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Eighteen local youth set to exhibit projects at Houston

Eight FFA members and ten 4-H members from Coke County will be joining other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 13-March 4, at Reliant Park in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 23. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the Show, which kicks off Feb. 13.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

More than 16,000 entries, representing 1,100 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, llamas, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steer, lamb, barrow and poultry) represent animals

raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2001, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled \$6,147,398, including a

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Bronte PIP program 2001

Bronte Elementary students in grades Kindergarten to 6th grade participated in the Players in Progress program which teaches basic basketball handling skills and through this instills responsibility, discipline and confidence. This year there were 26 participants who enthusiastically grasped the attention of the audience during the half time of the Lady Longhorn basketball games in Bronte. The performances included a 5 man weave, between the legs pass and a duo of ball handling routines. The PIP participants performed 5 times this year and were awarded for their involvement at the final practice of the year. Logan Rawls and Philip Rawlings received a special plaque for completion of their PIP membership as 6th graders. The PIP players have had an overall outstanding year and their coaches appreciate all the hard work, dedication and enjoyment the players have extended and look forward to



Members of the Bronte PIPs (Players in Progress) include (front row, from left) Creed Coalson, Jael Williams, Kimberly Lee, Haylee Hoyt, Mackenzie Gibbs, Katie Austin, Jordan Rowan, (2nd row, from left) Michael Evans, Zachary Boyd, Taylor Cooper-Hartman, Tori Acevedo, Cheyenne Boyd, Meagan Martin, Arlis McMullan, (3rd row, from left) Jackson Rowan, Nathan McCoulskey, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Kerwin Rawls, Reece Springer, (4th row, from left) Chase Hoyt, Sam Rawlings, D. J. Acevedo, Brett Wills, Philip Rawlings, and Logan Rawls. Coaches include (back row, from left) Lisa Gibbs, Kendall Gibbs, and Heather Lee.

an awesome third year of PIPs in Bronte.

Skywarn classes

A skywarn class will be held at 7:00 pm, Feb. 12, 2001, at the Bronte City Hall. The speaker will be Buddy McIntyre with the National Weather Service. The class is open to the public.

The skywarn class is sponsored by the Robert Lee Fire Department, Bronte Fire Department, and Coke County Emergency Management.

EQIP sign up deadline nears

by Bruce Deere, NRCS
The first, and probably only, deadline for application under the 2001 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will close soon, possibly as early as March 30, 2001. EQIP is the only permanent program for cost-share of conservation practices in Coke County. It is highly competitive, designed to get maximum environmental benefit for cost-share dollars spent. Most traditional conservation practices are eligible.

More detailed information will be available at the Producers Meeting scheduled for February 12, 2001 at 6:00 pm at the Coke County Courthouse courtroom.

Strength in support group

If you are struggling with any addictive behaviors i.e. alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, sexual acting out, compulsive over eating, excessive spending, or just the feeling that you do not measure up or fit in, please attend the informational meeting of this new support group on Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at the Victory Assembly of God Church in Robert Lee.

The first part of each meeting will be general information & instruction, then breaking into small groups for sharing. So if you or someone you know is experiencing difficulty in any of these areas, remember there is strength in support.

Tax assistance

A.A.R.P. representatives will be at the Bronte Senior Center, Thursday, Feb. 15 at 1:00 pm, for Income Tax assistance. All ages are welcome! Please call 915-473-6471 for appointment.

Robert Lee Care Center singing

J. D. Taylor and the West Texas Gospel singers will be at the Robert Lee Care Center Monday, Feb. 12, from 2-4 pm.

Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Monday, February 19, 2001 at the school cafeteria beginning at 6:30 pm. Special guest speaker will be western author, Elmer Kelton. The meal will be catered by Longbranch Bar-BQ.

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Shalon's Boutique, Main Street Market, City Hall, Bronte Bank, and will also be available at the door.

Bring your Elmer Kelton book and have it autographed.

School day for Bronte

Bronte ISD will have school Monday, February 12th. It is not a holiday and school will begin at the regular time: 7:45 am High School and 7:55 am for Elementary students.

Lady Steers to play Rotan at Jim Ned

The Robert Lee Lady Steers will play a Bi-District basketball game against Rotan on Tuesday, February 13th. The game will be held at Jim Ned High School beginning at 7:00 pm.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

February
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record \$560,000 paid for the Grand Champion Market Steer.

"We appreciate the patience and understanding of visitors and exhibitors during the construction of the new facilities at Reliant Park," said John Sykes, assistant general manager, Agricultural Exhibits and Competition Department. "Once completed, the new facilities will be the finest in the world. In the meantime, we will continue to offer world-class competitions for the youth of Texas."

RODEOHOUSTON action takes off on Feb. 13 with 20 daily performances featuring outstanding PRCA action in the world's richest regular-season rodeo, the world's largest calf scramble, chuck wagon races, indoor fireworks and concert entertainment. Only the top 64 cowboys and cowgirls in the world are invited to compete in RODEOHOUSTON's seven PRCA and WPRA events - bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, bull riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and team roping. The exciting performance also includes a light show extravaganza and entertainment by some of the music industry's hottest artists.

Local 4-H members attending from Robert Lee will be Clay Antilley, Katie Bessent, Cara Eaton, Morgan Hill, Alli-

son Millican, Ashlee Kay Millican, Erin Millican, Lance Matthieson Millican, Julie Riley, and Mark Cooper Riley.

