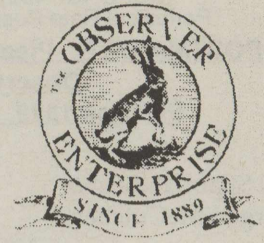


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County voters speak up on amendments

While voters across the rest of the state approved all of Saturday's amendments, Coke County voters expressed their individuality, and voted against ten of the twenty-two proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

One of the most hotly contested propositions on Saturday's ballot was Prop 12, which would place some caps on awards in medical malpractice and other civil lawsuits. While the state vote was very close on this one (51% for to 49% against), the county vote showed a bigger margin of victory for the proposition, as 312 county residents voted for and 85 against.

Listed below is a short summary of which amendments county voters approved or rejected in the recent election, and their margin of victory of defeat:

Prop 1. Veterans Land Board excess receipts: 242 FOR; 131 AGAINST.

Prop 2. Mineral interest redemption: 175 FOR; 190 AGAINST.

Prop 3. Religious exemption: 146 FOR; 231 AGAINST.

Prop 4. Parks by conservation districts: 137 FOR; 223 AGAINST.

Prop 5. Travel trailer tax exemption: 224 FOR; 153 AGAINST.

Prop 6. Refinancing, reverse mortgage: 159 FOR; 217 AGAINST.

Prop 7. Six-person jury: 261 FOR; 116 AGAINST.

Prop 8. Unopposed political office: 222 FOR; 159 AGAINST.

Prop 9. Permanent school funds: 152 FOR; 204 AGAINST.

Prop 10. Surplus firefighting equipment: 350 FOR; 37 AGAINST.

Prop 11. Wineries authorizations: 189 FOR; 175 AGAINST.

Prop 12. Cap on medical lawsuits: 312 FOR; 85 AGAINST.

Prop 13. Tax freeze for disabled, elderly: 293 FOR; 89 AGAINST.

Prop 14. Transportation funding: 147 FOR; 215 AGAINST.

Prop 15. Retirement system benefits: 226 FOR; 146 AGAINST.

Prop 16. Home equity line of credit: 163 FOR 195 AGAINST.

Prop 17. Tax raise of disabled person: 300 FOR; 78 AGAINST.

Prop 18. Assumption office: subdivision: 209 FOR; 168 AGAINST.



Photo courtesy of Bud Thompson, RLVFD

Travis Fry and his son, both of Robert Lee, were involved in a one-vehicle accident Sunday morning, September 14. The accident occurred at Salt Creek bridge on Highway 158, approximately 10 miles west of Robert Lee. The Frys were transported to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo by West Coke County EMS.

Prop 19. Repeal rural fire districts: 159 FOR; 197 AGAINST.

Prop 20. Defense community loans: 167 FOR; 190 AGAINST.

Prop 21. Water district compensation: 139 FOR; 228 AGAINST.

Prop 22. Officer vacancy: 276 FOR; 104 AGAINST.

A quick review will indicate that county voters rejected #2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 14, 16, 19, 20, and 21. However, on a statewide basis, all of the amendments were approved, and many will go into effect as soon as the legislature meets to add them to the constitution. Proposition 12 may take a little longer due to the anticipated court tests from trial lawyers.

Coke County exceeded the anticipated voter turnout with almost 15% of registered voters going to the polls. Statewide, the turnout was better than the 9% anticipated, with a total of 12% voting in the amendment election.

Bronte City Council asks help from residents

Residents should be aware that mosquitoes carrying the West Nile fever have been found in Taylor County (Abilene).

The Bronte City Council urges all residents to make sure there is no standing water on their property that would be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Residents should also keep their property mowed. This will help with the control of the mosquitoes.

The City will continue spraying for mosquitoes when weather conditions are favorable.

Street Affair to showcase local talent

Local performers will be welcomed at the mike for a talent event which will take place during the Robert Lee Street Affair on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Performances will begin at 10 am on the porch in front of the Observer/Enterprise office.

Singers, dancers, poets, athletic performers, musical instrumentalists will be applauded and appreciated by the crowd attending the Street Affair. The stage is ready for entertainers of all ages and talents. Call 453-2831 for a slot on the talent roster.

Bronte animal ordinance

Bronte residents are reminded to keep their animals restrained on their property at all times. The city can issue citations to persons who violate the City's Animal Ordinance.

Swine validation deadline nears

Any 4-H or FFA member that plans to exhibit their pig projects at Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo or Houston must have them validated with a State Swine Validation tag. Please call the office before September 19. If you plan to show your pig at major shows, contact either the County Extension office or your Vo. Ag. teacher and tell how many tags you want.



Wilson Bryan, Robert Lee High School Class of 1928, is joined by Dean Percifull, former RLHS Cheerleader and a member of the Class of 1950, in this float in the 2003 RLHS Homecoming Parade. Two future RLHS Homecoming royalty, Candace Skipworth and Gabriel Abalos, complete the entourage. Mr. Bryan's class was responsible for naming the mascot and choosing the school colors.

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RL Eastern Star meets

Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187 met for their regular meeting in August with Dolores Roe, serving as Worthy Matron and Bobby Roberts, as Worthy Patron. The chapter voted to donate \$50.00 to the Coke County Food Pantry, and to have a Food/Crafts booth at the Robert Lee Street Affair to be held October 4, 2003. They, also, made final plans for their Garage/Bake sale to be held at Dolores Roe's home Saturday, September 20, 2003, beginning at 8:00 am.

Proceeds will help with community projects, one being the RLHS Graduating Senior Scholarship which is awarded each year and the Robert Lee Chapter 100 year celebration. A thank you note was read from Shelby Roe who received the scholarship for 2003.

Attention All You Ropers!

Don't miss the BIG EVENT at this year's Street Affair in Robert Lee. Prove your extraordinary skills with the twine at the CHICKEN TEAM ROPING. That's right. There will be several divisions, from seniors to youth. Practice your "chicken loop" for the upcoming Street Affair at 2:00 on October 4.

FSA holding LAP program sign-up

Coke and Sterling Counties have been approved for the LAP program. Both counties qualified for years 2001 and 2002. However, a producer is only eligible for payment in

one year. In determining which year to sign up for, a producer would want to use the year in which he/she had the most livestock.

The starting date to begin a livestock count in Coke County is May 1st of either year and the ending date is November 26th, of either year used. In Sterling County the beginning and ending dates are May 1st through November 25th.

Because LAP payments will be factored, no payments will be issued until after sign up has ended and Washington has determined the factor...The final date to sign up for the program is October 24th. There will be no late-filed applications allowed since all sign up information will be forwarded to Washington as soon as sign up ends for the factor calculation.

Producers need to make an appointment NOW and get signed up. Time is running out for this sign up.

For more information call us at (325) 453-2751 or come by the office.

'64 Study Club news

The '64 Study Club of Robert Lee met on September 9, 2003 in the Catholic Church Fellowship Building with 27 members and 3 guests present.

Kay Torres, Roger Alexander and Cathy Hendry, members of the Robert Lee Economic Development committees presented a panel discussion on committees and projects on how the collected economic sales tax could be spent. Part A can provide



Residents of Robert Lee Care Center wave to the crowd of spirited Robert Lee High School fans from their float during the 2003 RLHS Homecoming Parade held Friday afternoon, September 12, 2003.

funds to assist local businesses as well as seek new businesses. Part B will provide funds to enhance the city, to make it more attractive to prospective businesses, residents, and tourists, as well as our local citizens.

Celebrating birthdays in September are Pauline Brumley, Ava Lou Davis and Fay Roe.

Hostesses were Virginia Milliff, Pat Carwile, Ava Lou Davis, Winnie Pitcock, Maxine Post, and Melba Gray.

The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2003.

Greater San Angelo Craft Fair slated

The GSAC Guild is the oldest craft guild in San Angelo, at 29 years of age. The Guild will be in the Pavilion Saturday, September 20, and Sunday, September 21, with their crafts. Hours on Saturday are 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday, 12 noon till 4 pm.

Everything is handmade. You will find everything from wood items to metal works. Hand work of all kinds to jewelry. Hand paintings to fall wreaths. Just about anything that you might want. Free admission and hourly door prizes.

Free white pine trees available

Ten free white pine trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"The white pines will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They are fast-growing landscape trees with soft needles and graceful branching. You can use them as specimen trees or as a privacy screen or windbreak...even as a beautiful sheared hedge."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the

free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE WHITE PINE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2003.

