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## Communities announce holiday activities

### Christmas Season set to open

Christmas season will begin appropriately in Robert Lee with the opening of Bryans' Barn on Saturday, December 1. What began years ago as a small family and friends lighted display has mushroomed into an enlarged barn, surrounding acreage, and crosses Messbox Creek in a take-your-breath-away lighted fairyland. Visitors will come from everywhere, some several times, during the holiday season. The Bryans will keep the wonderful display open to the public the entire month of December.

On Monday, Dec. 3, the annual Christmas Open House will be held. Most Robert Lee businesses will serve refreshments; many will have special sales and displays of merchandise. Later in the afternoon at 3:30, the Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Christmas Parade beginning at the school parking lot and ending at the courthouse.

Santa Claus will greet children and hear their Christmas wishes in front of the courthouse following the parade.

The Coke County Historical Commission, as an opening fund-raiser on the old jail

restoration project, will sell hot drinks and cookies on the night of December 8, a Saturday. The refreshments will be sold 6-9 pm at the gazebo next to City Hall. The public is invited and perhaps visitors to and from Bryans' Barn may stop also.

### Bronte Downtown lights up for Christmas

On December the 1st, the Bronte downtown will be lighting up all their Christmas lights. As they light up the night, the stores will be open late for visiting, looking or shopping.

### Bronte Parade set for December 18

It's time to sign up for Bronte's "All American Christmas Parade". The parade will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at 5:00 pm.

All clubs, organizations, and individuals are invited to participate. Ideas for entries include floats, decorated bicycles, tractors, old cars, etc. Prizes will be given for the best entries.

To sign up for this year's parade, please contact one of the following: Jeanna Lee at Hometown Hardware 473-

3811; or Annie Gill at Annie G's 473-2324. Contacts at the school are Brian Arrott, Susan Graves, and Donna Poehls.

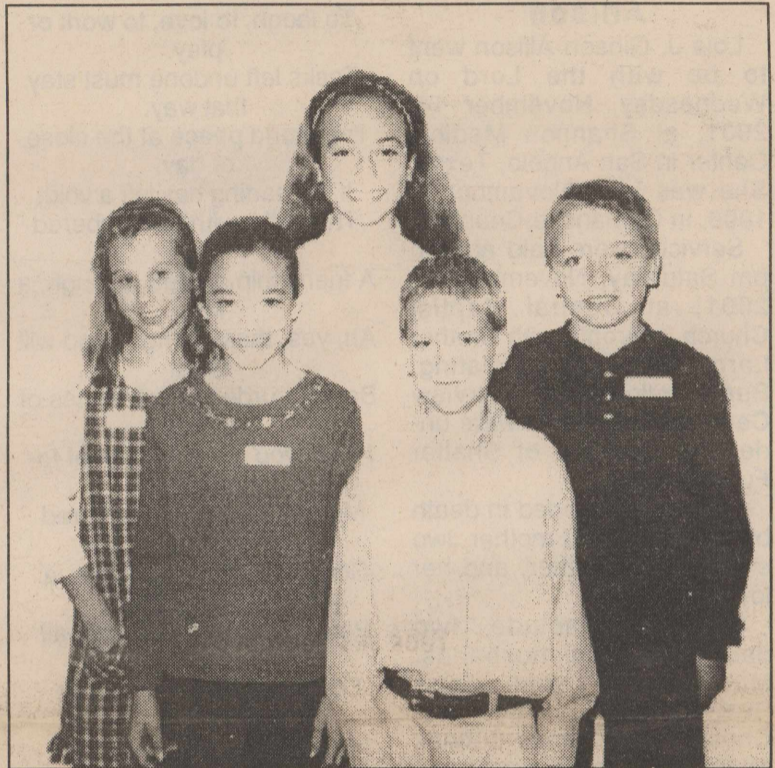
### All day singing

There will be an all day gospel singing at the Tennyson Community Center, Saturday, Nov. 24. The singing will begin at 10:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Each person is encouraged to bring their own sack lunch. An offering plate will be passed to help pay for the use of the community center. If you need more information, call J.D. Taylor of Blackwell, 282-2756.

### Major stock show entries due

Any Coke County 4-H member who wishes to enter with the major stock shows, Odessa, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston or San Angelo, must do so before November 29. There will be an entry signing meeting on Wednesday, November 28, in the courthouse from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm. If you cannot attend this meeting, you must come by the office before November 28 to enter major shows. Entries will be mailed November 29, no exceptions.