Local FFA members attending will be Travis Pitcock from Robert Lee and Ariel Coalson, Kanah Coalson, Riley Coalson, Anthony Gibbs, Kailey Howell, Jonathan Marrs all of Bronte and Angie Harrell of Norton.

West Coke County Ambulance Runs for January 2001

- 01-01-01, no transport
- 01-01-01, 9:19 pm, medical transport
- 01-06-01, 6:15 pm, medi vac
- 01-07-01, 10:20 pm, medical transport
- 01-08-01, 12:14 am, medical transport
- 01-10-01, 4:33 pm, medical transport
- 01-14-01, 9:30 pm, medical transport
- 01-16-01, 1:32 am, medical transport
- 01-17-01, 1:16 am, medical transport
- 01-17-01, 8:28 pm, medical transport
- 01-20-01, 3:42 am, medical transport
- 01-20-01, 3:43 am, medi vac
- 01-22-01, 5:23 am, medical transport
- 01-24-01, 10:35 pm, medical transport
- 01-29-01, 1:26 pm, medi vac
- 01-29-01, 2:26 pm, medical transport

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The value of most things in our society can be determined by how long we have to work to acquire them, or pay for them. For example, according to the Tax Freedom Foundation, the average American works until the middle of May to earn enough to pay his or her taxes.

By contrast, the same average American will work only until February 7 to earn enough to buy food for the entire year of 2001. What a blessing that is. The supply of safe, affordable and abundant food in the US is no accident, however. It is a story that includes the skills and knowledge of a variety of people; research scientists, equipment manufacturers, retail specialists and, of course, our farmers and ranchers.

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau invites you to share in our celebration of Food-Check-Out Day. Despite the abundance of our food supply, there are still those in need. The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau has donated \$50 to the Coke County Food Bank in celebration of National Food Check-

Out Day.

National Food Check-Out Day is a time when all of us can be glad we are Americans, living in a land of plenty. It is also an opportunity to share that plenty. National Food Check-Out Day, February 7, has passed, but the opportunity it affords to help others in need remains throughout the year, we invite you to join in the celebration each day of the year by sharing your good fortune with others.

Sincerely,
 Bobby Roberts
 Coke-Sterling County
 Farm Bureau

Project Valentines

The activity department of Bronte Health and Rehab Center is sponsoring a Project Valentines for the residents of the center. If you would like to participate in bringing a big smile to our residents, bring the cards to the activity department or send your valentines to the nursing home at P.O. Box M, Attn: Activity Department, Bronte, Tx 76933. You may address the cards to specific residents or leave them to be distributed as needed. We now have 50 residents at our home, and we want them all to know how much they are loved and ap-

preciated. The valentines may be homemade or purchased, and will be given to each resident in a "Heart Mail Bag" at the Valentines Day party on February 14th.

Death Notices

Bryant

Connie M. Bryant, 85, of Ballinger passed away Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, in the Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

Service was held at 2 pm Monday in RainsSeale Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Old Runnels Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Bryant of Ballinger; his sons, Maloy Bryant and wife, Pat, of Abilene, Jack Bryant and wife, Gail, of San Angelo and Tommy Bryant and wife, Sherry, of Robert Lee; his stepchildren, Sharon and Ralph Dankworth, Rex and Jane Cook and Connie and Jackie Bean. He is also survived by a sister, Joyce Arnold of San Angelo; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild.

Counts

Barbara Moore Counts died January 31 in the Foley Hospital in Foley, Alabama. Memorial Services were held on Sunday, February 4, in Foley.

She is survived by her husband Robert J. Counts, of Foley, Alabama, and a brother, Charles Ira Moore, Jr., of Franklin, Tennessee.

Obituaries

Gaddy

Graveside services were held at 10 am Saturday, Feb. 3, at South Park Cemetery for Winnie Louise Gaddy, 75, of Roswell who passed away Jan. 29, 2001, in Robert Lee, Texas. Dr. Onsy Whicker of Tabernacle Baptist Church conducted the service.

Louise was born Sept. 4, 1925, in Wingate, Texas, to John Franklin and Bertha Molly Wilson Hamilton. Her parents preceded her in death, as well as three sisters and one brother.

She married John T. Gaddy Feb. 7, 1948, in Roswell. He survives her at the New Mexico Veterans Center in Truth or Consequences.

Other survivors include two

sons, Gregory Gaddy and his wife, Melanie of Artesia and Mark Gaddy of Robert Lee; two daughters, Peggy Gaddy Daniel and husband, Jim, of Austin, Texas, and Kara Gaddy Armijo and her husband, Ed, of Kent, Washington.

She is also survived by three brothers, Claude Hamilton of Roswell, J.F. Hamilton of Fredericksburg, Texas, and Melvin Hamilton of Roswell; one sister, Doris Shandley of Robert Lee; and six grandchildren, Christina and Shanda Gaddy, Nathan and Evan Daniel and Ardena and Adam Armijo.

Louise was a loving wife and mother and she will be greatly missed.

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You Are Invited
 to join with friends
 and family
 in celebrating the

55th Wedding Anniversary

of
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 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
 Tommy Williams, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
 Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
 (915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 (915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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601 W. 10th
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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
Victory Assembly of God

PO Box 638 • Robert Lee
 (915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Glenn and Senseman exchange vows

Brittany Dale Glenn and Aaron Christopher Senseman were married at 12 noon Saturday, December 16, 2000 in the Old Worship Center of Second Baptist Church in Houston.

