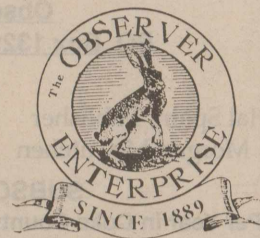


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A Tribute to the Bronte High School Class of 2001

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-five Bronte High School seniors will be held tonight (Friday), May 25, 2001 at 8 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Following the processional by Mrs. Ida Lee Ellis, Ariel Marrs will sing the National Anthem. The invocation will be given by Crissie McCoulskey, followed by the presentation of awards by High School Principal Rick Howell. Lisa Gibbs will present a program entitled "Senior Life".

Class Valedictorian Elizabeth Morgan will then address the graduates, followed by Salutatorian Jade Richards. Senior Class President Ryan McCorkle's introduction of this year's speaker, Heather Lee, will follow.

Next will be the presentation of diplomas by Mr. Richey, Mr. Howell and Wayne Coalson, President of the School Board. Tim Green will then lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Clayton Dale Acker, Michaela Christian Arrott, Anthony Jared Gibbs, Brandon Kyle Gibbs, Timothy Glenn Green, Angela Diana Harrell, Eric Daniel Johnson, Jesse Cole McClure, Ryan Scott McCorkle, Melanie Brooke McCutchen, Teresa Marie McMullan, Crissie Deann McCoulskey, Crystal Lynn Moore, Elizabeth Kathleen Morgan, Cassandra Hope Parks, Angelique Jade

Richards, Rosa Maria Rodriguez, Kaleb Joshua Schoenfield, Cara Elyse Sefcik, Jeremy Cole Silva, Kimberly Diane Smith, Zebidiah James Speary, Kara Frances Thompson, Shannon Rose Van Vleck, and Benjamin Henry White.

Ushers for the evening will include Kelly Cooper, Natasha Reed, Cody Sedden, and Nicholas Shaw.

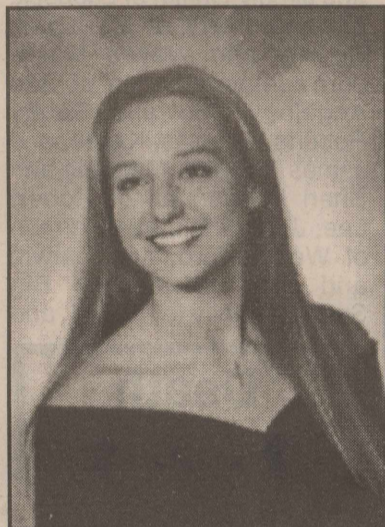
Twenty-seven BJH graduates honored

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-seven Bronte Junior High School eighth graders were held last night, Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 7 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

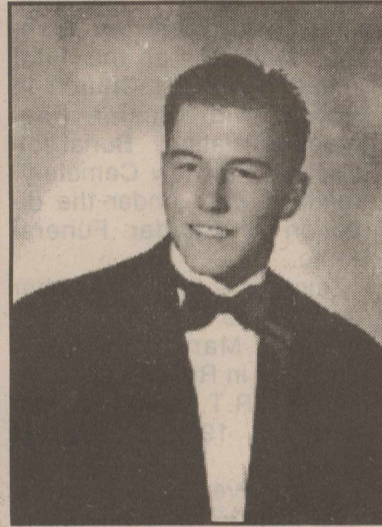
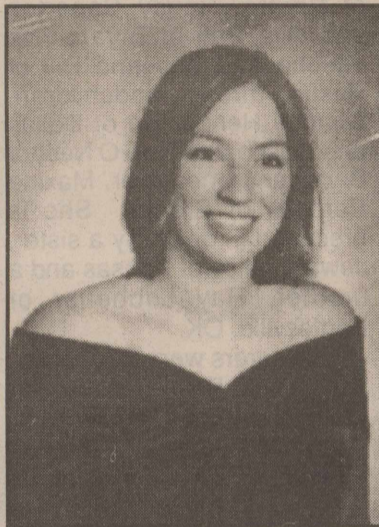
The invocation was given by Ashleigh Kelly. Secondary Principal Rick Howell welcomed everyone to the graduation ceremonies and then presented the honor graduates. Class Valedictorian Jasmine Kresta addressed the graduates, followed by Salutatorian Ashleigh Kelly.

The students were presented with their certificates by Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent and Mr. Howell. Ashley McCutchen gave the benediction to close the evening's ceremony.

This year's class members include Christy Nicole Casares, Cory Jay Cooper, Blaine Matthew Dyess, Sherman Scott Griffin, Bryan Michael Helm, Romana Ann



Bronte High School honor graduates for 2001 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 3.844 GPA is Elizabeth Morgan (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Morgan. The Salutatorian with a 3.7409 GPA is Jade Richards (right), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Richards. High Ranking Boy with a 3.44 GPA is Clayton Acker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Acker.



Hoover, Garrett Glenn Jackson, Ashleigh Nigcol Kelly, Vanessa LaShae Lange, Ashley Jordan McCutchen, Cody Austin Moore, Terence Joe Scott, Stephen Michael Tomes, Monica Leah Marie Whipple, Chelsae Ann Childs, Monica Gail DeLaGarza, Justin Robert Frazee, Angeles Marie Gutierrez, Jeffery Jesse Herold, Kinlee Ryann Hoyt, Calli Jo Johnson, Jasmine Marie Kresta, Ryan Hope Martinez, Desiree Danielle Mirelez, Alexander Manuel Sanchez, Salena Marie Soto, and Ashley Megan Wilcox.

Ushers for the evening were Reese Braswell, Jaylon Saunders, Lillian McMullan and Cheyenne Webb.

4-H leadership lab/camp

District 4-H Leadership Lab/Camp will be held June 25-28, 2001 in Mayhill, New Mexico. This camp is for any 4-H member age 13 - 18. You must be 13 years of age by June 25th. Deadline to register is Friday, May 25. Contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461 for more information.

Farm safety camp

Coke County is joining surrounding counties in sponsoring a Farm Safety Camp to be held on June 6, 2001 in San Angelo. This day camp is filled with tractor & equipment safety, fire arm safety, chemical safety, etc. Cost of this camp is \$10.00. Registration deadline is May 30, 2001. Please contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461 to register.

County courthouse to close

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day. Business will resume Tuesday morning at 8:00 am.

4-H horse show entries due

4-H members wanting to go to the District 4-H Horse Show need to contact the County Extension office. Deadline for entries is May 30, 2001. Entries and additional information are available at the Coke County Extension office.

3rd Annual Trail Drive set for Bronte

The 3rd Annual Benefit Trail Drive, sponsored by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, is scheduled for May 26, 27, and 28. Bring your horse or wagon and team and ride the hills of Coke County a full day Saturday and Sunday, with a short ride Monday for those interested.

On Saturday night, live band "Double Shot" will be playing in the pavillion for your dancing and listening pleasure. The dance will begin at 9:00 pm and go until 1:00 am.

All proceeds for the trail ride and the dance go to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. For more information contact Harold McCutchen at 473-5201 or Bruce Sonnenberg at 473-4441.

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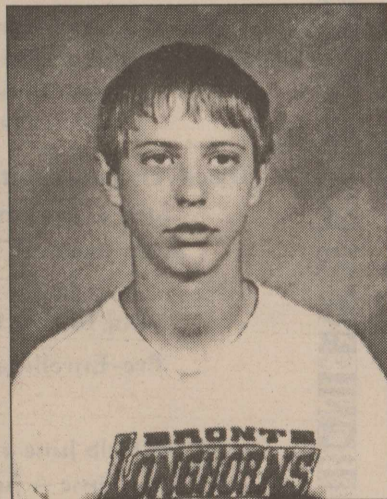
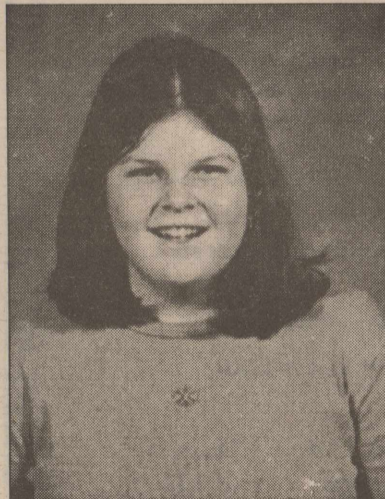
homecoming 2001

The annual Tennyson Homecoming will be held at the Tennyson Community Center on Saturday, May 26. Activities will begin at 2 pm. A potluck supper will conclude the day's activities at 6 pm.

There will be lots of visiting and sharing of memories; so bring a covered dish and join the fun. For more information, call 473-5200.

RL City Hall to close

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 28. The landfill will be closed Saturday, May 26.



Bronte Junior High School honor graduates for 2001 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 94.45 average is Jasmine Kresta (left), granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Keele. The Salutatorian with a 92.75 average is Ashleigh Kelly (center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jody Kelly. High Ranking Boy with a 91.66 average is Cody Moore (right). Cody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Richards and Mr. Billy Moore.

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Obituaries

Caperton

Zelma Slaughter Caperton, 79, of Bronte passed away Friday evening, May 18, at home in Bronte. Services were held at 2:00 pm, Monday, May 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte, with Pastor Paul Evans officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Zelma was born December 14, 1921, to Dr. J.C. Slaughter and Mary Williamson Slaughter in Robert Lee. She married R.T. Caperton on June 18, 1942, in Robert Lee.

Zelma lived in Bronte for more than 35 years where she was secretary for the Kickapoo Water District and bookkeeper at Highway Garage for 18 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities including Memorial Fund chairman and Financial Secretary. She was a charter member of the Sorosis Club.