Coke County 4-H participants at the District 7 Food Show included Brit-ni Bannert, Kaleb Bannert, Briley Bannert, Logan Philley, and Emilee Yanez.

### District 4-H food show results

Good food and good folks were the rule of the day November 17th, during the annual District 7 Extension 4-H Food Show held in Abilene's Taylor County Expo Center. This year's event drew 175 entries from across 23 counties comprising District 7 of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Those participating from Coke County were: Brit-ni Bannert - Intermediate Breads/Cereals; Emilee Yanez - Junior Main Dish; Briley Bannert - Junior Fruits/Vegetables; Kaleb Bannert - Junior Breads/Cereals; Logan Philley - Junior Snacks/Desserts.

Placing in Junior Main Dish - Emilee Yanez 5th; Junior Snacks/Desserts - Logan Philley 5th; Intermediate Breads/Cereals - Brit-ni Bannert 6th.

Each 4-H member won their division earlier in their home county's food show. The young gourmets were judged on their knowledge of nutrition, food preparation principles, and the quality of their food entry.

The District 7 Food Show is a culmination of the Foods and Nutrition Project taught annually in each of the District's counties. Trained volunteer adult and teen leaders conduct the projects for hundreds of 4-Hers during the year.

Sponsoring the show were the Texas Cooperative Extension, America's Energy Partner/West Texas Utilities, Adams Extract Company and the Taylor County Expo Center.

### Coke County Pageant Association meeting

The Coke County Pageant Association will meet on Thursday, November 29, at 7:00 pm, at the Bronte City Hall. The proposed construction of a new sound and light building for the amphitheater will be the main item for consideration. Everyone is encouraged to attend this brief meeting.

### Poinsettia sales

The Coke County 4-H Clubs will be selling poinsettia plants for their annual fund raiser. These plants will come from Magic Farms Nursery. Each plant will have 5-6 blooms. Cost of the poinsettia plant is \$10.00. Delivery date will be December 5th. If you have not been contacted by a 4-H member and are interested in purchasing a plant, please contact the Coke County Cooperative Extension office at 453-2461.

### Bronte trash customers

Thursday (Nov. 22) trash collection has been moved to Saturday (Nov. 24) this week only.



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## Obituaries

### Allison

Lola J. Gibson Allison went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 14, 2001, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas. She was born November 4, 1906, in Comanche County. Services were held at 2:00 pm Saturday, November 17, 2001, at Central Baptist Church in Bronte with Brother Larry Gilbreath officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Lola was preceded in death by her father and mother, two sisters, one brother, and her loving husband.

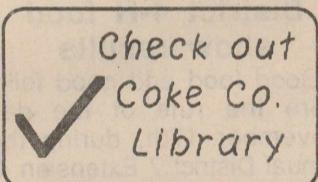
Survivors include two daughters and husbands, Margie Lee and John Rodgers of San Angelo and Christine and James Eubank of Winters; three grandchildren, Truitt Eubank of Lufkin, Kenneth Rodgers of Missouri City, and Margie Kay Holloway of Winters; four great grandchildren, Christopher Holloway of Winters, Kirbe Celeste and Kirsten Danielle daughters of Truitt and Maggie Eubank of Lufkin, Katy daughter of Kenneth Rodgers of Missouri City, four great great grandchildren, Ashley, Travis, Tristen, and Tommy, all of Houston. She is also survived by two adopted daughters, Jackie Wisley of Bronte and Della Webb of Roswell, NM; and one adopted grandson, Kevin Huddleston of Bronte.

#### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
 I'm following the path God laid for me.  
 I took his hand when I heard his call;  
 I turned my back and left it all.  
 I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
 Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
 I've found peace at the close of day.  
 If my parting has left a void,  
 Then fill it with remembered joy.  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
 Ah, yes, these things I, too will miss.  
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
 My life's been full, I savored much,  
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
 Lift up your heart and share with me.  
 God wanted me now; He set me free.

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### County library to participate in Christmas Open House

The Coke County Library will participate in the Christmas Open House Day in Robert Lee, December 3, 2001. Cookies will be served to visitors and a drawing will be held for two sacks of children's books. Everyone is invited to stop by while enjoying the festivities and food in downtown Robert Lee.

The library has received a treasure from the basement of

the courthouse. Records of the El Valle Garden Club which once was an active organization in Robert Lee were found in an old box mislabeled "1969 oil". Thanks to the tax office staff, the box was not discarded, but opened and recognized for its historical value. There are old newspaper clippings and hand-written books of minutes. The names of Robert Lee's active volunteers will be recognized by many. Their efforts can be appreciated again by reading through this history.

