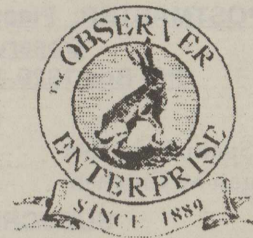


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County Livestock Show slated for this weekend

The 63rd edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show, held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibit Building in Robert Lee, begins today and will continue through Saturday. 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, 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.

Stock Show Pages slated

The Coke County Stock Show will be held January 17 and 18 (today and tomorrow) at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibit Building in Robert Lee.

As in the past, photos of all the winners will be included in next week's issue of the *Observer/Enterprise*. Local businesses and individuals have always supported these youth through the sponsor signature pages.

All 2002 sponsors will be included on the 2003 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call the office at 453-2433 by 5 pm, Tuesday, January 21.

A complete list of sponsors is included below.

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Mary Ann Garcia, Robert Lee Head Start Director, reads to the children enrolled in Robert Lee's Head Start Program at the Coke County Library during the Head Start Library hour Wednesday morning, January 8, 2003. Due to regulations, the Head Start children can only attend the story hour when the weather is pleasant.

Monument Company; Parker Plumbing; Shirley's Place & M. J.'s Originals; Country Inn - Beautiful Downtown Bronte; Hall's Super Save Grocery, Bronte; B & K Processing & Hall of Fame Taxidermy; Tom's Tire & Lube; Texas Best De-Flooding & Carpet Cleaning, Bob & Patti Frazee; Arrott Ranches - Nick, LeDrew & Bobbie, Mike & Andra; First National Bank of Bronte, Member FDIC; Hometown Hardware Feed & Supply, Bronte; Coke County Juvenile Justice Center; Hidalgo's 277 Restaurant; George and Jimmie Snapp; and Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg.

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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 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.

Courthouse closing

The Coke County courthouse will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Business will resume on Tuesday, the 21st at 8 am.

Closing Notice

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

CC Retired

Teachers to meet

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, January 20, 2003. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

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.

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Obituaries

Hagler

W.T. (Dub) Hagler, 90, passed away Jan. 11, 2003, in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene after a short illness.

Service was held at 10:30 am Monday, Jan. 13, at First Baptist Church in Blackwell. Rev. John Curry, pastor, and Rev. Jim Johnson, grandson, will officiate. Grave side services followed in Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas.

Dub was born on October 12, 1912 in Tyler, Texas. He married Darris Butler on August 21, 1938 in Iraan, Texas. He worked 30 years in Midland, Texas as a petroleum engineer. He was president of West Texas Engineering and Consulting Service. After retiring to Oak Creek Lake, Blackwell, Texas, he and Darris traveled around the country in their RV for 20 years. He was active in the West Texas Woodcarving Guild, taught Sunday school for many years at First Baptist Church, Midland, and was a Mason. In retirement he was active in First Baptist Church, Blackwell.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Darris; three daughters, Swan Archinal and husband, Paul, of Oak Creek Lake, Blackwell, Ellen Rice and her husband, Charles, of South Fulton, TN, Susan Duncan and her husband, Mike, of Abilene; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Cheryl Archinal.

Pallbearers will be grandsons.

The family request that memorials be sent to First Baptist Church, Blackwell, TX 79506.

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Eastern Star news

by Jeffie Roberts

The Order of the Eastern Star "Deep In The Heart of Texas" School of Instruction is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at the Suez Shrine Temple in San Angelo. Texas' Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Fentress of Fort Worth, Worthy Grand Patron, Ed Warner of Judson, Betty Capps Martin of New Braunfels, Grand Examiner of District 5, Malyna Miller of

Dripping Spring, District Deputy Grand Matron District 5 and Gayna Eldred of Bronte, Deputy Grand Matron District 5 Sections 1 and 2 will conduct the school.

Pre-school activities will begin with "Angel Hearts of Friendship" covered dish meal served at the Masonic Lodge Hall at 130 S. Oakes in San Angelo, Monday, January 20, 2003 at 6:30 pm.

Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star, has chosen for her Humanitarian Program several items. The Education Fund of which approximately \$50,000.00 were given in scholarships in 2002 is open to college students. Scholarships (\$52,000.00) were awarded in 2002 in the religious field ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership). Touching Hearts Committee will make money to help Women's Shelters. Eastern Stars devote many hours in hospitals, cancer programs, assist with the Shriners Burns and Children Hospitals, Benevolent Aid, and other worthwhile programs.

Registration for the School will begin at 8:00 am Tuesday, January 21, 2003. Activities will continue throughout the day into the evening. For more information call Beverly Sinclair 453-4380 or Jeffie Roberts 453-2957.

