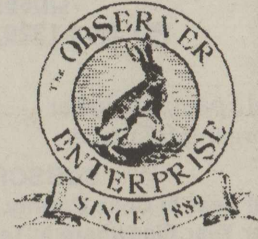


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Coke County Livestock Show begins next week

Next week will be the 63rd edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show, held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibit Building in Robert Lee. This year's show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, more than 75 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them

responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from the county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amount to over \$120,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin Friday, January 17, at 5:30 pm with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Mike Harbour, lamb and goat producer from Eldorado,



Coke County officials sworn in to office Thursday morning, January 2, 2003, include (from left) Treasurer Phelan Wrinkle; Tax Assessor-Collector Gayle Sisemore; County/District Clerk Mary Grim; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Joan Davis; Commissioner, Precinct 4, George Snapp; and Judge Roy Blair. Other county officials taking the oath of office but unable to be present at the ceremony were Commissioner, Precinct 2, Bill Wheat and Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Jack Moore.

Texas. Saturday, January 18, the Market Swine show gets under way at 8:30 am, judged by Joe Behrens, cattle and swine producer from Voca, Texas.

The Buyer's Appreciation Barbecue will be served at 12 noon, following the barbecue, the Premium Sale will be held at 2:00 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors.

Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension Office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors who include Loretta Bridges, Shane Kelton, Shane Webb, Wayne Coalson, Todd Harrell, Rick Howell, David Jackson, Jerry T. Parker, Joe Sefcik, Mike Cervenka, Corby Kelso, Doug Tounget, Robert Wink, Douglas Roberts, Mike McCabe, Teddy Millican, Wibby Millican, Joel Percifull, Darrel Pitcock, Mark Riley, Ernest Ybarra and Lynn Denton.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show would like to invite everyone to come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

Community Network Training classes scheduled

The Coke County Community Network Training Classes that are set for January 2003 are as follows.

January 20, 21, 23 - Spreadsheet Intermediate (Excel) - Ele. Lab

January 27, 28, 30 - Word Processing Beginning (Word) - Bus Lab *New Class!

All classes are from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the days listed. Call 453-4555 to sign up. If you forget go ahead and show up and we are sure that there will be enough room.

Runnels Baptist Association to meet

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, January 20, 2003, at First Baptist Church, Paint Rock for their regular meeting.

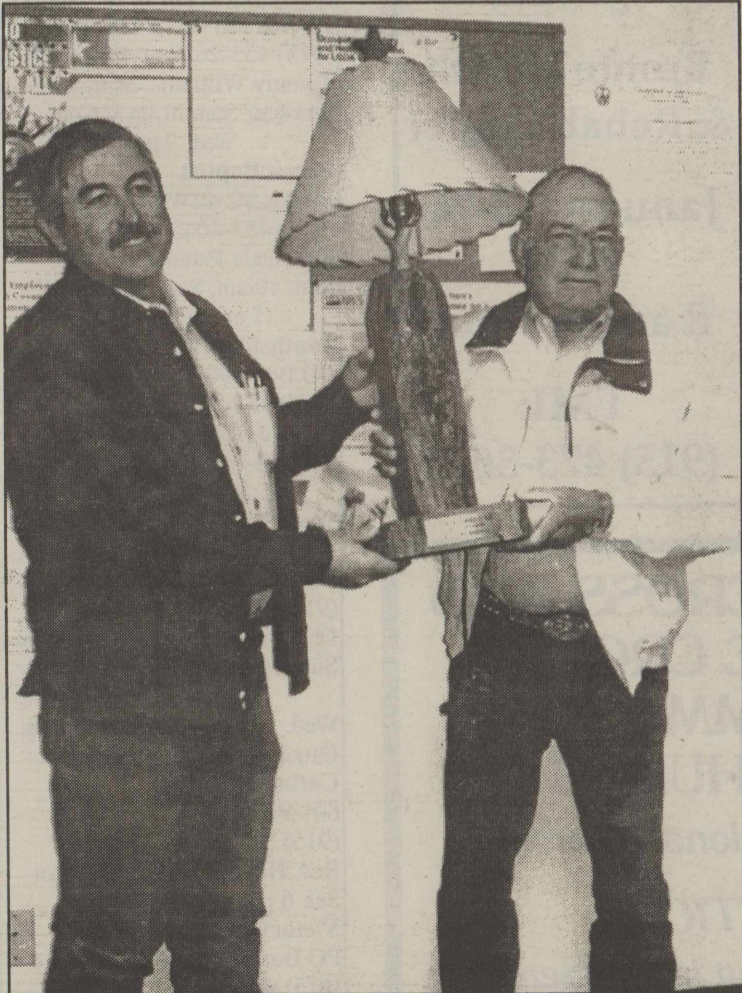
The meeting will be on Doctrinal Emphasis.

The executive board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 pm. The evening meal will begin at 6:15 pm. The program will begin at 7:15 pm. Roy Epperson, Director of Missions, will present the program on The Doctrine of Scripture.

The public is invited to attend.

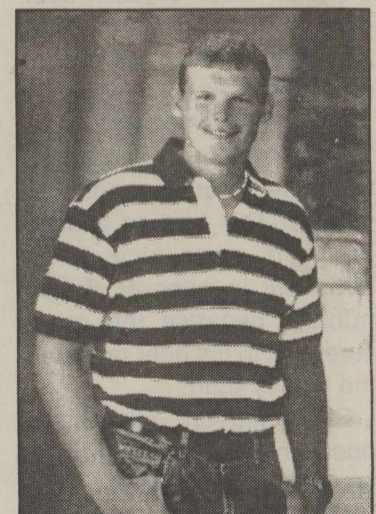
Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 14, 2003, for the purpose of electing three directors. Directors filing for re-election to the board are Gerald Sandusky, Elton Moore, and Noah Pruitt, Jr. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.