The Library will be closed Thursday and Friday this week. Regular library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte. A Food Pantry basket is in the library for any patrons who wish to donate food when returning books.

### Coke County Jail to be renovated

Preserving the Coke County Jail (circa 1907) in Robert Lee is the reason for a joint venture of the Coke County Historical Commission and the Downtown Association to begin raising funds to preserve the jail.

On the evening of Saturday, December 8, from 6-9 pm, volunteers will man a coke booth on 7th Street by the Bryan's Mini Park gazebo. Hot cocoa, spiced tea and cokes will be sold to visitors on their way to Bryan's Barn. Volunteers are making cookies to give free to those who purchase a drink.

Also, the jail will be decorated for Christmas, and a sign will be placed so that folks can drive by to see the historic structure. Some stores are considering remaining open the evening of December 8.

The groups will gladly welcome interested citizens who want to help. There is a need for volunteers to man the drink booth, decorate the jail, make cookies and cocoa and tea mix, and give moral support to the effort. Call the library (453-2495) or call City Hall (453-2831) to offer your help. Donations will be accepted at this event as well.

An all-out effort is being made to hold a successful fund raiser preceding making application to the Texas Historical Commission for inclusion in their Visionaries in Preservation Program. This program "empowers Texas communities to shape the fu-

ture of their historic preservation efforts through planning, and provides training and assistance tailored to achieve local preservation goals."

In preparation for renovation, anyone who has an object or collection in the jail should call Judge Walker's office (453-2641) to remove the artifacts until renovation is completed. Items will be stored in a local unit otherwise.

### CASA fundraiser

The Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. will host their annual Casas for Kids fundraiser November 23 - Dec. 9 at Sunset Mall in San Angelo.

This year's event is a raffle for a dollhouse and a custom-built playhouse and gazebo. Tickets will be available at Children's Advocacy Center, 317 Koberlin, San Angelo, from Nov. 26 to Dec. 7.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. The revenue will be used to support the child abuse intervention programs of the Children's Advocacy Center and help them continue to champion the cause of child abuse prevention and serve as an ally of children who are abused and neglected.

For more information on CASA and ticket price call (915) 653-HOPE or log onto www.casasforkids-tx.org.

### Abilene arts and crafts

The 9th annual Abilene Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival will be held November 24th and 25th in the Abilene Civic Center. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the foyer and main exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and hand-crafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. There is no admission charge.

For more information call Mel Prather (915) 263-7690.

### Attention 4-H members

Reminder: Poinsettia orders and monies are due by the 26th of November so that we may confirm our order with Magic Farms. If you have any questions please call the Extension office at 453-2461.

### Robert Lee City Hall to close

The Robert Lee City Hall and landfill will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 22-25. Trash ser-

vice on Friday, November 23 will run as scheduled. Have a safe Thanksgiving holiday.

### Judge Walker attends seminar

Coke County Judge Jackie Walker attended the Texas Association of Counties Judicial Institute November 13 through 16. The institute is co-sponsored by the Texas Association of Counties and Texas Tech University. This program satisfies the statutory annual education requirement for Constitutional County Judges. In addition to the judicial hours, Administration Education was added this year. Judge Walker serves on the administrative committee.

The Judicial program this year increased judges knowledge of: changes in probate law, judicial ethics, rules of evidence, hearsay, objections expert testimony, jury misconduct, reasonable doubt, dealing with Pro se defendants, magistrates' warnings, and crime victims' compensation procedures.

The Administrative session dealt with open meetings agendas, agenda postings and emergency postings, county budget cycle, salary grievance process, and a roundtable discussion of county administrative questions with Penny Redington, with the firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever, and McDaniel. Ms. Redington was a former Ellis County Judge.

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 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 (915) 453-2417  
 Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm Choir
- Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270  
 Tommy Williams, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
 Wed. 7 pm
- Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy  
 (915) 453-4645  
 Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
- Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 (915) 453-2176  
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship
- Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (915) 453-2724  
 Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
- 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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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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**RLVFD news**

by Marian Thompson  
Secretary

The fire department met on Nov. 19th for its regular scheduled meeting. 10 members were present. Chief Rick Drennan presided. The minutes and treasury report were accepted as read. Chief Rick Drennan reported there is a new supply of the 911 reflector signs and will continue to make them as long as there is a request for them. The 911 signs are a big help in locating residence in the dark, for the Sheriff's department as well as the EMS and fire department.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson reported his findings, on cost of beepers versus radios and the repair cost. This was tabled until more information was received from other companies.