Officiants for the ceremony were The Reverend David Riggle and the Reverend Benjamin Young of Second Baptist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Glenn, Houston, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn of Bronte, and Reverend and Mrs. Dale Durham of Kerrville.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Donna Senseman and the late William Senseman of Houston.

Mrs. Stephanie Ottosen and Mrs. Danielle Young served as their sister's matrons of honor. The bridesmaids included Andrea Senseman, sister of the groom, and Keely Orr, Ashley Sleeth, Sarah Thompson, Emily Wallace and Deborah Westbrook. The bride's attendants wore long, full skirts of gold crystal organza and black velvet halter tops with beaded trim. They carried bouquets of yellow roses.

Best men were Bryant Romero and Western Whitfield IV. Groomsmen were Brad Estes, Bryan Moran, Bebo Norman, Micah Ottosen, Brent Palmer, and Cliff Young.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a duchess silk satin dress with full, gathered skirt. Beaded braid accented the pointed waist and neckline. Her veil, held in place by a rhinestone tiara, extended the entire length of her dress and train. Her round bouquet was of white roses. She wore a pearl drop necklace and matching earrings.

Small candles outlined the arches behind the pulpit where the ceremony took place. Gold crystal organza, overlaid with a fresh, green fir garland, was draped on either side of the pulpit. The same motif, with iron candelabra, accented the center aisle of the church.

Approximately 600 guests attended the reception and buffet luncheon which was held in the church's atrium and deacon's parlor. After the reception, a horse drawn carriage took the couple from the church.

The bride and groom are graduates of Second Baptist High School. The groom attended A&M University. The bride attended Baylor University and will continue her edu-



Mrs. Aaron Christopher Senseman

cation at Houston Baptist University.

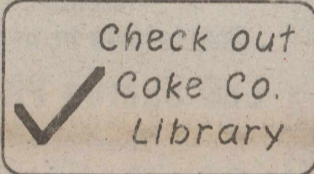
After a honeymoon trip to western Europe, the couple will be at home in Houston.

Family members from west Texas attending the rehearsal dinner and wedding were Reverend and Mrs. Dale Durham, Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn, Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. David Kuykendall, Abilene, Drs. Victor and Liza Glenn, Ian and Charlotte, DeSoto.

Clinic: February 24th & 25th, 2001 at the 29th Street Complex, in San Angelo. All girls from ages 8 to 18 are welcome to attend a 2-hour session with Coach Ed Poehls as the guest instructor. Please bring your own glove, a friend to catch and your own bucket for catcher to sit upon. The clinic is designed to be a fun experience for the girls and to give quality instruction in fastpitch softball techniques. For session times and fees, please call Debbie Fontenot at 944-0747.

Look Who's New Ricardo Santana Fernandez

Nathan Mecher & Samantha Fernandez would like to announce the arrival of their baby brother Ricardo Santana Fernandez. Ricky was born Dec. 6, 2000. He weighed 3 lbs. and 15 ozs. The proud parents are Theresa & Fernando Fernandez. The proud grandparents are Raydon & Ruth Foster of Robert Lee.



Tax forms available at County library

The Coke County Library has reproducible copies of all Federal Tax Forms 2000. The 1040A and 1040EZ are available in printed form. The printed copies are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Patrons are welcomed to check out the reproducible copies for copying.

Printed post cards have been prepared to send to Senator Troy Fraser and Representative Rob Junell (P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711) to ask them to support the Lone Star Libraries proposal. Anyone interested can come by, get the post card at the Library, sign it and it will be mailed to Austin.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; and Friday, 8-12.

Girl's fastpitch clinic

The San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association (SAGFA) will be hosting a Girl's Fastpitch



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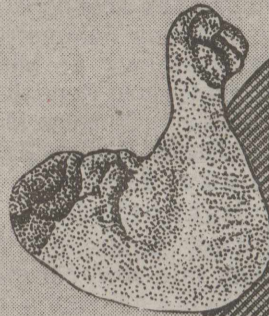
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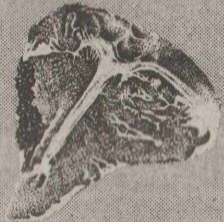
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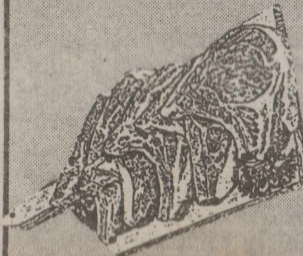
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Robert Lee School News

RL Jr. High girls basketball

The Robert Lee Jr. High girls competed in the district tournament in Christoval, Thursday (2-1) and Saturday (2-3).

The Jr. High "B" team played Christoval in their first game and defeated them by a score of 27-17. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: A. Gallegos 4; A. Braswell 2; K. Millican 6; K. Medrano 8; T. Bagwell 4; C. Vera 3.

The "B" team remained on a roll for the 2nd game as they defeated Eden by a score of 27-21. Robert Lee scoring as follows: A. Gallegos 2; C. Colon 2; K. Millican 4; K. Medrano 7; T. Bagwell 6; C. Vera 6.

Robert Lee was not as strong in the 3rd game against Irion County as they were defeated by a score of 14-30. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: A. Braswell 1; S. Trejos 1; K. Millican 4; K. Medrano 4; T. Bagwell 4.

