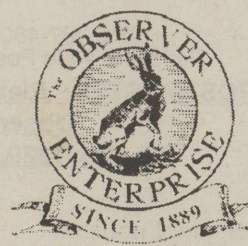


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Roe, Rawlings named SWCD poster winners

Chase Roe of Mrs. Diana McCabe's Robert Lee 6th grade is the winner of the conservation poster contest for students in the 5th and 6th grade for 2001-2002. The contest is sponsored by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. In addition to a ribbon and certificate, Chase received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and will be honored at an awards banquet in Wall on April 2, 2002. Chase is the son of Kevin and Tammy Roe of Robert Lee.

Samuel Rawlings of Mrs. Pat Lee's Bronte 5th grade was the district runner-up and the recipient of a \$50 savings bond. Samuel is the son of David and Kary Rawlings of Bronte.

The top four places in each class were: Bronte 5th Grade (Mrs. Pat Lee); 1st - Samuel Rawlings, 2nd - Jessica Grasch, 3rd - Nicole Reed, 4th - Will Macon. Bronte 6th grade (Mrs. Heather Lee); 1st - Zachary Bennett, 2nd - Savannah Martinez, 3rd - Becca Gann, 4th - Estephanie Flores. Robert Lee 5th Grade (Mrs. Patti Byrne); 1st - Kaden Duncan, 2nd - Jimmy Womack, 3rd - Kimberly Cardenas, 4th - Jasmine Gloria. Robert Lee 6th Grade (Mrs. Diana McCabe); 1st - Chase Roe, 2nd - Brody Dillard, 3rd - Allison Millican, 4th - Molly Burns.

Every student who submitted a poster received a certificate from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in appreciation for the thought, effort and publicity on the need and worth of soil and water

conservation that the posters depicted. The posters will be displayed at the Robert Lee State Bank and the First National Bank in Bronte.

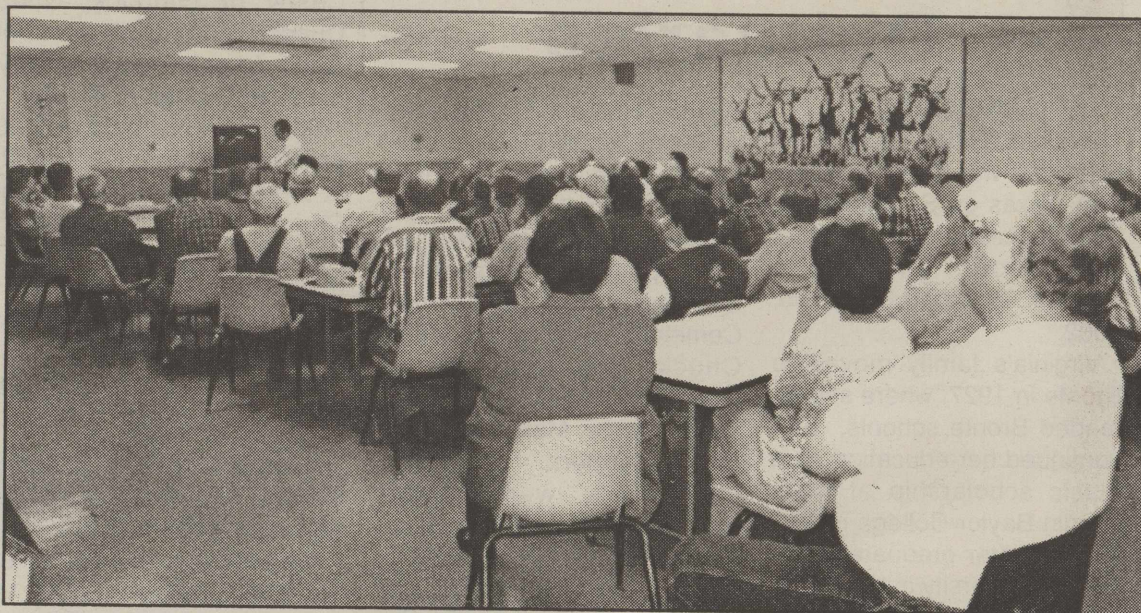
In recognition of the growing response from teachers and students, the directors instituted a new award in 1995. The class with the most outstanding posters will be honored as the year's Outstanding Class and presented a rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year.

Mrs. Diana McCabe's 6th grade was chosen Outstanding Class for 2001-2002. All the youngsters seemed to regard the award with enthusiasm and there was already talk among next year's Coke County 5th and 6th graders about plans to win the plaque for their class next time.

Three posters done by Chase Roe, Samuel Rawlings and Brody Dillard were entered in the Texas Area II Con-test which includes 52 counties.

Pupils could choose any phase of resource conservation that is part of the work of the local soil and water conservation district. Included in this work are: soil use and treatment; erosion control practices; crop, range, and pastureland management; drainage problems; watershed protection; flood prevention; fish and wildlife management; and promoting the involvement of all citizens in conserving water and renewable resources.

Response from teachers and students was excellent and posters submitted were



Robert Hanna, from Austin, Texas, displays a video to a large number of residents at Thursday night's water meeting at Bronte. Hanna detailed the STEP (Small Town Environmental Program) grant process for small communities. City officials are trying to find (and fund) additional water sources for the City of Bronte. Plans are to drill two new water wells north of Oak Creek. The grant project will fund drilling the wells, a pump station, holding tank, and an 8 inch line which, when finished, will carry water to Bronte's transmission line, located south of Oak Creek.

outstanding, both in art work and content. Each year choosing only two to four winners per class and two overall becomes more and more difficult for the board of directors.

Contributions from the First National Bank in Bronte, Robert Lee State Bank and the Kickapoo Creek Water Control and Improvement District made the contest possible and helped pay for

the awards. Without their support and the enthusiastic participation by the schools, the contest could not have been successful.

Candidate filing deadline passes for May 4th local government elections

Wednesday, March 20, was the last day candidates could file to be on the ballot for the May 4 elections. The local entities reported the following filings as of presstime on Wednesday, March 20.

West Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Winton Milliff, Linda Burns and Patty Byrne are expiring. Only one person, Joan Cantrell, has filed for this election.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Larry Robinson, Leon Brooks and Ed Cumbie are expiring. Incumbent Ed Cumbie has filed for a place on the ballot, along with Billy Joe Luckett and Mark Duncan.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill two council seats and the mayor's office. Currently, Garland Davis is mayor and the council seats are held by Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

The 2 year terms of Bronte Mayor Martin Lee and Aldermen Frances Williams, Leslie Rolls and George Snapp will be expiring. Leslie Rolls has filed for re-election. He will be joined on the ballot by Charles Sonnenberg for the council positions. Martin Lee has filed for another term as mayor.

Two 3 year terms will be on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. These offices are currently held by

Jolene Henderson and David Scott. David Scott has filed for re-election. Past board member, Kendall Gibbs, will be on the ballot, along with Paul Williams.

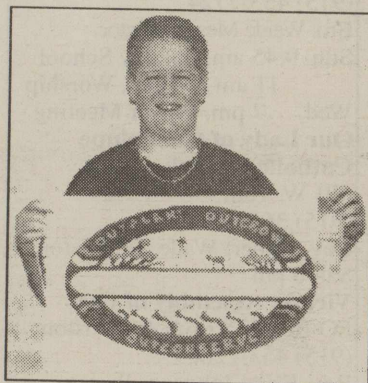
The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on two 3 year terms and one 1 year unexpired term. These offices are currently held by Jim Gray, Mark Riley and Jess Williamson. Mark Riley and Jim Gray have filed for re-election.

Helwig named to All West Texas Super Team

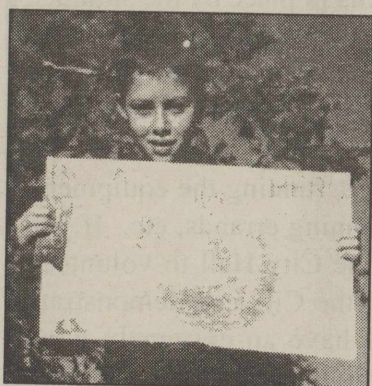
Senior Robert Lee post player Jodee Helwig has recently been named to the San Angelo Standard Times All West Texas Super Team. Helwig, a 5 ft. 9 inch MVP for the Lady Steers, averaged 17.4 points and 2.4 assists per game during her basketball career at RLHS. She was also a 74 percent free throw shooter for the area champion Lady Steers.



Jodee Helwig



Chase Roe
1st Place



Samuel Rawlings
2nd Place

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---- **Obituaries** ----

Boecking
 Virginia "Gina" Youngblood Boecking was born in Blackwell, Texas on September 3, 1916, to Leonard T. and Alma Youngblood. She died in Abilene, Texas on March 15, 2002.

Virginia's family moved to Bronte in 1927, where she attended Bronte schools. She continued her education on a music scholarship at Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton and later graduated from Baylor University in Waco.

Gina met and married Charlie C. Boecking in 1940. They had one son, Tom Boecking. Charlie preceded her in death in 1986.

Virginia was employed at First National Bank in Bronte for 36 years and retired as Cashier. She continued to be active in the bank as a Director until her death.

She loved art and taught art classes in her studio and home for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bronte, the Diversity Club and the Sorosis Club. She later enjoyed the telephone Sunday School classes offered by First Baptist Church of Abilene.

Virginia moved to Abilene in 1994 to be near her son, Tom and wife, Marian. She had many friends at Mesa Springs Retirement Community and Wisteria Place. She was especially proud of her grandsons, and their lovely wives.

Gina is survived by her son, Tom Boecking and wife, Marian of Abilene, grandsons, Chuck Boecking and wife, Monique, Brent Boecking and wife Ana of Round Rock, Texas, Neil Boecking of Irving, Texas; and one sister and husband Mary and E. F. "Tuny" Glenn of Bronte. The family request that memorials be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79604; First Baptist Church of Bronte; City Light Community Ministries 336 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

The family received friends at North's Funeral Home on Sunday March 17, 2002 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Family visitation in Bronte was Monday March 18, 2002 at Shaffer

Funeral Home in Bronte from 11:00 to 12:00 Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church in Bronte on Monday, March 18, 2002, at 2:00 pm with interment following at Fort Chadbourne Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chuck Boecking, Brent Boecking, Neil Boecking, Jason Pierce, Martin Lee and Frank Sanders. Honorary pallbearers were Wade Arledge, Therell Burwick, Royce Fancher, Jim Thomas, and Earl "Tuny" Glenn. **34-1tc**

Duncan
 Lynn W. "Dunk" Duncan, passed away on March 14, 2002, in Bronte, Texas.

Dunk was born March 8, 1928, in Winters, Texas to Ronald and Opal Duncan. He graduated from Winters High School and attended Tarleton State University and Texas Tech University. He served in the United States Army for two years at Fort Leonardwood, MO, and Fort Collins, CO, from 1950 to 1952 and married Mary Maggie Thomas in Little Rock, AR, on September 22, 1951. He was a banker, working in Levelland, Post, Beaumont and Plainview before becoming a rancher in Bronte in 1971.

Dunk was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church and a member of the Lions Clubs' of Post, Beau-mont, and Plainview. He served on the Farm Bureau Board of Coke/Sterling County and Kickapoo Water Board.

He is preceded in death by his wife Mary on December 31, 1997 and his parents, Ronald and Opal Duncan of Lubbock.

Dunk is survived by one daughter, Marsha Blair and husband, Curtis Blair of Lubbock; one son, Mark Duncan and wife, Quinda Duncan of Bronte; three grandchildren, Dana Brewer and husband, Casey of Lubbock, Chad Duncan and wife, Jana of San Angelo, and Darby Marydith Duncan of Bronte.

Services were held at 2:00 pm Sunday, March 17, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Bronte. **34-1tc**

Reyes
 Noverta O. Reyes, 87, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Shannon Medical Center.

Noverta was born June 6, 1914 in Shafter, Texas to Juan and Canuta Olivas. She was next to the oldest of four-teen children. She married Manuel G. Reyes on August 17, 1940.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Manuel Reyes, Sr and one son, Joe Reyes.

