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Grand Opening slated

Massage by Darrell has scheduled the grand opening of their Fitness Center for all day Monday, February 17.

In addition to the new exercise equipment, aerobics and yoga classes will be offered.

For more information, drop by Massage by Darrell at 701 Austin Street in Robert Lee or call 453-4377.

Free Tax Help available

The AARP Tax Aide will be at the Bronte Senior Center Friday, February 21, at 1 pm to assist with tax return preparation and answer questions.

This service is available to tax payers with middle incomes and lower incomes. Special consideration will be given to those 60 years and older.

To reserve an appointment time, please call the Bronte Senior Center at 473-6471.

Coke County Courthouse to be closed

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, in honor of Presidents' Day. Business will resume on Tuesday at 8:00 am.

CC retired teachers to meet

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 17, 2003. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

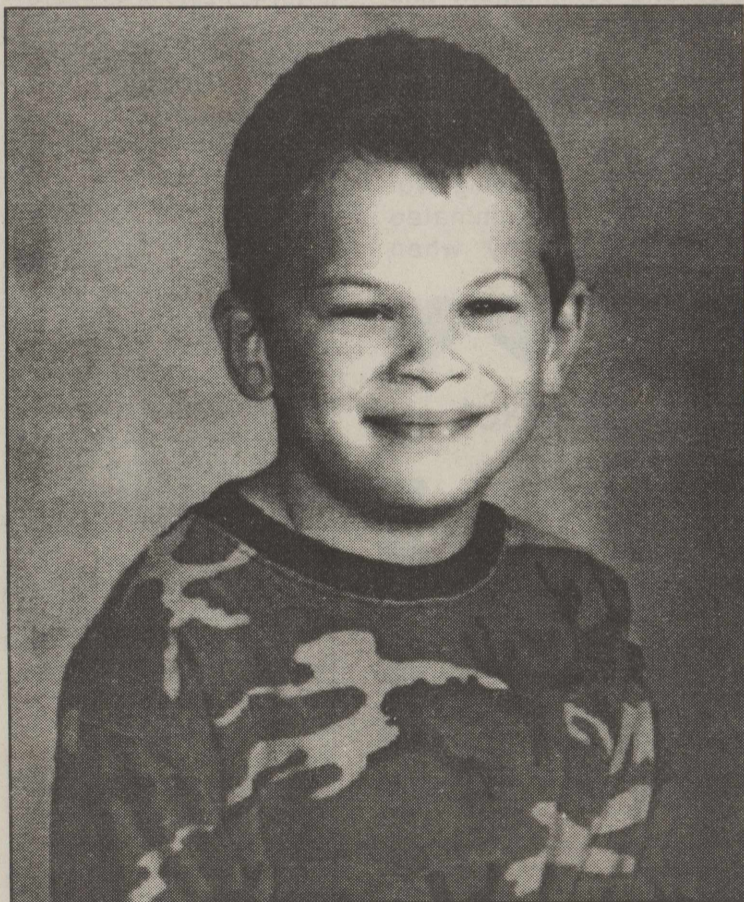
Coke County Community Network news

These classes will be offered in February:

*Feb. 17th, 18th, & 20th - Web Design (Word &



The Bronte High School National Honor Society Chapter inducted twelve new members January 9, 2003. They included (from left) Diane Womack, Natalee Reed, Logan Acker, Joel Webb, Ariel Marrs, Jayci Malone, Corin Garcia, Kailey Howell, Ashley Denton, Casey McKee, Kayla Hilliard and Brittany McCutchen.



Seven-year-old Nathan Taft proved that heroes come in small packages! When his grandmother, Pat Taft, fell late Friday night, Nathan ran the four blocks from his grandmother's home to the nursing home for help. "I was truly amazed at Nathan's presence of mind and bravery. I was having the telephone changed over and we didn't have a phone that weekend," stated Mrs. Taft, "He knew to call 9-1-1, but when there was no phone, he didn't let the cold dark night stop him from getting help. I'm so proud of him."

Netscape)

Teacher: Winnie McPeek, Location High School Lab
*Feb. 24th, 25th, & 27th - Troubleshooting and Upgrading your PC

Teacher: Jerry Horn, Location Elementary Lab
If you are not enrolled, please call 453-4555 to enroll in a class.

City of Bronte town meeting set

A Town Meeting will be held at the Bronte City Hall on February 13, 2003, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Citizens will have an opportunity to address the City Council and Commissioners, Bill Wheat and George Snapp, regarding daily operations of the City and the County.

America's Small Business Resource

A Loan Officer with the U.S. Small Business Administration from the Lubbock District Office will be in Abilene on Wednesday, February 26th and Thursday, February 27th, 2003 at the Texas Tech University/Abilene Small Business Development Center

(SBDC) 500 Chestnut, Suite 601, Abilene from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. Small business owners in Abilene and the surrounding communities looking for financial assistance through one of the guaranty programs from SBA can get help on this day.

This is a great opportunity for small business owners, prospective business owners and area bankers in Abilene and surrounding communities to visit with SBA on any small business matter. Appointments are recommended. Please call Betty Anderson at 1-915-670-0300 for more information or appointment times.

