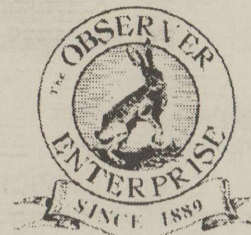


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BISD seats to be filled in Saturday's election

Two 3 year terms will be on the ballot Saturday, May 4, 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.

Voters in the Bronte Independent School District may cast their ballots in the

Superintendent's Office at 210 South Jefferson in Bronte from 7 am to 7 pm on Saturday, May 4, 2002.

The May 4 elections have been canceled by all the other local entities due to unopposed races. These include East Coke County Hospital District, West Coke County Hospital District, the cities of Bronte and Robert Lee, and the Robert Lee Independent School District.

Spring turkey season concludes on May 10

Spring turkey season continues and will be concluded on Sunday, May 12. Hunters have only to drive around the county to see gobblers strutting and drumming. With an abundance of forage and cover, the fair-size groups of young turkeys should do well. Mature gobblers have been plentiful, too.

Coke County's bag limit is 4 turkeys; if you have managed your tags well, it's possible for shotgunners to tag out in the current spring (gobblers only) season. Don't forget the \$5 stamp.

Since the retirement March 29 of veteran game warden Gary Mitchell, the county has been without TPW personnel. The



These children were honored during the Coke County Library Story Hour graduation Tuesday morning, April 30. The graduates included (back row, from left) Kourtney Kelton, Kodi Drennen, Karlee Roach, Kaleb Torres, Brandon Torres, Jerry Wofford, Bianca Ramon, (front row, from left) Sierra Ellis, Chesney Minjarez, Justice Saucedo, Julia Madrid, Maddie Sturgeon, Brittney Bedford, Sandra Hubbard, Morgan Eaton, and Dana Tinkler.

grapevine has it that a replacement warden (Jim Allen, a young warden with a young family), has been designated to move to Robert Lee right away.

Graduation issues slated

The *Observer/Enterprise* will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools during the latter part of May. The issue honoring the Bronte class is set for May 17, with the issue honoring the Robert Lee class being the following week, May 24.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in either of these special editions, please call 453-2433.

Robert Lee/Silver Lions sell light bulbs

The Lions Club will be selling light bulbs door to door Monday and Tuesday evenings May 6 & 7. If you plan to be gone, feel free to drop by Rock Solid Communications, 803 Austin and pick some up.

Steer Validation tag deadline set

Any 4-H or FFA member who plans to show a steer project this coming year will have to order State Validation Tags by May 6. Steers must be validated with a

State Validation Program tag in order to be exhibited at any steer show for next year. Contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461 to order tags.

FSA issues new feeder lamb program regulation

The federal government has issued a new notice about the Feeder Lamb Program. They have changed the rule concerning eligibility of feeder lamb ownership. The rule states that to be eligible, feeder lambs must be owned continuously from birth to the time of marketing. This regulation was filed in the Federal Register on March 21, 2002. Therefore, the rule is in effect at this time.

This is a change in how we have been looking at feeder lambs. For more information, producers may come by the local FSA office or call 453-2751.

Gospel singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, May 5, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Mother's Day bake sale slated

The annual Mother's Day bake sale will be held on Friday, May 10th at the Robert Lee State Bank starting at 9:00 am. Proceeds this year will benefit the

two Robert Lee teams of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Don Sparks family fund. Relay for Life will be held on June 7 and 8 at San Angelo Stadium. Luminaria Candles will also be available to purchase in memory or in honor of someone with cancer. To donate baked goods or for delivery, contact Cindy Bessent 453-2393, Dee Anna Harmon 453-2804, Debbie Wilkes 453-2545, or Pam Millican 453-4755.

Head Start registration set for May 6 & 7

Head Start registration has been set for Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7, from 1 pm until 4 pm. Registration will be held at the Coke County Head Start Center, located at 820 Commerce Street, Robert Lee.

Head Start is a comprehensive, Pre-K program for 3 and 4 year old children. School is held Monday through Friday, 7:45 am til 2:30 pm (school schedule is the same as your local public school calendar).

You must bring several documents with you when you register: child's birth certificate, social security card, shot record, proof of income, and insurance coverage.

For more information, please contact Michelle Hernandez at 653-2411 or Sylvia Lozano, Center Director, at 453-2536.



Nathan Gilbreath, a Bronte High School Senior, dances with Mary Denson during the Magnolia Ball held Wednesday, April 24, at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

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----- Obituaries -----

Cooper

Dick Cooper, 78, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, April 26, 2002. His last words were "I'm Going Home!" What a blessing!

Dick was superintendent of the Bronte Park and Golf Course for 11 years, then returned to his first love of oil drilling and consultant until he retired.

Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 29, 2002, at Central Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his son, Danny, his parents, two brothers, and a sister.

Survivors are his wife, Marjorie; four daughters, Andra and Mike Arrott and Shalon and Randy Gibbs, all of Bronte, Sherri Eberle of San Antonio and Dicki Lyn Cooper of Ballinger; three sons, Donald and Mary Jane Cooper and Ronald Cooper, all of Bronte, and Robbie and Nes Cooper of Vernon; five brothers; three sisters; eighteen grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

We will remember always the great love and devotion he possessed, his love and concern for others and his ability to make things right.

