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Superintendent announces retirement effective June 30

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 24, at 6:30 pm. Board President Darrel Pitcock read a letter of resignation from Superintendent Weldon Koepf, effective June 30 of this year at the end of his current contract. Koepf cited as the reason for his retirement health concerns and the difficulty in keeping pace with the demands of the superintendency. Koepf has served a total of 32 years in public education, 24 years in administrative positions, and 9 years as a superintendent. He has served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and Special Assistant to the Superintendent in Connally ISD. He has served as superintendent in Benjamin ISD, Bryson ISD, and Robert Lee ISD. He stated that he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and doing other things that he does not have time for now.

In other business, the board accepted a proposal from the firm of Eckert, Ingrum, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston and Barr of San Angelo to conduct the district's financial audit for the 2001-2002 school year. The firm of Stovall, Grandey, and Whatley of Fort Worth has been the auditor for the last several years. Supt. Koepf and Business Manager Kay Clay recommended the change of auditors because the new firm is local and would be easier to consult throughout the year.

Trustees also approved the High School Campus Improvement Plan as presented by Principal Lindsey Wallace. Mr. Wallace also reported on student activities and upcoming changes to the state testing program. Elementary Principal Janet Wallace also reported to the board on attendance and testing matters.

Supt. Koepf reported on the reorganization of the Small Schools Special Education Cooperative, of which Robert Lee is a member. The coop will be downsizing operations because of the withdrawal of several of the member schools. He emphasized that the downsizing should not affect special education services to Robert Lee students, nor will it affect special

education personnel who work in the district.

He also reported that the district would have classes on April 1 because of the day lost because of snow on November 28. The Texas Education Agency requires each school district to build 2 bad weather days into their annual calendars in case they have to dismiss any days because of bad weather.

Koepf also clarified the district policy on student transportation to and from school activities. He informed board members that the new UIL district realignments for football and basketball would be made public on February 4. Concluding his report, Koepf emphasized to trustees the importance of electing state officials who are friendly to the needs of education during the upcoming elections.

The board scheduled a board training session on "Superintendent Appraisal" for February 6 at 7 pm. Before adjourning they scheduled the next regular board meeting for February 21.

Bronte continues Drought Contingency Plan

The City of Bronte wants to remind its water users that Bronte is still under the Emergency Conditions Stage of the Drought Contingency Plan. The current lake level at Oak Creek is at 29+ (plus) feet below the spillway.

All lawn watering is prohibited. Trees and shrubs may be watered on your designated day. Customers with questions regarding the watering schedule should call the City Hall.

Water is permitted at any time by a handheld hose, bucket, or drip irrigation. Soaker hoses are not considered drip irrigation.

Use of water to fill pools, washing down of buildings, and washing of any motor vehicle is prohibited. All restrictions are mandatory. Violators can be penalized and fined up to \$500.00 per day for each day of non-compliance and/or disconnection or discontinuance of water service.

A complete drought plan is available at the City Hall.



John Weldon Koepf

Patti McCorkle benefit supper

There will be a hamburger supper on Tuesday, February 5th in the Bronte School cafeteria. Each plate will cost \$5 and include hamburger, chips, drink, and dessert.

Chances will also be sold for a door prize. All proceeds will go to Patti McCorkle, a Bronte Elementary teacher's aide, who is currently undergoing treatment at M. D. Anderson in Houston.

The supper will take place beginning at 5 pm. Please come enjoy a hamburger, then take in the Bronte/Robert Lee basketball games.

Pancake supper slated for February 1st

The Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club will sponsor a pancake supper tonight, February 1, 2002 in the Robert Lee School Library from 5:30 until 7:30 pm. The pancake supper will precede the Robert Lee vs. Roby home basketball game.

Ticket prices will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

All proceeds will go to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and the Lions Club.

Gospel singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, Feb. 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Bronte COC Banquet slated February 11 at BIRD cafeteria

The 2002 Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Monday, February 11 at 7:00 pm in the Bronte ISD cafeteria. The annual event will feature updates from the Bronte City Council, Bronte ISD, Bronte Economic Development Board, and The Fort Chadbourne Foundation. Guest speaker will be Jim Bob Solsbery, a professional humorist and speaker from Big Lake, Texas. The evening will also feature awards for Citizen of the Year, Student of the Year, Educator of the Year, and the Pioneer Award.

Memberships to the Bronte Chamber of Commerce can also be purchased. Business memberships are \$80.00 per year, individual and family memberships are \$20.00 per year, and students in grades 7-12 can be a Junior Chamber Member for \$5.00 per year. Tickets for the evening will be \$8.00 per person and can be bought at the door.

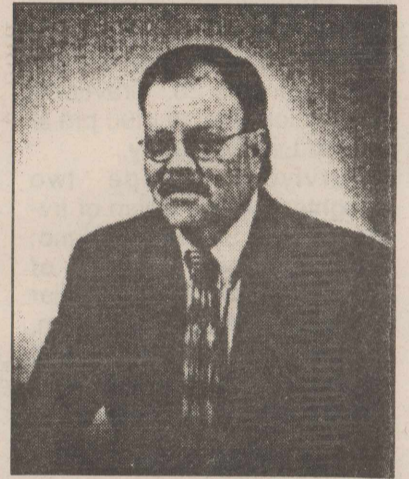
Sandwich proceeds to fund youth retreat

Super food. Super youth. Super cause. The First United Methodist Youth will offer submarine sandwiches on Superbowl Sunday, Feb. 3. The proceeds will be used to fund the Mid-Winter Youth Retreat at Mt. Wesley and the Spring Break Ski Retreat at Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The sandwiches will be delivered from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, or they may be picked up at the church after the worship service. To place your order, please contact one of the following youth: Garrett Acker, Logan Acker, Britni Adams, Cody Blair, Trae Carter, Brandon Churchwell, Britney McCutchen, Casey McKee, Lacy Schoenfield, or Lindsay Springer; or you may contact the church office at 473-3281.