Mike Arrott (left), Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Coke County Soil & Water Conservation District, presents Wilbern Millican with a mesquite desk lamp at ceremonies held January 2, 2003. Mr. Millican is retiring from the SWCD Board of Directors after 28 1/2 years of service, serving as chairman of the board since 1990.

Mr. Millican stated, "There is no greater calling than being a steward of the soil and leaving the land in better condition than you found it. I have thoroughly enjoyed my service to the district."



Robert Lee Senior Cooper Riley was named to the Standard Times All West Texas Football Team. The 6'3", 210 pound offensive lineman is a repeat selection who had 44 knockdowns. Cooper is also an outstanding defensive lineman with 57 tackles, 2 sacks and 6 hurries. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Riley of Robert Lee.

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Death Notices

McGuire

Paul McGuire, 80, former longtime Bronte resident, died Thursday, December 19, 2002, in Parker, Colorado.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 24, 2002, in Parker. Burial followed in Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Mary; daughters, Paula Roger and husband, Hugh, of Parker, Colorado, Barbara Good and husband, Jim, of Vancouver, Washington; son, John Paul and wife, Kathy, of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Jason Barnett, Mac and Jennifer Roger and Ryan McGuire. Also surviving are two brothers, Kenneth McGuire of Beckville, Texas, and Ed McGuire of Santa Fe, Texas; two sisters, Edith Monse and Willie Murphy of Ballinger, Texas.

General hunting season closes

The door banged shut on Coke County's 2002-2003 general hunting season on Sunday, January 5, 2003, for turkey and white-tailed deer. It was more successful than last year, with good body-weights and pretty fair antlers, and more twin fawns on the does. Turkeys were plentiful, also. A rainy, cool spell in the middle of the season hampered a number of hunting days but when it faired, business picked up.

Also closing on January 5 was the short season for doves. This season usually brings in some nice, large birds but in general, lightly hunted, because the pressure's on to file deer tags and the time is short.

Quail season will remain open until Sunday, February 23, 2003. The season began

on a fair note but insects and weed seed disappeared, along with cover. Now they are spotty at best.

Of special interest to some hunters is the Special Late General Season for antlerless deer and spike bucks only. This is open on January 6 through January 19 only if you have saved the proper tags.

Javelina season remains open also, with a two-hog-per-season limit, through February 23.

RLVFD News

by Marian Thompson,
Secretary

Thirteen members of the fire department met on January 6 for the first meeting of the new year. The minutes and treasury report were accepted as read.

Bud Thompson gave the monthly and yearly reports. In December 2002, the department had 0 calls, 2 regular meetings for 40 man hours, 3 training classes for 18 man hours, 0 assist for MVAs and Lzs.

In the year 2002, the department held 24 regular meetings for 477 man hours, 18 training classes with 289 man hours, 798 hours of drills and activities and 9 assist with LZs. There were 50 fire department calls, 28 were in the county, and 22 were in the city for a total of 387 man hours, 80 truck hours and 224 truck miles one way. Only 1 1/2 acres were burned. Only 15 of the calls involved fire - 7 structure fires, 4 auto fires and 4 grass fires. The other calls included 11 MVAs, 3 smoke reports, 1 assist the S.O. with the hostage situation, which included blocking traffic for the helicopter, and 2 rekindles on the Meadowview fires. Six calls were false alarm or canceled in route. Three calls for bees, 1 standby for natural gas leak, 3 standby for control burns and 1 extrication at the lake. The reason the activities total

more than the number of calls is that some incidents overlap.

Four members of the department met with the city council to discuss what to do with the old building. They reported to the group the contents of that meeting.

A motion was made and approved to remove the light poles in front of the old building. The group discussed possible fund raisers, and a letter from AEP who will give an electrical safety demonstration. A motion was made and all approved to contact them and set a date. They adjourned and worked on Truck 6.

Library damaged during previous weekend

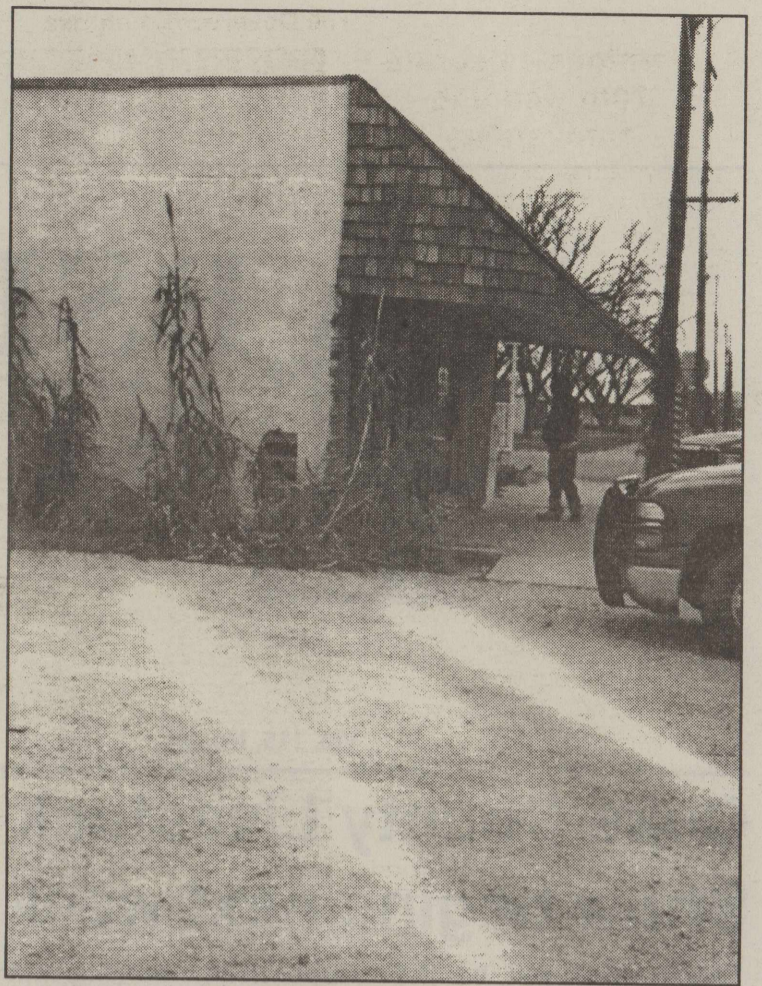
The library was struck sometime over the weekend by an out of control pickup which slid into the north corner of the building. At first sight, the damage appeared to be only a section of loose bricks; however, on further investigation it was revealed that considerable damage had been done. The door frame is almost 3/8 of an inch off center and the rock work on the front of the building has been damaged. The inside wall of the library curves inward and will require a great deal of repair. It is not known if anyone was injured.

