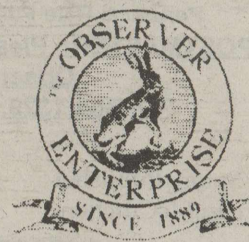


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Saluting the Robert Lee High School Class of 2003

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-six Robert Lee High School seniors will be held Saturday, May 24, 2003, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium.

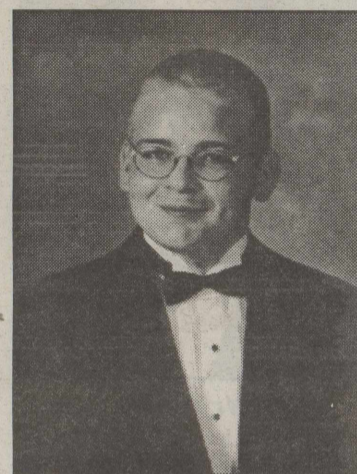
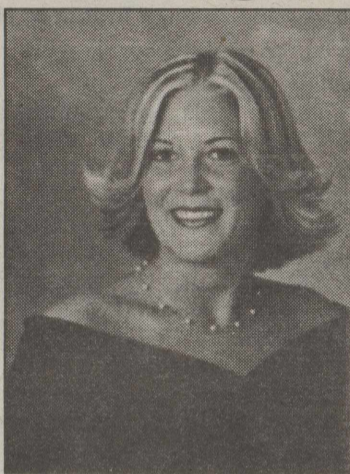
The invocation will be given by Cooper Riley, Class President. Class Salutatorian Ashlee Millican will then address the graduates, followed by Valedictorian Shelby Roe. Janet Wallace is the guest speaker for this year's ceremony.

The Senior Slide Show is next on the program, followed by the Presentation of the Class of 2003 by Robert Fryar and awarding of diplomas by Mark Riley and Darrel Pitcock. Nicole Sanchez will then lead the benediction to conclude the

evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Brandon Anderson, Alice Beach, Michael Brickey, Amber Brosh, Adam Caston, Sean Edging, Jaziel Gallegos, Kindra Johnson, Amie Kendall, Anson Lott, Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, Ashlee Millican, Stewart Millican, Jennifer Nesbit, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Alan Roe, Shelby Roe, Robert Sailer, Nicole Sanchez, Cristina Saucedo, Shawanna Service, Krystal Soliz, Rebecca Welch, and Billy Williams.

Ushers for the evening will include Jessica Fluhmann, Phillip Rangel, Monica Rodriguez, and Cole Flanagan.



Robert Lee High School honor graduates for 2003 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 100.83 average is Shelby Roe (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roe. The Salutatorian with a 100.68 average is Ashlee Millican (center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Millican. High Ranking Boy with a 95.245 average is Robert Sailer (right). Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sailer.

Twenty-seven RLJH grads to be honored

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-seven Robert Lee Junior High School eighth graders will be held Friday, May 23, 2003, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium.

The invocation will be given by Sarah Phillely. Class Salutatorian Katie Bessent will address the graduates, followed by Valedictorian Kelsy Duncan.

Bobby Fryar will present the class to the audience of friends, family members, students and faculty. The graduates will then receive their diplomas from Fredda McCabe and Jim Gray. The benediction will be given by Jaden Alexander.

This year's class members include Tasha Nicole Aguirre, Jaden Loren Alexander, Clay K.

Antilley, Timothy Dalton Barnes, Nicole Barnett, Katie Lyn Bessent, Nicole Marie Coffey, Kelsy Breeann Duncan, Nicole Lee Fields, Clayton Daniel Lafountain, Kathrine Brooke Fryar, Kevin Ray Honse Jr., Dixie Ann Johnson, Tina Marie Larue, Jessica Renea Long, Cody M. McCabe, Antonio Daniel Munoz, Casey Mare'e Nesbit, Johnathan Pagan, Sarah Grace Phillely, Randall Cole Rainwater, Brettanie Talaine Reed, Sergio Rocha, Rosalinda Rojas, Chelsey Rowoldt, Rebecca Ann Skinner, and Eleasar Vera.

Ushers for the evening will be Taylor Percifull, Brody Dillard, Allison Millican, and Megan Percifull.

RLHS Baccalaureate Service slated

A Baccalaureate Service will be held for the Robert Lee High School Class of 2003 Sunday evening, May 18. The service will be held at 8 pm in the school auditorium.

Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor at First United Methodist church in Robert Lee, will be the featured speaker.

FORT CHADBOURNE DAYS 2003 slated for May 17

Make sure you mark your calendar for May 17th, 2003, from 8 am to 5 pm. Come out to the fort for a fun-filled day! Activities will include: Texas Fiddlers, flag raising ceremony, 5K fun run at the fort, buffalo tours, re-enactments, fort tours, buffalo shooting and cattle working demonstrations, archeological dig, a giant slide and Blue's Clue's Bounce for the kids, Arts and Craft vendors, and all kinds of food. Admission is \$1.00 per person.

Living History Re-enactors representing several of the Texas Forts will be set up on the parade grounds. The Cavalry and Infantry will be in full dress performing military drills with live cannon fire. The new Fort Chadbourne Cavalry will be making their debut. Coke County, this is your fort, so feel free to wear your period attire to help with the atmosphere of the day.

Due to the success of last year's event, we welcome volunteers. If you are interested in a booth, or have any questions, be sure to give us a call at 473-5311 or 743-2555. All non-profit clubs and organizations are welcome with no booth fee.

Coke County Historical Commission to participate in Fort Chadbourne Days

The Coke County Historical Commission will have a booth at the Fort Chadbourne Days Annual Living History Event.

The booth will be manned by volunteers and will feature a pre-sale of Bonita Copeland's A Colorful History of the Old Coke County Jail and Sheriffs With Related Facts and Tales. Proceeds from the sale of Mrs. Copeland's book will go toward the restoration project of the Old Jail. Pre-sale funds will help pay for the printing of the book. The book contains much of Coke County's history as the sheriffs were some of the most visible of the county's residents, and the book begins with the very first sheriff, and each succeeding sheriff has his "day" in the book.

Anyone with an interest in

the Coke County Historical Commission is welcomed to stop by the booth to discuss future plans for the Old Jail, membership drives, fund-raisers, and other projects planned for the future.

55 Alive defensive driving slated

55 Alive defensive driving will be held on May 19th & 21st at the Bronte Senior Center 615 E. Oliver in Bronte. For more information and to RSVP, call Dorothy Collins 473-6471.

Sanco Homecoming cleanup slated

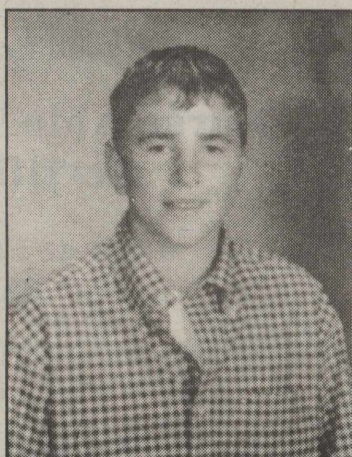
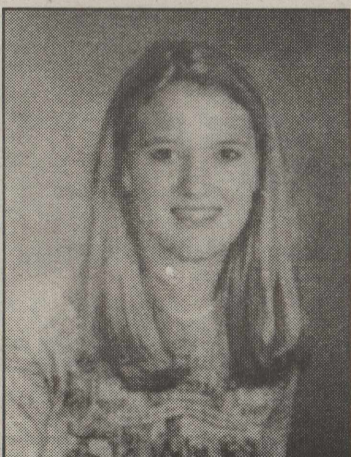
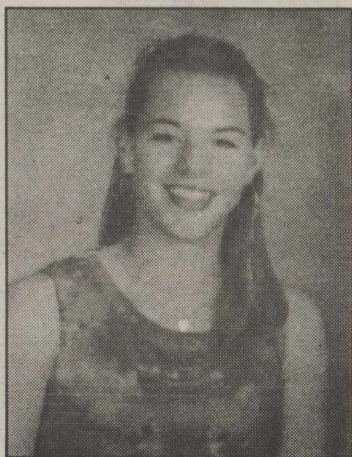
Members of the Sanco Village and Cemetery Associations met May 5, 2003 to plan for the 49th annual Sanco Homecoming which will be held June 8, 2003.

Cleanup for the homecoming in Sanco will be held May 31st and June 7th. Meet at the tabernacle at 9:30 am for the cleanup.

Watch for more information in the near future on the Sanco Homecoming.

CC Retired Teachers to meet

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 19, 2003. The noon luncheon will be at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. The next meeting, after this one, will be Sept. 15.



Robert Lee Junior High School honor graduates for 2003 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 97.354 average is Kelsy Duncan (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Duncan. The Salutatorian with a 96.75 average is Katie Bessent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bessent. High Ranking Boy with a 96.7 average is Cody McCabe (right). Cody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCabe.

**Good Luck
2003 Grads!**

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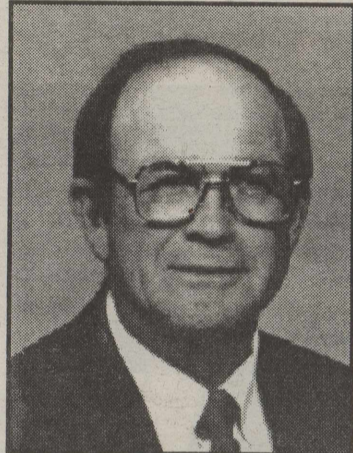
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Obituaries



Wrinkle

Bill Wrinkle, 65, went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 5, 2003 at Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland, Texas, following an illness diagnosed as Mesothelioma Lung Cancer.

Bill was born March 29, 1938 in Bronte, Texas, the son of Arthur Lee Wrinkle and Leatha Best Wrinkle.