County courthouse to be closed

The Coke County courthouse will have to be closed at 3:00 pm on Friday, Feb. 1, in order for West Texas Utilities to change the building over to the new electric system. The county apologizes for any inconvenience; Monday, Feb. 4, will be business as usual.



Jim Bob Solsbery

TeamKID begins February 6

TeamKid begins its next session Wednesday, February 6, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Robert Lee Baptist Church. The goal is for each child in the community to have an opportunity to learn about Jesus and have fun while learning. TeamKid is held Wednesday evenings and this session will run for 12 weeks (February 6 through May 1). This inter-denominational program is for all children age 3 through 6th grade.

Parents are more than welcome to join their children. For more information, contact Robert Lee Baptist Church office at 453-2724 or Terri Taylor at 453-2248.

Outside water restrictions

The City of Robert Lee is placing a restriction on outside watering due to the filter replacement project at the water plant. Currently the plant is not able to keep up with the demand. Until further notice, residents are asked to please limit use of water to household use.

Inmate work slated for Bronte

The City of Bronte will have the inmates working for the city building fences and cleaning out a creek bed the weeks of Feb. 4-8 and Feb. 11-15.

Anyone wishing to donate cookies, brownies and/or drinks can contact Pat or Lori at the Bronte City Hall, 473-3501.

The work the inmates do is a great benefit to the community and is greatly appreciated.

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Death Notices

Calvert

Finis Leonard Calvert, formerly of Robert Lee, died in Dallas on Thursday, January 24, in the Zale-Lipshy Hospital. Funeral service was held at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel in Irving on Saturday, January 26. Graveside service followed at 4:00 pm at Robert Lee Cemetery.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Gillen of Irving, Tonya Simms of Plano; mother, Lois Calvert of Odessa; sister, Marge Bollier of Odessa; six grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and former wife, Paula Hamilton of Dawson.

Roberts

Mrs. Lynda Ann Roberts died in Midland on Monday, January 21, in Midland Memorial Hospital following a long illness. Funeral service was held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel Thursday, Jan. 24. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband, Lanny Roberts of Midland; two sons, Joe David Digby and wife, Nikki of San Angelo, and Greg Digby of Lubbock; two step-daughters, Tausha Brock and husband Doug of Lamesa and Robin Wilkie and husband Brian of Welch; her parents, Jerry and Mjorie Lyon of Kingsland Howard and June Neveu of Liberty; three sisters; one brother; and five grandchildren.

Farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses caused by drought that occurred on various dates from January 1, 2001, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Sweetwater, Tx.

Coke County, as one of the 40 contiguous counties, was recently declared eligible for FSA EM Loss loans.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000.00, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders the interest is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA

emergency loan. Farmers participating in the PIC or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until 7/26/02 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Sweetwater is open from 7:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. For more information contact Dennis V. Cumbie, Farm Loan Manager, 915-236-6337.

Food Check Out Day slated for Feb. 8

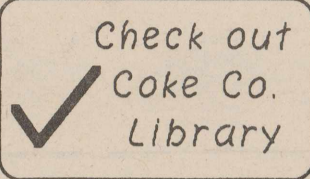
It takes only 39 days for the average American to earn enough money to pay his or her family's entire food supply for the calendar year, according to the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. By this counting method, February 8, 2002, will be celebrated symbolically across the state as Food CheckOut Day.

Because of this efficiency, the typical American is left with nearly 90 percent of his or her disposable salary to spend on goods and services other than food.

"Food Check-Out Day is a time to be thankful for the great availability and affordability of food in our nation," explained Bobby Roberts, president of the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "One way to demonstrate this gratitude is to share food with those in need."

Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau would like to invite the community at large to show their appreciation for our abundant supply of food with their neighbors by contributing a donation of food or money to the Coke County Food Closet or other favorite charity organization.

Many American tape measures have diamond symbols printed on them at intervals of 19.2 inches. These are used by carpenters to place studs, floor joists, etc.



Coke County library news

The Coke County Library has received a most welcomed donation of the Time/Life twelve volume collection, The Civil War. This is a series that chronicles the events of the war from 1861-1865. The volumes include First Blood: Fort Sumter to Bull Run: The Road to Shilo: Early Battles in the West: The Coastal War: Chesapeake Bay to Rio Grande: The Killing Ground: Wilderness to Cold Harbor and other phases of the war.

Also included in this gift is a five volume set of Myth and Mankind. Included in this set are Sagas of the Norsemen: Mother Earth, Father Sky, Native American Myth; The Way to Eternity, Egyptian Myth; Heroes of the Dawn, Celtic Myth; and Titans and Olympians, Greek and Roman Myths.