Thank you, Sweetheart, for loving and caring for us. We love you now and for always!

Your Family

Don't worry about your "Marj" now

Don't you shed another tear We'll take care of her for you

'Cause God knows we need her here

We know that you're at peace now

Tho' it's hard to be apart

Just know that 'til we meet you

We embrace you with our hearts

Andra Arrott
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Death Notices

Moore

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, for Thomas Moore, 82, or Deer Park. Grandview Funeral Home of Deer Park handled the 1 pm services.

Survivors include his brother, Jack Moore and his wife, Earlene, of Bronte.

Sparks

Jerry W. Sparks, 53, of Blackwell died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be Friday, May 3, 2002, at the Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his mother, Ruthie Sparks of Blackwell; two brothers, Frank Sparks of Robert Lee and John Sparks of Fredericksburg.

SA Craft Guild Fair set for May 4 & 5

The Greater San Angelo Craft Guild will be celebrating their 27th year of crafting this year. This is the oldest craft guild in San Angelo, and they will be having one of three craft fairs on May 4 & 5 in the Pavilion at the San Angelo Fairgrounds.

The craft fair will be held from 10 am til 5 pm on Saturday and noon til 4 pm on Sunday. Everything will be hand made or partially hand made by each crafter.

There is no admission charge to get in.

TSGRA holds annual district meeting

The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association held its District 4 annual meeting in Robert Lee on Monday, April 29. Tom Lee, District 4 Chairman, reported that speakers for the event were as follows.

Pat Jackson, TSGRA First Vice President, reported on the current farm bill now in Congress, the Wool and Mohair Marketing Loan Program, and the Ewe Lamb Retention Program. John Dorsett, Wildlife Service District Manager, reported on increasing predator activity in the district. Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist, discussed the new Scrapie and Lamb Quality Assurance Program, and Steve Salmon spoke on environmental issues affecting confined feeding operations.

District directors were elected, and Hugh L. Stone III was elected the new District 4 Chairman. An excellent barbecue meal was prepared by the Cracker Barrel Restaurant.

Blackwell Euterpean Club news

The Blackwell Euterpean Club met on April 18 in the Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Present were Dona Sanderson, Margaret Stout, Rosie TenEyck, Margaret Battle, Colleen Fletcher, Hulene Magness, Bobbie Varnadore, Heather Sanderson, Betty Cole, Sharon Taylor and Lillie Burwick.

The President welcomed three visitors, Eaka Henshaw, Lisa Stanford, and Clay Stanford.

Lisa Stanford presented an interesting program on Heriscape Landscaping. Questions were asked, and the club discussed various plants suitable for our area.

Small Business Development Center news

The Small Business Development Center operates from the campus of UTPB in Odessa. This office was created to help the small

business owner develop management and planning skills needed to increase the chance of success. Approximately 70% of all small firms fail with the first five years, primarily due to lack of proper planning.

The Small Business Development Center provides counseling, seminars, marketing assistance and a resource center.

The director of the office was recently in Robert Lee and said that his office was prepared to meet with individuals or meet with groups to explain the program of training and funding.

The library has a supply of brochures and fact sheets concerning the Small Business Development Center. Information can be received by phone at 915-552-2455. One local business person reports that this center offers a good opportunity for small business owners or those considering a small business.

Story Hour graduation held April 30

Coke County Library Story Hour graduation took place Tuesday morning, April 30, at 10:00 am in the Bryan Mini Park. The children donned their motor boards, and waited patiently as each child received a certificate of completion. The graduates were arranged for the picture taking and all the children cooperated with each other and the people taking pictures.

The manners the students exhibited shows the good training these children are receiving from their parents, care givers, and Head Start personnel. Each child present could follow directions and independently act in a kind and patient manner. Even though the situation was different from their ordinary routine, the children adjusted to the differences with assurance.

Although this was a Story Hour graduation, children are welcome at the library any time. There have been many good children's books added to the collection that are entertaining for the children to read or to be read to.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-4. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market. The library phone number is 453-2495.

**Look Who's New
Courtlyn Isabella-Aida Pedini**

Caden Mattiann happily announces the birth of her baby sister Courtlyn Isabella-Aida, born on April 16, 2002 at 1:36 pm at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano in Plano, TX. She weighed six pounds eight ounces and was nineteen inches long.

Dennis and Callie Pedini of Frisco, TX are the proud parents. Maternal grandparents are T. C. and Ann McCutchen of Robert Lee. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Connie Pedini of Hong Kong. Paternal great-grandmother is Aida (Edith) Pedini of Weatherville, CT, and paternal great-grandfather is Charles Tommassi of Newington, CT.

The first woman to have a seat on the New York Stock Exchange was Muriel Siebert in 1967.

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Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
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11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
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Tommy Williams, Minister
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Wed. 7 pm

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(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
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11 am & 6 pm, Worship

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(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
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11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church

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11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

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

The family of Floy Sawyer wishes to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for all the calls, cards, food, flowers, memorials, prayers, visits, care and concern shown to us during the illness and loss of our Mother, Floy. We feel truly blessed to be a part of such a caring and loving community.

We offer a special "thank you" to Bro. Jim Reeves for being with us and for conducting such a memorable service.

We also offer a very special "thanks" to the staff of the Robert Lee Care Center for taking such loving care of Mother during her eight years there.