Survivors include five children, Olivia and husband, Matt Basquez, Toni and husband, Michael Owens, Manuela and husband, George Eubanks, Manuel and wife, Luci Reyes, and Daniel and wife, Gayla; four brothers, two sisters, nineteen grand-children, and seventeen great grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at Shaffer Funeral

Home. Graveside services to celebrate the life of Noverta Reyes were held at 10:00 am Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at Fairview Cemetery with Brother Morris Johnson officiating. Pallbearers were

Death Notices

Caston
 Henry M. Caston, 77, formerly of Robert Lee, died March 8, 2002 in Farmington, NM. Funeral service was held March 14, 2002, in Farmington and burial in Kirtland, NM.

Survivors are wife Inez of Kirtland, NM, Homer Caston of Lefors, Tx, Debra Stoker of Naturita, CO, Lockey Caston of Kirtland, Ross Caston, stationed on board the Wasp Carrier; 8 grandchildren; sisters, Mary Jo Harmon of Robert Lee, Betty L. Harp of Abilene, Evelyn Copple, Santa Anna; brothers, Clem & J. C. Caston of Odessa, Lowell Caston of Ft. Stockton; sister-in-law, Leta Caston of Robert Lee and brother-in-law Lawrence Cole of Bronte.

Milam
 Zelma Farris Milam, former Robert Lee resident, died Thursday, March 7, in a Midland hospital.

Memorial service was held for Mrs. Milam, 91, in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland on Saturday, March 9, with graveside service and burial following in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Zelma is survived by her son, Joe Milam; daughter-in-law, Linda Milam; and her only granddaughter, Jennifer Milam of Midland. She also is survived by two aunts, one sister-in-law, seven nieces and four nephews.

RL City Hall to close
 The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed March 29th in observance of the Good Friday Holiday. The landfill will be open Sat., March 30th.

grandsons, Martin, Ricky, and Paul Basquez, George Eubanks, Joseph Reyes, and Joshua Eubanks.

She was a loving mother and grandmother to all her family and all who knew her. **34-1tc**

Economic development meeting slated

Due to changes at the state level in the area of economic development, a meeting has been scheduled for interested citizens Thursday, March 28, at 5:00 pm in the Robert Lee City Hall.

A new office has been formed called the Office of Rural Community Affairs with a mandate to serve rural Texas in providing quality of life to small towns. As quoted in the San Angelo Standard Times, "The theme throughout meetings was that it would be nice to create an environment in rural Texas where our kids could come back home."

The Texas Agriculture Department has been charged with over-seeing the Texas Capitol Fund, another change in policy.

Judy Fort from the Texas Agriculture Department will be here to help those involved in economic development de-cide how our needs can best be served by these two departments.

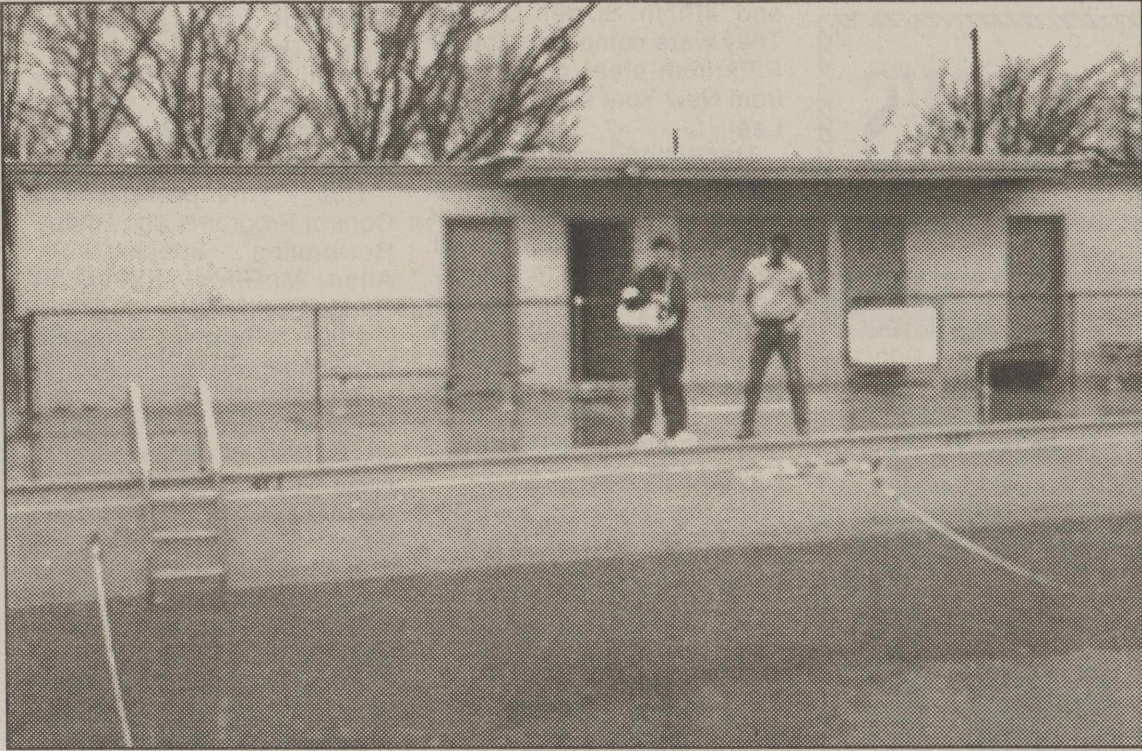
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 (915) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
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 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2417
 Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
 Tommy Williams, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
 Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
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 (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 • 6th & Houston
 (915) 453-2208
 Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

TO: CITIZENS OF BRONTE
FROM: MAYOR MARTIN LEE

Thanks to all of the citizens who came to the public hearing on March 14th. I believe the meeting was very informative. For those of you who were unable to come, there will be another meeting at 7:00 pm on March 26th. The meeting will be held at the Bronte ISD Cafeteria. The City Officials are looking into the possibility of applying for a STEP grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs. These grant funds are needed in order to drill two water wells and install a transmission line from the well site to the City's storage tank. We are in dire need of an additional water supply. As most of you know, we are in Stage 4 of our drought contingency plan. Our hope is that if we receive the grant funds, we can get the wells in place by the summer. **We need your help.** The STEP grant funds will pay for the drilling of the water wells and the materials for the water line. However, we will be responsible for installing the water transmission line through volunteer labor. I know this can be done if we all pull together and volunteer. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting on the 26th. We need folks to sign up to help with the installation of the pipe, running the equipment, providing food and drinks to the volunteers, babysitting, running errands, etc. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please come by or call the City Hall to volunteer. The Office of Rural Community Affairs has told us that if the City can demonstrate there are enough volunteers to install the water line, we have an extremely good chance of getting this grant. The City Officials do not want to burden the citizens with future debt and by installing this line ourselves, we can save money.