Zelma was a graduate of Robert Lee High School class of 1939 and Metropolitan Business School of Dallas where she lived and worked for a time. She had also lived in El Reno, Oklahoma, Sterling City, San Angelo and Coleman, where she was secretary for the Chamber of Commerce.

Zelma was an asset to every community in which she lived. She was a superior organizer and worked hard at any project she participated in or position she held. Among the many people and things she loved were children, animals and plants. She was a compassionate, loving, faithful, loyal, truthful and thoughtful wife, mother and friend. She will be remembered and

missed by many.

Zelma is survived by her husband of 59 years and three children, Jacque Miller of Bronte, Randy Caperton and wife Pati of Bryan, Kim Jancha and husband Bill of Austin, three grandchildren, Chance Henderson of Dallas and Dustin and Erin O'Neal of Bryan and one sister, Maxine Percifull of Bronte. She is preceded in death by a sister, Jewel Seeley of Kansas and a brother, Ray Ledbetter of Bartlesville, OK.

Pallbearers were Bill Gentry, Bill Luckett, Pete Percifull, Jim Turner, Larry Robinson, Alonzo Robbins and Joe Draper. Honorary pallbearers were Royce Fancher, Tony Glenn, Frank Saynor, Jay Crouch, Royce Lee, Finis Westbrook and Ross Foster.

Memorials may be made to the Memorial Fund of the First United Methodist Church in Bronte, Tx, 76933.

The family wishes to thank all the friends who have so generously given of themselves during Zelma's illness and at this time of their loss. She appreciated every one of you and the family acknowledges your invaluable support.

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Quilt show

The San Angelo Quilt Show will be held June 15 and 16, 2001. It will be presented by Concho Valley Quilters Guild at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo, Tx. Entries deadline is May 31, 2001.

For more information, contact Willetta Bumpas at 915-659-2371 or email willetta@tcaineternet.com.

As a rule, what is out of sight disturbs men's minds more seriously than what they see.

Crech sisters reunion

The eighteenth annual Crech Sisters reunion was held May 12, 2001, at the ranch home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. Hosts and Hostesses for the reunion were Floyd and Jessie (Crech) Harmon, and their children Lawana and Howard Perry, Dorene and Wayne Mashburn, Jeffie and Bobby Roberts, and Jerry and Janie Harmon. The three surviving sisters were present: Jessie Crech Harmon of Robert Lee, Prudence Crech DuBas of Houston, and Madelle (Dumpy) Crech Griffith of Lubbock. They are daughters of the late Elias Brown Crech and Prudie Ann (Dozier) Crech, who were long time residents of Coke County. To this union were born 15 children.

Other relatives and friends present were: spouses - Floyd Harmon of Robert Lee and Jimmy Griffith of Lubbock. Lawana Perry of Carlsbad; Dorene and Wayne Mashburn, Jason Harmon of San Angelo, Jeffie and Bobby Roberts, Douglas, Kacee, and James Roberts, Marshall and Sheri Millican all of Robert Lee; Jerry and Janie Harmon of Weatherford; and Darwin and Joan Harmon of Big Spring; family of Floyd and



The Crech Sisters Reunion was held May 12, 2001. Sisters attending were (from left) Madelle (Dumpy) Crech Griffith of Lubbock, Prudence Crech DuBas of Houston, and Jessie Crech Harmon of Robert Lee.

Jessie (Crech) Harmon. Suzanne Carver of Houston, daughter of Prudence Crech DuBas.

Family of the late Mary Ruth (Crech) Atkins were Pat and Prudie Connor of Ft. Stockton; Wesley and Earnestine (Teny) Stevens of Yoakum; Paul and Molly Yeager of McCamey; Amy Hayter, Conner and Bryce of Cherokee; John and Amber Conner of Ozona and Larry and Marta Smith of Odessa. Family of the late Loreine (Crech - Huelster) Collins were Barbara Harrison of Abilene, and Scott and Debbie Harrison of Fort Worth. Family of the late Grover Crech present were - Clifton and Carolyn Crech of Rush Springs, Oklahoma; Jerry, Lynda, Clayton and Chance Crech of Midland and Rodney and Raye Crech of Odessa.

Also present from the family of the late Sidney Crech were Donnie Crech and Harol Crech of Pyote. From the family of the late E.B. (Push) Crech, son - in - law - Bill Stone of Ira. Stormy Senger of Midland was present.

The Crech Sisters' cousin, Jim Clay and wife, Dorothy of Anson attended the reunion. Their mothers were sisters, Prudie Ann (Dozier) Crech and Aurelia (Dozier) Clay.

The day began with 29 of the 51 family members attending the annual Paint Creek Cemetery Workday at the cemetery near Edith where several of the Crech family are buried. The remainder of the day was spent eating good food, taking pictures and visiting. The temperature

was in the mid 80s with a cool front blowing in in the afternoon. The 19th Annual Reunion will be held at the Roberts Ranch in May 2002.

Antique Capital of West Texas

This year on June 8-10, local merchants will share their town with visiting dealers to Baird's historic Market Street. Most of the antiques stores and specialty shops are quartered in restored, 19th to early 20th century structures along the broad three-block thoroughfare in downtown Baird.

Two inside locations with vendor space are being prepared for the three-day event. Booth space must be reserved by May 31.

For more information, call the Baird Chamber of Commerce at (915) 854-2003.

Death Notices

Jackson

Billy Glen "Bill" Jackson, 64, of Blackwell died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in a Sweetwater hospital. Service was held at 2 pm Saturday, May 19, at First United Methodist Church in Blackwell. Military graveside service followed in Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Jackson of Blackwell; sons, David Jackson of Bronte, Donnie Jackson of Eden and Darryl Jackson of San Angelo; stepchildren, Cyndi McConnell of Bronte and Ron Carlton of Happy; and brother, Joe Wayne Jackson of Calvert.

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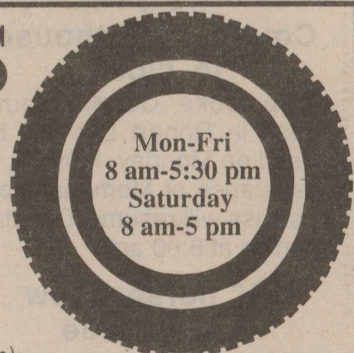
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Wright - Patrick exchange vows

Danya Marie Wright and Jerrod Lee Patrick were married at 6 pm Saturday, April 28, 2001 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Gardendale, Texas, with Scott Caldwell officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Mindy Wright of Gardendale, and the granddaughter of Sondra Hester of Robert Lee, and Earl and Clara Breeding of Odessa. The bridegroom is the son of Jerrell and Dianna Patrick of Ft. Stockton, and the grandson of Jessie and Helen Patrick of Gardendale, and Bob and Irene Whitlock of Del Rio. Irene Whitlock of Del Rio is the bridegroom's great-grandmother.

Prior to the ceremony, the groom escorted his mother to her seat. A candle-lighting ceremony took place with the bride's brother and mother, Jeb and Mindy Wright, and the groom's sister and mother, Leslie and Dianna Patrick, participating. Coco Benoit sang "No Place That Far" as the bride and her father made the bridal march. Following the ceremony, Monty Couch sang "You Had Me From Hello" as the newly joined couple was presented to the guests.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore her mother's long white satin and lace gown and veil. She wore her great-great grandmother's gold wedding band as "something old", her grandmother's gift of diamond earrings as "something new"; her grandmother's diamond necklace as "something borrowed"; and a blue lace garter as "something blue." Her bouquet was of fresh daisies, baby's breath and greenery, adorned with royal blue ribbon.

Stephanie Bivins served as the Maid of Honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Kassie Alford, Stacy Mondy, and the bride's cousins, Jess Ann Fernandes and Ella Fernandes. The bridesmaids wore floor-length royal blue satin gowns and also carried bouquets of fresh daisies.

The groom wore a black



Mrs. Jerrod Lee Patrick

tuxedo jacket with a silver vest, black jeans and boots. Best Man was the groom's cousin, Michael Couch. Groomsmen were Travis Hull, Shane Underwood, Juan Tarin and Bryan Parker. Vann Holstein and Monty Couch served as ushers. The groom's wedding party also wore black tuxedo jackets, and all were accented with boutonnieres of fresh daisies.

A reception, barbeque dinner and dance followed the ceremony. Music for the dance was provided by "The Outfit", a four-piece band from San Angelo. Members of the band include the bride's cousins, Matt Wilson and Michael Wilson along with Leon Langley and Mark Casey. Guests traveled from Robert Lee, San Angelo, Dallas/Ft. Worth and Ft. Stockton, and from as far away as New Mexico and Colorado.

Danya is a 1998 graduate of

Permian High School and attended Odessa College and Southwest Junior College in Del Rio. She is presently employed by Hondo Veterinary Hospital. Jerrod is a 1996 graduate of Ft. Stockton High School, and attends the Independent Electrical Contractors' Technical Institute in San Antonio. He is employed by Eldridge Electric in San Antonio.

Following a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will make their home in Hondo, Texas.

While everyone who receives an invitation to a wedding reception or to a small wedding in a club, hotel or home is expected to send a gift, an invitation to a church ceremony alone carries no such obligation. Neither does a wedding announcement.

