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Robert Lee Street Affair successful in 2nd year

By Beth Prather

Some of the Robert Lee Street Affair crafts people and vendors said they had sold a lot of their wares and some said they had barely broken even. Several of the food booths sold out and some worked really hard but didn't make much money. Given the competing events in other parts of the area, over-all the Street Affair did very well for the second year. The effort taken to set up and man a booth is strenuous. All the booth presenters deserve a great deal of applause for both talent and endurance.

The 5K run sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes was a hit with the early morning visitors. The DJ "Eclipse" provided a running commentary for the run. Those who worked this event really "worked" for weeks seeking sponsors and arranging for tee shirts, marking the course, and then working other booths the rest of the day - and night.

The Coke County Jail event registered over 100

people who walked, drove, or rode the Thunderbird bus to take the tour. The drivers of the bus deserve appreciation for standing by to run a shuttle from Austin Street to the jail. Two sheriffs who had lived and worked at the jail made a visit. Doug Robertson, a former sheriff in 1973 and 1974, was one of the visitors to the Old Jail. His visit reminded him of several experiences which he shared with those at the jail. Visitors bought copies of The Coke County Cemetery Book by Bonita Copeland and Wanda Smith and the Grandmother Stories by Jane Austin Bruckner and learned of the upcoming book about the jail and its sheriffs. The winning ticket for the Old Jail Replica was held by Leta Caston.

The Art Show at the Bessent showroom was a success in its first year. Deone Roe won "Best of Show" and was awarded a cash prize provided by the Robert Lee State Bank. Merit awards went to Jerry

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Numerous visitors joined Robert Lee residents as they enjoyed the 2nd Annual Robert Lee Street Affair held Saturday, October 5, 2002.

Fort Chadbourne Cavalry sets organizational meeting for Oct. 19

An organizational meeting for a group of volunteers who would like to organize a Fort Chadbourne Cavalry has been set for Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, 12:00 noon, at the parade grounds at Fort Chadbourne. If you are interested in participating and would like more information, contact Chuck at (915) 656-5172 or the Fort Chadbourne Foundation at (915) 743-2555. BYOH (bring your own horse) and Coggins papers to the meeting. Fort Chadbourne is an 1852 military frontier fort located 12 miles north of Bronte, halfway between Abilene and San Angelo, Texas on Hwy 277.

Blackwell Homecoming 2002

The Blackwell Homecoming will kick off at 10:30 on Saturday morning October 12, 2002. Refreshments will be served with registration and visitation. The parade will begin at 1:30 followed by a pep rally at 3:00. At 4:30 there will be a meal provided by the junior class.

The football game will start at 6:45 with introduction of the players. During the halftime, all reunion

class members will be honored with special recognition of distinguished alumni.

There will be a dance following the football game sponsored by the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information call Heather Sanderson at 282-2311.

Hunting & Fishing Guide set for publication

The 2002 Coke County Hunting & Fishing Guide is slated to be published in the October 25th edition of the Observer/Enterprise. The deadline for pictures and editorial copy is Friday, October 18.

Every effort will be made to contact advertisers prior to this deadline. However, if we miss you, please do not hesitate to call our office at 453-2433.

The annual Hunting & Fishing Guide has been recognized as one of the best publications of its type in the state. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of this annual guide to the hunting and fishing resources of Coke County.

Hunter Barbecue tickets available

Tickets are now available for the 14th Annual Hunters Barbecue, set for Saturday, November 2, 2002, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Area landown-

ers and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets for their hunters at the following locations in Robert Lee: C&H Auto and Hardware, Key Feed Store, or Wink Insurance. Donations may also be mailed to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

For more information contact Robert Wink, Chairman, at 453-4551 (ofc) and 453-2003 (home). According to Wink, "our deer hunters bring a lot of dollars into the local economy, and we would like to express our appreciation to them for their continued support."

In addition, there is always a place to help with the appreciation barbecue, whether you may want to volunteer as a cook, baker, server, ticket taker, or serve on the set-up or clean-up crews. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Robert Wink at the phone numbers above.

Football Games

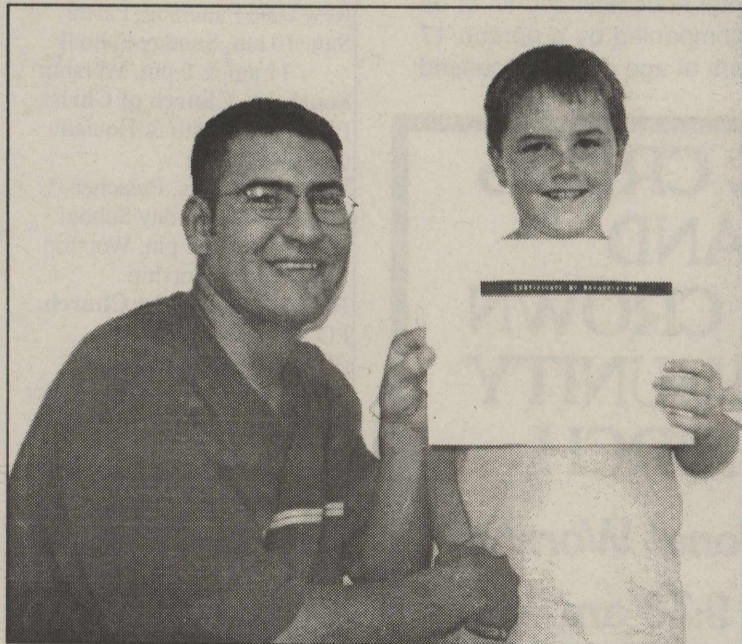
October 11

Horns at
Sterling City

7:30 pm

Steers host Roscoe

7:30 pm



Donnie Bautista (left) of D & E Restaurant in Robert Lee awards Daniel Nowlin with a certificate for a free pizza. Daniel, a 9 year old 4th grader, was the first to spot an electrical fire at Robert Lee Baptist Church and brought this potential serious situation to the attention of church directors. Grandparents Richard and Suzann Johnson, along with the entire Robert Lee community, are very proud of this young man.

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Obituaries

Coalson

We said good-bye to our beloved "Gran", Edria Odella Wrinkle Coalson, on October 8, 2002. She was born February 10, 1909 to Charles and Susie Jackson. She was much loved and always there when we needed her. She worked hard all her life and was very devoted to her family and a loyal member of Central Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death are her husbands, George Russell "Pop" Wrinkle and Ray Coalson, sisters, Minnie Ola Keesee, Allene Mitchell, and Lorie Phillips, brother Herman Jackson, children, Dwain Wrinkle, Macie Wrinkle, and grandchild Michael Wrinkle.

Surviving family are her children, Loy Wrinkle, Loretha Knight and husband Robert, Joyce Riley and husband John; 16 grandchildren, 26 great-children, 5 great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Steve, Rusty, Mark, Roy Lee, and great-grandsons, Clint, Brent, Kyle, Micah, Kaden, John David, and Jimmy.

Visitation was Wednesday, October 9, 2002 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. Funeral service was held at Central Baptist Church in Bronte at 10 am Thursday, October 10, 2002. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

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McCutchen from Bronte and Frances Lindsey of Robert Lee. The entrants proved that there is so much talent in this area that deserves a local showcase. The chairman and the judges had a tough job and their efforts were appreciated by the artists and visitors alike.

The antique vehicle show had a street-full of entrants. Ray and Leta Aldridge had a real job numbering the vehicles and passing out and collecting and tabulating the ballots for awards which were designed and constructed by Noel Tinkler. Tommy Clifton of Robert Lee swept the competition with three awards: Best Car, Best in Class and People's Choice went to his 1958 Fairlane. The oldest entry award went to O.P. May for his 1918 Model T Roadster. Joe Black won the Most Distant car award. Glenn Erwin won the Best Pickup award for his 1956 Ford. Lee Bennett won Best Motorcycle award for a 1962 Cushman. The Most Original award went to George Dunn for a 1931 Ford. Les and Geneva Gray lent their cars and experience to the event.