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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. Mike Poye, 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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(915) 482-0663

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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

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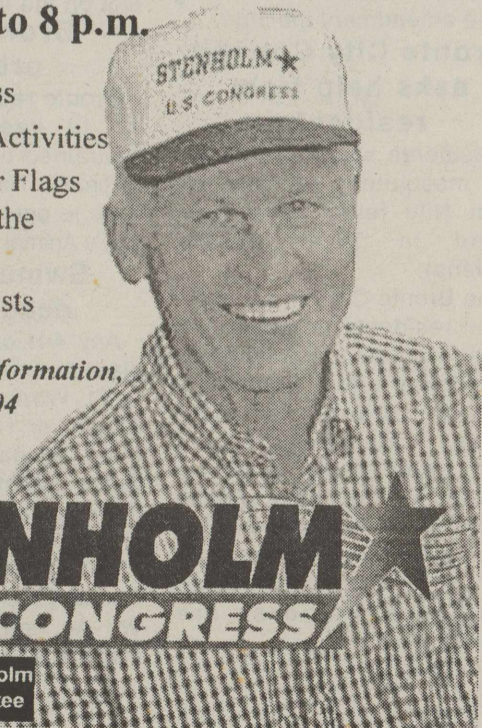
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County AEP employees recognized for safety record

Gary Sam Williams and Scotty Jackson of Robert Lee and Wade Stautzenberger of Bronte are among the 105 members of American Electric Power's San Angelo distribution district to receive recognition for an outstanding safety record.

Mark Baker, San Angelo manager of distribution systems, and Line Crew Leader, Randy Wessels, accepted the Attention to Safety Award from Dr. E. Lynn Draper, AEP chairman, president and chief executive officer during a safety recognition meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Draper congratulated Baker and Wessels and expressed his appreciation for the district's safe work practices.

The San Angelo district employees worked without an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable accident for more than one year to receive the award. An OSHA recordable accident is any work-related injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid.

Baker said, "The very nature of our work around electrical lines and equipment makes it a highly dangerous occupation. Our industry has come a long way over the years in creating a safer work environment and it's something we train for and think about continually, both on and off the job. I'm extremely proud of the men and women in our district. They certainly deserve this recognition for their safety performance."

Report of the "Quilting Women"

by Ava Lou Davis

In last week's issue, we discussed the quilt top that was found in the old Coke County Jail and donated to the Robert Lee United Methodist Women. The UMW had it quilted and will be dedicating it very soon. Listed below are more stories concerning some of the original women who were involved in the original quilting during the 30's and 40's.

Mrs. A. E. Latham lived in Robert Lee. Elsie, as everyone called her, was the wife of Arelious Latham. The two of them befriended all the young boys that needed a home. They provided food, lodging, and a Christian home for many of them.

Elsie attended services at the Methodist church, and quilted with all her friends there. They sometimes quilted in each one's home.

Mr. Latham provided a truck for all the pep squad at the Robert Lee High School. When the football team played out of town, the school couldn't afford an extra bus for the pep squad during WW II; so Mr. Latham took care of that free of charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham's youngest son Jackie Boy was accidentally killed in an automobile wreck, with Jack Deen Tubb and Lloyd Higgins December 5, 1941.

Mrs. Carrie Alice Griffith was the wife of Dr. Joseph Kimberlin Griffith. Carrie Alice Sloan and Joseph Griffith were married in 1891. They lived in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and finally in Texas. They moved to Robert Lee in 1927 and

lived in a two story rambling house on the corner of 9th and Austin.

Mrs. Griffith's hobbies were gardening and cooking. According to her granddaughter Billie Joe Carmichael, of Sweetwater, TX, her grandmother possessed a sharp wit, finding humor in the events of daily life. Billie Joe said her grandmother was a good cook.

Dr. Griffith was the doctor for Robert Lee and the surrounding area. They had four children, Byron S., Carrie Mae, Vera Margaret, and Virginia. Virginia taught school at Robert Lee, married Delbert Walling, and continued teaching.

Mrs. Griffith entertained the Womens Mission Society in her home and served the most delectable dessert in her best dishes. So much of this was submitted by the granddaughter Billie Joe Carmichael.

Vida Peay was the daughter of Alfred Key and Cornelia Youngblood Key. Her sisters were Joda, Grace, and brother D. P. Key. They lived in Edith.

Vida married Thomas A. Peay Oct. 14, 1909. Tom and Vida had four children, Audrey, Thomas W. Jr., George Buford, and Hazel Ruth.

Tom and Vida homesteaded in Montana six years, and about sixty years they ranched west of Edith. They spent Sunday afternoons at neighborhood parties having fun or roping at someone's ranch. There was always an endless search for water.

In 1949 they moved to Robert Lee; however, they still went back and forth to the ranch.

Vida attended services at the Methodist Church. She quilted with all the ladies of the WSCS.

Hazel Ruth has a quilt top made by all the ladies. It is like the one displayed in the church.

Hattie Day, as remembered by Ava Davis, was a very kind and friendly person. Her husband died and she had two sons to raise and provide for. Richard, the oldest, and his younger brother L. C. Hattie did a good job with her boys. They both finished school in Robert Lee. L.C. attended our youth group at the Methodist Church, and was very faithful. Richard worked for Sun Oil Co. at Silver and married a local girl.

Hattie had a boarding house across the street from Baker's Grocery, on Austin Street and Hwy. 208. She had served lunches to the public also. Later she opened a cafe close to the Alamo Theatre where Key Feed Store is now. She served lunches for the B.C.D.

once a week. She was active in the Methodist Church. She quilted with the women in the UMW.

Everyone appreciated all the good meals Hattie served. When my husband-to-be, Vincent Hanna, moved to Robert Lee, he had a room at Hattie Day's boarding house.

Hattie and her two sons, Richard and L.C., are deceased.

Street Affair approaching

Saturday, October 4th has been set as the date for the 3rd Annual Street Affair in downtown Robert Lee. Austin Street will be closed to traffic for numerous food and craft booths that will line the street.

In addition to the booths, numerous events have been planned for the entertainment of Street Affair attendees. New for this year are the Little Miss and Mister Pageant, quilt show, and chicken roping. Making return appearances for the Affair will be the dessert cook-off, air carnival, art show, antique car show, and historical tour. Driftwood will once again entertain the crowd with great music through the day. They will also play for the street dance to be held Saturday night.

Grab your lawn chairs and make plans now to spend the day and evening in Robert Lee at the Street Affair. This is a great opportunity to visit, shop, dance, and eat to your heart's content. Don't miss out on the fun.

If you would like more information about the Street Affair please call 325-453-2495 or 453-2831.

Don McLean to headline WTRC's Dinner Show

Legendary singer/ songwriter Don McLean will take center stage October 9 at the San Angelo Convention Center for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's eleventh annual Dinner Show.

The special evening, which coincides with the Center's 50th anniversary year, will include a cocktail reception at 6 pm at the Holiday Inn, seated dinner prepared by A Catered Affair at 7 pm at the Convention Center and "timeless" rock-folk-blues musical entertainment by McLean at 8 pm.

For more information about the WTRC Dinner Show, contact Donor Relations at 223-6300. West Texas Rehab is a non-profit organization that annually serves more than 21,000 children and adults with disabilities at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. Events such as the Dinner Show help supplement the Center's budget.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers vs: Bearkats Homecoming 2003

by Tom Sawyer

1st quarter

The Steers held Garden City to only 33 yards in the 1st quarter and on their 1st possession drove it down the field and ended the drive with a touchdown pass from Omar Saucedo to Brian Abalos that covered 24 yards. Sammy Reyes kicked the extra point. Steers 7 - Bearkats 0.

2nd quarter

Garden City came back in the 2nd quarter with a touchdown pass and missed extra point. Later in the quarter, they scored again on a 1-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion. Steers 7 - Bearkats 14.

3rd quarter

Robert Lee controlled the clock in the quarter but couldn't get it in the end zone. Garden City scored on a 28-yard pass and the extra point was good. Steers 7 - Bearkats 21.

4th quarter

The Bearkats scored again on a touchdown run and the point after failed. The Steers tried to come back when a strong defense tackled the Bearkats in their own end zone for a safety. Towards the end of the game, Cole Flanagan scored on a nice 21 yard run for the Steers, but the extra point failed. Steers 15 - Bearkats 27.