When the temperature drops or the weather is bad, the meetings will be held in City Hall at 7 pm.

The new pumper truck will be taken to Big Spring for a factory recall on the 20th.

The RLVFD need volunteers who are available during the daytime hours. With a current membership of 23 persons, only a handful is available weekdays. Fire protection is a serious situation and should be of concern to everyone in the city and surrounding areas in receiving protection from qualified volunteers.

All firemen who attend 40% of these drills and 25% of the fires, receives the minimum off their water bills from the city, as well as retirement and on the job injury insurance. This is received after the probationary period.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department should fill out a form located at City Hall for retirement and insurance purposes. For further information, contact Chief Rick Drennan, Fire Marshall Bud Thompson, or City Secretary Kaye Torres, or any fireman.

The department meets the first and third Monday of each month. The second Monday of each month is for training classes to become a certified fireman.

Cadets, 16-18 years of age, with parent consent, will receive fire and rescue training.

**Personal**

Joan Davis attended a surprise birthday party for her daughter, Nadine Davis of Abilene, in Ballinger on Saturday. Three friends, Joy Ross, Carolyn Sims, and Tamara McGaughey, staff members at Butterfield-Wylie school in Abilene, treated the pair to lunch at the Curiosities Shops and Tea Room. The friends enjoyed the afternoon of shopping and fun.



Rachel Hinderliter, a vocational nursing student at Texas State Technical College West Texas at Sweetwater, received the Linda Walker Memorial Scholarship for the fall semester. Rachel (left), of Robert Lee, Texas, was presented a \$100 check by Donna Walker, mother of Linda Walker. Hinderliter was a recipient of the scholarship for the summer semester and reapplied for the fall. She is a third-semester nursing student and will graduate in December.

**RLVFD Memorials and Donations Memorials**

**Hank Baker**

Mary May Wylie, Prescilla Davis, Mike & Fran Lomas & families, Bunyon Millican, Ava Lou Davis, & Jerome Hanna, Maxine Post  
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**Evelyn McKinley**

Mike & Fran Lomas

**Donations**

Floyd Prentice, Mrs. A.J. Roe, Jr, The Handyman, Wink Insurance, Ernest Clendennen, Robert Lee Bass Club, Donations collected by City water customers

**Lady Steers varsity basketball results**

The Lady Steers began the 2001-2002 campaign last Tuesday night (Nov. 13) with a decisive win over the visiting Eden Lady Bulldogs 62-31. The Lady Steers were led by senior Jodee Helwig, who finished the night with 18 points, connecting on 7 of 9 from the field and 3 of 3 from the line. Jennifer Alexander hit on 3 of 3 from the field and finished with 9 points. Whitney Millican had 10 points and Kizre Matthews also finished with 9 points, 6 steals, and 6 assists. Krystal Soliz led the team with 9 rebounds and added 4 points. Others scoring were: Shanna Wotjek 5, Rachelle Mills 5, and Bobbie Sparks 2.

**JV girls basketball results**

The Robert Lee junior varsity held their own against Eden as they won 25-18. Individual scoring is as follows: Monica Rodriguez 2; Tyler Lott 4; Rachel Wallace 2; Jessica Fluhrmann 2; Christina Middleton 4; Amie Kendall 11.

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Lady Longhorns lose at home and win on the road

The Lady Longhorns opened the basketball season at home, playing well with just one week of practice in a 36-58 loss to Sonora. Individual results were as follows: B. McCutchen 4 points and 1 steal; A. Denton 2 points and 2 steals; N. Reed 3 points, 1 steal, 1 assist, and 2 blocks; C. Monsey 5 points and 7 steals; K. Coalson and S. White 1 steal; K. Hilliard 1 point and 1 steal; L. Williams 5 points and 2 blocks; L. Springer 5 points and 1 steal; and H. Richey 11 points and 1 steal.

In their second game against Trent on November 17, the Lady Horns "played very well together, with the strength of their bench amazing," according to Coach Lloyd. The final score was 80-23, with the following individual results: B. McCutchen 16 points and 2 steals; N. Reed 9 points and 2 steals; C. Monsey 12 points and 11 steals; K. Coalson 9 points and 3 steals; S. White 3 points and 1 steal; K. Hilliard 1 steal; L. Williams 10 points and 3 steals; L. Springer 5 points and 3 steals; and H. Richey 16 points and 4 steals. Stats on assists and blocks were not available.