God bless each of you.

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Carr Academic Scholarships announced

Angelo State University has awarded Carr Academic Scholarships for the 2002-2003 academic year to 181 outstanding graduating high school seniors. The scholarships range in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000.

During the current year more than 1,000 students from throughout Texas, the United States and several foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships. To qualify for Carr Academic Scholarships, entering freshmen must, as a general rule, rank in the top 15 percent of their class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT I or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

The scholarship program at Angelo State is supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo.

The following list includes new award recipients for 2002-03, as of April 19:

- Blackwell - Cody Blair
- Bronte - Katy M. Frazee and Amy C. Morgan
- Robert Lee - Adam A. Cates

Bronte Health and Rehab news

Wednesday, April 24th, the day was filled with excitement as the dining room magically turned into a majestic ballroom. So much to do in so little time, but Presto!! Right before the residents' eyes appeared a most beautiful room. Lights entwined with garlands of ivy and while tulle enveloped the dining room ceiling. What's more astonishing, large bouquets of green and white balloons appeared and were strategically placed to accentuate the elegant ballroom filled with Magnolias.

Lots of hurrying, scurrying and worrying no one wanted to miss the Magnolia Ball. Women with fancy dresses, hair styled, make up on and men in their best attire entered the ballroom and were greeted by Photographer Fletcher. They were escorted to the Magnolia Ivy Archway where photographs were taken. The residents began to partake of the banquet's delicious specialties. Neither darkness (till 3 am on 24th) nor daughter's hospitalization daunted Chef Barnett's endeavors to prepare the banquet entrees: chicken livers wrapped with bacon, quiche lorraine, cabbage and shrimp egg rolls, mini taquitos, tuna, pimento cheese cucumber and cream cheese finger sandwiches, cheese display with assorted crackers, fresh fruit, cheese cake, key lime, and lemon meringue mini tart pies. The banquet table reflected the Chef's expertise. Chafing dishes, silver platters, carved watermelon boat and a beautiful Magnolia arrangement donned the banquet table.

The delectables were complimented by Madame Drennan's special "mock champagne" served in champagne glasses by the French maid, Mademoiselle Choat.

The banquet hall and ballroom echoed the wonderful strains of music provided by Gary Karschner (disc jockey) with VistaCare Hospice. As favorite oldies were played, the residents were entertained by professional dancers: Buck & Janet Voght, Scott & Judy Waddell, Lynn Gray and Ronnie Jones. As more "mock" champagne was enjoyed by all, the ballroom floor was filled with residents and employees dancing, while others sat back and enjoyed the toe tapping music. "Goodnight Irene" played as the gala event closed. The residents' smiles and laughter made the night a success for all those who coordinated the Magnolia Ball event.

Social Security News

By Fredi Franki

Manager, San Angelo Office
Last year, after several cases of anthrax-contaminated mail were discovered, people asked me if I thought their Social Security checks might be delayed or if it was safe to handle those checks. Well, Social Security checks were received on time and our mail was safe to handle. But in the future, the best way to alleviate any worry is to sign up for direct deposit.

Direct deposit is the safest and most convenient way to get your benefit payments. You don't have to worry about lost or stolen checks. You don't have to stand in line at the bank or go to the bank in bad weather. Your benefit payment automatically goes into your account for your immediate use.

I also tell people that if they are not using direct deposit and their check is lost, it can take up to six weeks to investigate and replace a check. Why take the

chance?

More than 45 million people receive monthly benefit payments from Social Security, and more than 80 percent of them use direct deposit. In the past, people have been reluctant to sign up because they didn't have a bank account, they thought it was too costly to maintain an account or they preferred to get cash and "control" their money.

In addition to being safe and convenient for beneficiaries, direct deposit is more efficient and saves money for the taxpayers, because it's less expensive than preparing and mailing checks monthly. The government saves 40 cents each time someone uses direct deposit instead of a check. It costs 42 cents to process and mail each check, compared to 2 cents for direct deposit. If all of the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries who currently receive a check signed up for direct deposit, the taxpayers would save \$8.4 million a month!

Signing up for direct deposit is easy - call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or visit the local Social Security office. Banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions also can help you sign up for direct deposit.

UTPB volleyball camp

University of Texas of the Permian Basin volleyball coach Steve Aicinena will conduct three summer volleyball camps. Camps for students entering 7th and 8th grades is set for 1-4 pm June 17-21. Camp for students entering 9th and 10th grades is 1-5 pm July 24-28, and camp for players entering 11th and 12th grades is 1-5 pm July 15-19. Camps are limited to 24 players each session.

For more information, call (915) 552-2677.

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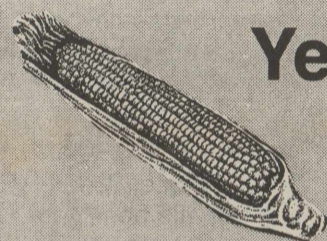
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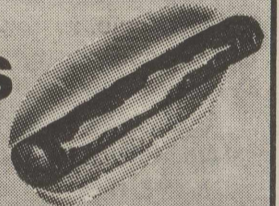
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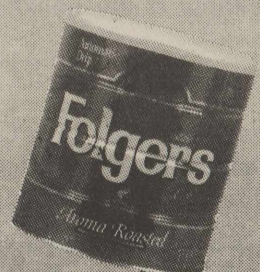
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



These Bronte High School students were honored by the State Board of Education through the Texas Celebrations of Education Excellence program at a ceremony held Wednesday, April 10, at Angelo State University. They included (from left) Heather Richey, Joe'l Sefcik, Khanni Beauchamp, Jonathan Tomes, Jenna Herold, Morgan McCutchen, Mindy Boyd, Amy Morgan, Katy Frazee, and Lacy Schoenfield.