Everyone come and support our team next week. Go Steers!

Dogies lose to Garden City

The Dogies kicked-off to Garden City and they returned it to their 40 yard line. They drove it down and scored to go up 0-6. Garden City then recovered the following kickoff and again drove to score, making it 0-12. The Dogies returned the kick to Garden City's 46. They ran 2 plays and fumbled to Garden City at the 43. Once again Garden City marched down for a

score to go up 0-18. The Dogies started at their own 30 after the kick and drove to Garden City's 24 as the 1st half ended.

In the 2nd half, the Dogies started at their 32 and drove deep into Garden City territory but turned it over on downs. Garden City drove for their final score to win 0-24.

RLHS 2003-04 Homecoming Winners

This year's Mr. & Miss RLHS were Cole Flanagan and Monica Rodriguez. This year's Homecoming King & Queen were Phillip Rangel and Rachel Wallace.

The parade float winners were: 1st - 2nd grade; 2nd - Sports boosters; 3rd - Kindergarten; 4th - 3rd grade.

RL Sports Boosters

The Robert Lee Sports Boosters will meet every Tuesday following the Friday football game at 7:00 pm at the high school. Junior High & High school films will be shown.

Senior Steer Pass

Any interested Senior Citizen may receive a Senior Steer Pass at the Robert Lee ISD Central Office. These passes will allow Senior Citizens to enter Steer Football games without charge. See Mona Mathers at the Central Office. Senior Steer Passes from previous years will be accepted.

Rural health through a student's perspective

by Patti Patterson, MD

(Patti Patterson is vice-president of rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center)

For many of us in the health care field, we search for ways to provide the best medical care for our patients. The need to continue searching for access to care for rural areas is something we work to find answers for. The following is an essay by student Erica Maskell. It is interesting to see how a person Erica's age sees the issue of health care in rural areas. It is a reminder that the lack of doctors or health care professionals is an issue that affects all of us. Maskell is from Greenwood, Texas and is now a pre-med major at Texas Tech University.

Rural ruckus

Every time I see a hurting child, I see a patient. When someone is not feeling their best, I see a need. If the wait is long and the pain unbearable, I see an opportunity. Then, the

doctor enters; I see myself. At this point, my mind begins to translate what my eyes see; comfort seems fleeting. There is really no doctor at all, only an empty room with a few chairs, some magazines, and a need.

Communities need aspiring individuals to facilitate those needs, which exist beyond the city limits. Expanding the focus of health care to include rural areas is vital to ensure that no child, teacher, neighbor, or clerk is deprived essential care simply because of their location on the map. Being raised in a rural community sheds light on such injustices. Are emergencies not permissible? Only if the half-hour drive to the hospital is. Many of the areas in West Texas suffer from the plight of a shortage of health care professionals. The issue of rural health care is pertinent, yet people are not willing to step away from their familiar suburban lifestyles to accommodate such areas. Is it the fear of a population less than five thousand? Are the county roads intimidating? No, no, the countryside is just so far away from everything else, right? Unfamiliarity breeds excuses, and the idea of a more expansive health care system is no exception.

Leaders must step forward and embrace the challenge that their predecessors have evaded. I close my eyes again and fabricate my own ending. No more empty rooms or unfilled prescriptions. No more copies of last year's "Reader's Digest." The figure begins to take form and the room is placated. I will go. Sickness and pain pay no heed to the city limits; health care must be boundless.

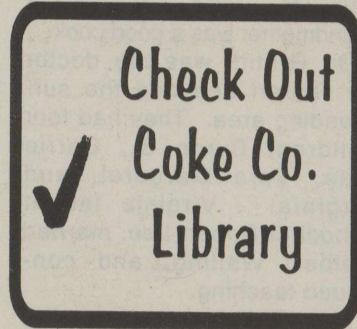
Girl Scout fundraiser slated

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is pleased to present their Fall Product Program and Sale. The sale of a variety of nut products and GSUSA calendars in two sizes began on September 12, and is much more than a fundraiser. It is designed to teach valuable life skills in goal setting, long term planning, as well as budgeting and other money matters. It teaches girls important safety and communication skills and is often helpful in improving self-esteem.

All of the money raised in this program stays within the council's jurisdiction, which covers a large amount of West Texas including Coke County. The

funds help troops purchase supplies, finance trips and outings, and purchase badges and other awards. The council uses the profit to provide girls with activities, train adult volunteers, and maintain the local facilities.

If you cannot find a Girl Scout in your area, please call the West Texas Girl Scout Council program center at (325) 670-0432.



Story Hour at the Coke County Library was "for the birds" on Tuesday, September 16. Participants talked about the birds, looked at a picture book of birds, heard a story about birds, and then made binoculars to look at birds. Mrs. Rowe made the morning fly by with the stories and activity.

The library has the necessary forms for the Little Miss/Little Mister contest and the Dessert Cook-off which will be held in conjunction with the Robert Lee Street Affair. The Dessert Cook-off will be held at the library with proceeds from the sale of the goods going to the library. Plans for the funds include the purchase of refrigerator magnets showing the library hours, location, and phone number. Flyers about the events of the Street Affair are posted at the library as well as other sites around town.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursday, 1-4; Friday, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the 24/7 book drop on the front porch of the library. Story Hour is

Tuesday at 10:00 am and the Head Start Hour is Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Aerospace Scholars Program accepting applications

State Representative Scott Campbell recently announced that his office is now accepting applications for the 2004 High School Aerospace Scholars Program. Rep. Campbell will be nominating 1-2 students and 1-2 alternates to the program this year.

The program offers Texas high school juniors the opportunity to participate in a one-year science, math and engineering based distance learning program which includes a week-long residential experience at the Johnson Space Center in Houston next summer.

Selected juniors will participate in a variety of activities including: interactive web-based studies; on-line mentoring; and briefings, tours and group projects at the Johnson Space Center. Eligible students must meet the following criteria;

- * US Citizen
- * At least 16 years old
- * Texas resident
- * Currently a high school junior
- * Interest in science, math or engineering
- * Access to the Internet and e-mail (home, school or library)
- * Able to make a one year commitment to the program, including the one-week residential experience at the Johnson Space Center.

Application forms have been mailed to all high schools throughout Rep. Campbell's legislative district. They are also available by calling Rep. Campbell's office at 325/657-0197. Applications must be returned to Rep. Campbell's office, P.O. Box 1389, San Angelo, Texas, 76902 by no later than Friday, October 24th.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 22

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk

Wed., Sept. 24

Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Thurs., Sept. 25

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Friday, Sept. 26

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 22

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, roll, pears, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Ham, potato salad, red beans, cornbread, fruit cocktail, milk

Wed., Sept. 24

Chicken patty on bun, French fries, pickles, fresh fruit, milk

Thurs., Sept. 25

Chili, crackers, baked potato, cheese, peaches, milk

Friday, Sept. 26

Sub sandwich with turkey, pickles, salad, chips, cookie, milk



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September 26	Winters	Here	8:00		
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* October 10	Roscoe	There	7:30		
* October 17	Miles	There	7:30		
* October 24	Sterling City	Here	7:30		
* October 31	Roby	There	7:30		
* November 7	Bronte	Here	7:30		

* District 15A Games

** Homecoming

Friday,
September 19
8:00 pm

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns take out Yellowhammers

The Bronte Longhorns dismantled the Rotan Yellowhammers 26-12 Friday night for a Homecoming victory. Bronte jumped to a 20-0 halftime lead, and then a 26-0 lead until Rotan finally scored with 1:00 left in the third quarter. The stats were dominated by the Longhorns; 21 first downs to 9, 358 total yards to 190, 312 yards rushing to 127.

The 312 yards rushing was due primarily to the offensive line, which consisted of Justin Moore, Josh Eubanks, Blaine Dyess, Justin Frazee, and Zach White, as they opened up some very nice running lanes for the backs. Garrett Fiveash led the ground attack with 126 yards, Tyson Baker 66 yards, and Cody Lee 51 yards. Baker accounted for all four touchdowns for the Longhorns.

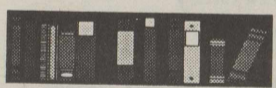
Defensively, the Longhorns controlled the Rotan offense all night, except for two big plays, a 60 yard TD run and a 26 yard TD pass. The stingy defense held the faster Yellowhammers to an average of three yards per carry. Bronte was led on defense by Cody Lee's 7 tackles and Cody Moore's 6 tackles.