## JV boys defeat Blackwell

The Bronte junior varsity boys defeated Blackwell 23-19 on November 16. Scoring for the Horns were: J. Minjarez 7; C. Williams 4; K. Hoyt 6; J. Israel 2, S. Griffin 2; and C. Moore 2.

## The Nation's Nightmare

(The following article was written by 12 year old Jantzen Robinson as a tribute to the people of New York. He is the grandson of Elroy & Margie Butler.)

You helped the nation by saving lives for all those innocent girls and guys.

We want to thank you for all you have done without your help there would be none. You saved the people from rocks and rubble you helped the people when they were in trouble.

The face of evil flew through the air but you were brave and stood right there.

The two great towers swayed left and right then it came down and it was black as night.

Suddenly there was a screaming crowd followed by a big dust cloud. You helped the people get away before their lives they had to pay.

You grabbed their arm and took them by the hand to settle all problems in their head.

You are our heroes, yes indeed because you helped all those

innocent people in need. You came together as a group to form a big search troop.

As you enter a brand new day let God's greatness shine your way.

You helped the injured through pain and sorrow and now they will wake to a new tomorrow.

We had a bad situation and many thought that we would fall but with you and our President by our side we will stand tall.

Because you helped again and again now we know this battle against terrorism we will win.

So we thank you for helping the nation we are very grateful for all your participation.

## Bronte Elementary School Awards Second Six Weeks Pre-K

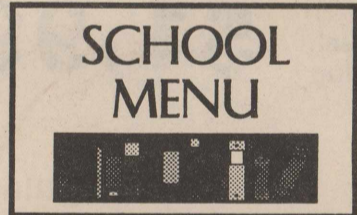
### Perfect Attendance

Crystal Bilbrey, Heriberto Cecilio, Stacia Emfinger, Dakota Kelly, Kourtney Kelton, Joshua Means, Oscar Pena, Jensen Reed, Jaime Padilla, Tucker McMullan

### Super Citizens

#### We didn't move our car once!

Brooke Bedford, Thoren Charles, Cindy Davila, Mario DelaRosa, Carson James, Erika Puentez, Michelle Rhodes, Paige Royall, Ethan



## SCHOOL MENU

### Breakfast

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
Cereal, trail mix, teddy grams, milk

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**  
French toast sticks, Pineapple tidbits, milk

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**  
Sausage, grape juice, biscuit, milk

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
Pop tarts, apple juice, milk

**Friday, Nov. 30**  
Breakfast pizza, diced pears, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
Steak fingers w/gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, apple sauce, cake

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**  
Egg rolls, pineapple tidbits, fried rice, Chinese vegetables, milk

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**  
Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, diced carrots and peas, bread sticks, milk, jello

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
Frito pie, chili and cheese, tossed salad, sweet corn, corn chips, milk, sugar cookies

**Friday, Nov. 30**  
Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, potato wedges, bun, milk, ice cream cup

## Perfect Attendance

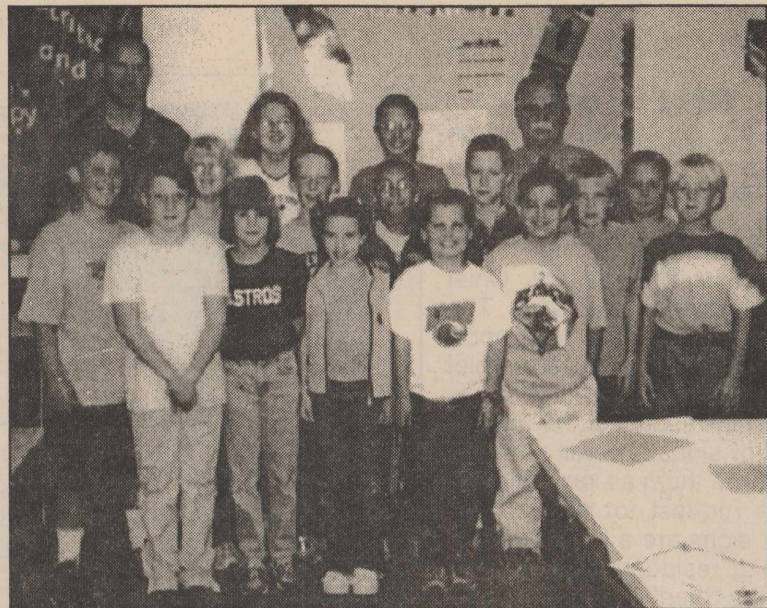
Sedden, Elizabeth Shults, Zachary Taylor, Jael Williams  
Brooke Bedford, Thoren Charles, Mario DelaRosa, Erika Hargrave, Kyle Kelton, Brayde Knight, Ayrn Nealey, Thomas Reyes, Caleb Rosson, Paige Royall, Ethan Sedden, Elizabeth Shults, Zachary Taylor