He married Patricia Brock on May 18, 1958 in Midland and to this union one child was born, Kerry Brent Wrinkle. Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia, son Kerry Brent, and wife Phyllis, and grandchildren Kylie and Caleb Wrinkle, all of Rankin. Also surviving is one sister, Juanita White of Mansfield, Texas, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

Following graduation from Bronte High School in 1957, he signed a letter of intent to play guard for the Texas Tech Red Raiders, being a much sought after ballplayer, he was offered a scholarship to every Southwest Conference College with the exception of one. Bill attended Odessa Junior College Trade School while employed by Neill's Plumbing and Heating in Midland. From there his career began with Texas Natural, later known as Union Texas Petroleum, Benedum Field, Midkiff, Texas that spanned some thirty-one years, with the exception of a two year stint with Uncle Sam in the U.S. Army, Artillery Division during the Berlin and Cuban Crisis - January 1961, Honorable Discharge as Specialist E5, February 1, 1963. Following retirement from Union Texas Petroleum when the company sold to Western Gas Resources, Inc. on November 1, 1991, Bill continued to work for the new owners as a IRD Mechanical Technician, until retirement on January 31, 1998. Work became his ballgame early in life and he

always enjoyed his job and the people he worked with. Another part of his career included agent for Germania Farm Mutual Insurance Association for the past twenty-five years.

Sports continued to be a part of his life as a coach in Little League and Pony League Baseball coaching the renowned "RANKIN GO TEAM" was one of the joys of his life. He was an avid fan of the Rankin Red Devils, always supporting the home team win or lose.

His church life was foremost in every way as was his family. Bill has been a member of First Baptist Church, Rankin, Texas, since 1967, where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and Brotherhood President and on numerous committees of the local church. Bill was presently serving as a director of the Rankin Chamber of Commerce. Bill's grandchildren will always remember him as Grandpa, the guy that could almost always "FIX IT", if it was broken, a wonderful husband and friend to his wife and the greatest Dad, and father-in-law anyone could hope for.

Arrangements were with Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Homes & Chapel, Crane, Texas.

Funeral services for Bill C. Wrinkle were held at First Baptist Church, Rankin, Texas, on Thursday May 8, 2003 at 4:00 pm with Rev. Jim Medley and Rev. J.C. Tankersley officiating. Special music was provided by Rev. Morris Johnson and Mrs. Lana Medley. Burial followed in Rankin Cemetery. Pallbearers were members of the 1964 Rankin Go Team, Terry Gray, Jim Vick, Johnny Smith, Johnny Kidd, Lester Titsworth, Dean Titsworth and Billy Bearden. Honorary Pallbearers were Tommy Latham, Phillip West, Leslie McFadden, Mel Longwell, Wally Johnson, Wylie Grant and Bob Welch.

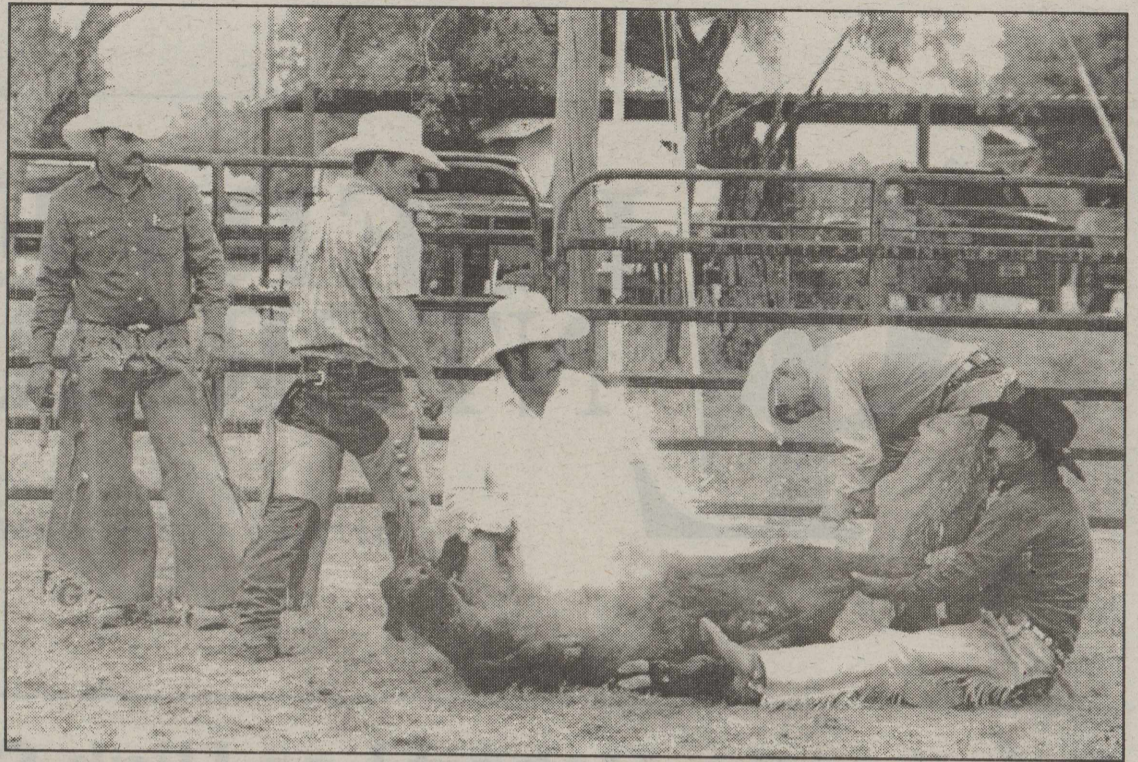
Our expressions of appreciation go out to the many of you that have faithfully prayed for Bill's health recovery and for the team of doctors and nurses that gave their best during Bill's medical treatment during the past six months.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of one's choice. "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures." 1 Corinthians 13:7, NLT.

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Childress

Earl "Lillun" Childress, 91, was laid to rest May 13 in graveside rites in Coleman City Cemetery. He died May



Demonstrations of cowboys working cattle will just be one of many things to be seen for visitors to Fort Chadbourne Days. The annual celebration is slated for Saturday, May 17, at the Fort located twelve miles north of Bronte on Highway 277.

12 in a Brownwood nursing facility.

Lillun and his twin brother, Burl "Biggun" Childress, were born March 13, 1912 at Paint Creek in Coke County. They attended Paint Creek school and later Lillun graduated from Robert Lee High School. He was married in 1936 to Dovie Williams, a resident of the Wildcat community.

He worked for several years in Robert Lee at W.J. Cumbie's Red & White Store which sold groceries, dry goods, and various hardware items. Most of his working years were spent as a mechanic and parts manager with car dealerships.

Lillun served with the United States Army in World War II, involved in heavy combat most of the war. His detachment was the first to encounter the Russian Troops on the Elbe River in Germany and later fought in the infamous Battle of the Bulge.

His survivors include his two children and spouses, Betty and her husband, Mark Phillips of The Colony and Marc Childress and his wife, Jan, of Brownwood; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nieces, Joan Davis of Robert Lee and Billie Wallace and her husband, Dubb, of Fort Worth; and a number of cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Henry and Roxie Childress; his wife, Dovie; his brother, Biggun Childress; and a sister, Willie "Bill" Childress Hester.

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Humble

Myrtle M. Humble, 71, of Tomball, died Friday, May 2, 2003, at her residence. Graveside service was conducted at 2 pm Friday, May 9, in McKenzieville Cemetery near Silver.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur M. Humble.

Ware

Noba Viola Ware, 91, of Blackwell died Friday, May 9, 2003, in a Bronte care center. Service was held at 3 pm Saturday, May 10, at Blackwell First Baptist Church, with burial in Blackwell Cemetery in Blackwell. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home Inc.

Survivors include sons, Harold Ware of Granbury and Jerry Don Ware Sr. of San Angelo.

Reception set to honor Pastor

The First United Methodist Church of Bronte will be honoring Pastor Paul Evans and his family with a Going Away Reception. The entire community is invited to attend the

reception to be held May 24th, 9:30 am - 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Pastor Paul will be entering seminary at SMU in Dallas to further his studies. The family will be relocating to Caddo Mills where he will pastor the Caddo Mills and Merit United Methodist Churches.

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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
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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

Bro. Miller Robinson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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

601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Victory Assembly of God

PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
(915) 453-2208

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

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting
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These are just a few of the over 200 people who attended the Old Jail fundraiser Saturday evening, May 10, at the park in Robert Lee. The fish fry and Driftwood concert raised over \$1,200 for the local restoration project.

Fund raiser for Old Jail successful

The fun-filled fund raiser for the restoration of the Old Jail held Saturday, May 10 at the County Park in Robert Lee was a financial success. The over 200 people who came to eat and listen to Driftwood donated more than \$1,200 to the effort.

All funds raised locally are an indicator to foundations that the community is behind the restoration effort. It is hoped that grant money can be obtained to cover the expense of having the building historically restored to attract tourists who are interested in historic sites and local heritage.

Pre-sale of Bonita Copeland's, A Colorful History of the Old Coke County Jail and Sheriffs With Related Facts and Tales, drew a crowd of interested readers who reserved copies for themselves, friends and family. Pre-sale flyers are available at the Coke County Library and from Mrs. Copeland at 453-2698.

Paul Burns and his intrepid fish-frying crew braved the suffocating heat of the fryers in the show barn and turned out crowd-pleasing fried fish. Super H Grocery Store donated the fixings, Cindy's Bar B Q donated and chopped 30 pounds of cabbage and other veggies, the Lions Club helped set up tables, and the '64 Study Club and several

volunteers baked cookies and brownies and other melt-in-the-mouth desserts to round out the dinner. A core of volunteers served food and drinks and kept things running smoothly for everyone's enjoyment. Blessed are the volunteers who say, "I'll help," and then go beyond that. Also appreciated are those who attend community functions to show support.