The "B" team ended their season with a 9-3 record.

The Jr. High "A" team had a close first game with Menard but came away with the win by a score of 18-17. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: C. Wink 6; C. Eaton 4; M. Sanchez 4; L. Roe 4.

In the championship game, the "A" team connected for 32 points to go into overtime against Eden, but were defeated by a score of 34-32. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: B. Soliz 2; C. Wink 4; J. Riley 1; C. Eaton 6; M. Sanchez 7; L. Roe 12.

The "A" team ended their basketball season with a 12-2 record.

JV girls basketball

The Robert Lee JV defeated Roby by a score of 40-26. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: Jessica Fluhman 2; Kindra Matthews 5; Misty Brothers 14; Amie Kendall 6; Krystal Soliz 6; Christina Middleton 5; Rachel Wallace 2.

Lady Steers basketball

The Lady Steers for the third year in a row, clinched the District 6-A title with a 67-54 win over the Roby Lady Lions. The visiting Lady Steers fell behind early, as they trailed 13-18 at the end of the 1st quarter, but kept up the defensive pressure to take the win. Jodee Helwig had one of her best games of the year, scoring 22 points. She hit on 8 of 12 from the field and 6 of 8 from the line. She also had 4 rebounds and 5 assists. Deshira Dickey hit for 18 points and 9 rebounds. Shanna Wojtek had 13 points and hit two big 3 pointers in the second quarter to spark the comeback. Whitney Millican had 10 points, as she hit on 5 of 6 from the field. Jennifer Alexander and Dixie Simpson added 2 points each. The win raised the Lady Steers record to 23-2 and district record to 7-0. The loss dropped Roby to 24-2 and 6-2. The Lady Steers will play either Odonnell or Rotan in a Bi-District game at a time and site to be determined later.

Jr. High boys

basketball

The 7th grade boys defeated Bronte by a score of 31-12. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: Vincent McClelland 2; Lance Millican 13; Brandon Soliz 4; Lewis Hearn 3; Josh Conner 9.

The 8th grade boys lost a close game to Bronte by a score of 23-22. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: Jake McCabe 2; Ruben Torres 5; Omar Saucedo 7; Andy Mulkey 8.

In the first game of the Christoval tournament, the 7th grade boys were defeated by Irion County by a score of 30-15. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: Vincent McClelland 6; Lance Millican 5; Brandon Soliz 2; Lewis Hearn 2.

The 8th grade boys were defeated by Christoval in the first game of the tournament by a score of 32-24. Robert Lee scoring is as follows: Jake McCabe 4; Ruben Torres 5; Wade Arledge 1; Omar Saucedo 10; Andy Mulkey 4.

7th grade boys zone champs

	Score
*Sterling City	20-14
*Garden City	8-12
*Water Valley	17-10
Eden	56-9
*Bronte	28-10
*Sterling city	42-14
*Garden City	24-14
*Water Valley	22-15
Water Valley	25-12
Garden City	14-10
*Bronte	39-12
Irion County	15-30
Record	10-2

8th grade boys

	Score
*Sterling City	22-20
*Garden City	20-23
*Water Valley	29-07
Eden	33-50
*Bronte	27-28
*Sterling City	20-22
*Garden City	34-37
*Water Valley	33-17
Garden City	37-22
Water Valley	33-17
Bronte	28-23
*Bronte	22-23
Christoval	24-32
Record	5-8

* indicates zone game

UTPB counselor to visit area schools

Edia Hernandez, admissions at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, will be visiting with Fort Stockton and San Angelo area high schools and colleges in February. The purpose of the visit is to offer general information on attending U. T. Permian Basin.

Students ranking in the top 10 percent of their class are eligible to apply for the four-year \$14,400 Presidential PLUS and \$7,200 Presiden-

tial Scholarships. Students graduating in the top 11-25 percent of their class may qualify for either the UT Merit Scholarship which is worth from \$1,500-\$6,000 or the two-year Freshman Merit Scholarship of \$2,000.

During the week of February 12 through 16 she will visit Forsan, Water Valley, Grape Creek, Veribest, Paint Rock, Eden, Wall, Miles, Ballinger, Winters, Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City.

To set up an appointment with her call (915) 552-2605.

For admission and additional information about the freshman scholarships, write the UTPB Office of Admissions, 4901 E. University, Odessa, TX 79762, call 915-552-2605, or e-mail: admissions@utpb.edu. Check out the UTPB web site at www.utpb.edu.

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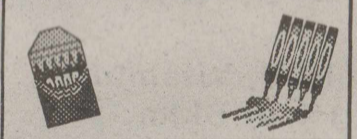
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Tuesday, Feb. 13
 Orange juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk
Wednesday, Feb. 14
 Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk
Thursday, Feb. 15
 Orange juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
Friday, Feb. 16
 Orange juice, blueberry pancake w/sausage, cereal, milk
- Lunch**
Monday, Feb. 12
 Frito pie, crackers, corn, pears, potato wedges, milk
Tuesday, Feb. 13
 Salisbury steak, macaroni & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, applesauce, milk
Wednesday, Feb. 14
 Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, rolls, pineapple tidbits, milk
Thursday, Feb. 15
 Turkey w/gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, rolls, peaches, milk
Friday, Feb. 16
 Hot dogs w/chili & cheese, potato patty, spiced apples, ice cream, milk

"Don't give your horse the spur till you know which way you're going."