Conley named Golf Coach of the Year

The Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame sponsored by the Amarillo YMCA and Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and made possible by individuals and business support groups install Area Hall of Fame Honorees who are outstanding in their field of Athletics each year. Additional recognition is given to Athletes of the

year in eight high school sports, special achievement awards, super team award, memorial awards, and Coach of the Year Award in the eight high school sports.

Quinn Conley, Football Coach, Athletic Director and Golf Coach at Memphis High School was named Golf Coach of the year. The Memphis boy's team were state champions in Class 2A while the girls captured third place only three strokes short of being first. Quinn has taken golf teams to State at Meridian, Baird and Menard. His parents are John and Maudie Conley.



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Obituaries

Lawrence

Kenneth Dale Lawrence, 58, of Midland, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at his residence. Memorial service will be at a later date in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include son, Kenneth Dale Lawrence of Richardson; daughter, Michelle Lawrence; and sister, Judy Lusby of Ballinger.

Local relatives included the late Hershall and Catherine Hall.

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson
 Secretary

Firemen met on Feb. 3rd at the fire station for the regular business meeting. 14 members were present, or accounted for, as 3 were attending CPR classes at the WCEMS building.

Minutes and treasury reports were accepted as read.

Bud Thompson gave the monthly report. Only 1 call for January. It was a MVA at 12:20 am on New Years day. 8 firemen responded for traffic control and an additional 7 firemen were on standby. There were 2 regular meetings, 3 training classes and 60 1/2 hours of other activities.

Bud told of his meeting with SEP Officials, at the fire station, 2 EPA, 2 Concho Valley R C & D, 1 NCRS and Kay Torres City Secretary. They were here to inspect the equipment recently purchased by the City of Robert Lee, includ-

ing A Foam Unit, 2 exhaust fans <used to remove Toxic Fumes from burning building> and hoses. After so many years of use, the hose will deteriorate, and new ones are needed. They discussed the need to remove old gas station and replace it with a usable building.

Keith Eubanks reminded everyone of the upcoming Skywarn Class to be held on Feb. 11th. This was discussed at length, regarding awareness of which cloud formation need to be watched. The public is always welcome to come to these meetings. The more people who know of the danger, the safer the community will be. The firemen all are Sky watchers, but they can not see everything.

Visitors are always welcome to attend a fire meeting. The department always needs volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman should contact any firemen or just stop by when anyone is at the fire station.

The group meets every Monday night at 7 pm at the station for meetings or classes.

The meeting was adjourned and the men worked on the trucks for the next hour.

Bronte UMC opens Prayer Chapel

The First United Methodist Church of Bronte has converted their church parlor into a Prayer Chapel. "I am very excited about the opening of our Prayer Chapel. I would like to encourage everyone in the community to come and

spend some time in meditation and prayer. With all of the challenges and circumstances prevalent in both our personal lives as well as the situation of our world today, I believe the time is ripe for us to seek God's power and presence in our lives" says Pastor Paul A. Evans.

The Prayer Chapel is open to the public and is open daily from 7 am - 7 pm. The Prayer Chapel can be accessed through the door on the north side of the fellowship hall.

BISD & RLISD reduce employee injuries

Bronte ISD, represented by Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent and Robert Lee ISD, represented by Mr. Lindsey Wallace, Superintendent were both recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. Awards were presented at the Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin, Texas. Designed and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc. (CAS), the program specializes in safety procedures designed to prevent and reduce workplace injuries. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 11,523 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$135 million through lower cost to the schools.

Bronte ISD, received the Resourceful Award for significant savings to the district as of August 31, 2001. Robert Lee ISD, received the Diamond Star Award for savings to the district of \$32,051.00 with a loss ratio of 0% of the funds reserved for possible claims expenses during the 2001/2002 year. 423

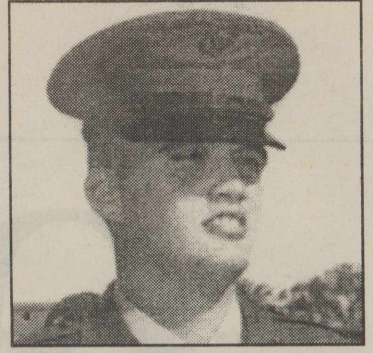
schools participated. Mr. Wesley Slade, Executive Vice President of CAS, describing the program, explained, "Taxpayers will be gratified to know the results of participating in the CAS safety program-reduction of injuries and money saved-have raised the bar for all Texas schools for reduction of work related injuries. At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum."

Mr. Barry Jones, CEO/President of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Twelve years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district.

Millican graduates recruit training

Matthew Millican recently graduated from Marine Corps recruit training, successfully completing 12 weeks of training. Millican spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignment, which included learning first aid, uniform regulation, combat water survival, marksmanship, martial arts combat and assorted weapons training.

Millican received instruction on the Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commitment and what words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Millican ended training with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution, which culminated with a ceremony when



Matthew Millican

recruits are addressed as "Marines" for the first time.

He is a graduate of Robert Lee High school and is the son of Tim and Pam Millican of Robert Lee.