Those who attended the Driftwood concert at the pavilion in the park came away happy and content at having been able to sit-and-listen to the music. Some would have stayed all night as the music was so enjoyable and the weather so accommodating.

Health Fair termed successful

Over 250 people recently attended the Coke County Health Fair sponsored by the Family and Consumer Science committee and the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. The Extension booth consisted of models concerning skin cancer and tobacco lip cancer. Handouts were given concerning the effects of laying in sun too long and lip and gum cancer resulting from dipping tobacco

products.

Elementary students from Bronte and Robert Lee were given a bicycle safety program provided by Safe Kids Coalition, a tour of the Air Med Vac helicopter provided by Shannon Hospital, a tour of the West Coke County fire truck and EMS ambulance and fingerprinting was done by the Coke County Sheriff's Department.

Various booths and services were provided to all the citizens of the county. Those booths and services included: North Runnels Home Health services-blood sugar testing, 9-1-1 emergency assistance, Car ID, Massage by Darrell-massages, La Esperanza clinic-diabetes information, Weight Watchers-healthy eating, Mesquite Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Robert Lee Care Center-blood pressure checks, Bronte Health and Rehab-blood pressure checks, Lone Star Hearing, Royal Estates and Rio Concho West-retirement living.

With continued support of Coke County residents, and Bronte and Robert Lee schools, the health fair will become an annual event.

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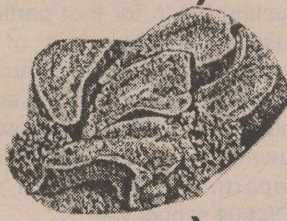
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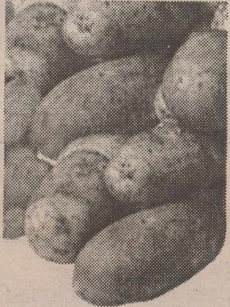
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Seniors vs. faculty softball game

The Bronte National Honor Society will be hosting the annual Seniors vs. Faculty softball game on Wednesday, May 28, 2003. It will be held at the Bronte baseball field at 8 pm. The softball game is an annual service project for the Bronte NHS. They collect canned goods at the game and then donate them to the local food bank. Everyone is invited and admission charge is one canned good or a non-perishable food item.

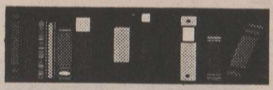
Bronte All Sports Banquet set

The Bronte All Sports Banquet will be held Thursday, May 15, 2003. The meal will begin at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. All athletes will be served a steak dinner with all the trimmings. Awards will follow the meal in the school auditorium.

Bronte ISD Music Department sets concert

On Tuesday, May 20, the Bronte ISD Music Department will present the annual Spring Concert in the school auditorium at 6:45. The concert will begin with the 4th grade recorders, 5th grade beginning band, junior high band and end with the high school band. The program will last approximately one hour. All students are asked to wear their best (Sunday church type)

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, May 19

Cereal, apple sauce, toast, milk

Tuesday, May 20

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, May 21

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, milk

Thursday, May 22

French toast sticks, assorted juice, milk

Friday, May 23

Donut, mixed fruit, Teddy grams, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 19

Chicken strips with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, banana pudding, milk

Tuesday, May 20

Frito pie, chili & cheese, tossed salad, sweet corn, mixed fruit, corn chips, milk

Wednesday, May 21

Bar-B-Que sausage links, macaroni & cheese, blackeyed peas, rolls, apple crisp, milk

Thursday, May 22

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

Friday, May 23

Chick-Fil-Lay sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, ice cream cups, milk

spring clothes. This is a free concert.

There will be a cake sale/auction during the concert. The music department is looking for volunteers to donate their best homemade (or store bought) cakes to this cause. Please bring your cakes to the lobby of the auditorium by 6:30. There will be a box by each cake for people to drop their auction bid in for that particular cake. The winners of the auction will have their name by the cake they won at the end of the concert. This money will go toward getting the band department ready for the 2003/04 school year.

BISD board meets

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the board room. Jeff Schoenfield and David Scott were absent from the meeting. Present at the meeting were the principals, Rick Howell and Terry Marrs. Also attending the meeting were Kandace Arrott and Glenda Draper.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read and approved.

The election results from the May 3 election were canvassed and the Oaths of Office taken by the newly elected board members. The board appointed Gary Acker to fill the board vacancy.

The Board Realignment is as follows: Wayne Coalson, President; David Scott, Vice-President; Terry Charles, Secretary.

Principals' reports included Mr. Howell's informing the board of the academic banquet. Upcoming activities include the Sports Banquet on May 15, Senior Trip May 16, and graduation ceremonies on May 30th. Mr. Marrs reported that the 4th graders will be going to HEB Camp May 11-14 and most of the elementary will be attending Ft. Chadbourne Days on May 16.

A Family, Career, Community Leaders of America presentation was presented by Kandace Arrott.

The board accepted the proposals from Ben Bessent Chevrolet for a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban. The proposal from

Faubion Implement Co. for the TC45 New Holland Tractor was accepted.

The board accepted the written resignation of Pat Lee who will be retiring.

April bills were approved for payment.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave his report including financial and legislative updates, plans for graduation, summer office hours, the board convention plans, results of the school auction, and summer projects. A special meeting of the board will be May 30, 2003, at 7:30 prior to the High School Graduation.

Sorosis Club news

by Swan Archinal

The Sorosis Club of Bronte met Thursday, May 8, 2003, at the Arts Building at the Bronte school. Ron Cooper, the Bronte art teacher, showed how to make pottery using a pottery wheel. Lou Anna Peters, Fredna Moore and Swan Archinal tried their hands at making a pot. It wasn't as easy as Ron made it look. Everyone had a lot of fun watching and making funny comments about the workmanship of the participants.

After we finished with the pottery, we went to Peggy Hembree's home for our club meeting and refreshments.

Most of the meeting we discussed ways we could help raise funds for the refurbishing of the Bronte swimming pool. Lou Anna Peters brought a sample letter she had done for our consideration. The letter will be sent to businesses and individuals who are able to make contributions to non-profit organizations.

Mary Glenn reported that we made \$637.40 at the garage sale. Our scholarship fund will receive \$250 and the balance will go to the swimming pool fund.

Refreshments were enjoyed by Mary Glenn, Diane Lockett, Joyce Hoffman, Janet Wommack, Mary Frances Glenn, Celia Bowden, LouAnna Peters, Peggy Hembree, Lanette Fletcher, Swan Archinal, Fredna Moore, Jean Fancher and Marilyn Bivins.

We decided we will meet in June for an informal meeting to

discuss the letters and other ideas for fund raising for the swimming pool. We discussed having an E-Bay auction with donated items. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact one of the members.

Outside at Health Fair

by Marian Thompson

City Fire Marshal and volunteer fireman Bud Thompson took the city pumper to the Health Fair. He spoke to each class of children that attended the Health Fair from both Robert Lee and Bronte schools. He explained the functions of the truck, and explained what each tool was and how it was used. He answered their questions and gave a short talk about Fire Safety.

Johnny Elam had the WCCEMS ambulance and let the children walk through it. He also told about the ambulance and answered many questions about the equipment on board.

Air Med landed their helicopter in the ball field. The crew spoke to the children about what they do. They answered questions from adults as well as children.

Fire Marshall Bud Thompson would like to remind the local ranchers to call when they are planning a Controlled Burn. Call Bud Thompson at 453-4423, the Sheriff's office, or City Hall. Let someone know it is a controlled burn and do not burn when it is windy. It would only take a spark to start a rangeland fire. Due to the lack of rain and drying winds, fire conditions are extremely high.

Burning of any kind is not allowed within the city limits of Robert Lee. There is a City Wide Burn Ban.

Bronte's

Class of 2003

will be honored in next week's issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Bronte School Auditorium

Sunday, May 18, 2003 • 7 pm

Processional	Mrs. Ida Lee Ellis
Invocation	Mr. David Bedford
Song	Miss Jayci Malone & Miss Ariel Marrs
Scripture	Miss Jenna Herold
Baccalaureate Address	Mr. Paul Evans First United Methodist Church
Appreciation Address	Miss Heather Richey
Benediction	Mr. Morris Johnson First Baptist Church
Recessional	Recorded "Imagine" by Mercy Me
Ushers:	Mr. Tyson Baker Miss Kanah Coalson Mr. Justin Moore Miss Jayci Malone

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By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Garden/landscape
checklist

Vegetables: Check your tomato plants regularly for signs of aphids. These tiny insects feed on new, tender shoots and are often found at the tips of new tomato plant branches. Congregating in large masses, these insects can damage your plants if they are not sprayed with insecticidal soap as soon as you see them. This is also a good time to start watching for spider mites on your tomato plants. Leaf yellowing is an indicator of their presence. The oldest leaves on the plants, located nearest the ground, are usually the first to be attacked. When spider mites are present, you may also see tiny "webs" on the plants or black specks on the undersides of leaves. These pests should be sprayed right away when neem or insecticidal soap. You may need to re-treat infested plants several times as directed on the label to completely rid your plants of spider mites. It will be worth your effort to do so, however, as these tiny creatures can easily kill entire tomato plants in a relatively short amount of time.

Try not to wet the foliage of your cucumber, squash and melon plants when you water them. This will help to prevent the fungal diseases that so often attack the leaves of these plants. Spacing these plants the distances recommended on the seed packages will also help to prevent fungal diseases by allowing air to move among the plants, drying the morning dew and blowing away fungal spores. If fungal diseases like powdery mildew appear on the leaves of your plants, be sure to read the labels of the fungicides you are considering to make sure they may be used on food plants.

Trees, shrubs and vines: Make sure you have plenty of blooming shrubs in your landscape. That way, you not only have flowers outside, but enough so that some branches can be cut and brought indoors for a floral show. Mock orange, (also known as philadelphus) is easily grown, producing masses of fragrant, white blossoms. It is capable of reaching 7 or 8 feet in height.