Breakfast

Monday, May 6

Donut, sliced peaches, teddy grahams, milk

Tuesday, May 7

Pancake and sausage on a stick, grape juice, milk

Wednesday, May 8

Scrambled eggs, orange juice, toast, milk

Thursday, May 9

Breakfast burrito, apple juice, milk

Friday, May 10

Cereal, apple sauce, trail mix, toast, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 6

Pizza, sweet corn, tossed salad, banana pudding, milk

Tuesday, May 7

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, brownies, milk

Wednesday, May 8

Taco salad w/cheese, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, Spanish rice, tortilla chips, spice cake, milk

Thursday, May 9

Lasagna, tossed salad, corn on the cob, bread sticks, jello, milk

Friday, May 10

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

The average person in the U.S. eats 25 pounds of candy and gum per year.

Bronte Project Graduation set

There will be a Bronte Project Graduation meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 6, at the Senior Citizens' building.

Bronte Elementary Talent Show slated

There will be singing, dancing, and lots of fun at the Bronte Elementary Talent Show. The show will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm. Children in Early Childhood through sixth grade will perform at the event. The price for admission will be one canned good per person to benefit the Coke County Food Bank or a cash donation that will benefit the repairs on the Bronte Pool. Everyone is welcome to this evening of entertainment.

Bronte Sports Banquet to be held May 13

Bronte All-Sports Booster Club is sponsoring the annual awards banquet for Bronte high school athletes. The banquet will be held Monday, May 13, 2002 in the school cafeteria. The theme for the evening is Hats off to the Longhorns. A catered meal will begin at 6:30. All high school athletes, coaches, and administrators will receive a complimentary meal. Following the meal awards will be presented in the auditorium. All Longhorn and Lady Longhorn fans are encouraged to attend the banquet. This is a good time to show how proud we are of our athletes.

Bronte varsity girls regional track results

The Bronte varsity girls team finished 5th in the Regional track

meet with 40 points.

Long jump - 1st - Codi Monsey - 17' 1 1/4"

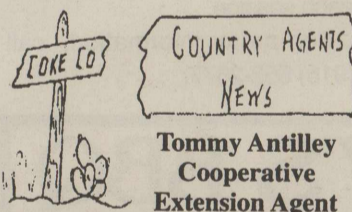
400 M dash - 1st - Codi Monsey - 61.55

166 relay - 2nd - Tasha Reed, Britney McCutchen, Lauren Williams, Codi Monsey - 4:15.04

400 relay - 5th - Tasha Reed, Lauren Williams, Britney McCutchen, Codi Monsey - 51.69. Congratulations to the State Qualifiers.

UIL academic regional winners announced

Regional UIL was held at Hardin - Simmons University in Abilene, Saturday, April 20. State UIL is May 3-4 in Austin. Spelling and vocabulary - 3rd - Ariel Marrs - advances to state - 6th - Katy Frazee
Spelling team - 2nd - Ariel Marrs, Katy Frazee, Amy Morgan - alternate to state
Headline writing - 4th - Morgan McCutchen - alternate to state



Tommy Antilley
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Extension Agent

Landscape checklist

Trees, Shrubs and Vines: Replace or replenish mulch materials in flowerbeds and shrub borders to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth.

Mulches are usually applied 2 to 6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 3 inches of bark chips, 4 inches of coastal Bermuda hay, or 6 inches of oat straw.

Complete pruning of spring blooming shrubs and climbing roses to ensure a good supply of new wood for next year's flower formation. Continue to spray roses for black spot and mildew control. Use potassium bicarbonate or other approved fungicides.

Now is the time to get the last of your woody ornamentals planted. Summer comes quickly in the south with its blistering hot weather that puts a strain on a new plant's developing root system. The earlier you get them planted, the more time they have to settle in and start to establish a root system before the onset of hot weather.

Begin to wean those spring transplants off the frequent water schedule used to help them get started. Over a few weeks transition them to a less frequent watering schedule. Deep, infrequent soakings will help them develop an extensive root system and be more resilient in the summer heat. This is also true of newly established sod.

Land and Groundcovers: Check your lawn mower blade. Nicks and dents may indicate a need for a new blade. Sharpen you mower blades regularly. Examine a few blades of grass. Stringy, ragged ends that are turning brown indicate a dull blade. Multiply these tiny tan to brown tips times a million and your lawn takes on a less attractive color and appearance.

St. Augustine lawns may begin to show chinch bug damage during late May. Chinch bug usually first appear in a sunny area next to a drive, curb or other masonry structure. Overwatering and over-fertilizing may make your turf more susceptible to chinch bug attack. Several insecticides are cleared for use on this "lawn spoiler." However, there is no need to treat the entire lawn, just the area affected.