County Commissioners Bill Wheat (from left) and David Rawlings examine some of the damage to the tile at the Bronte Swimming Pool. According to project manager Fran Crumpler, plans are to solicit help from the community, along with grant funds, to make the necessary repairs to the pool and concession stand.

Friends of the Pool project manager meets with commissioners

Friends of the Pool project manager Fran Crumpler met on Tuesday morning, March 19, with county commissioners Bill Wheat and David Rawlings concerning the pool renovation project. The commissioners had received some bids to repair the facility, which totalled approximately \$50,000.

The problems with the Bronte Pool stem mostly from age and deterioration. The pumps and filters are 47 years old and need to be replaced. The drains on the sides of the pool don't work properly; so dead bugs float at the sides of the water. The tile is falling off the sides of the pool. The roof on the concession stand has deteriorated, and the roof joists are rotting. There is no hot water in the concession stand or showers. The baby pool has been closed by the Health Department because there is no circulating pump. The site is not handicapped accessible.

Work has begun on a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Small Community Grants Program. This grant is for a maximum of \$50,000, and must be matched with local funds or in-kind donations, labor, equipment, materials, etc. Some of the problems with making application for these types of grant funds is that the first 20 percent of these funds must be spent making the facilities handi-capped accessible. In the case of the pool, it may mean razing the existing building and starting over with another facility that meets the re-quirements of the Americans with Disabilities act. Estimated cost for this type of project is over \$150,000.

There are several ways that local groups and individuals can assist in this project. Clubs might have a garage sale, bake sale, rodeo, donate cash, school or club project, or other fundraising activities. EVERY DOLLAR HELPS!! Contributions to the project may be made at the First National Bank in Bronte.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Coke County Easter egg hunt will be held on the courthouse lawn on Tuesday, March 26, at 10 am for children through the first grade. The Easter Bunny will be present so bring your cameras. Children are asked to provide their own baskets or contain-ers for the eggs.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Tennyson Baptist Church invites everyone to the Mt. Margaret Easter Sunrise Service in Tennyson. The Services will begin at 7 am. Thirty to 45 minutes should be allowed to reach the summit. The services on the mount will be held by Rick Green.

Services also will be held at the church at 6:45 am. They will be held by Brother Taylor Norman, with music by Bob Wilcox. Breakfast will be served at the church following the early services. Everyone attending the services are invited to breakfast. Members of the church and others wishing to furnish food may leave it at the church from 6:00 am.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Ballinger, Texas and the Catholic Churches of Coke County invite you to join us for Holy Week services.

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27th

6:30 pm Seder Meal, St. Mary, Ballinger - Reservations required

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 pm Mass and Liturgy of Holy Thursday, St. Mary

Good Friday, March 29th

12:00 pm From the Cross to the Church, St. Mary
7:00 pm Good Friday Veneration of the Cross, St. Mary

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:00 pm Easter Vigil, St. Mary

Easter Sunday, March 31st

8:45 am Easter Mass, St. Mary
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, St. Mary
11:15 am Easter Mass, St. Mary
5:00 pm Easter Mass, Bronte

LONE STAR CARDS WELCOME

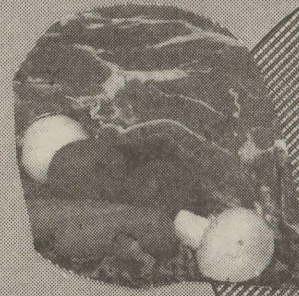


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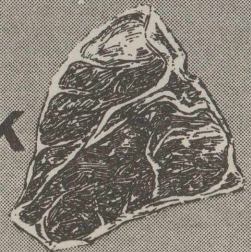
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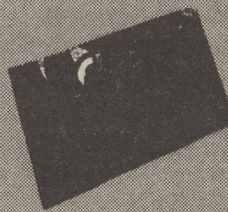
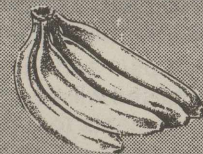
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Selected Varieties

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Selected Varieties

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Mrs. Diana McCabe's 6th grade class at RLHS was chosen Outstanding Class for 2001-2002 at this year's poster contest sponsored by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District.

RL band spring concert

The Robert Lee Steer Band along with the 5th and 6th grade will be having a Spring Concert on Monday, March 25th at the City Park Pavilion starting at 6:00 pm. If the weather is bad the concert will be held at the school auditorium, and the meal will be held at the school cafeteria.

The band boosters will be selling Bar-B-Que Sandwich plates for \$3.50, this includes sandwich/chips/ and drink, and money raised will be used to send the students to a contest festival held in Dallas. Mark your calendar to attend and come listen to music and enjoy a Bar-B-Que sandwich.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

- Monday, March 25**
Orange juice/apple juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, March 26**
Orange juice/apple juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, March 27**
Orange juice/apple juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Thursday, March 28**
Orange juice/apple juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Friday, March 29**
HOLIDAY

Lunch

- Monday, March 25**
Beef, bean, cheese burrito, salad, French fries, pineapple, milk
- Tuesday, March 26**
Rib-b-Que, corn, broccoli, sliced bread, applesauce, milk
- Wednesday, March 27**
Taco boat, salad, chili beans, fruit jello, milk
- Thursday, March 28**
EARLY RELEASE - Hamburger, pickles, salad, chips, peaches, milk
- Friday, March 29**
HOLIDAY

Help support the students.

Contact Barbara Sparks at 453-2087 for additional information or Brad Roberts at 453-4556.