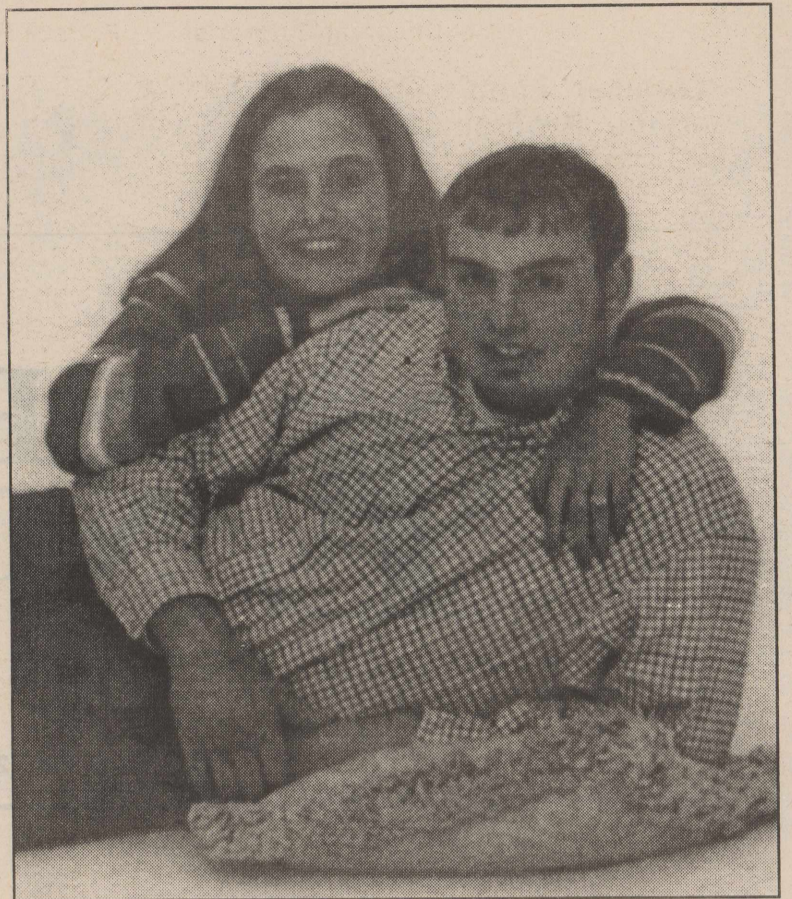
Mr. Bill Cox is a patron of the library and the donor of these books among several other reference books including Exploring America's Historic Places and A Splendid Little War: The Spanish-American War, 1898. His donation is generous and appreciated.

Recent books added to the collection are books by Elizabeth George, Loren Estleman, Carl Haisen, and Patterson.

Several boxes of hardback books have been removed from the collection in anticipation of a sale. Anyone interested in going through the boxes before the sale is welcome. The books sell for twenty-five cents and are in good condition.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start Hour is Wednesday at 9:30.

All the Head Start students are grateful to Ann Walker who brings them to the library in the big bus. Anyone interested in coming by to provide a lap or to discuss a book with a child is welcome.



Calvin and Debbie Garvin announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonja Sue Garvin, to Michael Chad Gray, son of Bruce and Sue Gray of Clyde. The bride-elect graduated from Clyde High School and attends Texas State Technical College. She is employed at Target. The prospective groom graduated from Clyde High School and is currently employed at Buddy's Station in Clyde. A May 11, 2002, wedding is planned in Clyde, Texas.

"Make the time because you'll never find the time."

Unknown

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(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 & 6 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
PO Box 638 • Robert Lee
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Summer Food Service Program

The Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) announces the availability of the Summer Food Service Program to eligible organizations this summer.

State and federal funds are available to operate the program. These funds are appropriated through TDHS and the United States Department of Agriculture. The program provides meals to children from needy areas when schools are closed for vacation. The program is to be offered without discrimination due to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

Organizations eligible to sponsor the program include public or nonprofit private schools, private nonprofit organizations, residential summer camps, and local, municipal or county governments. Community organizations are encouraged to form partnerships to develop summer feeding programs that combine educational and recreational activities with the provision of meals.

Interested organizations should contact TDHS for more information about the program training schedule. Applications should be received by April 13, 2002.

Organizations may subcontract with food service management companies to provide meals.

Communities and schools that have the highest percentage of low income children will be targeted for participation in the SFSP.

For more information about the SFSP you can visit the following websites: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer/AboutSFSP/Default.htm> or <http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/prgrams/snp/sfsp.html>

Organizations interested in sponsoring a summer feeding program should call (512) 467-5874 or 1-888-834-7406. Or you can call 1-800-847-8975 after 5/1/02. You can also write to:

Texas Department of Human Services
Special Nutrition Programs,
Y-906
P.O. Box 149030
Austin, Texas 78714-9030
Attn: David X. Chavez

Look Who's New Kinsey Jaden Lee

Kolby Lee, of Bronte, is happy to announce the arrival of his sister, Kinsey Jaden Lee. She was born Monday, January 21, 2002, at Shannon Women & Children's Hospital. She arrived at 9:54 am, weighing 5 lbs., 6 oz., and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Jeff and Kim Lee of Bronte. Grandparents are Turner and Evy Lee of Bronte and Jack and Becky Stewart of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Barbara Brock of Norton, Gladys Keesee and Dardanella Franco of San Angelo, and Jack and Dorothy Stewart of Newark.

Don't reserve your best behavior for special occasions.

Lillian Eichler Watson



Calvin and Debbie Garvin of Clyde would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah (Dee Dee) Dawn Garvin to Sean Thomas Rankin, son of Gene and Vi Rankin of Clyde. Dee Dee is the granddaughter of Roland and Jean of Bronte. Dee Dee is the great-granddaughter of Daisy and the late R. W. Sims of Bronte. The prospective bride graduated from Clyde High School in 2001. She is employed at Abilene Air-Tech Heating and Air Conditioning. She also attends Cisco Junior College in Abilene. The prospective groom graduated from Clyde High School in 1997. He is currently in the U. S. Army, stationed in Germany. A July 20, 2002, wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in Baird.

Look Who's New Sierra Nichole Neal

Sierra Nichole Neal was born January 17, 2002 at 12:09 pm at Hugely Hospital in Fort Worth, Tx. She weighed 7 lbs and 8 oz. Si-

ra's parents are David and Melanię Neal of Joshua. Grandmothers are Cheryl Neal of Joshua and the late Barbara Baker of Robert Lee. Great Grandmother is Lavern Summers of College Station.