These classic vehicle folks made the parade a real treat and provided entertainment for many folks. The chairman of the parade was not in the parade this year as judging duties called her to another event. Their efforts on behalf of the Street Affair are appreciated.

Driftwood was on hand all day long at the Street Affair

and then played for the Street Dance that night. Their music during the day and their help with the talent show performers added much to the day's festivities. They provided a thrill for entrants in the various raffles and contests by announcing winners' names over their sound system. They made themselves available for announcements throughout the day and night. The Street Affair was more fun because of their presence and talent.

The Street Dance with Driftwood drew rows and rows of listeners and their lawn chairs, crowds of young people who filled the street with energy, and a good group of those who can still scoot a boot - even on pavement. The most often-heard comment was, "We should do this more often." Cindy's Bar B Q was on hand to provide hamburgers for the crowd from their very big rig, which in case anyone missed it, was also in the parade.

The Dessert Cook-off will be covered in next week's issue and will include winning recipes. The sale of the desserts netted \$110 for the Library. Those who donated their work for the sale are appreciated.

The success and downright fun of the Robert Lee Street Affair is due to the people involved. The Robert Lee City crew and the County crews took on the necessities of the Street Affair in addition to their already demanding jobs and did so with good humor and good results. The donations of the wonderful items for raffles raised funds to make the Street Affair possible and created excitement for the drawings. The creation of the signs for the events and the task of hanging the signs helped visitors find their way. The efforts of the businesses to spruce up their stores and store fronts to make a good showing helped the image of Robert Lee. People volunteered hours of their time just because they wanted the Street Affair to be successful so that the City of Robert Lee could



This lovely painting took "Best of Show" at Saturday's Robert Lee Street Affair Art Contest. The winning artist, Deone Roe of Robert Lee, won a cash prize sponsored by Robert Lee State Bank. In its first year, the Art Show held at Ben Bessent Chevrolet Showroom, was well received by both contestants and viewers.

have an event which would create a positive feeling both for its residents and for its visitors are numerous. There were many who cooperated in small ways to make big things happen.

The willingness of the press to print the planning sessions and announcements and to cover the event created community awareness that is invaluable.

Anyone with suggestions, comments, or a plan for next year should put ideas in writing and turn in to anyone downtown.

**Hunter Education
Course offered**

Coke County 4-H will sponsor a Hunter Education Course to be presented by Jim Allen, Game Warden with Texas Parks & Wildlife. This course will be offered October 12-13, 2002 at the county courthouse.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after September 2, 1971 must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course.

*age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course.

*age 12 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a person 17 years of age or older licensed

to hunt in Texas.

*under 12 years of age, you must be accompanied by a person 17 years of age or older licensed to hunt in Texas.

Minimum age of certification is 12 years and the cost of certification is \$10.00. Proof of certification is required to be on your person while hunting.

A minimum of 5 people are required to be able to hold this class. Please contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461 to register.

**Churches of
Robert Lee**

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PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
(915) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Dr. Kenneth G. Patrick, Int. 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. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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CHARLIE STENHOLM

As a City Councilman, Rob actively worked for initiatives that improve the lives of seniors. As your Congressman, Rob will stand with President Bush to help our seniors.

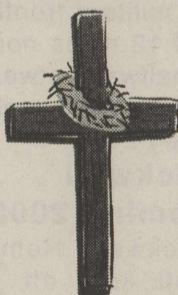
Charlie voted against President Bush's call for a prescription drug benefit for seniors.

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Cast members performing in the re-enactments during Fort Chadbourne's 150th Anniversary celebration included (from left) Gwen Dyess, David Coffey, Steve Clark and Eric Johnson.

Fort Chadbourne celebration is a resounding success

The recent Fort Chadbourne 150th Anniversary Celebration was a big success. The event raised \$22,000, with proceeds benefiting the reconstruction of the east barrack building. There were 133 attendees, with numerous items donated for the live and silent auctions, along with donations from all over the United States to help in this year's fundraisers.

The re-enactment cast consisted of Bronte locals Gwen Dyess, Eric Johnson, and Steve Clark. Sgt. S.G. Davidson was portrayed by History Professor David Coffey from the University of Tennessee.

Garland and Lana Richards established the Fort Chadbourne Foundation in February 1999 to help protect and preserve the historic site

of Fort Chadbourne. The fort has come a long way with the help of its board and staff and supporters. The board of directors consist of the following members: Ronnie Poehls - Wingate; Kelly Gill - Abilene; Tom Perini - Buffalo Gap; Kennie Matthews - Houston; Mary Frances Glenn - Bronte; Pat Lee - Bronte; Dub Davis - Winters; Dewey Chesnut - Winters; and R. L. Flanagan - Robert Lee. The staff includes: President Garland Richards and Secretary/ Treasurer Lana Richards. Steve Clark is a full time employee of the fort with Eric Johnson working parttime. Volunteers who donate their time include Pam Walker of Dallas; Margaret Joyner of Sweetwater; and James Butler of Sweetwater.

The east barrack needs archeology, windows, doors, and flooring to make this building complete. Plans include an interpretive room

to show visitors what the soldiers' living conditions were in this building. The other section of the east barrack will be available for meetings, weddings, reunions, etc. Fort Chadbourne is open during daylight hours, seven days a week for public touring. Come out and tour the fort and see the progress for yourself.

Seminars focus on women's health

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Shannon Community Health Services has scheduled several free events to help increase awareness and educate women about this disease and related topics: Oct. 10 - Hormone Replacement Therapy Seminar; Oct. 15 - Cancer and Nutrition; Oct. 22 - Breast Health Awareness Seminar. For more information please contact (915) 659-7370.

*Please join us as we celebrate the
68th Wedding Anniversary
of
J. B. and Samantha Robertson
and the
90th Birthday
of
J. B.*

Date: October 19, 2002

Time: 2 to 4 pm

*Place: New Recreation Hall
Robert Lee, Texas*

Hosted by: Their Children

No gifts necessary - just share your memories in a card.

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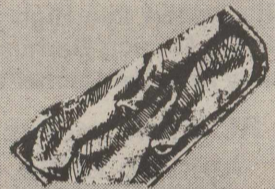
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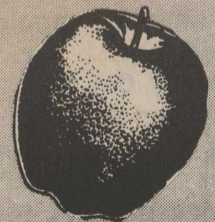
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club representatives for the 2002-2003 school year are Monica Barrera, Amie Kendall, Stewart Millican, Jennifer Nesbit, Amber Perez, Shelby Roe and Rachel Wallace.

RL sophomores holding raffle

The Robert Lee 10th grade class is selling raffle tickets for a golf cart trailer. The trailer is 6 ft. by 8 ft.

To purchase tickets contact Kelly Beuschel, Clint Askins, Vicki Neace, or any 10th grader at RLHS.

The drawing will be held November 1 at the Robert Lee varsity boys basketball

game vs. Coahoma. You don't need to be present to win.

RL City office to be closed

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. Regular business will resume on Tuesday at 8:00 am.

AON spaghetti supper

The annual AON spaghetti supper is fast approaching. The supper will be held on Friday, October 11th from 5-7 pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are on sale from any AON member. Take out and deliveries are available.

If you have any questions you may contact any AON member or you may contact Cathy Hendry at 453-2036 for information. All proceeds go towards the Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarship. So come and enjoy the delicious Chicken Spaghetti and help with a great cause at the same time.

RL Sixth Graders meet by Kimberly Cardenas and Holly Austin

The Sixth Grade met on Oct. 1, 2002. Class president Josh Gallegos called the meeting to order. The first order of business was the

election of officers. Newly elected officers are: President - Jasmine Gloria; Vice President - Jimmy Womack; Secretary - Kimberly Cardenas; Reporter - Holly Austin.