So far, the door has been removed and planed off to fit, the lock has been changed and a window broken out to gain entrance to the building has been purchased and replaced.

The resulting repair work will mean that services will be interrupted while the repair work is being done. It will mean also that time will be wasted in packing up and cleaning up and replacing items after the repairs are made.

A 30-second lapse in judgment has resulted in tax dollars being diverted as well as many man-hours being spent that had not been planned for. The county resources will be strained to cover this judgment lapse.

Thanks to folks who took time from their other duties to make initial repairs, the library



Tire marks are visible in the foreground from the vehicle that ran into the Coke County Library this past weekend. The damage was discovered when Librarian Beth Prather attempted to open the library's front door on Monday morning.

is open for business at its regular hours: Tuesdays 8 am - 12 noon; Wednesdays 8 am - 4 pm; Thursdays 1-5 pm; Fridays 8 am - 12 noon.

Coke County Livestock Show January 17 & 18

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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
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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

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

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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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Harmons celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

Floyd and Jessie (Crech) Harmon of Robert Lee celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary and her 87th birthday with a reception held at the recreation hall in Robert Lee on Sunday, December 22, 2002. Their actual wedding day and her birthday was December 18, 1932. The reception was hosted by their children and spouses, Lawana and Howard Perry of Carlsbad, Dorene and Wayne Mashburn of San Angelo, Jeffie and Bobby Roberts of Robert Lee, and Jerry and Janie Harmon of Weatherford. They were assisted by their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The room was decorated with a Christmas theme provided and arranged by their children and spouses assisted by granddaughters Sheila (Roberts) Farrar, Tammy (Harmon) Hortenstine, and great-granddaughter Lauren Hammerton. Gingerbread houses made by great-grandchildren Kacee Roberts, Stewart Millican and friends instructed by Denise Roberts and Cindy Bessent were an added attraction with the other beautiful decorations.

The collection of pictures displayed on the wall and picture table included their first picture taken after their wedding standing by Floyd's first car with the top up (1926 Chevrolet Roadster purchased in 1930 and cost \$165), others included their picture in 1945, 5 generations of the Creech family in 1938, their first home and land they purchased in 1941 and their current home they built in 1948-1949, his parents Thomas and Amanda Harmon's 75th Wedding Anniversary with their 3 sons and wives, Floyd and Jessie, Finis and LaRue and Crowley and Nola who had already celebrated their 50th anniversaries prior to their 75th, Harmon family reunion, Creech family reunion, wedding anniversaries of their 50th, 60th and 63rd celebrations and their extraordinary beautiful garden in 1999.

Wedding cake, birthday cake (made and given to Jessie by Darrel and Sharon Pitcock assisted by their daughter, Audra), cranberry punch made by Lawana, cider and coffee made by Janie, and other refreshments provided by Dorene and Jeffie were served to 113 guests which included 57 longtime friends and 56 relatives.

Serving at the refreshment table were granddaughter, Sheila Farrar, and great-granddaughters, Cayla Millican and Lauren Hammerton. The guests came from Bronte, Robert Lee, Silver, San Angelo, Ballinger, Abilene, Sterling City, Carlsbad, Big Spring, Lubbock, Arlington,



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon

Balmorhea, Weatherford, Ft. Worth, Houston, Yoakum, all in Texas; Cloudcroft, New Mexico, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

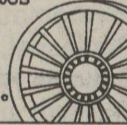
Bobby Roberts, Wayne Mashburn and Jerry Harmon welcomed and registered guests. Among the guests were Jessie's sister and brother-in-law and family, Madelle and Jimmy Griffith, Duane and Ericka Griffith all of Lubbock, plus many of Jessie's nieces, nephews and families. Duane took pictures for the family. Also, Floyd's brothers, J.D., Alf, and Randle Harmon, and Crowley's family, sister Inez Harper and their families along with uncle-in-law Darold Nelson were present. Floyd's late uncle Luther Sparks' family, Marion and Mary Sparks, Shirley (Sparks) Thomas and daughter, Carol, attended. Childhood friend of the Creech family, H.C. Murtishaw and his son, Mark, attended. Also from the Murtishaw family were Dale and Sue Wojtek. The Ed Hickman family was represented by Willie Foreman, who was Jessie's employer at the Trimble Laundry for many years, and newcomers to Robert Lee, Frankie Beth (Hickman-Fletcher) and Bill Williams.