Jan Burns wasn't born in the saddle, but she got there as quick as she could. She's been riding since she was four and has won over a hundred buckles in barrel racing.

Jan counts on co-op power for her home as well as her saddle and tack shop. Jan belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. Smart Choice is a coalition of West Texas cooperatives committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

The goal of deregulation is to bring the benefits of retail competition to the power industry. But so far, in states such as California and Pennsylvania, reality has fallen short of the promise, often bringing higher rates and even power shortages. The Texas Legislature gives cooperatives an opportunity to wait and see how deregulation will affect Texans. We intend to take advantage of that time to be sure deregulation is right for our member-owners. Before we ride off, we're going to be sure where we're headed.

Texas electric cooperatives have been providing power to Texans since 1937. As co-ops, we are non-profit and member-owned. To learn more about deregulation visit us at our web site, or call your local Smart Choice electric cooperative.



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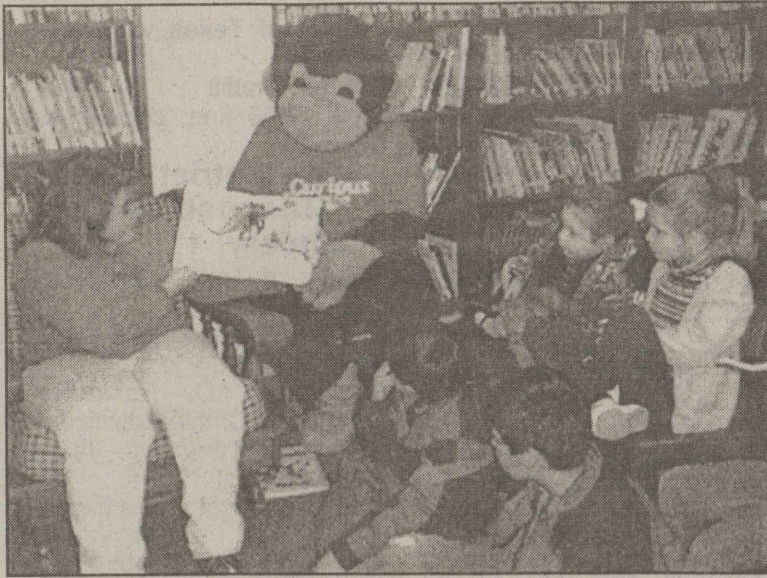
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Katy Frazee and Curious George read to students on family night at the Bronte Elementary Book Fair.

Bronte Jr. High boys basketball results

The BJH boys participated in the Water Valley tournament January 25 & 27, 2001. The "A" boys lost to Sterling City in the first game, 35-21. Scoring for Bronte were Garrett Jackson - 3, Corey Cooper - 1, Cody Moore - 4, Jesse Herold - 2, Kinlee Hoyt - 5, and Justin Frazee - 6.

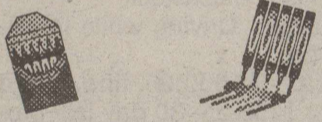
In the second game, the "A" boys lost a close one to Robert Lee, 28-23. Individual scoring consisted of: Garrett Jackson - 6, Cody Moore - 1, Kinlee Hoyt - 8, Blaine Dyess - 4, and Justin Frazee - 4.

In the first "B" game, Bronte was defeated by Garden City 26-13. Scoring for the Shorthorns were: Riley Coalson - 1, Sherman Griffin - 8, and Zack White - 4.

The Bronte "B" team also played Sterling City, but the results were not recorded.

On January 29, the "B" boys played Robert Lee, losing the contest 30-12. Individual scoring included: Riley Coalson - 3, Curtis Moore - 1, Sherman Griffin - 4, and Zach White - 4.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

- Monday, Feb. 12**
Breakfast pizza, apple juice, biscuit, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 13**
Cheese toast, hash browns, teddy grams, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 14**
French toast stix, grape juice, biscuit, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 15**
Sausage, apple juice, pancakes, milk
- Friday, Feb. 16**
Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Feb. 12**
Chicken strips with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, apple crisp
- Tuesday, Feb. 13**
Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, milk, chocolate pudding
- Wednesday, Feb. 14**
Frito pie with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn chips, milk, pink panther cake
- Thursday, Feb. 15**
Chicken spaghetti, steamed broccoli, corn on the cob, bread sticks, milk, jello
- Friday, Feb. 16**
Cheeseburgers, French fries, tomato, pickles, bun, milk, sugar cookies

The Bronte "A" team beat Robert Lee, 23-22. Scoring for the Shorthorns were: Cody Moore - 7, Jesse Herold - 1, Kinlee Hoyt - 7, and Justin Frazee - 8.

In the district tournament at Water Valley, the "B" boys lost to Irion County, 22-6. Scoring for the Shorthorns were: Riley Coalson - 2, and Zach White - 4.

The "A" boys lost to Miles, 24-12. Scoring were Cody Moore - 5, Kinlee Hoyt - 4, and Justin Frazee - 3.

Bronte JV boys results told

The Bronte Junior Varsity boys took on Miles on January 30, losing 45-23. Scoring were: Hall - 6, Lee - 4, Webb - 5, Williams - 2, Fiveash - 2, and Snyder - 4.

On February 2, the JV won against Roscoe, 26-23. Scoring were Hall - 3, Lee - 2, Webb - 10, Fiveash - 2, Snyder - 5, and McKee - 4.

