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## Bronte COC Banquet slated February 11 at BSD 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.

### Cold front brings much-needed rain

by Hal Spain

This week's cold front was a wet one, and boy, did we need it. The drought we have experienced for the past decade just hasn't wanted to go away. After a wet winter last year, we thought we had finally broken the long dry weather spell. But the wet weather was short-lived, as last summer was a carbon copy of the year before, with another 100 days of hot and dry summertime. We had a good fall this year, got some weeds growing and all the pollen that goes with them, and got a good start on our wheat grazing. Then it just quit again until last week, and once again we've raised both our spirits and our annual rainfall total.

Last week's rainfall totals were mostly in the three to four tenths range, with some lucky folks getting over an inch.

This week we really rang the bell, with a steady, slow, general rain that was by all accounts "wonderful". Early totals (as of presstime Wednesday morning) range from 1.75 inches on the west side of the county to up to 2.2 inches on the east side.

This will start the wheat "jumping out of the ground" and will also revive some rescue grass, winter weeds, and other winter annuals. The only downside is that there was no runoff to speak of for either of our impoundments. Water levels remain critically low in both county lakes.

Does this recent moisture signal the end of the drought? Who knows. Whenever I start griping about how dry it is in Coke County, my wife sometimes shows me a map and reminds me that we live in a "semi-arid" area. She thinks I need to review the definition of a "semi-arid" area. Of course, I think she is just a pessimist.

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.

### 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.

### Bluegrass music in Bronte

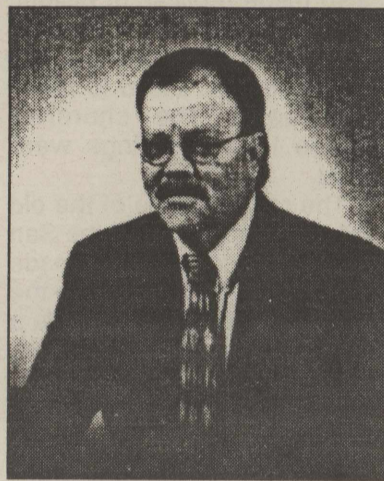
Remember it's the second Saturday of the month and time for everyone to gather at the Community Center in the Coke County Park in Bronte and hear/or participate in some great Bluegrass music.

It will start Saturday (9th) at 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm.

### Some dates to remember for the upcoming elections

The March 12 general election primary day is rapidly approaching, and if you have not yet registered to vote, you will want to take special note of the following:

**February 11 is the last day citizens may register to vote in the March 12 primary election.** You may register to vote if you are at least 17 years and 10 months old, a U.S. citizen, and a Texas resident, provided you are not a convicted felon who has not yet regained the right to vote, or a person who has been found mentally incompetent as determined by final judgment of a court.



Jim Bob Solsbery

To begin the process, complete a voter registration postcard application. You may request one from your voter registrar (county clerk's office in the Coke County Courthouse), or from the Secretary of State. February 11 is the last day you may register to vote.

**February 25 is the first day of early voting by personal appearance for the March 12 primary election.**

**March 5 is the last day for the early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for the March 12 primary election.**

**March 8 is the last day of early voting by personal appearance.**

**March 12 is the general primary election day.**

**April 9 is the runoff primary election day.**

## Filing fees pay election costs

Primary elections are held in March each year to decide which candidates will be on the ballot in the November General Election. In the Primary elections, all candidates run either on the Republican, Democratic or other party's ballot. Each party prints their own ballots and pays to hold their election. Contrary to the belief of many voters, these expenses are not paid by the county, state or federal government.

Let's use the Democratic Party as an example. The candidates wishing to run as a Democratic for an office usually pay a filing fee to run. These fees are then used to pay for the expenses of holding the elections. State and federal candidates pay a fee, which is divided out among all county parties. The local fees stay local, the combination of these fees are then used by the County Democratic Chairman to pay the election expenses, which often is very close as to whether or not there is enough money. If there is a surplus taken in some years when there are many candidates running, the surplus after election expenses are paid, must be remitted to the Secretary of State in Austin, so there is always a zero balance to start each year. However, the Secretary of State

does not send any money back when there is a shortage, which is often. That's when you must beg for donations from good individuals in the community to help pay election expenses.

Martin Lee, a past Democratic Party Chairman, said he has seen times when there was not enough money paid by the candidates to pay for an election. He had to go beg for money from individuals in the community. One time he placed red buckets at the polling places and asked people voting to put in a couple of dollars to help pay expenses. Usually when this happened, it was because some candidates did not want to pay their share and got voters to sign a petition so they could run without paying a fee. Keep in mind *someone* has to pay when you sign a petition so a candidate can run without having to pay a fee.

After the Primary election is held, the winner of each party will then be placed on the ballot in the November General Election to oppose the candidates from the other party or parties, to decide who will win the office. Many voters will vote this year for the first time due to our newly felt patriotism. Study the candidates and feel proud to be an American with the right to vote.



Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club members are preparing to serve the crowd at the Pancake Supper held February 1 prior to the Robert Lee/Roby basketball game. Proceeds of the Pancake Supper went to the Lions Club and the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

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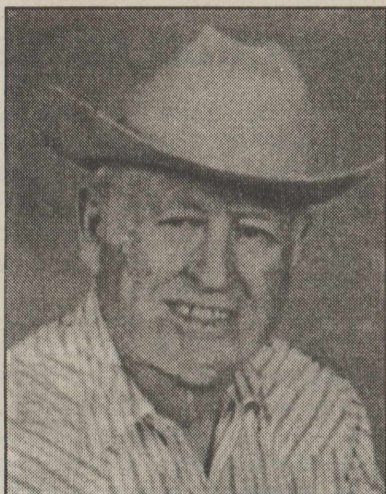
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## Obituaries



### Hamilton

John F. Hamilton, 82, of Fredericksburg, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002 at Hill Country Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 2 pm in the Beckmann Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. D.G. McCoury officiating. Marilyn Jenkins was the organist and Kay Hamilton, the vocalist. Interment was in the Hill Crest Cemetery at Morris Ranch.

Hamilton was born on April 27, 1919 at Ranger, the son of John F. Hamilton Sr. and Mollie Bertha Wilson Hamilton. He married Dala Owen in Robert Lee in 1942 and she survives.

He was a retired electrician for a petroleum company and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son and daughter and their spouses, Ronnie and Melinda Hamilton and Linda and Hugh Wallace, all of Fredericksburg.

Also surviving are six grand-

### WCC EMS Memorials for January 2002

- Evelyn McKinley  
 Jamie and Robert Boren  
**O.B. Jacobs**  
 De Anna and Joe Harmon  
 Nell Hines  
 Mary May Wylie  
 Prescilla Wylie Davis  
 Chrys and Lawrence Higgins  
 Jamie and Robert Boren  
 Fran and Mike Lomas  
**Wayne McCabe**  
 Wanda and Steve Oleksiuk  
**Wes Kinsey**  
 Don Bell  
 Mary May Wylie  
 Fran and Mike Lomas  
 Jeff, Sue, Josh and Lacy Schoenfield  
 Cathy and Terry McGinley  
 Chrys and Lawrence Higgins  
 Mrs. Gladys Sims

children and four great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister, Claude B. Hamilton and his wife, Leona of Roswell, NM; Melvin Hamilton and his wife, Sandy, of Dexter, NM, and Doris Shandley of Robert Lee.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Hamilton and four sisters, Jessie Mae Hurley, Faye Eubanks, Louise Gaddy and Lois Adams.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or to the charity of choice.

**Pallbearers were Jerry Holden, Allan Hamilton, Dennis Davidson, Jonathan Wallace, Donald Holden and Terry Hamilton.**

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### Sales tax approved by comptroller

The Sales Tax for Economic Development approved by the City of Robert Lee in the October, 2001 election has been officially approved by the Comptroller's office of the State of Texas.

The collection of this tax will begin on April 1, 2002. Local businesses will be notified by the Comptroller's office regarding collection and reporting procedures.

The tax will be assessed only on "purchases", and will not have any affect on other taxes.

The use of the sales tax will be administered by a board comprised of local citizens appointed by the City Council, and all actions of the Economic Development Committee are subject to the approval of the Council.

### Bronte fire department runs for January 2002

- 1-02 - structure fire  
 1-09 - grass fire  
 1-11 - MVA  
 1-27 - responded to control burn  
 1-27 - grass fire (false alarm)  
 1-29 - structure fire

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### Jail replica will be used to raise funds

On February 14, at 5:00 pm, at the old Coke County Jail, Mr. Ted Disko will present a carved replica of the jail to be used to raise funds for the renovation of the building.

Mr. Disko will be featured on the television program Country Reporter for his carved sculptures of old, historic buildings. He will also appear in the Standard Times next week in an article on his works. Mr. and Mrs. Disko had a booth at the Arts and Crafts Fair last week in San Angelo. Anyone fortunate enough to have seen his work would be impressed with the authenticity in design and color. Mr. Disko has carved many of the most famous and beautiful courthouses in Texas. He has also made replicas of historic missions in San Antonio. Several people have commissioned Mr. Disko to make replicas of the churches where their weddings were held.

The recent article of the old jail which appeared in the San Angelo Standard Times made Mr. Disko interested in the Coke County Jail. He made a trip to Robert Lee to see the jail and then did some research at the West Texas Collection at Angelo State College library.

Following Thursday's presentation, the replica sculpture will be on display at several locations around the County. The Coke County Historical Commission will determine at a later date how best to use the replica to raise funds for the jail renovation.

All Coke County citizens who wish to see the restoration of the jail move forward are invited to this presentation. Citizen participation in this presentation is a way to thank Mr. Disko for his interest and gift.

A meeting will be held following the presentation to determine how best to go about emptying the building and storing the artifacts until restoration is completed. A sign-up sheet for membership in the Coke County Historical Commission will be available.

