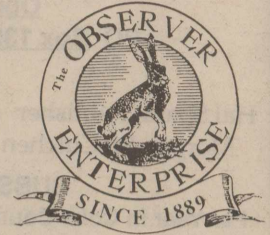


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## Big striper contest to pay big \$bucks\$ to the record breaker

Twelve years is a long time, especially for a lake record striper. It's been twelve long years since retired game warden R. L. Flanagan caught the record striper on Lake Spence. And it was a whopper at the time -- all 35 pounds, 2 ounces of big fish.

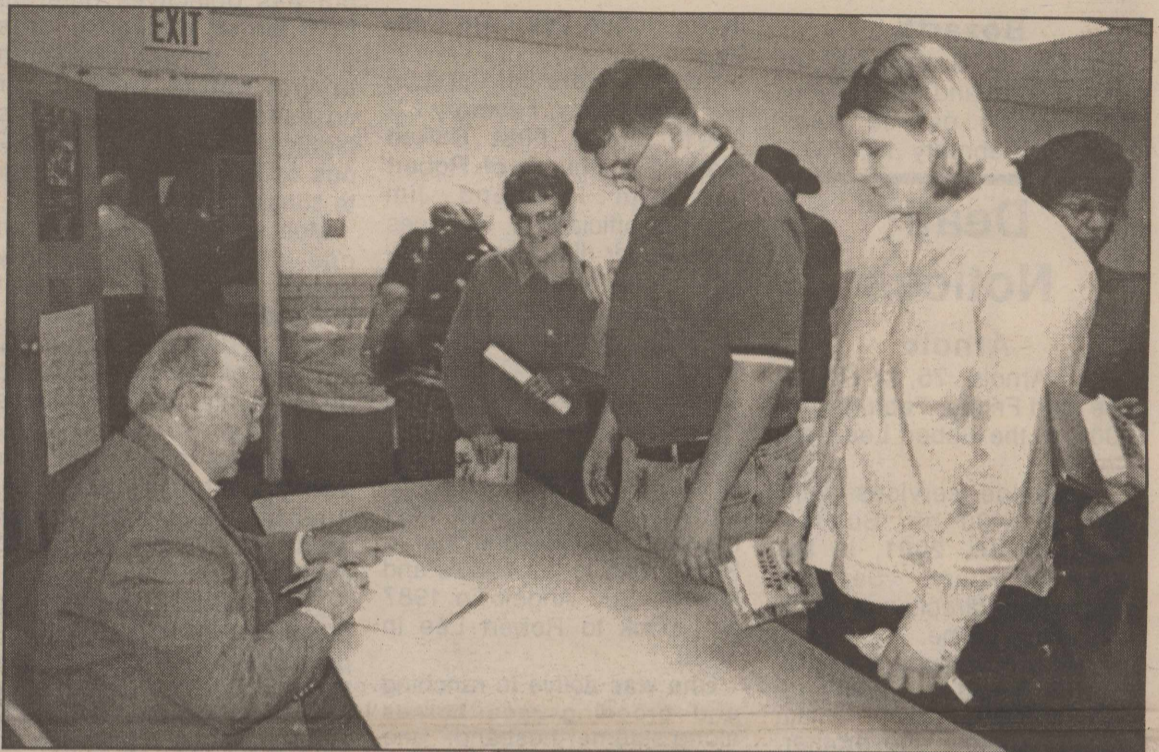
R. L. is still chasing after the big 'uns on Lake Spence. And, he and the good folks of West Coke County think there's a good chance that this is the year you could break his record. What's more, they're gonna pay you to do it.

The West Coke County Community Development is offering a \$2,000 reward to the striper fisherman who bests R. L.'s record. And there aren't a lot of strings attached -- no entry fees or other gimmicks. The only requirements are a driver's license and a valid fishing license plus a Lake Spence fishing permit. Of course, all Texas Parks & Wildlife Fishing regs apply, including those which state that your big fish must be caught on a rod and

reel -- no trotlines. Potential winners will be required to sign a statement concerning how and where the big fish was caught. DNA and polygraph evidence may also be utilized to certify the winner.

Fish anytime during the year. There are no restrictions on when you land your record striper. Your big fish will be weighed on certified scales by CRMWD officials and game warden Gary Mitchell at Wildcat Marina on Lake Spence. First one to break the record will receive a check from the West Coke County Community Development in the amount of \$2,000.00. Possibly the best part of the promotion is that if we don't break R. L.'s record this year, then each year the pot will increase another \$2,000, until the maximum of \$10,000.00 is yours for the taking.

Local businesses and individuals who are sponsoring the promotion include: Super H Grocery, Ben Bessent Chevrolet, Robert Lee State Bank, Ivey Motor Co., Key Feed Store, City of Robert



Bronte Junior Chamber of Commerce members Brandon Poehls and Crystal Moore visit with Elmer Kelton as he autographs their books. Mary Frances Glenn waits for her chance to speak with Mr. Kelton.

Lee, Flanagan Boat Storage, Terry's Wildcat Marina, The Best Connection, Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Terry Brown Guide Service, Mountain Creek Lodge, West Coke County Community Development, and the Observer/Enterprise. Local sponsors are still needed to fund the contest. If you are interested in promoting Lake Spence and West Coke County, please contact R. L. Flanagan at 453-4359 or Dave Hughes at 453-4639.

The tentative starting date for the big striper contest is March 9, 2001. The big kick-off for the contest will be the Lake Spence Striper Tournament, set for March 24. The tournament is sponsored by the Texas Striper Association. For more information on the tournament, contact Terry Brown at 1 (800) 375-8191.

The deadline for this year's sponsorship is March 5. Don't miss out on this opportunity to promote Lake Spence and West Coke County.

### Horns to play Wink in sectional tourney

The Bronte Longhorns, bi-district basketball winners, will play Wink at 7:30 pm on Friday night, February 23, in the sectional tournament. South Plains College in Levelland is hosting this year's tournament. Best of Luck to the Bronte Longhorns as they take on Wink in the tournament.

### 4-H members win at stock shows

Recently during the Ft. Worth and San Antonio Stock Shows, County 4-H members took home some top prizes. Ashlee Millican exhibited the first place lightweight Finewool Cross Market Lamb and the tenth and eleventh Medium Finewool Cross at Ft. Worth.

During the San Antonio show this past week, Clay Antilley exhibited the first place Lightweight Limousin steer and Briana Brisbin exhibited the ninth place Lightweight Southdown lamb.

### Farm Service office taking applications

The FSA office is currently taking applications for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) for 2000 crop year and the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) for 2000 crops. Producers will need to call and make appointments due to the various sign-ups going on at once and the length of time for each. Producers may call (915) 453-2751 for an appointment. Appointments will NOT be made for Thursday afternoons and Friday afternoons.

### Pageant Association to meet

The Coke County Pageant Association will meet on Thursday, March 1st at 7 pm at Robert Lee City Hall. All interested area residents are encouraged to attend.