Horns take wins over Miles and Roscoe

The Bronte Varsity Longhorns have posted the results of some recent district wins over Miles and Roscoe. The Horns defeated Miles by a score of 64-44. Scoring for the Horns were: Brandon Gibbs, 25 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists; Henry White, 8 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals; Zeb Speary, 4 points, 7 rebounds, and 6 assists; Ryan McCorkle, 10 points and 6 steals; Josh Schoenfield, 2 points; Steve Eldred, 12 points and 5 rebounds; Jeremy Silva, 1 point; and Charlie Bettis, 2 points.

The Horns continued on their victory path with a 66-45 win over Roscoe. Scoring were: Brandon Gibbs, 20 points, 6 rebounds, and 3

steals; Henry White, 7 points; Zeb Speary, 5 points and 6 assists; Ryan McCorkle, 15 points and 3 steals; Josh Schoenfield, 3 points; Tim Green, 6 points; Steve Eldred, 8 points; and Clayton Acker, 2 points.

Bronte JV girls basketball

On Jan. 30th, the Bronte JV defeated Miles by a score of 45-20. Bronte stats are as follows: Heather Richey 21 points, 12 rebounds, 3 steals; Kayla Hilliard 4 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Britney McCutchen 6 points, 2 steals; Kanah Coalson 5 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals; Brittany Eldred 4 points, 5 rebounds; Ashley Denton 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal.

On Feb. 1st, Bronte JV "B" lost to the Robert Lee 9th graders by a score of 21-30. Bronte stats are as follows: Lindsey Williams 3 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals; Jenna Herold 1 point, 4 rebounds, 1 assist; Natalee Reed 3 points 4 rebounds; Ashley Torres 4 points, 2 rebounds; Kailey Howell 3 points, 2 rebounds; Logan Acker 7 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal.

On Feb. 2nd, the Bronte JV lost to Roscoe by a score of 15-36. Bronte stats are as follows: Lindsay Springer 3 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals; Kayla Hilliard 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals; Lindsey Williams 2 points; Britney McCutchen 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal; Kanah Coalson 4 rebounds, 1 steal; Brittany Eldred 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Ashley Denton 1 rebound, 1 steal; Kailey Howell 1 rebound; Logan Acker 2 points, 1 rebound.

Bronte School News

Arrott awarded degree

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,400 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies. Among those receiving degrees were Nicholas Edward Arrott from Bronte. Nicholas received his Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology.

San Angelo Writers' Club

On Tuesday, February 13th, Robyn Conley-Weaver will speak about her latest book, What Really Matters to Me: A Guided Journal.

As a book doctor and freelance editor, Robyn has helped many writers learn about the craft and business side of writing, but her first love is scribbling about the things that matter most to her. This program will help writers see how journaling can coax them into projects that matter most to them. She'll also be happy to don her "book doctor hat" and answer questions about publishing or writing in today's tough market. Don't miss this one.

The Writer's Club will meet Tuesday, February 13th, 7:00 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3355 West Beauregard in San Angelo behind H.E.B. on Sherwood Way.

Ice cream first appeared in Italy around 1559.

Look Who's New Cassidy Rae McWright

Cassidy Rae McWright was born January 25, 2001 to David and Paula McWright of Potosi.

She arrived at 4:46 at Abilene Regional Hospital and weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Donald and Barbara McWright of San Angelo and Dixie Johnson and the late Willie Johnson of Bronte.

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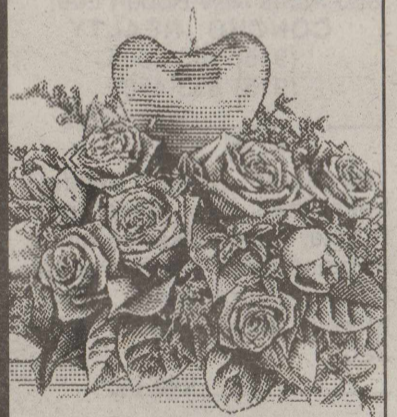
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Fort Chadbourne recipient of gun collection

Christmas is still here for the Fort Chadbourne Foundation. The Foundation is the recipient of an unsolicited gift - but not just any gift. A rare set of Mexican miniature half scale rifles, complete with a presentation case was given to the Foundation.

"It's remarkable, both the gun set and the gesture," said Garland Richards, owner of Chadbourne Ranch and chairman of the Foundation board. "We're honored to accept such a gracious gift."

The three rifles are perfectly scale model rifles, complete with bayonets made in the Mexican Arsenal for General Naranjo in 1882. The case is parquet wooden engraved for the presentation to Gen. Naranjo. All three rifles did fire and are still capable of firing today, although there is no know ammunition available for them.

"Arsenal made miniatures are extremely rare with only a handful known in private hands in the world. Presentation sets are virtually nonexistent," notes Joel Morrow, president of Imperial Miniature Army.

The set consists of the following:

- *1866 Winchester musket with bayonet in one half scale
- *Frence Gras bolt action ri-

Art Extravaganza

Ninety-six artists and artisans will display more than 260 works in various mediums at the Second Annual Art Extravaganza February 23-25 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo. The event benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Displayed works will range from oils, acrylics and watercolors to bronzes, ceramics and wood--all of which will be for sale.

The event will be held in Fort Concho's Commissary and Quartermaster buildings.