Tim and Pam, Scot of Ozona, Heather and Greg Conner all attended Matthew's graduation in San Diego, CA. Matthew enjoyed 11 days in the Robert Lee area visiting family and friends before he returned to Camp Pendleton for further training.

*Happy
 Valentines Day*

Churches of Robert Lee

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

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 (915) 453-2417

Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Kenneth G. Patrick, Int. Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th
 (915) 365-2687

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

Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
 (915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
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Rev. Rickey D. Green, Pastor
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Coke County Sheriff issues appeal to citizens

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a strong partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Styles recently announced that Coke County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. The funding provides critically technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax-deductible.

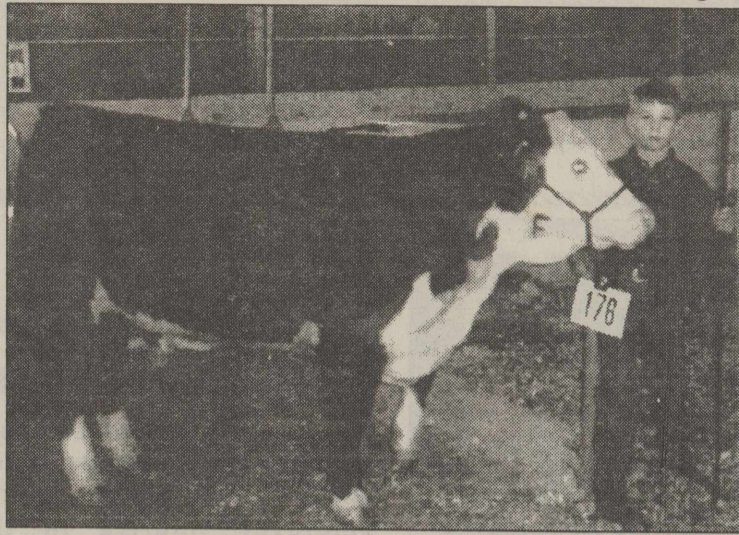
"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate Membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Sheriff Styles. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741, or www.txsheriffs.org.

The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Styles. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call



Creed Coalson placed seventh out of thirty steers in Class 1 Lightweight Polled Hereford at the Fort Worth Stock Show. That placing made him eligible for the steer sale on Saturday, February 8. Creed is the son of Wayne and Shaye Coalson of Bronte.

from someone who uses our name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

WCC EMS donations for January 2003

Concho Valley Electric Coop & Texas Touchstone Energy

RLCC Memorials for January 2003

Melba Long

Mary Ellen & Royce Johnson, Gloria Ledbetter, Gay & Tom Sawyer

Activities at Robert Lee Baptist Church

Sunday morning, February 9, ladies at Robert Lee Baptist Church were honored with a breakfast prepared by the men of the church. Fifty-five ladies enjoyed homemade biscuits, gravy, sausage, bacon, & eggs in the Fellowship Hall. The men reported they had fun cooking breakfast and ladies reported a delicious breakfast and a great time was had by everyone attending.

Wednesday evening, February 12, members of Robert Lee Baptist Church enjoyed the Annual Sweetheart Banquet in the Fellowship Hall. There were 115 adults, students, and their guests to enjoy the catered meal and entertainment. The Gospel 5 Band, which consists of local men, provided the entertainment. A great evening of fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

Sunday evening, February 19, members of RLBC will be participating in the Runnels Association Music Festival at First Baptist Church in Winters. The choir and some individuals will be presenting music specials. There will be no evening service at RLBC so members can go to Winters for the service.

Runnels Baptist Association news

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Sunday, February 16, 2003 at First Baptist Church, Winters for a music festival.

The executive board and W.M.U. will not meet.

The music festival will begin at 4:00 pm. A light meal will be served following the festival.

Ken Williams, Association Music Director, is in charge of the program. Churches that have individuals, ensembles, choirs, or instrumentalists that would like to sing or play, may contact Ken at: 104 W. Truitt, Winters, Texas 79567 or phone 754-5521.

The public is invited to attend.

SA G & H Society to meet Feb. 15

The San Angelo Genealogical & Historical Society will meet on Saturday, February 15th at 10:00 am for a "BOOK SHARE" workshop at the Main Street Church of Christ in the Fellowship Hall in San Angelo. (Note: This workshop takes the place of the February meeting.)

Members and guests are encouraged to bring their genealogical and history books to share with others. The Society will provide Census Forms and other items of interest for your family research. Members will be available to help anyone with their questions. There will be a copy machine. Bring a sack lunch, if you wish, and stay until 4:00 pm. If you have questions, please call Carolyn McGaughey, Publicity, 949-1746.

The Society will go back to its regular meeting time of 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of March.

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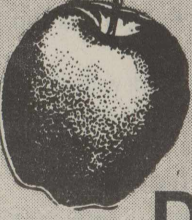
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The second grade class of Robert Lee Elementary is proud to announce that they collected 255 items for the food bank during their recent food drive. They exceeded their goal of 200 items. The class did math, writing, and social studies lessons during the food drive. The items were picked up by Rev. Rowe of the First United Methodist Church and delivered to the Coke County Food Pantry. The students enjoyed helping the community and are extremely proud of their accomplishment.