If the leaves on your crepe myrtles develop a soot-like covering on them, it usually means they are growing in an overly shady spot. Most crepe myrtles growing in full sun rarely develop a fungal disease, but those in the shade are often beset by them.

Do not worry if you see galls on the leaves or twigs of your trees. These ball-like structures are created by insects, but do little long-term damage to the trees they are formed on. If they really bother you, they can be picked off by hand, but most galls are nothing to spend time on.

If scale insects show up this time of year on your woody plants, avoid spraying them with dormant oil, as this may damage the plants. Instead, apply the lighter weight horticultural oil, reading all label directions before use. Depending on the concentration of scale insects, you may need to re-treat your plants to eliminate these pests.

Lawns: Preventing problems, rather than trying to fix them after they appear is really the key to a good-looking lawn. Keeping

your lawn healthy and thick will help it to choke out weeds and resist insects and diseases. If you did not feed your grass with a balanced fertilizer in April, now is the time to do so. Be sure to follow all label directions, as too much fertilizer can burn, rather than green-up your grass. This is also the time to establish a good watering pattern for your lawn. Deep, less frequent waterings will encourage your lawn to send roots deeper into the ground, increasing their drought and heat tolerance.

When weeds appear in your lawn, dig them out by hand as soon as you see them. If they get too far ahead of you and you feel you must spray them, try using Image if you have a Bermuda or St. Augustine lawn. This weed control product does not get rid of the weeds overnight, but it is very effective and easily applied with a pump-up sprayer. Completely read and follow all label directions prior to spraying.

Let your grass clippings fall back on your lawn as you mow, rather than bagging them and throwing them away. By letting them fall back onto your lawn, your clippings will actually help your lawn, rather than hurt it. Just be sure to cut your lawn on a regular basis so the clippings are not so large that they remain in piles all over your lawn. If these piles do appear, simply run back over them a second time with your mower so they are chopped up into smaller pieces, allowing them to sift through the grass toward the soil.

Direct Deposit and Direct Payment Month

May is being observed nationally as Direct Deposit and Direct Payment Month. If you are like most people, you pay your bills by check. In fact you spend many hours each year writing checks, addressing envelopes, getting stamps, going to the Post Office and most importantly, remembering to get those checks in the mail soon enough in advance to avoid late fees. One study estimated that the whole process of check-writing costs about \$83 a year in time and money.

Direct Payment - occasionally called automatic payment or direct debit - is similar to Direct Deposit. Whereas Direct Deposit refers to electronically transferring your pay into your bank account, Direct Payment means electronically transferring your bill payments to the bank of the companies that send you bills. Direct Payment can be used for all types of payments, including mortgage, insurance, utilities, cable TV, car loans, credit cards and even quarterly tax payments.

To start the process, you simply complete a form with the company authorizing your financial institution to debit your account and transfer the money to the company you are paying. The authorization will ask for your account number and the routing number of your bank. The companies will continue to send you a statement each month showing the amount due and the date on which the payment will be deducted if you are paying a variable amount bill.

This is a very confidential way to pay your bills. Unlike checks,



Coke County students listen attentively to the speaker discussing Air Med 1. The medical helicopter was flown in for the Health Fair held May 6 in Robert Lee.

which many people see, Direct Payments are confidential transactions. Just one or two people process a Direct Payment versus up to nine for checks. The company has no access to your account. It is a transaction from one financial institution (yours) to another (theirs). Direct Payment uses the same network as Direct Deposit. And it is easy to track because it shows up on your monthly bank statement.

In addition to your regular payroll, ask your employer to use Direct Deposit for expense checks, bonuses, and travel reimbursements. No matter what kind of payment you are

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With Direct Deposit, there is no need to worry about you pay while you are on vacation or out sick. Regardless of where you are, you can be sure that your paycheck is where you want it - in your account at the bank. A recent survey showed that when people without Direct Deposit were out of the office, 25 percent

of those paychecks were left in the mail slot at work, 19 percent were left in the mailbox at home, 10 percent were left on the desk at work and five percent did not know where their pay would end up.

According to the Federal Reserve, ACH transactions (Direct Deposits and Direct Payments) save society money - about \$1.62 per ACH transaction vs. a check. Using that figure, the 5.1 billion ACH transactions in 2000 saved the United States about \$8 billion. Join in by signing up for Direct Deposit and Direct Payment and save yourself time and money.

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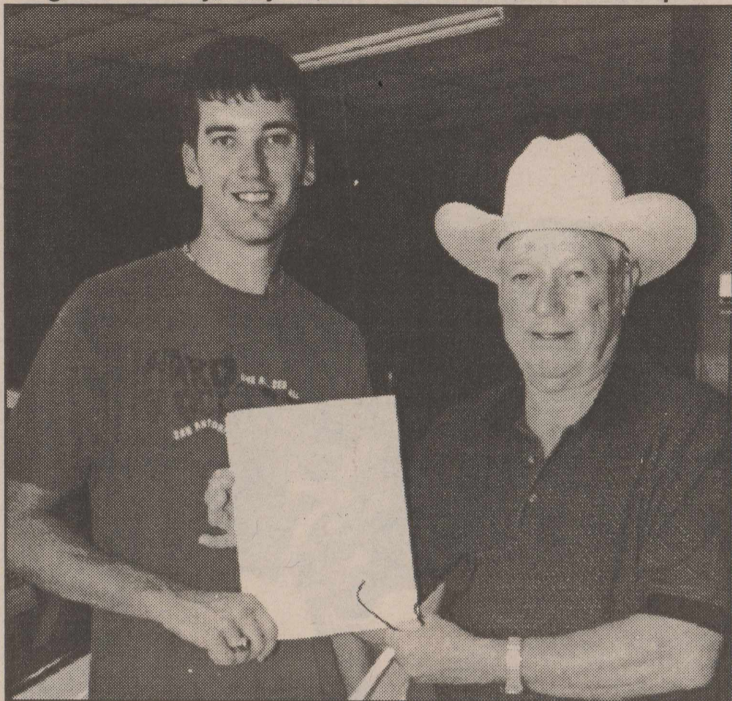
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Ivey Motor Company, Inc. owner Billy Wayne Roe (right) presents Travis Pitcock with the \$1000 scholarship.

Pitcock receives Ivey Motor Company, Inc., Ford scholarship

Travis Pitcock, a 2003 graduate of Robert Lee High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Ivey Motor Company, Robert Lee and Ford Motor Company. Pitcock is the son of Darrel and Sharon Pitcock of Robert Lee, and plans to study Agricultural Business Management at Angelo State University.

The scholarship is one of 665 awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and the Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2003. The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program, which recently celebrated its sixth full year, attracted over 4,787 applicants in 2003.

660 scholarships are being awarded on behalf of a participating Ford Dealer. Additionally, five \$1,000 national scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Division. The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their past and future academic achievements. Built Ford Tough Trucks and Ford Motor Company Fund sponsor these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ivey Motor Company is proud to support FFA and the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program, and has been a sponsor of the program for one year.

For 54 years Ford has supported FFA, and for more than 50 years, people all over America have been putting Built Ford Tough Trucks to work. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. That's why Ford has increased the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Fund each year since its inception. Educating aspiring young people to become leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

FFA is a national youth organization of 461,043 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,308 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing

their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

Millican places in state tourney

Stewart Millican recently competed in the State Golf Tournament which was held in Austin, May 5-6, as a medalist. Millican, a senior at Robert Lee High School, started the tournament slowly with a 46 on his first nine holes of the tournament, but bounced back with an even par 36 on his back nine to finish the first day of competition with an 82. He finished the tournament with a round of 79, shooting 38 on the front nine and a 41 on his final 9 holes. His rounds of 81-79 placed 20th in an exceptionally strong field of 50 players. Kevin Diskocil of Abbott won the medalist competition with a 73-

75-148 total.

Millican ended his high school career with a stroke average of 77.2 for the year. He won medalist honors at tournaments in Robert Lee, Jim Ned (Fairway Oaks), and the District Tournament held at Big Spring CC. He led the Steers to seven top three finishes, in eight tournaments, winning the Robert Lee Tournament, placing 2nd at the District Tournament, and 3rd at the Regional Tournament in the team competition.

Region I was represented well at the State Tournament with Memphis winning the boys title with a 321-303-624 total and Iraan placed third with a team score of 332-310-642. In the girls tournament, Memphis tied with Throckmorton at 688, but

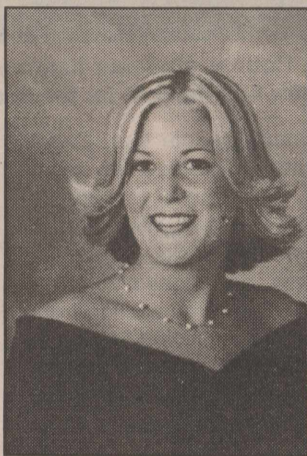
lost in a team playoff to finish 2nd. Shamrock finished 4th at 753.

RL Elementary Awards Assembly

The annual Awards Assembly for Robert Lee Elementary School will be held in the school auditorium on Thursday, May 22 at 9:00 am. All parents and community members are invited to attend. Kindergarten certificates will be presented during this assembly. Other awards such as Most Improved Student, Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and the sixth grade Presidential Award will be given on May 22. If you have questions about the assembly, please contact Mrs. Wallace or Mrs. Shook at 453-4555.