### County/district clerk attends conference

County/District Clerk Mary Grim joined 400 County, District and Combination Clerks for the 30th Annual County

and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center on January 14-17, 2002.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas A&M University System. The V.G. Young Institute of County Government provides information, education and technical assistance to elected county officials to help them complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

The theme of this year's seminar was: "Unconditional Respect Through Education and Professionalism!" Included were workshops on

### WCC ambulance runs for January 2002

- 1-04 - 8:49 am - canceled in route  
 1-05 - 12:40 pm - medical transport  
 1-07 - 5:25 pm - medical transport  
 1-08 - 12:32 pm - medivac  
 1-10 - 1:21 pm - medical transport  
 1-10 - 6:28 - medical transport  
 1-12 - 4:19 pm - medical transport  
 1-13 - 6:15 am - medical transport  
 1-13 - 6:25 pm - medical transport  
 1-15 - 8:01 pm - medical transport  
 1-16 - 11:51 am - medical transport  
 1-17 - 7:04 pm - medical transport  
 1-20 - 9:39 am - medical transport  
 1-20 - 9:43 pm - medical transport  
 1-25 - 11:48 am - medical transport  
 1-25 - 3:33 pm - medical transport

### ECC ambulance runs for January 2002

- 1-04 - medical transport  
 1-09 - medical transport  
 1-11 - MVA - no transport  
 1-12 - trauma transport  
 1-12 - medical transport  
 1-12 - trauma transport  
 1-16 - medical transport  
 MVA - no transport  
 1-23 - medical transport  
 1-28 - medical no transport

## West Coke County Voters of Precincts 1 and 3:

**Although I am unopposed in the March 12 Primary Election, please mark your ballots to re-elect me Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. Your vote of encouragement and confidence is important to me.**

**Thank you,  
 Joan Davis**

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Joan Davis, PO Box 396, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

web page design and development, preparing for the 2002 elections, customer service, courtroom responsibilities, records management, conflict resolution, routes to new jury systems, update on the Legislative Session and child support resolution.

This year's keynote address was given by Dr. Rick Rigsby, Special Assistant to Texas A&M University's head football coach, R.C. Slocum and Team Life Skills Development Coordinator, College Station. Dr. Rigsby's lecture was playing the role of a lifetime and building championship teams. He states "to play this role of a lifetime requires team members to make three life-long commitments. A commitment to excellence. You are what you repeatedly do. Therefore, excellence ought to be a habit and not an act. A commitment to serve. Customer service does not come from a manual, it comes from the heart. And a commitment to character. Character...a belief in right and wrong, and choosing right regardless of the cost." If you ever get the opportunity to hear Dr. Rigsby speak, it will be well worth your time.

Texas is one of a very small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits. Ms. Grim received her certification for completion of required hours for 2001 at the Conference.

## Churches of Robert Lee

### Invite You to Worship

- Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 (915) 453-2360  
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
- First United Methodist Church**  
 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 & 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  
 (915) 453-2208  
 Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting



A large crowd enjoyed Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club Pancake Supper held February 1 prior to the Robert Lee/Roby basketball game. Proceeds of the Pancake Supper went to the Lions Club and the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

Check out  
✓ Coke Co.  
Library

February is a month of celebrations. Birthdays of famous men, recognition of ethnic cultures, and Valentines Day

**RLVFD news**

by Marian Thompson  
Secretary

The fire department held its 1st meeting for February on the 4th. President Larry Martin presided over 13 members and 1 visitor present.

The minutes and treasury reports were approved as read.

The group discussed the Pancake supper held on February 1st. There was a nice crowd. Old friends visited and made some new friends, and the pancakes and bacon were exceptional. Barbara Sparks, Marian Thompson, Ann Walker, and Judy Blair greeted the people at the door. The Lions Club and Firemen did the cooking, serving and cleanup. Everyone had a good time.

They discussed the recent fires on Hwy. 208 and the fire call on Meadow View. The fire was out before they arrived. They continued to the house as a precautionary measure.

Other topics of discussion were the possible grant to renovate the old fire house, and tornado planning. The unknown trailer that was left at the station, was picked up by its owner.

There will be a Training class on Monday the 11th. The next meeting will be on the 18th.

The fire department needs volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department should fill out a form at City Hall for Retirement and insurance purposes.

For further information, contact Fire Chief, Rick Drennan, Fire Marshall, Bud Thompson, or City Secretary, Kaye Torres, or any fireman.

The department meets the first and third Mondays of each month. Visitors are welcome to attend.

The second Monday of each month is Training classes to become a certified fireman.

Cadets are ages 16 to 18 years with parents consent. The volunteers will receive fire and rescue training.

are February features. Also, the Coke County Library would like to remind everyone that February is celebrated as Book Lovers Month. This is a good opportunity to be a book lover and become a patron of the library. Membership is free and the company is good.

Another way to celebrate Book Lovers Month is to take a look around for over-due library books. Sometimes these books get lost in the shuffle, but someone may be waiting to read just the book over-looked. Fines are accepted, but not charged. Returning a book is easy - open the library door and put the book on the counter. That is all there is to it. A donation to the food bank is appreciated, but not necessary. Any library will be glad to have their books returned. School libraries, city and county libraries are appreciative.

Book Lovers Month is a reminder that reading is a practical hobby. It can be done anywhere; materials are free; and, the entertainment long-lasting. Reading is good for the brain muscle, keeping it exercised and in good shape. Reading can be done in the most comfortable of places. Reading and eating at the same time is possible. Injuries never happen while reading. Reading aloud is good for the family and promotes curiosity

and interest in children. Reading makes waiting much less frustrating. The reasons to read are as varied as the many book lovers in Coke County.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour for three to five year old children is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday at 9:30. For anyone who wishes to watch true book lovers in action, Story Hour is the time.