Hours are 1-7 pm, Friday, February 23; 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday, February 24 and 1-4 pm, Sunday, February 25. Admission is free.

"We're very pleased with the response from local and area artists which virtually is doubled from last year," said WTRC President/CEO Woody Gilliland. "We're equally proud to provide an opportunity for the public to see the tremendous amount of artistic talent in the region and, at the same time, provide an avenue of support for West Texas Rehab Center."

More event information is available by calling the Center at 223-6300.

file, single shot in one half scale, with bayonet

*Peabody Martini falling block rifle in single shot half scale, with bayonet.

"The donor, a physician from Ohio, wants to remain anonymous, and we'll respect those wishes," said Richards when asked about the details of the generous donor. "To be given three rifles in mint condition is incredible. Fort Chadbourne is very fortunate to have these."

Fort Chadbourne Foundation is the administrative function of Fort Chadbourne, one of eight historic Forts on the Texas Forts Trail. Opened to the public since 1999, Fort Chadbourne was built as a frontier fort in 1852. Family-owned since the 1870's, the Fort is located eleven miles northeast of Bronte on U.S. Highway 277. Fort Chadbourne has an extensive historical artifact collection - over 18,000 artifacts have been catalogued, including an Indian artifact collection, with many items estimated to be over 6,000 - 9,000 years old.

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RLVFD News

by Marian Thompson
Secretary

The fire department held a meeting on February 5th at the fire station and 13 members were present. President Larry Martin presided.

The minutes were approved as read and the treasury report was reviewed.

Chief Rick Drennan reported that the Forest Service picked up the generator. The 1963 pumper truck is now at Ft. McKavett.

Bud Thompson gave the dispatch report for the month of January. There were 3 fire calls, 1 structure, 1 travel trailer, and 1 assist with Bronte on a structure fire. These fires were 2 for County and 1 for the City, totaling 11 3/4 man hours, 3 3/4 truck hours, and 25 1/2 truck miles.

The fire department held 2 meetings and 2 training classes.

Other activities totaling 109 hours were assisting the WC-CEMS with 3 landing zones and 2 other assists. They assisted with 1 MVA at 208 and 158, (the vehicle landed about 20 feet from where dispatcher Bud Thompson was sitting at his radio). They took the light plant to Blackwell, but were turned back before arriving at the lake. The missing person was located.

Bud Thompson resigned from Skywarn.

A Skywarn class will be held on February 12th at Bronte City Hall at 7 pm. For more information, contact Keith Eubanks or Rick Drennan.

The department is planning a Pancake Supper in March. The date has not been set. The rummage sale is scheduled for early spring, possibly in April or May. I will let you know as soon as dates have been set and they begin taking rummage donations.

The group adjourned for a short training session and then to work on the vehicles.

Address change made easier for selective service

The Selective Service System has added a change of address page to its web site that will allow young men to update their registration information on-line. Federal law requires that young men, ages 18 through 25, notify

Selective Service within 10 days of an address change. The addition of the new web page will make fulfillment of this legal requirement easier and more convenient.

"This initiative corresponds to the Agency's vision of increased customer service," said the Honorable Gil Coronado, Director of Selective Service, who first initiated on-line registration on Dec. 2, 1998. "For two decades, men could only go to the post office to obtain a Selective Service Change of Address Form; this new web page will make the process more convenient for men who have Internet access." It is also expected to reduce the Agency's printing and processing costs, while saving young men the cost of first class postage to mail the change of address form.

Any man who is registered and was born after 1959 can update his address information by connecting to the Selective Service web site at www.sss.gov. He clicks on a link to the "change of address" page, types his new information, clicks the Submit button, and he is done. He can also check a box if he wants to receive an updated acknowledgment card by conventional mail.

Federal law requires virtually

all men to register with Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18. Each year, about 1.8 million men turn 18. All U.S. male citizens, no matter where they reside, as well as male noncitizens residing in the U.S., are required to register. Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register once he reaches age 26. Failure to register is a felony. Moreover, Selective Service registration is linked to many benefits such as eligibility for federal student loans and grants, training programs under the Workforce Investment Act (WIC), federal jobs in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government, and jobs with the U.S. Postal Service. More than half of the states have enacted legislation that links benefits such as state tuition assistance and eligibility for state jobs to registration.

Although the U.S. relies on an all-volunteer military today, the Selective Service System and the registration program help America remain prepared to reinstate a timely and fair draft in a future crisis, should a draft become necessary.

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Foreigner's travel guide to Texas

(Editor's Note: Just got this off the internet. Although a little bawdy in places, it's good for a laugh; so we are sending it your way):

1) Don't expect to find filet mignon or pasta primavera at the local restaurant. It's a cafe. They serve hamburgers and chicken fried steak. Let them cook something they know. If you confuse them, they'll kick your butt.

2) Don't laugh at the names (Merleen, Bodie, Bubba, Bobby Ray, Curley, Tammy Lynn, Billy Joe, Sissy, Clovis, etc.). Or we will HAVE to kick your butt.

3) Don't order a bottle of pop or a can of soda. In Texas it's called a coke. Nobody give a hoot whether it's Pepsi, RC, Dr. Pepper, 7-Up or whatever - it's still a coke. Accept it. Doing otherwise can lead to a butt kicking.

4) We know our heritage. Most of us are more literate than you (read some J. Frank Dobie or Elmer Kelton). We are also better educated and generally a lot nicer than you. Don't refer to us as a bunch of cowboy hicks, or we'll kick your butt.