Other longtime and special friends in attendance were Wilson Bryan, Thelma Jo Hinnard, Patricia (Jones) and Nelson Fredrickson, Nadine Byrne, J.C. and Jewell Wallace, Allen Bloodworth, Barbara Davis, Bill Carwile, Melva Winkler and Rachel Winkler, Curtis and Annice Walker, Winnie Pitcock, Bobby and Joyce Walker, Wayland and Mary Beth Drennan, Nancy Allen, James Stephens, Rusty Meurer, David and Alene Key, Jim and Reba Tabor, Joyce Dodson, Cuin and Elaine Norvell, Ava Lou (Tubbs) Davis, Wilbern and Charlotte Millican, Kenneth and Kay Lackey, MayBelle Stewart, Roy and Jennie Tinkler, Johnnie and Jerita Harper, Donna Ash, Ernest Clendennen, Weldon and Virginia Fikes, Jack and Betty Matthews and Mary Patterson.

Phamiliar phrases a "fifth wheel"

The spare wheel was a cumbersome attachment to horse-drawn carriages. It had to be taken down and then relashed at each stop requiring luggage from the rear storage space. The term today denotes feeling unwanted in a group.

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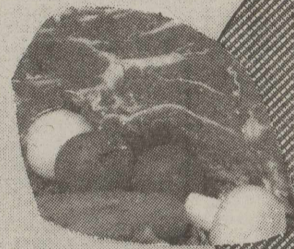
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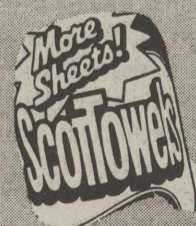
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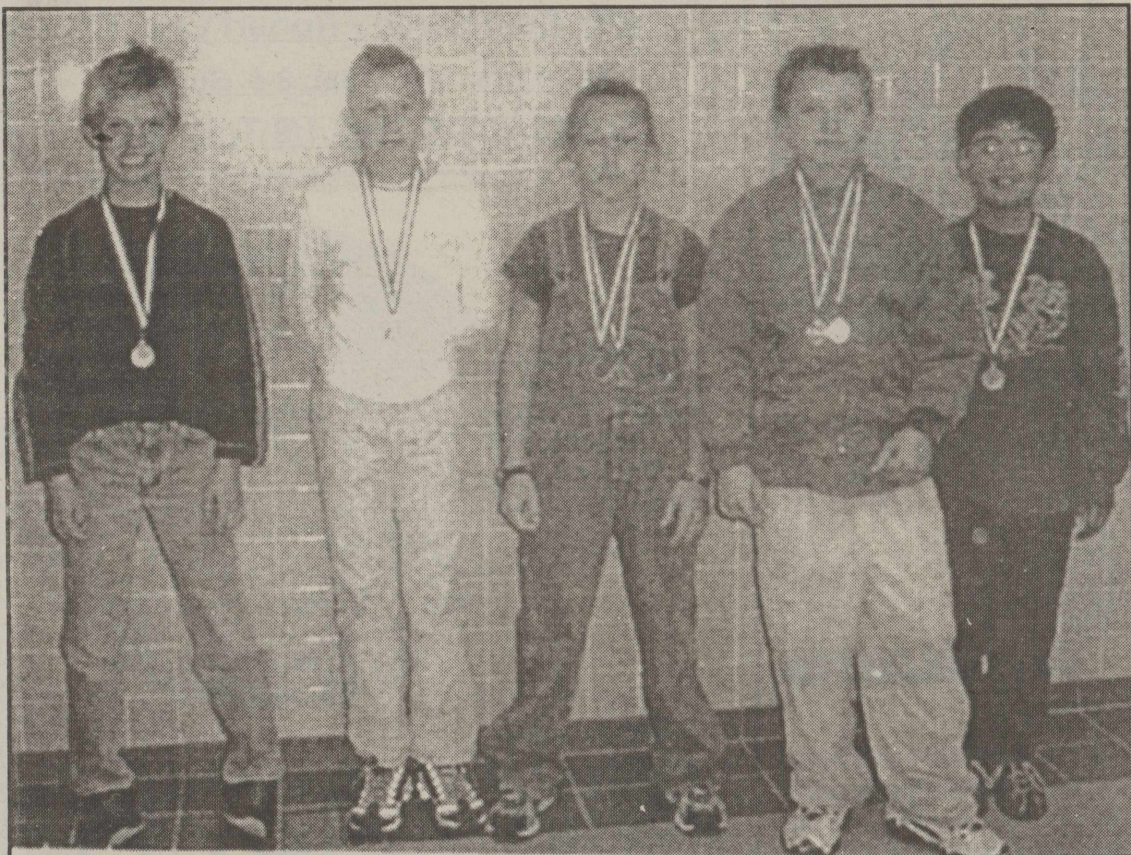


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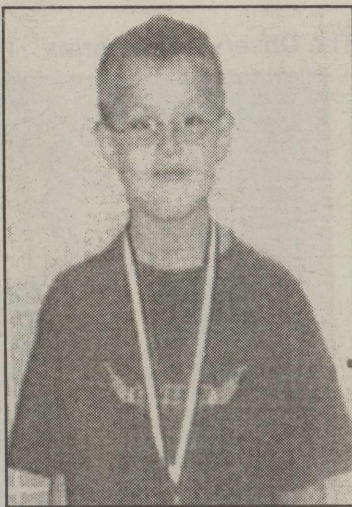
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



The Bronte Elementary 5th grade Music Memory Team placed 1st at the Elementary UIL District Meet in Miles November 23, 2002. Team members include (from left) Haydan White, Chelsea Cook, Chloe Grigg, Tyler Riney, and Jeremy Sanchez.