## Met Accelerated Reading Goal

Brooke Bedford, Thoren Charles, Cindy Davila, Mario DelaRosa, Erika Hargrave, Carson James, Kyle Kelton, Brayde Knight, Ayrn Nealey, Erika Puentez, Thomas Reyes, Michelle Rhodes, Caleb Rosson, Paige Royall, Ethan Sedden, Elizabeth Shults, Zachary Taylor, Jael Williams

## Received Independent Reading Certification for

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The Bronte Elementary School "A" Honor Roll Luncheon was held Wednesday, November 14. Fifteen students were recognized: Case Braswell, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Crawford James, Louie Martinez, Bill Miller, Shelbi Waller, Jessi England, Samuel Rawlings, Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, and Cody Wallace. David Bedford, Bronte High School Coach, was the guest speaker. Others attending included Terry Marrs, Donna Poehls, Frances Williams, Karen McBride, Pat Lee, Lisa Dyess, Heather Lee and Kathy James.

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**Robert Lee Elementary School Perfect Attendance Second Six Weeks**  
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Efrain Olguin, Cheyenne Ellis, Alexis Mendoza, Jacob Torres, Morgan Sturgeon, Bianca Huapilla, Will Howard, Charissa Caston, Hanna Hamrick, Shaylee Bell

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**2nd grade - Mrs. Horn**  
Kimberly Roach, Linsey Arellano, Matthew Corona, Samantha Fernandez, Raquel Rojas, Diana Vera

**3rd grade - Mrs. Askins & Mrs. Devoll**  
Paul Pineda, Megan Sturgeon, Logan Philley, J.P. Conner, Amanda Mendoza, Tanner Brickley, Jared Long, Haden Dillard, Meagan Ross, Cody Taylor, Foster Allen, Kacee Roberts, Robbie Gonzales, Sarah Walker, Travis Sailer, Ginny Caston, Diego Saucedo, Garrett Rogers

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Molli Hinderliter, Kristen New, Cody Brosh, Stetson Nesbit, Blake Millican, Briana Brisbin, Olivia Trejo, Nancy Landeros, Sarah Jones, Rebecca Saucedo, Emily Arellano, Cayetano Carrera, Colton Reed, Justina Gloria, Tanner Hanigan

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**6th grade - Mrs. Burns & Mrs. McCabe**

Andrea Pineda, Taylor Percifull, Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Cody Denton, Melissa Martinez, Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Chelsea Conner, Kasie Skinner, Jesse Braswell, Ronald Shaw, Cameron Hodge, Anna Rojas, Chase Roe

**Honor Roll**  
**3rd grade - Mrs. Askins & Mrs. Devoll**  
Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard, Robbie Gonzales, Amanda Mendoza, Logan Philley, Paul Pineda, Skyler Rainwater, Kacee Roberts, Meagan Ross, Travis Sailer, Diego Saucedo, Cody Taylor

**4th grade - Mrs. Bessent & Mrs. Roberts**  
Emily Arellano, Briana Brisbin, Sarah Jones, Stetson Nesbit, Emilee Yanez

**5th grade - Mrs. Byrne**  
Holly Austin, Kimberly Cardenas, Jasmine Gloria, Kaden Duncan, Morgan Hill, Mason Ross, Cori Torres

**6th grade - Mrs. Burns & Mrs. McCabe**  
Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner

**7th grade**  
Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Kelsy Duncan, Nicole Fields, Cody McCabe, Sarah Philley, Brettie Reed, Rebecca Skinner, Eleasar Vera

**8th grade**  
Tiffany Bagwell, Andra Braswell, Stephanie Trejo, Cassidy Wink

**9th grade**  
Wade Arledge, Kayli Dickey, Jacob McCabe, Lindsey Roe

**10th grade**  
Jessica Fluhmann, Travis Taylor

**11th grade**  
Amie Kendall, Ashlee Millican, Jennifer Nesbit, Travis Pitcock, Shelby Roe

**12th grade**  
Jennifer Alexander, Bret Ballew, Adam Cates, Jodee Helwig, Trent McCabe, Whitney Millican, Rachelle Mills, Bobbie Sparks, Shanna Wojtek

**"A/B" Honor Roll**  
7th grade

# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Tasha Aguirre, Jaden Alexander, Clay Antilley, Cara Cavness, Brian Eubanks, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Kori Logan, Jessica Long, Rosalinda Rojas, Robin Taylor