### Coke County Little League sign up

Baseball and Softball sign ups will be held on the two following dates: Saturday February, the 24th at 11:00 am until 1:00 pm, then again Tuesday February the 27th at 5:00 pm-6:30 pm. Please make sure your child is signed up on one of these dates. Sign ups will be held at the gazebo in Bronte by the baseball fields. Deadline for registration is March the 1st. Extra registration forms will be available in the Bronte elementary office. For more information and cost for registration, contact Angie Hoyt 473-3600 or Ann Bennett 277-5913.

### Community wide ladies bible study

A 10-week Bible study by Beth Moore, "To Live is Christ" will be offered for all ladies in the community. This is a practical in-depth study of how to better live for Christ. Introductory session at 5:00 pm, Sunday Feb. 25th in the Fellowship Hall at Robert Lee Baptist Church. Childcare provided. For more information call Pam Messer 453-5031 or Robert Lee Baptist Church 453-2724.

### Bronte school to dismiss early

Bronte ISD will dismiss school at 2:30 Friday, Feb. 23rd, to allow travel time to the boys' basketball Sectional Tournament in Levelland.



R. L. Flanagan displays his record breaking striper (35 pounds, 2 ounces), that he caught on April 21, 1988. R. L., along with West Coke County Community Development members, are sponsoring a striper contest which will award \$2000 to the fisherman who bests R. L.'s record.

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**Obituaries**

**Bozarth**

Brookie C. Bozarth, 97, of Robert Lee and formerly of San Angelo passed away Monday, February 19, 2001,

in the Robert Lee Care Center.

Services were held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee with Reverend Jim Reeves officiating. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Brookie was born November 28, 1903, in Young County, Texas to Oscar Emit and Molly Benson Cook. She moved to Alpine at an early age and later attended Sul Ross University. She married Marshal Bozarth and they moved to El Paso and later to Robert Lee in the 1980's and then to San Angelo in 1987 and back to Robert Lee in 1998.

She was active in ranching and breeding race horses along side her husband. She was a private pilot and a member of the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marshal Bozarth; brothers, Edwin and Edgar Benson and Oscar Emit Cook; and sister-in-law, Avis Cook.

Brookie is survived by three nephews, Edwin Cook of Ker-ville, Oscar Cook of Houston, and Jim Cook of El Paso; one sister, Barbara Greer of Cedar Park, Texas; one brother-in-law, Curtis Bozarth of Lampasas; three sisters-in-law, Mildred Simank, Ester Lawhon, and Novis Hayhurst all of Lampasas.

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**Roping Club meeting set**

The Coke County Roping Club will have their spring organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 28. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm at the Coke County Arena in Bronte. For more information please contact 453-2433 or 473-3201.

**Death Notices**

**Arnold**

Ben Arnold, 75, of Robert Lee died Friday, February 16, 2001, in the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 pm Sunday, February 18, 2001, in the Voss Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Frankie Arnold of Robert Lee; one daughter, Jackie McClain of San Angelo; one brother, Preston Arnold of Abilene; three sisters, Modene Dodds of San Angelo, Mary Wireman of San Angelo, and Lala Copeland of Coleman; two grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

**Smith**

Funeral services were held in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, San Angelo at 2 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 20, for James Wesley Smith. Graveside rites were held in Robert Lee Cemetery at 4 pm. He died in a San Angelo hospital Sunday, Feb. 18, following a brief illness.

His survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Issy Smith of Farmington, N.M. and Barry and Becky Smith of Hereford; a number of grandchildren; sisters, Margaret Jones of Robert Lee and Allene Donaley of Christoval; brothers, Wayne Smith of Pearland and Cecil Smith of Odessa, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

**EQIP applications to be accepted**

Applications for the 2001 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) conservation cost-share program will be accepted through March 30, 2001. This is the only EQIP signup planned for 2001. EQIP is the only continuous cost-share program remaining to help producers install conservation practices on agricultural land. To be eligible, applicants must be involved in agriculture as defined by the FSA. In order to receive funding, approved applicants must develop a conservation plan with NRCS and sign a contract for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 years.

EQIP addresses soil and water conservation concerns, but has objectives different from former programs. It is designed to get maximum environmental benefit for cost-share dollar spent. It is highly competitive, with various options for the applicant to consider when applying.

Most of Coke County is in one of two EQIP Priority Areas. There are over 20 of these areas around the state, and they receive about 80 percent of the total funding for the state. Priority Areas are set up for only 5 years. One of ours is in its 4th year and the other its 3rd year. After that, cost-share money will be even more difficult to come by.

The application and ranking process is involved and time-consuming, but manageable. Right now, 31 Coke County producers already have EQIP contracts. So if you want to give it a whack, come on in. Additional information and application assistance is available through either the NRCS or FSA offices in the Ag Service Center at 214 East 7th in Robert Lee. Phone numbers are 453-2623 ext. 3, and 453-2751 ext. 2.

**Sorosis Club news**

The Sorosis Club of Bronte met on February 8 in the home of Marilyn Bivins.

The meeting was opened by the President, Doris Sims. She introduced Mrs. Kathy Howe, a teacher at Bronte's

elementary school. Mrs. Howe had brought students who were going to participate in the UIL contest doing readings. The students presenting the readings were: Katie Cooper, Sara Adams, Mason Jackson, Rebecca Beauchamp, Nicole Reed, Ariel Coalson, Terrah Macon, Will Macon, Pete Rodriguez, and Gus Saunders. Mrs. Howe said that these students were coached by Mrs. Francis Williams. She also said that one of the students, Katie Cooper, has a part in the play, "To Kill a Mockingbird", in the San Angelo theatre. The club gave each student a small gift for their presentation. The club members felt that each one is a winner.

There was a business meeting following the program. The president welcomed Wanda Barbee as a visitor.

Mary Glenn called the roll. Those members present were: Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Pat Lee, Diane Lockett, Earline Moore, Fredna Moore, Doris Sims, Sherry Soele, Janet Wommack and Lou Anna Peters.

A "Thank You" note was read from Donna Poehls for our help in the Bronte Elementary School Book Fair. Sherry Soele reported that the club members not only helped in the selling of books but spent over \$300 buying books at the sale. The club also gave a check for the purchase of books for the school library.

The Sorosis Club members brought canned goods for the Coke County Kitchen. These will be taken to the distribution center in Robert Lee.

A birthday party for the Bronte Nursing Home was planned. Pat Lee will make a cake and the Sorosis Club will give the birthday celebrants gift certificates. Marilyn Bivins will get corsages and a boutonniere for each one. Janet Wommack made presentation cards and George Toomes' son will provide the entertainment. The members who could met at the nursing home on Wednesday, February 14 to help with the celebration.

The next meeting of the Sorosis Club will be in the home of Diane Lockett and there will be a "Silent Auction".

Janet Wommack suggested that the club members attend the San Angelo theatre play, "To Kill a Mockingbird". Further plans will be made at the next meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned. The Chinese Auction was won by Mary Glenn. Refreshments were served and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

**Local EMT groups attend seminar**

by Anolagay Barefoot  
 Emergency Medical Technicians and EMT students from Bronte and Robert Lee attended the 2001 Concho Valley EMS Expo, Saturday, February 17th.