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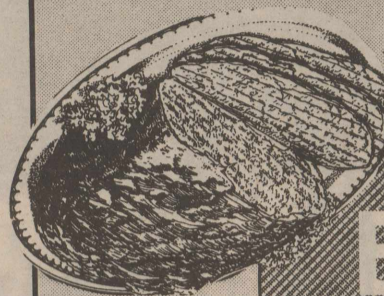


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- > Use of water to fill pools is prohibited.
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Robert Lee School News



The Robert Lee Elementary 3rd grade classes, taught by Kathy McCown and Audrey Devoll, enjoyed a tour conducted by Jeffie Roberts. Jeffie told the history of the old jail as they toured the building. George Grim drove the bus along the Colorado River as Jeffie told the class where perhaps Colonel Robert E. Lee and his army camped. They continued to the courthouse where they toured each office. Kristy Roe, Jan Yanez, Phelan Wrinkle, Stover Taylor, Joan Davis, Jackie Walker, Lorri Martin, Carol Hardaway, Sharon Lee, Myna Kay Copeland and Jim Sailer explained their duties to the students. The class then went to City Hall where Mayor Garland Davis and Kay Torres helped the class to have a mock city council meeting.

RL 3rd grade enjoys tour

May 26, 2001, Kathy McCown and Audrey Devoll's Robert Lee 3rd grade classes enjoyed a tour conducted by Jeffie Roberts.

Jeffie told the history of the old jail as they toured the building. George Grim drove the bus along the Colorado River as Jeffie told the class perhaps where Col. Robert E. Lee and his army camped. They also drove to the oldest house in Robert Lee which had been moved from Hayrick to Robert Lee in the late 1800's.

As the class had just studied Social Studies in school, Jeffie took them on a tour of the courthouse. They visited each office as Kristy Roe, Jan Yanez, Phelan Wrinkle, Stover Taylor, Joan Davis, Jackie Walker, Lorri Martin, Carol Hardaway, Sharon Lee, Myna Kay Copeland and J. W. Sailer told their duties. On to the District and County Courtroom, Nancy Arthur and Jackie Walker had the class to participate in a mock District Court trial.

On to the City Hall, where Mayor Garland Davis and City Secretary Kay Torres had the class to participate in a Mock City Council meeting. Beth Prather told her duties as a council member.

The tour continued to the Coke County Library where Beth Prather, Coke County Librarian, explained the use of the library and its contents. Then to the Observer/Enterprise Office, which is the OLDEST continuous business in Coke County. Beginning in 1889, it has never gone out of business but there have been many owners, and is now owned by Hal Spain and is located in the old Robert Lee State Bank building. Melinda McCutchen and Pat Taft showed the original bank vault to the class.

A walk into the current

Robert Lee State Bank, to show the class the difference in size and current operations. They were also conducted through the Farm Bureau Office building, and told that next year as 4th graders, the directors of the Coke - Sterling Farm Bureau would hold an Ag Day for them. JoNell Blair, secretary, told the class the duties she performs.

Jeffie Roberts

RLISD installs new board members

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 pm. At the top of the agenda was installation of new board members and election of new officers. After Bill Burns and Darrel Pitcock took the oath of office, trustees elected Darrel Pitcock as President. Wes Washam as Vice-President,

and Fredda McCabe as Secretary.

Board members then voted to appoint new board members to replace resigned members Ray Aldridge and Harvey Wojtek. Mark Riley and Jim Reeves were appointed to take the two unexpired terms. Both will have to run in the May, 2002 election to retain their seats.

In other action, the board approved a legal services contract with the law firm of Schwartz and Eichelbaum for the 2001-2002 school year. They also approved next year's contracts with the Region 15 Education Service Center in San Angelo.

TASB Board Policy Update 65 was discussed but no action was taken. Board members then discussed plans for graduation.

Elementary Principal Janet

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FUNDRAISER REPORT

Many of you ordered Tupperware from Makenna Netting a few weeks ago. Your orders were all greatly appreciated!

Makenna sold \$215 worth of Tupperware and 40% of that went to Robert Lee Little League - \$86! The check was presented to the league through Kerry and Frankie Gartman, Makenna's t-ball coaches at the game Tuesday.

Thanks again for all of you who supported her and the league. If anyone or any group is interested in using the Tupperware Fundraiser to raise money, please feel free to call me for more information at 453-2401.

Thanks,

Tonya and Makenna Netting



The AON Service Club in Robert Lee recently held their annual scholarship luncheon. Since 1987, the group has awarded \$17,450 in scholarship funds to 43 RLHS graduates. Thirty-eight of these graduates went on to receive their college degree. This year's recipients are (from left) Dixie Simpson, \$300; Tiffany Copeland, \$300; and Erin Millican, \$600.

Wallace and High School Principal Lindsey Wallace made their reports on attendance, student activities, and student achievement. Superintendent Weldon Koepl reported on the work of the legislature, the School Meal Initiative Report, the Distance Learning Program, and the TASB Summer Leadership Institute.

After briefly entering into executive session to discuss personnel, the board adjourned.



Tiffany Copeland, RLHS Class of 2001, is the recipient of the \$300 scholarship presented by Robert Lee Chapter No. 187, Order of the Eastern Star. Tiffany is the daughter of Daryl and Myna Kay Copeland of Robert Lee.



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Sarah Balderas

Balderas to receive top honors

Sarah Balderas will receive top honors as she graduates third highest in the Class of 2001 at Central High School with a grade point average of 103.05.

Sarah has had a full high school career and has received recognition as a member of the National Honor Society, Texas Scholar program, and Key Club. She also received awards for Who's Who Among American High School Students and the Excellence in History award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In addition, Sarah has received a Carr Scholarship and will be attending Angelo State University in the fall.

Parents are John and Pauline Balderas of San Angelo. Grandparents are Alfonso and Pauline Balderas of Robert Lee and Gilbert and Beatrice Basquez of Bronte.

RLHS recognized for yearbook excellence

The Robert Lee High School yearbook staff has been recognized by Taylor Publishing Company with an Award of Merit honoring its accomplishments in Yearbook design and coverage. Congratulations to Ms. Debbie Teters from Robert Lee High School for the 2000 yearbook.

This is Ms. Teters second year in a row to be nationally recognized for her efforts in scholastic journalism. Last year's yearbook was evaluated for excellence in one or more of the following areas: cover design, theme development and page design.

"The Award of Merit is given each year to a select group of yearbook staffs throughout the nation who have demonstrated excellence in yearbook design and coverage," said Mike Taylor, Yearbook Division Marketing Manager of Taylor Publishing Company.

Each year after yearbooks are produced they are judged in the three areas mentioned above. All schools compete on the same level for recognition, which means over 8000 schools are judged. This is from University level yearbooks down to 1-A schools such as Robert Lee. San Angelo's Plant services most of the schools in Texas from I-35 west to El Paso and I-20 south to the border. Only two schools made the top 5% cut last year, and this year four schools from this area made the same cut. They are Midland Lee High School, Lake View High School, Tarleton State University, and Robert Lee High School.

Four first cousins meet at San Angelo

Recently four first cousins met at La Quinta Inn in San Angelo for a reunion. The group was hosted by Wallace and Lavonne Emory of Oklahoma City and Tommy Joe and La Jan (Kiker) Walter of Jacksonville, Florida. They are the sons of Agnes Walter of San Angelo.

The four cousins range in age from 86 to 96 years. They are Agnes Walter (93) of San Angelo, her brother Garland Spencer (86) of Roby, and Ella Pruitt (96) of Bronte, and her sister Pearlie Mae Andrews (86), also of Bronte.

This was a first time reunion for the four. The 41 in attendance enjoyed visiting, looking at family photos and picture taking. At lunch, they were served a bountiful meal of barbecue with all the trimmings.

Those attending with Agnes Emory Walter were Wallace and Lavonne Emory of Oklahoma City; his son, Neil Emory of San Diego, CA, daughters Mrs. Sandy Emory and Josh of Nashville, TN, and Mrs. Christa Morrison and her children, Sage and Lucas, of Covington, KY. Also attending were Tommy Joe and La Jan Walter of Jacksonville, FL, and their son, Kerry, of Waco.

Attending with Garland and Mary Spencer were: Richard and Cathy Spencer, their sons and family, Reggie and Jennifer, and their three children, all of Roby, and Ricky Spencer of Big Spring.

Those attending with Ella Pruitt were Maxine and Bill Labenske and Noah Jr. and Dorthy Pruitt, who came for a brief visit. All were from Bronte.

Attending with Pearlie Mae and Murl Andrews of Bronte were Tricia and Doug Dubois of Austin.

Other second and third cousins at the party were Mrs. Jackie Wisley of Bronte and her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Huddleston, of San Angelo; Helen Rippetoe and her daughter Judy, of San Angelo.

Friends attending were Wink Kiker of Bronte, father of La Jan Walter; Richard and Marjorie Dillard of San Angelo, and Royce Dean Clark of Bronte.

All went away with a much broader appreciation of all their kinfolk and declaring to meet again very soon.

County welfare figures reported

The state spent a total of \$1,677,248 last year for major welfare programs in Coke County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$135,725 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$12,307. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$1,301,670 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$192,484 for Medicaid related services and \$35,035 for non-Medicaid related services," Ms. Evans said.



Roy Blair was honored with a retirement dinner Saturday evening, May 19, 2001, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee, Texas. Roy served as a Texas State Trooper for twenty-seven years. Over 200 people attended the dinner. He and his wife, Judy, are shown with the cake made for this celebration.

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**Longhorn Band
Cake Auction**

The 3rd Annual Longhorn Band Cake Auction was held in the BHS Auditorium Thursday, May 17, in conjunction with the Spring Concert. Beautiful music, tasty delicacies, and hard-earned awards made for an outstanding evening.

Auctioneers Bob Frazee and Kenny White amused concert goers in between bids. Their quick wit is always appreciated.