RLISD notice

Candidate applications will be available for 3 places on Robert Lee ISD board of Trustees. These places are all three year terms. Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration Offices beginning February 17, 2003. The deadline for filing a candidate application is March 19, 2003 at 5:00 pm. Requirements for filing are

that you must live in the Robert Lee ISD school district, and you must be a registered voter.

RLISD announces early release day

On Wednesday, February 19, Robert Lee ISD will have an early release day. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm. Buses will run at 12:30 pm. This early release day will be used for Professional Development for the staff. Teachers and aides should report to the cafeteria at 1:00 pm for training in the TSBI modules. If you have any questions about the early release schedule, please contact Bobby Fryar or Janet Wallace at 453-4555.

RL varsity girls results

The varsity girls played Hamlin on the 4th, but lost by a score of 24-55. Scoring for Robert Lee were Krystal Soliz 11, Cara Eaton 8, Christina Middleton 4, and Amie Kendall 1.

The Lady Steers finished the 2002-2003 season with a 19-11 record and a 4th place finish in District 7-A Division I with a 4-6 record. Hamlin won the district with a 10-0 record and Roby finished second at 8-2.

Playing their final game for RLHS were seniors Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, Nicole Sanchez, Amie Kendall, and Krystal Soliz. Their time, dedication, and sacrifice have been appreciated by all.

RLJV girls results

The JV girls lost to Hamlin by a score of 17-23. Scoring for Robert Lee was Analy Gallegos, 2, Julie Riley 6, Kyla Millican 2 and Lindsey Roe 7.

The JV finished with a 20-4 record and was 7-3 against district opponents.

News from ACT

By 2005 some college bound students will be required to complete writing tests as part of their college entrance exams. Even

students who aren't required to take a writing test for college and need strong writing skills. According to ACT, writing is one of the top skills needed for success in college and the workplace.

The Education Trust reports that 17 percent of college freshmen can't write well enough to do college-level coursework, and are required to take non-credit remedial writing and grammar courses in order to raise their writing skills.

ACT provides the following tips on how you can strengthen your writing skills and prepare for college and beyond.

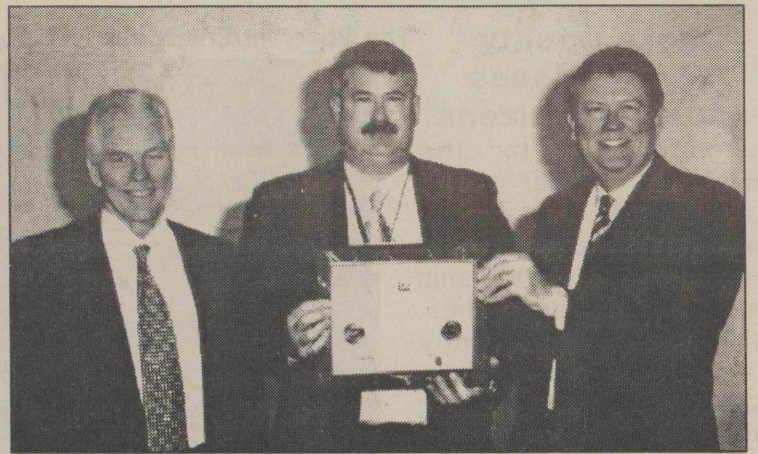
*Read and write frequently. According to Dale Allender, of the National Council of Teachers of English, students should read as much as they can from a variety of sources, including all types of fiction, poetry, news stories, plays, business writing, magazine features and essays. "Students should read as much as they can to experience different styles of writing," he says.

*Practice writing in different formats and in as many real situations as possible. Instead of just writing for school assignments, Allender recommends that students write letters to the editor, or letters to a company requesting information or commenting on a product or service. Writing e-mails is good practice, as long as you realize that writing for school and business is usually more formal than an e-mail to a friend.

Allender offers these additional tips:

*Notice how adults use reading and writing in their daily lives. The skills will be important beyond your years in school.

*Ask friends or family to recommend a good book. Sometimes finding a good book can make all the difference in your interest in reading.



Robert Lee ISD was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. RLISD Superintendent Lindsey Wallace (center) accepts the award from Billy Hibbs, Sr., CAS Chairman of the Board (left) and Barry Jones, CAS CEO/President.

Listening to audiobooks is another way to expose yourself to good writing.

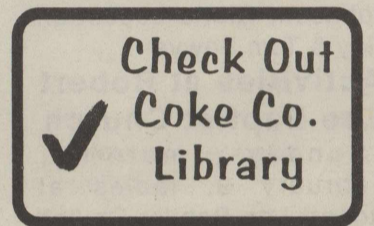
*Try some extracurricular writing-school newspapers, yearbooks and creative writing clubs offer opportunities to express ideas in writing.

*Notice the writing that you already do, such as writing in a journal or sending instant messages to friends.

For more information on college planning, go to ACT's website at www.act.org.

Proud: Tex-Mex Music in the Twentieth Century; Christmas in Texas; and Hard Scrabble: Observations on a Patch of Land. Also two poetry books Texas in Poetry and Amazing Grace have been purchased.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00 am and Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday at 9:30 am. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the 24/7 book drop in front of the Library as well as to the main desk in the Library.