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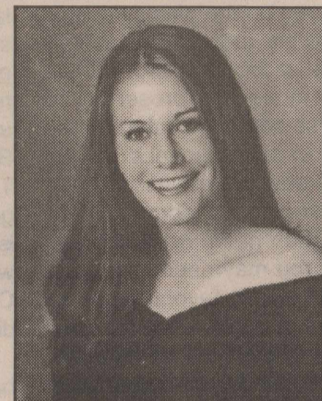
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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Robert Lee School Auditorium
Saturday, May 24, 2003
8 pm

- Processional Gayle Bolding
- Invocation Cooper Riley
- Class President
- Salutatory Address Ashlee Millican
- Valedictory Address Shelby Roe
- Speaker Janet Wallace

SENIOR SLIDE SHOW

- Presentation of Class Robert Fryar
- Awarding of Diplomas Mark Riley
- Darrel Pitcock
- Benediction Nicole Sanchez
- Recessional Gayle Bolding

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| * Adam Blake Caston | * Alan Kendall Roe |
| Nelson Sean Edging | * Shelby Zane Roe |
| Jaziel Gallegos | * Robert Lee Sailer |
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| * Amie Christine Kendall | Cristina Saucedo |
| Anson Ryan Lott | Shawanna Lynn Service |
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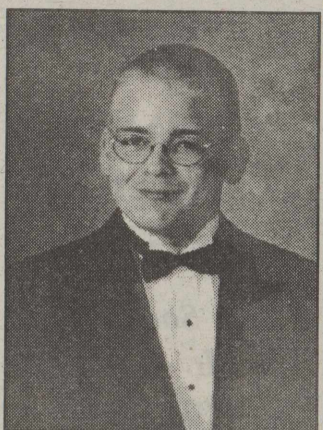
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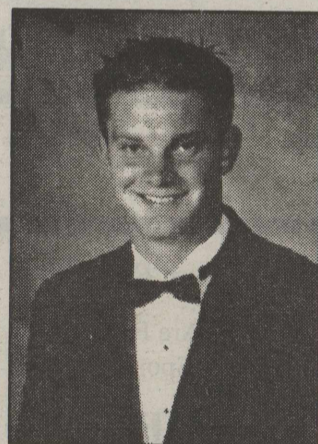
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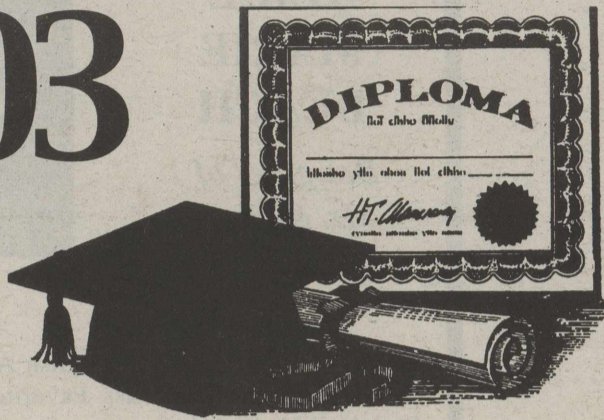
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Football 1,2,3,4; Newcomer of the Year 1; All-Dist. 2nd team LB 2; All-Dist. 1st team LB 3,4, K 3; All-Dist. MVP OP 4; Captain 4; Coke County Champs 3,4; Bi-Dist. Qualifier 3; Academic All-Dist. 4; All-Big Country UB 4; FCA FB Classic 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-Dist. HM 3; Bi-Dist. Qualifiers 3; All-Dist. 4; Track 1,2,3,4; State Qualifier Pole Vault 3; Reg. Qualifier Pole Vault 1,2,3,4; Reg. Qualifier 1600m Relay 3; Area Qualifier Sprint Relay 3; Golf 1,2,3,4; All-Dist. 1,2,3,4; Reg. Qualifier 3,4; State Qualifier 4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; STAR Event -Job Interview 1st, Reg. 3rd, State 1; Local executive council 3,4; Big Brother 1,2; Rep. to cluster, Reg., State 1; Rep. to Reg. 2; FFA 2,3,4; Green-hand award 2, Dist. Officer 4, Local VP 3, Quiz team 2, Ag Mechanics 2; FCA 1,2,4; Spanish Club 2,3,4, Class Rep. 4, Superior at ASU Spanish Festival 3; Ag Science Academic Award 3; Class president 1, VP 4; PAL 4; Who's Who in Sports 4; Homecoming Court 4; Wittiest 4; Most Involved 4; Choir 1

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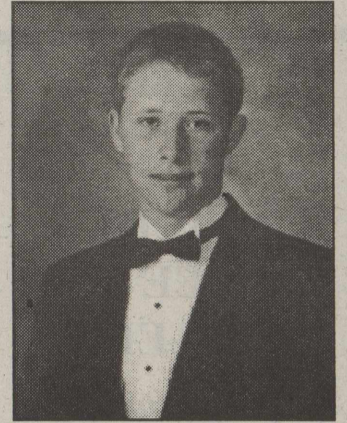


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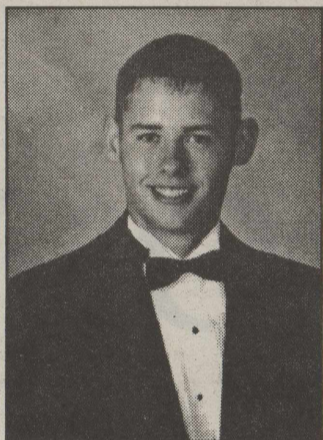
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Yearbook 1,4; Best Ladder Design 1; Spanish Club 2,3; Foreign
Language Festival 1,2; 4-H 1,2,3,4; 3rd Place Vocals 1, 5th
Place 2; Tennis 1,4; FCCLA 2,4 (state voting delegate 2); AR
Award 1,2,3

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Band 1,2; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Golf 1,2,3; Reg.
Qualifier Golf 2,3; FFA 4; FCCLA 3; Yearbook 4; Honor Roll 4

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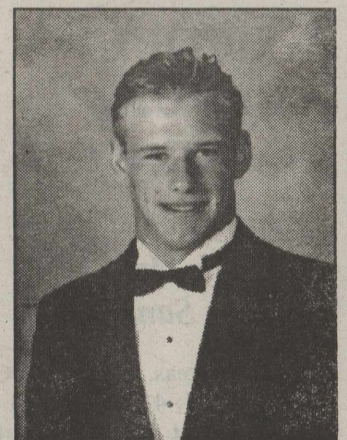
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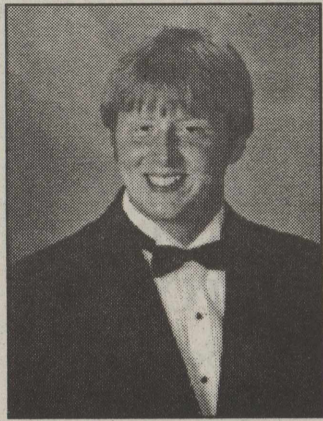


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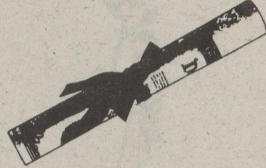
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Donald Edging
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Football 1,2,3,4; All-Dist. 2nd Team OL 3; All-Dist. Hon. Mention DE 3; Bi-Dist. Finalist 3; All-Dist. 1st Team Off. Lineman 4; All-Dist. 2nd Team DE 4; Academic All-Dist. 4; Choir 1; Powerlifting 1; Track 1,2,3; Class Treasurer 2; FCCLA 1,2,3; FFA 2,3,4

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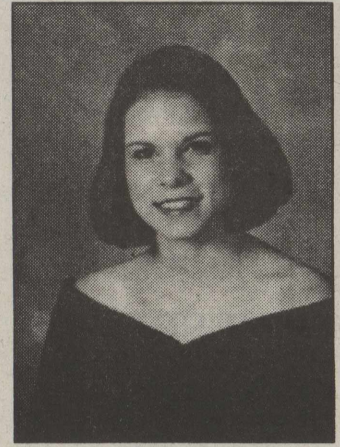


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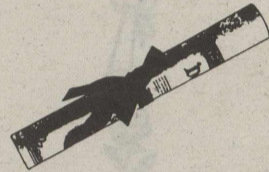
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Basketball 1,2,3,4; Dist. Runner-Up 3; Bi-Dist. Champs 3; Area Champs 3; Semi-Reg. Finalist 3; Academic All-Dist. 3; Track 1,2; Dist. Champions 400m Relay alt. 1; Reg. 400m Relay alt. 1; Dist. Runner-Up 800m Relay 1; Reg. 800m Relay 1; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Student Council Representative 2; Who's Who HS Students 4; Cross Country 4; Most Spirited 4; Homecoming Queen 4

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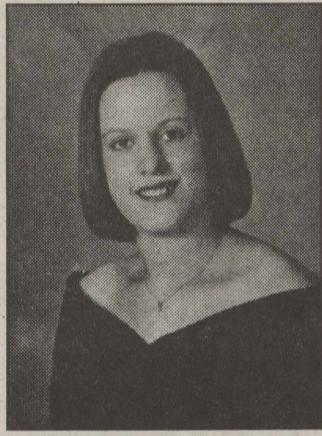


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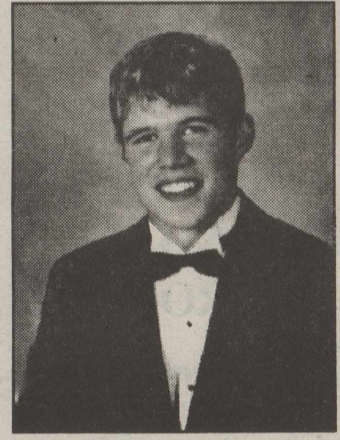


