attending the sessions in Austin. Participants will tour some of the finest scientific facilities available and attend lectures and workshops conducted by leading professionals in the scientific field.

According to WTU area business manager, Kevin McMahon, "the symposium is a chance for WTU to help students and teachers learn more about science and energy outside the classroom."



Blackwell High School Texas Energy Science Symposium participants are (from left) Gary Smith and Clint Morgan.

Obituaries

Anderson Wayne Jewell

Anderson Wayne Jewell of El Paso, Texas, was born August 16, 1915 and passed away April 24, 2000. He is survived by a daughter, Scottye Montgomery; three

San Angelo Symphony to host cowboy poets

On Saturday, April 29th the San Angelo Symphony will host an evening of pure family entertainment. Waddie Mitchell and Don Edwards is cowboy poet and songwriter that have been performing together for years. These 2 authentic cowboys will perform their original poems and songs accompanied by the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra. Don Edwards are most recently recognized for his appearance as Smoky in the Robert Redford film The Horse Whisperer. People Magazine summed up Waddie and Don's recording of "Waddie Mitchell Live" as "Bottom Line: Horse sense and humor from America's Best Known Cowboy Poets." Immediately following the concert there will be a dance with entertainment provided by the SWIG. This event will mark the official name change of Norwest Bank to Wells Fargo.

This event starts at 8:00 pm and is held at the San Angelo Coliseum. The doors open at 6:00 pm for picnic dining on both the floor tables and box seats.

**"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."
 -- Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor**

grandchildren, Donna Ritter and husband Wade; Keith Coleman and wife Laura, Jennifer Klepper and husband Dee; and two great-grandchildren, Paula and Samantha Hensley. Graveside services will be held April 28, 2000 at 2:00 pm at Memorial Park Cemetery, in Oklahoma City. Services were under the direction of Baggerley Funeral Home.

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Ballinger Health Fair set for May 2

Ballinger Health Fair is set for Tuesday, May 2 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at Heritage Oaks Estate.

There will be free blood pressure and blood sugar checks. Snacks will also be served. Hope to see everyone there.

Death Notices

Richter

Joseph Theodore Richter, 78 of San Angelo, Texas died at 2:06 am Monday, April 24, 2000 at a local hospital.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, April 27, 2000 in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Randy Mitchell officiating. Burial followed at Eola Cemetery in Eola, Texas.

Survivors include his wife Allene Richter of San Angelo, Texas; two daughters Merissa Swink of Water Valley, Texas; Rhonda Wheeler of San Angelo, Texas; three sisters Lydia Herring of Rosebud, Texas; Mary Ruth Mayne of Lubbock, Texas; Rose Richter of Los Angeles, California; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Thoughts on the Scripture

By Rev. Jim Reeves

Isaiah 54:10 "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

God's love for you and me is amazing! No matter what we do, through the gift of Jesus Christ, God loves us and has compassion upon us and can give us the peace we so desperately seek. All we have to do is call upon the Lord.

May God bless each one of you.
 Brother Jim

involving such factors as location, planned management, planned conservation practices, and amount of money applied for. Except for the Juniper and Mule Creek watersheds, which compete statewide, all of Coke County in the Colorado River watershed is in an area with parts of Nolan, Mitchell, Runnels, and Sterling Counties. Coke County producers with land in the North Concho River watershed would compete against applicants from parts of Tom Green, Sterling, and Glasscock Counties as well as Coke.

The Farm Services Agency will take applications and determine the applicant's eligibility. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will then make sure that the land is eligible and assist the producer with the application process. Both agencies are located in the USDA Service Center at 214 East 7th in Robert Lee. Telephones are 453-2751 or 453-2623, extension 2 for FSA and extension 3 for NRCS.

Ten Star All Star basketball camp

Final applicants are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon.

Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Riverside, CA, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta,

GA, Champaign, IL, Fort Wayne, IN, Atchison, KS, Georgetown, KY, Northfield, MN, Raleigh, NC, Bolling Springs, NC, Rochester, NY, North Canton, OH, Farmville, VA. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players named to The All-American Team. For an evaluation form call (704) 372-8610 ANYTIME.

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 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
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 Wed. 7 pm

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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
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(915) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

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State Soil & Water Conservation board member election set

The regular election of a member to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) to represent State District Two is scheduled for May 2, 2000 in Wall, Texas. The election will begin at 6:00 pm in the Saint Ambrose Catholic Church Parish Hall.

The TSSWCB, an agency of state government, was created in 1939. Unlike many state agencies and commissions whose policy making bodies are gubernatorial appointees, the TSSWCB consists of five elected members.

TSSWCB members are elected in a convention type election by delegates from soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS) within the state district the member is to represent. Qualified delegates voting in the election must be landowners, reside in the soil and water conservation district he or she represents at the convention, and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. Each SWCD in State District Two selects one delegate to attend the convention.

Each TSSWCB member serves a two-year term and represents one of the five state districts. Each member must own agricultural land and be actively engaged in farming or ranching.

State District Two, which consists of 51 counties in the Hill Country to the Western and Trans Pecos region of the state, has 44 soil and water conservation districts within its boundary. Collectively, Texas has 216 SWCDS within its statutory five state districts.

The TSSWCB's chief responsibility is to coordinate the programs of the Texas' soil and water conservation districts and assist them to develop and carry out local conservation programs.

In addition, the TSSWCB is the lead agency in Texas for programs relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution.

Relay for Life to be held June 9 & 10

The San Angelo Relay for Life will be held from 6 pm Friday, June 9th until 6 pm Saturday, June 10th at San Angelo Stadium. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a combination of many things.

It is an outlet to honor and memorialize those with cancer. The Survivor Parade is a celebration of life. The opening lap of the relay begins at 5:45 pm on Friday, June 9th and is made up of cancer survivors only. ALL CANCER SURVIVORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. Later that evening at 10:00 pm is the Luminaria Ceremony. Thousands of hand-decorated luminaria bags are lit in honor or memory of those with cancer. It is a very special way to remember cancer survivors as well as those who have lost their battle. Luminaria bags can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone for a minimum donation.

All money raised from Relay for Life goes directly to the



Stella Louise Bickley and Johnny Blaine Wilber are planning to be married at 7 pm May 27, at Saint Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. The bride to be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bickley of Robert Lee. The future bridegroom is the son of Mary Anne Clubb of Hamshire and the late Beau Wilber.

Miss Bickley is employed with Greenwood Independent School District as the Gifted and Talented Coordinator. Her fiancé is self-employed with Johnny Blaine and the Spur Band, as well as employed with radio station KKJW in the advertising department.

American cancer Society benefiting Tom Green and the surrounding counties. The American Cancer Society provides many valuable programs for cancer patients and their families including transportation, complimentary hotel rooms, support groups, medical equipment, education, research and much more! For more information on ACS services, call them at 944-2509.

Relay for Life promotes a great spirit of friendship and camaraderie. Again this year, a group from Robert Lee will be having a team. If you are interested in being a part of the team or simply want to make a donation or purchase a luminaria, contact Cindy Bessent at 453-2393 or Dee Anna Harmon at 453-2804.

Euterpean Club meets

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell was called to order at 3:30 in the afternoon of April 20 at the Methodist Church. Members were led by president Gypsy Mullin in the reading of the collect. Roll call was answered by a thought for the day or an amusing joke. The financial report was given and the minutes were read and approved. A business meeting followed at which time the final meeting of the year was discussed. A fish fry will be held at the lake home of the McMullins and

members are to bring a covered dish and their husbands.

The guest speaker, Jane Wheat, of Oak Creek Lake, was introduced and gave an interesting and informative talk on the craft of decorating eggs. She had several on display that both she and her husband had created using chicken up to ostrich eggs. Fake gem stones, gold braid, rattlesnake skin, and a lot of imagination were used in decorating the eggs. The finished products were beautiful and unique. Jane also showed an invention of her husband's, Bill Wheat, that enables one to draw the decorating lines; also some of the stands to display the eggs on. They are both very talented people and we certainly enjoyed having her as our speaker.