The Coke County Library has been blessed by the book angels. Donations this week include two bags of hard back current fiction and one group of paperback general fiction. Also, the donated decorating and garage sale collectibles books are circulating by the stack.

To make room for the new, a library book sale is being planned for Friday, February 28, and Saturday, March 1st. Some really nice current fiction hardbacks will sell for a dollar, and other hardbacks will sell for 25 cents and paperbacks will be sold for 10 cents.

A collection of Texana has been purchased with Book Festival Grant monies. Some of the titles include When Raccoons Fall through Your Ceiling: The Handbook for Coexisting with Wildlife; Tejano

Ten Star All Star basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 ANYTIME.

Internet teams with beef industry

The beef checkoff program has made it easy for consumers to access great beef recipes and health information over the Internet. Consumers can find beef recipes for every occasion at www.txbeef.org and www.its-whatsfordinner.com. A visit to www.beefnutrition.org answers all their nutrition questions. And the beef industry even has two web sites to tell kids about food trends and nutrition - www.burgertown.com and www.cool-2b-real.com.

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Breakfast

- Monday, Feb. 17**
Juice, pancake on a stick w/sausage, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 18**
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 19**
Juice, French toast sticks, sausage, cereal, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 20**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Friday, Feb. 21**
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Feb. 17**
Frito pie, cheese, hash browns, salad, fruit cocktail, milk
- Tuesday, Feb. 18**
Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 19**
BBQ on bun, chips, pork & beans, pineapple, pickles, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 20**
Bean chalupa, cheese, salad, Spanish rice, cookie, applesauce, milk
- Friday, Feb. 21**
Cheeseburger, salad, pickles, French fries, fruit, milk

Bronte JH "A" team results

In the Irion County District Tournament on Thursday, Feb. 6th, it was Bronte JH "A" team 7 and Irion County 34. Scoring for Bronte were Savannah Martinez 2, Heather Mitchell 1, Crystal Wallar 2 and Kirsten Gordon 2. In the Saturday consolation game it was Bronte 20 and Eden 17. Scoring for Bronte were Heather Mitchell 3, Crystal Wallar 9, Katie Cooper 5, Kirsten Gordon 2 and Azul Garcia 1.

Lady Longhorn basketball

The Lady Longhorns took on Miles the 4th, but were beaten by a score of 42-48. Scoring for Bronte were Britney McCutchen 12, Ashley Denton 3, Natalee Reed 2, Lillian McMullan 1, Kanah Coalson 7, Lindsay Springer 7 and Heather Richey 9.

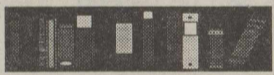
Bronte JV girls results

The Bronte JV girls were defeated on the 4th against Miles by a score of 22-34. Scoring for Bronte were Sarah Basquez 3, Christan Kelly 2, Logan Acker 6, Megan Gibbs 2, and Ashleigh Kelly 9.

Lady Shorthorn results

On the 7th, the Shorthorn "A" team lost to Irion County by a score of 7-34. Scoring for Bronte were Savannah Martinez 2, Heather Mitchell 1, Crystal Wallar 2 and Kirsten Gordon 2.

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Feb. 17**
Student Holiday
- Tuesday, Feb. 18**
Cereal, peaches, toast, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 19**
French toast sticks, apple juice, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 20**
Breakfast burrito, grape juice, milk
- Friday, Feb. 21**
Pop tart, apple sauce, biscuit, milk

Lunch

- Monday, Feb. 17**
Student Holiday
- Tuesday, Feb. 18**
Nachos, tossed salad, refried beans, nacho chips, apple crisp, milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 19**
Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, jello, milk
- Thursday, Feb. 20**
Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, vanilla pudding, milk
- Friday, Feb. 21**
Sloppy Joe, French fries, ranch style beans, bun, cinnamon rolls, milk

Bronte Shorthorn results

The Shorthorn "A" team played Eden on the 7th and won by a healthy score of 54-19. Scoring for Bronte were Logan Rawls 16, Jonathan Marrs 11, Josh Scott 3, Mason Jackson 1, Erik Hendrickson 11, Phillip Rawlings 9, Justin Taylor 2 and Rick Wheless 1.

Bronte Fitness Center schedule

The week of February 17th-21st: Monday, closed (school holiday); Wed./Fri. morning, 6:15-7:00 am; Tues./Thurs., 3:45-6:00 pm; Wed. afternoon, 3:45-4:45 pm.

Track and tennis athletes will be using the weights on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:45-6:00 pm.

Bronte Longhorn results

Bronte beat Miles by a score of 54-47. Scoring for Bronte were Charlie Bettis 16, BJ Hall 12, Joel Webb 9, Scott Snyder 9, Cody Lee 4, and Kinlee Hoyt 4. Bronte finishes the year with a 16-9 record.

Degrees take longer than expected

According to a report by the U.S. Department of Education, the average student no longer completes a bachelor's degree in four years. In fact, only 37% of students finish a bachelor's degree in four years, and only a quarter of students seeking associate degrees earn them in the expected two years.