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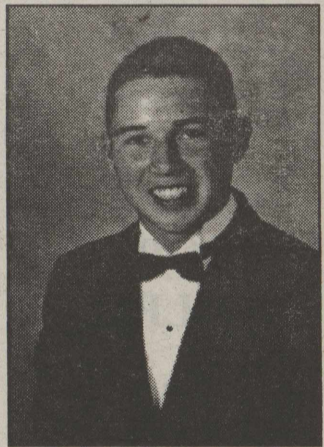
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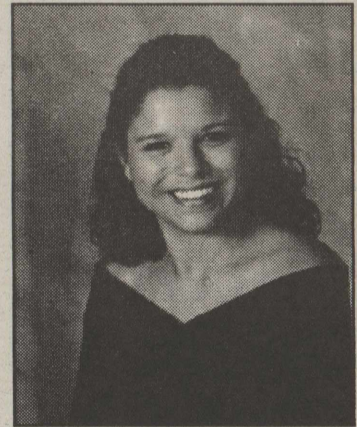


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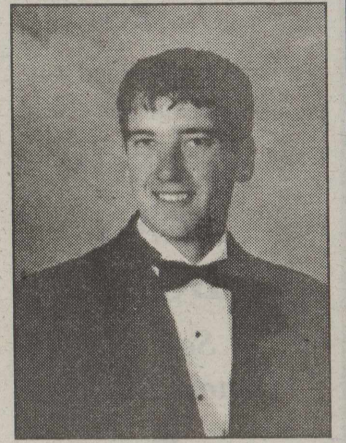
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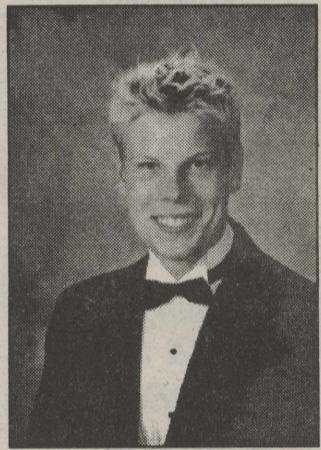
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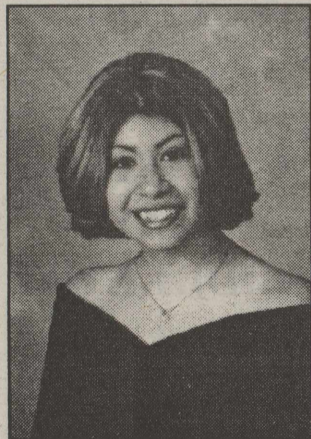
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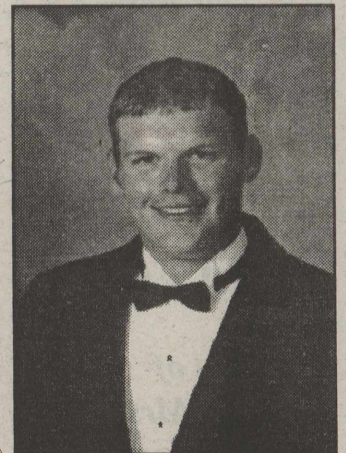
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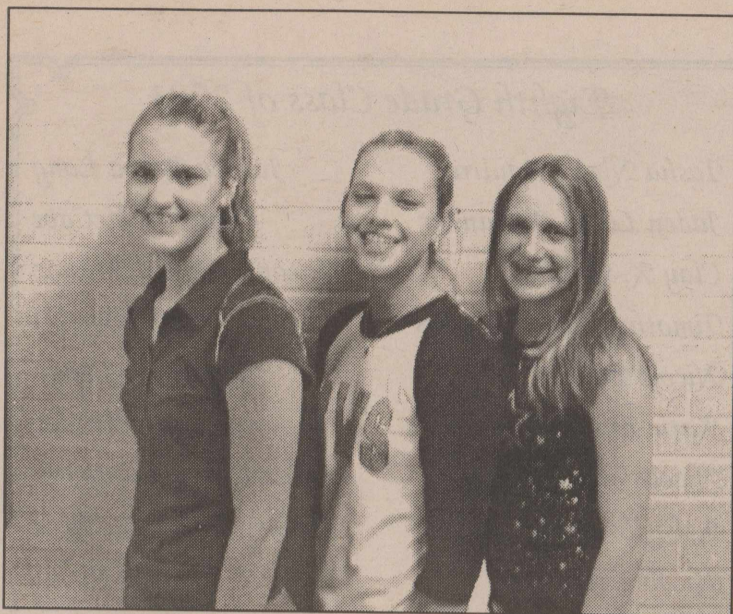
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Three members of the Coke County 4-H program recently competed at the District 7 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held in Mason last week. Competing on the junior team were Allison Millican, Katie Bessent and Kelsy Duncan against 36 teams with more than 170 individual judges from across District 7. As a team they placed 6th overall, tied for 5th in beef cattle, tied for 4th in the sheep classes and tied for 6th in the swine classes.

Individual scores showed out of 178 individual junior members, Allison placed 17th overall, tied for 1st in beef cattle, and 23rd in swine. Kelsy Duncan tied for 1st in beef cattle, 22nd in swine and 18th overall. Katie Bessent was 37th overall.



The Robert Lee High School Girls Golf Team placed second at the District Meet and fourth at the Regional Meet. The team includes (from left) Krystal Soliz, Lindsey Roe, Cara Eaton, Kyla Millican, and Julie Riley. They are coached by Wayne Alexander.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Robert Lee School Auditorium

Sunday, May 18, 2003

8 pm

Processional Gayle Bolding

Invocation Cristina Saucedo

Presentation of Speaker Lindsey Wallace

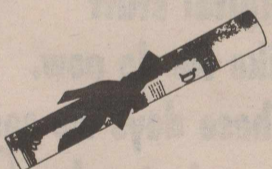
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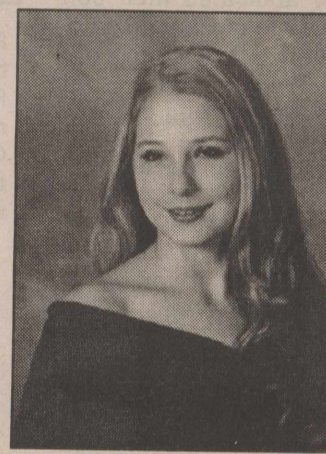


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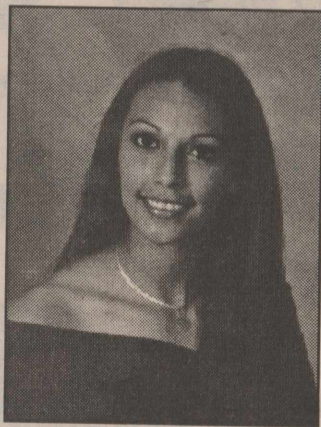
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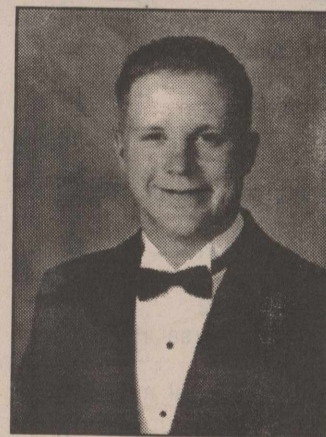
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**WACKENHUT
CORRECTIONS**

West Texas Deer Study Group

The "Sixth Annual West Texas Deer Study Group" is set for May 15-16. The first day's activities will be at the 4-H Center located 11 miles north of Brownwood on Highway 279. The second day's workshop sessions will convene at the ALT Ranch located southwest of Brownwood. Registration runs from 11 am to 1 pm May 15. The first day's program starts at 1 pm and the second day begins at 7:30 am.

For further information call 915/653-4576 or e-mail Dale Rollins d-rollins@tamu.edu.

Vital programs jeopardized by walkout

By Scott Campbell
State Representative
Monday, May 12th, more than fifty Democratic Texas House members fled their constituents and are on the run from law enforcement. They fled the Capitol-bringing Texas government to a grinding halt as they failed to show for work Monday (May 12th) morning.

"They abdicated their constitutional responsibility to be here and are causing the state's business to be left undone," according to State Representative Scott Campbell (R-San Angelo).

Campbell said the move by the Democrats puts at risk all programs currently before the Texas House. Funding for education, children's health insurance and homeowner's insurance reform are all endangered by the Democrats' partisan action. The Local and Consent calendar that contains legislation important to individual districts across Texas is threatened by their irresponsible action.

"There are still important issues on the table and I think it is irresponsible and unfair to all Texans and to the constituents these members represent," Campbell said.

This move by the Democrats is unprecedented in the history of the Texas House of



- Breakfast**
- Monday, May 19**
Juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, May 20**
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, May 21**
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
- Thursday, May 22**
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Friday, May 23**
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, May 19**
Bean chalupa, salad, Spanish rice, pear halves, cookie, milk
- Tuesday, May 20**
Corn dog, French fries, pork & beans, applesauce, Teddy grahams, milk
- Wednesday, May 21**
Ravioli, green beans, fruit, slice bread, milk
- Thursday, May 22**
Pizza, salad, corn, chocolate pudding, milk
- Friday, May 23**
Hamburger, salad, pickles, chips, fruit, milk

Robert Lee Junior High School Commencement

Friday, May 23, 2003 • 8 pm • Auditorium

- Processional Gayle Bolding
Invocation Sarah Philley
Salutatory Katie Bessent
Valedictory Kelsy Duncan
Presentation of Class Bobby Fryar
Presentation of Diplomas Fredda McCabe
Jim Gray
Benediction Jaden Alexander
Recessional Gayle Bolding

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| Timothy Dalton Barnes | Casey Mare'e Nesbit |
| Nicole Barnett | Johnathan Pagan |
| Katie Lyn Bessent | Sarah Grace Philley |
| Nicole Marie Coffey | Randall Cole Rainwater |
| Kelsy Breeann Duncan | Brettnie Talaine Reed |
| Nicole Lee Fields | Sergio Rocha |
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| Class Colors Red, White & Blue | |
| Class Flower Rose | |

- Ushers: Taylor Percifull Brody Dillard
Allison Millican Megan Percifull

Representatives. Despite being the minority party since Reconstruction, Republicans never abandoned the Texas Constitution, choosing instead to stay and do the work they were elected to do.