**ECC ambulance donations and memorials for January 2002**

**Donations**

Chester Wilson  
Gladys Waters

**Memorials**

**O.B. Jacobs**  
David & Kary Rawlings  
Daniel Keele  
Alonzo & Kay Robbins  
Ivy Spiller

Alonzo & Kay Robbins  
**Bronte Fire Department donations for January 2002**

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**RLCC Memorials for January 2002**

**Wes Kinsey**  
Virginia and Weldon Fikes  
Jimmy, Cheryl and Amy Blair

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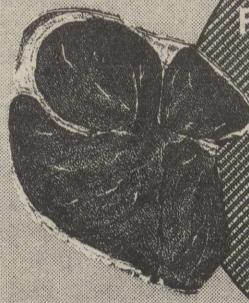


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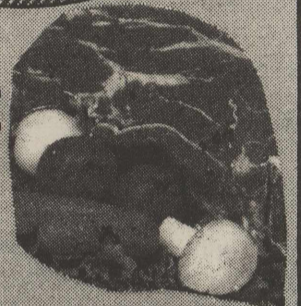
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Lb. \$1.79



Selected Varieties

**Folgers Coffee**

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24-34.5 oz. can

Selected Varieties

**IGA Vegetables**

3 14.5-15.5 oz. cans / \$1



California

**Cello Head Lettuce**

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**IGA Milk**

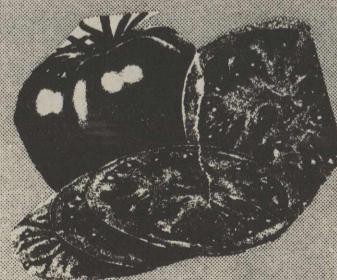
Gal. \$1.99



Large, Roma

**Tomatoes**

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Lady Steers basketball

The Lady Steers dropped their first district game to the visiting Roby Lady Lions last Friday night 55-68. The loss dropped the Lady Steers a half game out of first place, as Roby has completed district play at 7-1 while the Lady Steers stand at 6-1 with Bronte left to play. Whitney Millican was high point for the Lady Steers with 26. Jodee Helwig scored 12 points but had a team high 13 rebounds. Shanna Wojtek had 10 points and Jennifer Alexander had 7. Turnovers and free throws were the difference in the game as the Lady Steers had 13 turnovers and hit on only 5 of 9 from the free throw line while Roby had only 4 turnovers and connected on 18 of 30 free throws.

## RLJV girls basketball

The Robert Lee JV took their win over Roby 43-23. Scoring were: Monica Rodriguez 2, Tyler Lott 9, Rachel Wallace 2, Jessica Fluhman 7, Christina Middleton 15, Amie Kendall 8.

## RL Jr. High girls basketball

In the district Jr. High tournament in Christoval, the "A" team had 2 byes to the semi-finals and then lost a close one to Eden 29-31. Scoring were: Wink 6, Philley 6, Eaton 7, Duncan 4, Bagwell 4.

The "B" girls won their first game against Menard 36-31. Scoring were Brown 2, Alexander 3, Reed 19, Bessent 8, Aguirre 2, Johnson 2.

In the 2nd game, it was Robert Lee over Christoval 29-21. Scoring were Reed 21, Bessent 6, Rojas 2.

The "B" team went into the 3rd game with 2 wins under their belt. They lost this game to Miles 15-29. Scoring were: Reed 4, Bessent 6, Aguirre 2, Rojas 2.

The Robert Lee Jr. High girls finished their season on Feb. 4th at Sterling City. The "A" team lost to Sterling City 33-34. Scoring were: Wink 4, Philley 4, Eaton 19, Duncan 4, Skinner 2. The "A" girls ended their season 10-4.

The "B" girls also lost to Sterling City 16-17. Reed had 14 points, and Rojas 2. Both games were tough losses. The "B" team ends their season with a 9-4 record.

## Steers basketball

The Steers won their game against Roby 50-39. Scoring were: Gallegos 8, Taylor 2, Riley 16, Pitcock 10, Eubanks 6, Millican 8.

## RL Jr. High boys basketball

On the 28th, the 8th grade boys won against Bronte 38-20. Scoring were Chris Torres 2, Lance Millican 11, Josh Conner 12, Brandon Soliz 13.

In the district tournament held at Mertzon, the 8th grade boys lost their first game against Eden 27-32 and were out of the tournament. Scoring were: Lance Millican 9, Josh Conner 6, Brandon Soliz 10 and Sammy Reyes 2.

The 8th grade boys end their season with a 7-7 record.

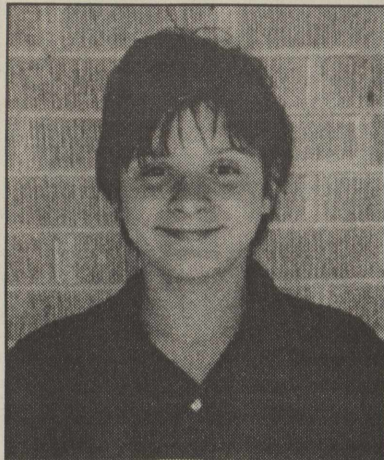
On the 28th, the 7th grade boys lost to Bronte 22-10. Scoring were: Kevin Honse 6 and Jonathan Pagan 4.

In the district tournament at Mertzon, the 7th grade boys won their 1st game 17-16 against Eden. Scoring were: Kevin Honse 7, Jonathan Pagan 6, Brian Eubanks and Eleasar Vera with 2 each.

The second game Robert Lee matched up with Bronte and won 18-9. Scoring were Parker 6, McCabe 1, Honse 6, Eubanks 2, and Vera 3.