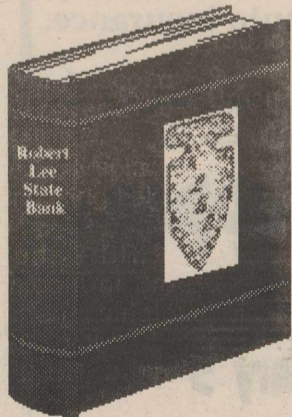
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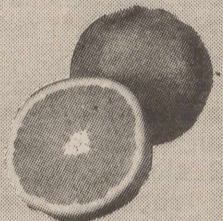
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Horns post one loss and one win

The Bronte Lady Longhorns dropped a close game at Robert Lee on January 7, by a score of 43-45. On January 15, the Ladies turned the tables on Roscoe and beat them 40-31.

In the Robert Lee game, scoring was as follows: Britney McCutchen 11 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals, and 1 block; Ashley Denton 2 rebounds; Natasha Reed 3 points 2 rebounds, and 1 assist; Codi Monsey 4 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals, and 3 assists; Stormy White 5 rebounds; Kayla Hilliard 1 point, 2 rebounds; Lauren Williams 16 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block; Lindsay Springer 5 points, 5 rebounds; and Heather Richey 3 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist, and 1 block.

Against Roscoe, individual stats were as follows: Britney McCutchen 7 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals; Natasha Reed 3 rebounds; Codi Monsey 15 points, 4 rebounds; Stormy White 3 points, 1 rebound; Kayla Hilliard 4 rebounds; Lauren Williams 10 points, 12 rebounds; Lindsay Springer 3 rebounds; and Heather Richey 5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 block.

Lady Horns fall to Roby

The Lady Longhorns were defeated on the road January 22 by the Lady Lions of Roby. Scoring for the Horns in the

48-53 defeat were: Britney McCutchen 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block; Ashley Denton 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 assist; Natasha Reed 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist; Codi Monsey 14 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals, 4 assists, 1 block; Stormy White 2 points, 2 steals, 2 assists; Lauren Williams 13 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists; Lindsay Springer 6 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; and Heather Richey 5 points, 11 rebounds and 1 steal.

Bronte JV girls drop one to Roby

The Bronte Junior Varsity girls lost a basketball contest to Roby on January 22 by a score of 32-43. Scoring for the Ladies was as follows: Natalee Reed 8; Corin Garcia 4; Kailey Howell 14; Ryan Martinez 2, and Jasmine Kresta 1.

Bronte JH girls defeat Water Valley

The Bronte 7th grade girls defeated Water Valley 22-4. Scoring for the girls were Katie Cooper 10; Crystal Waller 2; Melissa Palmer 9; and Heather Mitchell 1.

The 8th grade girls won by a score of 33-24. Individual scoring was as follows: Megan Gibbs 12; Rebecca Rawlings 7; Lilly McMullan 4; Chris Kelly 4; Sarah Basquez 4; and Cheyenne Webb 2.

In the Water Valley tournament, the "A" girls dropped the first game 22-45. Scoring were: Lilly McMullan 8; Cheyenne Webb and Megan Gibbs 6 each; and Rebecca Rawlings 2.

The girls lost the next game to Garden City by the close score of 21-22. Scoring were: Megan Gibbs 9; Rebecca Rawlings and Lilly McMullan 3 each; Sarah Basquez, Cheyenne Webb, and Chris Kelly 2 each.

On January 28, the Junior High girls lost a couple of games to Robert Lee. In the "B" game, the score was 2-16, with Melissa Palmer scoring the points for Bronte.

The "A" team lost 21-25. Scoring were: Rebecca

Rawlings 7; Cheyenne Webb 4; Megan Gibbs and Lilly McMullan 3 each; and Chris Kelly and Sarah Basquez 2 each.

Bronte Longhorns defeat Roby

The varsity Longhorns defeated Roby in a district contest by a score of 55-48. Scoring for the Horns were: Dalton Graves 6 points, 5 rebounds; Charlie Bettis 27 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals; Joel Webb 10 points, 10 rebounds; BJ Hall 5 points, 4 assists; Cody Lee 5 points; and Tyson Baker 2 points, 3 steals.

JV Longhorns defeat Miles

On Tuesday, January 29, the JV Horns defeated Miles by a score of 25-21. Scoring were Chase Williams 2; Blaine Dyess 1; Curtis Moore 9; Kinlee Hoyt 6; and Joseph Israel 7.

Book Fair slated for Bronte elementary

Education experts confirm what you already know: Reading for fun has a profound impact on our children. To encourage reading, the Bronte Elementary School is having a Scholastic Book Fair the week of February 4 - February 8 at the Bronte Elementary Library.

Every student gets to visit the fair during the week, and a special Family Event Night will be held on Thursday, February 7 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm so that family members can stop by as well. This night is a perfect opportunity for parents, grandparents, and friends to get excited about books and reading.

'Do as I do' strategy best for kids' diets

Parents who want their children to eat fruits and vegetables should consider grawing on some carrots before heading to the soapbox.

In a new study, D. Jennifer Fisher, a behavioral nutrition scientist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of

Medicine, found that young girls were more likely to be pressured to eat fruits and vegetables -- and less likely to actually eat them -- when their parents ate few of these healthy foods themselves. The study findings appear in the January 2002 issue of the Journal of the American Dietetic Association.

"Our findings suggest that if parents want their children to eat more fruits and vegetables, they can't just 'talk the talk,'" Fisher said.

Fisher examined the feeding practices and dietary intake of nearly 200 5-year-old girls and their parents as part of a long-term study while she was completing post-doctoral work at Penn State University. She found parents who reported consuming the fewest fruits and vegetables were also those who employed the most pressure in their child-feeding practices. Yet, despite their efforts, their daughters consumed 1.6 fewer servings of fruits and vegetables per day than the offspring of vegetable-munching parents. Fisher also found that these girls had less nutritious diets overall, containing less vitamin A and folate and more fat.

"These findings underscore our previous studies suggesting that parents who try to tightly control what their children eat can inadvertently 'make 'healthy' foods like vegetables even less desirable to their children," she said.