Following adjournment the hostesses Myrle Thompson and Collene Fletcher used the Easter theme to serve refreshments and punch to attending members: Margaret Battle, Lillie Burwick, Collene Fletcher, Mary Lee, Tommie Lucas, Hulene Magness, Gypsy McMullin, Dona Sanderson, Karen Saunders, Margaret Stout, Myrle Thompson, and Bobbie Varnadore.

"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?"

-- Lee Iacocca

Mother's Day Bake Sale

Friday, May 12th
9 am to 12 noon
Robert Lee State Bank lobby

All proceeds will go to the "American Cancer Relay For Life" team from Robert Lee. To make donations of baked goods or to help with the sale, please contact Debbie Wilkes at 453-2819.

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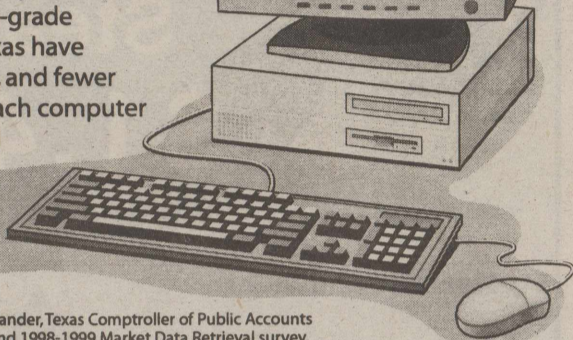
Bronte School News

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas students' access to computers above average

Computers are readily accessible to students in Texas classrooms. Seventy-seven percent of fourth-grade classrooms in Texas have computer access, and fewer students share each computer than the national average.

| Students per: | Texas | National |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Instructional computer | 5.1 | 5.7 |
| Multi-media computer | 8.9 | 9.8 |
| Internet-connected computer | 13.0 | 13.6 |



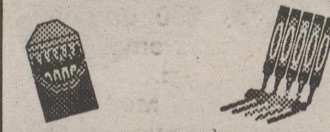
SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and 1998-1999 Market Data Retrieval survey.

Bronte Longhorn Area track meet news

Some of the Bronte Longhorns competed at the Area track meet in Wylie. The results are as follows:

- Shot Put - 1st, Blake McKee, 48'11"
- 400 M Relay - 2nd, Jesse McClure, Wes Howell, Josh Shoenfield, Jerrod McClure, 45.1
- 800 M - 5th, Josh Shoenfield, 2:12
- 400 M - 1st, Jerrod McClure, 50.31
- 1600 M Relay - 1st, Wes

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

- Monday, May 1**
Cereal, Apple Sauce, Pop Tart, Milk
- Tuesday, May 2**
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancake, Milk
- Wednesday, May 3**
French Toast Stix, Sliced Pears, Blueberry Muffins, Milk
- Thursday, May 4**
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Toast, Milk
- Friday, May 5**
Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Donut, Milk

Lunch

- Monday, May 1**
Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
- Tuesday, May 2**
Chicken Spaghetti, Sweet Corn, Steamed Broccoli, Bread Sticks, Spice Cake, Milk
- Wednesday, May 3**
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Beef & Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Corn Bread, Apple Crisp, Milk
- Thursday, May 4**
Taco Salad, Taco Meat & Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Refried Beans, Taco Chips, Jello, Milk
- Friday, May 5**
Cheese Burgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Bun, Sugar Cookies, Milk

Howell, Tim Green, Josh Shoenfield, Jerrod McClure, 3:30.2

Bronte Jr. High girls District track meet results

The Jr. High Bronte girls traveled to Eden on April 8 to compete in the district track meet. The seventh grade girls placed fifth with a total of forty-eight points and the eighth grade placed third with a total of seventy-three points.

7th Grade

- 3200 M - 5th, Angeles Gutierrez, 11:33.58
- Discus - 2nd, Ariel Marrs, 60'3"; 4th, Ashleigh Kelly, 55'1"
- Shot Put - 4th, Ashleigh Kelly, 21'5"
- Triple Jump - 5th, Calli Johnson, 22'11"
- 100 M Hurdles - 5th, Ashley McCutchen, 25.45; 6th, Romana Hoover, 26.42
- 300 M Hurdles - 4th, Romana Hoover, 26.42
- 1600 M Run - 4th, Gutierrez, 7:29.75
- 400 M Relay - 4th, Johnson, Salena Soto, Hoover, DelaGarza, 67.10
- 800 M Relay - 4th, Johnson, Soto, McCutchen, Ashley Wilcox, 2:38.62

8th Grade

- 3200 M - 5th, Logan Acker, no recorded time
- Discus - 4th, C.J. Macon, 63'10"
- Shot Put - 4th, Kendra Graves, 23'6"
- Triple Jump - 1st, Kanah Coalson, 29'7.25"
- High Jump - 3rd, Coalson, 4'4"; 4th, Britney McCutchen, 4'4"
- 800 M Run - 6th, Kailey Howell, 2:53.81
- 100 M Hurdles - 5th, Britney McCutchen, 19.27
- 100 M Dash - 2nd, Coalson, 13.95
- 300 M Hurdles - 4th, Ashley Torres, 59.29
- 400 M Relay - 2nd, Ryan Martinez, McCutchen, Torres, Coalson, 56.45
- 1600 M Relay - 3rd, Martinez, McCutchen, Torres, Coalson, 4:47.39

Sleep disorders impact quality of life for parents and kids

A child's sleep disorder can impact the quality of life not only for the child, but the parents as well.

"A sleep disorder generally can be described as a problem maintaining or getting adequate sleep," explained Dr. Daniel Glaze, medical director of the Sleep Laboratory and the Children's Sleep Disorder Clinic at a Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"At night, symptoms might include loud snoring, frequent arousal, the occurrence of unusual behaviors such as sleep walking and waking up screaming," he added. "A rested child not only gets the right amount of sleep but the right quality of sleep."

Glaze said sleep disorders that young children may experience include sleep apnea (cessation of breathing) and behaviors in which a child associates certain responses, such as rocking, with going to sleep.

"Although sleep walking and night terrors occur more frequently in young children, they can be problems at all ages," he noted. "For teens, an inadequate amount of sleep or sleep-scheduling problems are most prevalent."

Glaze pointed out that quality sleep has many benefits.

"It has been suggested that sleep restores brain function, supports learning and memory, and may allow for the biochemical agents accumulated during wakefulness to be destroyed," he said.

At all ages, sleep disorders can impact daily function and health, Glaze stressed.

"In adults, there is a growing body of information that sleep disorders contribute to the development of medical problems such as hypertension, stroke, heart attacks, accidents and even death," said Glaze, an attending physician at Texas Children's and associate professor in pediatrics and neurology at Baylor College of Medicine.

"In children, the daytime consequences of sleep disorders are less well defined



Bronte Elementary students recognized at the Honor Roll luncheon included Gus Saunders, Estephanie Flores, Rebekah Beauchamp, Philip Rawlings, Garrett Acker, Lilly McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, and Cheyenne Webb. Alan Richey was the guest speaker at the April 18 ceremony. Others attending the ceremony were Terry Marrs, Marty Blair, Pat Lee and Heather Lee.

but may contribute to poor school performance and behavioral problems. Childhood sleep disorders result not only in daytime sleepiness but in fatigue, irritability, school failure, mood changes, decreased performance and memory function, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and growth failure."

A childhood sleep disorder can be evaluated through diagnostic tests which may include a sleep study, consultations and a plan for management. For some sleep disorders, medication or surgery may be recommended.

In general, Glaze advises the following steps for good sleep:

Establish a regular bedtime and awakening time.

Develop a pre-bedtime routine.

Use the bed for sleep, not homework or watching television.

The bedroom should be cool, quiet and dark and the mattress should be comfortable and supportive.

Schedule "thinking" time and unwind in the early evening.

Avoid the bedroom clock. Take a hot bath two to four hours before going to bed.

Eat a light snack before going to bed.

Stay away from bright light before bedtime. Bright light exposure in the early morning promotes an earlier sleep time.

Local student named to ACU Dean's List

Ms. Erin Elise Marrs from Bronte, TX was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University.

She is an undecided major and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Marrs.

About 150 miles west of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, ACU is affiliated with the churches of Christ and has an enrollment of more than 4,600 students.