**8th grade**  
Bridgette Barnett, Josh Conner, Cara Eaton, Analay Gallegos, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Carolina Vera

**9th grade**  
Cody Bridges, Stacey Denton, Alana Parker, Clarissa Peel, Julie Riley, Michele Sanchez, Brittany Soliz, Ashley Womack

**10th grade**  
Josh Alexander, Felipe Arellano, Monica Barrera, Evan Braswell, Chris Eubanks, Cole Flanagan, Jennifer Fluhmann, Shannon Honse, Tyler Lott, Tim Messer, Kailee Radloff, Monica Rodriguez, Andrea Rusgrove, Rachel Wallace

**11th grade**  
Alice Beach, Amber Brosh, Adam Caston, Jaziel Gallegos, Kindra Matthews, Cooper Riley, Alan Roe, Robert Sailer, Nicole Sanchez, Rebecca Welch

**12th grade**  
Charles Abalos, Taylor Clendennen, Jamie Chesshir, Colby Eubanks, Trichelle Gray, Amanda Kuhl, Melissa Landeros, Kelley Long, Kizre Matthews, Matthew Millegan, Sammy Minjarez, Amy Riley, Salomon Saucedo

**9th grade basketball results**  
The Robert Lee 9th graders lost to Grape Creek by a score of 10-23. Scoring is as follows: Lindsey Roe 4; Michelle Sanchez 5.

## Steers fall to Yellowjackets in bi-district football playoffs

The Steers headed to San Angelo last Friday night to meet the Menard Yellowjackets at Lake View Stadium. It was the bidistrict playoff game, the first for the Steers in several years. The Steers had a great season, but this was not a great game for the Steers.

This was the last game for seniors Sammy Minjarez, Colby Eubanks, Bret Ballew, Taylor Clendennen, Charles Abalos, Trent McCabe, JJ Reyes, David Perez, and Saloman Saucedo. These Steers have given us many memories, and they will be missed.

This game started out great for the Steers as they kicked off to start the game and Menard fumbled with Brian Abalos recovering for the Steers. On the third play from scrimmage, Colby Eubanks passed six yards to Anson Lott for the TD. Stewart Millican kicked the extra point, and the Steers had the lead early in the game.

The Jackets put together a good drive and tied the score, and the first quarter ended with a 7-7 tie.

The second quarter was a nightmare for the Steers as they couldn't get anything going. The Jackets couldn't do anything wrong, and the half ended Steers 7 - Jackets 27.

The third quarter was a little better for the Steers as they made three first downs. Taylor Lott had seven carries for a 46 yard total. The Jackets had five first downs but scored another 13 points.

The fourth quarter saw the Steers get three more first downs as they held the Jackets to only three first downs.


Ballew had 4 yards on the ground and a pass for three yards. Jaziel Gallegos had a six yard run. Lott had two carries for four yards and three yards. Sean Edging recovered a fumble for the Steers. The final score was Jackets 40, Steers 7.

It was a very good year for the STEERS!!!

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Francis Bacon

**School Menu**



**Breakfast**  
Monday, Nov. 26  
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk  
Tuesday, Nov. 27  
Juice, pancake on a stick, cereal, milk  
Wednesday, Nov. 28  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
Juice, donut, cereal, milk  
Friday, Nov. 30  
Juice, pizza, cereal, milk  
**Lunch**  
Monday, Nov. 26  
Pizza, corn, salad, chocolate pudding, milk  
Tuesday, Nov. 27  
Chicken O's, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, apple slices, milk  
Wednesday, Nov. 28  
Chili Con Carne, crackers, potato patty, pineapple, milk  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
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Friday, Nov. 30  
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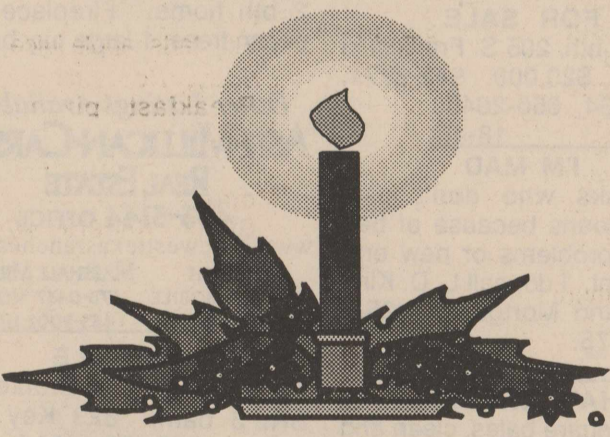


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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

Fall ideal for planting trees & shrubs

Finally, fall is here. The weather is becoming slightly cooler, and gardeners are slowly migrating back outdoors after record-breaking heat this summer. Now is a perfect time to add a new tree

RLISD board meeting news

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met for its regular meeting on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 pm. Board members approved an increase in substitute teacher pay, effective November 1 of this year. Substitute pay will increase from \$40 to \$50 per day.