Now that temperatures are in the upper 80s, many weed control products can damage sensitive turf species such as St. Augustine. Read the label carefully before using weed control

products on your lawn during the summer months. The best weed control is a dense, healthy turf!

Cut back on fertilizer for the lawn during the summer months. That spring feeding will go a long way and extra fertilizer just means more mowing and watering will be required. Use a mulching mower to return the clippings to the turf. They will break down and provide extra nutrition to the lawn. Think of your lawn mower as a slow-release fertilizer spreader!

Timely Tips:

*Watch for standing water in basins under containers. Empty them every few days. These pools of water can raise a good crop of mosquitoes - enough to ruin a weekend cookout!

*Repot crowded houseplants; move them to a spot on your patio or under a large shade tree for summer. Do not move them directly into full sun or the foliage will burn.

*Keep an eye out for insects and diseases. Badly infested plants may need to be destroyed or cut back significantly. Most problems are much easier to control if found early and acted upon promptly. By the time you notice it "from the kitchen window" it may be too late to do much good.

Glenn inducted into Nat'l Honor Society

Ian Glenn, a sophomore student at Duncanville High School, was inducted into the National Honor Society on April 23, 2002. The upper ten percent of the sophomore class, a total of 85 students, were given this honor. Ian's schedule this year includes honors classes in history, pre-calculus, pre-chemistry, and English.

He is also a member of the Duncanville Panthers hockey team and is active in his church and its youth activities. His parents are Drs. Victor and Liza Glenn of DeSoto and his grandparents are Clark and Mary Frances Glenn of Bronte.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Robert Lee Elementary Award Corrections

Honor Roll
Fourth grade -
Mrs. Bessent and
Mrs. Roberts

Emily Arellano and Stetson Nesbit were accidentally left off the award list for Honor Roll.

Robert Lee boys Regional track results

The Robert Lee boys track team finished 4th at the Regional track meet this past week in Abilene.

- Those placing were:
 400 M run - 5th - Bret Ballew - 53.62
 110 M hurdles - 5th - Anson Lott - 15.79
 300 M hurdles - 3rd - Anson Lott - 41.76
 Pole vault - 1st - Stewart Millican - 13' 6", 3rd - Travis Pitcock - 12' 6"
 Discus - 2nd - Charles Abalos - 151' 3", 4th - Cooper Riley - 143' 9"

Stewart will vault in the state meet at 9:00 am on Friday, May 10 and Charles will throw the discus on Friday afternoon at 4:30.

Lady Steers Regional track results

The Regional Qualifiers track meet was held at Wall on April 19.

- Shot put - 5th - Bobbie Sparks - 34' 2.5 inches
 Discus - 3rd - Bobbie Sparks - 113' 6"
 Pole vault - 5th - Shannon Wojtek - 7' 6"
 Triple jump - 5th - Shannon Wojtek - 32' 7"
 The Regional track meet was held at Abilene on April 26 & 27.
 Shot put - 3rd - Bobbie Sparks - 35' 8"
 Discus - 3rd - Bobbie Sparks - 110' 4"
 Pole vault - 10th - Shannon Wojtek - 7' 6"
 200 meter - 11th in prelims - Shannon Wojtek - 28.07
 Pole vault - 9th - Jessica Fluhmann - 7' 6"
 Sprint relay - 10th in prelims - Brittany Soliz, Krystal Soliz, Shanna Wojtek, Rachel Wallace - 54.30

Local young writers published

Good writing skills are an essential ingredient in the recipe for success, and teachers at Robert Lee ISD are striving to ensure that their students are equipped with these important skills.

As part of a total program to prepare students in language arts, local teachers have taken advantage of a nationwide publication that is devoted to the betterment of literary skills.

The High School Writer is a classroom teaching magazine developed to provide a "real audience" for students and to thereby foster the desire among young people to learn good

reading and writing skills. The magazine consists of works written by students and includes fiction as well as non-fiction, essays, and poetry.

The High School Writer is published by Writer Publications of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, which received more than 30,000 manuscripts from all over the U.S. during the 2001-2002 school year. Over 3,000 pieces were selected by the editorial staff and published in six issues during the year. Writer Publications has just completed its seventeenth year of providing publishing opportunities for young writers.

"The teachers you have at Robert Lee ISD obviously consider reading and writing a necessity for their students' success. Your teachers should be proud of their commitment to teach good writing to students," commented Writer Publications' publisher, Teresa Ivanca.

Published students received special recognition for their accomplishment and were presented Certificates of Literary Merit by local school officials. The list of nationwide award recipients included from Robert Lee ISD:

- Cassidy Wink - 1, Ashley Womack - 1, Kayla Medrano - 4, and Analy Gallegos - 5.

Robert Lee Twisters

The Robert Lee Twisters farm league baseball team has played three games over the last two weeks and have come up winners in two of the three games. The Twisters played a team from Bronte to start the season and lost 6-20. On April 25th, they played Winters and were hitting the ball really well and beat them 19-8. The Twisters then traveled to Ballinger to take on their team and pulled out a close one win-

ning 14-13.

The Twisters' roster includes: Dawson Brisbin, Quinton Coppedge, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Will Howard, Zachary Sanchez, Jonah Saucedo, Zach Skinner, Jacob Torres, Ashlie Wheat and Laredo Williamson.