Bronte improves to 3-0 on the season and will be open Friday, September 19.

Bronte volleyball results posted

The Bronte varsity volleyball team defeated Colorado City on September 9 by scores of 25-19, 25-17, 20-25 and 25-19.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 22

Cereal, applesauce, toast & jelly, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Pancake & sausage on a stick, apple juice, milk

Wed., Sept. 24

Sausage, grape juice, biscuit & jelly, milk

Thurs., Sept. 25

Breakfast pizza, orange juice, milk

Friday, Sept. 26

Donut, peaches, teddy grams, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 22

Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, rice krispie bars, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 23

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

Wed., Sept. 24

Bar-b-que sausage, macaroni & cheese, blackeyed peas, peaches, rolls, milk

Thurs., Sept. 25

Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, mixed fruit, baked beans, milk

Friday, Sept. 26

Chick-fil-lay sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato & pickles, chocolate chip cookies, milk

Individual stats are as follows: Britney McCutchen 34 assists, 5 kills, 1 ace, 1 block; Kailey Howell 18 kills and 1 block; Logan Acker 1 ace; Kanah Coalson 10 kills; Corin Garcia 5 kills; Becca Rawlings 2 kills; and Cheyenne Webb 3 kills and 2 assists.

The Bronte JV team took their match against Garden City with 25-23, 20-25, 25-15, and 25-16.

Individual stats are as follows: Calli Johnson 10 kills, 3 ace serves; Desi Mirelez 4 kills, 8 assists, 3 aces; Nicole Stewart 1 kill; Crystal Wallar 1 ace; Katie Cooper 5 kills, 5 assists, 2 aces; and Megan Gibbs 3 kills and 4 ace serves.

Bronte ISD Trustees meet in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, September 11, 2003, 7:00 pm in the board room. David Scott and Jeff Schoenfield were absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Terry Marrs, Elementary Principal, reported an enrollment of 191. Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave the report for Michael Bohensky, Principal, CCJJC. He reported that the facility has received a Title IV Service Learning Grant in the amount of \$61,741.81.

The board discussed a transportation request and it was decided to abide by the current policy to pick up students within the district boundaries. The September 1st through 11th bills were approved for payment.

The Superintendent, Alan Richey, included in his report financial and facilities updates. His energy update included electrical rates and a central control system with Trane. Child care was also discussed.

Board correspondence included discussion of the TASB Convention arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 9, 2003, 7:00 pm in the board room.

Bronte PTO update

The Bronte PTO will have a meeting on Monday, September 22, at 7:00 pm in the school library. Plans for the upcoming year will be discussed. All parents and teachers are invited to attend.

Bronte All-Sports Booster Club update

On Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:00 pm the Bronte

All-Sports Booster Club met for their regular meeting (held every Monday night at 7:00 pm at the school library).

There were 20 inspired parents and Bronte supporters in attendance who were greatly appreciated, and just a reminder, all parents of students in grades 7 through 12 who are participating in any sport are encouraged and actively pursued to join the BASB and attend all regular meetings which are held on Monday nights during volleyball and football season, and it is never too late to become active in our kids school athletic activities. We need your participation and there is something for everyone.

Of course, this is a busy time of the year, and there are many other activities parents are involved in for our kids at school and this is understandable. But, even under those circumstances, it would seem more could have attended. If you want to be involved working on projects, the boosters promise we have one you will like, or better yet the boosters would like your ideas. If you are burned-out and just want to be a member and come to the Monday meetings, the BASB will still accommodate.

So, this is what's happening with our kids this week! All the football teams have an open date this week, but began the season in spectacular fashion. The varsity won their 3rd game of the season, 27 to 12 over a very quick Rotan team for a homecoming victory and remain undefeated. The junior high Shorthorns played a consistent tough game but lost to a very fast and shifty Rotan, 24-0.

The varsity volleyball Lady Longhorns beat Colorado City in 4 games Tuesday and enjoyed their first weekend off since the first of August. They played a triangular against Bangs & Junction in Bronte Tuesday night (September 16), and will go up against highly regarded 3-A Monahans in Monahans Saturday, September 20, in a high noon showdown. The Lady's are on a path of steady improvement.

The undefeated junior high Lady Shorthorns, coached by Carol Moore, met Veribest Monday, September 15, 2003 at 5:00 pm and will play in the Miles tournament Saturday, September 20. Times were not available.

Let's get out and support our outstanding volleyball teams this week.

Longhorn Fan yard signs will be available in the near future (the pony lost a shoe

somewhere in the Davis Mountains, but he is re-shod and on his way).

The next BASB meeting is Monday September 29, at 7:00 pm. See you there. Let's get'er done.

Officers are (and can be contacted at any time): Randy Springer, President (473-7018); Mickey Ehl, Secretary (282-2083), Alisa Webb, Treasurer (473-2811), Kenny White, 1st Vice-President, Becky Wills, 2nd Vice-President and 3rd Vice-President, Gloria Allen.

BHS class of '48 enjoy reunion

Members of the 1948 senior class of Bronte High School enjoyed a get-together Friday, Sept. 12, 2003, at the Senior Citizens building in Bronte.

They talked of old times, new times, good times, bad times, families and friends. They remembered classmates who have passed away.

Joining the group were former teachers and friends from other classes.

Attending from Bronte were: J.L. Alexander, J.B. and Martha (Boatright) Arrott, Dorothy (Stephenson) Collins, Bill and Diane Luckett, and Bill and Betty (Pittman) Thomas.

Attending from out of town were: Judge and Camille Sandusky of Hondo, David and Kathryn (Wrinkle) Gulley of Sulphur Springs, Brad and Homalie (Clark) Bullard of Junction, Bill and Judy Herron of Odessa, Ida Lou (Modgling) Oliphant of San Angelo, Ordie and Mary Lou (Alexander) Crotwell of San Angelo, Doug and Grace (Green) Dittmore of Robert Lee, and J.O. Landers of Ballinger.

Former teachers attending were: J.T. and Sybil Henry of Bronte and Gladys Maye Sims of San Angelo. Also present was one room-mother, Lorena Landers of Ballinger. Linn Coleman, senior class sponsor, was unable to attend.

Visitors included: Betty Mackey Morgan, Royce Dean Clark, Le Drew and Bobbie Arrott, Gerald Sandusky, and C.B. Barbee, all of Bronte.

Also, Wanda Tidwell Stevens of Happy Valley, Theron and Jane Tidwell of Lamesa, Loretha Wrinkle Knight of Abilene, Lonnie and Annie Rogers of Athens, Doug

and Sherry Rogers of Clifton, Wayne Arrott of Tennyson, Lonnie and Roma Forman of San Angelo and Bernie McCarty and Sally Neely of Tennyson.



Look Who's New!

Marshall Carroll & Grayson Randle

McKenna Keele welcomes her new twin brothers born September 6, 2003. Marshall Carroll was born at 6:17 pm and weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long. His brother Grayson Randle was born at 6:18 pm and weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Wayne and Stefanie Keele of San Angelo. Grandparents are Randle Keele of Bronte, Vivian Keele of Ballinger and Alonzo and Kay Robbins of Bronte. Great-grandparents are Lillian and Carroll Robbins of Bronte and Jack & Frances Watson of San Angelo. Special Uncle is Luke Robbins of Canyon, Texas.

Bronte Longhorn Radio up and running

Bronte Longhorn Radio on 88.5 FM is now up and running. Longhorn Radio is created and broadcast from the multi-media class taught by Lisa Gibbs and Ron Cooper at Bronte High School. The mission of the station is to play music, keep the listening audience informed about events around the community and school, and most of all, creates a learning experience for the students in the field of communications and radio.

The music type will vary, and we ask that you please be patient with us while we develop our programs and equipment. Be sure to tune in every day at noon for your local news Monday thru Friday. Spread the word that Longhorn Radio is broadcast on 88.5 FM. We hope you will tune in and enjoy a mix of music and listen to our high school students at work.