In the semi-final game, Robert Lee lost to Miles 22-41. Scoring were: Parker 2, McCabe 2, Honse 8, Pagan 2, Eubanks 4 and Vera 4.

The 7th grade boys ended their season with a 4-11 record.



Ronald Shaw, the son of Ronnie and Melody Shaw of Robert Lee, has completed the Classic Step in the reading program at Robert Lee Elementary. To complete this step - a student must read three books from a list of classic literature and have accumulated at least 100 points.

## RLHS Spanish Club announces winners

The RLHS Spanish Club recently held the drawings for the superbowl baskets and cakes. The winners of the baskets filled with lots of goodies were Josie Dean and Coach Steven Komppa. The winners of the cakes made by Sheri Millican and Sharon Pitcock were Coach Wayne Alexander and Melissa Landeros. The proceeds will go to award a Spanish club senior(s) a scholarship at the end of the school year.

## Homecoming Queen selection

Miss Jennifer Alexander, daughter of Wayne and Beverly Alexander of Robert Lee, has been selected finalist for Texas' 22nd Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 20 & 21, 2002 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Ft. Worth Airport in DFW Airport, Texas.

She is the Robert Lee High School Homecoming Queen. Texas' 2002 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to the National Finals to compete with queens from the other states for America's Homecoming Queen. America's Homecoming Queen, Inc. is a non profit organization promotion education, educational travel, and community service in schools in all fifty states.



The Robert Lee Elementary Accelerated Readers in the 2nd Grade visited Robert Lee State Bank January 29 where RLSB President Bill Allen encouraged them to read and presented them each with a \$2 bill.



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## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

#### Monday, Feb. 11

OJ/apple juice, donut, cereal, milk

#### Tuesday, Feb. 12

OJ/apple juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk

#### Wednesday, Feb. 13

OJ/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

#### Thursday, Feb. 14

OJ/apple juice, burrito, cereal, milk

#### Friday, Feb. 15

OJ/apple juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Feb. 11

Chili con carne, crackers, potato patty, pears, milk

#### Tuesday, Feb. 12

Barbecue wieners, corn, broccoli, sliced bread, fresh fruit, milk

#### Wednesday, Feb. 13

Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, blackeyed peas, roll, peaches, milk

#### Thursday, Feb. 14

Taco boat, salad, chili beans, fruit cocktail, milk

#### Friday, Feb. 15

Hamburger, salad, pickles/onion, tator tots, apple-sauce, milk

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The Bronte High School UIL Spelling team competed at the Brownwood UIL Practice Meet January 26 and came home with first place. Team members include (from left) Amy Morgan, Ariel Marrs, and Katy Frazee.

**Bronte UIL students compete at Brownwood Meet**

The UIL Academic Practice Meet was held at Brownwood High School on Saturday, January 26, 2002. The students and their events and placings are as follows:

**Current Issues:** Anthony Flores, Jenna Herold, Brandon Poehls, Jeremy Sanchez

**Number Sense:** Casey McKee, Lacy Schoenfield, Logan Acker

**Ready Writing:** Melissa Walker

**Prose:** Anthony Flores

**Calculator:** Joe'l Sefcik, Ashleigh Kelly, Desiree Mirelez, Scott Snyder, Lacy Schoenfield

**News Writing:** Jeremy Sanchez

**Science:** Brandon Poehls, Anthony Flores, Lindsay Springer, Lacy

Schoenfield, Shawn Gilbreth  
**Spelling:** Ariel Marrs (6th high individual), Amy Morgan, Katy Frazee (1st place team at contest, plaque)

**Feature Writing:** Ariel Marrs, Christine Galvan

**Editorial Writing:** Ariel Marrs

**Headline Writing:** Katy Frazee (4th high individual), Ariel Marrs (5th high individual), Brandon Poehls, Jeremy Sanchez, Christine Galvan

**Mathematics:** Lindsay Springer, Ashleigh Kelly, Lacy Schoenfield, Logan Acker

(Note: All of the students improved their scores from the last practice meet. Next will be the Wylie Valentine Classic, and then Lakeview before their district meet in March at Ranger).

**Lady Longhorn basketball**

On the 29th, the Lady Longhorns defeated Miles. Scoring for Bronte were: McCutchen 8, Denton 3, Reed 4, Monsey 7, White 8, Hilliard 2, Williams 6, Springer 6, Richey 2. Lauren Williams had a game high 7 steals.

The Lady Longhorns traveled to Roscoe on the 1st and defeated them 50-31, with them having home court advantage. Scoring were McCutchen 7, Reed 5, Monsey 6, White 2, Williams 19, Springer 11. The Lady Longhorns ended their season 17-5 with 4-3 in district play.

**Bronte Jr. High girls basketball**

In the Junior high girls District tournament in Christoval, the Bronte "B" lost to Christoval "B" 20-21. Scoring were Melissa Palmer 15, Katie Cooper 3, and Patty Galvan 2.

Bronte "A" beat Menard "A" 24-21. Scoring were: Rebecca Rawlings 14, Chris Kelly 3, Lilly McMullan 3, Sarah Basquez 2 and Cheyenne Webb 2.

Bronte "A" lost in 2nd round to Sterling City "A" 25-35. Scoring were: Lilly McMullan 10, Megan Gibbs 8, Cheyenne Webb 4, Chris Kelly 2, Sarah Basquez 1.