Under new business, the class discussed the Fall Festival sponsored by the Robert Lee PTO. They also discussed how to win the spirit stick at the pep rallies. Program sales at the Dogie games have been good, and the class appreciates everyone's support. The Meeting adjourned at 12:25.

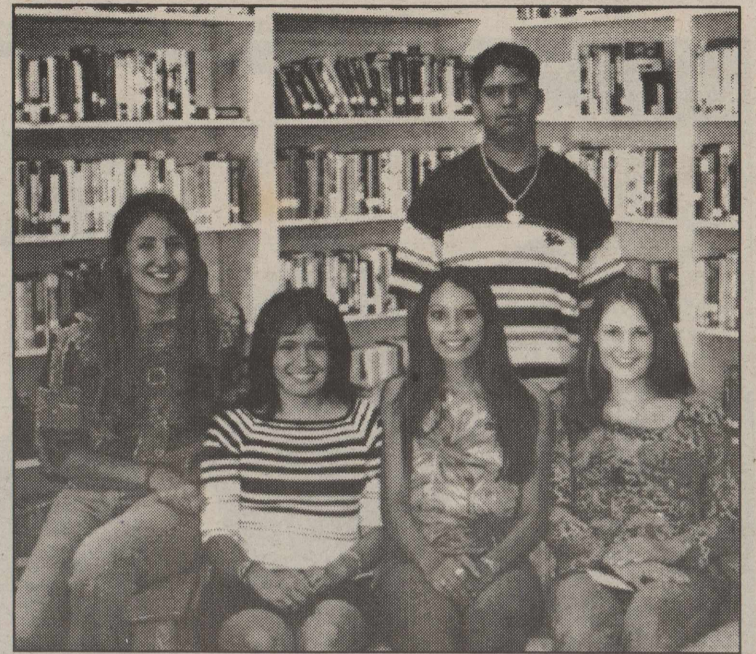
Robert Lee PTO Fall Festival

The Robert Lee PTO will be hosting a Fall Festival on Nov. 9, 2002 from 2-5 pm at the County Park.

Any organization wishing to participate may contact Karla Hamrick at 453-4780.

Robert Lee Jr. High & High School honor awards 1st Six Weeks "A" Honor roll

7th grade
Molly Burns, Cody Denton, Ashley Hopson, Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner



The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club officers for the 2002-2003 school year are Nicole Sanchez, President; Krystal Soliz, Vice President; Ashlee Millican, Secretary; Michele Sanchez, Treasurer; and Phillip Rangel, Reporter.

8th grade

Jaden Alexander, Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Nicole Fields, Cody McCabe, Casey Nesbit, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Rebecca Skinner, Eleasar Vera

Pineda, Anna Rojas, Ronald Shaw, Luke Thurman

8th grade

Nicole Barnett, Brian Eubanks, Dixie Johnson, Rosa Rojas, Robin Taylor

9th grade

Tina Arellano, Bridgette Barnett, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Shannon Martin, Amanda Thurman

10th grade

Cody Bridges, Stacey Denton, Yolanda Olguin, Alana Parker, Julie Riley, Michele Sanchez, Ashley Womack

11th grade

Brian Abalos, Josh Alexander, Felipe Arellano, Sean Barnett, Evan Braswell, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Shannon Honse, Tyler Lott, Tim Messer, Kailee Radloff, Phillip Rangel, Monica Rodriguez, Rachel Wallace

12th grade

Brandon Anderson, Alice Beach, Sean Edging, Jaziel Gallegos, Kindra Johnson, Anson Lott, Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, Robert Sailer, Becky Welch

10th grade

Kayli Duncan, Jake McCabe, Lindsey Roe, Brittany Soliz

11th grade

Monica Barrera, Chris Eubanks

12th grade

Amber Brosh, Amie Kendall, Ashlee Millican, Stewart Millican, Jennifer Nesbit, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Alan Roe, Shelby Roe, Nicole Sanchez, Krystal Soliz

"A/B" Honor roll

7th grade

Jesse Braswell, Brody Dillard, Kami Fryar, Cameron Hodge, Melissa Martinez, Megan Percifull, Andrea



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 14

Orange juice/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 15

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

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Orange juice/apple juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Thursday, Oct. 17

Orange juice, apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Friday, Oct. 18

Orange juice, apple juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 14

BBQ wieners, corn, broccoli & cheese, applesauce, bread, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, salad, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Corn dog, chips, broccoli/carrots w/ranch dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Oct. 17

Steakfingers, gravy, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, peaches, milk

Friday, Oct. 18

Chick-fil-A, pickles, tator tots, pork & beans, banana pudding, milk

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RLHS Spanish Club Fajita Dinner

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Robert Lee School Cafeteria

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and
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Just in the past year, children from Coke County came to us more than 170 times! Now, Children's Miracle Network® will bring additional financial support to our mission of keeping your children healthy. This is a tremendous benefit for all the children of the Concho Valley, considering the outstanding care Shannon Medical Center already offers children of all ages. For more information, please call Jo Vaughan at (915) 657-5769.



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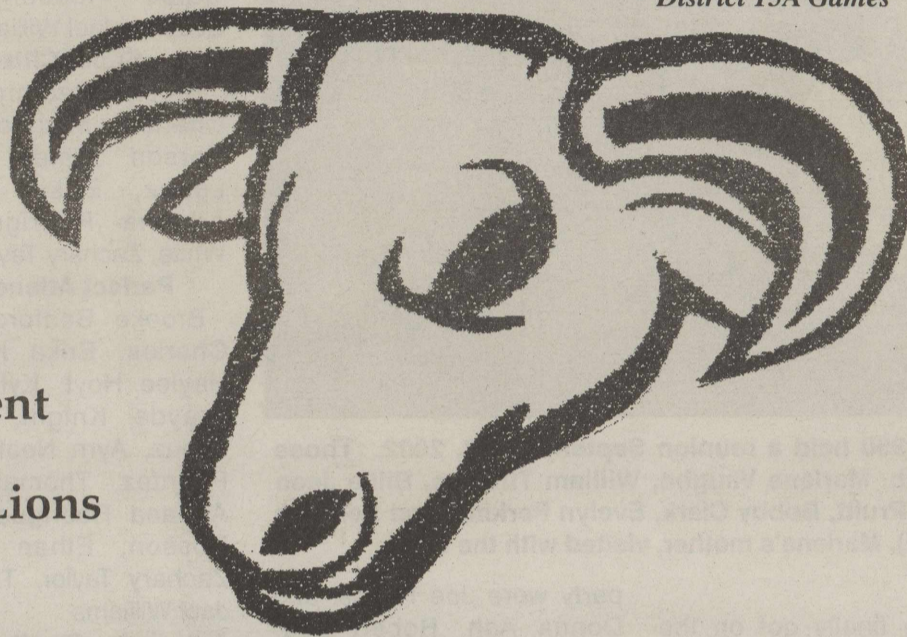
ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

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August 30	Cross Plains	There	8:00	40	0	
September 6	Menard	Here	8:00	14	22	
September 13	Garden City	There	8:00	26	6	
** September 20	Christoval	Here	8:00	14	42	
September 27	Winters	There	8:00	9	17	
October 4	Open					
* October 11	Roscoe	Here	7:30			
* October 18	Miles	Here	7:30			
* October 25	Sterling City	There	7:30			
* November 1	Roby	Here	7:30			
* November 8	Bronte	There	7:30			

* District 15A Games

** Homecoming

Friday,
October 11
7:30 pm
Home



ROBERT
LEE
STEERS
VS.
Roscoe
Plowboys

Shaffer Monument
Company
Robert Lee-Silver Lions
Club
Rock Solid
Communications
Roy & Judy Blair
Mountain Creek Lodge
Jackie Walker
West Coke County
Community Development
Skinner's Gro. & Station
Jim & Geanette Skinner
W.E.B. Construction
Edwin, Wyndell & Family
Bell Auto Body Shop
Doug Bell
Ivey Motor Company, Inc.
Robert Lee State Bank
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Ben Bessent Chevrolet
Robert Lee Care Center

Wackenhut Corporation
Supports the Steers
Joan Davis
Key Feed Store
Cracker Barrel Restaurant
Paul Burns
Coke Co. Commissioner Prec. #1
The Best Connection
The Wayland Drennan Family
Ernest Clendennen, Inc.
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Massage by Darrell

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

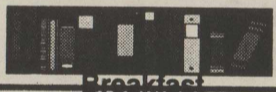


The Bronte High School Class of 1950 held a reunion September 28, 2002. Those attending included (from left) Joe Ash, Marlene Vaughn, William Thomas, Billie Jean Clark, Charles Timmons, Dorthey Fay Pruitt, Bobby Clark, Evelyn Perkins, and Kenneth Hester. Mrs. Marie Arrott (front, seated), Marlene's mother, visited with the class.