Conservation Reserve Program sign-up ends May 30

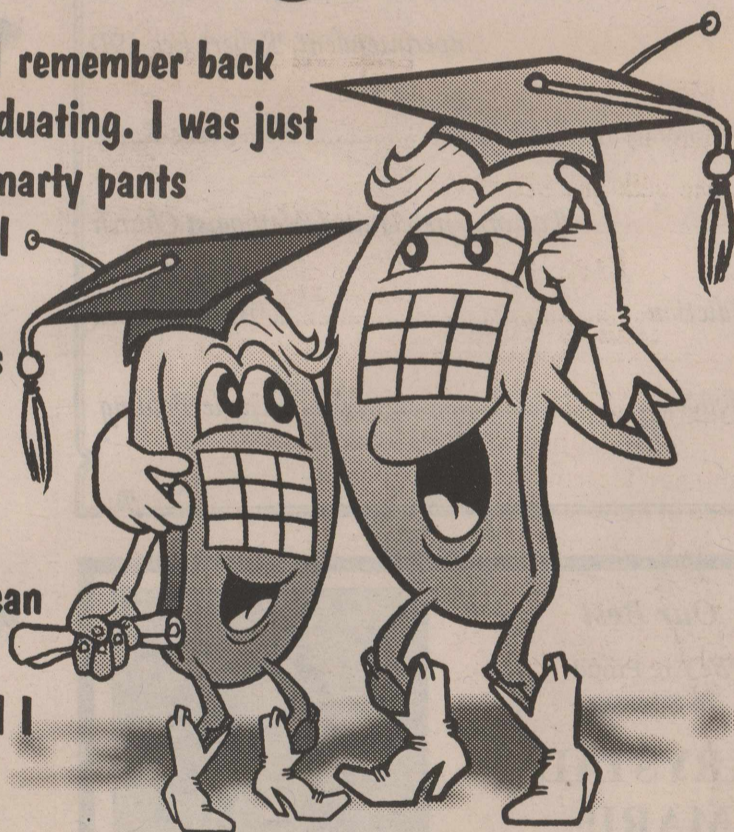
A general CPR sign-up will be held beginning on May 5, 2003, and end on May 30, 2003. This program is designed to remove environmentally sensitive land from agriculture production for a period of 10 to 15 years in return for an annual rental payment. The land must be placed in a permanent grass cover with FSA cost sharing up to 50% of the eligible cost. The land must be planted in 4 of the 6 years 1996-2001. The land must also be physically and legally capable of being planted to an agriculture commodity. In the case of land that is currently enrolled in CRP that is expiring this fall and contains mesquite or other type trees or brush, the trees and brush MUST be removed prior to bidding the land into this CRP program. Producers must keep the mesquite and other trees removed and maintain the species of grass for the lifetime of the contract on any acreage enrolled in CRP. Land being bid in must meet the Erodibility Index for predominant soils of an average of 8.0 or greater to be eligible. A person must have owned the land for at least 12 months before the close of sign-up in order to be eligible to bid. Producers will be required to bid as to what rental rate they are willing to receive. The bids are then submitted to Washington for ranking and final acceptance.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the FSA office at (325) 453-2751 or come by the office in Robert Lee and visit with us about any questions you may have.

For more information about DCP or NAP you may visit the national website at <http://www.fsa/usda.gov>.

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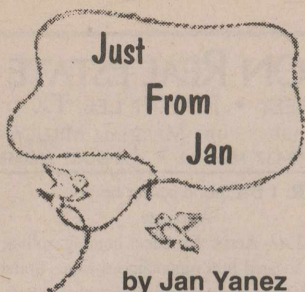
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by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Worth a hill of beans

Are you making the most of beans? Beans aren't just delicious, they're a great source of protein (at-20 grams per cup). They help protect your digestive system from cancer, and they work in a multitude of dishes - from down-home American staples to international favorites. Friendly fiber

One cup of beans boasts 10-14 grams of fiber, almost half of the recommended 21-38 grams we should consume each day. Dietary fiber keeps your stomach full longer and prevents spikes in blood sugar. It then helps move food more efficiently through the digestive tract.

High-fiber beans defend your body from cancer and heart disease. Studies show that eating 1 cup of beans per day can lower cholesterol by 10 percent. Beans also are brimming with folate, a B vitamin that

helps prevent cancer. Folate controls levels of homocysteine, an amino acid formed by the natural breakdown of proteins in the body. Researchers claim that high homocysteine levels are as bad as a smoking habit and perhaps more important to heart health than cholesterol. Folate works with vitamins B6 & B12 to form a "chemical broom" that sweeps homocysteine from the body. Bite for bite, black-eyed peas have about the same amount of folate (105 micrograms per half a cup) as cooked spinach (100 micrograms for the same amount). Only fortified cereals with 100 percent of the Daily Value have more (400 micrograms per 3/4 cup).

You can soak beans. If the beans are high quality and fresh (meaning they haven't been sitting in the market for eons), soaking isn't necessary. In fact, unsoaked beans cook up heartier and produce a richer, thicker broth. However, given the limited availability of high-quality, fresh beans, soaking often cuts cooking time by 30 minutes to a hour. Soaking also removes 5-10 percent of the gas-producing sugars that cause digestive problems for some people. (Commercial enzyme pro-

ducts also may assist bean digestion.) Whether you soak or not, always rinse beans with water to remove any debris, and check for small stones.

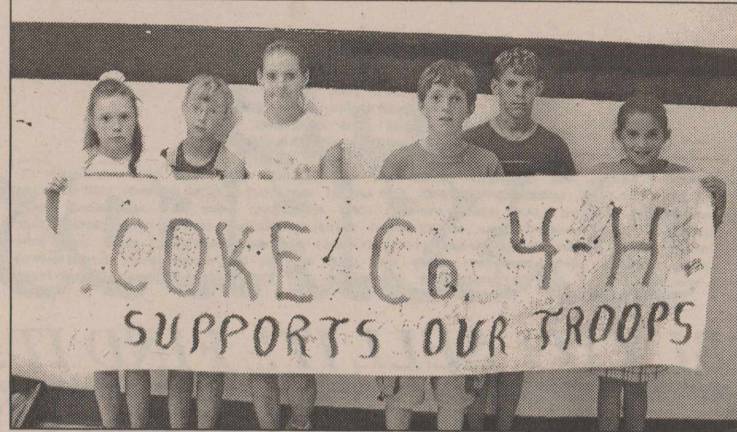
For a fast soak, place beans in a saucepan and add water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 2 minutes. Remove from heat, cover and let stand 1 hour, or until beans double in size. Drain and discard soaking water. For an overnight method, cover beans with cool water and let stand in a cool place for 12-24 hours. Drain and discard soaking water.

Or used canned. You may substitute canned beans for cooked in equal amounts. For one 15-ounce can, substitute 1 1/4 cups cooked beans. Since many canned varieties contain loads of salt, rinse beans with water before using them. Opt for reduced sodium or "no salt added" brands whenever possible.

Bountiful beans

There are dozens of bean varieties to choose from. Here's a quick rundown.

Adzuki: small, red, mild



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Anasazi: deep burgundy, white spots; similar to kidney beans

Appaloosa: light background, black and brown spots

Black: also called turtle beans; earthiness stands up to bold flavors

Black-Eyed Peas: subtle vegetable flavor

beans; skins must be removed; similar tastes to olives

Great Northern: small white beans

Navy and French Navy: similar to white beans

Pink: similar to red kidney beans with thinner skin

Red Kidney: hearty, meaty beans

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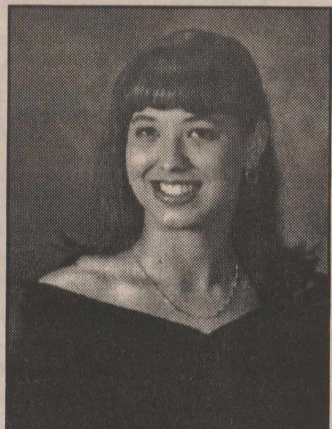
Alice Marie Beach

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Revenues	
Tax Revenues (See Note 2F)	\$1,598
Interest Income	903
Total Revenues	\$2,501
Expenditures	
Directors' Fees	\$425
Clerk Expense	600
Election Expense	0
Office Rent	300
Office Expense	92
Meeting Expense	18
Audit Expense	450
Bond	86
Tax Collection	97
Dam Maintenance	850
Inspection Expense	42
Miscellaneous	173
Total Expenditures	\$3,133
Excess (Expenditures)	(\$632)
Fund Balance, January 1, 2002	\$45,490
Fund Balance, December 31, 2002	\$44,858

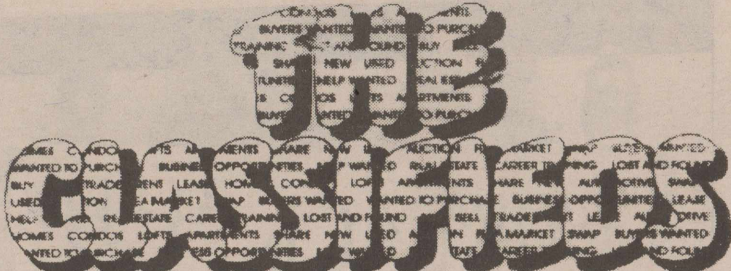


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 Friday & Saturday, May 16 and 17, 8-6, and the following Friday & Saturday, May 23 and 24, 8-6. 602 E. 5th, Robert Lee. 42-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

TO OUR WONDERFUL friends and family. We would like to thank everyone that gave Lorenzo a ride. We know he really appreciated that. We would also like to thank everyone that allowed him to join you for a meal at Hidalgo's. Two of his favorite things were food and friends. And thanks to everyone that invited him into your home. He enjoyed having somewhere to go and someone to talk to.