Bronte ISD early release day set for Friday

Bronte ISD will have an early release day Friday, April 28th. School will be dismissed and the buses will run at 12:30 pm.

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Once again, I come to you humbly. I am volunteering my time, my services and my passion for education to each person involved with the Bronte I. S. D. One of the credentials that I believe will help me to make good decisions for you is my personal commitment to furthering my own education.

I graduated from McMurry University in 1984 with a degree in business. Shortly thereafter, I did some graduate work at Texas Tech University. At this time, I am currently enrolled in the graduate program at Angelo State University. I have successfully completed 30 hours of ASU's Master of Business Administration curriculum with a current cumulative GPA of 3.9.

I know what it currently takes to succeed academically in our Universities.

Paul Williams

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

Please feel free to contact me at 473-3800 or bronteisd@aol.com.

pol. adv. pd. by Paul Williams

...Poster Contest

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year's Coke County fifth and sixth graders about plans to win the plaque for their class next time.

Three posters done by Tiffany Bagwell, Megan Gibbs and Philip Rawlings were entered in the Texas Area II Contest which includes 52 counties. Philip Rawlings placed 2nd in this contest and will be honored at an awards banquet on May 2, 2000.

Pupils could choose any phase of resource conservation that is part of the work of the local soil and water conservation district. Included in this work are: soil use and treatment; erosion control practices; crop, range, and pasture land management; drainage problems; watershed protection; flood prevention; fish and wildlife management; and promoting the involvement of all citizens in conserving water and renewable resources.

Response from teachers and students was excellent and posters submitted were outstanding, both in art work and content. Each year choosing only two to four winners per class and two overall becomes more and more difficult for the board of directors.

Contributions from the First National Bank in Bronte, Robert Lee State Bank and

New USDA program to help rural schools

Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard Rominger recently announced a new USDA partnership to help rural school districts finance education and facility improvements.

The Rural Community Schools Rebuilding Program will provide rural schools with access to as much as \$1.2 billion in financing to repair school buildings, acquire new equipment, develop course materials and train teachers and other school personnel. Participating lenders can offer interest-free loans in return for federal tax credits. USDA will guarantee up to 90 percent of the amount a school borrows from a private lender.

"Many rural communities face steep challenges in keeping their school facilities and programs competitive," said Rominger. "The funding provided by this new partnership will help rural schools improve educational opportunities for this new century."

The Schools Rebuilding Program will host workshops in rural communities to train community leaders in developing plans to obtain financing. In its first year, the Program will be implemented on a pilot basis in Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Texas.

The program is a joint effort between USDA's Rural Housing Service and Organizations concerned about rural education, a coalition of businesses and not-for-profit organizations. It includes the American Association of School Administrators, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Bell Atlantic, U.S. West Communications, the National Education Association, and the National Farmers Union.

the Kickapoo Creek Water Control and Improvement District made the contest possible and helped pay for the awards. Without their support and the enthusiastic participation by the schools, the contest could not have been successful.

Bringing your boat out of winter storage

Boat enthusiasts know that better climates are approaching and that maintenance is a necessary safeguard in ensuring your vessel is in tip-top condition for the water.

Boats require an extended amount of upkeep to preserve safe performance and the watercraft's market value. Take steps to ensure the safety of your boat by referring to your owner's manual to find specific maintenance instructions.

To prepare your boat for open season, Progressive Insurance recommends the following check points:

Change the Engine Oil and Spark Plugs. Many boat manufacturers recommend that you change the engine oil and filter twice a year - prior to storage and in the spring. During storage, the oil can separate causing a condensation buildup that may harm your engine. While you're there, replace the spark plugs. Be sure to set the gaps to the recommended manufacturer's setting using a gap setting tool.

Prepare the Outdrive. The outdrive has many parts that need your attention. Check or change the oil in the gear housing, inspect the seals for signs of deterioration, check the power steering oil level and grease the entire drive.

Check the Battery. Clean the cables and terminals with a wire brush and reconnect. Depending on your battery, you may have to fill the cells with distilled water.

Flush the Cooling System. If you drained the cooling system and filled with a mixture of antifreeze and water to prevent freezing during storage, you need to flush and replace with a proper coolant. Be sure to check for cracks in all hoses and replace if necessary.

Check the Fuel System. Replace the fuel filter and examine the fuel lines for cracks and make sure they are connected and supported with approved clips and straps. You should also inspect fuel tanks and pumps for leaks.

Other Basic Maintenance. Be sure to check the belts for signs of wear and tear. Inspect the bilge pump, adjust the steering cables and check all navigational equipment.

Prepare the Hull. Visually inspect the hull for signs of cracking and peeling paint. Seal any cracks with a marine sealant approved for your type of boat, wait for the sealant to cure and prepare the hull for painting below the water line. After painting, apply a high quality wax to the hull above the waterline and deck, avoiding areas where passengers may walk.

Prepare the Trailer. If you will be towing your boat, don't forget to inspect the trailer. Check the tires and spare for



The Fifth Grade Class at Bronte Elementary School was named the "Outstanding Class" in the recent SWCD Poster Contest. They are pictured with their teacher, Pat Lee, and SWCD District Director, Bud Johnson.

cracks, worn treads and correct tire pressure. Check and grease hubs. The back up and taillights should be tested. If needed, replace the bulbs and cracked wires. You may also want to operate the winch to be sure it is working properly.

Prepare the Safety Equipment. Even after all the mechanical components have been checked, you should never board a boat that does not have properly working safety equipment. Take the time to inspect personal flotation devices, check the expiration dates on fire extinguishers, replace old flares, test the radio and sound all warning horns.

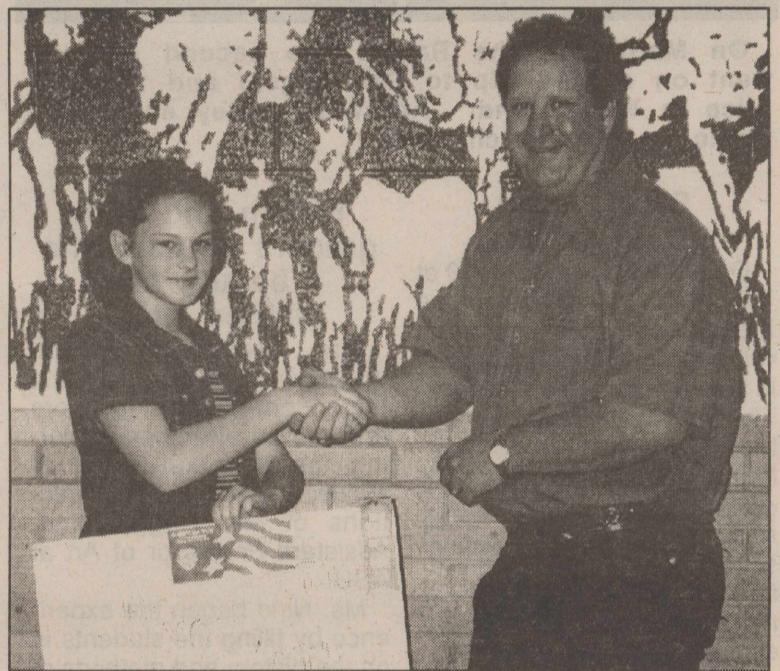
Be Sure You're Covered. After making all the routine checks listed above, be sure to check your insurance policy and review your coverages to make sure they meet your current needs. (Call 1-800-BOAT-PRO or an Independent Agent to get estimates on various boat coverages.) If you have added any equipment, you'll want to make sure it is covered.

Taking the time to be prepared will ensure an enjoyable and safe boating season.

New law removes barriers for people with disabilities

A new law recently signed by the President removes barriers requiring people with disabilities to choose between health care coverage and work. Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas said, "The new law expands the choices of people with disabilities in obtaining vocational rehabilitation (VR) services."

"The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act directs the Social Security Administration to establish a "Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program" contin-



District SWCD Director Bud Johnson awards Megan Gibbs (left) with a \$50 savings bond for winning second place in the annual poster contest.

ued Franki. This program will provide Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income disability beneficiaries with a ticket they may use to obtain VR services, employment services or other support services from an approved provider of their choice, including state VR agencies.