Personal

Jeff Barnes, former sheriff's deputy for Coke County, has returned to Kosovo after two weeks in Robert Lee with his family. He is employed by the United Nations and headquartered in Kosovo. Now serving as Deputy Station Commander, he is second in command over a 300-man force in the UN administration.

In addition to spending the holidays with his wife, Melodie and sons, Josh and Tim, he enjoyed time with his mother, Mrs. Zona Barnes of Blackwell.

Robert Lee Baptist Church to host blood drive

United Blood Services will be in Robert Lee for a blood drive on Tuesday, January 21st. It will be held at Robert Lee Baptist at 22 W. 11th St., from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Call Becky Ross at 453-2724 for

an appointment.

"Every blood donation is broken into as many as 3 products," said Sherry Morton, Community Relations Representative. "Give the gift of life-donate blood and save as many as three lives in area hospitals."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You must also have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 10 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. Your help is needed. If you would like to make an appointment, please call Becky Ross at the above number or 653-1307. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

Cruz graduates basic training

Air Force Airman Reys J. Cruz has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

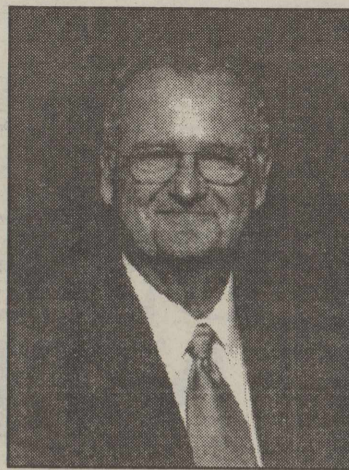
He is the son of Reys Cruz of Eureka, NV, and Sara Cruz of Robert Lee.

Cruz is a 2002 graduate of Eureka County High School, Eureka.

Tutors, mentors needed for foster grandparent program

The Foster Grandparent Program of the Concho Valley Council of Governments is looking for individuals 60 years of age and older who are interested in being tutors and/or mentors to children in the Concho Valley and Observer/Enterprise area.

Volunteers must be interest-



Order of the Eastern Star dignitaries scheduled for the "Deep In the Heart of Texas" School of Instruction include Sharon Fentress, Texas' Worthy Grand Matron (left), and Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron.



ed in working 20 hours per week at a local facility, and must love interacting with children! Income-eligible volunteers receive a tax-free stipend, transportation reimbursement, and excess insurance coverage. The stipend is NOT counted as income and therefore does not affect or interfere with social security benefits, SSI, housing, or any government program. Individuals interested in learning more about the Foster Grandparent Program may contact the Area Agency on Aging in San Angelo at (915) 223-5704, or toll-free at (877) 944-9666.

Nominations due for Bronte Chamber awards

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will be recognizing citizens, students, and an educator of the year at their annual banquet on February 24. The Pioneer Award will also be given. Citizens of Bronte are asked to mark their choice for these awards by January 29. Ballot boxes are located at the First National Bank and the administration offices at the school. The Pioneer Award was given for the first time at last year's banquet. The Pioneer Award goes to an individual who has contributed to the community over the course of their lifetime.

RL 2nd grade food drive

January is Random Acts of Kindness month at Robert Lee Elementary. The 2nd grade class is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Coke County Food Pantry. Donation boxes will be located at Super H, Cindy's, and Skinner's. There will also be a donation box located by the elementary office. The class set a goal of 200 items and a

deadline of January 31, 2003. They plan to deliver the food to the food bank during the first week of February.

Coke County Livestock Show January 17 & 18

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 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
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Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 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
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 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(915) 453-2724
 Dr. Kenneth G. Patrick, Int. Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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(915) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
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(915) 482-0663
 Rev. Rickey D. Green, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

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Friday & Saturday

January 17 & 18, 2003

Robert Lee

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Locals to man phone banks for Rehab 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 Luckett, 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," Luckett added.

Rehab 2003 promises to be a fast-paced show, featuring country singer Tanya Tucker, plus regular Rehab telethon entertainers Bill and Susan Hayes, Florence LaRue, Anacani and Jay Michaels. Returning as emcees will be Peter Marshall and Charlie Chase. The five-hour show begins at 7 pm and will be aired on 11 television stations covering Texas and parts of New Mexico and Oklahoma.

In addition to entertainment, the show includes an auction of about 250 items ranging from agriculture products to travel packages. Online bidding began December 18 at www.WestTexasRehab.org. Telephone bidding begins at 6 pm on telethon night.