Roger Graves won the first "German Chocolate" cake of the evening with his \$55.00 bid. He made sure his little girl Kendra Graves' cake was going back with him. Larry Dyess really wanted the "Chocolate Sheath" cake. His \$65.00 bid got it for him. Doug Hoyt bid \$40.00 for an impressive apple pie donated by Cindy Saunders. Stephanie White baked a thick, rich "Chocolate Rocky Road" cake that David Rawlings won with his \$75.00 bid. Karen Sefcik's persistence paid off when her bid of \$65.00 won the beautiful "Tropical Delight" cake donated by Garrett Acker. We can only guess that it tasted as good as it looked, since Karen refused to share. Wayne Coalson bid \$50.00 on a dark, rich "Coffee Pecan Fudge" sheath cake baked by Kat Morgan. Wayne Worley bid \$50.00 for a "Classic Coconut" cake baked by Sherri Marrs. Wayne knows what he's doing; Sherry knows how to bake a cake! Alan Richey took Reese Braswell's "Strawberry Cream" pie home for a \$15.00 bid. Julie Springer baked a tall, delicious-looking "German Chocolate" cake that Gary Shaffer just had to have. He bid \$65.00 for it. Camille Lloyd gave \$40.00 for a "Key Lime" pie with thick meringue donated by Kat Morgan. The Ackers gave \$20.00 for the "Oreo" cake. Bob Frazee

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*Bronte School Auditorium
Friday, May 25, 2001*

Processional Mrs. Ida Lee Ellis
"Pomp and Circumstance"
National Anthem Miss Ariel Marrs
Invocation Miss Crissie McCoulskey
Presentation of Awards Mr. Rick Howell
Secondary School Principal
Senior Life Mrs. Lisa Gibbs
Valedictory Miss Elizabeth Morgan
Salutatory Miss Jade Richards
Introduction of Speaker Mr. Ryan McCorkle
Senior Class President
Address Mrs. Heather Lee
Presentation of Diplomas Mr. Alan Richey
Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Rick Howell
Secondary School Principal
Mr. Wayne Coalson
President, Board of Trustees
Benediction Mr. Tim Green
Recessional Recorded
"Leavin' Town"

CLASS ROLL

* Clayton Dale Acker	* Elizabeth Kathleen Morgan
Michaela Christian Arrott	* Cassandra Hope Parks
Anthony Jared Gibbs	* Angelique Jade Richards
Brandon Kyle Gibbs	Rosa Maria Rodriguez
Timothy Glenn Green	* Kaleb Joshua Schoenfield
Angela Diana Harrell	* Cara Elyse Sefcik
* Eric Daniel Johnson	Jeremy Cole Silva
Jesse Cole McClure	Kimberly Diane Smith
* Ryan Scott McCorkle	Zebidiah James Speary
* Melanie Brooke McCutchen	Kara Frances Thompson
* Teresa Marie McMullan	Shannon Rose Van Vleck
* Crissie Deann McCoulskey	* Benjamin Henry White
Crystal Lynn Moore	

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Vice President Eric Johnson
Secretary Brooke McCutchen
Treasurer Henry White
Sponsors Sherri Marrs, Ronnie Merriman
George Tomes

HONOR STUDENTS

Valedictorian 3.844 Elizabeth Morgan
Salutatorian 3.7409 Jade Richards
High Ranking Boy 3.44 Clayton Acker
Class Colors Silver and Black
Class Flower Yellow Rose
Class Song "Leavin' Town"
Ushers: Kelly Cooper, Natasha Reed, Cody Sedden, Nick Shaw

*National Honor Society

liked Lila Johnson's cake so much last year that he got the bid up to \$70.00 for her "Carrot Raisin Bundt" cake this year. Since everything was roasted but the lime and cilantro in Terry Marrs' legendary hot sauce, it counted as a "baked good." Kat Morgan reported that it was worth every roasted penny of her \$55.00 bid. Now we know how much Wayne Worley likes coconut. His second winning bid, this one for \$85.00, was for a "Pina Colada" cake, also loaded with coconut, baked by Chrissy Israel. The high bid

of the night, \$95.00, was donated by Mark Saunders for a scrumptious looking "Strawberry Cake" baked by Lori Eubanks.

The generosity and constant support shown by our community for the Bronte Longhorn Band is truly amazing. What a successful evening! Food, gifts, music, and fun. You just can't beat it!

For information on joining the Bronte Band Boosters, call Kat Morgan at 473-7373, George Tomes at 473-2023, or Bob Frazee at 473-6603.

Blackwell was held Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 6:00 pm in the home of James and Heather Sanderson.

Hulene Magness called the meeting to order. Karen Saunders spoke about the Blackwell school awards. She also told of retrieving the first Euterpean Club plaque. Katrina Buckner was the recipient this year with the highest academic grades. Kaitlyn Saunders presented the program. She performed for the cheerleader tryouts. She will be

one of the varsity cheerleaders for the next year.

Pictures were made of those attending. Shish kebobs were served outside to Margaret Battle, Mr. & Mrs. Therell Burwick, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Magness, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Sanderson, Margaret Stout, Sharon Taylor, Bobbie Varnadore and Herman Seales, Mr. & Mrs. James Sanderson and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Saunders were hosts and hostesses for the meeting.

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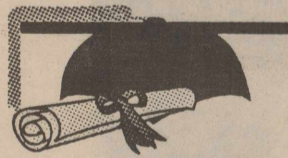


Track 2; UIL 1,2,3,4; Reg. Qual. Mathematics 3; Reg. Alternate Calculator 3,4; FFA 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Director's Award 3; All Region Band; National Honor Society 3,4; National Honor Society Historian; Student Council 4; Student Council Reporter; Drum Major 3,4; FCA; TAFE; One Act Play 1,2,3,4; OAP Best Actress District 3; OAP Hon. Mention Zone 2,3; OAP All Star Cast District, Zone & Area 4; Who's Who in One Act Play 3,4; Cross Country 3,4; Most Likely To Succeed; Most Academic; Most Contributive Senior; Who's Who in Mathematics 3; Who's Who in English 4; Who's Who in Social Studies 4; Outstanding AP Calculus Student 3; All "A" Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Highest Average Art I 3; Highest Average AP Biology 3; Highest Average Health 3; Most Outstanding Student in Physics 4; Overall Student in Distance Learning English 4; Valedictorian 4.

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**Euterpean
Club news**

The last meeting of the season for the Euterpean Club of

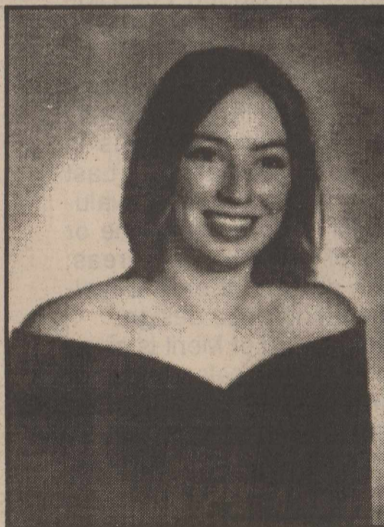


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CHADBOURNE RANCH
Garland & Lana Richards

**Longhorn
spring concert**

The Bronte Music Department Spring Concert and Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 17th.

Bronte students of all ages played beautifully.

The evening started out with the 4th grade recorder band. The 4th grade Music Memory team placed 2nd. The award went to Ty Mackey, Sam Rawlings, and Matthew Allen.

The 5th grade beginning band then played by themselves and also with the Jr. High band, which they will be joining next year. The 5th grade Music Memory team placed 1st. The team members are Terrah Macon, Gus Saunders and Savannah Martinez. The participants must listen to classical selections, correctly identify the title of the piece and the name of the composer. Gus Saunders scored 100%. He was the only student in the entire district to turn in a perfect paper. That was quite an accomplishment!

The Bronte 6th grade team also placed first. The Music Memory Team members are Eric Hendrickson, Jonathan Marrs, Lauren White, and Hazen Coffey.

The Jr. High band is coming on strong. They sounded great! They played their first two selections with the incoming 6th graders. The Jr. High band received an "Excellent" rating at contest. A medal was presented to each Jr. High band member.

The BHS Longhorn Band performed in their new uniforms. They looked and sounded fabulous! Seniors, Cara Sefcik, Rosa Rodriguez, Henry White and Elizabeth Morgan were awarded for their many years of participation and hard work in the Longhorn Band. Amy Morgan, junior, received the "John Philip Sousa Award." Cara Sefcik was awarded the

**Eighth Grade Promotion
Bronte School Auditorium
Thursday, May 24, 2001**

Processional	Mrs. Pat Lee
<i>"Pomp and Circumstance"</i>	
Invocation	Ashleigh Kelly
Welcome	Mr. Rick Howell Secondary School Principal
Honor Student Presentations	Mr. Rick Howell
Valedictory	Miss Jasmine Kresta
Salutatory	Miss Ashleigh Kelly
Presentation of Certificates	Mr. Alan Richey Superintendent of Schools Mr. Rick Howell Secondary School Principal
Benediction	Ashley McCutchen
Recessional	Recorded

Class Motto:

"A moment isn't wasted if a memory is made."