Students who begin college at private four-year institutions are the most likely to graduate in four years or less, with 52 percent of private-college students finishing within four years. Only 24 percent of public-college students typically finish in four years.

The study also found that women were more likely than men to finish a bachelor's degree on schedule, with 61 percent of women and 39 percent of men graduating in four years or less.

The characteristics of students who were most

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likely to graduate with a B.A. or B.S. within four years fit a commonly held perception of what a college student looks like - he or she receives good academic preparation in high school, enters college immediately after high school, and enrolls in college full-time.

TG offers the following tips to help students complete their degrees on time:

*Start by taking general education requirements for dual credit in high school or during the summer.

*Check with an academic advisor before you enroll.

*Take as many classes as you can handle per semester. (Between 12-15 credit hours is considered reasonable.)

*Visit www.AdventuresInEducation.org for planning guides and career assistance.

School and stuttering

Stuttering: Straight Talk for Teachers, a new 20 minute videotape from The Stuttering Foundation is now available at the Coke County Library in Robert Lee. This video helps teachers and parents understand how stuttering can affect children of all ages in the classroom.

When teachers hear a child stutter, the immediate reaction is one of concern mixed with a host of urgent questions:

*Should they call on the student in class, or will that only make it worse?

*How should they handle teasing by other students?

*What should they do about reading aloud in class?

"Parents will want a copy to give to their child's teacher," says Jane Fraser, president of The Stuttering Foundation.

The highlight of the video is the children who discuss their experiences in the classroom and share what



Bronte ISD was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. BISD Superintendent Alan Richey (center) accepts the award from Billy Hibbs, Sr., CAS Chairman of the Board (left) and Barry Jones, CAS CEO/President.

was helpful for them.

"Even when I knew the answer, I wouldn't raise my hand because I was worried about what others might think," says Umberto, 14. He added that giving a classroom presentation on stuttering to the entire class has made him feel more at ease.

"At the beginning of the school year, I was embarrassed to read aloud in front of my teacher and friends because of my stuttering," says Kate. She worked with her teacher to make a plan about how she could practice first at home and then individually with her teacher.

Martin offers a different perspective. "I feel confident and even though I might mess up when I talk, I'm not ashamed. I still want the

teacher to call on me even though I might be having a bad day."

Noted speech-language pathologists Bill Murphy, M.A., of Purdue University, and Kristin Chmela, M.A., of Fluency Therapy and Consulting Services in Barrington, Ill., present practical strategies teachers can use immediately to help children feel more comfortable talking in the classroom.

"The courage and honesty of the children sharing their experiences will help teachers find solutions for the children in their class," says Lisa Scott Trautman, Ph. D., assistant professor at The Florida State University and co-producer of the videotape.

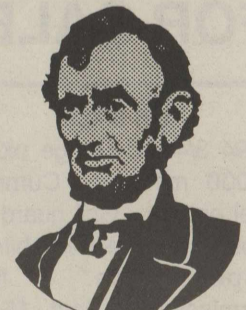
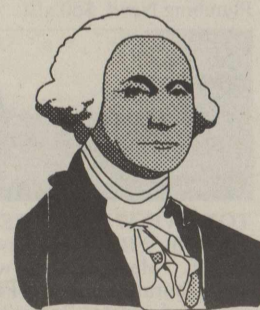
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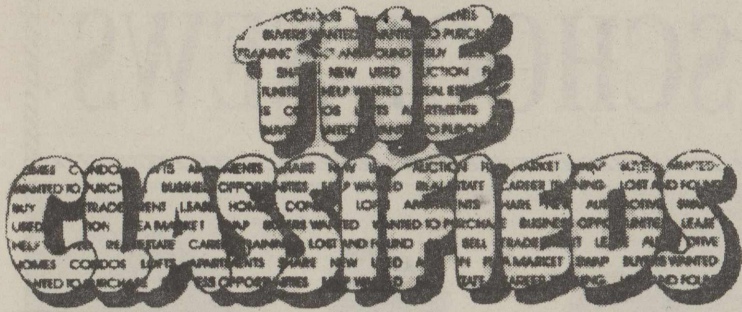
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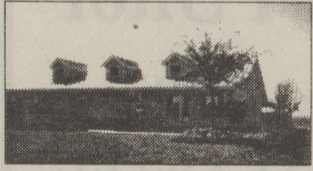
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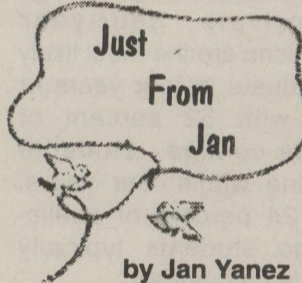
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by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
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Cold prevention

Though there is no cure for the common cold, there are actions that can be taken to reduce the spread of colds. Here are 10 tips that may help prevent the spread of colds:

1. Wash hands. Washing hands literally rinses germs away. Be sure to use soap and running water to best wash germs off the hands. Teach children to say their ABCs while washing so that they keep their hands under the faucet long enough.
2. Don't share cups. Using paper cups can be helpful to avoid spreading germs. Having a dispenser of small cups in the bathroom and/or kitchen can help kids to make it a habit.
3. Use paper tissue. It is best to blow the nose on paper tissue and throw it away. It is important to keep the nose gently blown to rid you body of mucous; but throwing the tissue away immediately is also important, because it is a source of cold virus that can be spread by leaving it on a bedside table, coffee table, counter, etc.