Marie Arrott holds her latest great-great-grandchild, Saige Brilene Busby. Saige is the seven week old daughter of Joni Busby of Fort Worth (front, left). Her grandmother is Jolene Henderson (back, left) and great-grandmother is Marlene Vaughn, both of Bronte. Marie now has seven great-great-grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Library News

The Coke County Library's recent damage has been assessed and estimates are being received by the Commissioner's Court. It is believed that the damage can be completely repaired with no disruption in service.

While everyone was recuperating from the holidays the following events took place in January without notice: National Clean-off-your desk Day, Pharmacists Day, Elementary School Teachers Day, and National School Nurse Day, but we can still catch Super Bowl Sunday and Backwards Day (last Tuesday in the month).

During January the following occurred in history: first Rose Bowl game (1902), the first radio broadcast (1902), the drinking straw was patented in 1888, the speed limit was lowered to 55 mph in 1974, the atom was split (1918), the first Billboard Pop Chart published in 1936, the first appendix removed successfully in 1885, Ford paid

\$5.00 per day minimum wage (1914), the first computer was patented in 1889, the Harlem Globetrotters were established in 1927. Also, oil was first discovered in Texas in 1901, and the US Surgeon General first said "stop smoking" in 1964, the Frisbee was invented, and Chubby Checker's The Twist reached no. 1 on the charts in 1962.

Also, January is National Book Blitz Month. To celebrate this event, visit the Coke County Library which is adding books daily to the collection.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour for three-to-five year old children is Tuesday at 10:00 am. Mrs. Trish Rowe is the Story Hour Volunteer and has stories, activities, treats and videos for the kids to enjoy. Parents and caregivers are welcome. The Head Start Story Hour is Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Extra laps to sit in are always appreciated.



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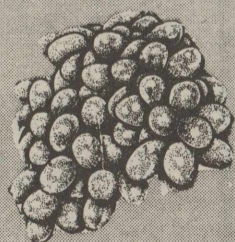
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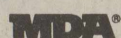


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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes recently enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus at their Christmas party. Enjoying the Holiday festivities were (front row, from left) Shelby Roe, Lindsey Roe, Krystal Soliz, Phillip Rangel, Brittany Soliz, Brandon Soliz, Cara Eaton, Cassidy Wink, Nicole Sanchez, Amie Kendall, Rachel Wallace, Michele Sanchez, (back row, from left) Stewart Millican, Tyler Lott, Santa, Travis Pitcock, Julie Riley, and sponsor, Coach Gardner.

RLJH boys post current results

On January 9, 2003, the Robert Lee Junior High B boys lost a close one to Sterling City, 20-22. Scoring included: Taylor Percifull, 7; Chris LaRue and Chase Roe, 4 each; Luke Thurman, 3; and Cody Denton, 2.

In the Robert Lee tournament, the boys started the tournament out with a 25-6 win over Sterling City. Scoring were: Taylor Percifull, 4; Jesse Braswell, 4; Brody Dillard, 5; Cameron Hodge, 6; Cody Denton, 2; and Chase Roe, 4.

In the second game, Robert

Lee outscored Bronte 19-11, with Taylor Percifull scoring 5; Chris LaRue, 2; Cameron Hodge, 4; and Chase Roe, 8.

On January 13, Robert Lee outscored Garden City, 19-9. Scoring were Chris LaRue, 6; Brody Dillard, 6; Cameron Hodge, 5; and Cody Denton, 2.

On January 9, the Robert Lee JH A boys lost to Sterling City, 20-38. Scoring were: Brody Dillard, 3; Clay Antilley, 2; Cody McCabe, 4; Kevin Honse, 5; Jonathan Pagan, 4; and Eleasar Vera, 2.

The A boys lost to Garden City on Jan. 13 by a score of 17-45. Scoring were: Taylor Percifull, 5; Kevin Honse, 5; Jonathan Pagan, 4; and Eleasar Vera, 3.

Tournament was held on Jan. 11, with the "B" girls winning both games. In the first game, they defeated Sterling City, 20-10. Scoring were: Kasie Skinner, 10; Allison Millican, 4; Chelsea Conner, 2; Molly Burns, 2; and Andrea Pineda, 2.

In the 2nd game the "B" girls defeated Bronte, 18-2. Scoring were: Kasie Skinner, 4; Molly Burns, 8; Andrea Pineda, 4; and Melissa Martinez, 2.

RL varsity boys post current results

The varsity Steers played at Rotan on Jan. 3, losing by a close score of 52-54. Scoring were: Gallegos, 5; Riley, 33; Pitcock, 5; and Millican, 9.

The Steers hosted Roby on Jan. 7, winning 73-34. Scoring were: Gallegos, 9; Riley, 17; Abalos, 11; Flanagan, 10; Pitcock, 13; and Millican, 13.