Caleb Rosson (left) received a 3rd place medal and Jael Williams received a 4th place ribbon for Creative Writing at the Elementary UIL District Meet in Miles November 23, 2002.

Bronte Longhorns take Bronte Tourney

Recently the Bronte Varsity Boys basketball team participated in the annual Bronte basketball tournament. The boys came out on top over Roscoe and Cross Plains who placed second and third

in the final standings.

In the first game of the tournament, Bronte defeated Eden 53-31. Stats for the Longhorns are Charlie Bettis with 22 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists; Joel Webb 5 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steal; BJ Hall 7 points, 3 steals; Cody Lee 6 points, 4 assists; Scott Snyder 2 points, 6 rebounds; Garrett Fiveash 1 point; Lyndon Butler 2 points; Kinlee Hoyt 8 points.

Roscoe was defeated by the Longhorns in the second game by a score of 56-36. Charlie Bettis had 27 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists, 4 steals; Joel Webb 7 points, 7 assists; BJ Hall 9 points, 5 steals; Cody Lee 4 points; Scott Snyder 2 points; Garrett Fiveash 2 points; Kinlee Hoyt 5 points.

The score for the third game was Bronte 55 - Cross Plains 49. Charlie Bettis had 18 points, 5 rebounds; Joel Webb 8 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals; BJ Hall 21 points, 5 steals; Cody Lee 4 points; Scott Snyder 4 points, 6 rebounds.

Recently Bronte played Menard in a non-tournament game and fell short 44-51. Charlie Bettis had 14 points, 5 rebounds; Joel Webb 11 points, 11 rebounds; BJ Hall 10 points, 4 assists; Cody Lee 5 points, Garrett Fiveash 2 points; Kinlee Hoyt 2 points.

Angelo State Dean's List for Fall 2002

The Dean's List for the 2002 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees along with their majors, include the following from Bronte, Robert Lee and Blackwell area.

Katrina Lynn Buckner, marketing; Jennifer L. Day, undeclared; Scott Griffin, history/secondary certification; Amy Harrell Harris, finance-real estate option; Katy M. Johnson, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Tiffany Jane Marshall, interdisciplinary development and learning; Amy Christine Henry Morgan, music; Kathleen Henry Morgan, nursing; Ashley Dawn Ragland, psychology; Candace Lacy Schoenfield, undeclared; Cody J. Slaughter, kinesiology; Adam Cates, communication; Rebecca Cates, psychology; Chad W. Helwig, communication; Dana Michelle Holladay, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Michael A. Lacy, undeclared; Dan R. McCown, mathematics; Michael J. Pentecost, animal science; Brittanie Allison Perez, psychology; and Matthew Bryan Pitcock, management.

Locals to man phone banks for telethon

Between now and midnight on January 18, Coke County residents are urged to join others in the Concho Valley in stepping forward to support West Texas

Rehabilitation Center in a very special way.

The occasion is WTRC's 34th annual telethon, an event Rehab relies on to raise funds essential to its ability to provide outpatient physical rehabilitation programs during 2003 to more than 20,000 children and adults - regardless of their financial status.

"Many of the people served at Rehab are our family, friends, and neighbors, and the telethon provides an opportunity for us to show our appreciation," said Diane Lockett, who along with Pat Martindale are coordinators of the Bronte telethon phone bank. They have arranged for the local phone bank to be in operation on telethon night at Bronte City Hall from 7-10 pm. The phone number at City Hall is 473-3501.

The 64 Study Club, led by Leta Caston and Beverly Sinclair, are coordinators of the Robert Lee telethon phone bank. They have arranged for the local phone bank to be in operation on telethon night at Ivey Motor Company from 7-10 pm. The phone numbers at Ivey Motor Company are 453-4561 and 453-2715.

"If people know they're going to be unavailable to call in their pledge on January 18, I hope they'll get their donation now so we can include their gift in the total for Coke County during the show," Lockett added.

Proclamation School Board Month January 2003

Whereas, the mission of the public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

Whereas, local school board members are committed to children and believe

that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

Whereas, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

Whereas, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

Whereas, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;

Now, Therefore, I, Martin Lee, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Bronte School Board and proclaim the month of January, 2003, as

School Board Recognition Month

in Bronte, Texas. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of January, 2003.

Martin Lee, Mayor
City of Bronte

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 13

Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Toast, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Blueberry Muffin, Sliced Peaches, Teddy Grams, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Pancake and Sausage on a Stick, Apple Juice, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 16

Sausage, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk

Friday, Jan. 17

Holiday - Coke County Stock Show

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 13

Chicken Strips with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Rice Krispie Treats

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Soft Taco with Cheese, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Pink Panther Cake

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Corn, Bread Sticks, Milk, Jello

Thursday, Jan. 16

Bar-B-Que Sandwich, Tator Tots, Pinto Beans, Pickle Spears, Bun, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, Jan. 17

Holiday - Coke County Stock Show

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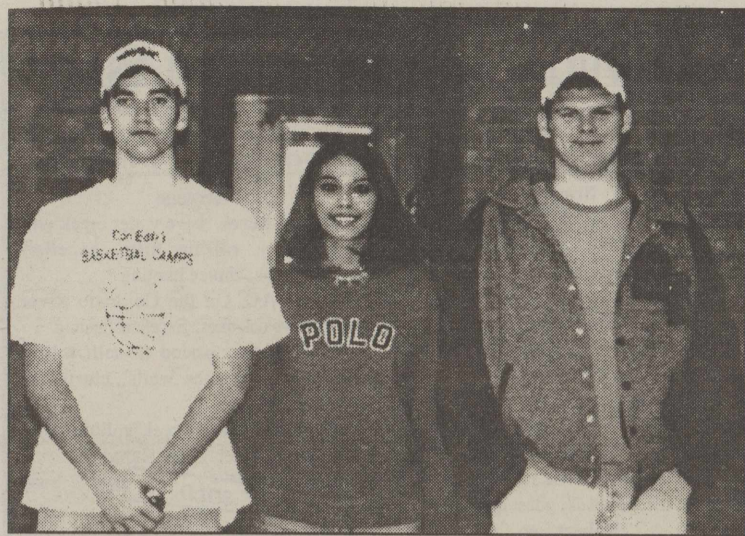
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Two Robert Lee Steers and a Lady Steer were named to the All Tournament Team at the Stanton Basketball Tournament held December 12-14, 2002. They include (from left) Travis Pitcock, Krystal Soliz, and Cooper Riley. The Steers placed second overall in the sixteen team tourney.