Bronte "A" lost to Garden City 21-30. Scoring were: Lilly McMullan 6, Megan Gibbs 5, Cheyenne Webb 4, Chris Kelly 2, Rebecca Rawlings 2, Melissa Palmer 2.

**Bronte Longhorn basketball**

Bronte Longhorns lost to the Miles Bulldogs 49-68.

**BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS**

Scoring were: Dalton Graves 11 points, 10 rebounds, Charlie Bettis 12, Joel Webb 8, B.J. Hall 12, Cody Lee 4, Casey McKee 2.

Bronte lost to Roscoe by a score of 27-43. Scoring were: Dalton Graves 8 rebounds, Charlie Bettis 12 points, 12 rebounds, Joel Webb 6 points, 9 rebounds, B.J. Hall 4 points, 5 steals, Cody Lee 5 points.

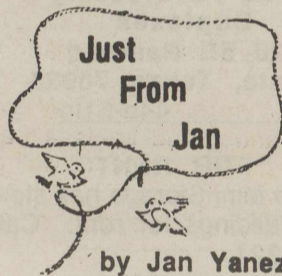
**Bronte JV boys basketball**

On Friday, Feb. 1st, Bronte JV defeated Roscoe 32-29. Scoring were C. Williams 10, B. Dyess 4, C. Moore 2, K. Hoyt 7, J. Isreal 9.

**Shorthorn basketball**

The Bronte boys "A" & "B" teams played Robert Lee Monday night. In the boys "A" game the Shorthorns were outscored 38-20. The "A" team was led by the scoring of Zack White with 6 points and Logan Rawls with 8 points.

The Bronte "B" team played a great game Monday defeating Robert Lee 22-10. The Shorthorns were led by Jonathan Marrs with 11 points.



by Jan Yanez  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

**Characteristic traits of a strong family**

**\*Appreciation.** This was the first and foremost characteristic identified by families. In healthy families there is admiration for each other, expressed frequently among family members. Contributions and accomplishments of each family member are valued by others.

**\*Time Together.** Healthy families spend time together. They make it a point to stay connected. This would include eating meals together and enjoying each other's activities. The numerous activities to which families can go (school, church, sports) can literally pull a family apart unless they have decided together what they will participate in. Healthy families have created family traditions including celebrating birthdays, holidays and other important events.

**\*Commitment.** Commitment is the "glue" that holds the family together. The family could possess all the other important characteristics, but without commitment, it could not make it through the difficult times. Spouses who are committed to the marriage have set the foundation for the rest of the family to grow. Family commitments must be prioritized. Members of the family will decide together, over and over, what those priorities are.

**\*Communication.**

Healthy families listen with intention, reflect back what they heard and share their needs and concerns with each other. It is important for parents to listen to their children as much as they expect children to listen to them. Communication also includes conflict, which is a part of every family. The healthy family is able to resolve conflicts.

**\*Coping Skills.** The ability to be resilient and to bounce back after crisis is important to a healthy family. Issues may be financial, school, health, relational or job related. The problem may be large or small. Committed families can depend upon one another for the support they need. They also will realize that they may need to go outside the family to work with counselor(s) who could assist them with specific problems. Being willing to seek outside help is a mark of a healthy family.

**\*Spirituality.** While those surveyed were not all members of a particular church or religion, they felt that respect for and awareness of a "higher being" was important. These families had a sense of spiritual wellness. Parents are to teach their children right from wrong and model positive behavior. It is important for parents to make moral choices in order to teach their children to make moral choices.

Few families enjoy all the traits mentioned above. We can all work harder to achieve stronger relationships within and across families. Honoring each other as valued members of the family and telling

them, often, is a good place to begin.

**Have a nice daisy**

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The authors - John Reagor, Catherine Barr, Charles Hart, Tam Garland and Bruce Carpenter - traveled thousands of miles across Texas and spent years compiling the information. The 240 page book has several photographs of each plant harmful to humans and livestock that is found in the state.

It is believed to be the only book ever published about poisonous plants native to Texas. These plants cause from \$50 million to \$100 million in livestock losses each year, the authors say, and that may be a conservative figure.

"A book like this is very much needed because most people aren't aware that a lot of plants in this state can make humans and livestock very sick and even cause death," says Reagor, who has identified such plants for more than 35 years and serves as head of toxicology in the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

**School Menu**

- Breakfast**
- Monday, Feb. 11**  
Pancake and sausage on a stick, orange juice, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 12**  
Cheese toast, apple sauce, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 13**  
French toast sticks, grape juice, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 14**  
Cereal, apple juice, teddy grams, milk
- Friday, Feb. 15**  
Scrambled eggs, mixed fruit, toast, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, Feb. 11**  
Burrito, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomato, sliced peaches, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 12**  
Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, peas & carrots, roll, banana pudding, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 13**  
Lasagna, tossed salad, corn on the cob, bread sticks, jello, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 14**  
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, pink panther cake, milk
- Friday, Feb. 15**  
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We would like to give a special thanks to the Minister Alliance for your work and support in organizing all that you have during this time of need.

A special thanks to each band member and others involved who volunteered their time and hard work for the benefit dance.

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would like to thank the PIPs performers and their parents for their extreme generosity. We would also like to congratulate the PIPs on their great season, you worked hard and we are very proud of you. A special thank you to the parents for their support and participation this year. To our supporters in the community, we are very grateful for your generosity in supporting our youth, thanks so much for your donations, you help make PIPs possible.