The Steers defeated Roscoe by a score of 64-50. Scoring were: Gallegos, 9; Riley, 10; Abalos, 4; Flanagan, 1; Pitcock, 22; and Millican 18.

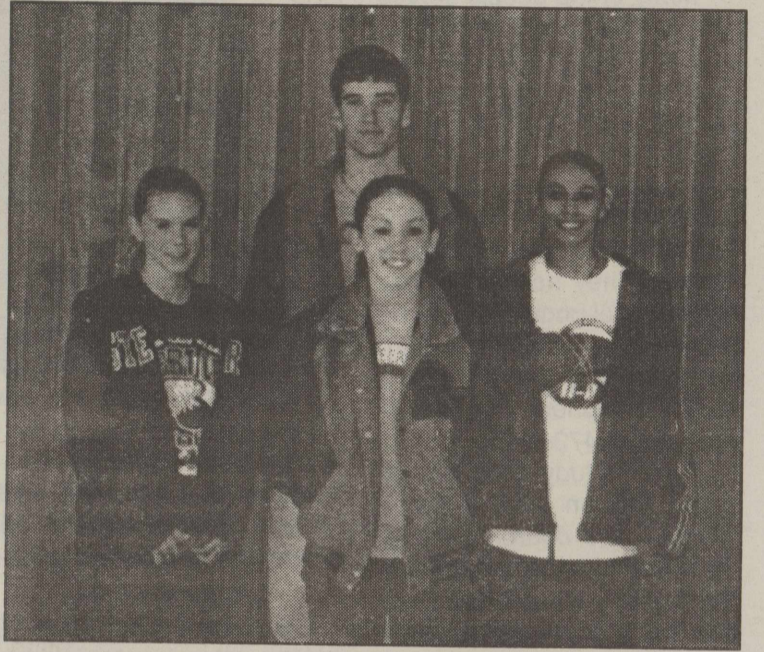
RL varsity and junior varsity girls' results

On Jan. 7, the RL varsity and junior varsity girls hosted Roby, with the JV girls taking the win, and the varsity recording a loss. The JV girls won, 36-15, with Julie Riley scoring 14; Lindsey Roe, 10; Alana Parker, 4; Analy Gallegos, 2; Veronica Cerritos, 2; Tiffany Bagwell, 2; and Stephanie Trejo, 2.

The varsity girls lost, 35-69. Scoring were: Jessica Fluhmann, 3; Kindra Matthews, 2; Monica Rodriguez, 2; Tyler Lott, 6; Krystal Soliz, 8; Cara



The Robert Lee Lady Steers take time to wrap gifts collected from the area for the Concho Valley Girls Home. The Lady Steers assisting with the project include (from left) Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, Cara Eaton, Tyler Lott, Krystal Soliz, Brittany Soliz, and Monica Rodriguez.



Robert Lee High School Steer and Lady Steers named to the Irion County Varsity Basketball Tournament's All-Tournament Team include Kindra Matthews, Jessica Fluhmann, Krystal Soliz, and Travis Pitcock. The tourney was held December 5-7, 2002, in Mertzton.

Eaton, 5; Cassidy Wink, 2; Christina Middleton, 4; Amie Kendall, 1; and Michelle Sanchez, 2.

On Jan. 10, both teams won against Roscoe. The JV girls won 34-15. Scoring were: Analy Gallegos, 1; Brittany Soliz, 2; Tiffany Bagwell, 7; Julie Riley, 9; Stephanie Trejo, 2; and Lindsey Roe, 14. The JV season record is 16-1, and district record is 3-0.

The varsity girls defeated Roscoe by a close score of 44-43. Scoring were: Jessica Fluhmann, 6; Kindra Matthews, 4; Monica Rodriguez, 1; Tyler Lott, 4; Krystal Soliz, 12; Cara Eaton, 2; Christina Middleton, 5; Amie Kendall, 5; Michelle Sanchez, 4; and Cassidy Wink, 1. The varsity record is 17-6, with a district record of 2-1.

The girls will play Hamlin there on Jan. 16, with the JV game beginning at 4:00. They will host Rotan on Jan. 21, with games beginning at 4:00.