RLHS JV Girls results

On January 3, the Robert Lee Junior Varsity girls defeated Rotan 39-12. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kayli Dickey with 4 points, Alana Parker 4, Tiffany Bagwell 8, Julie Riley 16, Kyla Millican 3 and Lindsey Roe 4.

The RL JV girls competed in the Bronte JV tournament January 4, 2003, and took first place in two games.

In the first game, Robert Lee narrowly defeated Irion County by a score of 29-28. Scoring for RLHS include Brittany Soliz with 6 points, Tiffany Bagwell 6, Julie Riley 8, Kyla Millican 2 and Lindsey Roe 7.

In the championship game, the RL girls defeated the JV Lady Longhorns 39-21. Scoring for Robert Lee include Andra Braswell with 2 points, Analy Gallegos 2, Alana Parker 4, Veronica Cerritos 2, Brittany Soliz 3, Tiffany Bagwell 2, Julie Riley 16, Kyla Millican 2 and Lindsey Roe 6.

RLHS Lady Steers take district opener

The Robert Lee Lady Steers started off the district season



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Jan. 13**
Juice, Biscuit with Sausage, Cereal, Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 14**
Juice, Donut, Cereal, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 15**
Juice, Pigs in a Blanket, Cereal, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 16**
Juice, Pizza, Cereal, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 17**
Holiday

Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 13**
Burrito, Salad, Tator Tots, Peaches, Cookie, Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 14**
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Soup, Crackers, Applesauce, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 15**
Chicken Strips, Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll, Pineapple, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 16**
Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chips, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 17**
Holiday

with a win against Rotan 53-40. Scoring for Robert Lee were Jessica Fluhman with 3 points, Kindra Matthews 1, Monica Rodriguez 2, Tyler Lott 5, Krystal Soliz 19, Cara Eaton 12, Christina Middleton 10 and Michele Sanchez 1. The Lady Steers have a district record of 1-0 and an overall record of 16-5.

College Information Hotline to be available

The College Information Hotline will be sponsored by the Texas Association of College Admission Counseling and LoanStar Educational Loans.

There will be an Online Chat Room sponsored by TASFA. The most up-to-date information will be available regarding the application process, college majors, entrance requirements, financial aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and deadlines. The information you need to contact either the hotline or the Chat Room and when they are available is as follows.

- January 18 & 19**
Toll-Free Hotline, 1-877-275-7007, 10 am - 6 pm
- Online Chat Room, 10 am - 2 pm Saturday, 1 pm - 4 pm Sunday, www.AdventuresInEducation.org

RL Fire Dept. needs volunteers

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department meets the first and third Monday of each month for business meetings. The second and fourth Monday and/or fifth is fire training, to become a certified fireman, and/or work night.

Anyone interested in the 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 or Fire Marshal Bud Thompson or any fireman.

Cadets are ages 16 to 18 years, with parental consent. They receive fire and rescue training. At this time, RL VFD has 3 Cadets.

Robert Lee early warning signals

Disaster, tornado, or severe weather siren signals for the city of Robert Lee are 3 long blasts with each blast lasting 15 seconds. This is a public warning, be it severe weather or anything that might threa-



The Robert Lee High School Class of 2003 recently celebrated Christmas with a progressive supper, a hayride to Bryan's Barn, and a surprise visit from Santa.

ten the welfare of the city.

If a tornado or severe weather is spotted in the area, the "Coke County Skywarn Team", who are all firemen, will sound the alarm. Three long blasts, is the signal to take immediate shelter, preferably a storm cellar, sturdy building, basement, or interior room or hall. When the danger is past, 1 long blast of the siren will signal All Clear.

The fire department also utilize the sirens with 2-10 second blasts being a call for firemen to assemble at the fire station for a fire call, drill/meeting, or any reason firemen are needed.

Greenbug Damage to Small Grains

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Recently there has been an increase in greenbug activity in area grain fields. Greenbug damage can be characterized by a yellowing of the plant leaf due to the aphids sucking on the leaves and injecting a toxin into them. With our dry conditions, thresholds of 50-100 greenbugs per foot of row can cause some reduced stands. Greenbugs can be observed feeding on the under side of the leaf blades. The best way to check for greenbug levels is to inspect your fields in several places throughout the field. They can be observed by raising the leaf blades and looking on the underside of the leaf or you can swat the grain plant and knock the greenbugs on the soil and count them. Measure about how man aphids are present in a stretch of 10-15 foot of row

and estimate levels of infestation.