CLASS ROLL

Christy Nicole Casares	Chelsae Ann Childs
Cory Jay Cooper	Monica Gail DeLaGarza
Blaine Matthew Dyess	Justin Robert Frazee
Sherman Scott Griffin	Angeles Marie Gutierrez
Bryan Michael Helm	Jeffery Jesse Herold
Romana Ann Hoover	Kinlee Ryann Hoyt
Garrett Glenn Jackson	Calli Jo Johnson
Ashleigh Nigcol Kelly	Jasmine Marie Kresta
Vanessa LaShae Lange	Ryan Hope Martinez
Ashley Jordan McCutchen	Desiree Danielle Mirelez
Cody Austin Moore	Alexander Manuel Sanchez
Terence Joe Scott	Salena Marie Soto
Stephen Michael Tomes	Ashley Megan Wilcox
Monica Leah Marie Whipple	

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Vice President	Monica DeLaGarza
Secretary	Ryan Martinez
Treasurer	Sherman Griffin
Student Council Representatives	Cory Cooper Ashleigh Kelly
Sponsors	Linda Farrington Ron Cooper

HONOR STUDENTS

Valedictorian 94.45	Jasmine Kresta
Salutatorian 92.75	Ashleigh Kelly
High Boy 91.66	Cody Moore
Class Colors	Navy Blue and White
Class Flower	White Rose
Class Song	"Take It To The Limit" by The Eagles
Ushers:	

Reese Braswell	Jaylon Saunders
Lillian McMullan	Cheyenne Webb

"Louis Armstrong Award." Drum major, Elizabeth Morgan, was awarded the "Directors Award." Rosa Rodriguez received the "Patrick Gilmore Award." Ariel Marrs, freshman, received the "Choir Award."

The Longhorn Band wrapped up the evening with "Marches of the Armed Forces." Bronte veterans and family members stood up as part of the tradition for their service branch march. It was a beautiful rendition by the BHS band.

**Sorosis club of
Bronte meets**

The Sorosis Club of Bronte met in the home of Mary Glenn. The Vice-President, Peggy Hembree, opened the meeting and introduced Shirley Kennedy, our district president. Mrs. Kennedy gave a report on the Texas Federation Women's Club convention, held in San Angelo, and other TFWC news.

Mrs. Kennedy left after making her report and the meeting continued.

The treasurer's report was made and projects and dues for the next year were discussed. Mary Glenn, the trea-

surer, reported that she has sent checks to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The Club will also give a \$200 scholarship to a Bronte senior. Checks were also sent to the fire department and to the Fort Chadbourne Foundation.

Our project for Fort Chadbourne Days will be a silent auction. Each member will furnish an item or items to be

bid on. Any member not wishing to donate an item will donate \$20.

The Chinese Auction was won by Fredna Moore. Members present were Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, Diane Lockett, Fredna Moore, Lou Ann Peters and Janet Wommack.

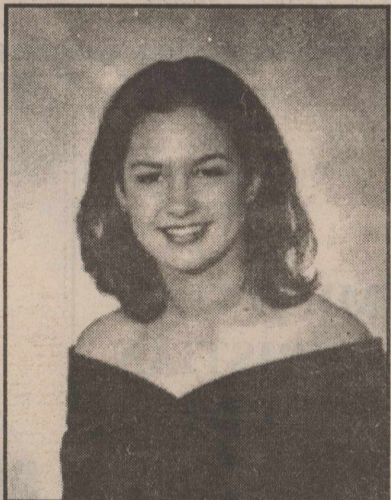
Submitted by Swan Archinal, Club Reporter.

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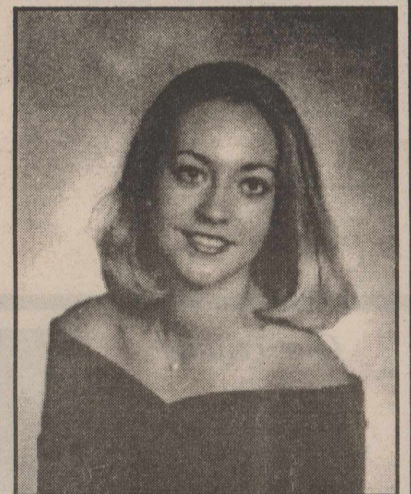


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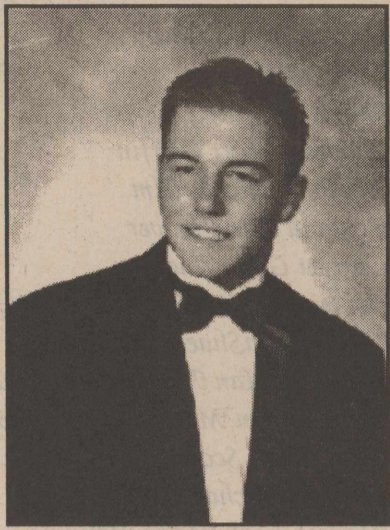
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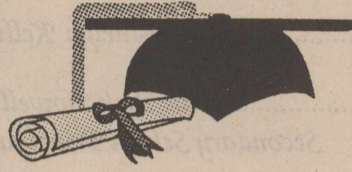
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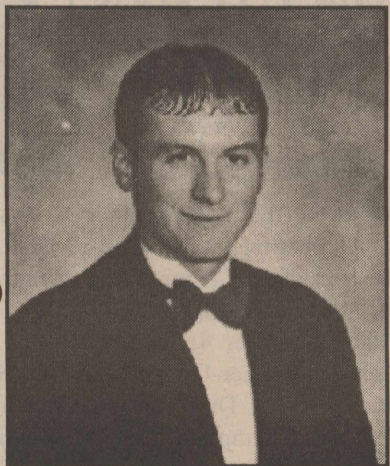


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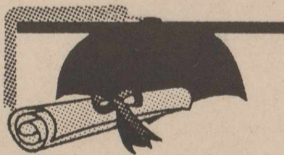
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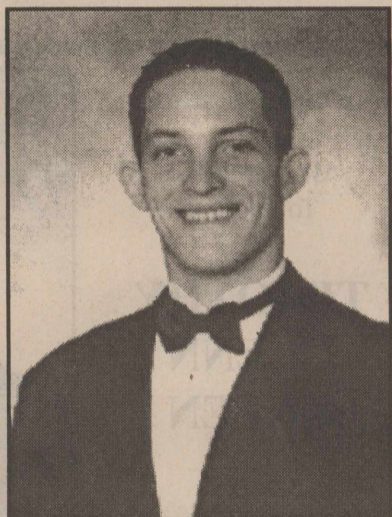
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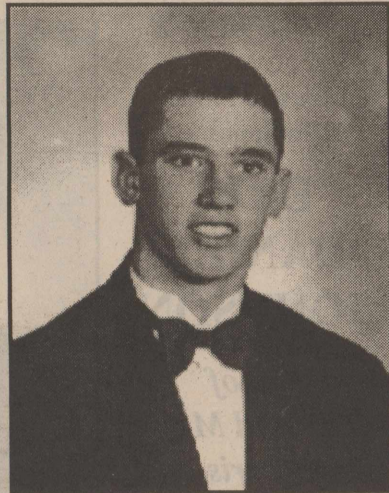
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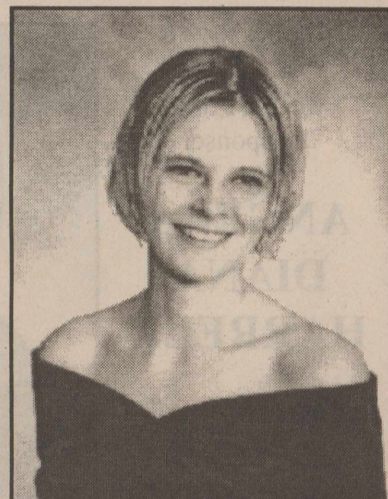
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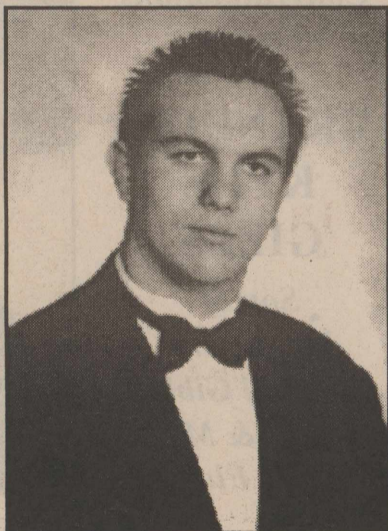
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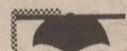
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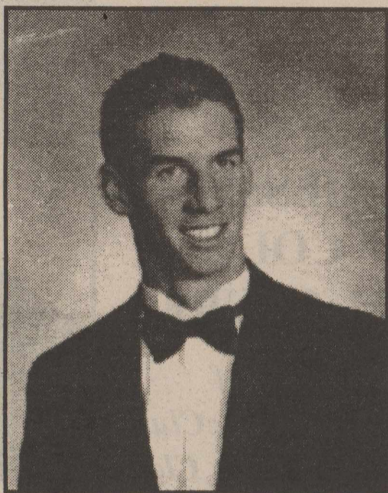