Come out and watch these baseball players when they play Sterling City at Robert Lee at 6:00 on Friday, May 3rd.

RL Elementary classes create living museum

The 4th and 5th grade Social Studies classes of Robert Lee Elementary are creating a living museum titled "Heroes of America" dating from 1700-2002. Please plan to join us on May 7 from 5:30-6:30 at Robert Lee Elementary.

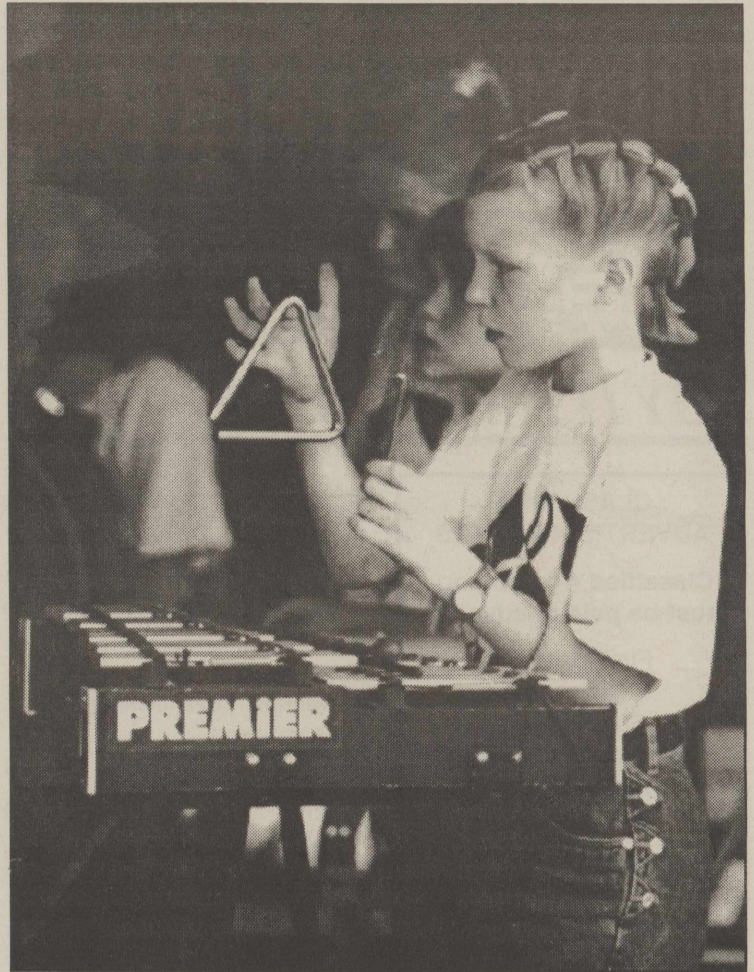
Nichols Family visits in Robert Lee

Kelly and Mendy Nichols and baby son, Jordan, of Crane, visited last Sunday afternoon in the home of Richard and Suzann Johnson. This was Jordan's first visit to Robert Lee since he was born March 23. The little guy (10 lb. 6 oz.) developed some premature birth complications soon after his arrival in an Odessa hospital. His doctor recommended that he stay away from crowds for awhile so the little family has waited to visit.

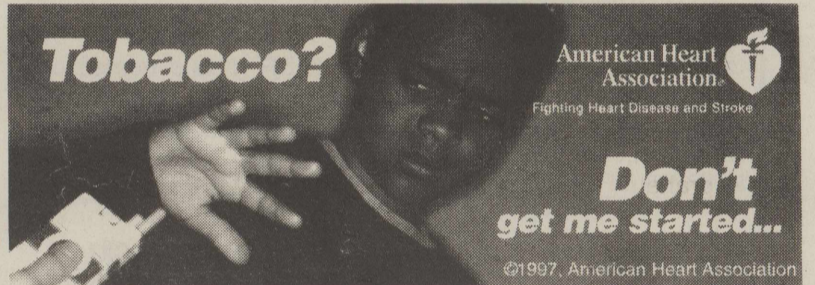
A number of family members and friends dropped by through the afternoon to admire him. Jordan was totally unimpressed by his star status and slept right through it.

Leaders learn by leading, and they learn best by leading in the face of obstacles. As weather shapes mountains, problems shape leaders.

Warren Bennis



Robert Lee 5th graders Tiffany Coffee, Amy Barnett, and Jodi Sheldon warm up before the Robert Lee 5th & 6th Grade Band's performance at Sandy Lake Fun Fest in Dallas on Friday, April 19.



HEAD START ROUND-UP

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Registration will be held at the Coke County Head Start Center, located at 820 Commerce Street, Robert Lee, TX. Registration dates are as follows: Monday, May 6th, and Tuesday, May 7th, 2002, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 - *provided insurance (e.g. medicaid, CHIPS, private insurance).