In addition the law provides expanded availability of health care services:

States could choose to provide Medicaid coverage to more people ages 16-64 with

disabilities who work.

States may permit working individuals with incomes above 250 percent of the federal poverty level to buy-in to Medicaid.

A new Medicaid buy-in demonstration project was created to provide medical assistance to workers with disabilities that are not yet severe enough to cause them to stop work and file for benefits.

Medicare Part A premium-free coverage was extended for SSDI beneficiaries who return to work for four and a half years beyond the current limit.

On May 6th,

your vote is an important part of our educational system. Please do your part by casting your vote for the candidate who will use her concerned and informed voice to ensure educational excellence for all students.

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Connie Tounget

Personal:

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Robert Lee School News



On March 24, the Robert Lee second graders went on a field trip to San Angelo and watched Alice in Wonderland. Afterwards, they enjoyed a picnic lunch at the city park.

Steer Band spring concert

On Monday, May 1, 2000 at 7:00 pm the Robert Lee Instrumental music program will perform its spring concert in the pavilion in the City Park. The performing groups are the third grade recorders, fourth grade beginners, fifth grade beginners; sixth grade middle school, and the high school band. Each performing group will play three or more selections. Some have special music to play this year. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. The Band Boosters will be selling soft drinks and baked items. There will be a raffle and auction of baked goods. The money will help send our Drum Majors and Flags to band camp.

Fourth and Fifth graders explore the beauty of stained glass

Mrs. Bessent's fourth graders and Mr. Byrne's and Mrs. Robert's fifth graders enjoyed an afternoon exploring the beautiful world of stained glass under the directions of Ms. Peggy Nino, Assistant Professor of Art at ASU.

Ms. Nino began the experience by filling the students in on the history and methods of the art. She presented slides of famous windows from all over the world. With each window, she explained the style of the window, the themes, and the symbols. She also explained how the artists created these beautiful works, where the glass came from, how the colors were achieved, and how the windows were put together. Following the presentation, she allowed the student to create a "stained glass" window of their own using black construction paper, wax paper, and ground crayons.

The student began by deciding on a pleasing design to work with. From there, they cut the spaces needed out of the black construction paper to create the "lead" needed for their window. Next, they used the wax paper to form the glass portion of the work. Different colors of the ground crayon were placed between the sheets of waxed paper and heated with an iron, causing them to spread. Finally,

the waxed paper was placed between the sheets of construction paper. For a while, and in a small way, the halls of Robert Lee Elementary reminded one of famous cathedrals and their windows.

Ms. Nino has been a member of the ASU faculty since 1989. Before that she taught art in the public schools of Harris County ISD and Conroe ISD, worked as an instructor at Montgomery County Community College in Houston and Lamar State University in Orange, TX. She has had a one-person exhibition in the McCormick Gallery in Midland, TX. Her work has also been seen in the Visions and Choices III exhibition at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Art, the Annual Figurative Small Works Competition at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach, Florida, and in the Scene and Jnsen Exhibition at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM. Her works are also held in public and private collections such as the Exxon Company, Laredo Art Museum, and Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital. She has also participated in a variety of public service activities such as judging a variety of state and local art shows, donating her work for benefit auctions, and giving workshops and demonstrations similar to the one our students enjoyed.

Because of Ms. Nino's willingness, our elementary kids

Take our daughters to work day

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees have selected May 5, 2000, as TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY. The TODTWD program is promoted annually nationwide by the Ms. Foundation for Women. This day provides an opportunity for districts to extend plans for career investigation activities. The national TODTWD focuses primarily upon students in the junior high school age range. Robert Lee ISD encourages junior high school age students to participate in this opportunity. The title suggests that the opportunity is limited to girls, but it is not. Boys are encouraged to participate as well. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Bill Hood at 453-4555.



Ms. Nino, the Assistant Professor of Art at Angelo State University, helped the Robert Lee 4th and 5th graders explore the beauty of stained glass during a recent visit to their classrooms.

explored history, chemistry, and math while creating their masterpieces, and they would like to thank her for giving her time and knowledge to make for a unique afternoon.

Robert Lee Steers win Area track meet

The Robert Lee Steers won the UIL Area (Districts 9 & 10) track meet last Thursday at Abilene Wylie. The Steers finished the meet with 82 points, 8 points ahead of runner up Cross Plains. This weekend there will be seven young men from the team competing in the Regional meet at Abilene Christian University.

The results are as follows:
 3200 - 3rd, Joel Gallegos, 10:32.54
 Triple Jump - 1st, Dan McCown, 43'9"
 High Jump - 3rd, Dan McCown, 6'2"
 Long Jump - 3rd, Dan McCown, 20'11"; 4th, Deric Brothers, 20'8 3/4"
 Pole Vault - 1st, Stewart Millican, 13'6"; 2nd, Matthew Pitcock, 13'

110 Hurdles - 4th, Todd Hamilton, 15.67
 400 - 4th, Lewis Samaniego, 53.93
 300 Hurdles - 1st, Dan McCown, 39.34; 4th, Todd Hamilton, 42.29
 1600 - 3rd, Joel Gallegos, 4:51.42
 1600 M Relay - 5th, Todd Hamilton, Bret Ballew, Andrew McCabe, Lewis Samaniego, 3:39.59.

RLHS All Sports Banquet set for May 2

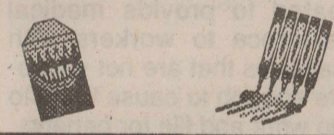
The Robert Lee High School All Sports Banquet will be Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

For ticket information, contact Sheri Brown at 453-5304.

Few men during their lifetime come anywhere near exhausting the resources dwelling within them. There are deep wells of strength that are never used.

—Richard E. Byrd

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, May 1
 Orange Juice, Muffin, Sausage, Cereal, Milk
Tuesday, May 2
 Orange Juice, Pancakes, Sausage, Milk
Wednesday, May 3
 Orange Juice, Donut, Cereal, Milk
Thursday, May 4
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Milk
Friday, May 5
 Holiday

Lunch

Monday, May 1
 Frito Pie w/crackers, Corn, Tator Tots, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Milk
Tuesday, May 2
 Chick-fil-a, Pickles, Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk
Wednesday, May 3
 Chicken Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Applesauce, Milk
Thursday, May 4
 Ham & Cheese Subs, Potato Wedges, Pickle Spears, Peach Cups, Vanilla Ice Cream, Milk
Friday, May 5
 Holiday

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Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club

Members will be selling light bulbs door-to-door May 2, 2000,

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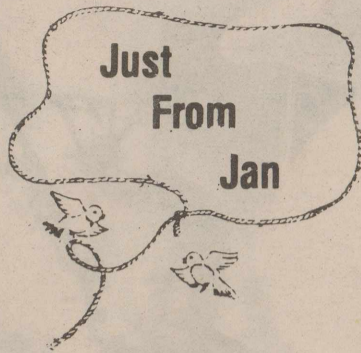


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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Snacking fits the active lifestyle

Skiping meals in favor of eat-and-run snacks isn't necessarily a nutritional disaster. Many people assume that snacking is bad when, in fact, it can be good for you.

Snacking can provide you with all the nutrients you need - if you make wise choices. Your body needs the calories, vitamins, minerals and proteins from wholesome foods.

Sugar-filled snacks lack these nutrients but have plenty of calories.

When you don't have time for a meal try some of these:

Take a bran muffin and yogurt for breakfast at the office.

Buy from the vending machine that stocks peanut butter crackers.

Enjoy a pizza with mushrooms and green pepper.

Keep nuts, crackers and dried fruits in your desk drawer, car or pantry.

If you crave a sweet snack, at least choose one that has some health value, such as carrot cake, oatmeal raisin cookies or granola bars. If you are not overweight, you may have room in your diet for some sweets.

Fifteen hundred calories of wholesome foods - in a snack or at meals - can provide the Recommended Daily Allowance of vitamins, minerals and protein that you need to maintain your health.