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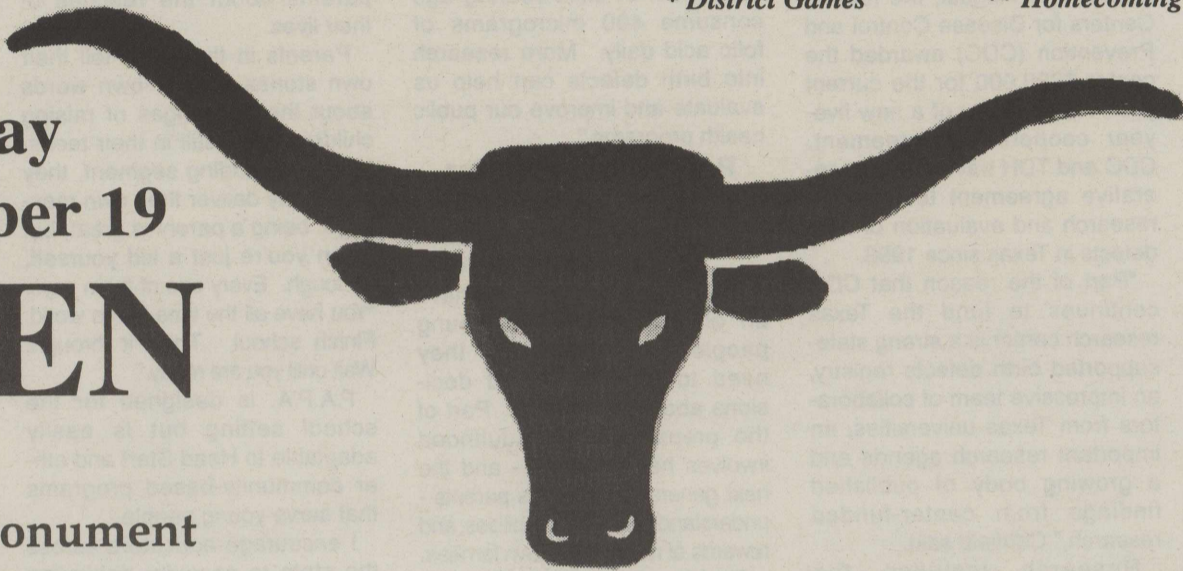
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September 5	Christoval	There	7:30	7	6
** September 12	Rotan	Here	7:30	26	12
September 19	Open				
September 26	Eden	There	7:30		
October 3	Hamlin	Here	7:30		
* October 10	Sterling City	Here	7:30		
* October 17	Roby	There	7:30		
* October 24	Miles	Here	7:30		
* October 31	Roscoe	Here	7:30		
* November 7	Robert Lee	There	7:30		
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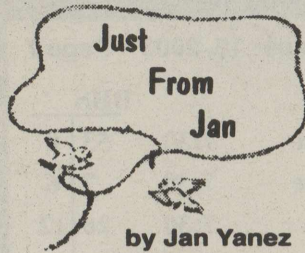


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by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Cooking at home

Have you made the decision to do a bit more cooking at home for healthier meals? If so, having some essential cooking tools can make your time in the kitchen more efficient and fun.

You don't have to spend a lot of money. First, take a look at what you already have. Then see if you need any of the following items for some simple and healthful food preparation:

- *Microwave-safe containers in a variety of sizes
- *Mixing bowls in a variety of sizes
- *Set of knives, including a paring knife and bread knife
- *Measuring cups and spoons
- *Utensils like a spatula, slotted spoon and tongs
- *Colander or strainer
- *Separate cutting boards for raw meat and raw vegetables
- *Baking dish with lid for casseroles
- *Nonstick skillet, large and small saucepans with lids, and large pot with lid for soup or stew

Larger items for easy cooking that you may consider adding over time could include a food processor, blender or crock pot. But remember that it's getting started in the kitchen that really matters. Begin with the equipment needed for just a few recipes, and then advance to one or two more items each month. As you do more cooking at home, you can make sure you're eating plenty of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans to protect your health!

FSA announces sign-ups in progress

Coke and Sterling Counties have been approved for the LAP program. Both counties qualified for years 2001 and 2002. However, a producer is only eligible for payment in one year. In determining which year to sign up for a producer would want to use the year in which he/she had the most livestock.

The starting date to begin a livestock count in Coke county is May 1 of either year and the ending date is Nov. 26, of either year used. In Sterling County the beginning and ending dates are May 1 through Nov. 25.

Because LAP payments will be factored, no payments will be issued until after sign up has ended and Washington has determined the factor. The final date to sign up for the program is October 24th. There will be no late-filed applications allowed since all sign-up information will be forwarded to Washington as soon as sign up ends for the factor calculation.

Producers interested in LAP should make an appointment soon.

The office is currently taking applications for the Crop Disaster program and has begun issuing payments on applications that can be approved. Producers who have not signed up need to sign up today.

For information, call 453-2751.

TDH funded for research

When a baby is born, most parents immediately begin to count - 10 fingers, 10 toes. They check for plump cheeks, listen for a lusty wail, look for signs of health.

But in one birth in every 33, birth defects occur. These birth defects are the major cause of infant death in the United States and contribute substantially to illness and long-term disability.

"We still do not know what causes two-thirds of birth defects," said Mark Canfield, director of the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Birth Defects Monitoring Division. "Only when we know what causes these birth defects can we find ways to prevent them."

Part of the process of learning more about birth defects is found in the operation of the six-year-old Texas Birth Defects Research Center at TDH, one of eight such centers across the country. In August, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded the center \$900,000 for the current year, the first year of a new five-year cooperative agreement. CDC and TDH have had a cooperative agreement to enhance research and evaluation of birth defects in Texas since 1996.

"Part of the reason that CDC continues to fund the Texas research center is a strong state-supported birth defects registry, an impressive team of collaborators from Texas universities, an important research agenda and a growing body of published findings from center-funded research," Canfield said.

Research includes the National Birth Defects Prevention Study and several other studies based on the Texas population. Members of the TDH Institutional Review Board annually evaluate the protocols for each study to protect the privacy and other concerns of participants.

The national study will complete one-hour computer-assisted telephone interviews with more than 16,000 women across the nation over five years. About 12,000 of the women interviewed will have had children or pregnancies affected by birth defects. Each of the seven centers in the country conduct identical interviews and genetic tests and will contribute data to the CDC for analysis.

"By conducting the same study with such a large population in so many areas of the United States," Canfield said, "the CDC and research collaborators have a unique opportunity to study the causes of many rare defects and to examine more common defects in greater depth." Co-principal investigator with Canfield is Peter Langlois.

The other centers are in Arkansas, California, Iowa, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Utah, and in Atlanta where CDC is headquartered.

Texas-based research studies focus on specific birth defects or enhance the surveillance or prevention of birth defects. These studies have included such topics as:

Metabolic, genetic and environmental factors associated with certain birth defects of the brain and spinal cord;

*Hazardous waste sites and birth defects;

*Hispanic origin and central nervous system disorders;

*Obesity and central nervous system disorders;

*The relationship between chemicals formed during water chlorination and several types of birth defects;

*Survival patterns of infants with birth defects;

*Feasibility of implementing a statewide strategy for preventing birth defects among women who have previously had a child with

a birth defect;

*Evaluating and increasing awareness among health care providers that consuming folic acid can help prevent neural tube birth defects and integrating education about folic acid into standards of care for women for childbearing age;

*Blood levels of folic acid among non-pregnant women;

*Telephone survey to examine women's knowledge, attitudes and practices related to use of vitamins containing folic acid to prevent neural tube defects.

"We do know some causes of birth defects: drugs, alcohol, poisons, infections and diabetes," Canfield said. "And we do know some preventive measures. For instance, it is recommended that all women of child-bearing age consume 400 micrograms of folic acid daily. More research into birth defects can help us evaluate and improve our public health programs."

Preparing teens for responsible parenting

by Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas
All of us as caring adults have an obligation to equip young people with information they need to make informed decisions about their future. Part of the preparation for adulthood involves helping youth - and the next generation of Texas parents - understand the responsibilities and rewards of raising their own families.

That is why the Child Support Division of my office recently unveiled a new Parenting and Paternity Awareness Program call P.A.P.A. that promotes responsible parenting and teaches teenagers skills for building strong, stable families. P.A.P.A. is a prevention and preparation tool for non-parenting teens, and a parenting education tool for teens with children.

Targeting students in grades 6-12, P.A.P.A. not only deals with the legal rights and financial obligations that come with parenthood, but educates young people about the realities of parenting. The program gives those who already are parents solid information about child support. The objective is to make students aware that parenthood is a commitment that will last at least 18 years.