Horns fall to #7 ranked Hamlin

The Longhorns fell to the Number 7 ranked Pied Pipers 59-8 Friday night. Hamlin scored the first 7 possessions they had and built a 45-0 halftime lead. The Longhorns did not help matters, as they turned the ball over 5 times during the

School Menu



Monday, Oct. 14

Cereal, sliced pears, toast, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Blueberry Muffins, apple juice, teddy grahams, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Sausage, orange juice, biscuit, milk

Thursday, Oct. 17

French Toast Sticks, grape juice, milk

Friday, Oct. 18

Breakfast Pizza, pineapple chunks, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 14

Chicken Nuggets w/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, rice krispie bars, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Hot Dogs w/chili & cheese, baked beans, tator tots, bun, peanut butter cookies, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Lasagna, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, jello, milk

Thursday, Oct. 17

Grilled Cheese Sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, pink panther cake, milk

Friday, Oct. 18

Sub sandwiches, ham & cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle, orange half, bun, chips, cinnamon rolls, milk

night.

Bronte finally got on the board in the fourth quarter on a 23 yard pass from Cody Lee to Jesse Rodriguez, and the two point conversion pass to BJ Hall.

Bronte opens district Friday, October 11 at Sterling City.

Bronte 1950 class reunion

The graduating class of 1950 sponsored the "Proud To Be An American" float for the Bronte Homecoming Parade. The theme for the float was red, white and blue with an abundant supply of American flags flying accented with red, white and blue carnation flowers.

Seated on the float was Kenneth Hester, San Angelo; Bobby and Billie Jean Clark, Abilene; Evelyn Perkins, Houston; Marlene Arrott Vaughn and Dorthey Scott Pruitt of Bronte. Drivers were Billy Jack Gentry of Bronte and Nita Hester of San Angelo.

After the weekend of activities, the class gathered Saturday evening at 6 pm for a fajita cookout with all the trimmings.

Other people attending the

party were Joe Russel and Donna Ash, Robert Lee; William and Martha Thomas, Charles Timmons, Noah Pruitt, Jr. and Mrs. Marie Arrott all of Bronte. Mrs. Arrott was room mother the entire 12 years.

Scrap books, annuals, and pictures were on display, plus a most unique display and graph of every class member made by Kenneth Hester. Everyone had a wonderful time and plan to meet in the spring of 2003 in San Angelo with date and place being announced at a later date.

Bronte School Awards First Six Weeks

1st grade Reading Award for meeting reading goal

Lauren Allen, Fred Arthur, Austin Odom, Stetsen Emfinger, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, Bailey McGlothlin, Johnathan Moore, Marisa Sanchez, Stormy Sims, Angellica Sterling, Mason Smith, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley

Super Citizen Award

Lauren Allen, Austin Odom, Brandon Harris, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, Bailey McGlothlin, Johnathan

Moore, Marisa Sanchez, Stormy Sims, Angellica Sterling, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley

Perfect Attendance Award
Lauren Allen, Austin Odom, Stetsen Emfinger, Lyndsay Hargrave, Ty Lee, Marisa Sanchez, Stormy Sims, Angellica Sterling, Mason Smith, Megan Yackley

2nd Grade - Mrs. Rawls

A Honor Roll
Brooke Bedford, Mario DeLaRosa, Haylee Hoyt, Carson James, Diandra Lopez, Erika Hargrave, Caleb Rosson, Ethan Sedden, Jael Williams

Super Citizens
Brooke Bedford, Thoren Charles, Michael Harris, Carson James, Diandra Lopez, Erika Puentez, Adriana Rodriguez, T.J. White, Zachary Taylor

Perfect Attendance
Brooke Bedford, Thoren Charles, Erika Hargrave, Haylee Hoyt, Kyle Kelton, Brayde Knight, Diandra Lopez, Ayrn Nealey, Erika Puentez, Thomas Reyes, Adriana Rodriguez, Caleb Rosson, Ethan Sedden, Zachary Taylor, T.J. White, Jael Williams

3rd grade - Rawlings

All "A" Honor Roll
Katie Austin, Austin Brackeen, Kim Lee, Jordan Rowan, Jaylon Seales

"A-B" Honor Roll
Amy Godinez, Maria Fuentez, Logan McGlothlin
Super Citizens
Katie Austin, Austin Brackeen, Conner Clark, Maria Fuentez, Amy Godinez, Sara Lara, Kim Lee, Logan McGlothlin, Rani Parks, Jordan Rowan, Jaylon Seales, Carrie Stewart

AR Goal
Katie Austin, Austin Brackeen, Conner Clark,

Amy Godinez, Kim Lee, Logan McGlothlin, Ryan Nealey, Jordan Rowan, Jaylon Seales

Perfect Attendance
Austin Brackeen, Conner Clark, Randon Eubanks, Amy Godinez, Kim Lee, Ryan Nealey

3rd grade - Donna Evans

A Honor Roll
Mackenzie Gibbs, Austin Mertz, Harley Wallace

A-B Honor Roll
Beau Grigg, Creed Coalson, Brent Kelly, Kaitlin Moore, Leticia Pena, Ashley Reyes, Melchezidek "Priest" Smith

Super Citizens
Mackenzie Gibbs, Creed Coalson, Brent Kelly, Austin Mertz, Dustin Minjarez, Kaitlin Moore, Leticia Pena, Priest Smith, Harley Wallace

4th grade - Mrs. Bearden

A Honor Roll
Tori Acevedo, Heath Richey, Malinda Sachse

A-B Honor Roll
Benny Fuentez, Cheyenne Hunter, Terron Charles, Reid Clark

Super Citizens
Tori Acevedo, Terron Charles, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Malinda Sachse, Brandon Elliott

Met A/R Goal
Tori Acevedo, Cheyenne Hunter, Peyton Eubanks, Malinda Sachse, Toby Sims, Brandon Elliott, Dakota Rawls

Perfect Attendance
Tori Acevedo, Terron Charles, Reid Clark, Peyton Eubanks, Benny Fuentez, Joshua Hargrave, Cheyenne Hunter, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Malinda Sachse, Toby Sims

4th grade - Kandace Arrott

A Honor Roll
Michael Evans, Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan

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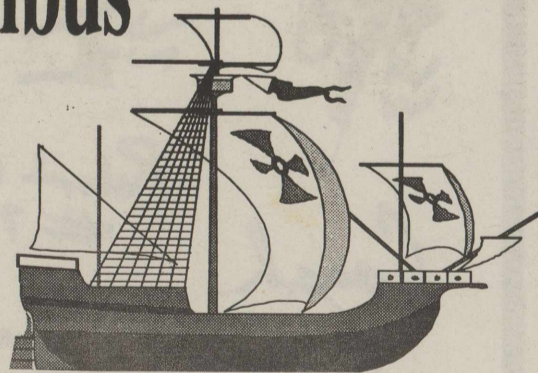
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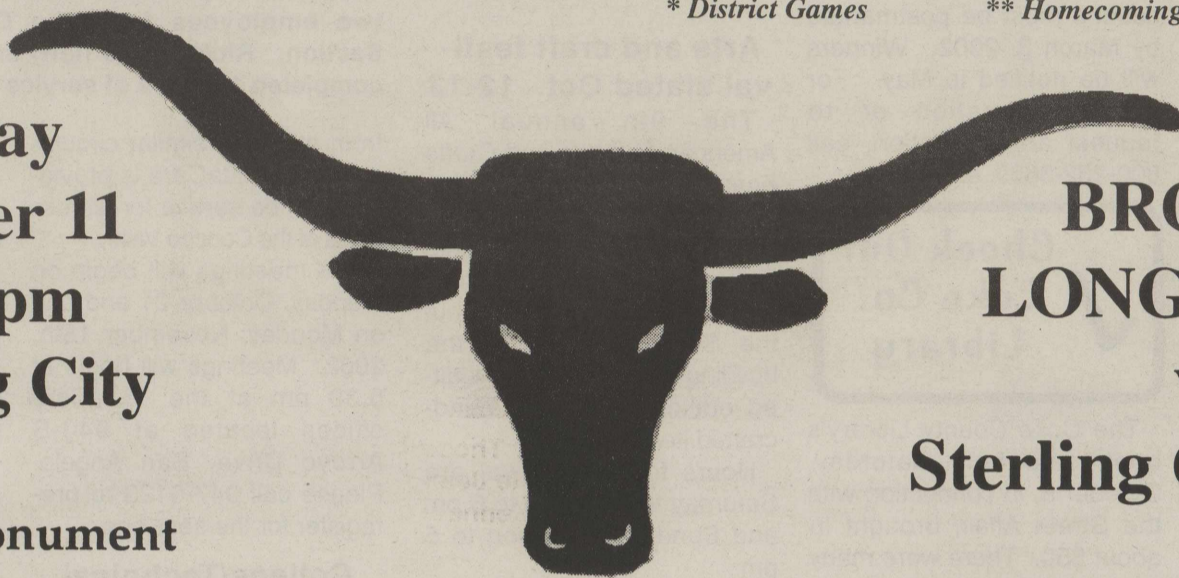
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* October 18	Roby	Here	7:30
* October 25	Miles	There	7:30
* November 1	Roscoe	There	7:30
* November 8	Robert Lee	Here	7:30
* District Games	** Homecoming		

Friday
October 11
7:30 pm
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 Scott Snyder #60
 #2. Justin Nijarez
 Cory COOPER #50
 Coach Paula Blair #15
 DB... #74
 Bryan Helm #72
 Josh Edwards #72
 Russ Peterson #52
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CC Ministerial Alliance meeting slated

The Coke County Ministerial Alliance will have its October meeting next Thursday, October 17. Steve Rowe, vice-president of the organization, will be hosting this meeting at Robert Lee's First United Methodist Church. The meeting will begin at 7:00 am and will consist of breakfast, a devotional time, discussion of upcoming church and community events, and a time of sharing and praying.

The Coke County Ministerial Alliance is open to any minister of any church in Coke County. For more information, contact Alliance president Morris Johnson (473-2331) or Alliance vice-president Steve Rowe (453-2417).

Careers in Agriculture scholarship program

Students pursuing careers in agriculture are encouraged to apply for scholarships. High school seniors from throughout the country who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or livestock curriculum in the fall of 2003 are eligible to apply. Fifty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

"Students with leadership abilities and an interest in agriculture are needed to fill a variety of positions in our industry," said Annette Degnan, scholarship committee chairperson. "The Careers in Agriculture scholarship program helps promising students gain the education they need to secure these positions."

Since its formation 13 years ago, the Careers in Agriculture scholarship program has awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarships to rural youth.

To qualify for the program, students must meet the following criteria;

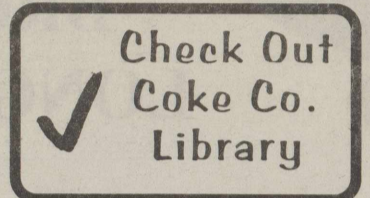
*Be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or four-year livestock- or agron-

omy-related curriculum in the fall of 2003;

*Demonstrate both leadership abilities and academic performance; and

*Write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career.

Applications are available from participating local cooperatives or on the Agrilience web site (www.agrilience.com) in the Careers section or the Land O'Lakes Feed web site (www.lofeed.com). All applications must be postmarked by March 3, 2002. Winners will be notified in May. For more information or to request an application, call 800-232-3639, ext. 4584.



The Coke County Library's book sale held Saturday, October 5, in connection with the Street Affair, brought in about \$50. There were many "lookers" and several library patrons who made donations during the event - and even after the event. Buyers and donors are very much appreciated. The volunteer who manned the sale is also appreciated.

The books which did not sell are boxed and ready to go to the Tom Green Library on Friday for their sale in the spring. Anyone interested in going through the boxes before Friday are welcome to come by the Library to shop.

Teen Read Week is October 14 through October 19. Although teens realize the value of reading, they have a huge menu of activities to choose from when deciding how to spend their free time, and reading sometimes gets lost in the shuffle. Reading skills get rusty when they are not used.

The American Library Association has three sug-

gestions for teen reading: 1. Give teens time to read for the fun of it. 2. Allow teens to select their own reading material. 3. Help teens get into the habit of reading regularly and often.

Teen readers are welcome at the Coke County Library which carries a good selection of young adult books.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main St. Market in Bronte or to the 24-hour book drop in front of the Library.

Arts and craft festival slated Oct. 12-13

The 9th annual All American Fall Arts and Crafts Festival will be held October 12th and 13th in the Concho Pavilion at the San Angelo Coliseum complex. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the building with original art, limited edition prints and hand-crafted items.

Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

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

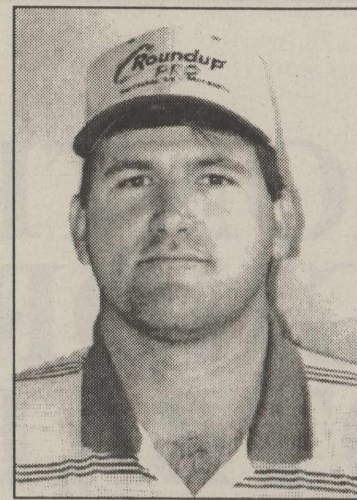
Veribest Fall Festival

The Veribest PTO will be holding their Fall Festival on October 19th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. There will be games, prizes and a costume contest for the children. There will also be plenty for the adults to enjoy, along with a BBQ meal with all the trimmings.

For cost of admission/meal or any other information call the school office at 655-4912.

Support group meetings

VistaCare and the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a "Life After Loss" grief support group for families and individuals who have lost a loved one during the past year. In the safe supportive atmosphere of a small group, individuals can talk about their experiences and hear



Third quarter announcements for service awards from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) include two employees from the Coke County Maintenance Section. Ricky Ross (left) and Frank Sparks have both completed 15 years of service for the department.

from others in similar circumstances. VistaCare is providing this free service for all residents of the Concho Valley.

The meetings will begin on Monday, October 21 and end on Monday, November 18th, 2002. Meetings will begin at 5:30 pm at the VistaCare offices located at 940-B Arroyo Drive, San Angelo. Please call 947-0123 to pre-register for the sessions.

College/Technical school night

Big Country junior and senior high school students who are planning to pursue a higher education will have an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from various colleges, universities and vocational training schools. A College/Technical School Program will be presented at Cooper High School on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at 7:00 pm. Representatives from 105 institutions have been invited. In addition, representatives from the Air Force, Army, Marine, and Navy ROTC programs and a representative to discuss financial aid will also participate in the program.

All college representatives will be available in a browse area throughout the evening. They will discuss entrance requirements, application procedures, estimated yearly

costs, courses of study, types of housing available, financial aid, and other topics of concern to students and parents. Some schools will have thirty-minute discussion groups to give more detailed information. The computer lab with the latest in college information will be open all evening.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Prolonging misery

Guys who think they are too "macho" to seek medical help could end up making more trips to the doctor's office in the long run.