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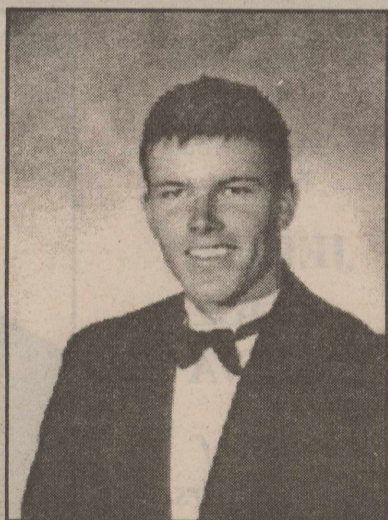
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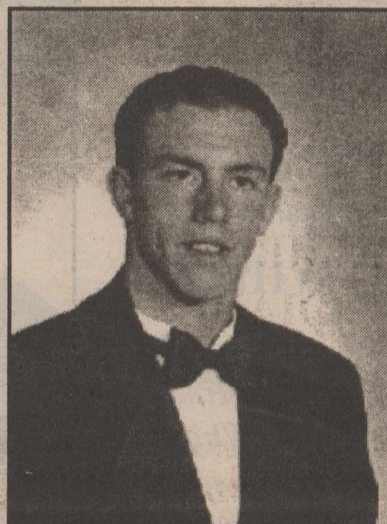
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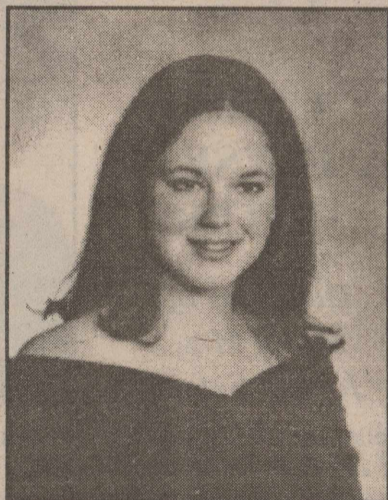
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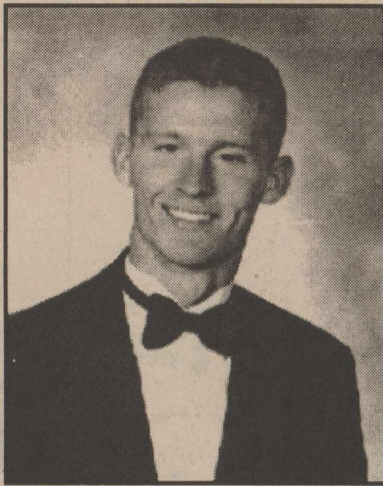
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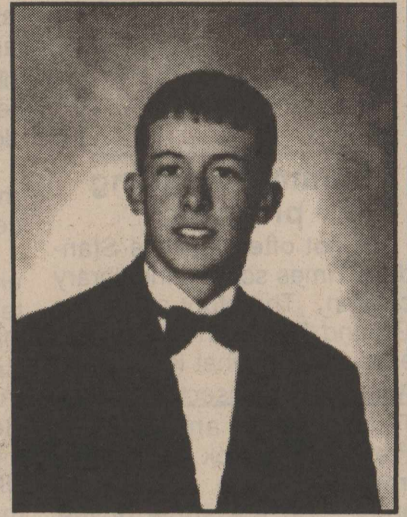
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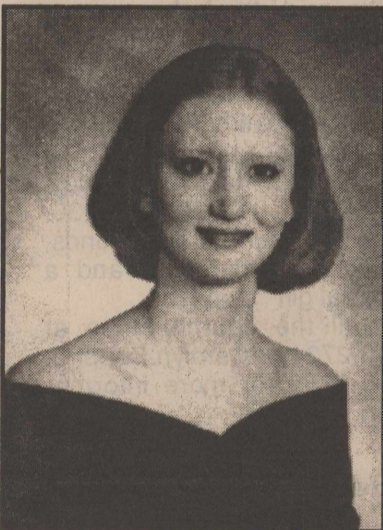
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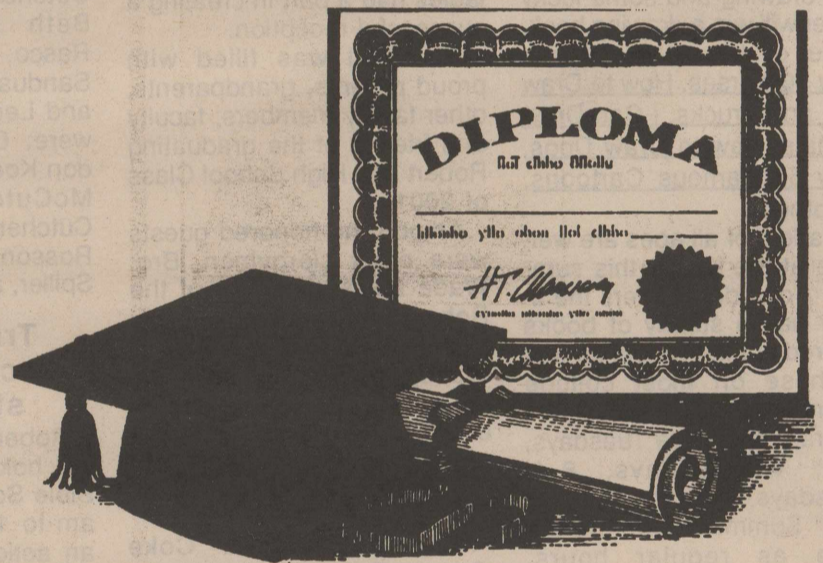
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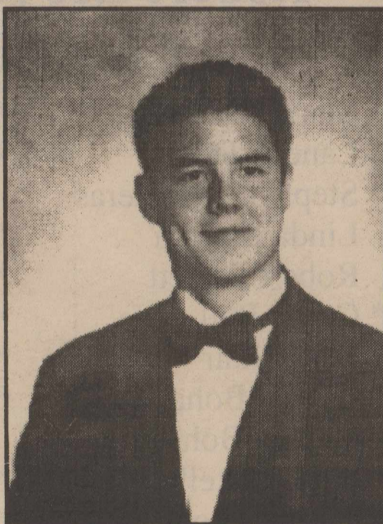


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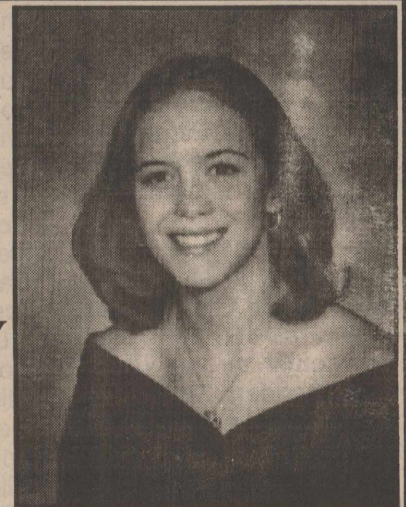
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Summer reading program

It's not often that the Standard Times scoops the library column. The story about the Ground Beetle invasion covered most of what is in Learn About Texas Insects from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Press. This book is available from the Coke County Library... So are some of the beetles and some of their offspring available at the library as well as at all the businesses downtown.

The beetles eat armyworms and the meadowlarks are eating the beetles. Mother Nature takes care of things when given a little time. The Internet had information on how to keep a beetle as a pet. This article is available at the library.

The Summer Reading Program will begin Tuesday, May 29th. Oceans-of-Fun-at-the-Library will include the treat-of-the-week (thanks to those who have donated to this project), and a special drawing for "how to draw" books. With every book turned in, readers can put their name in the fish-bowl. Each Friday there will be a drawing and some lucky reader will win a drawing book. Some of the titles include Draw 50 Horses, How to Draw Cars and Trucks, I Can Draw Animals, How to Draw Dogs, Draw 50 Famous Cartoons, and others.

Readers of all ages are welcome at the library this summer. For older readers the library has a supply of books required at high school as well as those on most college reading lists.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Summer hours are the same as regular hours. Books-on-tape are available for those traveling this summer.

44th annual senior reception

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, were hostesses for the 44th annual Senior Reception. The event took place following baccalaureate, honoring the Robert Lee High School graduating class of 2001, Sunday evening May 20, 2001.

A cordial invitation was extended to the superintendent, principal, senior class sponsors, senior class president, faculty of the Robert Lee Independent School District and family members and friends.

Throughout the Fellowship Hall the color scheme of the senior class was carried out, yellow roses and blue and silver colors. The register table was draped with a Battenburg lace tablecloth, with a yellow single rose in a bud vase adorning it. The hall table was covered with an antique white table cloth, with black and white paper graduate owls on top. The refreshment table was veiled with a white formal table cloth, with the center piece being an arrangement

of yellow roses, yellow baby and shag mums, yellow lilies and greenery. A wide blue ribbon with Class of 2001 written on it in silver streamed down on the bouquet.

Black and white miniature mortarboards hung from the ceiling.

Lois Dunklin registered eighty-six guests as they entered the hall, while Garland Davis, Chairman of the board, Bro. Jim Reeves, Pastor of the Robert Lee UMC of Robert Lee, Charlotte McKnight, Vice President of the UMW, greeted the guests and made them welcome. Joe McKnight and John Conley also greeted the guests and were everywhere they were needed.

Nina Brewer directed the honored guests over to the refreshment table. The refreshments included a large bowl of yellow fruit punch, glass trays filled with an array of cookies and bowls of mints and nuts on the table.

Six young ladies presided at the refreshment table, picking up trays and offering refills, including: Cassidy Wink, Cara Eaton, Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Kendra Johnson, and Kalie Bessent.

All the members of UMW were busy keeping the glass trays filled with cookies and the punch bowl full. All the ladies had a part in creating a successful reception.

The hall was filled with proud parents, grandparents, other family members, faculty and friends of the graduating Robert Lee High School Class of 2001.

Among the honored guests were other clergymen, Bro. Wade Messer, Pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist Church, also a parent, and Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church of Robert Lee.

Coke County retired teachers meet

Members of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association gathered Monday, May 21, 2001 for their last meeting until September. The noon luncheon was held at the lovely hilltop home of Bette and Jerry McCutchen on Humble Road.

Following food and fellowship, Janet Wommack, president, presided at the brief business meeting. She reported on the Spring Leadership Training Conference held in Coleman on May 1. Representing the Coke County Unit at the meeting were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Bettye Smith and Janet Wommack.

Legislative Chairman Paul Gothard updated members on bills of interest to educators in the present legislative session. He advised members to follow the progress of Senate Bill 273 and the Health Insurance bill.

President Janet concluded the meeting with the reading of a thought-provoking poem entitled "Resigning from Adulthood".