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

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 20

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Juice, pancake on a stick, cereal, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Thursday, Jan. 23

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Friday, Jan. 24

Juice, pancake on a stick, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 20

Bean chalupa, salad, Spanish rice, pineapple, chocolate pudding, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Chicken spaghetti, carrots, applesauce, sliced bread, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Corn dogs, chips, broccoli, carrot sticks with dip, pears, cookie, milk

Thursday, Jan. 23

Roast, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peaches, milk

Friday, Jan. 24

Hamburger, lettuce/tomato, pickles, tator tots, apple-sauce, milk

RLJH girls' results posted

The JH A and B girls hosted Garden City on Jan. 13. The "A" girls lost by a score of 26-32. Scoring were: Sarah Phillee, 3; Kelsy Duncan, 9; Becca Skinner, 10; and Katie Bessent, 4.

The "B" girls lost to Garden City, 4-15. Scoring for the JH girls was Andrea Pineda with 4.

The Junior High girls played at Sterling City on Jan. 9, splitting a couple of games with the Eagles. The "A" girls won, 42-33, with Brettanie Reed scoring 9; Sarah Phillee, 4; Kelsy Duncan, 10; Becca Skinner, 8; Katie Bessent, 9; and Rosa Rojas, 2.

The "B" girls lost by a close score of 14-15. Scoring were: Kasie Skinner, 2; Allison Millican, 8; Molly Burns, 2; and Andrea Pineda, 2.

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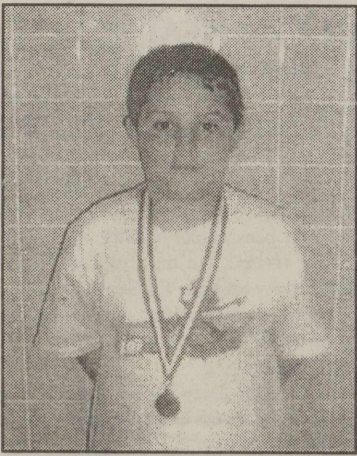
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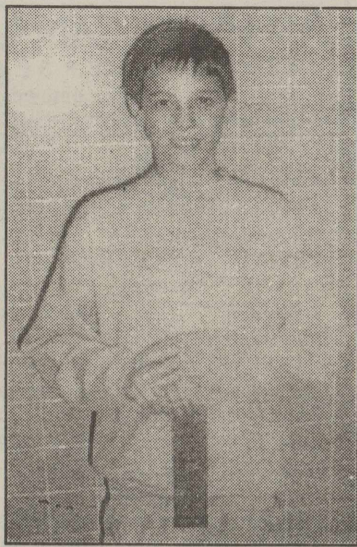
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Beau Grigg placed 2nd in Third Grade Storytelling at the Elementary UIL District Meet in Miles November 23, 2002.



Ty Mackey received a 6th place ribbon for Mathematics at the Elementary UIL District Meet in Miles November 23, 2002.

Lady Horns post recent results

The Lady Horns varsity basketball team lost to Christoval and Menard recently. Against the Menard Yellowjackets, the Ladies closed the gap from 9-14 in the first quarter, but were not able to cool the shooting efforts of the Jackets. Lindsay Springer led the Lady Longhorns with 14 points and three steals. Heather Richey added three steals and six rebounds. Ashley Denton picked up six rebounds, with Lilly McMullan grabbing three more steals for the Ladies. Individual scoring included: Ashley Denton, Lillian McMullan, and Kailey Howell, 2 each; Heather Richey, 4; Kanah Coalson, 9; and Lindsay Springer, 14 points.

In the game against Christoval, the Bronte Ladies lost 27-69. Individual scoring included: Britney McCutchen,



Ariel Coalson placed 4th and Jessi England (not pictured) placed 5th in Ready Writing at the Elementary UIL District Meet in Miles November 23, 2002.

2; Ashley Denton, 8; Natalee Reed, 1; Lillian McMullan, 3; Kanah Coalson, 4; Rebecca Rawlings, 2; Lindsay Springer, 6; Jasmine Kresta, 1; and Heather Richey, 5 points.

The Ladies won against Eden on January 9, 2003, by a score of 47-45. Leading the scoring for Bronte was Heather Richey with a big 27 points, followed by Lindsay Springer, 7; Britney McCutchen, 5; Rebecca Rawlings, 4; and Ashley Denton and Lillian McMullan with 2 points each.

Horns post Christoval, Eden results

In recent games, the Varsity Longhorns were defeated by Christoval, 71-53. Scoring included: Charlie Bettis, 25 points, 6 rebounds; Joel Webb, 4 points; BJ Hall, 19 points; Cody Lee, 2 points; and Scott Snyder, 9 rebounds.

The Horns defeated Eden, 66-36. Scoring included: Charlie Bettis, 25 points, 5 rebounds; Joel Webb, 7 points; BJ Hall, 15 points, 5 assists; Cody Lee, 4 points, 5 steals; Scott Snyder, 6 points, 6 rebounds; Tyson Baker, 1 point; Lyndon Butler, 2 points; Cody Moore, 4 points; and Kinley Hoyt, 2 points, 10 rebounds.