Why children's eating habits tend to mirror that of their parents is not known. However, Fisher points out that adults tend to consume most of their daily intake of fruits and vegetables at dinnertime, making this a particularly opportune time for children to learn to accept fruits and vegetables as part of their diet by observing their parents' eating behavior. Parents who enjoy fruits and vegetables also tend to bring more of these foods into the home, which gives children the opportunity to taste more of these foods early in life. Studies show that exposure and accessibility play an important role in the acceptance of new foods by children.

"Parents who want their kids to eat fruits and vegetables

should understand that when it comes to kids and food, parents' actions really do speak louder than words," Fisher said.

Pet talk

Indoor or outdoor pet? Before you buy, you should ask your spouse or family members what they prefer or you might be in a permanent dog-house.

When choosing a new member of the family from a local pet store, many people do not first consider whether the animal will live inside or outside. Dr. Bonnie Beaver, professor in the Small Animal Clinic at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine, says one of the most important things a pet owner must consider is living arrangements.

The type of environment that is provided for pets can determine how healthy a lifestyle they will lead.

New owners must consider the amount of space and the conditions that are available inside and outside of the home. Beaver suggests asking yourself some questions, such as:

*Is your home located on a busy street that may present a hazard to four-legged friends?
*How large will your new pet grow to be?

*What species and breed is it?

*Does the animal have long or short hair?

*What type of climate will be most comfortable for it to live in?

"The factors that you consider when choosing a pet are usually the same factors you consider when deciding where to keep your pet," Beaver said.

Outdoor animals tend to face more environmental dangers than those that are housed indoors. Inside a home, it is easier to protect pets from predators and extreme temperature changes, Beaver says.

Owners, however, must spend more time cleaning litter boxes, or potty training and making arrangements for their pet to go outside, Beaver adds.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 4

Pop tarts, orange juice, trail mix, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Breakfast burrito, diced pears, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 6

French toast sticks, apple juice, milk

Thursday, Feb. 7

Cereal, orange half, toast, milk

Friday, Feb. 8

Donut, apple sauce, toast, milk

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 4

Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, brownies, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Taco salad with cheese, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, tortilla chips, peach cobbler, milk

Thursday, Feb. 7

Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, baked beans, orange half, milk

Friday, Feb. 8

Chick-Fil-Lay sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk

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 BHS Student Council & Yearbook Staff

Lady Steers varsity results

Tuesday, Jan. 22, the Lady Steers began the second round of district play with a 73-50 win over the visiting Miles Lady Bulldogs. Three Lady Steers were in double figures as Whitney Millican had 26 points, Jodee Helwig 18, and Shanna Wojtek 15. Helwig also had 6 rebounds and 8 assists. Wojtek had a team high 8 rebounds and Millican had 5 boards. Others scoring included Jennifer Alexander 2, Kindra Matthews 1, Kizre Matthews 3, Krystal Soliz 5 points and 6 rebounds, and Rachelle Mills 3.

The Lady Steers traveled to Roscoe on the 25th and locked up a playoff berth with a 56-26 victory over the Plowgirls. Krystal Soliz had her best game of the year as she led the Lady Steers with 14 points as she connected on 4 of 5 from the field and 6 of 7 from the line. Jodee Helwig had a game high 13 rebounds to go with her 12 points. Jennifer Alexander also scored in double figures as she finished the night with 11 points. Other scoring included Shanna Wojtek 9, Whitney Millican 6, Rachelle Mills 2, and Amanda Kuhl 2.

The win boosts the Lady Steers record to 22-1 and a perfect 6-0 in district play. The Lady Steers finish up the regular season against Roby on (Friday, Feb. 1st) and Bronte (Tuesday, Feb. 5). The Lady Steers will face one of the teams from District 5-A which includes Rotan, Odonnell, Aspermont, and Crosbyton, in the Bi-District round of the playoffs on either Feb. 11th (Mon) or Feb. 12th (Tues).

RLJV girls basketball

The RLJV took a couple of wins as they took on Miles and Roscoe. On the 22nd against Miles, it was Robert Lee 56 - Miles 23. Scoring were S. Honse 2, M. Rodriguez 3, A. Parker 2, T. Lott 10, V. Cerritos 2, R. Wallace 2, J. Riley 2, J. Fluhmann 4, C. Middleton 8, L. Roe 4, N. Sanchez 2, A. Kendall 5, and M. Sanchez 10.

Robert Lee took Roscoe 33-19 on the 25th. Scoring were B. Soliz 4, M. Rodriguez, 2, A. Parker 4, T. Lott 4, J. Riley 1, C. Middleton 4, A. Kendall 6, and M. Sanchez 7.

RL 9th grade girls basketball

On the 28th, Robert Lee lost to Reagan County 25-50. Scoring were Veronica Cerritos 9, Julie Riley 6, Lindsey Roe 1, Michelle Sanchez 9.

RL Jr. High girls basketball

In the Water Valley Jr. High Tournament, the 1st game went to RLJH "A" girls with a win over Bronte 45-22. Scoring were A. Gallegos 2, A. Braswell 2, C. Wink 16, S. Philley 2, K. Medrano 2, C. Eaton 10, K. Duncan 2, R. Skinner 2, T. Bagwell 7.

The RL "A" girls took the second game with a win over Water Valley 40-13. Scoring were A. Braswell 2, C. Wink 6, K. Millican 4, S. Philley 3, K. Medrano 3, C. Eaton 10, K. Duncan 6, R. Skinner 5, T. Bagwell 1.

In the Championship game, Robert Lee lost to Sterling City 18-32. Robert Lee placed 2nd in the tournament. Scoring were S. Philley 2, K. Medrano 4, C. Eaton 2, K. Duncan 2, R. Skinner 2, T. Bagwell 6.