4. Don't touch eyes, nose or mouth. If exposed to someone with a cold, don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth where germs can be passed. Wash hands as soon as possible.
5. Use disposable towels. In the kitchen, it is best to use paper or other disposable towels instead of cloth towels. Both bacteria and viruses can live on cloth towels for hours.
6. Keep toys clean. Toys often carry germs. Wash children's toys in warm soapy water once a week to kill bacteria and viruses.
7. Sneeze away. That is, sneeze away from others and into a tissue that can be thrown away. If you have to sneeze cover your mouth with your hands, be sure to wash hands afterward.
8. Ventilate. Open windows when the weather permits because germs may remain stagnant in air. Also, keep the air moist to avoid nose irritation (a humidifier can be used).
9. Wipe up germs. Germs may rest on surfaces (up to 3 hours) that are touched a lot, such as door knobs, handrails, light switches, telephones, remote controls, and counter tops. Use a disinfectant to wipe them clean as often as possible.
10. Don't smoke or allow smoking. Smoking can irritate the nose and lungs and drastically increase children's susceptibility to colds. It's best to make your environment a smoke-free one.

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Ministry to shut-ins

The high school girls Sunday school class at First Baptist Church would like to begin a ministry to the shut-in community of Bronte. The girls would like to bring a cassette tape recording of Sunday's services to interested shut-ins.

If you would like to receive a cassette tape on a weekly basis, please call the church office at 473-2331, Monday through Thursday and give your name, physical address, and phone number. The girls are excited about this ministry and hope to receive a good response.

FSO Representative available

The Family Shelter Outreach Program has representatives available to Coke County teen and adult residents for counseling, referrals, and other assistance. Staff members are also available for presentations to schools and other organizations.

For more information, contact the Outreach Services offices of the Family Shelter at 655-5774.

Program deadline fast approaching

The FSA Office reminds area farmers and ranchers to make an appointment to sign up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The deadline to apply for DCP is April 1, 2003. This date is outlined in legislation and no extensions or exceptions will be made.

The new farm legislation is complex in nature. Maximizing benefits received from these programs will require producers to organize and plan ahead before visiting our offices.

The sign-up for DCP is averaging at least one hour per farm. Producers are encouraged to avoid procrastinating and come in as soon as possible to make application.

Our office is processing applications as soon as possible so payments can be issued to producers as soon after sign-up as possible.

For more information about DCP you may contact the office at (915) 453-2751, or visit the national website at <http://www.fsa/usda.gov>.

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.

Accent on health "Alzheimer's"

"I'm having a senior moment."

That's become the half-joking, half-worried statement of aging baby boomers - hinting at the possible onset of Alzheimer's disease. But when does absentmindedness - such as forgetting where you put your car keys - become something for which to seek diagnosis and treatment?

Alzheimer's is an age-related, degenerative brain disorder that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior severe enough to interfere with everyday life.

Over time, as cognitive and functional abilities decline, people become dependent on others for all their care. Eventually their body functions shut down, and they die.

"People often are reluctant to seek a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, preferring not to know because in the past little could be done," said Elaine Braslow, administrator for the Alzheimer's Disease Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Things have changed dramatically, and there is now hope and a sense of urgency for early diagnosis of Alzheimer's."

The Alzheimer's Association has developed

a checklist of common warning signs of Alzheimer's and recommends consulting a physician if you recognize any of these symptoms in yourself or a loved one.

*Memory loss that is worsening.

*Difficulty performing familiar tasks, such as preparing a meal or participating in a lifelong hobby.

*Problems with language, such as forgetting simple words.

*Disorientation to time and place.

*Poor or decreased judgment.

*Problems with abstract thinking, such as balancing a checkbook.

*Abrupt changes in mood or behavior.

*Changes in personality - becoming extremely confused, suspicious or fearful.

*Misplacing things. Anyone can temporarily misplace a set of keys, but a person with Alzheimer's may put things in unusual places such as a set of keys in the freezer.

*Loss of initiative and increasing apathy.

New drugs may help delay the progression of symptoms associated with Alzheimer's and are most affective when started at earlier stages. Early diagnosis offers people with Alzheimer's the chance to help their own treatment and care and gives them time to put financial and legal affairs in order.

Diagnostic tools also have improved - there is a 90 percent accuracy rate in diagnosing Alzheimer's. In evaluating a person for possible Alzheimer's, health care providers can help rule out other disorders that share similar symptoms such as stroke, brain tumor, thyroid problems and substance abuse.

"Many of these conditions are reversible and best if treated early," Braslow said.