5) We have plenty of business sense (e.g., Howard Hughes, H. Ross Perot, Southwest Airlines, Dell Computers). Naturally, sometimes we have small lapses in judgment (e.g., Billy Sol Estes). However, we are not dumb enough to let someone move to our state just so they can run for the US Senate. If anyone tried to do that they would get a serious butt kick-in'.

6) Don't laugh at our Civil War monuments. If Lee had listened to General Hood you'd be paying taxes to Richmond instead of Washington. If you visit the Alamo, take your hat off and be properly humble, or we'll kick your butt.

7) We are fully aware of how hot it gets and high the humidity is, so shut up about it. If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen, or we'll kick your butt.

8) Do not attempt to eat tamales without first removing their corn husk casing. Everyone will instantly know that you're a Yankee. DO NOT, under any circumstances, complain that the chili is TOO hot or contains no kidney beans, this will get your butt kicked into next week.

9) Don't talk about how much better things are at home because we know they are not. Many of us have visited Northern hellholes like Detroit, Chicago, and DC, and we have the scars to prove it. If you don't like it here, Delta is ready when you are. Move your butt on home--before we kick it.

10) Yes, we know how to speak proper English. We talk this way because we don't want to sound like you. We don't care if you don't understand what we are saying. All other Texans understand what we are saying and that's all that matters. Now, go away, or we'll kick your butt.

11) Don't complain that certain areas of this state smell of oil. If your livelihood depended on those wells you'd soon learn to love the aroma. Besides, None of OUR lakes or rivers have caught fire recently. If you whine about OUR scenic beauty, we'll kick your butt all the way back to Pittsburgh, PA.

12) Don't ridicule our Texas manners. We say sir and ma'am. We hold doors open for others. We offer our seats to old folks. Such things are expected of civilized people. Behave yourselves around our sweet little gray-haired grandmothers, or they'll kick your butt.. just like they did ours.

13) Don't think we're quaint or losers because most of us live in small towns. We do this because we have enough sense to not live in crime infested cesspools like Baltimore. Make fun of our small towns and we'll kick your butt.

14) DO NOT DARE to tell us how to cook barbecue. This will get your butt shot (right after it is kicked). Criticize the barbecue and you may go home in a pine box -- minus your butt.

15) Remember, the only reason you are lucky enough to be here in the first place is because we have not pulled the Border Patrol off the Rio Grande and put them on the Red River (where they really belong) to keep your butt out.

16) Enjoy your visit.

Feed contamination issue resolved by FDA

Linda Logan, DVM, PhD Although many of you have heard the latest regarding the resolution of the cattle feed contamination situation in

Texas, I wanted to ensure that you received this statement issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the agency in charge of regulating feed components. The FDA has said the cattle involved are to be rendered and the material will not enter ruminant or human food channels. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will provide assistance to the FDA as requested and needed.

FDA announces test results from Texas feed lot

Recently the Food and Drug Administration announced the results of tests taken on feed used at a Texas feedlot that was suspected of containing meat and bone meal from other domestic cattle -- a violation of FDA's 1997 prohibition on using ruminant material in feed for other ruminants. Results indicate that a very low level of prohibited material was found in the feed fed to cattle.

FDA has determined that each animal could have consumed, at most and in total, five-and-one-half grams - approximately a quarter ounce -- of prohibited material. These animals weigh approximately 600 pounds.

It is important to note that the prohibited material was domestic in origin (therefore not likely to contain infected material because there is no evidence of BSE in U.S. cattle), fed at a very low level, and fed only once. The potential risk of BSE to such cattle is therefore exceedingly low, even if the feed were contaminated.

According to Dr. Bernard Schwetz, FDA's Acting Principal Deputy Commissioner, "The challenge to regulators and industry is to keep this disease out of the United States. One important defense is to prohibit the use of any ruminant animal materials in feed for other ruminant animals. Combined with other steps, like U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) ban on the importation of live ruminant animals from affected countries, these steps repre-

sent a series of protections, to keep American cattle free of BSE."

Despite this negligible risk, Purina Mills, Inc., is nonetheless announcing that it is voluntarily purchasing all 1,222 of the animals held in Texas and mistakenly fed the animal feed containing the prohibited material. Therefore, meat from those animals will not enter the human food supply. FDA believes any cattle that did not consume feed containing the prohibited material are unaffected by this incident, and should be handled in the beef supply clearance process as usual.

FDA believes that Purina Mills has behaved responsibly by first reporting the human error that resulted in the misformulation of the animal feed supplement and then by working closely with State and Federal authorities.

This episode indicates that the multi-layered safeguard system put into place is essential for protecting the food supply and that continued vigilance needs to be taken, by all concerned, to ensure these rules are followed rou-

tinely.

FDA will continue working with USDA as well as state and local officials to ensure that companies and individuals comply with all laws and regulations designed to protect the U.S. food supply.

Look Who's New Desiree Murray Roe

Christy Arnold and Joseph Roe of Robert Lee are the proud parents of a second daughter, Desiree Murray Roe. She was born at San Angelo Community Medical Center on Feb. 01, her sister Samantha's, first birthday. She weighed 6 lb. 8 oz. on her arrival.

Desiree's grandparents are Joe and Sandy Roe of Haskell. Mrs. Frankie Arnold of Robert Lee is her great-grandmother.

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