On the 28th, the "A" girls won against Bronte 25-21. Scoring were Cassidy Wink 6, Cara Eaton 8, Kelsy Duncan 2, Tiffany Bagwell 9.

The RLJH "B" girls won against Bronte 14-2. Scoring were Chelsey Rowalt 2, Brettnie Reed 6, Katie Bessent 4, Dixie Johnson 2.

Steers basketball

The Steers took their game against Miles 56-51. Scoring were Minjarez 4, Gallegos 5,

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Taylor 3, Riley 23, Pitcock 4, Eubanks 9, Millican 7, Reyes 1.

RL Jr. High boys basketball

In the 1st game of the Water Valley Tournament, it was Robert Lee 8th grade over Bronte 38-26. Scoring were Vincent McClelland 2, Lance Millican 10, Josh Conner 13, Brandon Soliz 13.

Robert Lee took the 2nd game over Water Valley by a score of 34-18. Scoring were Vincent McClelland 2, Lance Millican 2, Josh Conner 12, Brandon Soliz 16, Branden Phillips 2.

In the championship game, the boys lost to Garden City 18-31. Scoring were Vincent McClelland 5, Josh Conner 3, Brandon Soliz 10.

On the 21st, it was the 8th grade boys 31 - Eden 38. Scoring were Vincent McClelland 15, Lance Millican 2, Josh Conner 2, Brandon Soliz 12.

The 7th grade boys won over Eden 22-15. Scoring were Will Parker 4, Kevin Honse 9, Jonathan Pagan 7, Eleasar Vera 2.

(Editor's note: The following article was published in The High School Writer)

Meeting someone famous

by Kayla Medrano
Robert Lee 8th grade student
Have you ever met someone famous? Did it happen by accident? Well, I have. I got to meet the tall, stud of a country singer, Alan Jackson!

"Yes, I will be just fine," I snapped to my cousin as we walked into the coliseum in San Antonio. I was weeping because I just had to put my pig on the truck. I had never been to a rodeo before. Finding our seats, we also saw the funny rodeo clowns. While I was cleaning up my tears a lady came up to me.

"Are you a big fan of Alan Jackson?" At first I had to ponder who he was.

"Yeah, I guess," I said. I wasn't really in the mood for anyone to be talking to me.

"Well, would you like to meet him?" Of course I said yes! Who would turn down meeting someone famous?

As we started to the parking lot to his enormous yellow bus, she gave me a name tag and a picture of Alan Jackson to sign for me. Other than me and the lady, there were six other people waiting impatiently. As we were waiting the lady told me that I was lucky because the other person called and said they were not going to be able to come. I was filled with joy getting to meet someone famous!

Finally, after waiting impatiently, we got to get on the bus! As I took the first step, which was one of the longest half seconds of my life, I could not wait to meet him! Finally when I saw this blonde headed man I just nearly fainted as we all packed into the enormous bus. Once we got into the bus, I noticed that he had all of his records in a glass case.

"And what is your name?" WOW! I thought I was going to make a fool of myself like Kimie Gibler of Full House. I was so excited! Somebody famous was talking to me!

"Kayla," I said trying not to stutter.

"How old are you?" "Twelve," I said with a smile, giving him his picture to sign. As he was signing, I was looking around the bus. WOW! He really did wear those red cowboy boots!

"Thank you," I said as he handed me my picture, and the lady snapped a picture.

That five minutes was one of the best times of my life. That was the first time I ever got to meet someone famous.

RL PIPS to perform

The Robert Lee PIPs will hold their last performance of the season Friday night, February 1st, at the Robert Lee high school gym. The PIPs group is scheduled to perform during half-time of the varsity girl's game.

This dedicated group of young people began their season in early November and have worked extremely hard to hone their ball handling skills. The boys and girls of this group have not only increased their ability on the court, they have also developed a keen sense of responsibility and dedication.

If you have not seen the Robert Lee PIPs perform, you owe it to yourself to come out and see what talented young people we have in this community. Be at the Robert Lee high school gym Friday evening and prepare to be wowed.

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The palest ink is better than the best memory.
Chinese proverb



Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 4

OJ/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 5

OJ/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 6

OJ/apple juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Thursday, Feb. 7

OJ/apple juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Friday, Feb. 8

OJ/apple juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 4

Bean chalupa, salad, Spanish rice, pineapple, cheese, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches, milk

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Baked potato, chili, cheese, crackers, broccoli, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, Feb. 7

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Friday, Feb. 8

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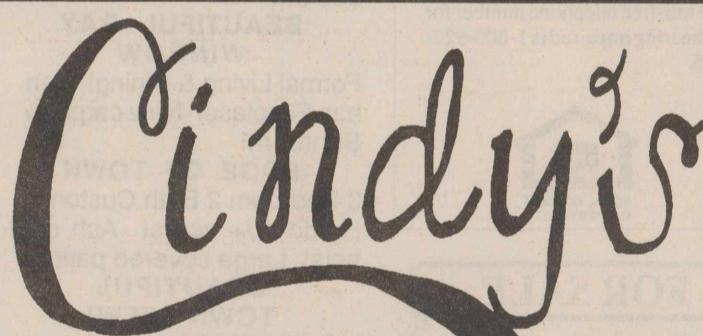
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Sincerely,
Kim Stewart-Lee and Kinsey
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NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT LITTLE LEAGUE
I, Angie Hoyt, would like to announce my resignation as President of the Coke County Little League, effective immediately. The last meeting will be held Feb. 7th at 7:00

Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.

Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

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pm at the Bronte Church of Christ Annex. If no one volunteers to help with our Little League, we will not have a Board of Directors. Officers must be elected immediately to have an effective and organized Little League for the children of Coke County.
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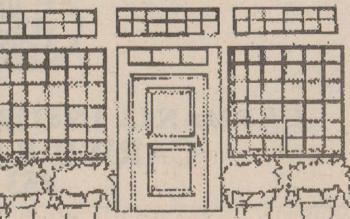
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LILA AUSTIN COPE, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 2002, in the above-captioned cause pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, Probate, to STANLEY C. AUSTIN, c/o Tim Edwards, at Ratliff, Edwards & DeHoyos, P.O. Drawer 1588, San Angelo, Texas, 76902.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: January 28, 2002.

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NOTICES

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEC. 12, 2001 ORDINANCE

The Board of Directors of the District shall have the power to adopt and promulgate all reasonable regulations to secure, maintain and preserve the sanitary condition of all water in and to flow into any reservoir owned by the District, to prevent waste of water or the unauthorized use thereof, to regulate residence, hunting, fishing, boating, and camping, and all recreational and business privileges, along or around any such reservoir and the Colorado River and its tributaries, or, any body of land, or easement owned or controlled by the District.

An Ordinance enacted by the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District adopting Rules and Regulations under the powers and provisions of Chapter 12, Title 128 (Article 8280-137) of the Laws of the State of Texas and Chapter 51, Title 4 (Texas Water Code, Section 51.127 et seq.) providing for and to:

Regulating toilets and sewage disposal; regulating industries upstream from the lakes and reservoirs; regulating garbage and trash disposal; requiring permit for any construction on lands bordering on the lakes and reservoirs owned by the District and covered by flowage easements held by the District.

Requiring certain standards of safety, size, construction, equipment, and occupancy of boats; providing for the removal of boats in violation of applicable provisions; providing certain sanitary standards for boats having overnight accommodations; defining certain types of boats and docks; providing that the Texas Boat Safety Laws apply to the lakes or reservoirs.

Requiring permit for operation of commercial activities on waters of District owned lakes and reservoirs or lands owned by District and providing for concession areas.

Providing for the inspection of boats and other floating devices on the District owned lakes and reservoirs for sanitation and safety; providing for certain recreation permits and fees to be charged by the District for access to boating, fishing, skiing, surfing, camping and picnicking on the lakes and reservoirs or in designated recreation areas adjoining the lakes and reservoirs; providing for certain exemptions.

Regulating the use of firearms, fireworks, and pellet and BB guns on District owned land, lakes, and reservoirs.

Providing that State Laws regulating fishing in Borden, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Howard, Mitchell, Runnels, and Scurry Counties shall apply to District owned lakes or reservoirs located therein.

Providing for the establishment of code enforcement

officers and defining the powers of such officers.

Regulating the construction of piers and wharves, floats, and boathouses.

Regulating the anchoring of rafts and floats.

Prohibiting the anchoring of boats, trot lines, and other apparatus to buoys, floats, and boathouses owned by the District.

Prohibiting the discarding of cans, bottles, and rubbish into or on the waters of District owned land, lakes, and reservoirs.

Providing a time limit for camping in public areas.

Providing certain penalties for violation of the terms of this Ordinance said penalties shall not exceed fines of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars or imprisonment of more than thirty (30) days.

Providing for structures to be built on areas covered by a flood easement granted to the District: (a) Lake J.B. Thomas between Elevations 2258.00 and 2265.00 mean sea level; (b) E.V. Spence Reservoir between Elevations 1900.00 and 1912.00 mean sea level; and (c) O.H. Ivie Reservoir between Elevations 1555.00 and 1567.00 mean sea level.

Providing for pumping of water for personal and private use.

Providing for pumping of water for commercial use.

Providing for the changing the water line of District owned land and water.

Providing for impounding abandoned property on District owned land, lake, or reservoir areas.

Providing for speed limits on District owned lands, lakes, and reservoirs, and the prohibition of ATV use by the general public on District property.

Prohibiting the entry onto private lands to fish, camp, and picnic.

Providing for the repeal of conflicting Ordinances.

Providing a severability clause.

Providing for the lawful publication of this Ordinance, and fixing of the time at which this Ordinance will be in full force and effect.

Providing for rules and regulations governing public access to O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).

Requiring permits for WMA limited use activities by the general public and providing for fees thereof.

Requiring permits for WMA public hunting and providing for fees thereof.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT.

This Ordinance in its entirety may be viewed on the Internet at the District's web site, www.crmwd.org. Copies of the complete text of the Ordinance herein adopted are available at CRMWD, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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A drinking glass is sometimes called a beaker from the Greek biko, or wine jar.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

With Jim Woodruff of Edward Jones

Tax season is here

If you're like most people, you've probably had some experience with getting your taxes done just before the clock ticks down on April 15. Of course, it's human nature to put off tasks that aren't much fun, but last-minute tax returns often lead to stress and mistakes - some of which can be costly. That's why you'll be doing yourself a favor by starting your tax preparation early.

What can you do to get off to a good start this tax season? Here are a few ideas: **Plan how you'll do your taxes**

If you're going to do your taxes yourself, you have two basic options. First, you could take the old-fashioned approach and use paper, pencil and calculator. Second, you could use a commercial software package. A good program will walk you through the steps you need to take, provide you with help if you get stumped, do all the math and show you deductions that you may not have noticed.

Consider using a CPA

You may want to hire a certified public accountant (CPA) to do your taxes. The expense may be worth it, particularly if you have a complex tax situation. An experienced CPA, who is obviously well informed on changing tax laws, can help make sure you get all the deductions and other breaks that you're entitled to. And, over time, your CPA will become familiar enough with your situation to suggest possible moves you can make throughout the year to improve your tax picture on April 15.

Organize your tax-related documents

No matter which method you choose to prepare your taxes, you'll still need to gather all the key information. You'll find it very useful to set up files for the various tax-related categories: charitable contributions, interest paid, medical expenses, investment expenses, union dues, tax preparation fees. If you're self-employed, make sure to keep the receipts for all business-related expenses.