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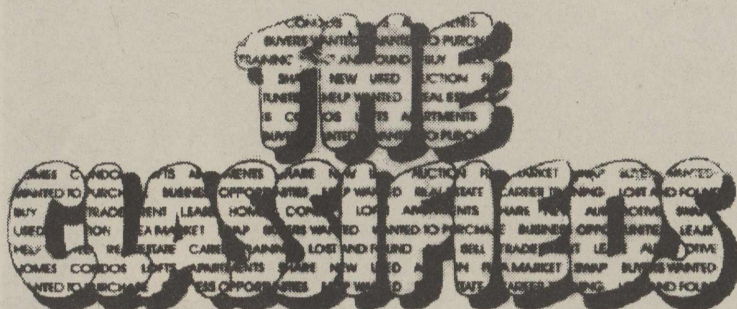
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 The Bronte Order of the Eastern Star will have their Annual Garage and Bake sale in front of the Bronte Lodge Hall on May 4, beginning about 7:30 or 8:00 am. We will have lots of baked goodies, and lots of odds and ends at this sale.
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Out of the Ordinary

by Jane Austin Bruckner
(Continuing to celebrate Women's History, rancher Garland Richard writes about his great great grandmother Lucinda Odom buying Fort Chadbourne from the widow Mary Maverick and paying with gold. This and other stories published in Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas, Eakin Press, 2002.)

Lucinda Milstead Odom

by Garland Richards

Lucinda was a smart woman who knew what she wanted. When she saw the large sandstone "house," (officers quarters) among the forts buildings, with the Butterfield Overland Mail stopping by the front door, and the wide sweeping vistas, she knew she was home.

Perhaps it was the spacious double officers quarters sandstone building she wanted as a home for her family, but she also wanted the land. Grandmother paid \$500 in gold for the fort and 640 acres. Imagine this transaction in 1877: Widow Mary Maverick and Lucinda Odom making a deal near present day Highway 277, eleven miles northeast of Bronte, Coke Co., Texas.

Who was this grandmother? Tall dark-haired Lucinda Milstead was born March 21, 1829 in Baldwin County, Alabama. She met and married Thomas Lawsom Odom before they came in wagons to Bandera County, west of San Antonio. They brought Lucinda's father with them and camped in tents on the Medina River making cypress shingles, until they could build a sawmill and cabins. Their 2200 acre tract of land was in the heart of Indian Territory, and every day there was danger. During the Civil War, Thomas was in Captain J. A. Adams Company in the Home Guard around San Antonio, while Lucinda stayed in Bandera.

Between 1873 and 1875, Thomas and Garland Odom were busy trailing cattle from San Antonio to Kansas City, leaving Lucinda to care for the family and property. Fort Chadbourne, named for Lieutenant Theodore Chadbourne, killed in the Mexican War, was built in 1852 by the U. S. Army. It was maintained until 1873 as one of several forts to protect the masses of people moving west, then sold to an individual. She saw it as an investment in the future.

Lucinda's purchase was the center of Mr. Odom's headquarters for his cattle operations that later encompassed over 100,000 acres of land and the fort is now listed on the National Registry of Historical Places. Lucinda Odom passed away at age 53, August 21, 1882, leaving her husband and nine children a great legacy of family and place. Because the land has been in private ownership for generations, the family has a very large collection of artifacts.

Garland Richards, an 8th generation grandson lives with his wife Lana, near the fort, and is now overseeing the reassembling of the fallen walls of the fort. In 1999 the Fort Chadbourne Foundation was created to protect and preserve the historical assets of the site as educational resources. You can visit the fort during daylight hours or the website: www.fortchadbourne.org.

Contact the Chadbourne Ranch at 915-743-2555 or by e-mail at fortchadbourne@msn.com.

RL sailor learns about life on deployment

by Wayne Howlett

In the modern world, life and liberty often appear to be fragile. Basic human rights are being threatened every day throughout the world. Because of this threat, U.S. service men and women work fiercely to protect American citizens and help bring peace to the world.

Robert Lee's Orville W. Davis III is a sailor defending American freedom aboard the attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698). The nuclear-powered submarine recently returned from a six-month deployment in the Western Pacific. Davis possesses skills that support the submarine's mission readiness and daily productivity. As a hospital corpsman on the submarine, Navy Chief Petty Officer Davis oversees the health of the crew.

The 33-year-old grandson of Mildred Davis of Robert Lee knows the importance of deployed forces and how they increase security and foreign relations.

"Deployment helps us maintain communication and coordination on joint tasks when needed," said Davis, a 1986 graduate of Robert Lee High School.