Various sessions were held at the EMS Expo in Sonora, Texas. Some of these sessions included: management of the airway in children and infants; multi-vehicle collision procedures, which help coordination between the EMS, fire departments, and law enforcement officials, in order to provide optimum care of those injured in such a collision; and a session on why we volunteer to become EMT's, why we remain, even during moments of adversity and stress, and why we are needed in our communities.

Everyone who attended the EMS Expo came away with a better sense of the value of being an EMT, and how they can work individually and together to provide the best emergency medical services possible to their communities.

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 (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  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th  
 (915) 365-2687


Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Victory Assembly of God**  
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 (915) 453-2208

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

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Think he knew he was gonna be  
 40 some day?



**Happy Birthday,  
 K. Roe**

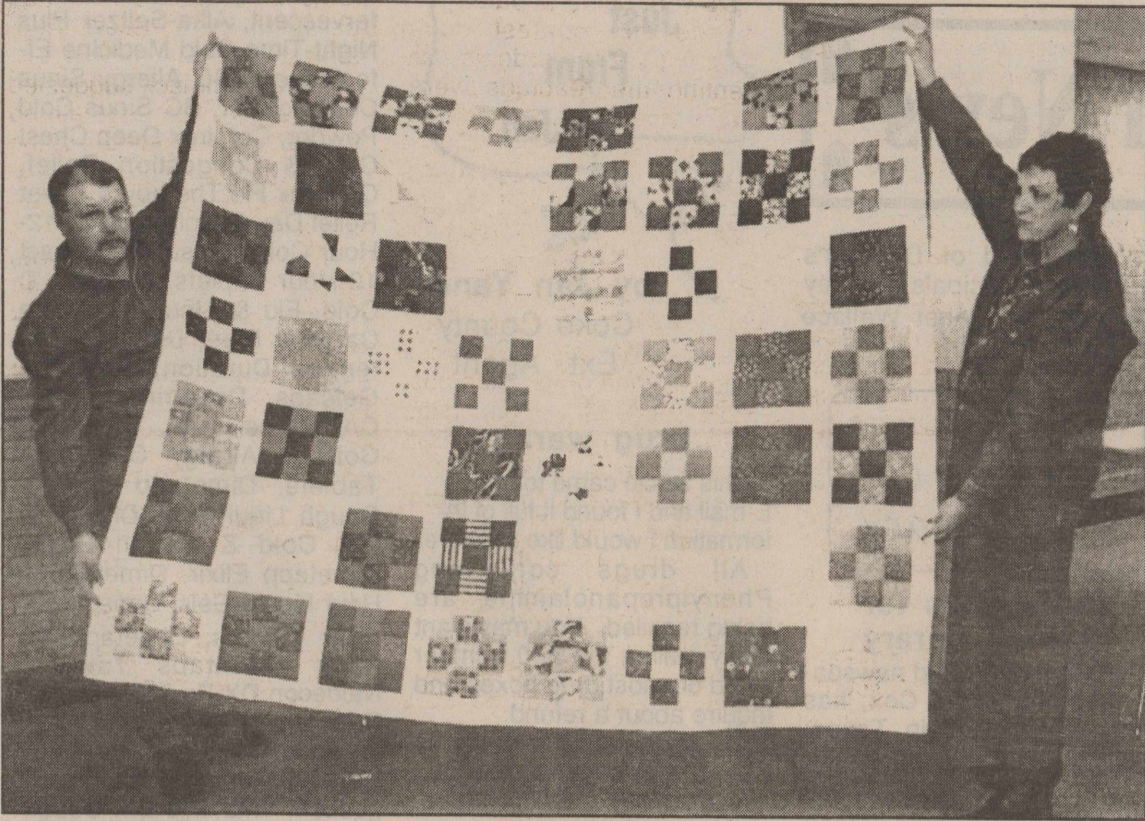
Your Family

**Your Song**  
 (In Memory of Bob Wrinkle)

Sometimes at night  
 I sit and wonder about your soul  
 and sometimes I wonder if you were set free  
 would you live in the mountains  
 and speak through the wind  
 will you whisk through my hair  
 and sometimes  
 you might be the rain and mix with my tears  
 of memories we share.

I hope you remember this life before death  
 I hope you remember your life was worth living  
 I hope you enjoy your life after life.  
 And sometimes whenever it's raining,  
 whenever the wind caresses my hair  
 I'll smile and know you are with me  
 and life will light up my eyes  
 and thank you

... thank you for living  
 ~ Les Alexander



Auctioneer Ed Cumbie sold this lovely hand-made quilt, pieced together by the ladies of the Bronte Senior Center, twice to First National Bank in Bronte before it finally went home with Mrs. J. B. Arrott during the Bronte Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

**Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet**

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet was held on Monday, February 19, at the Bronte school cafeteria. A large crowd was in attendance. The evening began with everyone enjoying a delicious meal catered by Longbranch Bar-b-que.

Speakers for the evening were, Martin Lee-Mayor of Bronte, Alan Richey-Bronte ISD superintendent and Garland Richards-Fort Chadbourne Foundation. Special guest speaker for the evening was renowned western author, Elmer Kelton. Mr. Kelton entertained the crowd with stories about his life.

The award for Students of the Year were presented to Tessie McMullan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McMullan, and Ryan McCorkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty McCorkle. Students were chosen by the Bronte ISD faculty and staff. The selection was based on character, honesty, and leadership.

Awards were also presented to outgoing chamber directors: Bobby Frazee, Sharon Gibbs, and Kenny White for their years of service and dedication.

An auction was held at the conclusion of the banquet. Ed Cumbie served as auctioneer. A beautiful grass door mat with a western motif, was donated by Main Street Market. The mat was purchased by Nell Richards, and was later autographed by Elmer Kelton. Proceeds went to the Bronte Chamber of Commerce. A quilt made by

the Bronte Senior Citizen quilters was also auctioned. The quilt was first purchased by the First National Bank in Bronte. The quilt was donated back and again purchased by the First National Bank in Bronte. The quilt was then again donated and finally taken home by Martha Arrott. The proceeds from the quilt auction went to the Bronte Senior Citizen Center. Other donations for the evening were made by: Martin and Pat Lee, Charles and Dorris Sonnenberg, Garland Richards, Earl F. Glenn, Bob and Beverly Ragsdale, Wendell and Jenna Lee, First National Bank in Bronte, David and Mary McMullan, Fran Crumpler, Marilyn Bivins, Paul and Kay Gothard, Paul Evans, Erin McConnell, Joe and Glenda Draper, Donna Poehls, Wayne and Melinda McCutchen, and Kenny and Stephanie White.

The 2001 Chamber Directors are as follows: Donna Poehls - President, Susan Graves - Secretary, Paul Evans - Treasurer, Gloria Allen and Julie Springer - Reporters, Kay Gothard, Brian Arrott, Doug Hoyt and Annette Acker. The Bronte Junior members include Brandon Poehls, Justin Frazee, Katy Frazee and Crystal Moore. The chamber encourages any junior high or high school student to become a junior member. Contact any chamber member if you are interested.

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank everyone for their support at this year's banquet.