Bronte JV girls results reported

The Bronte JV girls won 1 of 3 games in the recent home tournament. Against Roscoe, the JV ladies won 25-15. Scoring included: Rebecca Rawlings and Ashleigh Kelly, 8 points each; Christan Kelly, 6; Sarah



The Bronte Elementary 4th grade Music Memory Team placed 1st at the Elementary UIL District Meet in Miles November 23, 2002. Team members include (from left) Dakota Rawls, Michael Evans, Tori Acevedo, Heath Richey and Arlis McMullan.

Basquez, 2; and Logan Acker, 1.

The JV Ladies lost to Robert Lee 21-39. Scoring were: Christan Kelly, 9; Ashleigh Kelly, 5; Logan Acker and Britney McCutchen, 2 each; and Sarah Basquez, 1 point.

The JV Ladies lost to Christoval 25-38. Scoring were: Ashleigh Kelly, 11; Christan Kelly, 5; Melissa Palmer, 3; Logan Acker and Megan Gibbs, 2; and Sarah Basquez, 1.

On January 9, 2003, the JV Ladies won against Eden, 36-15. Scoring were: Megan Gibbs, 12; Ashleigh Kelly, 10; Logan Acker, 8; Christan Kelly, 3; Melissa Palmer, 2; and Sarah Basquez, 1.

Bronte JH Girls results told

On January 9, 2003, the A and B girls lost to Garden City. In the B game, the final score was 32-1, with Emily Austin scoring the point for Bronte.

In the A game, the final score was 43-7, with Heather Mitchell scoring 1, Crystal Waller, 4; and Katie Cooper, 2.

In the Robert Lee B tournament, the Horns split, winning over Water Valley 10-2, with Holly Huskerson scoring 4; Beth Sanchez, Terah Macon, and Casey Harris, with 2 each.

Against Robert Lee, the girls lost 18-2, with Casey Harris scoring the 2 for the Ladies.

On January 13, the JH A and B teams lost a couple to Menard. In the first game, it was 16-7, with Huskerson having 2 points; B Sarrat, 1; T. Macon, 2; and E. Austin, 2 points.

Menard won the A game, 53-9, with H Mitchel scoring 2 points; C Waller, 1; K. Cooper, 3; and K. Gordon, 3 points.

Bronte JV Boys results told

On Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, the Bronte JV boys defeated Menard, 44-22. Scoring were: Riley Coalson, 6; Justin Minjarez, 13; Garrett Jackson, 12; Chase Williams, 7; and Zac White, 6.

On Jan. 4, the Horns split games with Roscoe and Irion County. The Horns beat Roscoe 35-20, with Justin Minjarez scoring 17; Garrett Jackson, 2; Chase Williams, 8; Jaylon Saunders, 2; Joseph Israel, 4; and Zac White, 2.

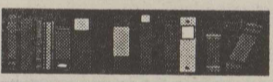
They lost to Irion County 15-48. Scoring included:

Riley Coalson, 7; Justin Minjarez, 6; and Joseph Israel, 2.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, Bronte defeated Christoval 36-32. Scoring included: Garrett Acker, 2; Riley Coalson, 4; Justin Minjarez, 6; Garrett Jackson, 3; Chase Williams, 12; Joseph Israel, 4; and Zac White, 5.

On Jan. 10, the JV boys defeated Eden 51-29. Scoring included: Garrett Acker, 3; Riley Coalson, 4; Justin Minjarez, 2; Garrett Jackson, 5; Chase Williams, 19; Jaylon Saunders, 4; Joseph Israel, 8; and Zac White, 6.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 20

Cereal, sliced pears, toast, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 21

French toast sticks, apple juice, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Scrambled eggs, grape juice, toast, milk

Thursday, Jan. 23

Breakfast pizza, orange juice, milk

Friday, Jan. 24

Donut, apple half, teddy grams, milk

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 20

Chicken nuggets with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, vanilla pudding, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, tator tots, mixed fruit, brownies, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Frito pie with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn chips, jello, milk

Thursday, Jan. 23

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, spice cake, milk

Friday, Jan. 24

Chick-Fil-Lay sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, sugar cookies, milk

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Bronte elementary to host Scholastic Book Fair

Bronte Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair the week of February 3-7. This will be a fun-filled book sale and literary event geared to excite children about reading and learning. The Scholastic Book Fair will offer the most popular books and educational products for all ages, including the newest titles, award-winners, classics, and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. Parents, children, teachers, and the entire community are invited to "Lasso a Great Book!" at the Reading Roundup, the theme of the Fair.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open each day from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. And - calling all cowpokes! On Tuesday, February 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, the Book Fair will feature a special Family Event with special read alouds, activities, and refreshments.