Review last year's returns

By going over last year's tax returns, you're likely to get some ideas on deductions and "carry forwards" that you'll want to look at this year. For example, if, in 2000, you incurred capital losses that exceeded the \$3,000 write-off limit against ordinary income, you can carry these losses over to your 2001 tax return and again apply them in your favor.

Become familiar with tax-law changes

The Economic Growth & Tax Relief Act of 2001 makes far-reaching changes in the tax system. For starters, as of July 1, 2001, you may have entered a lower tax bracket. Plus, your child tax credit rises from \$500 to \$600, effective

in 2001. Other changes - such as increased contribution limits for IRAs and 401 (k) plans - go into effect in 2002. Your tax adviser can inform you about any tax changes that may affect you. You can also learn more about tax changes by browsing through the various Web sites devoted to financial matters. **Get some help from Uncle Sam**

Even if you're doing your taxes on your own, you're not really alone. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) can actually be quite helpful in answering your tax-related questions - if you know where to look. To obtain a list of publications produced by the IRS, call 1-800-829-3676 and follow the prompts. You can have forms sent to you via the mail, internet or fax. To get detailed information on dozens of tax topics, call the IRS' Tele-Tax line at 1-800-829-4477.

By taking these few simple steps, you can improve your tax-season outlook - and maybe even your outcomes.

Seminar attended by Judge Walker

Judge Walker attended a Grant and Communications Seminar presented by Texas Communications and Motorola January 23, 2002. Information was given on what grants are available, where to find them and how to apply by Carol Sutherland, State Coordinator. Larry Anderson, Data Specialist with Motorola presented Integrated Solutions-New Software and Hardware Devices for Mobile Data. Steve O'Bannon, Lead System Engineer for Texas gave an update on the Project 25. Russ Reynolds and Rick

Hanson discussed the Needs Survey that will be coming forward on Project 25 and stressed the importance of completing the survey.

Some very important information was obtained for the Sheriff's Department and Fire Departments regarding grants available. Also information regarding filing of grants in general was discussed.

Meeting slated for Alzheimer's support group

The Alzheimer's Association will be meeting Feb. 7th at 6:30 pm at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center. Caregivers of any type of dementia are welcome to attend. Subject of the meeting will be communicating with Alzheimer's patients.

Personal

Bessie Brice and Sarah Kay Gandy were honored with a small family birthday party on Sunday, January 27, 2002. Attending were Pam Gandy and Shirley Strakos of San Angelo, Judy Snowden of Odessa, Darlene Gower of Ballinger, and Christa and Emily McClellan of League City. Bessie and Sarah Kay share the same birthday on January 24.

Angelo Civic Theatre

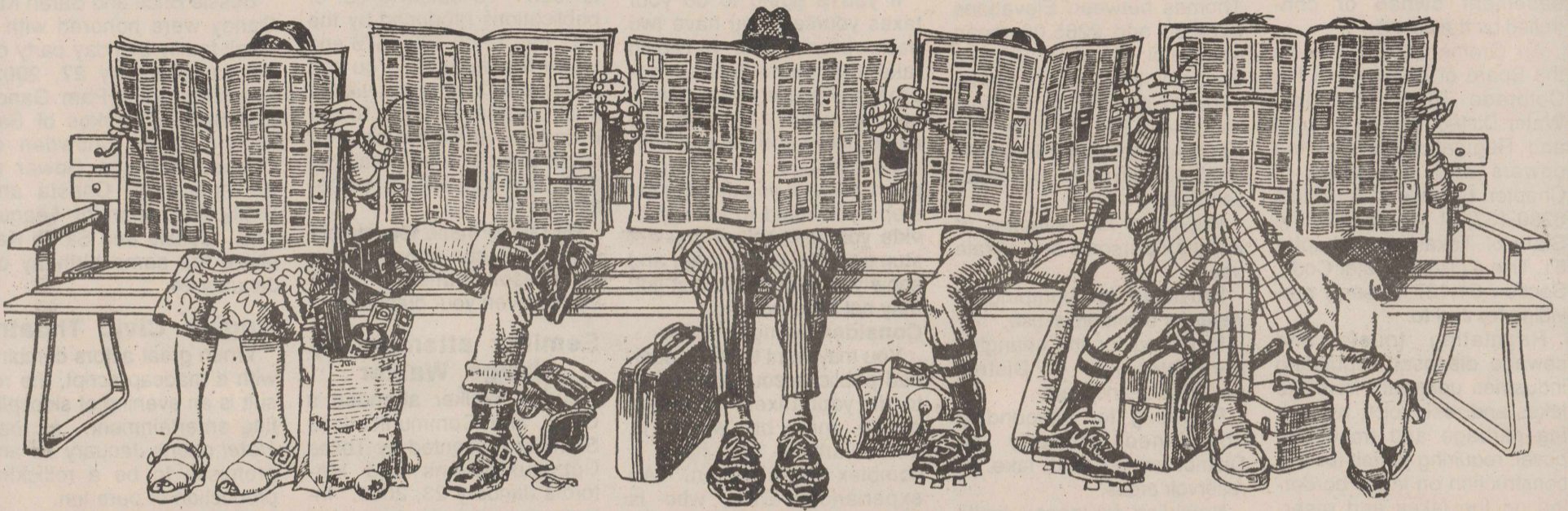
When great actors combine with a madcap script, the result is an evening of sidesplitting entertainment. *Hotbed Hotel* opens January 24 and promises to be a rollicking production of pure fun.

Hotbed Hotel runs at Angelo Civic Theatre Jan. 24-26, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 7-9, 14-16, 22, 23 at 8:00 pm. Two matinees are set on Feb. 3 and 10, and will start at 2:00 pm. Box Office times are Noon - 5:30 Mon.-Sat. and is now open to the general public. Call 949-4400 for reservations, or e-mail at boxoffice@wcc.net.

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