"A man who waits to see a physician until his problem has become more severe might need medical attention for a longer period of time," said Dr. Jeffrey Steinbauer, director of Baylor College of Medicine's family medicine clinic in Houston.

A number of men still seem reluctant to go to the doctor. Less than 30 percent of patients seen at family medicine clinics nationwide are male, Steinbauer said.

Left untreated, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes can lead to complications that require hospitalizations or repeated visits to a physician. Such chronic problems are usually detected early in men who see their physician regularly.

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Student loan debt

Along with a bachelor's degree, the typical college graduate now leaves school with over \$17,000 in student loan debt. In addition, the percentage of students holding at least one credit card has risen 24% since 1998, according to a recent study. Accordingly, the amount of debt and lack of knowledge about personal finance among students has become an increasing concern for this country and its leaders.

To address the issue of debt and credit management, Mapping Your Future (<http://mapping-your-future.org>), a public service web site co-sponsored by Texas Guaranteed (TG) and other student loan guarantee agencies, will offer a "Personal Finance and Default Prevention" Chat on October 15, 2002, from 2 to 3 pm (Central). The chat is designed to help students and their parents, who are interested in managing debt and learning about personal finance. Financial aid and career experts from all over the country will answer questions and provide information on the following topics, among others:

- *managing credit card and student loan debt,
- *warning signs that a finances are out of control,
- *solutions to personal finance problems, and
- *consequences of default and bankruptcy.

Anyone with Internet access can participate. On the afternoon of the chat event, visitors will go to www.mapping-your-future.org and select the chat session. Simple instructions will guide them on how to join the event.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the aftermath of September 11th, I have been happy to see the rebirth of American patriotism. My heart swells with pride at all of the flags I see flying in the yards that didn't have them before the 11th, and I am enjoying the renewed feeling that we are all in this together.

But I have a fear that all the flag waving and American pride is just for show. I am anxious to see if we are really committed to the American ideal and want to celebrate that which sets us apart. I am talking about voting.

In mid-term elections, like the one this November, Coke County typically turns out less than 55% of registered voters. That is appalling. Nationwide, political scientists are predicting that more people voted in the American Idol contest on TV than will vote on November 5th. We must do something to

change these statistics.

If we really back the U.S.A., if we are dedicated to the ideals of American freedom, if we want to live up to the united we stand motto, we must exercise the greatest freedom we have in this nation of great freedoms. **WE MUST VOTE!**

Democrat, Republican, Green, Libertarian, whatever. Inform yourself about the candidates who have put themselves on the line and choose those that best reflect your values, and support them. Volunteer in their campaigns. Put a sign in your yard. Take your friends to vote. Get involved!

Our government can not exist without the consent of the governed. We are asked two or three times a year to give our consent and to make choices about our future. We can not continue to let elections go by without paying attention to the opportunity our forefathers (and mothers) promised us. As Americans, we are obligated to be involved.

I hope that the dark cloud of September 11th will have a silver lining. I hope that our renewed American spirit will translate into renewed involvement in our government. I hope the political scientists are wrong. I hope we will follow through on our obligations as citizens of the greatest democracy that has ever existed.

Angela Brewer
2124 Guadalupe
San Angelo, Tx, 76901

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson

The fire department held its business meeting on Oct. 7th at the fire station. President Robert Wink presided with 14 members and 1 visitor present including 2 new members, both Cadets. The minutes and treasury report were accepted as read and the bills approved for payment.

Chief Rick Drennan reported on the Street Affair and the raffling of the first of three afghans donated. The second one will be raffled around Thanksgiving and the third near Christmas. He also reported on the Rappelling training which was held at the old bridge.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson reported the new Siren Controls are in but are waiting for the computer program to set them up. He gave the monthly report.

The volunteers have been busy this month with 5 Monday night meetings or Training Classes. There were 109 hours of drills and activities, 1 assist WCEMS for a landing zone, 4 calls (3 county, 1 city) with 40 man hours and 46 men answering the calls, 12 truck hours and 41 truck miles, 1 motor vehicle fire, 2 structure fires, 1 rekindle, 1 standby for Control Burn at the Golf Course, and 1



The antique vehicle show at the recent Robert Lee Street Affair had a street-full of entrants, with Tommy Clifton of Robert Lee and his 1958 Ford Fairlane sweeping the competition with three awards: Best Car, Best in Class, and People's Choice. The oldest entry went to O. P. May for his 1918 Model T Roadster.

Homecoming Parade.

On Sept. 25th, 911 got a call at 9:01 that the Fellowship Hall had smoke coming out of it. The fire department received the call at 9:03 and the first truck out of the station was at 9:05, first fireman at the scene was at 9:06. Twelve firemen responded. A child saw the smoke and told his mother to call 911. It only took 3 minutes from dispatch for the first fireman to be on the

scene. Great work guys and to the child that was responsible for the 911 call.

The group discussed work needing to be done on the trucks and tires to be purchased, which were approved. There will be Extrication Classes on December 7th.

The fire department needs volunteers. The department meets every Monday at 7 pm at the fire station for business meetings, and/or Training

Classes to become a certified fireman and/or work night. Anyone interested in joining the fire department should stop by for a visit. Visitors are welcome at the fire station any time firemen are present. For more information, contact Fire Chief Rick Drennan, Fire Marshal Bud Thompson, or any fireman.

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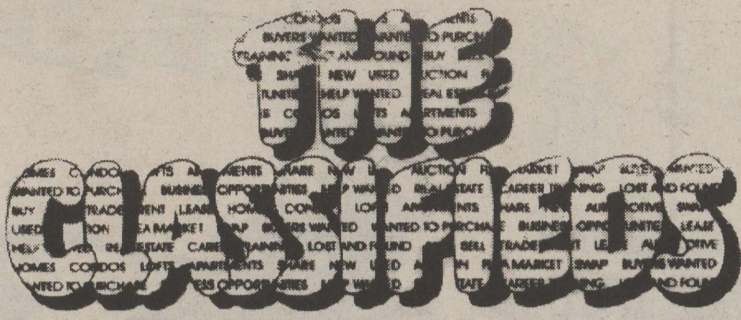
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"SHARING OUR BEST"
 The West Coke County Community Development's great cookbook is still available at \$10.95. A welcome gift or an addition to your own collection. 200 pages of area recipes. See Joan Davis at the courthouse or call 453-4777.
 11-3tc

HELP WANTED

AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE NEEDED
 Bronte, Tennyson, Orient area okay. References required. 473-5200 after 6 pm.
 12-1tp

HELP WANTED
 Part-time, male or female. Contact Tom at Tom's Tire, Lube & Detail. 473-2400.
 12-2tc

Political Calendar
 The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.
 *Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

U. S. CONGRESSMAN 17TH DISTRICT
 Charles Stenholm
COKE COUNTY JUDGE
 Roy Blair
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1
 D. Joan Davis
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2
 Jack G. Moore
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
 Bill Wheat
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
 George Snapp

GARAGE SALES

MOVING SALE
 The Newman's. Fri., Sat., & Sun. 11th, 12th, & 13th. 806 E. 6th, Robert Lee.
 12-1tp

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
 Fri. & Sat., 8:00 - ?. 122 12th Street, Robert Lee. Lots of maternity clothes and goodies.
 12-1tp

GARAGE SALE
 Sat., Oct. 12th, 8:00 - ?. 114 W. 8th, Robert Lee. Baby clothes and a variety of everything.
 12-1tp

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
 Sat., Oct. 12th, 8 am - ?. Kickapoo Rd., Bronte. Home of Monico Flores. A lot of stuff.
 12-1tc

GARAGE SALE
 Sat., 8 till noon. Cleaning out storage buildings. 681 Hickman Rd., Bronte - Larry Robinson.
 12-1tc

INSIDE SALE
 324 South State, Bronte. Fri.-Sat.-Sun., 8-5. Microwave, W & D, dishes, skillets, office chairs, lamps, linens, collectables, western wear, boots, hats, ladies blouses, purses, shoes, jewelry & children's clothes.
 12-1tc

NOTICES

NOTICE
 The Texas Department of Human Services in Ballinger has moved. The new address is 2017 Hutchings Avenue. The mailing address is PO Box 347, Ballinger, Texas 76821. The telephone number is (915) 365-2564. Case records for Runnels, Winters and Coke County clients will be at the new TDHS office.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK

all of our friends for your prayers and the food that was brought especially the Central Baptist Church and Bro. Blackman and Bro. Kemmon.