Labeled products include Lorsban 4E at 0.5-1 pint per acre and Dimethoate 4E at

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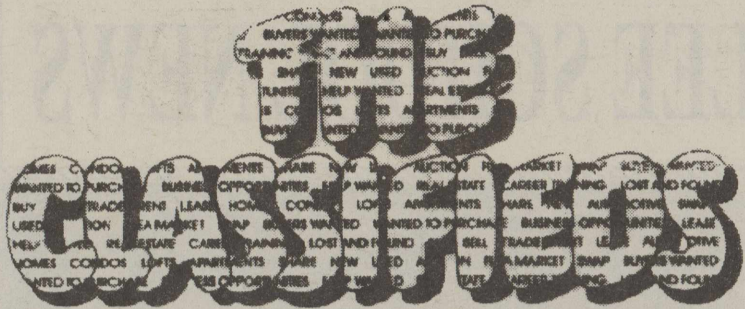


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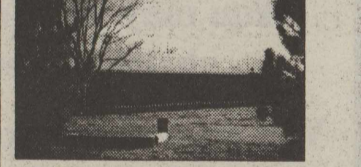
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Other Listings Available

WE ARE DEEPLY TOUCHED
 by the outpouring of help, love and concern shown to us by the people of Bronte when Buddy had his heart attack and following the loss of our beloved. Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, food, and other expressions of sympathy. They will always be remembered. Bronte is truly blessed with some wonderful people. Bless each of you with God's wonderful love and care.
 The Family of Buddy Hoffman
 24-1tp

DEAR FRIENDS
 You touched my heart with your cards, visits, calls, prayers, food and gifts at the time of my illness. I will always cherish your hugs, offers of help, and words of encouragement. I'm hoping that this is just a bump in the road. I am now back in the office part-time. My appreciation also goes out to my wonderful family, too.
 Blessings,
 Joan Davis
 24-1tc

THANK YOU FOR THE CHERISHED MEMORIES
 you have given us with your cards, letters, phone calls, prayers, gifts, flowers and by attending our 70th Wedding Anniversary and 87th Birthday Reception, December 22, 2002. Thanks to our wonderful children and spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for a beautiful and festive Reception.
 Floyd and Jessie Harmon
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THE FAMILY OF JOE MATHERS
 wishes to thank the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church and all our other dear friends for the beautiful cards, the prayers, thoughts and concerns you have extended during the illness and death of our beloved Joe. We appreciate and love you all.
 Glenda Mathers and Family
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 Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below and then

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 District: EL PASO
 Contract 6093-86-001 for REST AREA MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT IN EL PASO County, etc. will be opened on February 4, 2003, at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,244,458.72.
 Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for 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.
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 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the TEA Academic Excellence Indicators on Thursday, January 23, 2003, at 7:00 pm in the Robert Lee High School Library. The regular monthly board meeting will follow. The public is invited to attend.
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December Arrests/Charges Filed/Court Dispositions

Edgar Edward Lopez, Open Container of Alcohol in Vehicle, 12-02-02;

William Trey Taylor, Driving While License Suspended - Motion to Revoke Probation, 12-03-02;

George Richard Garcia Jr., Driving While License Suspended, 12-24-02;

Shaun Horace Short, Possession of Marijuana <2 oz., 12-24-02;

Christopher Zuniga, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Possession of Drug

Paraphernalia, 12-26-02;

Miguel Angel Terrazas Jr., Possession of Marijuana <2 oz., 12-28-02;

Toma Akkey McVae, Possession of Marijuana <2 oz., 12-29-02.

Out of County Warrants Served

Jack Waylon Bryant, Theft >=\$1,500 <\$20,000, Tom Green County Warrant, 12-13-02;

Sara Jo Day, Forgery of a Financial Instrument, Illegal Use of a Credit Card, Brown County Warrant, 12-18-02;

George Richard Garcia Jr., Possession of a Controlled Substance - Motion to Revoke Probation, Tom Green County Warrant, 12-24-02.

51st District Court Dispositions 12-4-02

The State of Texas vs Clifton Daniel Calder, Charge: Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, Plea: 7 years ID - Texas Department of Criminal Justice, \$140.00 Restitution;

The State of Texas vs Christopher John Guerra, Charge: Unlawful Restraint While in Custody, Unlawful Restraint expose to Serious Bodily Injury, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Plea: 3 years ID - Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Coke County Court Dispositions 12-18-02

The State of Texas vs Anthony Erwin Jackson, Charge: Theft, Plea: 180 days jail;

The State of Texas vs Elizabeth Nicole Dawson, Charge: Display Altered Drivers License; Plea: 9 days jail, probated 12 months, Fine \$350, Court Cost \$236, 40 hours Community Service.

The State of Texas vs Carol Northington, Charge: Theft by Check, Plea: 3 months Deferred Adjudication, \$100 fine, \$220.50 Court Cost, \$81.07 Restitution;

The State of Texas vs Danny Lee Armstrong, Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2 oz., Plea: 9 months Deferred Adjudication, \$400 fine, \$201 Court Cost, 40 hours Community Service.

51st District Court Grand Jury Indictments 12-18-02

John Leon Wright III, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver;

Judy Lynn Dunn, Ct. 1 - Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, Ct. 2 Manufacture a Controlled Substance;

Christopher David Collingsworth, Criminal Mischief

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Rondal D. Johnson, Criminal Mischief >=\$20,000<\$100,000;

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Johnny J. Rodriguez, Criminal Mischief >=\$20,000<\$100,000;

Anthony M. Rodriguez, Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more;

Jody Lee Hare, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more;

Charles Lafayette Marques, Ct. 1 Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, Ct. 2 Manufacture a Controlled Substance.

Sponsors for Summer Food Program needed

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

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

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

Interested organizations should contact TDHS for more information about the program training schedule. Applications should be received by April 14, 2003.

Organizations interested in sponsoring a summer feeding program should call (512) 420-2449 or (512) 420-2510. Or you can call 1-800-847-8975 after 5/1/03. You can also write to Texas Department of Human Services, Special Nutrition Programs, Y-906, PO Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030, Attn: Lynn Manor.