Attending the meeting were 25 members and 10 guests. They were C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, R.W. Blackmon, Jamie Boren, Oleta Braswell, Margie Butler, Jack Brewer, Nina Brewer, Harrell



Art students at Bronte High School recently completed a semester project of painting a mural of Old Fort Chadbourne on the side of the Glenn-Bivins Insurance office in downtown Bronte. The students in Mr. Cooper's 4th period art class have worked on the mural this last semester as the weather and scheduling permitted. The idea for the mural was suggested by Marilyn Bivins with graphic input from Garland and Lana Richards. The students used a grid method to accomplish the painting tasks. Student artists that participated in the project were Kanah Coalson, Brittany Eldred, Garrett Fiveash, Kendra Graves, Maribel Maldonado, Casey McKee, Brandon Poehls, Daisy Porter, Melissa Walker, and Kim Tousek. The project was supervised by Bronte Art teacher, Ron Cooper. The Bronte artists were happy to contribute the work on the mural for the community and to help promote the restoration of Fort Chadbourne, located on the Chadbourne Ranch north of Bronte.

Foshee, Janice Foshee, Mary Frances Glenn, Paul Gothard, William Hood, Mary Lawhon, Bette McCutchen, Jerry McCutchen, Ida Lou Oliphant, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Nancy Rasco, Gerald Sandusky, Janet Wommack, and Lee Wommack. Guests were: Glenda Draper, J. Weldon Koepf, Terry Marrs, Gina McCutchen, Vicky McCutchen, Alan Richey, Addie Rosson, Leah Rosson, Eddy Spiller, and Sue Spiller.

Truth Trackers discover secret of stone tablets

Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School June 4-8 from 9 am to 12 noon. Built around an action adventure journey through the deserts of Egypt and the Middle East, the week will be filled with exciting Bible stories, a search for the secret of the Stone Tablets, a kiosk of crafts, fun music in the Music Courtyard, and theme related refreshments and recreation for all Truth Trackers. The expedition is open to children from ages 3 years through those who have just completed 6th grade.

A special time for the family of Truth Trackers is designated for 11:30 - 12:30 on Friday, June 8th, during our Worship Rally in the sanctuary. This gives Truth Trackers an opportunity to share with their family members what they have learned during the week. At 12:00 noon a sack lunch will be provided to all in attendance. You are invited to enjoy it here at the church or to take it with you if you

need to get back to work or other appointments.

A pre-enrollment "Dig in Day" will be held Wednesday, May 30th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, with games of all kinds, snacks, petting zoo and a special gift "surprise".

Call the church office at 453-2724 or Carolyn Koepf at 453-9882 for more information.

DAR chapter recognizes county students

The Pocahontas Chapter of the Daughters of the Ameri-

can Revolution recently honored high school seniors as DAR Good Citizens.

Students were chosen by their teachers for their patriotism, service, leadership and dependability at school, home and in the community. They each will receive a certificate and a pin.

Good Citizen honorees were Brooke McCutchen of Bronte High School, daughter of Keith and Vicky McCutchen; and Maria Arellano of Robert Lee High School, daughter of Tomas and Rosa Arellano.

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In January, a seriously ill two-year-old boy from a town in the Panhandle had to be airlifted to Galveston for treatment of a respiratory condition. This occurred not because his hometown hospital lacked the appropriate equipment to treat him; rather, the life-saving flight was necessary because the hospital did not have enough nurses on staff to provide the small child with the level of skilled care he so badly needed. What a frightening experience for the boy and his parents it must have been.

While unusual, this was not an isolated case. Nursing vacancy rates in Texas range from 10 percent to as high as 18 percent in some specialty areas. I am concerned that such scenarios may become entirely too familiar in our state and across the country unless we mount a concerted effort to recruit and train more nurses.

We are in the midst of a nursing shortage that touches every community - urban, suburban, and rural. No sector of our health care system is immune to it; across the country, hospitals, nursing homes, home health care agencies, hospices and other providers are struggling to find nurses to care for their patients. Often, when patients are denied admission to facilities, there are beds available but not enough nurses to care for the patients who occupy them.

Nationwide, over the past five years, enrollment in entry-level nursing programs has declined by 20 percent. Attracted to lucrative jobs in the new economy, high school graduates are not pursuing careers in nursing in the numbers they once did. If these trends continue, we stand to lose a vast number of nurses at the same time they will be badly needed to care for the millions of baby boomers enrolling in Medicare.

In an effort to address this situation before it becomes a crisis, I have introduced legislation to strengthen our nurse training programs and provide graduate funding for hospitals that are affiliated with nursing schools. The Nurse Reinvestment Act, which enjoys bipartisan support, would establish grants, scholarships and loan repayment programs so more individuals will be able to train as nurses.

For nurses already working in health care, it would open doors to advanced education and training. In addition, it would establish programs to educate young people about the profession of nursing.

Texas' health care systems will be in bad shape if we do not act quickly.

While past nursing shortages were cyclical in nature, the emerging shortage is driven by other forces. We are not replacing as many nurses as retire annually. At the same time, more than 3,000 qualified applicants for Texas nursing schools had to be turned away last year due to a lack of instructors. We need to invest in training the teachers who educate our nurses. The legislation I have introduced addresses this sit-

uation specifically by supporting nurse education and training through Medicare, Medicaid and Public Health Service programs.

It is estimated that, by 2007, Texas needs to double the number of graduates from its nursing education programs to meet the anticipated demand for care. My legislation specifically funds training programs for geriatric nurses, a specialty that will be in higher demand over the next 15 years as the baby-boom population reaches retirement age.

Tomorrow's nurses will need to be experts in managing complex diseases and utilizing the latest technology. The Nurse Reinvestment Act not only seeks to increase the numbers of nurses in our country, but in doing so, would ensure that every nurse has the skills needed to provide the kind of quality care all patients deserve.

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson
Secretary

The firemen held their second meeting of May on the 21st at the fire station. Chief Rick Drennan presided with 12 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. It has been a quite month so far with no fire calls. Chief Drennan said we can expect a busy summer.

They discussed the work that needed to be done on the trucks and the progress with the sale of the Cajun Clean All cleaning cloths. They are still taking orders for the 911 reflective address signs.

The group discussed a date for the rummage sale. It will be held on June 2nd at the fire station. They will appreciate any items you would like to donate to the rummage sale. Items may be dropped off at the fire station or the volunteers can pick up large items if needed. The men will be at the station, most evenings, prior to the sale.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the set up. Anyone who would like to help will be appreciated.



Mr. Arrott's Bronte Junior High 7th Grade Spring Semester Careers Class spent a morning recently with Kay Gothard, owner of Main Street Market in downtown Bronte. Mrs. Gothard was one of eight speakers who have shared information about their careers with the class this month. She did a wonderful job informing the students about the duties and responsibilities of being an entrepreneur. The students gained valuable information that may someday be put to use once they venture toward the career of their choice. Other speakers this month have been teachers, coaches, Max Parker of Webb, Stokes and Sparks, Judge Gossett and Fort Concho employee, Cory Robinson. Shown are (from left) Megan Gibbs, Rosie Lara, Garrett Acker, Rebecca Rawlings, Jaylon Saunders, Kay Gothard, Reese Braswell, B. J. Bilbrey, Bailey Saunders, and Joyce Morgan.

Tax incentive offered

The federal government offers tax incentives to businesses that employ individuals with disabilities. The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board is preparing to create an Advisory Board to assist area businesses that are interested in taking advantage of these incentives. Businesses who have successful personnel policies, training programs, or other business practices are invited to apply to receive recognition as having model programs. The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board will select representatives from six area businesses. Candidates selected will be publicly announced on June 28, 2001 and recognized as having model programs. For more information, contact Kay O'Dell at 486-0275.

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Gilbert H. Wild and Son is at www.gilberthwild.com.

The National Tile Roofing Manufacturers Association at www.ntrma.org.

Health Communications is at www.hci-online.com.

American Greetings new Bubblegum characters may be found at www.bubblegumonline.com.

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The Courage Awards, a program created to honor everyday heroes facing and fighting cancer, visit www.courageawards.com.

The American Fence Association is found at www.americanfenceassoc.org.

DAR Pocahontas Chapter gives excellence in history awards

The Pocahontas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently honored high school students with DAR Excellence in History awards.

Students were chosen by their teachers for obtaining the highest grades in the history classes.

Excellence in History honorees were Elizabeth Morgan of Bronte High School, daughter of Kathleen and Manley Morgan; and Amber Freeman of Robert Lee High School, daughter of Teresa Romine and Sam Freeman of Robert Lee.

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Medical Records Clerk - Working knowledge of office practices and procedures, general clerical aptitude, ability to maintain company records and be able to comply with all applicable safety rules, standards and regulations.

This excellent opportunity to join a fast growing company with potential for a rapid advancement can be made by sending either a resume to: Box 700 Bronte, Texas 76933 or candidates may apply in person to 4 East Hwy 277 South Bronte, Texas.
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GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE
RLVFD RUMMAGE SALE
JUNE 2ND at the
FIRE STATION 8:30 - till - ?
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MINE, OURS, & THEIRS
Patio Sale. 501 N. Franklin St., Bronte. Fri. 25th, 8-12.
43b-1tc

GARAGE SALE
Texas Theater, Bronte, Tx. Sat. May 26, 8 am - ?
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ESTATE SALE OF JOYDELL DEEN
Sat. May 26th, 8 till 3.
802 W. 11th Street, Robert Lee. Piano, patio furniture, glassware, dishes, lamps, pictures, 1958 Singer sewing machine (works), end tables, chairs, and much more.
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MOVING SALE
this Saturday only from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Everything cheap, cheap, cheap. Must go!!! The Hoyt's. 302 S. Washington in Bronte.
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CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU

We want to express our sincere thanks to everyone that helped give the retirement party honoring Roy. A very special thanks to Myna Kay Copeland for all her work and organization toward the event.