Great photo opportunities are available as cowboys and cowgirls will have the opportunities to hear stories, get up in a real saddle, try to rope a pony, and feed a pig.

One of the Book Fair's primary goals is to help teachers build classroom libraries. Visitors to the Fair can check each teacher's Classroom Wish List, then purchase and donate the requested book, helping teachers develop a rich array of learning resources for community children. In addition, Bronte Elementary will use funds raised at the Book Fair to purchase essential classroom resources and support school projects.

Forest Service offers windbreak trees

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are now available for order through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation district (SWCD). Landowners in Coke County are encouraged to purchase the one-year-old seedlings before preferred stock is sold out.

Each year thousands of regionally adapted seedlings are grown from seed by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock. The agency's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at a price landowners can afford, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for windbreaks, says Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester, Lubbock.

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," Fewin explains. "They create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics." Available species for Coke County include afghan pine, austrian pine, arizona cypress, redcedar, pinyon pine, italian stone pine, amur honeysuckle, skunkbush sumac, shumard oak, green ash, russian olive, desert willow, lacebark elm, hackberry honeylocust, sand plum, fourwing saltbush, nanking cherry, flameleaf sumac, and osage orange.

Wildlife packets for habitat establishment also are available. Each of the four wildlife packets contain 100 bare-root trees and shrubs which cater specifically to the habitat needs of quail and pheasant, deer, turkey, or squirrel.

Orders will be taken through Monday, January 27, 2003, and

will be delivered February 6, 2003.

To order windbreak trees contact the Coke County SWCD located at 214 East 7th Street in Robert Lee or call 453-2623, ext. 3.

For more information about the display, call (915) 949-5097.

Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses due to damages and losses caused by drought and excessive temperatures that occurred on various dates from January 1, 2002, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Sweetwater.

Coke and Sterling Counties, as primary disaster counties, were recently declared eligible for FSA EM loss loans.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000.00, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders the interest is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the PIC or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 23, 2003 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing.

The FSA office in Sweetwater is open from 7:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday.

Divorced wives don't sign away social security rights

by Fredi Franki

Social Security Administration Anne was a battered wife. By the time she was 45, she had enough of her abusive husband and would do anything to get out of her 15 year marriage. As part of her divorce agreement, she signed a clause relinquishing her rights to her ex-husband's Social Security benefits.

That was 20 years ago and Social Security was just not on Anne's radar screen. But now she's pushing 65 and thinking about retiring. She's worked for years at several low-paying jobs, and her estimated Social Security check is only about \$800 a month. She stopped by our office and now she says she wishes she had never signed away her rights to her ex-husband's Social Security. She learned from friends that

he's getting almost \$1,400 per month.

But we had good news for her. She did not "sign away" her ex-husband's Social Security benefits. That clause the lawyers added to the divorce decree isn't worth the paper it's printed on. Federal law overrides anything that lawyers might add to divorce papers. And Social Security law says that because Anne was married for more than 10 years and because she never remarried, she is due some of her ex's Social Security.

She gets the same Social Security benefits as a currently married woman: anywhere from one-third to one-half of her ex's retirement benefits while he's still living, and up to 100 percent of it when he dies.

Anne was worried that her ex might get upset because she's taking away some of his retirement benefits. But we assured her she's not. Anything we pay to Anne will not reduce his benefits. And if he's remarried, anything we pay Anne does not reduce any benefits due his current wife. In other words, two or more women can draw full wife's or widow's benefits on the same man's record.

However, the benefits we pay on her ex-husband's record will be offset by her own retirement benefit. That means while her ex is still living, she won't get anything on his record because her own retirement benefit (\$800) is more than one-half of his (\$700). But if he dies before she does, we can augment her Social Security retirement check with the additional divorced widow's benefits she would be due. For example, if her ex-husband were to die this month, Anne would continue to get her \$800 retirement check and we'd supplement \$600 on his record to take her up to the \$1,400 divorced widow's rate.

For more information, call 1-800-772-1213.

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Garland & Rose Marie Davis
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Joe Mathers

R. L. & Evelyn Flanagan



The Robert Lee Elementary School 2nd grade class enjoyed making Christmas trees from their hands with the residents of Robert Lee Care Center.



The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club made every resident at Robert Lee Care Center a Christmas tree for the December Birthday Party. Enjoying the celebration were Charles Moore, Melba Long, Oma Lewis, and Wilma Moore.