Robert Lee PIPs Coaches  
Becky Ross, Douglas Roberts, Debbie McCabe & Jo Nell Blair  
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**How to spend child support**

by John Cornyn  
Attorney General of Texas

Q: My ex-wife has custody of my two children and I pay child support regularly. She spends the child support on rent and utilities, but I want the money to go to the children as spending money. Do I have any right to tell my ex-wife how to spend the money?

A: Child support is ordered by the court to be paid by the non-custodial parent to the custodial parent for the care and maintenance of the children. The Texas Family Code clearly provides that the custodial parent has the right to determine how to use the money.

Raising a child is expensive, even when the custodial parent receives child support. Often, custodial parents rely on child support payments to cover rent, utilities and food. If a non-custodial parent wants to do something extra for the child, he or she can purchase diapers, toys, food and presents for the children. However, credit for child support will only be given for payments made through the state

registry as ordered by the court. Presents or other money given directly to the children are gifts and can not be counted as child support.

Monthly child support is set by the court according to the guidelines in the Texas Family Code. Support is normally set at 20 percent of the non-custodial parent's monthly net income for one child, 25 percent for two children, up to a limit of 40 percent for five or more children who are in the care of the same custodial parent.

A fairly typical order would require payment of \$300 per month for the support of two children. That is only \$10 per day to clothe, feed and house two children.

Q: Can a parent take custody of the child instead of making child support payments?

A: Both parents must provide for the child, no matter which parent has primary custody. Child support is normally paid to the custodial parent for the benefit of the child. A change in physical custody does not end the child support order. To change child support orders, the new custodial parent must go to court to have legal custody changed. This will end the previous child support order, although any money owed to the former custodial parent must be paid, and establish a new order for the new custodial and non-custodial parents.

Federal regulations do not allow the Office of the Attorney General to provide services for custody or visitation disputes. The Attorney General encourages mediation of these issues, and most cases are resolved by agreement. In the rare case where custody and/or visitation are seriously contested, the Office of the Attorney General encourages each parent to hire a private attorney.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be eligible for federally funded legal assistance. Look in the phone book under "Legal Aid" or "Legal Services." Sometimes the court will appoint a lawyer for the child. Many law schools operate legal clinics at which law students assist people under the supervision of a law professor or other lawyer. Contact the law school nearest you for more information.

For more information on the child support services offered by the Office of the Attorney General, visit our Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). Or you can call the Child Support Division at (800) 252-8014.

**Political Profiles**

**Jack G. Moore**



Jack G. Moore

I am now serving as the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Coke County, Texas and have served for the past 8 years. I am married to Earline (Brice) Moore and we have been married for 48 years. We have three living children and seven grandchildren.

Prior to becoming the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, I served as a Federal Law Enforcement Agent for 22 years, retiring as a Special Agent from the U.S. Customs Service in December 1992. I was employed by El Paso Natural

Gas Company for 15 years before entering my Federal Law Enforcement career. I have an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from El Paso Community College and have attended the academy for the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Border Patrol. I am currently a volunteer member of the East Coke County Ambulance Service and the Bronte Fire Department.

I will continue to serve the voters of Coke County with fair and equitable justice from this Court, if re-elected to serve.

**Joan Davis**

Joan Davis of Robert Lee, now in her third term of office as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, is a candidate for re-election to that position. She is unopposed in the March 12 Democratic Primary Election.

Born and raised in Robert Lee by grandparents, Henry and Roxie Childress, Mrs. Davis is a Robert Lee High School graduate. While her children were growing up, she was self-employed in a family business locally and later was employed by the Observer/Enterprise newspaper for fifteen years.

Mrs. Davis has two children, Nadine Davis of Abilene who is the principal of Wylie Butterfield School, and Mike Davis, also of Abilene, who is self-employed at Your Ideas, a

screen printing and embroidery business. Her only grandson, Craig Davis, is a freshman at ASU in San Angelo.

She is interested in community affairs, having served on the West Coke County Development board of directors for 12 years and is an active member of the Northside Church of Christ.

In addition to the 20 hours of education per year required by the state, Judge Davis has a number of continuing education hours concerning law enforcement, current legislative changes, and forensics.

She explained, "Justice Court handles all Class C misdemeanors concerning traffic, minor criminal violations, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department violations. That office is also responsible for certifying deaths that occur without a physician present and the necessary death cer-

tificate. A Peace Justice may also perform weddings (she has performed 86) and presides over Small Claims Court and some civil cases."

"I have tried to be sensitive to people's problems and needs and to be as helpful and fair as I know how in dealing with the situations which come through my office. I am sometimes able to counsel with some of my defendants, especially young people. It touches my heart when they grow up and continue to stop by and say hello."

"The JP Office is on a limited budget and operates without benefit of a clerk but still manages to serve the public."

"Although I will be unopposed in the upcoming election, I ask that you mark your ballot for me as a show of confidence and trust in my position. I would appreciate your encouragement."

**San Angelo Writers' Club**

The San Angelo Writers' Club will meet at 7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Dr. Ralph R. Chase West Texas Collection on the second floor of the Houston Harte University Center at Angelo State University.