**Board of directors selected for little league**

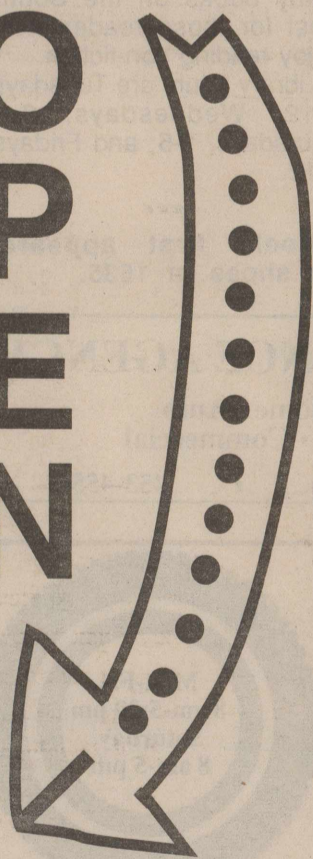
The Coke County Little League recently had a meeting to select its Board of Directors. They are as follows: President - Angie Hoyt, Bronte; Vice President - Ann Bennett, Bronte; Secretary - Tanya Burwick, Blackwell; Treasurer - Kenny White, Bronte; Player agent - Dale Keiner, Blackwell; Safety officer - Kyle James, Bronte; Information officer - Adam Minjarez, Robert Lee; Coaching coordinator - Doug Hoyt, Bronte; Equipment manager - Steve Boyd, Bronte.

The board members will be serving for 2 years in their positions.

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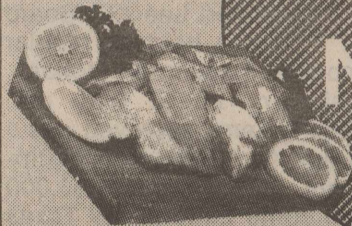
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# Robert Lee School News

## Lady Steers fall in sectional final

After their Bi-District win over Rotan, the Lady Steers advanced to the Sectional Tournament in Levelland. In the Sectional Semi-Final, the Lady Steers faced Iraan. The game turned out to be a low scoring, defensive struggle with the Lady Steers advancing by defeating Iraan 36-30. Dshira Dickey led the Lady Steers with 12 points and 7 rebounds. Jodee Helwig added 11 points, hitting 5 of 6 from the line. Others scoring were Kizre Matthews 7, Shanna Wojtek 1; Whitney Millican 2; Dixie Simpson 3.

In the Sectional Final, the Lady Steers faced the number nine team in the state in the form of the Smyer Lady Cats. Both teams had a 27-2 record coming into the game. The Lady Steers hung close through the final quarter, trailing 10-11, but fell by a final score of 36-67. Hot 3 point shooting by Smyer was a major factor, as they connected on 8 of 21 (3) point attempts. Helwig led the Lady Steers with 19 points and 8 rebounds. Matthews added 5, Sparks 4, Millican 4. Playing in their final game for RLHS were seniors Dshira Dickey who had 2 points and 5 rebounds and saw limited action due to an injury early in the game; Dixie Simpson had 2 points and 2 rebounds; and Amber Freeman who had a rebound. All three seniors will be missed next year, their time, efforts, and sacrifices are appreciated.

The Lady Steers finished with a 27-3 record. Statistical season leaders for the Lady Steers included: Scoring: (1)

Dickey - 16.3/game; (2) Helwig - 12.2/game. Field goals: (1) Helwig - 51.5%; (2) Dickey - 48.8%. Free throws: (1) Dickey - 67%; (2) Helwig - 63.9%. Rebounding: (1) Dickey - 8.2/game; (2) Helwig - 5.9/game. Assists: Tie with Matthews and Wojtek 3.2/game.

## RLISD board approves grant

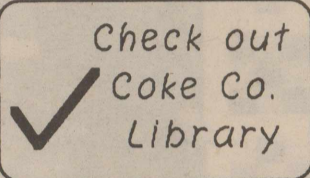
The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 20 at 6:30 pm. Among items approved was a grant for computer equipment. The grant for \$50,000 will come through the Texas Technology Infrastructure Fund board. Jerry Horn, district Technology Coordinator, explained that the grant would provide funding for equipment and software to improve the district's existing computer network, including high-speed computer workstations to upgrade the high school computer lab. In approving the grant application, the board thanked Mr. Horn for his work in compiling and preparing the grant application.

Trustees also renewed contracts for non-teaching professional personnel. High school principal Lindsey Wallace and elementary principal Janet Wallace were given two-year contracts. Athletic Director Ray Brown, Counselor Dorothea Wright, and Technology Coordinator Jerry Horn were given one-year contract extensions.

In other action, the board approved May 11 as Take Our Daughters To Work Day and set May 5 as the Board of Trustee election. Two at-large board positions will be up for election. The two positions are currently held by Board President Darrel Pitcock and Vice-President Mike Bagwell. The deadline for candidates to file for a place on the ballot is March 21.

Supt. Weldon Koepf reported on investment of the district's surplus funds, the Small Schools Cooperative, and procedures for the Region 15 Education Service

Center Board of Director's election. Principals Lindsey Wallace and Janet Wallace also made reports.



## New books for County library

Amarillo writer and newspaper reporter, Mike Cox, has written Stand-Off in Texas: Just Call Me A Spokesman for DPS in which he tells in detail of the shootings in the Killeen cafeteria, the Waco tragedy, and the Texas Republic encounter in the Davis Mountains. Cox is now the chief of media relations for the Texas Department of Public Safety. Besides relating on-the-scene reports of these events, Cox discusses the newspaper, television and WEB-site deliveries of the news and this effect on the public. Stand-Off in Texas is now in the Coke County Library collection.

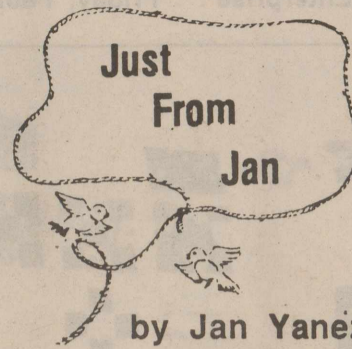
Also, new to the library is Belly Full of Bedsprings: The History of Bronc Riding by Gail Hughbanks Woerner. The book is a "chronological journey through the history of bronc riding, introducing the men, women and animals who left their mark in the rodeo arena." The book begins with rodeos in the 1920's through a chapter called "Computerized Cowboys in the 1990's". Also included is a chapter titled "I Ain't Hurt, There's No Bones Showin". The book includes short biographies (one of Monty Henson from Mesquite) of cowboys and horses.

These books are two of many books on the Southwest for those readers who enjoy reading non-fiction.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12.

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Heels first appeared on shoes in 1535.



by Jan Yanez  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

## Drug warning

This article came to me on E-mail and I found it full of information I would like to share.

All drugs containing Phenylpropanolamine are being recalled. You may want to try calling the 800 number listed on most drug boxes and inquire about a refund.