In other action, the board adopted district goals that were developed in a recent goal setting workshop and cast votes for members of the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Supt. Weldon Koepf reported that the district had not received any bids for a passenger van. Trustees decided to solicit bids on a different type of vehicle.

Principals Janet Wallace and Lindsey Wallace reported that attendance was good for the month of October and reported on a number of school activities. Supt. Koepf reported that an auction had been scheduled for December 1 to dispose of old and unneeded school property. He also reported that the district safety committee was in the process of updating the school's emergency plans.

Following a closed meeting to discuss the Superintendent's Fall Formative Appraisal, the meeting was adjourned.

or a grouping of shrubs to the landscape. Or perhaps you have an area in the landscape that needs "remodeling" or rejuvenating. The fall may be the best season to plant, surpassing even the spring.

Many people prefer January through March for planting, but the fall months of September through December have distinct advantages. Fall planting follows the heat of summer, and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted use this to good advantage. Plant roots grow anytime the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher, which may occur all winter in Texas. During the winter months, the root systems of the fall-planted specimens develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can support and take advantage of the full surge of spring growth.

Fall planting is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Balled and burlapped plants have ample time to recover from transplanting and proliferate roots before spring growth begins. Remember however, all bare root plants, including roses and pecan and fruit trees should be planted in late winter when they are completely dormant.

When buying plants for your landscape, be sure to get healthy, well-grown plants. Always buy from a reputable dealer. Those in the plant selling business year-round depend on repeat customers, and only by selling customers quality plants can there be assurance of future business. Beware of plant bargains. They can easily turn out to be real headaches. A bargain is

no good if it dies. The price tag, especially the cheapest one, is not the best guide to quality.

All plants have growing requirements. Think about the plant's needs before you invest. Is it adapted to your area's soil? Will it grow in sun or shade? Does it need a wet or dry location? Is it cold hardy? Some nurseries have this type of information on tags beside the plant. If not, ask a nursery professional or your Texas Cooperative Extension Agent.

'Plan before you plant' is always a good rule of thumb. Whether you are planting a single plant or an entire landscape, plan first, then plant. Good planning is a worthwhile investment of time that will pay off in greater enjoyment of attractive and useful home grounds, and in increasing the value of your home. It's much easier to move plants on paper than to dig them after planting in the wrong place. A plan saves many planting mistakes.

Every plant in the landscape should serve a purpose. Ask yourself if you want a plant for screening, for privacy, or for

shade. How large will it be five years from now? Plants, like people, grow up. Remember, that a small one-gallon size plant will look entirely different after a few years of growth in your landscape.

Plant properly for success. Here are a few guidelines on getting the job done right.

1. Dig a hole large enough in diameter so that the root system has at least six inches of clearance on all sides. The root ball should rest on a solid soil foundation, so don't dig the hole much deeper than the ball.

2. Plant the tree or shrub slightly above the level of the surrounding soil, to allow for settling and increased soil drainage.

3. Carefully place the tree or shrub in the hole. Handle the plant by the root ball, not by the trunk. A broken ball of earth can mean a dead plant. Always remove any container before you plant.

4. Backfill the hole, using only the native soil removed from the hole; do not use soil amendments when planting large shrubs and trees. Fill the hole, and firm the soil

around the plant. Water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots and to eliminate any air pockets.

5. Do not fertilize your tree or shrub after planting. Wait until early in the spring to do this, and even then go lightly. Heavy applications of fertilizer may burn and injure the root system, and could possibly kill the plant.

6. Watering has been and remains paramount in transplanting. At the time of transplanting, soak the root ball and surrounding soil. A thorough watering every 7 to 10 days dramatically increases the success ratio. More frequent watering may encourage root rot. Remember, more trees and shrubs fail from over watering than from under watering.

7. Before calling it a day, add 4 to 6 inches of mulch around the base of newly planted trees and shrubs. This helps to keep down weeds and conserve soil moisture. Use pine bark, compost, grass clippings, or leaves.

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