Suzanne Campbell, director of the WTC, will give an overview of the collection's holdings and explain how they can be helpful to writers in their research. Anyone interested in writing, whether or not a published author, is invited to attend.

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# Political Profiles

## Mary Grim



Mary Grim

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County/District Clerk. I have worked 7 years for the County. Three years of this time I have served as the County/District Clerk. I have lived in Robert Lee for 27 years and worked 20 of those years in the community.

I was born in San Angelo and grew up attending schools there. I graduated from Lake View High School. I have two children, Sheri Hood of Henrietta and Stevie Ebenstein of Midland and six grandchildren, Deisa, Sterlin, Denver, Kambree, Darbey and Slade. I am a member of Robert Lee Baptist Church.

After graduation, I began working at West Side National Bank as a bookkeeper, taking some banking courses. I have also worked at North Park National Bank in Dallas as a teller in the collections department. I worked 14 years at Coke County Pharmacy before going to work for the County as a deputy clerk in the County/District Clerk's office.

I was very active in school

activities such as Band Boosters, Sports Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. I worked as a teacher and director of the Primary Department at the Baptist Church for several years. I served 12 years on the Robert Lee ISD School Board. While on the board, I served as President, Vice-President, and Secretary. I have served on the Coke County Library Board and am currently serving on the Coke County Child Welfare Board.

I enjoy doing crafts and working around the house. But spending time with my grandchildren is what I really enjoy most, "they are the light of my life".

I have enjoyed serving the people of Coke County as your County/District Clerk the last 3 years. I have learned a lot about County government the last 3 years. My goal remains the same, to continue the great service you have received from this office in the most cost effective way. Courtesy and efficiency are the main requirements of this office. If you haven't had the chance to visit the clerk's office to see what we do, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit with us. Sharon, Carlene and I would be glad to give you a tour and explain our job as record keepers.

With legislation changing from year to year, I promise to get my continuing education so I can provide the best service possible in the most cost effective way.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote and support for the office of County/District Clerk on March 12.

premise number and the sold animals' individual numbers on the side of the tag box. The premise number should also appear on all sales documents, including auction check-in slips, vouchers, canceled checks and bills-of-sale.

The ear tags will carry the owner's premise number on one side along with a sequential number on the reverse side that owners may use for maintaining individual animal records.

To get your premise identification number and order your free ear-tags, call toll-free 1-866-873-2824. White metal or white plastic tags, along with a free pair of tag-pliers, will be provided at no cost to the producer. It is important to remember that turn-around time on tag orders is slow, from four to eight weeks, so to meet the April 1 deadline, place your order as soon as possible.

It is very important to realize that these new regulations have been put in place for the benefit of the U.S. sheep and goat producer. Industry leaders have been wholeheartedly behind this effort from

the outset. We want to wipe this disease out of the U.S. With a scrapie-free designation, our producers can freely sell breeding stock on the world market with minimal restrictions as Australia and New Zealand now do.

Information from the Texas Animal Health Commission, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Veterinary Services from Texas, explain scrapie as a fatal degenerative brain disease affecting sheep and goats. It was accidentally introduced into the U.S. in 1947. Lambs and kids are most susceptible to the disease. The malady develops slowly and infected animals usually don't show symptoms until they are at least 18 months-old. Symptoms include weight loss, tremors, coordination loss, swaying and wool pulling.

Past eradication efforts haven't been successful. The new premise identification system will allow diseased animals to be traced back to their point of origin. Knowing the origination point is a key element in the successful eradication of the disease.

Officials predict the program

will help eliminate scrapie from the U.S. by 2010.

For further information contact these two web sites [www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie](http://www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie) or [www.taahc.state.tx.us](http://www.taahc.state.tx.us).

### Social Security news

by Fredi Franki  
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If you are a Social Security beneficiary, you can look forward to getting your Social Security Benefit Statement for Tax Year 2001 (SSA-1099) soon. The statement shows how much you received in Social Security benefits for the year and may be used when you complete your federal income tax return to find out if any of your benefits are subject to tax.

If you lose or do not receive your SSA-1099, you can request a replacement online from Social Security's website, <http://www.ssa.gov/1099/>. You will need your name as it appears on benefit checks and/or letters and your Social Security number. You may also need your date and place of birth and your mother's maiden name.



### COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

#### New Sheep and Goat Regulations take effect April 1

Sheep and goat industry folks owning one head or thousands, need to remember that on April 1, 2002, all sheep and goats must be in compliance with the new USDA state and federal scrapie management regulations.

These new regulations require sheep and goats to be wearing a premise identification ear tag before they are removed from your premises. It makes no difference if that premise is a ranch or someone's back yard, if the animals fall within the required regulations guidelines, they must be tagged.

The five sheep and goat classes that require tagging are as follows: (1.) All sheep 18 months of age and older, (2.) All breeding sheep regardless of age, (3.)

Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats, (4.) All goats 18 months of age or older that are or have been commingled with sheep, (5.) All breeding goats that are or have been commingled with sheep.

Wethers from either species and commercial goats that have never had contact with sheep are the only two exemptions to the tagging rule.

To be absolutely safe and to cut down on confusion, my recommendation is to tag all female sheep and goats regardless of age and all intact males over 18 months-old when they leave your place. After April 1, if you take animals to an auction without tags, the auction will tag them with their premises tags--for a fee.

Sales transactions must be kept and recorded for five years. This can be as easy as writing the date of sale, the

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