RL varsity boys track results

The results of the Sonora Bronco Relays on March 16, 2002, are as follows:

- 400 M dash - 3rd - Colby Eubanks - 55.67
- 400 M relay - 3rd - Stewart Millican, Bret Ballew, Taylor Clendennen, Anson Lott - 45.36
- 300 M hurdles - 5th - Anson Lott - 43.93
- 200 M dash - 3rd - Bret Ballew - 23.41
- 1600 M relay - 4th - Stewart Millican, Colby Eubanks, J. J. Reyes, Bret Ballew - 3:40.59
- Shot put - 6th - Cooper Riley - 43' 8"
- Discus - 4th - Charles Abalos - 131' 5", 6th - Cooper Riley - 125'
- Pole vault - 4th - Stewart Millican - 12' 6", 5th - Travis Pitcock - 12'

RL Junior varsity track results

The results of the Sonora Bronco Relay for the Robert Lee Junior Varsity on March 16th are as follows:

- Discus - 1st - Sean Edging - 120' 1", 2nd - Chris Eubanks - 116' 6"
- Shot put - 1st - Sean Edging - 42' 2", 2nd - Chris Eubanks - 40' 4"

PIPs festival

The 2002 National Players in Progress Festival was held at Abilene Christian University on March 8th & 9th. Of the over 5,000 PIPs nationwide, 680 competed in individual, duo, trio, and group events.

Mason and Megan Ross, of the Robert Lee PIPs, competed in four events each. Mason, a 5th grader at Robert Lee Elementary, took 5th place in the Spider Dribble and a 6th place in Between the Legs Dribble. Megan, a 3rd grader at Robert Lee Elementary, took a 3rd place medal in Between the Leg

Pass, 4th in Backward Dribble and 4th in Spider Dribble. They were competing against PIPs from areas of all sizes, from New York size to Robert Lee.

The Robert Lee PIPs will be planning the 2002-2003 season soon. Encourage kids around you to be involved. Encourage others to be supportive of this program that builds basketball skills through a positive program. Coaching PIPs for the last two years are Becky Ross, Douglas Roberts, JoNell Blair and Debbie McCabe.

COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

West Texas Rancher's Conference

The West Texas Rancher's Conference is set for Tuesday, March 26th, at the Angelo State University, MIR Center. The conference is sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension and local agribusiness. Topics for the conference address current issues affecting West Texas ranchers. The conference topics and speakers were determined by the County Extension Agents representing Concho, Coke, Irion, Runnels, Schliecher, Sterling and Tom Green counties. Two CEU's will be presented for this training.

The agenda for the Conference is as follows:

- 9:00 - 9:30 am - Registration
- 9:30 - 10:00 am - "Current and Future Markets for Meat Goats" - Speaker - Glyn Hutto, Rancher's Lamb
- 10:00 - 10:30 am - "Lamb Quality Issues and the Sheep Industries Future" - Speaker - Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist
- 10:30 - 10:50 am - Break and Booth Visitation
- 10:50 - 11:30 am - "Federal & State Scrapie Regulations" - Speaker - Dr. Gary Svetlik, DVM, Texas Animal Health Commission
- 11:30 - 12:00 noon - "Managing Forage for Livestock" - Speaker - Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm -

Lunch/Booth Visitation - "Pesticide Laws & Regulations" - Posters

1:00 - 1:30 pm - "Improving Ranch Profitability Through Wildlife" - Speaker - Jimmy Fontenot

1:30 - 2:00 pm - "Brush Control Programs and Range Restoration" - Speaker - Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension Range Specialist

2:00 - 2:30 pm - "Program for Riparian Zones" - Speaker - Gary Grogan, Dist. Conservationist, TGC Soil & Water Cons. Dist. - Speaker - Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist, Texas Natural Resource Cons. Service

2:30 - 2:50 pm - "Evaluating Stocking Rates & Profitability" - Speaker - Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension Economist

2:50 - 3:00 pm - "Risk Management Programs" - Speaker - Wade Polk, Extension Risk Management Specialist

3:00 - 3:15 pm - "Ag Policy Issues" - Speaker - Michael Sturm, Farm Service Agency

3:15 pm - Adjourn
Pesticide applicators will receive two (2) CEU's toward recertification requirements. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee for all participants. No RSVP is required.

ASU fall semester 2001 dean's list

Angelo State University has announced the names of students achieving the dean's list for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must be enrolled full time at ASU and maintain a 3.25 or higher grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the roll are as follows:

- Blackwell - Katrina Lynn Buckner
- Bronte - MaDonna Kay Evans, Christy L. Griffin, Tamara Joyce Harris, Kathleen Henry Morgan, Barbara Segale Porter, Cara Elyse Sefcik, and Scott A. Thompson
- Robert Lee - Angela Hope Abalos, Misty Fritz, Joel Jonathan Gallegos, Chad W. Helwig, Dana Michelle Holladay, Jennifer Ann Holladay, Dan R. McCown, Michael J. Pentecost, Matthew Bryan Pitcock and Chad Matthew Stallings
- Tennyson - Clayton A. Cearley

To the Voters of Coke County

Thank you so much for your continued support for me and my office.

Thank You
Phelan Wrinkle

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Bronte varsity girls track results

On February 22nd, the Bronte varsity girls traveled to Water Valley for track. Results are as follows:

High jump - 1st - Codi Monsey - 4' 10", 3rd (tie) - Lauren Williams and Britney McCutchen - 4' 4"
 Long jump - 1st - Codi Monsey - 15' 8 1/4"

3200 M relay - 6th - Jasmine Kresta, Ashley Torres, Corin Garcia, Logan Acker - 13:01.62

400 M relay - 2nd - Natasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Stormy White, Codi Monsey - 53.33

100 M dash - 6th - Desi Mirelez - 14.59

Shuttle hurdle relay - 2nd - Ashley Torres, Lauren Williams, Kayla Hilliard, Ashley Denton - 1:17.07

1600 M relay - 3rd - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen, Codi Monsey

Bronte placed 2nd with a team totals of 107 points.