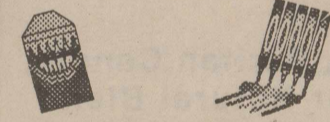
Please read this carefully, as I know that some of you use some of these drugs. Also, please pass this on to everyone you know. Stop taking anything containing this ingredient. It has been linked to increased hemorrhagic stroke (bleeding in brain) among women ages 18-49 in the three days after starting use of medication. Problems were not found in men, but the FDA recommended that everyone (even children) seek alternative medicine. The following medications contain Phenylpropanolamine: Acutrim Diet Gum Appetite Suppressant Plus Dietary Supplements, Acutrim Maximum Strength Appetite Control, Alka-Seltzer Plus Children's Cold Medicine Effervescent, Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold medicine (cherry or orange), Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine Original, Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold & Cough Medicine Effervescent, Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold & Flu Medicine Effervescent, Alka-

Seltzer Plus Cold & Sinus Effervescent, Alka-Seltzer Plus Night-Time Cold Medicine Effervescent, BC Allergy Sinus Cold Powder, BC Sinus Cold Powder, Comtrex Deep Chest Cold & Congestion Relief, Comtrex Flu Therapy & Fever Relief Day & Night, Contac 12-Hour Cold Capsules, Contac 12 Hour Caplets, Coricidin D Cold, Flu & Sinus, Dexamtrm Caffeine Free, Dexamtrm Extended Duration, Dexamtrm Gelcaps, Dexamtrm Vitamin C/Caffeine Free, Dimetapp Cold & Allergy Chewable Tablets, Dimetapp Cold & Cough Liqui-Gels, Dimetapp DM Cold & Cough Elixir, Dimetapp Elixir, Dimetapp 4 Hour Liquid Gels, Dimetapp 4 Hour Tablets, Dimetapp 12 Hour Extentabs Tablets, Naldecon DX Pediatric Drops, Permathene Mega-16, Robitussin CF, Tavist-D 12 Hour Relief of Sinus & Nasal Congestion, Triaminic DM Cough Relief, Triaminic Expectorant Chest & Head Congestion, Triaminic Syrup Cold & Allergy and Triaminic Triaminicol Cold & Cough.

I also found out by calling the 800# for Triaminic that they are voluntarily recalling the following medicines because of a certain ingredient that is causing strokes and seizures in children. Orange 3D Cold & Allergy, Cherry (Pink) 3D Cold & Cough, Berry 3D Cough Relief and Yellow 3D Expectorant.

**JOIN THE FIRM.**  
EXERCISE.

## SCHOOL MENU



- Breakfast**  
**Monday, Feb. 26**  
 Holiday  
**Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
 Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk  
**Wednesday, Feb. 28**  
 Orange juice, pizza, cereal, milk  
**Thursday, March 1**  
 Orange juice, muffin, cereal, milk  
**Friday, March 2**  
 Orange juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

- Lunch**  
**Monday, Feb. 26**  
 Holiday  
**Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
 Barbecue wieners, corn, broccoli & cheese, rolls, applesauce, milk  
**Wednesday, Feb. 28**  
 Spaghetti, carrots, lettuce/tomatoes, sliced bread, chocolate cake, milk  
**Thursday, March 1**  
 Beef, bean, cheese burrito, tator tots, lettuce/tomato, fresh fruit, milk  
**Friday, March 2**  
 Chick-fil-A, French fries, pickles, peaches, ice cream, milk

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Bronte Chamber of Commerce named Tessie McMullan (left) and Ryan McCorkle "Students of the Year" for Bronte High School at the banquet February 19.

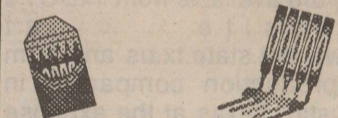
**Bronte School Awards  
4th Six Weeks**

**1st grade Handwriting**  
Katie Austin, Kimberley Lee, Harley Wallace, Mackenzie Gibbs

**Super Citizen**  
Katie Austin, Conner Clark, Creed Coalson, Amy Godinez, Kimberly Lee, Madelyn Tounget, Madison Price, Austin Brackeen, Michael Harris, Harley Wallace, Leticia Pena, Sara Lara, Brent Kelly, Mackenzie Gibbs, Bethany Martin

**Met or Exceeded Accelerated Reading Goal**  
Katie Austin, Mason Braswell, Conner Clark, Creed Coalson, Amy Godinez, Kimberly Lee, Austin Mertz, Dustin Minjarez, Rani Parks, Jaylon Seales, Madelyn Tounget, Madison Price, Austin Brackeen, Michael Harris, Randon Eubanks,

**SCHOOL MENU**



**Breakfast**  
**Monday, Feb. 26**  
Cereal, apple sauce, blueberry muffin, milk  
**Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
Sausage, grape juice, pancakes, milk  
**Wednesday, Feb. 28**  
Scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuit, milk  
**Thursday, March 1**  
French toast stix, grape juice, cinnamon toast, milk  
**Friday, March 2**  
Pancake & sausage on a stick, orange juice, toast, milk  
**Lunch**  
**Monday, Feb. 26**  
Chicken nugget with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, banana pudding  
**Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
Chopped bar-b-que sandwich, tator tots, sweet corn, bun, milk, peach cobbler  
**Wednesday, Feb. 28**  
Fish sticks, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit, macaroni & cheese, rolls, milk, spice cake  
**Thursday, March 1**  
Hot dogs, chili & cheese, French fries, baked beans, bun, milk, rice krispie bars  
**Friday, March 2**  
Taco salad with cheese, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, corn chips, milk, chocolate chip cookies

Maria Fuentez, Beau Grigg, Haylee Hoyt, Mackenzie Gibbs, Brent Kelly, Sara Lara, Bethany Martin, Kaitlin Moore, Leticia Pena, Jonathan Reyes, Jordan Rowan, Vaughn Stilley, Harley Wallace

**Perfect Attendance**  
Katie Austin, Kimberly Lee, Dustin Minjarez, Jaylon Seales, Madison Price, Harley Wallace, Kaitlin Moore, Beau Grigg

**2nd grade - Lisa Dyess All A's**  
Tori Acevedo, Terron Charles, Michael Evans, Chase Harris, Cheyenne Hunter, Dakota Rawls, Kelsey Sedden

**Super Citizens**  
Terron Charles, Taylor Cooper-Hartman, Chase Harris, Cheyenne Hunter, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, Johnathan Rodriguez, Kelsey Sedden

**Met A/R Goal**  
Tori Acevedo, Terron Charles, Michael Evans, Chase Harris, Cheyenne Hunter, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, Johnathan Rodriguez, Kelsey Sedden

**Perfect Attendance**  
Benito Fuentez, Johnathan Rodriguez, Meagan Martin  
**2nd grade - M. Parker A - Honor Roll**  
Arlis McMullan, Heath Richey

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Zachary Boyd, Dustin Brown, Reid Clark, Peyton Eubanks, Nicholas Shultz

**Citizenship**  
Reid Clark, Brittani Harris, Arlis McMullan, Heath Richey, Nicholas Shultz, Justin Saldana

**A/R Goals**  
Zachary Boyd, Rex Knight, Arlis McMullan, Heath Richey, Justin Saldana

**Perfect Attendance**  
Zachary Boyd, Justin Saldana, Rex Knight, Heath Richey

**3rd grade - Inman A - Honor Roll**  
Ali Tounget

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Krista Moore, Emilie Jimenez, Crawford James, Emily Fiveash