P.A.P.A. teaches teens about the rights and responsibilities of parenthood. They also learn about the realities of parenting. P.A.P.A. stresses that young people need to have attained a

certain level of maturity and independence before they become parents.

The curriculum encourages young people to evaluate their own readiness for parenthood and plan ahead to make realistic decisions based on a solid understanding of the legal and practical consequences of becoming a parent.

Not meant to preach or lecture young people, P.A.P.A.'s 10 interactive sessions engage students in a variety of learning experiences centered around their ideas and expectations for parenthood. In addition to the teacher's guidebook and student workbook, P.A.P.A. includes a new companion video that features interviews with teen parents about the realities of their lives.

Parents in the video tell their own stories in their own words about the challenges of raising children while still in their teens. In the concluding segment, they voluntarily deliver their own message: being a parent is great, but when you're just a kid yourself, it's tough. Every one of them says: "You have all the time in the world. Finish school. Think it through. Wait until you are ready."

P.A.P.A. is designed for the school setting but is easily adaptable to Head Start and other community-based programs that serve young people.

I encourage educators across the state to consider delivering this curriculum when school resumes in the fall. By making P.A.P.A. available in classrooms, students will come to realize that parenting is not just another casual event in their lives. We all benefit when teenagers have the information they need to make informed decisions about their future.

Contact the Attorney General's Child Support Division at 512-460-6124 to obtain general information about P.A.P.A., or to schedule training that is required to deliver the curriculum.

Social Security News

There's no language barrier at social security offices

The other day I heard a neighbor's high school age son ask his parents why he had to take a foreign language in school. "I'll never need it," he said. I had to smile. As the manager of a Social Security office, I could tell that young man that there are not many skills he will learn that are as useful as knowing another language.

Every day, people walk into our office who do not speak English, or for whom English is their second language.

And it's not just our office. According to the 2000 Census, there has been a 57 percent increase in the foreign-born population of the United States in the last 10 years. More than half of these people are from Latin America, and a fourth are from Asia. Of this foreign-born population, 47 million people spoke a language other than English at home.

So almost all American business and government organizations must work hard to accommodate new, non-English-speaking citizens. An no one, I am proud to say, has worked harder than Social Security.

Our Commissioner, Jo Anne Barnhart, has said, "The Social Security Administration wants all Americans to have access to the services we provide," regardless of their ability to communicate in English.

Last year, about 2 1/2 million people preferred to deal with our agency in a language other than English, and a vast majority of those preferred Spanish.

To meet this demand, we have worked hard during the past few years to increase our bilingual hiring. Since 1995, nearly a third of all newly hired employees in our field offices are bilingual.

We also have Spanish-language options for anyone who calls our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Callers also can use this number to schedule an appointment and ask for an interpreter, free of charge, in virtually any language.

But the centerpiece of our effort is our Multi-Language Gateway at www.ssa.gov/multi-language on the internet.

This site also explains each of our benefit programs, the requirements to qualify for benefits and how to apply - in 15 different languages. And, in case you are wondering, the 15 languages are Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, French, Greek, Haitian-Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

We are proud of the fact that our Gateway page received the 2002 E-Gov Explorer Award, which recognizes new and better ways of dealing with problems facing the government. Our goal is to serve the public and provide Social Security program information in as many languages as possible.

Farm Auction

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'Tis the season for meningitis

While not as common as the cold or flu, meningococcal disease (frequently a meningitis) is in season. While meningococcal disease occurs year round, now through March generally is the time when meningitis is most likely to appear, according to the Texas Department of Health.

"Meningococcal disease is a serious, potentially deadly condition that can progress extremely quickly, so prompt medical attention is critical," said Neil Pasco, a TDH nurse epidemiologist. "As meningitis, it is an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord. A blood-stream infection can occur by itself or with meningitis."

The disease strikes about 3,000 (about one in 100,000) people a year in the United States. This includes as many as 125 on college campuses, and leading to 5-15 deaths among college students every year.

In 2001, 198 cases of meningococcal meningitis were reported in Texas with 19 deaths, not unusual numbers for Texas.

Once the bacteria enter the bloodstream, deadly toxins cause the blood to clot, cutting off the blood supply to critical organs or limbs. The bacteria also may infect the lining of membranes surrounding the spinal cord and brain, sometimes leading to permanent brain damage that may include behavior changes, hearing loss or seizures.

Symptoms of the disease include sudden onset of fever, intense headaches, stiff neck or back, a skin rash of small red or purplish patches, behavior changes, sensitivity to light and nausea often with vomiting. The incubation period is typically three to four days but can range from 2 to 10 days.

"Anyone with these symptoms should see a doctor immediately," Pasco said.

Bacteria that cause meningitis are not spread by casual contact or by simply breathing the same air as a person with meningitis. The germs often live in the noses and throats of people without making them sick, but these bacteria do not live long outside the body.

The disease is transmitted when people exchange saliva (such as kissing, sharing drinking containers, utensils, cigarettes or toothbrushes) or otherwise come into direct contact with respiratory or throat secretions.

Various upper respiratory infections flourish in winter due to increased close indoor contact. People can reduce their risk of infection, including the potentially deadly meningococcal disease, by following a few common-sense precautions.

*Maintain personal space. As little as 36 inches will significantly reduce the potential to inhale virus or bacteria an infected person may transmit by sneezing or coughing.

*Never share beverages, straws or containers. People should have their own beverage containers such as water bottles, cups or cans.

*Don't share cigarettes. Smoking irritates the lungs and throat, making them more vulnerable to infection. Smokers who share the same cigarette may infect each other with a communicable disease.

*Don't share food. Do not allow others to take a bite of your sandwich or piece of fruit and do not share eating utensils.

*Wash hands frequently. Frequent hand washing will remove germs that may have been picked up from contaminat-

ed surfaces.

*Get a flu shot. If you carry the bacteria in your nose and throat, protecting yourself from influenza or a cold may decrease the likelihood of self-infection.

Family members or close contacts of people with meningococcal disease are advised to take antibiotics to reduce their risk of getting the illness. A vaccine that protects against four of the five major strains that cause meningococcal disease is available for people over age 2 but is not routinely given in the United States. The vaccine is recommended for people during certain outbreaks, incoming college students in group living conditions such as dormitories, the military and for some international travelers.

Guard against alluring poisons

So many of them are things children love - enticing colors, intriguing containers, inviting contents that look and smell like a favorite food or a familiar beverage. To a small child, that decongestant on the nightstand looks just like red cinnamon candies, and the laxative in the bathroom cabinet is almost identical to a square of chocolate. That yellow lamp oil in the see-through bottle on the kitchen counter smells a lot like lemonade. And the cleanser in the round green can under the sink? It bears a close resemblance to a container of sprinkle-on grated Parmesan cheese.

Poison control centers know all too well about "look-alikes" - those perfectly good products that become dangerous when mistaken for something yummy by a curious crawler or climber, said Judy Whitfield, coordinator for the Texas Poison Center Network and a staff member of the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Texas Department of Health.

"During 2002, more than half of the 168,000 human-exposure calls the state's poison control centers received involved the unintentional poisonings of children under 5. And that's an age group that represents only 8 percent of our population."

Nationally, about 30 deaths and nearly 1 million incidents each year involve children under 5 exposed to potential poisons.

"What makes small children especially vulnerable to accidental poisoning is that they are constantly exploring and investigating the world around them, often putting what they see and can reach into their mouths," Whitfield said. "That's why it is so important to use products with child-resistant packaging and keep medicines and chemicals locked up and out of sight."

If a suspected poisoning occurs, people have a new nationwide toll-free number that connects with the nearest poison control center.

"Write it down: 1-800-222-1222. Post it by all the phones in the house and program it into your cell phones," Whitfield said.

Those who call the toll-free number are connected to the nearest poison control center and a network of nurses, pharmacists, paramedics and physicians who have extensive education, training and expertise in toxicology and poisonings.

These experts are trained to deal with everything from poison exposures... to insect stings and snakebites... to how your new medication may interact with the other medications you're already taking. "They've also handled anthrax and other bioterrorism-related calls and even answered questions about debris from the Shuttle Columbia," she said.

"The good news is that 75 to 80 percent of poison exposures can be treated at home," Whitfield said. If someone in your home has been exposed to a possible poison:

*Stay calm. Not all medicines and household chemicals are poisonous, and not all exposures necessarily result in poisoning.