Weight man's relay - 3rd - Lacy Schoenfield, Ashleigh Kelly, Kendra Graves, Joe'l Sefcik - 1:05.93

Sprint medley - 1st - Tasha Reed, Britney McCutchen, Stormy White, Codi Monsey - 2:01.63

In the Iron County track meet held on March 8, 2002, results are as follows:

Long jump - 1st - Codi Monsey - 16' 3"

High jump - 1st - Codi Monsey - 5' 0"

100 M - 5th - Calli Johnson
 200 M - 6th - Calli Johnson - 30.05

400 M - 1st - Codi Monsey - 63.59

1600 M - 4th - Kailey Howell - 6:20.47

400 M relay - 2nd - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen, Codi Monsey - 53.58

800 M relay - 4th - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen, Calli Johnson

son - 1:58.97

1600 M relay - 3rd - Tasha Reed, Britney McCutchen, Lauren Williams, Codi Monsey - 4:25.82

Roby track results on March 16th are as follows:

400 M - 3rd - Codi Monsey - 64.78

1600 M - 5th - Kailey Howell - 6:20.42

400 M relay - 3rd - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen, Codi Monsey - 53.68

800 M relay - 2nd - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen, Calli Johnson - 1:58.00

1600 M relay - 3rd - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Codi Monsey - 4:32.44

Long jump - 1st - Codi Monsey - 16' 4"

Shot put - 6th - Ashleigh Kelly - 28'

Discus - 2nd - Ashleigh Kelly

High jump - 3rd - Codi Monsey - 4' 8"

Bronte Jr High girls track results

Triple jump - 3rd - Sarah Basquez, 4th - Cheyenne Webb

Long jump - 4th - Christan Kelly

High jump - 2nd - Lillian McMullan

Discus - 1st - Melissa Palmer

400 M relay - 1st - Christan Kelly, Cheyenne Webb, Lindsey Butler, Lillian McMullan

800 M run - 4th - Rebecca Rawlings, 5th - Katie Cooper

100 M hurdles - 2nd - Lillian McMullan, 4th - Christan Kelly

100 M dash - 1st - Cheyenne Webb

800 M relay - 5th - Lindsey Butler, Katie Cooper, Sarah Basquez, Christan Kelly

200 M dash - 1st - Cheyenne Webb

1600 M run - 4th - Katie Cooper

1600 M relay - 3rd - Rebecca Rawlings, Megan Gibbs, Heather Mitchell, Lillian McMullan

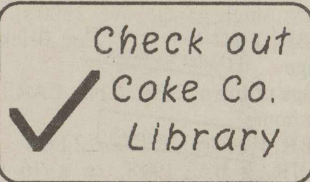
1600 M relay - 3rd - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen, Codi Monsey

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

We need some new and fresh ideas. Please come help us plan the banquet.

Early dismal for Bronte School

Bronte Schools will dismiss at 12:35 on Thursday, March 28, 2002, and the buses will run. Easter holidays will be Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st.



Coke County Library news

The Coke County Story Hour children will participate in the annual Easter egg hunt on Tuesday, March 26, at 10:00 am at the Courthouse. Parents, caregivers, and siblings are welcome to join the Story Hour groups. The children will meet at the Library at 9:45.

The children enjoy this annual event. It takes some energetic adults to organize this event and make it happen. Their efforts are appreciated. The Easter egg hunt is also a spectator event. The oak tree on the courthouse lawn makes a good grandstand.

Story Hour graduation has been set for Tuesday, April 30, at 10:00 am at the gazebo in the mini park by the Library.

Another date fast approaching is April 15. The Library has copies of IRS forms for anyone needing a schedule not available elsewhere.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00. Head Start story time is Wednesday at 9:30. Visitors are welcome. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

Second water meeting set for Bronte

Last week's (March 14) community water meeting was a resounding success, where over sixty Bronte residents turned out for a public meeting to discuss Bronte's water supply. Plans are being made to drill two water wells north of Oak Creek, a pump station, holding tank, and a transmission line for the well site to the City's storage tank.

City officials are hoping that, with the aid of a STEP grant, the new wells will be on line by summertime. Your assistance is needed. The grant funds will only cover the costs of the materials for the project. The city will be responsible for installing the transmission line with volunteer labor.

A second meeting has been set for Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 pm in the Bronte ISD cafeteria. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. If the City can demonstrate that there are enough volunteers to install the water line, there is a good chance of getting the STEP grant. Please make plans to attend Tuesday's meeting. If you are unable to attend, you can call the City Hall to volunteer at 473-3501.

met with the group and talked about plans for the 150th birthday of the fort. Chamber members decided to have the Fort Chadbourne Days parade in downtown Bronte, and then have other activities at the fort itself.

The Chamber is interested in any parade entries, booths, or activities that community members would like to add to the celebration. Booth space will be free to Chamber members and non-profit organizations.

Chamber members also discussed proposed television advertising spots that will be offered to community businesses. The group will meet again on April 9th to continue with plans for all these activities.

BMA to host Sunrise Service at the cross

The Ballinger Ministerial Alliance is hosting the Easter Sunrise Service at the foot of the cross on Sunday, March 31, at 7 am. Brother Darrell Nelson from the Assembly of God will deliver the message, and various clergy members of the Alliance will share in the service.

The Christian community is invited to begin this day with us. We will have some folding chairs, but if you would like to bring your lawn chairs, it would be helpful.

The Ballinger Ministerial Alliance is open to the clergy of all the churches of our city, and this Easter Sunrise Worship Service is open to everyone that would like to attend. There is a little cover, so dress warmly, and we will look forward to seeing you there.

What is a committee? A group of the unwilling, picked from the unfit to do the unnecessary.

Richard Harkness

Fort Chadbourne Days Celebration plans

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, March 19th, to make plans for the Fort Chadbourne Days Celebration. Garland Richards

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Bronte All-Sports booster meeting

Bronte All-Sports Booster Club will hold a meeting Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. During the meeting we'll discuss Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star football game. Ideas for the awards banquet will be discussed.