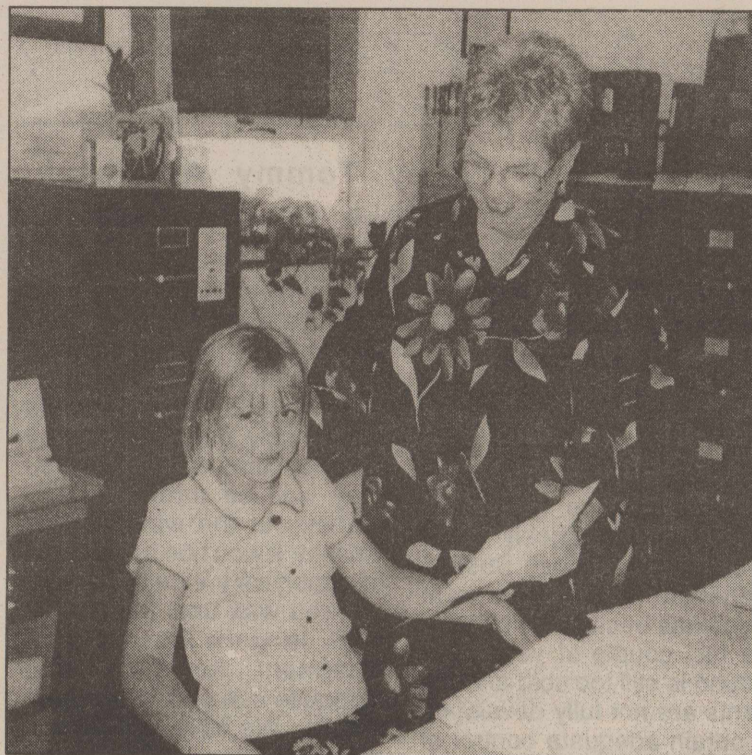
Some of the snack foods that contain these nutrients include:

Peanuts, peanut butter crackers, and sunflower seeds provide protein, B-vitamins and fiber.

Fruit juices, dried fruit and fresh fruit - especially raisins, apricots, bananas and oranges - are high in vitamins A and C and iron.

Bread sticks, whole grain crackers, granola bars, dry cereals, muffins, bagels, fruit breads and popcorn are excellent carbohydrate sources.

Cheese, yogurt and pizza supply calcium, riboflavin and protein.



Mrs. Shook, Robert Lee Elementary School secretary, assists Sarah Jones during her stint as "Principal for a Day".

Jones serves as Principal of the Day

Robert Lee Elementary student, Sarah Jones, spent Wednesday, April 19 on her feet. She delivered Accelerated Reader Prizes and parent letters to classrooms. She helped each class arrive on time for the Science Spectrum presentations. Sarah liked delivering the prizes the best. She also stated that her career plans include becoming a teacher just like her present teacher, Mrs. Duncan. Summer is just around the corner, but Sarah plans to continue reading even after school is dismissed. Mrs. Shook assisted Sarah throughout her busy day.

Robert Lee Elementary sets PreK and Kindergarten Roundup

On Thursday, May 4, Robert Lee Elementary will host its annual PreK and Kindergarten Roundup activities. Prospective PreK students and their parents are invited to visit with Mrs. Treadaway about the PreK program from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. Mrs. Shook will be available to assist parents with the registration process. Parents are encouraged to bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card, and immunization record. To be eligible for PreK, a child must be 4 years old by September 1.

Prospective Kindergarten students will attend Kindergarten classes from 9:00 am until 11:40 am. This will provide the students with the opportunity of attending the regular morning session of Kindergarten, which in-

cludes PE and lunch. Parents should be available to pick up students by 11:40 am. To be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 1.

If you have additional questions about PreK and Kindergarten Roundup at Robert Lee Elementary School, please contact Judy Shook or Janet Wallace at 453-4555.

Children's health and safety summary

Developing a baby-sitter checklist

When compiling a checklist for the baby-sitter, here are some things to include, according to Dr. Teri Turner, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Start with your name, address (with the closest cross streets), home and cellular phone numbers, and pager. Note the name, address and phone number where you can be reached.

In case of an emergency, list the name and phone number of a trusted neighbor or close relative, along with the emergency phone numbers for police, fire and poison control. Also include the name and phone number of your child's doctor and local hospital.

Other important information is the location of the fire extinguisher and first-aid kit, a list of your child's allergies and special dietary or medical information, and details on your home security system.

Parents who are going out of town also might want to consider leaving a Permission to Authorize Emergency Medical Treatment note.

Look Who's New Wyatt Jasper Lightfoot

Wyatt Jasper Lightfoot was born Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 9:40 am. He weighed eight pounds and thirteen ounces and was twenty-one inches long. He is the son of Ronnie & Jessica Lightfoot of Houston, Texas.

His proud maternal grandparents are Frank & Marge Daniels of Robert Lee, Texas and his proud paternal grandparents are Ronnie & Pat Lightfoot of Lacombe, LA.

The Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club furnishes flags for businesses and residents for holidays for \$20 per year. Anyone interested, needs to contact any Lion or call 453-2380.



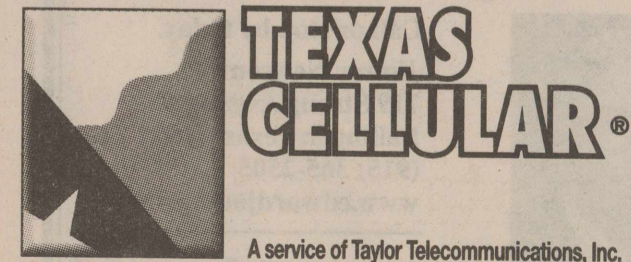
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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Don't throw brush control dollars out the window

Whoa! Not so fast. Sure, we have had some warm weather lately with the temperatures in the 90's, but it's still too early to leaf spray mesquite and prickly pear. Even with the Brush Busters individual plant treatment which has become so popular the last couple of years, the ground is still too cold and the plants are not fully developed to obtain adequate control of mesquite and prickly pear.

I have been getting several calls on controlling brush species now that the mesquites have put out early, but we must not forget that all important "window of opportunity" that can make or break a brush control project. For leaf spraying, whether by hand or plane, that window starts once all of the mesquite leaves have turned a dark green, and the soil temperature is at least 75 degrees at a foot to 18 inches deep- any time before that and you're wasting money-if you're interested in killing mesquite, that is. Even though our mesquites put on leaves earlier this year, they have not matured enough and the ground is still way too cold.

Now is also the worst time to treat prickly pear with herbicides, because the plants are moving carbohydrates upward to produce new pads and flowers. Herbicides applied too early won't be carried down the plant into the root system, a necessary step for good pear control.

The best time to treat pear aerially is in late summer until fall when the pads are mature and the fruit is a dark red. Pear can be treated by hand with some success but the optimum time to get more "bang for your buck" is still in late summer and fall.

If you have time between feeding livestock and praying for rain, now is a great time for treating small regrowth cedar with the Brush Busters leaf or soil spot spray methods. These treatments can be

used year round, but are most effective when we receive rain two to three weeks following treatment.

So, if you are after mesquite and prickly pear, better wait until the time is right or you may well be throwing good money out the window, and I'm sure it won't be the window of opportunity either.

If you wait until the time is right, using the Brush Busters treatment for pear and mesquite can obtain excellent results. We have had several demonstration plots around this area the last several years and have obtained almost complete control of small mesquite, cedar and pear.

For further information on brush control, especially the Brush Busters techniques, call the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

Wild winter brings early onslaught of mosquitoes: Have equine vaccinated against "Sleeping Sickness"

After a mild winter, Louisiana already has reported its first case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), or "sleeping sickness" in a six-year-old unvaccinated Shetland pony in Vernon Parish, adjacent to Texas' Newton County. "We recommend that owners have their equine vaccinated against this mosquito-borne disease, if they live east of Interstate 35, or if they plan to travel to the area with their animals," said Dr. Terry Beals, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "Veterinarians in Texas should report any cases to the TAHC or to the Texas Department of Health, so the incidence of the disease can be tracked."

Dr. Joe Garrett, a veterinary epidemiologist with Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health, said encephalitis cases in equine signal public health authorities that infected mosquitoes are or have been in the vicinity. Although no cases have been reported in Texas in 20 years, humans also can contract the virus from infected mosquitoes. He advised that

ordinary precautions be taken, such as controlling pests and wearing mosquito repellent. Symptoms of the infection in humans include fever, headache, vomiting, lethargy, neck stiffness, convulsions and coma.