*Call 1-800-222-1222 first, unless you're in a life-threatening situation. Don't go straight to the hospital. And don't induce vomiting unless the expert tells you to.

*Have the label ready, if possible. It will provide information concerning the product's contents and advice on what immediate first aid to perform.

*Be prepared to give information to the person who answers the phone such as the victim's age and weight; any existing health conditions or problems; substance involved and how it contacted the person (swallowed, inhaled, absorbed through skin contact, splashed

into the eyes); how long ago the victim swallowed or inhaled the substance; any first aid that may have been given; if the person has vomited; and your location and how long it will take you to get to the hospital.

Refinancing mortgages for debt consolidation

With mortgage interest rates historically low, more and more people are looking to their home as a way to consolidate and pay off their debts. But while trading high interest rate credit card debt for a low interest rate loan backed by your house can make mathematical and financial sense, there are significant risks involved.

"People often don't realize that they are putting their home at risk when they use it to pay off other debts," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization. "When you switch unsecured credit card debt to a secured loan backed by your home, you are offering your house to your creditors on a silver platter if you can't make your payments."

The most popular ways to consolidate debts with a home are using home equity to obtain a 2nd mortgage or refinancing a current

mortgage and taking cash out.

Rhode has seen good and bad outcomes for people using home equity loans.

"For some people it's just the thing they need to get through a tough time or save thousands of dollars in interest payments. For others the loans bring about more debt when they can't control their credit card use," Rhode said. "We have solutions to help people in either situation."

Comprehensive Financial Solutions, a division of Myvesta, has a team of financial experts who assist people experiencing financial difficulties. Their programs and services include assistance for clients who want to use their homes to consolidate debts or who need assistance when falling behind on payments.

"In our experience refinancing a mortgage or taking out a home equity loan isn't the best solution for everyone, that's why we offer many different individualized programs to help people in any situation," Rhode added.

For more information about refinancing a home, read the publication "What You Need to Know Before You Refinance Your Home to Pay Off Debts." It is available to download for free at MoneyHelp.org.



The Boy Scout movement was founded by Lord Baden-Powell of England. His army experiences convinced him that British boys needed more physical training and experiences in outdoor life.

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San Angelo Dealership Disposing of 90 Bank Repos and Other Used Vehicles for Only \$59 Then Start Making Payments*

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, September 17th through Saturday, September 20th, 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 thou-

sands 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

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."

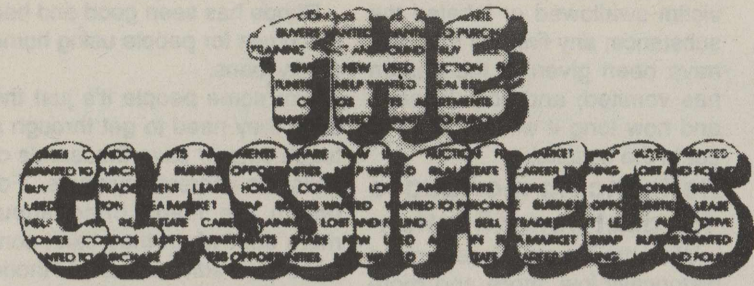
Trade-ins will be accepted, and customers should bring their title or payment book to expedite delivery.

"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, September 20, 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.

This is a Huge Sales Event! For 4 days the San Angelo area used car shopper will save like never before MIKE GRIFFIN, MITCHELL TOYOTA KIA

*Bank Approval Required On All Credit Applications, \$59 Possession Fee Plus Tax, Title And License Fees. Negative Trade Equity Will Be Added To Amount Financed. Amount Of Down Payment May Vary With Credit Worthiness.** Example: '99 Ford Taurus - Stk#U5423B - \$3,995 + TT&L Down. 8.9% APR - \$99 Per Month For 60 Months Through Wells Fargo. Customer Responsible For Taxes, Title, Tags. Vehicles Subject To Prior Sale. Limit 2 Vehicles Per Household. See Dealer For Details Mitchell Toyota-Kia 2003.



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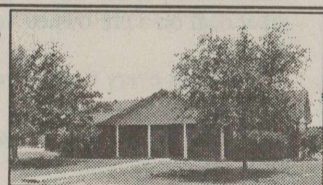
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09-1tc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Corner of 8th & Chadbourne Street, Robert Lee. Friday, 19, & Saturday, 20, 8-?.
09-1tp

RL EASTERN STAR GARAGE/BAKE SALE
Dolores Roe home, edge of Robert Lee on the Sterling City Highway. Saturday, September 20, 2003, 8:00 am until ?. (no early sales).
08-2tc

CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS
First, I want to thank God, Jesus Christ, and the Angels in Heaven for watching over me during my recent surgery. I pray that they will continue to heal, love, and care for me during my recovery time.
Next, I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, visits, and words of encouragement. They all meant so much to me. I sincerely appreciated every act of kindness and thoughtfulness shown to me during this time.
Lastly, I believe God answered my prayers, and I feel truly blessed. May God bless each one of you.
Eula Verne Lee
09-1tc

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
the following people for their hard work & donations to make the 1st "Lighting of the Letters" homecoming activity a success: Mr. Rich & the Ag classes, Key Feed, C&H, Ricky Sanchez, Joel Percifull, Terry Eaton, Kevin Roe, George Grim, Lupe Torres, RL Fire department, Douglas Roberts, RLHS band. Also, thanks to Mr. Wallace & Mrs. Lankford for allowing us to start a new RLHS tradition, and to the fans for all their support.
RLHS Cheerleaders
09-1tp

THE ROBERT LEE STUDENT COUNCIL
would like to express its appreciation for all of those who helped in this year's homecoming parade. To all float participants, the Robert Lee Fire Dept., the Coke Co. Sheriff Dept., and to the many others who helped with the homecoming activities, we would like to thank you. A special thanks to Ivey Motor Co. and Ben Bessent Chevrolet.
Robert Lee Student Council
09-1tc

NOTICES

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN COKE COUNTY
From The Authorized Agent Program for On-site waste water systems for Coke County.
1. By law, all septic systems being installed in Coke County must be permitted regardless of acreage, as of Nov. 2002.
2. By law, all septic systems must be installed by licensed Installer/Site Evaluator.
3. At this time there is no practicing licensed Installer/Site Evaluator in Coke County.
07-4tc

NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE
of Coke and surrounding counties. I would like to introduce myself to you through this paper. My name is Lewis Thomas and I am working in the Oak Creek Lake area installing new septic systems. I have been living and working at Lake Ivie for 8 years and offer the following services listed: On new septic installation, site evaluation, soil analysis, design work, permit approval, installation & cleanup, site work, road work, caliche & top soil, concrete work, water & electric lines. I will meet with you at your convenience and help any way I can. I will furnish local and state references and prices quoted are always firm. Thank you, Lewis Thomas, HCR 79 Box 11-A, Paint Rock, Tx 76866. Phone: 325-357-4956, 325-348-7599, 325-348-7579 & FAX # 325-357-4956. Licensed - W/TNRCC - OS-SE#1174.
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...More Classifieds

ORDINANCE #361
AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2003 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR.
PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 11th day of September, 2003.

APPROVED:
Martin Lee
Mayor

ATTEST:
Pat Martindale
City Secretary

09-1tc

ORDINANCE #362
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE:
SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bronte, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$375326 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

SECTION 2. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2002, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2004, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 11th day of September, 2003, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bronte.

APPROVED:
Martin Lee
Mayor

ATTEST:
Pat Martindale
City Secretary

09-1tc

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INDIGENT HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE

East Coke County Hospital District of Bronte, Tx, will provide from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, Indigent Health Care services to all eligible persons who meet the Hospital District eligibility requirements. Any resident of ECCHD is eligible to apply for these services. Eligibility criteria includes household composition, income and other available resources. Supporting documentation is required for all components of eligibility. Eligibility for Indigent Health Care services will be limited to persons who can prove residency in the ECCHD and whose family income meets the criteria of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Texas Department of Health. Application for this program can be made at the business office at Bronte Health & Rehab Center. This notice is

made in compliance with the plan administration for annual public notification of services availability.