**Perfect Attendance**  
Emily Fiveash, Haydan White, Emilie Jimenez, Krista Moore

**Subject Awards**  
**Math** - Ali Tounget  
**Reading** - Haydan White  
**English** - Emily Fiveash  
**Spelling** - Crawford James  
**Science** - Case Braswell  
**Social Studies** - Emilie Jimenez

**Handwriting** - Krista Moore  
**Art** - Jeremy Sanchez

**3rd grade - Rawlings A - Honor Roll**  
Chelsea Cook

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Louie Martinez, Tyler Riney, Jackson Rowan, Kimberly Womack, Katie Aguirre

**Super Citizens**  
Samatha Coffey, Chelsea Cook, Ashley Fisher, Louie Martinez, Manuel Pina, Tyler Riney, Jackson Rowan, Kimberly Womack, Katie Aguirre

**Met A/R Goal**  
Chelsea Cook, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Dannie Martinez, Louie Martinez, Manuel Pina, Tyler Riney, Jackson Rowan, Kimberly Womack, Katie Aguirre

**Subject Awards**  
**Math** - Kimberly Womack  
**Reading** - Katie Aguirre  
**English/Writing** - Chelsea Cook

**Spelling** - Tyler Riney  
**Science** - Kasey Glover  
**Social Studies** - Samantha Coffey  
**Handwriting** - Jackson Rowan

**Perfect Attendance**  
Kasey Glover, Katelyn Aguirre, Ty Riney, Chloe Grigg

**4th grade - Mrs. Williams/Mrs. Arrott Author's Award**

**(excellence in writing)**  
Matthew Allen, Prescilla Lara, Nathan McCoulskey, Sam Rawlings, Reece Springer

**Mathematician Award**  
D J Acevedo, Matthew Allen, Chase Hoyt, Jessi England, Nathan McCoulskey, Nicole Reed, Eddie May, Samuel Rawlings

**Mad Scientist Award**  
Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, D J Acevedo, Sam Rawlings, Callan Clark, Israel Cecilio

**Spelling Award**  
Jessi England, Cory Glover, Sam Rawlings

**Bookworm Award (Met AR goal for 6 weeks)**  
D J Acevedo, Matthew Allen, Callan Clark, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Jessica Grascch, Chase Hoyt, Ty Mackey, Will Macon, Nathan McCoulskey, Sam Rawlings, Nicole Reed, Miranda Riney, Reece Springer, Samantha Swagerty

**Artist's Gallery Award**  
D J Acevedo, Haleigh Bryant, Sam Rawlings, Storm Sedillo, Nicole Reed, Reece Springer

**Nose to the Grindstone Award**  
Callan Clark, Ariel Coalson, Prescilla Lara, Reece Springer, Samantha Swagerty

**Computer Virus Award**  
Matthew Allen, Cory Glover, Ty Mackey, Lloyd Mills, Samantha Swagerty

**Super Citizens**  
Matthew Allen, Israel Cecilio, Ariel Coalson, Sam Rawlings, Nicole Reed, Miranda Riney, Reece Springer, Samantha Swaggerty

**Perfect Attendance**  
Nicole Reed, Ariel Coalson, Eddie May, Ty Mackey, D J Acevedo, Chase Hoyt, Storm Sedillo

**A Honor Roll**  
Jessi England, Sam Rawlings

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Matthew Allen, D J Acevedo, Ariel Coalson,

Nicole Reed, Reece Springer, Will Macon

**5th grade Perfect Attendance**  
Savannah Martinez, Terrah Macon, Cody Wallace, Fred Soele, Chris Brown, Ron Shaw, Gus Saunders, Beth Sanchez, Tyler Lee, Pete Rodriguez, John Basquez, Chris Guzman

**Accelerated Reading**  
Casey Harris, Pete Rodriguez, Gus Saunders, Freddy Soele, Ronald Shaw, Cody Wallace, Brett Wills

**A Honor Roll**  
Casey Harris, Gus Saunders

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Emily Austin, Zack Bennett, Stephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, Freddy Soele, Brett Wills

**Citizenship**  
Casey Harris, Zack Bennett

**Mrs. H. Lee A Honor Roll**  
Rebekah Beauchamp, Eric Hendrickson, Jonathan Marrs, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Hazen Coffey, Mason Jackson, Josh Scott, Justin Taylor, Lahren White

**Accelerated Reader Goals**  
Mason Jackson, Jonathan Marrs, Justin Taylor, Philip Rawlings, Patty Galvan

**Perfect Attendance**  
Hazen Coffey, Katie Cooper, Mason Jackson, Justin Taylor, Lahren White

**Super Citizens**  
Hazen Coffey, Patty Galvan, Eric Hendrickson, Mason Jackson, Jonathan Marrs, John Paul Martinez, Shawn Pina, Tiffany Pina, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Justin Taylor

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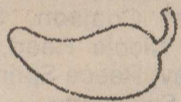
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The Roy Robinson Family  
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**NOTICES**

**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 6069-44-001 for **SIGN POST REPLACEMENT** in **COKE** County, etc will be opened on March 06, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$855,069.50.

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 from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 2878

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200 E. Riverside Dr.  
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District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 29a-2tc

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**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 5, 2001 election. Two (2) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 20, 2001 and March 21, 2001. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health & Rehab Center during normal business hours, 9am - 5pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Mary Ann Choat, Administrator.

**INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS**

El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Este De Coke hacen saber que el dia 5 de Mayo, 2001 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada dos (2) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 20 de Febrero, 2001 hasta el 21 de Marzo, 2001 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 9 am - 5 pm en el Bronte Health & Rehab Center. Si tienen pre-

guntas llamen al Mary Ann Choat, Administrador.  
30b-1tc.

**CC retired teachers meeting held**

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, Feb. 19, 2001. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Janet Wommack, president, presided at the business session. Jerry McCutchen, chairman of a committee to create further awareness of RTA in Coke County, reported that he, Bette McCutchen, and Wanda Brewer placed valentines in teachers' mailboxes at BSD and RLISD. Further activities of this committee will include unit members bringing cookies to the next meeting.

Garland Davis, member of the Silver-Haired Legislature, reported on attending that session and Senior Citizen Day, Feb. 6, in Austin. He stated that approximately 3000 senior citizens congregated at the state capitol building that day. They visited with legislators and were well received as they presented their legislative concerns. Unit members expressed appreciation to Garland for representing the seniors of Coke County in Austin.

President Janet Wommack urged members to stay in touch with our legislators by telephone and mail.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2001 at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Members attending the meeting were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Norma Barker, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, R.W. Blackmon, Jamie Boren, Celia Bowden, Oleta Braswell, Jack Brewer, Nina Brewer, Wanda Brewer, Garland Davis, Mary Frances Glenn, J.T. Henry, Sybil Henry, Bette McCutchen, Jerry McCutchen, Ida Lou Oliphant, Gerald Sandusky, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack. Visitors were: Alan Richey and Terry Marrs.