About four million Americans have Alzheimer's. But as the American population ages, the number of those with Alzheimer's increases and is projected to reach 14 million by mid-century. About 280,000 Texans have this disease, with a projected 552,000 expected by 2025 if no cure or prevention is



Stacia Grace Emfinger of Tennyson, a kindergartner at Bronte Elementary, was chosen as one of the San Angelo rodeo princesses. She will assist with Wednesday night's mutton bustin' event.

found. "Alzheimer's affects up to 10 percent of people age 65," Braslow said. "That rate increases to 50 percent of people at age 85 or older, although some people in their 30s and 40s have been diagnosed with the disease."

The earlier the diagnosis, the more likely symptoms will respond to treatment, Braslow said. "Because some individuals with Alzheimer's do not realize they have a problem, it may be up to a family member or friend to help them make and keep a doctor's appointment," she said.

For more information on Alzheimer's, check the

TDH Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us/alzheimers/alz.htm or call 1-800-242-3399.

Crockpot beef bonanza

A state-wide television campaign recently introduced easy beef crockpot recipes to Texans who had to battle last month's cold days.

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Marching bands, decorative floats, and horses decorated in silver - mounted saddles will take to the streets of downtown San Angelo on Friday, February 21 at 10 am. The 71st Annual San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Parade will have a new route and a western, rodeo, or pioneer theme. Over 130 entries are expected.

The new parade route includes historic Block One on Concho Street. Beginning at Irving and Concho, the parade proceeds east to Oakes, turning left on Oakes to Twohig, left on Twohig to Chadbourne, right on Chadbourne to College Street, left on College to Irving, left on Irving to Beauregard, right on Beauregard to Randolph, and then turning left on Randolph to River Drive.

Parade divisions include marching bands, riding groups, wagons, decorated floats and antique vehicles. Floats must be decorated with a western, rodeo, or pioneer theme. 1942 or earlier models of antique cars and trucks are eligible for entry. Antique tractors should be 1948 models or earlier. All parade entries will be judged and plaques awarded to the winning entries.

For more information contact the stock show office at (915) 653-7785 or at www.sanangelorodeo.com.

SA Stock Show & Rodeo update

Over 7,000 animals are entered in the 71st annual San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. This number exceeds those animals entered a year ago. The nine-day event runs February 15-23 at the San Angelo Fairgrounds.

Judges from five states will select champion animals in 25 separate livestock competitions. Competition areas include youth heifer, swine, sheep and goat shows. Judging for Boer goats, breeding sheep, wool and mohair fleece and llamas are open to any exhibitor. New shows include a Dorper sheep on February 20th and a Maine-Anjou heifer show, Sunday February 16. \$6,000 in scholarships is offered to the youth exhibitors of champion animals.

Career development events, including judging contests and an Ag Mechanics show showcase Texas 4-H and FFA members and teams. These contests are created to help young agriculturalists select and evaluate livestock, wool and mohair, wildlife, plants and horses. Plaques are awarded to the high scoring teams and individuals.

Quarter Horses take to the competition arena on February 15 and 16, beginning each day at 8 am. Three separate shows will be held during the two-day event. Approximately 800 entries are expected. Kermit Wendland, general manager, explained, "that our shows are growing each year and the stock show continues to be a very competitive event, drawing excellent horsemen and horses from several states."

Beginning in 2003, a new quarter horse show circuit has been created for San Angelo. The Silver Spur Circuit will combine points earned during the annual stock show with points earned at new shows to be held in the Spur Arena. Championship awards will be presented during the 2004 Stock Show and Rodeo.

Livestock and horse shows are free with gate admission.

For further information and tickets contact the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo office at (915) 653-7785 or

www.sanangelorodeo.com.

ASU 'College Days' slated for Feb. 15

Angelo State University will host "College Days" on Saturday, Feb. 15, to provide prospective college students a view of the genuine education available to them at ASU.

In addition to sampling the various academic and extracurricular programs available at the university, students and their families will also be treated to a free lunch and will be offered complimentary tickets to the Rambelle and Ram basketball games that night against Texas A&M-Kingsville in the Junell Center/Stephens Arena.

Activities will begin at 9:30 am with check-in at the C.J. "Red" Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont. The program will begin at 10 am in the Davidson Center with a welcome by ASU President James Hindman. Tours of campus will then be conducted, including a stop at the Food Service Center for the complimentary lunch.

After lunch students and their families will return to the Davidson Conference Center for the ASU Expo, where information will be available on academic programs, student organizations, extracurricular activities, financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, residence halls and other areas of interest to prospective students and their parents.

Special information sessions also will be presented for students interested in ASU pre-professional programs, including nursing, physical therapy, pre-law and pre-health professions.

Throughout the event ASU faculty, staff and students will be available to welcome guests to campus and to answer their questions about all aspects of



Chelsea Cook placed eighth out of sixty-five steers in Class 2 Light/Mediumweight European Cross at the Fort Worth Stock Show. That placing made her eligible for the steer sale on Saturday, February 8. Chelsea is the daughter of Corby and Dawn Kelso of Bronte.

student life at ASU.

College Days Coordinator Bonnie Stennett said the event is an opportunity for prospective students to get acquainted with ASU, its faculty and the educa-

tional experience it offers. The school year's final College Days program is scheduled April 5.

For more information on College Days, contact the Office of Admissions at 915-942-2058.



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