It's so good to know that anywhere he went he had friends. We would also like to thank those who had a part in Lorenzo's Spiritual Walk with his Lord. None of Lorenzo's friendliness or kindness, or love would have meant as much if it didn't come from Christ. And that it did. He loved God and by his actions you knew he placed God first.

And to all who gave us your love, support, prayers, food, flowers, cards and a shoulder to cry on, may God bless you richly. Words cannot express how grateful we are for all of you. You all showed us so much kindness and love in so many ways we could never say thank you enough. We love you all. Thanks for being our friends.

A special thanks to everyone that helped in making the service so beautiful as well as the write-up.
 In Christ's love,
 Martin, Susan, Monica and all of Lorenzo's family
42-1tc

WE WOULD LIKE to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone for the many phone calls, flowers, visits and other expressions of care and concern during my recent hospital stay. Most of all, thank you for your thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all abundantly.
 Gilbert & Beatrice Basquez
42-1tp

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS
 we would like to thank you all for your prayers and cards in our time of grief in the loss of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother. Our special thanks to the Hospice of San Angelo, Park Plaza Nursing Home for their care for her in her last years of her life, and to the Central Baptist Church for the wonderful meal and use of the church for the service.
 The Charles Timmons Family
 and Jean & Ross McSwain
 The Family of Twala Timmons
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Spring turkey season closes following successful run
 The spring turkey season closed on Sunday, May 11, after a very successful 6-week run. Now hunters (and families) will get a rest from Texas hunting seasons until the September 1 dove opener.
 Coke County played host to a better-than-usual influx of shotgunners and helped the sagging economy. According to TPW Game Warden Jim Allen, the season was "outstanding"; plenty of gobblers were available and the birds were in great shape.
 Indications were the toms were active and much of the breeding began 2 or 3 weeks before the season opened in early April. However, Allen observed that the current turkey hatch could be seriously impacted by the hot, dry weather we are now experiencing. Coupled with the resulting poor grass and weed seed crop, numbers may suffer in the coming year.

Military Info requested
 The Observer/Enterprise will begin a special section in the next few weeks that contains information on local residents and those related to local residents who are currently serving in the military.
 Please turn in the names, addresses, and email addresses for these military personnel to the Observer/Enterprise office in Robert Lee or to the O/E drop box at Hometown Hardware in Bronte.

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Is our drinking water safe?

(This article is the first in a series on drinking water and protection programs available to assure a safe, potable supply of drinking water for the City of Bronte area.)

The Texas Public Water Supply Regulatory Program has a proud legacy of public health protection that dates back to 1913. The dominant characteristic that has sustained the program through the decades has been the cooperative partnership with public water suppliers. Texas is a nationally recognized leader in surface water treatment, design and operational criteria, water system operator training and certification, and source water protection, just to name a few.

In 1974, the United States Congress enacted a far-reaching program to ensure that our drinking water is as good as we think it is. This program is known as the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). In 1986, Congress updated this program to set mandatory guidelines for regulating key contaminants, require the monitoring of unregulated contaminants, establish benchmarks for water treatment technologies, bolster enforcement, and promote protection of drinking water sources.

The majority of the sampling involves monitoring for lead, copper, pesticides, herbicides, and industrial chemicals as well as some naturally occurring inorganic chemicals. The SDWA's initial monitoring for the organic chemicals requires that one sample be collected each quarter (3 months) for four consecutive quarters. If there are no detections, then sampling may be

reduced to once per year. Sampling may be required from as many as eleven different groups of chemicals, each group requiring a separate sample.

The Public Drinking Water Section of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) administers the public drinking water system supervision program in Texas and has primary responsibility for the public water system aspects of the SDWA. The section executes program activities with a central office staff located in Austin, and with the cooperation of the sixteen regional offices throughout the state. A regional office in Dallas works with the City of Bronte and its drinking water program.

Sampling costs can be quite expensive. However, the United States Environmental Protection Agency now allows states to reduce monitoring costs for asbestos and organic chemicals by assessing the vulnerability of each public water supply source to contamination. The TCEQ conducts vulnerability assessments of all public water systems in the State of Texas. Based on the information obtained in the vulnerability assessment, TCEQ has the authority to grant waivers for a portion of chemical sampling. This program saves public water systems and TCEQ resources by reducing or eliminating unnecessary testing of your drinking water. Through the assessment process, TCEQ staff identify systems which need additional protection. In these areas, water utilities are encouraged to develop programs to protect the sources of their drinking water.

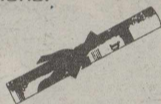
City of Bronte obtains its drinking water supply from groundwater, a reliable source of drinking water and the Utilities have a cap-



Over \$1,200 was raised at the county park in Robert Lee Saturday evening, May 10. Visitors were treated to an excellent fish dinner followed by a concert featuring Driftwood. Band members donating their time included (from left) Buck Duncan, Daryl Copeland, Kyle Long, Reyes Cruz, and Dallas Johnson. The evening's proceeds were donated to the Old Jail Restoration project.

able staff to assure a continued supply of water is available for all citizens. However, it is our responsibility as citizens to assure the continued supply is a SAFE supply.

You, the citizen, can directly affect the success or failure of the City of Bronte. In the next article, a protection program will be described which every citizen of the area can participate in to assure our drinking water remains safe for future generations.



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SAN ANGELO, TX - Bank Repossessed cars and trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automotive industry. Unfortunately for the general public, they're also the hardest to come by.

Banks often unload repossessed vehicles to car dealers at rock-bottom prices - allowing dealers to re-sell them for retail value. But bargain-seekers can take heart: This week, Mitchell Toyota Kia is going to change that.

This Wednesday, May 14th through Saturday, May 17th, Mitchell Toyota Kia will offer 90 bank repossessed, lease returns, fleet returns, auction vehicles and other clean used vehicles for thousands below normal values, and pass the savings on to their customers.

"These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), auctions, and other sources," Mike Griffin of Mitchell Toyota Kia said. "We have been asked to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss or profit. And if that means selling these vehicles some for thousands below normal values,

then that's what we'll do."

Every bank repossessed and other pre-owned vehicles will be available for just a \$59 possession fee* then start making payments. Some payments only \$99 per month.* "It's that simple," said Mike Griffin. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. Just pick your payment and then

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MIKE GRIFFIN, MITCHELL TOYOTA KIA

pick your vehicle. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under factory warranty. "With our pre-owned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Mr. Griffin added.

Extra sales and finance staff will be on hand to assure

customers prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Griffin said, "We'll have over \$4 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

Trade-ins will be accepted, and customers should bring their title or payment book to expedite delivery.

"The opportunity San Angelo area bargain-hunters have been waiting for happens this Wednesday through Saturday at Mitchell Toyota Kia. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$59 then start making payments.* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Griffin.

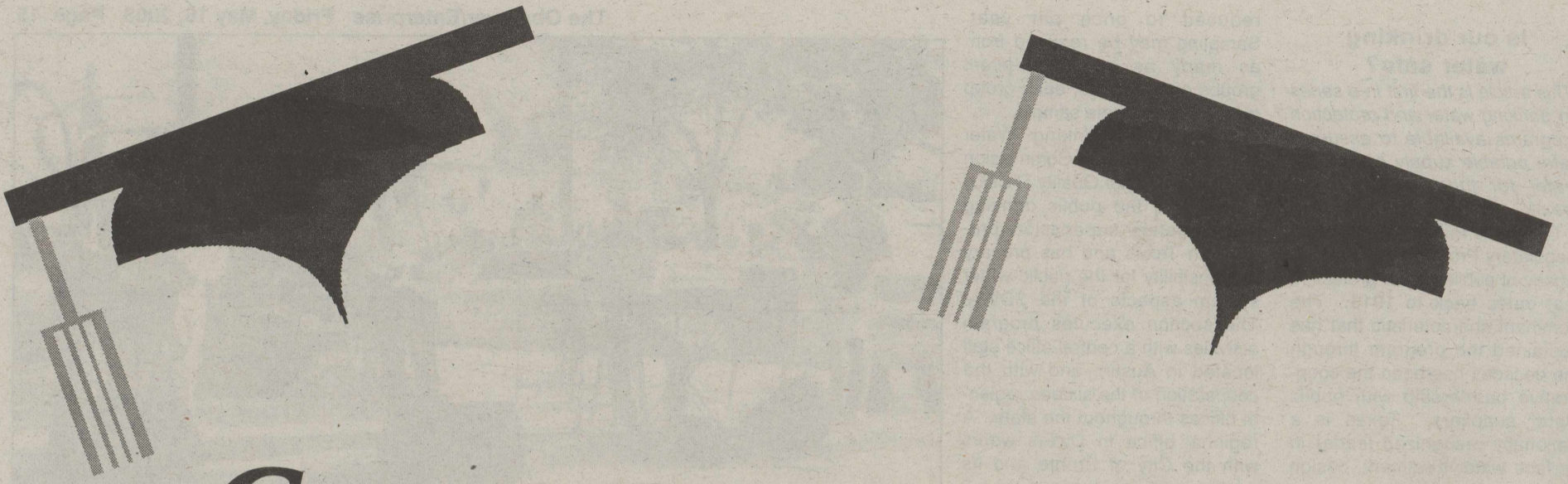
After the \$59 Super Sale ends at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to (915) 653-2302. Mitchell Toyota Kia is located at 1500 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo.

*With approved credit. \$59 plus, tax, title & fees. 1994 Olds Royale Stk#F3342A, Selling Price \$2,995 plus TT&L. \$99/mo for 36 mos. @ 12.9% APR thru Wells Fargo. \$59 possession fee, plus tax, title and license. Amount of down payment may vary with credit worthiness. Negative trade equity will be added to amount financed. Limit 2 vehicles per household. See dealer for details Mitchell Toyota/Kia 2003.

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