Bronte Health and Rehab schedules blood drive

United Blood Services of San Angelo will be in Bronte for a scheduled blood drive at the Bronte Health and Rehab Friday, March 22nd from 2:00 until 6:00 pm. Please call Mary Beth Drennan at 473-3621 for an appointment.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 25

Pop tarts, orange half, trail mix, milk

Tuesday, March 26

Sausage, orange juice, biscuit, milk

Wednesday, March 27

French toast sticks, grape juice, milk

Thursday, March 28

Donut, apple juice, teddy grams, milk

Friday, March 29

NO SCHOOL

Lunch

Monday, March 25

Chalupa, refried beans, tossed salad, Spanish rice, apple crisp, milk

Tuesday, March 26

Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, pork & beans, sliced peaches, milk

Wednesday, March 27

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, spice cake, milk

Thursday, March 28

Cheese burgers, tator tots, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, ice cream cups, milk

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everyone for the calls, food, flowers, prayers, and friendship during my recent surgery and recovery. I am fortunate to live in a community with so many thoughtful and caring people.

Coleta Fenley
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our deep gratitude for the show of love from our friends and relatives following the death of Flora Smith. The flowers, cards, memorials and calls remind us that she had many friends of all ages. Special thanks to First Baptist Church for providing a meal and time to visit before we went our separate ways, and to Morris Johnson for the words of comfort and music. Johnny and Nelda used their special talents to show that



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NOTICES

NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wayne Douglas McCabe, Deceased, were issued on March 5, 2002, in Probate Cause No. 1603, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to:

Fredda Jane McCabe
The address to which claims may be presented is:

c/a Mark A. Brown
Attorney for the Representative
19 W. Beauregard Avenue
San Angelo, TX 76903

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 the 13th day of March, 2002.

Mark A. Brown
Attorney for the Representative
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RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson
Secretary

On March 18th at 7 pm Hector Guerrero, of the National Weather Service, met with the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee for the Annual Skywarn Class.

11 members of the Robert Lee Fire Department were present, 7 from the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department and one interested teenager.

The program began with slides of different cloud formations and Doppler Radar situations. The group discussed what they were looking for in each slide. A film was shown on Spotter Safety and several amateur films of tornadoes mostly taken in South Dakota. Most of those present have attended the classes in previous years and want to keep abreast of the latest technology.

It is the time of year for severe storms. The "Coke County Skywarn Team" responds whenever the weather is threatening to ensure the safety of the residents of Coke County. These men are all volunteer fire fighters. They go out in bad weather to specific points where they can watch the clouds and be able to sound the alarm if a tornado is in the area. They are in constant touch with the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

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, City Secretary Kay Torres, or any fireman.

As well as responding to fire calls, the firemen respond to auto accidents to help with traffic control and assist the WCEMS when they need a landing zone set up. They standby for anything that can cause a potential fire, such as a natural gas leak, or electrical wires that are down. They are always ready to protect their community.

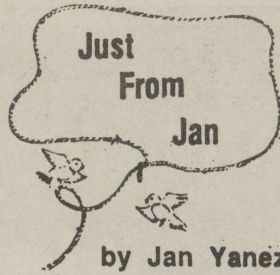
The department meets the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings are open meetings and visitors are welcome. The second Monday of each month is for training classes to become a certified fireman. Cadets ages 16 to 18 years, with parents' consent, will receive fire and rescue training.

Stenholm announces art competition

Congressman Charles Stenholm announced plans recently for the Twenty-first Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th Congressional District of Texas. Last year's winning entries, from across the nation, currently hang in the Cannon tunnel in our Nation's Capitol.

Students in grades nine through 12 from Coke, Concho, Tom Green, and Runnels Counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in San Angelo, April 5, 2002. Students may obtain release forms and further information at their local high schools. Entries should be brought to the Lake View High School, 900 East 43rd by 4:00 on April 5, 2002 for the Regional Judging.

For more information, contact Stenholm's Stamford Office at 915-773-3623 or Willie Zuniga at the Lake View High School.



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Take control of cleaning

Spring cleaning may seem like an overwhelming task, but a few common sense guidelines will make it more manageable.

First, **survey the job** and list what needs to be done. Then organize and prioritize the job into reasonable segments - by room, by task or by an hour or two each day.

Have the right tools, including a good vacuum cleaner, rags and the right cleaning supplies readily available. Bleach and other disinfectant cleaning solution; a non-abrasive, all-purpose cleaner; tub/tile/sink cleaner; glass cleaner and upholstery cleaner also belong in the collection of basic supplies. Read the labels carefully to match the right cleaning product with the right surface.

Clean out the clutter - things will look better immediately and there will be fewer items to move and clean. Clean the dirtiest rooms first. Work top to bottom, beginning with ceilings and walls. Windows and furniture come next, then floors. This way, dirt won't filter down to previously cleaned areas. To prevent streak marks when cleaning large vertical areas, such as walls, start at the bottom and work upward, overlapping and cleaning in a circular motion.

Use the proper cleaning product to make jobs easier. For floors, use a no-rinse product or use a general, all-purpose cleaner and rinse the floor well after each cleaning.

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Dust wood furniture using a clean cloth with furniture polish on it. Dusting with a dry cloth can scratch and dull the finish.

When using upholstery cleaner, pretest it on an inconspicuous area first. The same advice holds true for painted surfaces, including walls, furniture and woodwork. Although these are usually washable, test the cleaning solution first, especially if the surface is newly painted.

National Ag Week set

National Agriculture Week (March 17-24) is a time to celebrate the importance of agriculture, and to recognize that America's farmers and ranchers are the most productive and efficient in the world. National Ag Day will be celebrated on March 20 - the first day of Spring.

"America's farm and ranch families are the most productive and efficient in the world, supplying Americans with the safest, most abundant and most affordable food supply on Earth," said Bobby Roberts, president of the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "This fact is something most Americans take for granted."

National Ag Week will feature the annual nationwide educational campaign "America's Largest Classroom on Agriculture". Educators will be provided with material to educate future generations of consumers about agriculture year-round.

"National Ag Week and National Ag Day provide the farmer or rancher with a chance to spread the message that agriculture serves a vital role in America's industry," said Roberts. "We hope that all Americans will learn more about the importance of agriculture during that week."

School board candidate workshop slated

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Tuesday, March 26, 7-9 pm at the Region 14 Education Service Center (1850 Highway 351, Abilene).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain school board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272.

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Approximately 12 miles SW of Winters or 2 miles North of Norton. At light in South Winters, take Hwy 153 West approx. 5 miles to Hwy 384 (to Bronte), then 3 miles to Hwy 383S (to Norton), then 4 miles to CR 273. Site is just East on CR 273 off 383S.