Roy & Judy Blair
43a-1tc

S.O.A.R. camp

The Mesquite Country Council On Alcohol and Drug Abuse would like to invite children from the 1st grade to the 6th grade to S.O.A.R. Camp. Summer Outreach And Recreation Camp is a day camp that will offer fun and excitement for children at no cost. This camp will provide activities, crafts, food, games and much more each day. The camp will also focus on issues such as making decisions about the abuse of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco, self-esteem, being a helper in the family, sharing and respecting others, and other topics. This camp does not focus on personal family issues, does not provide counseling, and does not talk about individual situations. Everything that is said and done is carried out in a general matter.

The purpose of this camp and the Mesquite Country Council is to promote community awareness and provide individuals with the skills necessary to establish and maintain safe and healthy lifestyles.

S.O.A.R. Camp in Robert Lee will be June 11-15, 2001, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Rec. Hall.

S.O.A.R. Camp in Bronte will be July 9-13, 2001, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Community Center.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call 453-9721.

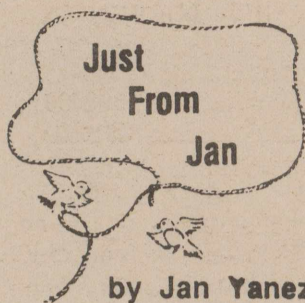
We never understand how little we need in this world until we know the loss of it.

JM Barrie

Tanning Salon Coming Soon!
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For info, call
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Bill Allen, Robert Lee State Bank President, presented the Robert Lee Elementary 3rd grade class with two gold \$1 coins as a show of support for the students who participated in the Accelerated Readers program.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Fry now - pay later

Getting too much sun can cause skin cancer. Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer. More than 700,000 people get it each year. When found early, most people with skin cancer can be cured. By far, the sun causes most skin cancers. However, other things can also cause it. *Repeated exposure to x-rays *Contact with chemicals, like coal tar or arsenic.

How can you prevent skin cancer?

*The best way is to avoid the sun. Try to stay out of the sun from 10 am to 3 pm when its rays are strongest.

*Cover Up. When you are out in the sun, wear wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and pants. Don't forget to keep your neck covered.

*Use a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor of 15. Sunscreen keeps out the harmful rays of the sun. Apply it at least 15-30 minutes before going in the sun. Put on more after swimming or sweating.

*Remember these points to avoid skin cancer:

*Beware of cloudy days. You can still get burned then.

*The sun's rays can reach through three feet of water. So even though you may feel cool in the water, the sun can still burn you.

*Watch out for the sun in wintertime. Snow reflects sunlight and that can burn you too.

*Don't use sunlamps, tanning parlors, or tanning pills. They can be just as harmful to your body as the sun.

How can you tell if you have skin cancer?

You can't tell for sure. Only your doctor can. See your doctor if:

*A mole changes size, shape, or color.

*There is an unusual growth on your skin.

*Your skin changes color in certain spots.

*A sore won't heal.

Look at your skin. Check moles, spots, and birthmarks monthly. Getting too much sun causes other skin problems, such as red, scaly patches. These can also become cancer. See your doctor for this condition, too.

Who is likely to get skin cancer?

People who sunburn easily, have fair skin, or have red or blond hair get skin cancer most often. It is less common in people with black or deep brown skin. However, anyone who spends a lot of time in the sun can get skin cancer.

Ninety percent of skin cancers occur on the parts of the body not usually covered with clothing - the face, hands, forearms, and ears. People trying to get tans also get skin cancer on the shoulders, back, chest, or legs.

Remember, protect yourself from the sun, and you'll pro-



Volunteers work to install the new barbecue pit at the County Park in Robert Lee. The new 13 foot pit, a West Coke County Community Development project, will hold up to 15 briskets at one time. Shown are (from left) Tim Millican, Gene Montgomery, John Carver, Tommy Shook, and Gaylon Pitcock.

tect yourself from skin cancer.

Tanning indoors is just as dangerous as laying outside in the sun with no protection. There is no such thing as a safe or healthy tan! Tanning beds give off at least twice as much ultraviolet (UV) radiation as the sun does. The rays from tanning beds are long-wave (UVA) rays instead of short-wave (UVB) rays that you get from the sun. UVA rays do not burn your skin like UVB rays do, but they penetrate your skin deeper and cause more permanent damage. Using a tanning booth can also cause:

- *premature wrinkles
- *tough, dry skin
- *age/sun spots
- *cataracts and other eye problems
- *skin discoloration
- *a weakened immune system

The many faces of aging

Fredi Franki
Social Security Manager
San Angelo Office
May is Older Americans Month and Social Security joins the Administration on

Aging and organizations around the nation in celebrating the contributions of older Americans to society, according to Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas.

"The theme for this year is "The Many Faces of Aging." It acknowledges the promise and the challenge posed by the United States' rapidly increasing multi-cultural aging population," Franki stated.

Social Security pays monthly retirement benefits to more than 31 million retired workers and their family members. More than nine in 10 Americans who are 65 or older get Social Security benefits," she said.

She noted that by 2030, minorities will represent 25 percent of the elder population. By the middle of the twenty-first century, every third older person will be from a minority group.

"Social Security contributes greatly to the financial security of minority communities as well as all older Americans," Franki stated.



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Managing your lawn with limited water

On Tuesday, June 5, there will be a seminar held at the Bronte Recreation Hall beginning at 7:00 pm to discuss the management of lawns and landscapes with little or no water resources available. This meeting is sponsored by the Coke County Extension Program Planning Committee and the City of Bronte.

John Begnaud, Tom Green Extension Horticulturist, will be on hand to give some tips on how to manage your lawns and landscape plants with limited water resources. With the continuing drought conditions and especially the possibility of no outside watering in Bronte looming, due to the conditions of Oak Creek Lake, it is very important to know how to take care of your landscape. John will be sharing ideas on how to use excess or used water from your home for plants, limiting or not fertilizing plants, use of mulches, use of xeriscape plants, etc.

Even if we receive significant rains soon, there will still be a need to properly maintain your landscape during the hot dry summer. This should be a very informative meeting and everyone is invited to attend. If you require auxiliary aids, services or other accommodations for this meeting due to a disability, please contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be arranged.

The purple cow

This cow is in every beef herd in Coke County. This cow has been palpated OPEN today. She does not have a calf fetus at least 48 days old.

How far down the road will it be before this Purple Cow delivers you a paycheck if she is bred and conceives today? Gestation time is 283 days, lactation to weaning is 205 days, hauling to sale and selling is 2 days and 3 days to get your check in the mail. This is a total of 493 days total time before you can present the check to the banker.

With the current estimates on cost of breeding and maintaining a beef cow for one year ranging from \$365 - \$425, let's assume the cost of that cow is one dollar per day. This Purple Cow will cost you \$493 to own her from today to selling the calf. Will she raise a calf that will sell for \$493 - 493 days from now? Palpation can determine these Purple Cows. Every cow in the herd must provide cash flow during the year by one of two methods, she produces a calf to be sold or added to inventory or we must sell the cow.

Should we keep these Purple Cows in our herds, calving percentage will determine the size of the burden the regular calving cows must bear to allow this "free loader" to grace our herds. Say you have 20 cows and have a 90% calf crop, this will result in 18 calves that must carry the burden of the two Purple Cow loss of \$986 or \$54.77 per calving cow. If calving percentage drops to 80%, the burden per calving cow doubles.

As you can see from this example, these Purple Cows get pretty heavy for her pasture mates and your pocket book before she provides some sort of calf to sell. With the rising cost of production, we can't afford these kinds of herds.

Women & heart event

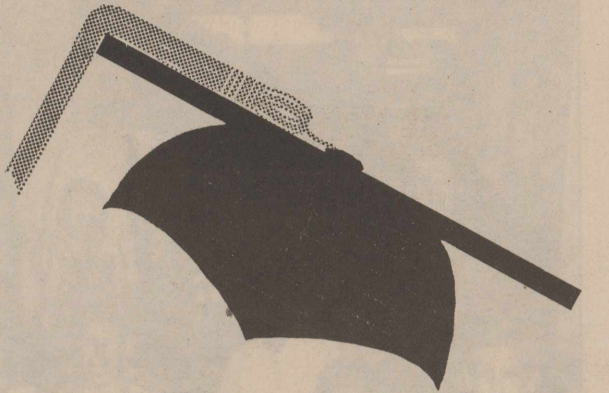
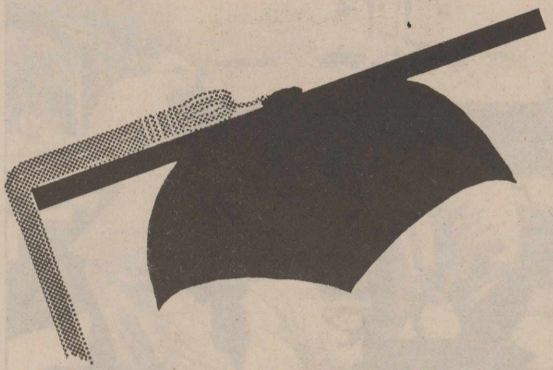
The \$1 beef checkoff program worked with the American Heart Association's Austin affiliate to pump new blood into a vital women's health event designed to educate consumers on prevention of heart disease. Using checkoff resources like the Council for Women's Nutrition Solutions (CWNS), an all-female group of health professionals, the beef checkoff helped increase attendance, position beef as a convenient, modern nutrition component, and assure a future for this vital annual women's health program.

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