Equine affected by "sleeping sickness" or encephalitis develop central nervous system disorders, such as an irregular gait and circling, grinding of the teeth, drowsiness, and an inability to swallow. Affected animals may have paralysis of the limbs and be unable to rise. The TAHC and public health officials advise owners to have symptomatic animals tested, because the signs for rabies and "sleeping sickness" often mimic each other, and appropriate preventive measures must be taken, if an owner is exposed to rabies. In addition to horses, donkeys and mules, many species of birds, such as emus, ostriches and rheas also are susceptible to the "sleeping sickness" virus.

Dr. Beals said private veterinary practitioners can administer a vaccine to equine that will provide protection against the Eastern and Western strains of equine encephalitis. A "three-way" vaccine also will protect against the Venezuelan strain (VEE), which is considered to be a foreign animal disease and is recommended for equine residing or traveling in South Texas. In 1996, several cases of VEE were diagnosed in Southwestern Mexico, and a widespread vaccination campaign curbed the outbreak. The VEE vaccine will cause a "false-positive" test result, so it should not be used on animals that must be tested prior to international travel.

To protect animals and humans from mosquitoes, Dr. Garrett suggested keeping window screens in good condition and urged outdoor enthusiasts to wear mosquito repellent. Outdoor containers, such as flower pots and rain gutters, should be drained to prevent a "breeding ground" for mosquitoes, he said, and water in birdbaths should be changed frequently.



The Easter Bunny (Sharon Lee) holds Brycen Gartman during her visit to Robert Lee for the Coke County Easter Egg Hunt. Brycen is the son of Randy and Shea Gartman of Robert Lee.

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"People are always looking to get more for their money, more out of what they have on-hand at home," said Green. "You'd be amazed at the number of products you have in your cabinets right now that can be used to freshen around your house. My motto is be creative -- and have fun!"

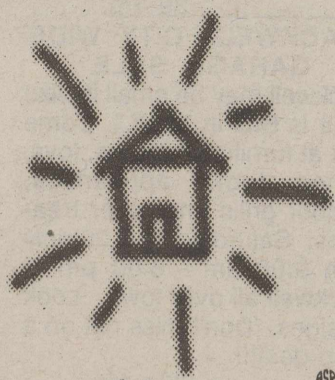
Green insists it's easy to keep your home smelling fresh -- with everyday household items. One of Green's favorite products for freshening in every room of the house is Bounce dryer sheets. "Bounce sheets provide countless ways to freshen around the house -- from the bedroom to the bathroom, even inside the closet." He's also a big fan of charcoal briquettes, cat litter and vinegar.

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Fresh Tips

Green has some quick, easy tips for freshening all around the house:

- **Hide 'n Scent** - Look for hiding places all around the house that could use a little freshening with Bounce. For example, in the bedroom, tuck sheets under the mattress cover, in the dirty clothes hamper and in dresser drawers as sachets. In the bathroom, keep a sheet in the wastebasket to freshen the room. In the hallway, tuck sheets



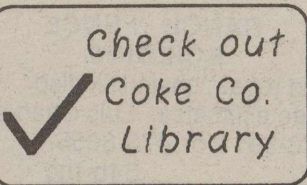
in the linen closet to help keep sheets and towels smelling fresh.

- **Charcoal Comes into the Kitchen** - Place a coffee can filled with charcoal briquettes in the kitchen to absorb cooking odors.
- **Cat Litter Takes to the Tub** - To eliminate musty odors, put a tray filled with unused catbox litter in the bathtub - it will absorb any moisture in the air.
- **Not So Sour Solution** - Vinegar works to neutralize odors, so place a small bowl filled with vinegar in the kitchen to get rid of cooking smells.

More Freshening Fun On-line

Joey Green and Bounce have teamed up to offer a fun freshness resource for consumers - www.bouncesheets.com. This new Web site features lots of tips for freshening all around the house, as well as the chance to "Click 'n Sniff" to receive a free Bounce Freshness Pouch. The Freshness Pouch is a unique holder for Bounce sheets, which can be hung in the closet or tucked anywhere around the house.

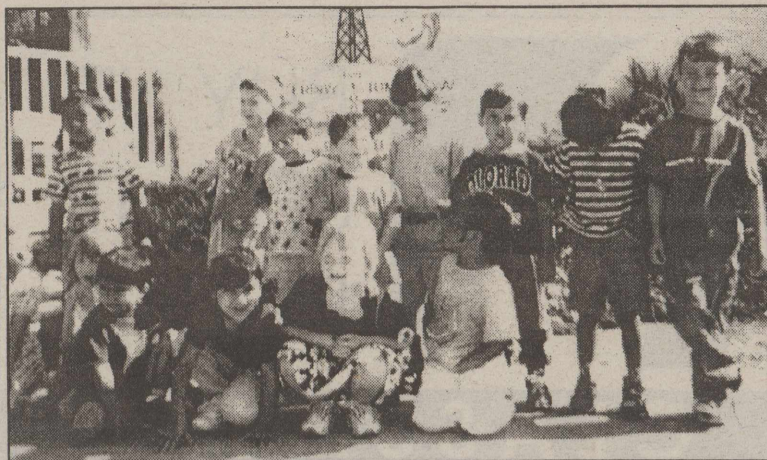
You'll also find tips for using Bounce for freshening in the dryer, as well as product information and links to other Web sites of interest, including Joey Green's alternative uses Web site, wackyuses.com.



Story Hour graduation held on Tuesday

Story Hour graduation was held Tuesday, April 25th. Fifteen children received caps and certificates of participation. Following the ceremonies, the children were treated to homemade chocolate chip cookies provided by Bettye Smith of Oak Creek. She was assisted in serving by Beatrice Takacs, Coordinator of the Big Country Library System. Cynthia Hill, Judge Jackie Walker, Tracy Torres, Rosa Longoria, and moms and dads helped supervise the ceremony, the snacks, and the sidewalk-art activity.

With the fast-approaching summer comes the reminder that graduations don't mean an end to reading. Now comes the time for reading for pure pleasure. The Coke County Library has added many new children's and young adult books to its collection. There will always be something new to read at the library. The summer reading program will be available with



These children were honored as graduates of Coke County Library's Storyhour Tuesday, April 25.

surprises, treat-of-the-week, and certificates of participation at the beginning of school next year. Adults will be welcomed too.

Beatrice Takacs and Scott Rothlisberger of the Big Country Library System were in Robert Lee to consult about the computer and the system services to local libraries. They continued to Sterling City after helping out with the computer and the other activities of the library.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books can be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the Library where food-for-fines is still in effect.



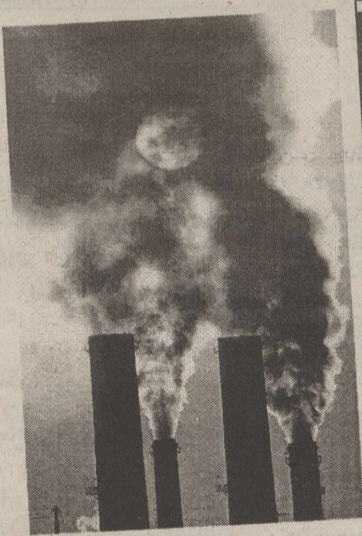
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NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)

District: San Angelo
Contract 6056-96-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in COKE County, etc will be opened on May 23, 2000 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$83,957.00.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 347

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To match the national average of RNs per 100,000 population in 1998, Texas would have needed 40,000 more registered nurses, according to a comprehensive report on the supply of registered nurses in Texas released recently by the Nurse Workforce Data System Project. "This information will help us understand the variations in the supply and demand of registered nurses," said Nancy Ackley, RN, director of the Texas Nurses Foundation and manager of the project. "A few years ago, Texas experienced a surplus of registered nurses; today, shortages abound across the state. Understanding why is possible only with good information about nurses in the workforce, their careers and their changing work environments," Ackley added.