**Horns win bi-district game over O'Donnell**

The Bronte Longhorns continued their winning ways with a bi-district win over O'Donnell on Tuesday night. The 44-36 win at Forsan upped their season record to 23-4. Individual results are as follows: Ryan McCorkle, 8 points; Brandon Gibbs, 10 points; Josh Schoenfield, 3 points; Charlie Bettis, 2 points; Zeb Speary, 10 points; Steve Eldred, 6 points; Henry White, 3 points; and Tim Green, 2 points.

**RLVFD news**

by Marion Thompson  
Secretary

The firemen met at the station for their meeting on the 19th. 10 members were present. The minutes were approved as read.

It was voted and approved to have the Annual Fire Department/Robert Lee-Silver Lion's Club Pancake Supper on March 12th.

Everyone had a good time last year and we will let the public know as soon as the details are worked out.

Topics of discussion were: The Rummage Sale (which will be in April or May), the sirens which are disconnected due to a short in the system, and the possibility of going to a radio controlled siren.

With severe weather season coming up, it is imperative that the sirens be operating. Some residents have scanners, but EVERYONE needs to be alerted in case of severe weather.

Seven Robert Lee firemen attended the Skywarn Class on the 12th in Bronte with a total of 18 people taking the class.

The group discussed obtaining a grant, to either repair the old building or demolish it and put up a new one, and getting bunker gear that will fit the men. They have an assortment of bunker gear donated to them by the Forest Service, however, they are all small sizes and do not fit. They discussed Truck 6, and what needs to be done before it is painted.

The meeting was adjourned and they went to work on the trucks.

**Look Who's New Chelsea Loren**

James Wayland Wyatt is proud to announce the arrival of his baby sister, Chelsea Loren, on February 8th, 2001 at 1:09 pm, at the Lake Grandbury Medical Center. Chelsea weighed in at 5 lb.. 3 oz. and was 17 and 7/8 inches long.

Those also delighted to welcome her into this world were mother Debra, grandparents Wayland and Mary Beth Drennan, great grandmothers Louise Walker and Ruby Drennan, uncle Rick and aunt Katie Drennan and cousin Kodi Rene Drennan and many extended family and friends.

**Look Who's New Joseph William Thomas**

Joseph William Thomas was born on February 13, 2001 at 7:08 pm. Joseph weighed 5 lb.. 2 oz.. and was 15 3/4 inches long. Parents are



Outgoing Bronte Chamber of Commerce Directors Kenny White (from left), Sharon Gibbs and Bobby Frazee were recognized at the annual banquet Monday evening, February 19.

John & Erin Thomas and big sister Emma of Sylvester. Grandparents are Danny & Roenna Thomas of Sylvester.

**Look Who's New Kayce Renee**

Kaleb and Cody Jackson would like to announce the birth of their little sister, Kayce Renee. She was born on January 22, 2001. She arrived at 12:03 pm and weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

Kayce's parents are Darryl & Sherry Jackson of San Angelo. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Robbins of Midland; Peggy Jackson of Bronte; and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Jackson of Blackwell. Great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Robbins of Bronte and Mrs. H.D. Willingham of Cisco.

**Horns nip Owls in practice game**

The Bronte Longhorns beat the Reagan County Owls, 55-52, in a practice game following winning their basketball district. Individual scoring is as follows: Brandon Gibbs, 26 points, 4 steals; Henry White, 7 points, 6 rebounds; Zeb Speary, 6 points, 5 assists; Ryan McCorkle, 11 points; and Steve Eldred, 5 points.

**Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary**

by Glenda Fletcher

The auxiliary meets the third Thursday of each month at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

At the February meeting officers were elected for the year of 2001 as follows: Leslie Rolls - President; Gerald Sandusky - Vice President; Phoebe Heffernan - Treasurer; and Glenda Fletcher - Secretary.

We would like to invite all the community to join our auxiliary.

If you were a member last year, we urge you to join again this year. If you are not a member, please join. We take great pride in making our friends at the center have a worthwhile life.

We need members to give their time to help others and we also need members that cannot give their time, but can open their pockets to support the work we do.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on March 15 at 7:00 pm.

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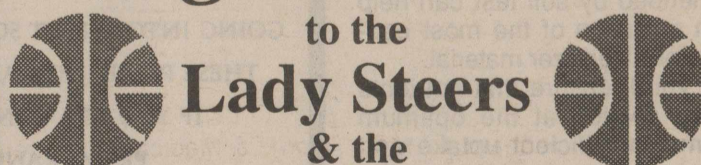
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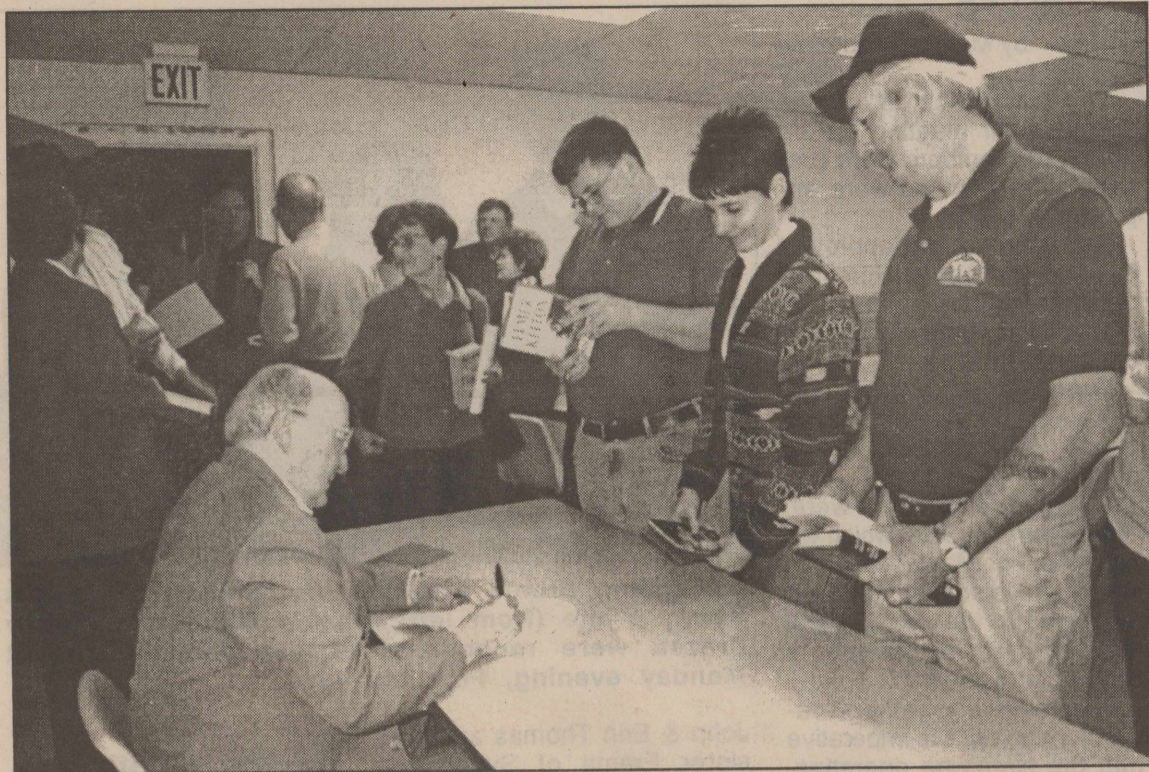
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Award winning western author Elmer Kelton autographed books following the annual banquet of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce. Brandon Poehls, Kim Spain and Richard Crain wait to get their books signed.



## COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

### Dealing with higher nitrogen fertilizer prices

Fertilizer management is an important part of crop production, more so now than ever. This is due in part to increasing costs for fertilizer materials, particularly nitrogen fertilizer. Natural gas is used as a feedstock in the production of anhydrous ammonia which is the starting point for production of most commercial nitrogen fertilizers. Natural gas

serves as a source both for energy in the reaction and for the hydrogen that is combined with nitrogen (N) from the atmosphere to produce anhydrous ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>). Thus, as the cost of natural gas increases, so does the cost of most commercial fertilizers containing nitrogen.

Over the past 10 years, natural gas prices for North American ammonia producers have been around \$2.00 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), but the price

climbed to over \$6.00 in late 2000 and could reach as high as \$8.00 per MMBtu. The demand for natural gas has increased due to cold winters and the greater interest nationally in cleaner burning alternatives to coal and fuel oils. Production of each ton of ammonia requires about 33.5 MMBtu of natural gas. At \$2.00 per MMBtu, the wholesale per ton cost for ammonia is about \$230 or \$0.14 per pound of N. In contrast, at \$8.00 per MMBtu, the cost for ammonia will be near \$400 per ton or about \$0.24 per pound of N. Other nitrogen fertilizers produced from anhydrous ammonia, such as urea and ammonium nitrate, require further processing for their production and will have a proportionately greater cost. Dealing with higher fertilizer prices will require more aggressive management by growers than ever.

First, get a soil test. Routine soil testing will help identify what the fertilizer needs are for each field to achieve optimum growth and production of the planned crop at the expected yield goal. Cost savings achieved by applying just the required nutrients at the optimum rates will conserve input dollars.

Second, purchase fertilizer on a cost per pound of nutrient, not on a cost per ton. This can be calculated easily by dividing the pounds of N per ton of fertilizer material into the cost per ton. In the cost comparisons above, anhydrous ammonia is 82% N and thus contains 1640 pounds of nitrogen per ton (2000 x 0.82 = 1640). If the ton product cost \$230, then 230/1640 = \$0.14. Comparing the per pound cost for just those nutrients recommended by soil test can help in selection of the most economical fertilizer material.

Third, ensure that nutrients are applied at the optimum time for efficient uptake and use by the crop. Warm-season grasses should not be fertilized until the crop is actively growing, which generally does not occur until nighttime temperatures are consistently above 60 degrees F. For annual crops, fertilizer applications should be made as near the time of planting as



Bronte Junior Chamber of Commerce members Justin Frazee (left) and Brandon Poehls attended the Chamber banquet February 19. Other junior members present but not pictured are Katy Frazee and Crystal Moore.

possible to improve availability. Premature nitrogen fertilizer application can lead to nutrient loss by leaching, runoff of volatilization. In addition, it can stimulate the growth of undesirable plants (weeds) that may compete with the crop and require additional inputs for control. Regardless of the crop, split applications of nitrogen can significantly improve the efficiency of nutrient uptake and ensure that fertilizer is available during periods of peak demand.

Finally, growers should evaluate the potential to modify their cropping system to reduce the need for supplemental fertilizer. Incorporation of legume crops into rotational cropping systems can improve soil quality and serve as a source of nitrogen. Legumes form symbiotic (mutually beneficial) relationships with certain soil microbes which live in their roots and enable the plants to fix nitrogen directly from the atmosphere. This nitrogen can be cycled into the following crop to reduce fertilizer requirements. Beef producers also may want to evaluate whether a rotational grazing system may be preferable. Economic comparisons can be used to determine whether an effective grazing system could be more cost effective than hay production to meet long-term goals.

### Pet Talk

If Fido needs a pill, his owner may not have to mortgage the doghouse to pay up.

Drugs for animals can be far less costly than similar drugs for humans, says a Texas A&M University veterinarian who specializes in pharmaceuticals. But sometimes, drugs for animals are far more expensive than the same drug used for people.

"It's difficult to make comparisons," says Dr. Dawn Boothe of the College of Veterinary Medicine. "For one thing, drugs are like anything else - of they are sold in bulk, they are cheaper. Dosages for animals, especially for large animals like horses or cattle, are usually greater than those for people. So the per milligram cost is going to be lower for an animal drug."

Another reason affecting cost is the time needed to get a drug approved.

Like human drugs, all animal medicine must have approval from the Food and Drug Administration. Research and testing for human drugs usually takes from five to 10 years, while only three to five years is needed for many animal drugs. The longer the time for approval, the greater the cost, Boothe says.

A drug for humans may take \$100 million to be approved, compared to only \$10 million for the same drug in animals, Boothe points out.

The research needed to get a medicine from the test tube to the animal can be far less than it is for humans. Boothe says one study showed that for chemicals used in a medicine, as many as 32,000 other chemicals were used along the way to develop it fully before usage.

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

With Jim Woodruff of EdwardJones

### Trading Tom vs. Buy-and-hold Betty

You probably know Trading Tom. He's the investor who buys and sells all the time. He advertises how he made a big gain on a simple trade over the Internet. He tells you every time he wins (but probably never when he loses). Tom likes to buy and sell a stock every three months, going through four trades in a 12-month period.

Buy-and-hold Betty, on the other hand, buys a stock and keeps it for the same 12-month period. At the end of the year, if Tom and Betty had market returns on their stocks of 10 percent, Betty ends up with a 4.8 percent gain after taxes and commissions. Tom, on the other hand, realized a net loss of 1.8 percent. (Don't we need some more numbers here, like how much the stocks cost and how much commissions were ??).

### Taxes take a bite out of gains

Part of the reason Tom ended up losing is that he did so much trading. He paid commissions on four trades, whereas Betty paid commissions only once.

The other factor cutting into Tom's return is his short-term

approach. Gains on investments held less than 12 months are taxed as ordinary income, at rates up to 39.6 percent. However, gains on investments held 12 months or longer are treated more favorably, with tax rates of 20 percent or less.

Increasing the odds against Tom are the fact that he has to make four great decisions, consecutively. The odds of that happening on a consistent basis certainly decrease over time. In fact, based on Charles Ellis' book, *Investment Policy: How to Win the Loser's Game*, investors lose money an average of 89 percent of the time when they try to time the market.

Betty, on the other hand, only has to make one good decision. Although that doesn't guarantee she'll make money, combining a buy-and-hold philosophy with strategies such as selecting high-quality stocks and diversifying among industries increases her chances of building a successful portfolio.

Internet trading may sound low-cost, but it actually may cost you more in the long run. The best way to achieve success is not by in-and-out trading, but rather by following time-tested strategies.

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