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The employees of the WCC Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte collected over \$500 worth of coloring books, bubbles, and other items for the children of Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas for Christmas. Sally Wilson, an employee of WCC, has a grandson (Raymond Laboy, who they call Boo) born with a birth defect in one of his feet. The employees and staff of Scottish Rite were very kind and helpful to Ms. Wilson's family throughout the process of getting it corrected. The employees of CCJJC heard about the need Scottish Rite had for coloring books and bubbles for the children and wanted to help. This was their way of saying thank you for all that was done for Boo. Helping with the effort were Sheila Baker, Patti Frazee, Jesse Puentez, Sally Wilson, Wanda Cmerek, and Martha Ratliff.

Out of the Ordinary

by Jane Austin Bruckner

Fort Worth pulled on its boots Saturday, and began its celebration of Western heritage as it does every January. In the forty degree morning it was estimated 110,000 people lined Main and Houston Streets as the Stock Show parade rolled through downtown led by Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr riding horseback with members of the Fort Worth City Council. Following was Dallas Mayor Laura Miller sharing a wagon with Ben Tahmahkera, great-great-grandson of Quanah Parker, the last Comanche war chief. Then came the many floats and marching bands. And many horses. And steers. And mules. A total of 1345 animals marched through downtown. They were closely followed by four street cleaners, two trucks and a pair of dump trucks. More than 5,700 people filed into the Will Rogers Coliseum to watch competitors, dressed in thick brown leather chaps, dirt-stained black felt hats and silver spurs, sort and rope cattle and bust broncs.

Eight ranches competed in the Best of the West Ranch Rodeo, including the Bonds Ranch in Saginaw, the Spade Ranches in Lubbock and the Stuart Ranch in Caddo, OK. The winner was the Tongue River Ranch from Paducah. The ranch rodeo features "working cowboy" team events such as calf branding, stock sorting and wild cow milking. The ranch rodeo differs from the Stock Show's renowned Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association where individuals compete in steer wrestling and bull riding which begins its 17 day run.

The Stock Show, officially called The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show and Rodeo, goes back a hundred years and more, when Fort Worth was a Xanadu to

West Texans. It was where they came once a year to escape the dust and the drudgery and boiling sun. They put away their workday clothing and tools, and came to town. They came from other parts of the state, too. But Fort Worth was a refuge for West Texans. It was still a town then. A town with museums and art galleries and movie theaters. Malls came along later.

Art Chapman, writes in Fort Worth Star Telegram, he believes the Stock Show tells us how deeply we are rooted in our past and how far we have come from it. He believes Fort Worth has changed. It is bigger and more prosperous, drifting from its agricultural roots. Boots and blue jeans are worn with blazers. It is dangerously close to becoming a city, rather than a town. Chapman believes the Stock Show may just be the ballast that stops the frightening shift. It is an important job. Jerry Flemmons, a former Star-Telegram writer and lifelong Fort Worth advocate once wrote, "I can't think of Fort Worth as a city, a term with an austere and impersonal lawyering tone. Town has mythology in it and affection, a casual, almost languid, cadence, a presumption of refuge. A city is where a lot of people live; a town is where a lot of people live together and it is home.

Jane grew up on the Austin Ranch in Coke County, and enjoys Fort Worth's western heritage. Send your ideas for preserving western heritage: jane@janebruckner.com.

Lights at Bryan's Barn

The lights at Bryan's Barn shone brightly for the enjoyment of many this season. Completing the 12th year, Wilson Bryan and family played host to over 9800 visitors to Robert Lee and the Barn. It is truly amazing the number of visi-

tors who continue to come each year, some visiting more than once as they bring friends to see the lights.

Towns all across Texas were registered. Thirty-six states were represented as visitors registered from Oregon, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, New Mexico, Nebraska, South Carolina, Washington, California, North Carolina, Wyoming, Kansas, Virginia, West Virginia, Colorado,



The Robert Lee Elementary School 2nd grade class assisted Robert Lee Care Center residents in making Holiday arts and crafts.

Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois, Georgia, New York, Kentucky, Idaho, Minnesota, Maine, Arizona, District of Col., Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Connecticut, Alaska, Ohio, Vermont, Iowa, and Maryland.

Visitors also registered from 10 other countries this year. Those countries were Canada, Brazil, Lithuania, Central America, Ireland, England, Puerto Rico, Bangladesh, Germany and the Philippines.

Wilson & family would also like to thank all those who volunteered their time to hang lights or serve as "Greeters" each night. Also a big thank you to Santa for visiting to the delight of old & young alike. A final note - Wilson says it will be "bigger and better" next December.

Senior Day 2003 set

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 Rep. 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.

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