The Matthews & Timmons Family
12-1tc

I WISH TO THANK

the person who picked me up at the bank here in Bronte and carried me to my house and called the ambulance. Thanks to the Robert Lee ambulance.

Lula Stilley
12-1tc

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK

everyone who participated in and helped with the Suzie Wilson Memorial golf tournament and a special thank you to the ladies golf association.

The Clifford Wilson Family
12-1tc

NOTICES

**COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON
THE ENVIRONMENT
AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
REQUEST RELEASE OF
FUNDS**

City of Bronte
P.O. Box 370
Bronte, Texas 76933
915/473-3501

**TO: All Interested
Agencies, Groups and
Persons**

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Bronte, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for TCDP Project Contract Number 721116.

Project Title: Bronte Water System Improvements Project

Project Description:

The most urgent community development need facing the City of Bronte is to address drought conditions by drilling two (2) new water wells and installation of approximately 18,000 linear feet of water transmission line. This project involves \$264,700.00 of TCDP grant funds.

**Finding of No
Significant Impact**

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Bronte has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all

environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

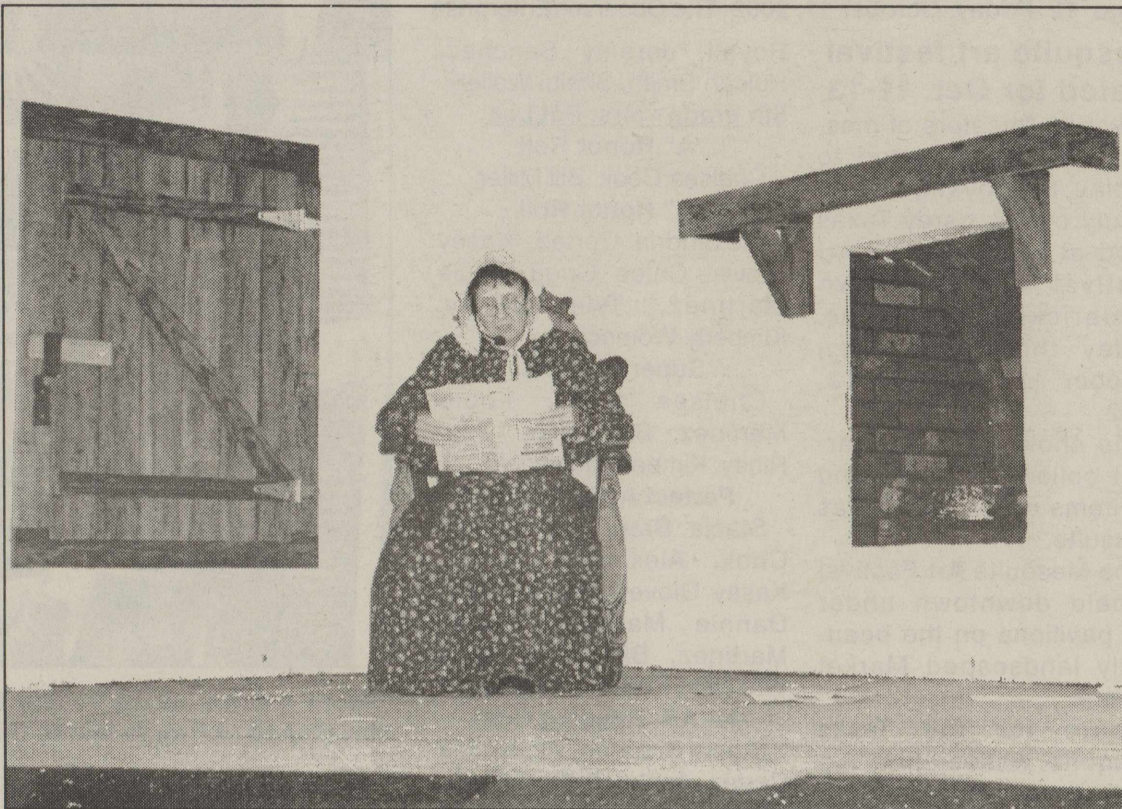
An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Bronte which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at City Hall and is available for public examination and copying upon request, at the City Hall office during normal business hours.

**Public Comments
on Findings**

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Bronte will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2001 under grant numbered 721116 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Bronte is certifying to ORCA that Martin Lee in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Bronte may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711.



Gwen Dyess participated in the re-enactments held during the 150th Anniversary celebration of Fort Chadbourne.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the ORCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA.

Martin Lee, Mayor
City of Bronte
12-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Coke County is now taking applications for a van driver in Bronte. The position requires 20 hours per week at \$6.28 p/h. Applications may be picked up in the Coke County Judge's office from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday until October 26, 2002. For further information contact the Coke County Judge's office. Coke County is an equal opportunity employee.

12-2tc

**NOTICE TO
CONTRACTORS OF
PROPOSED TEXAS
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT
CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
District: San Angelo
Contract 0069-03-051 for SEAL COAT AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS in STERLING County, etc will

be opened on November 08, 2002 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at

the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 7777

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
District Office(s)
San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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White/Tan Cloth, PW/PL/CD, 21,000 Miles
- 2001 Ranger Supercab XLT** \$12,495
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Mesquite art festival slated for Oct. 11-13

Over 50 "masters of mesquite" will be selected to display the mystique and beauty of this hardy Texas wood at the Mesquite Art Festival in downtown Fredericksburg, Texas, Friday through Sunday, October 11, 12, and 13, 2002.

The show offers the largest collection of art and gift items made from Texas mesquite.

The Mesquite Art Festival is held downtown under two pavilions on the beautifully landscaped Market Square.

Hours for the Texas Mesquite Association Art Festival are Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm; and Sunday, noon to 4 pm. There is no admission charge. Food and drink will be available on the grounds, and parking is free.

... Bronte ISD Awards

Continued from Page 6

A-B Honor Roll

Kerwin Rawls, Kelsey Sedden, Blaze Sterling, Skyler Ellis-York, Rex Knight

Super Citizens

Michael Evans, Destiny Lopez, Chase Harris, Kerwin Rawls, Arlis McMullan

Perfect Attendance

Skyler Ellis-York, Michael Evans, Chase Harris, Rex Knight, Destiny Lopez, Arlis McMullan, Justin Saldana, Kelsey Sedden, Blaze Sterling

5th grade - Lisa Dyess

A Honor Roll

Rob Rosson, Shelbi Waller

B Honor Roll

Emily Fiveash, Stephanie Frasier, Crawford James, Emilie Jimenez, Krista Moore, Jackson Rowan, Ashley Royall, Jeremy Sanchez, Huldah Smith

Super Citizens

Katie Aguirre, Crawford James, Emilie Jimenez, Krista Moore, Jeremy Sanchez, Huldah Smith

Met A.R. Reading Goal

Katie Aguirre, Emily Fiveash, Stephanie Frasier, Crawford James, Emilie Jimenez, Rob Rosson

Perfect Attendance

Katie Aguirre, Austin Clayton, Samantha Coffey, Stephanie Frasier, Emilie Jimenez, Rob Rosson, Jackson Rowan, Ashley

Royall, Jeremy Sanchez,

Huldah Smith, Shelbi Waller

5th grade - Mrs. Pat Lee

"A" Honor Roll

Chelsea Cook, Bill Miller

"B" Honor Roll

Alexandria Cortez, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Louie Martinez, Tyler Riney, Kimberly Womack