09-1tc

ORDINANCE #1130
AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #1115 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #1086 IS HEREBY AMENDED AS TO SECTION G AND TO SECTION I TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION G: COLLECTION CHARGES
(a) Premises inside city limits for private residences, shall be charged \$10.88 per month, with one collection per week,
(b) Premises outside city limits for private residences, shall be charged \$11.88 per month, with one collection per week.
(c) Premises used for commercial business, and/or public purposes, not receiving sanitation container service, shall be charged \$10.88 per month, with one collection per week.
(d) Charge for additional carts shall be \$7.57 per month, with one collection per week.

SECTION I: CONTAINERIZED SYSTEM
1. Public, private, business and/or commercial locations, shall receive sanitation container system service. The following fees shall be charged:
3 yard: once per week pickup \$33.06, twice per week \$53.06
4 yard: once per week pickup \$37.92, twice per week \$59.48
6 yard: once per week \$90.29
IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that said Amendment shall be effective October 1, 2003.
Passed and approved this the 8th day of September, 2003.

Garland Davis,
Mayor

ATTEST:
Kay Torres,
City Secretary

09-1tc

Round-Up for Rehab
A special cattle sale Thursday, September 18 at Producers Livestock Auction is the first in a series of eight regional Round-Up for Rehab fall sales to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Scheduled at 1 pm in conjunction with Producers' regular weekly cattle sale, the event has already attracted pledges of quality animals from the Concho Valley area.

"We're encouraging Rehab friends in the agriculture industry to donate an animal or two, write a check...or be a buyer," said Bob Helmers, Concho Valley area Round-Up co-chairman.

"Producers will be selling animals for Rehab all next week...sheep and goats on Tuesday during the regular sale and cattle on Thursday during the special Rehab sale," added Jody Frey, who serves with Helmers as volunteer co-chairmen.

"Also, the Center's chuckwagon will be on hand Thursday serving sausage, beans and cornbread prior to the Rehab sale and we invite WTRC supporters to come out, join us for lunch and help us 'bid 'em up' during the auction," Frey continued.

Joining local chairman in seeking Round-Up donations of livestock and cash is well-known cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall who is this year's new honorary chairman for Round-Up for Rehab.

"We're also reminding ranchers if this is an inconvenient time for them to cut out livestock, Producers and other auction houses will gladly cut a

check to Rehab for the proceeds of one or more animals during the year when they are going to market," Helmers added.

For additional information or to arrange for animals to be picked up, contact a volunteer chairman or WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.

Safe shopping by catalog

by Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas
The Internet and the telephone have drastically changed the way Americans shop. Catalog sales are a multi-billion dollar business. The click of the mouse and the 24/7 toll-free number allow us to shop from our homes at any hour of the day or night.

Millions of shoppers benefit from the convenience of catalog shopping. However, a few precautions can help ensure that your experiences are positive.

When shopping online, be sure that you are using a secure server. Check the location at the top of your browser window. The Web page on the merchant's site where you actually enter your personal information should begin with https:// rather than http://. The "s" indicates a secure server.

Do not e-mail your personal financial information. Beware of a recent trend in Internet scams. Thieves may send you an e-mail that appears to be from a well known merchant, with the request that you e-mail your financial information for "verification." No legitimate online sales company would ask you to do this.

It is very easy to set up a business under almost any name online. If you are not familiar with a company, verify the existence of a real address and phone number. You should also familiarize yourself with the company's return and privacy policies. The privacy policy should reveal how your information is being collected on the Web site and how that information is being used.

Pay by credit card when possible, whether you are shopping online or by telephone. The Fair Credit Reporting Billing Act (FCRBA) enables you to dispute charges to your credit card under certain guidelines and withhold payment pending the creditor's investigation. If the charges are found to be erroneous or fraudulent, generally you are only held liable for the first \$50 of the charge.

Be sure to print out a copy of the purchase form or order verification for your records. Under federal law, you must receive your catalog order within a reasonable time. Six weeks is considered reasonable for a business to advertise. If the business does not advertise a specific delivery time, 30 days is considered reasonable.

If a shipment is delayed, you must be notified of the new delivery date and you must also be allowed to cancel the order. If you decide to cancel, but have already paid for the item, the business has seven days to refund your money. If you used a credit card, you must be credited within one billing cycle. The FCRBA applies to both online and telephone catalog orders.

As you scan a catalog, be sure to read the fine print of the product picture. Many

items are enlarged and not pictured at their actual size. Look for actual dimensions and inquire if they are not provided.

Be wary of outlandish promises, especially when used in conjunction with health-related items. These types of products are notorious for not delivering as advertised and may actually be a health risk. This applies to many quick weight-loss or bodybuilding supplements. As always, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is not true.

Don't fall for price comparisons between "list price" and "suggested retail price." Very few items are sold at the manufacturer's suggested retail price. However, sellers will often use these terms in promotional ploys to make the catalog price seem like a bargain. To verify savings, compare a product's price in the catalog to its price in local shops. You might be surprised.

Some times a business will ship an item that you did not order in hopes that you will pay for it. According to federal

law, you may consider unordered merchandise a gift. In addition, you are not required to notify the seller that you did not order the merchandise and do not intend to pay for it. It is a good idea to do so in writing, however, to prevent the merchant from billing you in the future.

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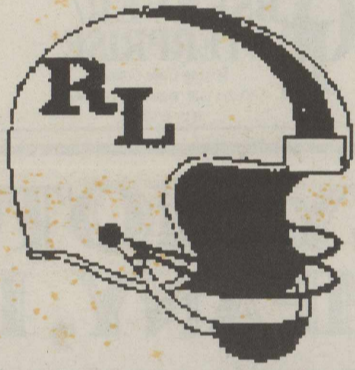
Robert Lee High School



The Robert Lee High School Class of 1953 entered a float in the 2003 RLHS Homecoming Parade. The theme of the float was "Spotlight on the Steers for 50 Years."



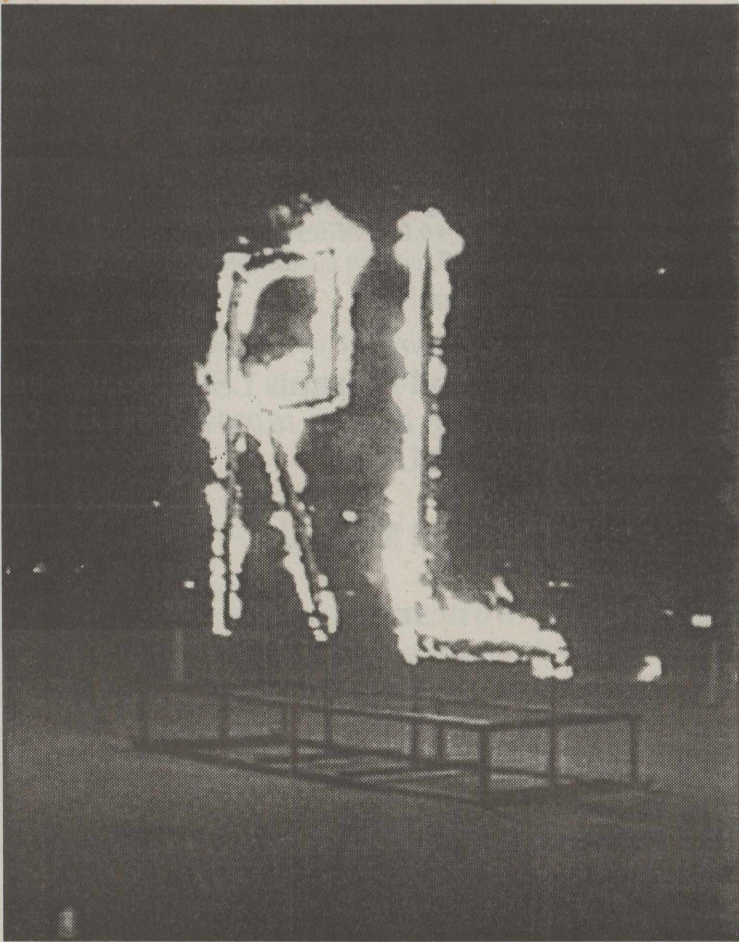
Homecoming 2003



The Robert Lee Elementary 2nd Grade Class placed first in the float entries of the 2003 RLHS Homecoming Parade.



The Robert Lee Elementary 3rd Grade Class placed fourth in the float entries of the 2003 RLHS Homecoming Parade.



Instead of a bon fire, Robert Lee High School lit up the evening Homecoming pep rally with the familiar "R.L."

The Robert Lee Elementary Kindergarten Class placed third in the float entries of the 2003 RLHS Homecoming Parade.