Personal

Sid and Ginger Eubanks from Natchitoches, Louisiana, visited their parents Sid and Johnnie Eubanks and Helen Murtishaw and other relatives during Christmas holidays.

On Sunday evening Helen and Ginger drove to Robert Lee to see Bryan's Barn. Reported the Barn was really beautiful. So many pretty lights that covered six acres, even lights down on the water in the little creek behind the Barn.

Then on Christmas day everyone gathered at Billy Joe and Diane's for dinner. Food and more food. Turkey and dressing, gravy, cranber-



Photo Courtesy Coke County Deer Processing
Stephen Wooten of Midland took this excellent 10 point buck on the Venable Ranch earlier this season. The big buck sported an 18" spread.

ry sauce, potatoes, spinach salad, yam casserole, broccoli casserole, hot rolls, ice tea, coffee, lemon pie, pecan pie, coconut cake, strawberry cake.

Those enjoying the day were Joy and J. McDaniel, Scott, Aaron, Amanda, Corey Bayer from San Angelo; Scott's mother, Barbara Bayer from Illinois, Betty McDaniel from Abilene; Rusty, Glenda, Josh, Matthew Plowman from Lubbock; Ginger Eubanks, Natchitoches, Louisiana; Dewey Luckett; Billy Joe, Diane, Joey Luckett and Helen Murtishaw from Bronte. Sid Eubanks spent the day with his folks Sid and Johnnie Eubanks and brother Andy and family from Florenceville and Keith Eubanks from Robert Lee.

Everyone agreed it was a wonderful Christmas day.

Personal

Sheila (Roberts) Farrar of Houston spent one week during the Christmas holidays with her parents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts. Sheila and Lauren were honored to help with their grandparents and great-grandparents' (Floyd and Jessie Harmon) 70th Wedding Anniversary and Jessie's 87th birthday reception December 22, 2002. Others spending some time in their home were Jim Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston, Crystal Hammerton and Ryan Stanford of Stephenville, Buddy and Melinda Strickland of Glen Rose and Jeremy and Ashley of Ft. Worth. Others visiting were Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Douglas, Kacee and James Roberts, and Dale and Sue Wojtek all of Robert Lee.

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December 2002 Runs

12/6/02 - 17:45 - Wreck;
12/15/02 - 20:30 - Control
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Bronte Fire Dept.

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December Memorials

Wilburn Wrinkle

Rita Abbott & Family
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Senior Day

2003 slated

Senior day 2003 at the Capitol is set for Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at 10:00 am on the front steps of the State Capitol in Austin, Texas.

Senior Day 2003 at the Capitol theme is "Seniors: The Heart of Texas", which will focus on seniors' past and present contributions to the state, as well as those yet to come.

Guest speakers include the Honorable Greg Abbott, Attorney General of Texas; Coach Darrell K. Royal; Senator John Carona of Dallas; and Representative Jesse Jones of Dallas.

The Texas Department of the American Legion will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem will be led by Ms. Senior America, Texas' own Mary Virginia Tuinstra.

At noon, there will be a Texercise Lap around the Capitol with attendees also invited to visit the Senior Day exhibit in the Capitol's Lower Rotunda with Senator Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin making a presentation.

There is a charge for this trip which includes a round trip ticket on a chartered bus, lunch, and a snack.

For more information on Senior Day 2003, please contact Rosie Quintela or Liz Elliott with the Area Agency on Aging at

(915) 223-5704 or 1-877-944-9666 by January 20, 2003.

Family Caregiver Information Centers opening

The grand openings of the Coke County Family Caregiver Information Centers will be held Monday, January 13, at 1:00 pm at the Bronte Senior Center, 613 East Oliver, in Bronte, and Wednesday, January 15, at the Robert Lee Senior Center, 1402 Austin, in Robert Lee.

If you are an adult child helping your elderly parents, a wife or husband caring for you elderly or ill spouse, a friend assisting an older, frail neighbor, or a grandparent raising a grandchild, you are a family caregiver and information is now available to help you help your loved one.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley has furnished Coke County with books, written materials, TV/VCRs, videos and an internet accessible computer to provide information to friends and family members who are caring for older loved ones and grandparents and older relatives raising children.

Representatives from the Area Agency on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association will be available to answer questions and provide information about services available for family caregivers.

Letter to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Not very often do we print a "Thank You" in the paper without it being paid. Thank You's are normally part of the classifieds under Card of Thanks. We made an exception with the following "Thank You", and we hope you will agree with our decision.)

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the citizens of Coke County for their donation to the Food Bank in Robert Lee.

Special thanks goes to the staff who operate it every Wednesday. They are all so kind and considerate.

They have always made my family feel good about going there for help, never once have they made us feel intimidated for needing help.

We really appreciate all the work they do for us in the time of need.

God bless the staff and all the good people of Coke County.

Sincerely,
Dolores Cheshire
Bronte resident

USDA briefing program planned

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will hold an informational briefing January 15, 2003, in Victoria, Texas, to acquaint new farmers, ranchers and other constituents with a wide array of agency services and to highlight changes and new provisions in the 2002 Farm Bill.

The briefing will be held January 15, at the Holiday Inn in Victoria, Texas, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The session, organized by USDA Rural Development and the USDA Office of Outreach, will feature presentations on a broad array of topics including conservation programs, insurance and



Photo courtesy of Bud Thompson, RLVFD

Members of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department were joined by Howard College students, a Grape Creek fireman and others qualifying for Advanced EMT certification at an extrication class. The class was held December 7, 2002, on Highway 208 South in Robert Lee. Those attending were given instruction in and were able to practice extricating people from vehicles at accident scenes.

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