This is a 70+ year collection of farm equipment and anything Mr. Bryan came across. From the usable to the unusual. No way to describe this sale inventory. Come see for yourself!!!

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******* Calendar *******

4-6 House/Contents, 4217 S 5th, Ab, Tx - 10 am
Open House 3-24 from 2 pm to 4 pm
4-20 Equipment Sale, Hwy 83-84 S, Ab, Tx - 9 am
Taking Limited Large Consignments.
4-27 Farm Sale, Jones County
5-7 Tarleton State, Stephenville, Tx

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**Lucile Dean Bryan:
The Beauty of Her
Dreams**

by Jane Austin Bruckner, a former student, who graduated from Robert Lee High in 1959 and now lives in Fort Worth

Eleanor Roosevelt said the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Lucile probably had many dreams, but I observed three of her dreams that came true. First, she dreamed the children of she and Jeff Dean would be educated, productive citizens. And, they are: Jerry has a doctorate in musicology, has taught at the University of Texas, Austin and now, has a career in composition and performance. Della Katherine (Kitten) has degrees in music education and teaches in Hondo, where she also does composition and performance. Tony's degrees are in agriculture and he works for the Soil Conservation Service. They married and have children, the grandchildren she adored. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren.

Another of Lucile's dreams was to become a music educator. As one of her former students, I experienced her giftedness during my school years at Robert Lee, where her twenty one year career began in 1950. She cared deeply about her students and loved teaching music. From her I learned to sing and to dream...and so much more. That beautiful face was framed by short, white hair, atop her tall frame, always well dressed. She admonished us to stand straight and open our mouths, breathe deeply, to sing with joy from the heart. Can anyone forget the spectacular musical she wrote and produced each Spring, during the fifties, which included hundreds of children appearing on stage? We spent many class hours rehearsing in classrooms and on stage. She clearly explained the rules and her expectations. She believed in us. Children did not

misbehave in her classes. If anyone needed correcting, her stern look, "the look" quickly corrected a student's errant ways. She expected our attention in class, as she expected us to know the words of the songs and have appropriate costumes for the musicals. If a child didn't have a costume, she'd find a way to get one. As the children sang, she played the piano beautifully, while conducting from the keyboard. Years later I still remember the words and music to some of those songs like America The Beautiful, Cielo Lindo, Cheribiribin, Joy to the World, and Angels We Have Heard on High. She worked hard and spent many hours to give her students exciting musical experiences. After her husband died, in 1964, she returned to Sul Ross and earned a master's degree.

Later, she married Wilson Bryan and they combined their creativity and dreamed Robert Lee would have an amphitheater and a pageant. They worked to make that dream come true. Wilson assembled materials and people and supervised construction of the outdoor theater. Lucile, knowing the value of Coke County heritage, got busy writing a pageant featuring early settlers into the Coke County Pageant to be produced every summer in the amphitheater. In 1983 on one of her trips researching and collecting ideas for the theater, she and Wilson came to visit me in New Jersey. She was so involved, energetic, and happy about the prospects of having an outdoor theater in Robert



Approximately sixty Bronte residents gathered at the BISD Cafeteria last Thursday night (March 14th). The city plans on drilling some additional water wells north of Oak Creek Lake, to supplement the city's drinking water.

Lee, similar to the one in Palo Duro Canyon and others she had attended. That evening we visited, she asked me to play for her; I gave my best performance of a Rachmaninoff Prelude. Then I told her how much I loved those school musicals and appreciated her as a teacher. She said, the greatest compliment a teacher can receive is that a student loves the subject she taught.

How fitting that the Mountain Creek Amphitheater will now be named the Wilson and Lucile Bryan Amphitheater...Imagine the pleasure the early settlers would have on learning what the Bryans did to preserve our heritage as we dream about the present and future quality of life in our town.

Have you thought about your dreams for our community. Write or e-mail me your dreams, which will be incorporated into a future article. You can reach me at P.O. Box 330486, Fort Worth, Texas 76163 or e-mail jane@janebruckner.com.

Spring brings with it the much appreciated wet stuff

by Hal Spain

The first day of Spring (March 20th) just might have gone unnoticed in Coke County except it brought with it some very much-needed and much-appreciated moisture. I had to look in some old newspapers for the last time it rained in the county. It turned out that the last significant rainfall was right after the first of February, almost 45 days ago.

While causing some damage in San Angelo, this front delivered for the most part some good, slow rainfall totals throughout the county. Totals range from 1 inch at Edith to 1.25 inches in the Bayview area around Lake Spence and up on the divide toward Melvin McCabe's place. In Robert Lee proper, the official total, according to weatherman J. E. Quisenberry was 1.75 inches. Bronte fared as well or

better, with the City of Bronte receiving 1.6 inches, while areas south of Bronte got up to 2 inches, and north toward Blackwell received up to 1.8 inches.

Prior to this moisture, the prospects for a good spring with bluebonnets and other wildflowers dotting the landscape were growing dimmer every day. We may have missed a few of the early wild-flowers, but the prospects for improving our range conditions for livestock and wildlife has increased considerably.

Festival slated for Big Lake

The Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department will be sponsoring their annual Spring Blue-grass Festival on March 22, 23, & 24th, at the Reagan County Community Building.

For more information, call the Big Lake Fire Department at (915) 884-3650.

West Coke County Voters
I was gratified and encouraged by your support at the polls last Tuesday. Thank you so much. I am looking forward to serving you in my next term as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

Joan Davis

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

A sincere **THANK YOU** to each citizen of Coke County that showed your support by voting for me as Tax Assessor Collector. It is a privilege and honor to serve you.

Thank you,
Gayle Sisemore

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Gayle Sisemore, PO Box 952, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

I apologize to you, the citizens of Coke County for not having a *Thank You* in the paper last week, but due to personal family matters I did not get one written.

I do want to *Thank* everyone who helped during this campaign and to all who supported me. Your love and support is valued more than you will ever know.

I want you to know that I will be here to serve you till the end of my term. Please do not hesitate to come by with your concerns.

I truly have enjoyed serving you and as always, I wish only the best for Coke County.

Sincerely,
Judge Walker

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