Super Citizens

Chelsea Cook, Louie Martinez, Bill Miller, Tyler Riney, Kimberly Womack

Perfect Attendance

Stacia Brannan, Chelsea Cook, Alexandria Cortez, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Dannie Martinez, Louie Martinez, Bill Miller, Eric Wheless, Kimberly Womack

Met AR Reading Goal

Stacia Brannan, Alexandria Cortez, Ashley Fisher, Chloe Grigg, Bill Miller, Eric Wheless

6th grade- Mrs. Heather Lee

A Honor Roll

Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Samuel Rawlings, Nicole Reed

B Honor Roll

DJ Acevedo, Matthew Allen, Cory Glover, Prescilla Lara, Ty Mackey, Will Macon, Johnnye Michael, Miranda Riney, Reece Springer

Accelerated Reader

Goals Met

Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Samuel Rawlings, Nicole Reed, Miranda Riney, Reece Springer

Super Citizens

Matthew Allen, Callan Clark, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Ty Mackey, Will Macon, Eddie May, Samuel Rawlings, Nicole Reed, Miranda Riney, Reece Springer

Perfect Attendance

DJ Acevedo, Matthew Allen, Israel Cecilio, Callan Clark, Ariel Coalson, Geoffrey Ehl, Jessi England, Cory Glover, Chase Holt, Prescilla Lara, Ty Mackey, Will Macon, Crystal Minjarez, Nicole Reed, Reece Springer, Samantha Swagerty

A Honor Roll

7th grade

Estephania Flores, Casey Harris, Holly Huskerson, Kyler Lee, Savannah Martinez

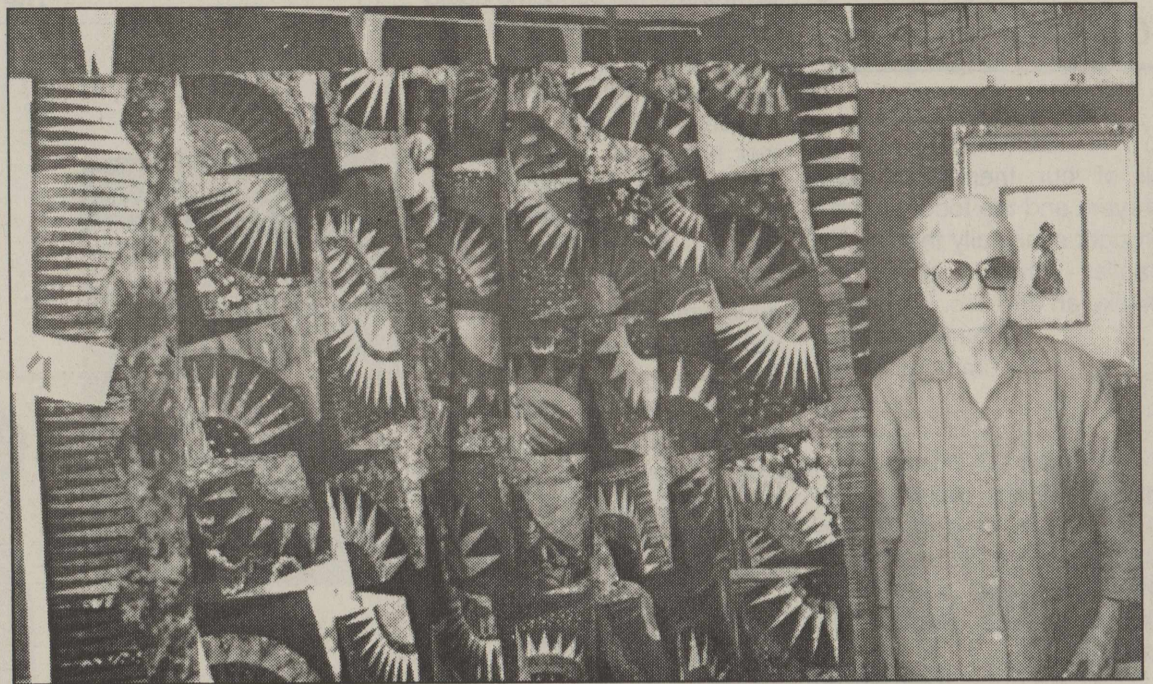
8th grade

Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Justin Taylor

9th grade

Lillian McMullan, Bailey Saunders

10th grade



Merit awards at the recent Robert Lee Street Affair in the Art Show went to Jerry McCutchen of Bronte and to this quilt entry by Francis Lindsey of Robert Lee.

Romana Hoover, Jasmine Kresta, Selana Soto, Stephen Tomes

11th grade

Logan Acker, Ashley Denton, Corin Garcia, Kailey Howell, Ariel Marrs, Britney McCutchen, Casey McKee, Natalee Reed, Diane Womack

12th grade

Charlie Bettis, Kayla Hilliard, Ashley Riley, Joel Webb, Jenna Herold, Heather Richey, Lindsay Springer, Lindsey Williams

AB Honor Roll

7th grade

Emily Austin, John Basquez, Zackary Bennet, Zachary Breeding, Christopher Brown, Rebecca

Gann, Chris Guzman, Emilie McMullan, Kyle Nealy, Miranda Parks, Beth Sanchez, Brittany Sarrat, Gus Saunders, Cody Waller, Brett Wills

8th grade

Sarah Adams, Rebekah Beauchamp, Hazen Coffey, Katie Cooper, Patty Galvar, Eric Hendrickson, Mason Jackson, Jonathan Marrs, John Paul Martinez, Nicole Stewart, Crystal Wallar, Lahren White

9th grade

Garrett Acker, Sarah Basquez, Reese Braswell, Lindsey Butler, Riley Coalson, Megan Gibbs, Curtis Moore, Melissa Palmer, Rebecca Rawlings,

Jaylon Saunders, Cheyenne Webb

10th grade

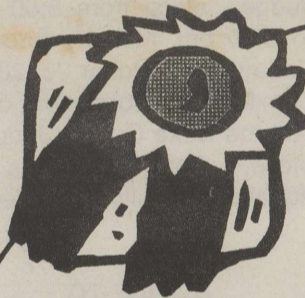
Cory Cooper, Blaine Dyess, Sherman Griffin, Jesse Herold, Kinlee Hoyt, Garrett Jackson, Calli Johnson, Ashleigh Kelly, Vanessa Lange, Ashley McCutchen, Desiree Mirelez, Cody Moore, Ashley Wilcox

11th grade

Tyson Baker, Kendra Graves, Joseph Israel, C.J. Macon, Jayci Malone, Ashley Torres, Chase Williams

12th grade

Amanda Cox, James Graves, Joe'l Sefcik, Melissa Walker, Jamie Wojtek, Khanni Beauchamp, Jonathan Tomes



Calling all Students...
The Secretary of State and this newspaper want your opinion!

While you may not be old enough to vote, Secretary of State Gwyn Shea would like you to tell her why you think voting is important and what voting means to you as an American. Her job is to encourage voter participation in Texas. Secretary Shea asks that you join other Texas students in writing an essay titled: **"What Voting Means to Americans"** Winning entries will be displayed on the Secretary of State's website through the November 2002 election. Winners will also be announced in a news release and at a media event held at our State Capitol. Students who write the winning essays will be invited to appear at this Capitol media event.

Please think about this important topic and send Secretary Shea your essay. And, if you need help writing your essay, **talk to a parent, guardian, or adult about the importance of voting!**

Entry Divisions: Grades K-5(100-300 words), 6-8(400 words or less) and 9-12(500 words or less)

Due Date: Entries must be postmarked by October 21, 2002.

"What Voting Means to Americans" Essay Contest

Student Name _____
 School/Grade _____
 School District _____
 Home Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Parent or Guardian Daytime Phone _____

Mail entries to: **The Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division**
Attention: Essay Contest, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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