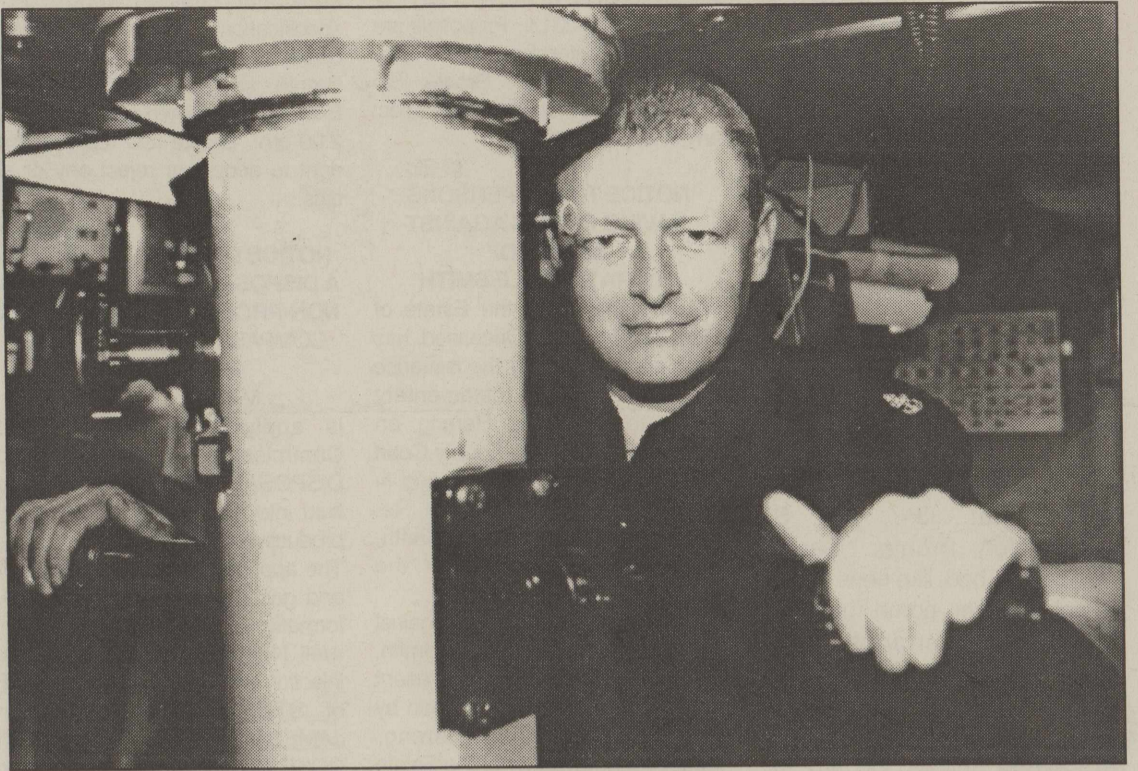
Bremerton is a Los Angeles-class attack submarine that is capable of dominating undersea and surface battles. Equipped with a mix of torpedoes and Harpoon and Tomahawk missiles, Bremerton can launch attacks on hostile submarines, ships and land targets while remaining undetected by enemy surveillance.

At nearly 7000 tons, the 360-foot-long Bremerton is not only a vessel of war, but it is also home to 120 sailors during deployment. This vessel is capable of diving to depths below 800 feet, where bombs or missiles pose little threat, and can stay submerged for weeks at a time. For sailors traveling the world together, life on Bremerton can be a great learning experience.

"My most interesting experience was riding an elephant in Thailand," said Davis, a 15-year Navy veteran.

Deploying submarines is a major part of the U.S. Navy's maritime strategy. These vessels can operate beneath enemy waters with little threat of detection. Additionally, they remain a valuable force in intelligence missions.

"A forward deployed force can respond quickly and is a



Navy Chief Petty Officer Orville W. Davis, of Robert Lee, stands by the periscope on the USS Bremerton, a nuclear-powered submarine. Davis serves as hospital corpsman on the submarine.

reminder of our interests in foreign waters," Davis said.

Submarine sailors like Davis have been protecting American interests for more than 100 years. Their dedication to duty helps ensure the safety of all U.S. citizens. These sailors protect the freedoms this country was founded on and are essential to the success of future naval operations.

(Howlett is a Navy journalist assigned to Navy Public Affairs Center in San Diego).

New Help for stuttering complex disorder

Parents eagerly anticipate the moment when their child first begins to talk. But for some parents, it is a time of anxiety because their child struggles to get words out.

As many as twenty percent of all preschoolers nationwide have repetitions and prolongations of sounds severe enough to be of concern to their parents.

A new videotape, Stuttering and The Preschool Child: Help for Families, helps parents detect stuttering and take action toward helping their child and is now available at the Coke County Library in Robert Lee, Texas.

Produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation, the video describes what kinds of stuttering young children may exhibit, how parents can help at home, and the role of speech pathologist in evaluating and treating children who stutter. The Foundation offers the videotape free to all public libraries, and more than 4,000 libraries nationwide have already added the tape to their collection. Their names are listed at www.stutteringhelp.org.

"Stuttering typically begins between the ages of two and five," says Barry Guitar, Ph.D., professor and chair of Communication Sciences at the University of Vermont in Burlington. "It may begin gradually or suddenly, and many of these children outgrow their disfluencies naturally. However, if a child continues to stutter for several months, or appears to be frustrated by it, parents should seek assistance."

Guitar appears in the video with four other nationally recognized experts in stuttering: Peter Ramig, Ph.D., of the University of Colorado at Boulder, Diane Hill, M.A., of Northwestern University, Patricia Zebrowski, Ph.D., of the University of Iowa, and Kristin Chmela, M.A., in private practice.

These experts address common concerns that parents have about their child, such as how to help the child at home and whether to seek the advice of a speech pathologist.

Strategies parents can use to help reduce stuttering are given throughout the tape and include reducing the number of questions they ask the child, focusing on taking turns during conversations, and making time to read or talk with the child in a relaxed manner.

"Parents are relieved to discover that they are not alone and that other parents share their concerns," says speech pathologist Kristin Chmela.

"Stuttering remains a mystery to most people," notes Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Watching a young child struggle to speak can be devastating. Our latest video is designed to reassure parents and families that many preschoolers stutter, that they can be helped, and that parents play a vital role in this process."

For more information about stuttering and a list of specialist in your area, write the Stuttering Foundation, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, call toll-free 1-800-992-9392, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org.

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