The Supply of Registered Nurses: First Look at Available Data organizes data gathered on registered nurses from different sources for the period 1994-98. Among the findings are that nurses are aging, retiring early, and withdrawing in increasingly larger numbers from active participation in the workforce. The average employed RN in 1998 was 44 years of age. The situation is not improving according to the report, which shows that nursing graduates are decreasing and nursing schools' applicant pools are shrinking.

Due to changes in the manner in which health care is delivered, "substantial adjustments in the size and quality of the workforce" are required, according to Antonio Furino, Ph.D., director of the Center for Health Economics and Policy at the University of Texas (Health Science Cen-

ter) at San Antonio and project director. "Without timely information and effective communication, a good match between preferences and decisions by nurses, educators and employers is unlikely to occur, the lead researcher said.

The reduction in the average length-of-stay of hospital patients has not curtailed the employment of RNs in hospitals as much as expected. In fact, vacancy rates in Texas hospitals for most nurse specialties have been increasing, according to the report. "As major employers of registered nurses, Texas hospitals want to break the cycle of shortages and surpluses," said Elizabeth Sjoberg, RN, J.D., associate general counsel for the Texas Hospital Association and project coordinator for THA's nonprofit foundation, the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research, one of three partners in the project.

"Nurses are essential to delivering high quality health care to the more than 22 million patients who are admitted or treated at Texas hospitals each year," Sjoberg said. "As the nursing workforce ages, hospitals are eager to attract young people to the nursing profession, and to provide a working environment that provides career satisfaction for these important caregivers."

The information contained in *The Supply of Registered Nurses: First Look at Available Data* will assist those who are considering a career in nursing, practicing nurses, employers, educators, policy makers and the public. The report has seven sections, including "Texas Demographics" and "Health Care in Texas," which provide details

about the practice of nursing in Texas. Other sections provide a demographic profile of practicing RNs, education and training, employment status and RN education and training programs. Texas and U.S. statistics for the period 1983-1998 are compared. Information is grouped by three regions: urban, rural, and border counties.

Through subsequent research, the partnership will gather information about market incentives, career plans, educational opportunities and changing demographics in the nurse workforce.

While nursing workforce data have been available from a number of state agencies and trade associations, the scope, comprehensiveness and comparability of the information have been limited. The Nurse Workforce Data System Project will change the situation by filling the nurse workforce information gap with valid, empirical data collected and analyzed systematically. "We are creating a permanent data collection, analysis, and dissemination system that will produce, over the years, timely reports about health care and nurses in Texas," Ackley explained. This information will assist educators, policy-makers and employers, and help ensure a stable workforce for the future.

The Nurse Workforce Data System Project is a partnership of the Texas Nurses Foundation, a non-profit foundation of the Texas Nurses Association; the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research, the non-profit foundation of the Texas Hospital Association; and the Center for Health Economics and Policy at the University of Texas (Health Science Center) at San Antonio.

Copies of the report may be purchased by contacting the Texas Nurses Foundation at 512/453-7015, or visit the TNA's web site at www.texasnurses.org.

Precautions outdoors help avoid ticks and diseases they carry

Mild weather for months at a time means outdoor activities in Texas are often at the top of the "to do" list. Camping, hiking, backpacking, picnics or just walking outdoors highlight the spring, summer, fall, and sometimes winter seasons.

But warm days, especially in the spring and summer, can also bring out ticks along with the diseases they can transmit. A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis. Ticks are especially prevalent in wooded, brushy, and grassy areas; but animals may also carry ticks.

Julie Rawlings of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at Texas Department of Health (TDH) points to the Lone Star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, as one to watch for. "In Texas, this is the tick likely to carry disease," she said. While many tick species prefer attaching to an animal and staying there, this variety readily feeds on human blood. An adult Lone Star tick is about the size of a watermelon seed.

Lyme disease, which is the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country, is a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart, and nervous system problems. Named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where it was first described in 1976, the disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain.

Occasionally there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite. People usually are infected April through June, months when the Lone Star tick is

most active.

Treatment is with antibiotics. Untreated, Lyme disease may result in severe damage to joints, the heart, and nervous system. In Texas, more than 1,680 possible cases of Lyme disease have been reported since 1990. Of those, just over 580 cases met the case definition for Lyme disease. Rawlings also notes that where studies have been conducted, "about 1 to 2 percent of ticks carry the Lyme disease bacterium."

Both Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human Ehrlichiosis, other diseases carried by ticks, can be fatal if not treated quickly. Symptoms resemble flu with high fever, headaches, muscle aches, and high fever. There also can be a measles-like rash.

"The best prevention for any of these diseases is to avoid ticks," Rawlings said. She advises keeping fleas and ticks off pets - animals also can get Lyme disease - and discouraging unwanted animals such as rats, mice, and stray dogs and cats around the home.

To protect from ticks:

* If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They attach to any part of the body - head to toe.

* Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

* Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites; wear a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

* Use insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin (follow package directions).

If you find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it may take time to remove the tick properly. Using petroleum jelly or touching the tick with a hot match may be common practices but are not the best procedures, Rawlings said.

Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the TDH Laboratory. "The ticks should be placed in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on," Rawlings said. "They should never be placed loose in an envelope." Call the TDH Laboratory at 512-458-7615 for information on proper ways to submit live ticks.

A vaccine to protect against Lyme disease is available for people from ages 15 to 70. Contact your health care provider for more information about the vaccine. "If people have any flu-like symptoms - with or without a rash - after contact with a tick, they should get medical attention," Rawlings said.

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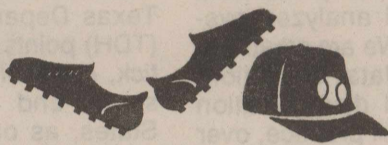
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Spring Sport Schedules

"Major League Schedule 2000"

| Date | Day | Time | Visitor | Home | Field |
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| April 14 | Fri | 7:00 | Sterling City | Bronte | Bronte A |
| April 18 | Tues | 7:00 | LV-Pirates | Bronte | Bronte A |
| April 20 | Thurs | 8:00 | Bronte | LV-Pirates | Lakeview |
| April 25 | Tues | 7:00 | N. Concho #1 | Bronte | Bronte A |
| April 28 | Fri | 7:00 | Bronte | N. Concho #1 | Carlsbad |
| May 1 | Mon | 7:00 | LV-A's | Bronte | Lakeview |
| May 4 | Thurs | 7:00 | Bronte | LV-A's | Carlsbad |
| May 9 | Tues | 7:00 | N. Concho #2 | Bronte | Bronte A |
| May 12 | Fri | 7:00 | Bronte | N. Concho #2 | Lakeview |
| May 15 | Mon | 7:00 | LV-White Sox | Bronte | Bronte A |
| May 18 | Thurs | 7:00 | Bronte | LV-White Sox | Sterling City |
| May 20 | Fri | 7:00 | Sterling City | Bronte | Bronte A |
| May 22 | Mon | 7:00 | Bronte | Sterling City | Sterling City |
| May 25 | Thurs | 7:00 | Bronte | LV-Angels | Lakeview |
| May 30 | Tues | 8:00 | LV-Angels | Bronte | Bronte A |
| June 1 | Thurs | 7:00 | | | |



"T-Ball Schedule 2000"

| Date | Day | Time | Visitor | Home | Field |
|----------|-------|------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| April 25 | Tues | 6:00 | Robert Lee #2 | Bronte #1 | B |
| April 27 | Thurs | 6:00 | Bronte #3 | Robert Lee #1 | B |
| April 28 | Fri | 6:00 | Bronte #2 | Blackwell | B |
| May 1 | Mon | 6:00 | Bronte #3 | Robert Lee #2 | B |
| May 4 | Thurs | 6:00 | Bronte #1 | Robert Lee #1 | B |
| May 4 | Thurs | 6:30 | Bronte #2 | Robert Lee #2 | B |
| May 4 | Thurs | 5:00 | Robert Lee #2 | Blackwell | B |
| May 4 | Thurs | 6:00 | Robert Lee #1 | Bronte #3 | B |
| May 4 | Thurs | 6:00 | Robert Lee #2 | Bronte #2 | B |
| May 8 | Mon | 6:00 | Bronte #1 | Blackwell | B |
| May 8 | Mon | 5:00 | Blackwell | Robert Lee #2 | B |
| May 9 | Tues | 6:00 | Bronte #2 | Robert Lee #1 | B |
| May 9 | Tues | 6:30 | Bronte #1 | Robert Lee #2 | B |
| May 11 | Thurs | 6:00 | Blackwell | Bronte #2 | B |
| May 11 | Thurs | 7:00 | Bronte #1 | Bronte #3 | B |
| May 13 | Sat | 6:00 | Robert Lee #1 | Robert Lee #2 | B |
| May 13 | Sat | 6:00 | Bronte #2 | Robert Lee #2 | B |
| May 15 | Mon | 6:00 | Bronte #3 | Blackwell | B |
| May 15 | Mon | 6:30 | Robert Lee #2 | Robert Lee #1 | B |
| May 15 | Mon | 5:30 | Bronte #1 | Bronte #2 | B |
| May 18 | Thurs | 6:30 | Blackwell | Bronte #3 | A |
| May 18 | Thurs | 6:00 | Robert Lee #1 | Bronte #2 | B |
| May 22 | Mon | 7:00 | Bronte #3 | Bronte #1 | B |
| May 22 | Mon | 6:00 | Bronte #3 | Bronte #2 | B |
| May 25 | Thurs | 7:00 | Robert Lee #1 | Bronte #1 | B |
| May 25 | Thurs | 6:00 | Blackwell | Robert Lee #1 | B |
| May 25 | Thurs | 6:00 | Bronte #2 | Bronte #1 | B |
| May 30 | Tues | 7:00 | Robert Lee #2 | Bronte #3 | B |
| May 30 | Tues | 7:00 | Blackwell | Bronte #1 | B |
| June 1 | Thurs | 6:00 | Robert Lee #1 | Robert Lee #2 | B |
| June 1 | Thurs | 6:00 | Robert Lee #1 | Blackwell | B |



Girls 12 & Under Softball

(April the 15th Ballinger Tournament 12 & Under entry fee \$100.00)

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|----------|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| April 17 | Mon | 6:00 | Coleman | Bronte | Bronte B |
| April 18 | Tues | 6:30 | Bronte Sun Devils | Ballinger-Misfits | Ballinger |
| April 21 | Fri | 7:00 | Robert Lee Pros | Bronte | Bronte B |
| May 1 | Mon | 6:30 | Bronte Sun Devils | Coleman | Robert Lee |
| May 2 | Tues | 7:00 | Bronte Sun Devils | Robert Lee | Bronte B |
| May 5 | Fri | 7:00 | Ballinger-Misfits | Bronte | Bronte B |
| May 12 | Fri | 7:00 | Robert Lee Pros | Bronte | Bronte B |
| May 15 | Mon | 7:00 | Jim Ned | Bronte-Sun Devils | Jim Ned |
| May 23 | Tues | 7:00 | Bronte Sun Devils | Robert Lee | Robert Lee |
| May 30 | Tues | 7:00 | Bronte Sun Devils | SARenegades | San Angelo |
| June 5 | Mon | 6:30 | Bronte Sun Devils | | |



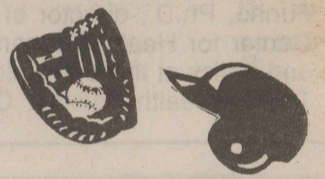
"Farm League Schedule 2000"

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| April 14 | Fri | 5:30 | Robert Lee | Blackwell | Bronte A |
| April 17 | Mon | 6:00 | Bronte | Sterling City | SC |
| April 25 | Tues | 5:30 | Sterling City | Blackwell | Bronte A |
| April 27 | Thurs | 7:00 | Blackwell | Blackwell | RL |
| May 2 | Tues | 6:00 | Bronte | Bronte | SC |
| May 4 | Thurs | 7:00 | Sterling City | Blackwell | Bronte A |
| May 8 | Mon | 6:30 | Robert Lee | Robert Lee | RL |
| May 11 | Thurs | 7:00 | Robert Lee | Sterling City | Bronte A |
| May 13 | Sat | 7:00 | Robert Lee | Blackwell | SC |
| May 22 | Mon | 7:00 | Sterling City | Bronte | Bronte A |
| May 25 | Thurs | 5:30 | Robert Lee | Robert Lee | RL |
| May 30 | Tues | 7:00 | Sterling City | Blackwell | Bronte A |
| | | | Bronte | Blackwell | Bronte A |



10 & Under Girls Softball

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|--|-------|------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| April 14 | Fri | 6:30 | Bronte | Jim Ned-UnderTakers | Jim Ned |
| April 18 | Tues | 6:30 | Ball. Red Devils | Blackwell | Bronte B |
| April 20 | Thurs | 6:30 | Winters | Bronte-Dodgers | Bronte B |
| April 21 | Fri | 6:30 | Blackwell | Ball. - Brat Pack | Ballinger |
| April 22 | Sat | 6:00 | Bronte | Ball. - Red Devils | Ballinger |
| April 27 | Thurs | 5:30 | Winters | Blackwell | Bronte |
| May 1 | Mon | 7:00 | Ball. Brat Pack | Blackwell | Bronte-B |
| May 5 | Fri | 5:30 | Ball. Brat Pack | Bronte | Bronte |
| May 8 | Mon | 7:00 | Ball. Red Devils | Bronte | Bronte B |
| May 9 | Tues | 5:30 | Winters | Bronte | Bronte B |
| May 16 | Tues | 6:00 | Winters | Blackwell | Bronte B |
| May 19 | Fri | 6:30 | Jim Ned-UnderTakers | Blackwell | Bronte B |
| May 19 | Fri | 7:45 | Jim Ned-UnderTakers | Bronte | Bronte B |
| These 2 games will be only 60 minutes due to the visiting team playing a double header | | | | | |
| May 23 | Tues | 7:00 | Blackwell | Bronte | Bronte B |



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| April 14 | Fri | 7:00 | Bronte | Blackwell | Bronte B |
| April 18 | Tues | 7:00 | Sterling City | Robert Lee | RL |
| April 24 | Mon | 7:00 | Sterling City | Blackwell | Bronte A |
| April 27 | Thurs | 7:00 | Blackwell | Sterling City | SC |
| April 28 | Fri | 6:30 | Sterling City | Bronte | Bronte A |
| May 1 | Mon | 7:00 | Robert Lee | Blackwell | Bronte B |
| May 8 | Mon | 7:00 | Bronte | Robert Lee | Bronte A |
| May 13 | Sat | 6:30 | Blackwell | Robert Lee | Bronte B |
| May 22 | Mon | 7:00 | Robert Lee | Sterling City | RL |
| May 27 | Sat | 6:30 | Bronte | Blackwell | SC |
| May 30 | Tues | 7:00 | Sterling City | Robert Lee | Bronte A |
| June 2 | Fri | 8:00 | Robert Lee | Robert Lee | RL |
| June 5 | Mon | 7:30 | Bronte | Sterling City | RL |
| | | 8:00 | Bronte | Blackwell | SC |
| | | 8:00 | Blackwell | Sterling City | Bronte A |
| | | | Robert Lee | Bronte | Bronte A |

16 & Under Girls Softball

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| April 20 | Thurs | 6:30 | Bronte Rizzos | Coleman | Coleman |
| April 24 | Mon | 6:30 | Winters-Brats | Bronte Rizzos | Bronte B |
| May 2 | Tues | 7:00 | S.A. Renegades | Bronte Rizzos | Bronte B |
| May 9 | Tues | 7:00 | Coleman | Bronte | Bronte B |
| May 15 | Mon | 6:30 | Bronte Rizzos | Merkel | Merkel 1 |
| May 20 | Thurs | 7:30 | Bronte Rizzos | Winters-Brats | Winters |
| June 2 | Fri | 7:00 | Ballinger Wildcats | Bronte Rizzos | Bronte B |
| June 5 | Mon | 7:30 | Bronte Rizzos | Ballinger Wildcats | Ballinger |
| June 8 | Thurs | 6:30 | Coleman | Bronte Rizzos | Bronte B |
| June 12 | Mon | 8:00 | Bronte Rizzos | Jim Ned Rebels | Jim Ned |
| June 30 | Fri | 6:30 & 8:00 double header | Jim Ned | Bronte | Bronte B |