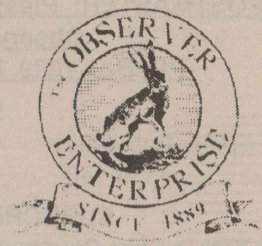


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Bronte receives community award

The City of Bronte was honored with the Community Achievement Award at the 10th Annual Texas Midwest Conference in Abilene on Oct. 15th. Mayor Martin Lee, EDC President Gerald Sandusky and EDC Director Julie Springer accepted the award on behalf of the city.

The regional organization initiated the award program at the 2002 conference and this year marked the first year the award was presented. Only 8 out of the 43 member cities in the regional organization qualified for the distinction of "Community of Achievement". Joining Bronte for the award recognition were Baird,

Ballinger, Colorado City, Comanche, Early, Ranger and Tye.

Newly named TMCN President Don Henry said, "The leaders in each city receiving the Community Achievement Award are to be commended for their efforts in completing the requirements and submitting the information by deadline." To qualify, cities completed requirements in the 5 categories of Vision, Pride, Assessment, Youth Involvement and Connectivity.

Vision - a city had to conduct a community wide planning session to establish prioritized goals and to deter-

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Representing Bronte at the TMCN award ceremony were (back row, from left) Brian Arrott, George Snapp, Annie Gill, Bill Wheat, Julie Springer, Lana Richards, Mary Frances Glenn, Garland Richards, Pat Lee, Gerald Sandusky, Martin Lee, (front row, from left) Casey McKee, Jayci Malone, and Garrett Acker.

Allen honored by UCRA

The Upper Colorado River Authority recently presented the 2003 Landowner Conservation Awards in the boardroom of the UCRA office at 512 Orient, San Angelo, Texas.

Awards were given to landowners for Outstanding Achievement in the Texas Brush Control Program for the year 2003.

William H. Allen of Robert Lee was recognized for his outstanding achievement in water conservation through brush management on the Mountain Creek Project representing the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Allen was selected because of his involvement, commitment and support for the present Brush Program along with his long term commitment and support

for good range management and water conservation practices.

The UCRA Board of Directors believes that producers and landowners are making a tremendous contribution toward the enhancement of water resources in this area and are generally unrecognized for that effort. This project is an attempt to recognize their efforts and help educate the public regarding the sacrifices and contributions currently being made by area landowners and producers.

City of Robert Lee recognized by TDA

The community of Robert Lee was recognized by the Texas Department of Agriculture for its rural development efforts at a special ceremony Oct. 15 marking the official kick-off of TDA's Texas Yes! program to market and

promote rural Texas.

Robert Lee was one of 21 other Texas communities honored as a 2003 Texas Yes! Hardworking Rural Community for its efforts to boost tourism, job growth, leadership mentoring, community development and other economic opportunities in rural Texas.

"Rural Texas is alive and kicking," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "We wanted to recognize and celebrate the commitment these 21 communities have made to their citizens and their future. In turn, we are making those same commitments to rural Texas with our new Texas Yes! initiative."

The other 2003 Texas Yes! Hardworking Rural Communities included Bastrop, Brownwood, Canadian, Clifton, Coleman, Crowell, Duval County, Falfurrias, Floydada, Fort Stockton, Graham, Gun Barrel City, Jasper, Mason, Ozona, Perryton, Robstown, Sulphur Springs, Sweetwater and Yoakum.

With limited resources but limitless spirit, community leaders in Robert Lee are focused today on revitalizing downtown and developing tourism opportunities.

A 4A and 4B sales tax was approved just over two years ago to fund economic devel-

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Jeffie Roberts, on behalf of the Upper Colorado River Authority, presents a plaque honoring Bill Allen.

Ropings to benefit Bronte Junior Class

Two team ropings benefiting the Bronte Junior Class will be held this Saturday, October 25, beginning at 11 am. The ropings will be held at Lee Ranch, located approximately 20 miles North of Bronte on Highway 277.

A #3 1/2 roping will be held first, followed by a #2 1/2 roping. The books on the first roping will open at 10 am and the #3 1/2 roping will begin at 11 am.

Area businesses have donated numerous items for an auction to be held between rounds.

A concession stand featuring barbecued brisket will also

be available.

Everyone is urged to attend. Even if you're not a roper, you can enjoy the good food, fellowship and supporting our youth.

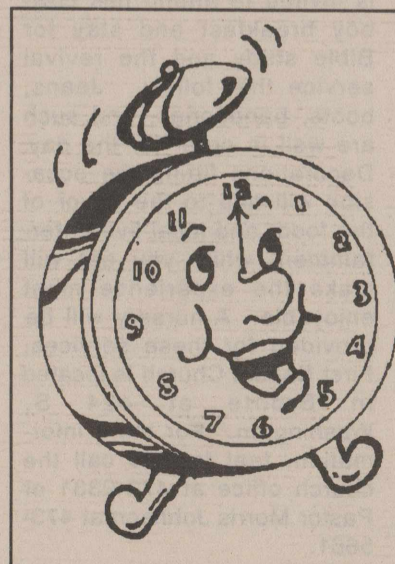
Bronte Halloween plans told

The Bronte Schools and community encourage all the Bronte children to Trick or Treat for Halloween between the hours of 5 pm and 7 pm Thursday, October 30.

The Bronte Fire Department will blow the fire whistle at 5 pm as a signal to begin and again at 7 pm for the trick or treating to stop and to come to the Mini Park by City Hall for a special treat from the Chamber of Commerce!

Time Change

Texas, along with the rest of the nation, will "fall back" next Sunday, October 26. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on that day and we will regain the hour we lost last spring.



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Death Notices

McDaniel

A.J. "Jack" McDaniel, Jr., 87, of San Angelo died Saturday, October 18, 2003. Military graveside services were held at 3 pm October 20 in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Joy Luckett McDaniel of San Angelo; and daughters, Betty McDaniel of Abilene and Wendy Plowman of Lubbock.

McRorey

Juanita Rogers McRorey, 90, of Blackwell died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, in a Bronte care center. Service was held at Blackwell First United Methodist Church with burial in Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

Survivors include friends.

Denman

M.L. Denman, 81, formerly of Robert Lee, died on October 8, 2003.

A private family service was held.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his daughter and her husband, Dr. Deanne Denman Leonard and Dick of Corpus Christi; his son and his wife, Dr. Dennis Lydick Denman and Sheri of Calallen; his grandson and his wife, J. Todd Leonard and Lisa of Pasadena; his granddaughters, Dr. Cher Leonard Rich and husband Chuck of Conroe; Kristen Denman Taylor and husband Dave of Houston; and Melany Leigh Denman of College Station.

"Round-Up Breakfast kicks off revival"

Bronte's First Baptist Church is offering a special time of spiritual renewal Sunday, October 26, through Wednesday, October 29. The theme for these services is "It is TIME to seek the LORD." Sunday service times are 10:55 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Wednesday the services will be at noon (including a potluck lunch) and 7:00 pm.

Preaching for the services will be evangelist Jonathan Hewett. Hewett has been traveling and speaking since 1997. He is based in Celina, Texas, north of Dallas. He conducts mission work yearly in South Africa and preaches in camps, churches, and retreat settings in many states in the U.S. Making use of a

computer and projector, Hewett uses pictures and stories to enhance his sermons. "Everyone listens better when there's a picture," said Hewett. "I enjoy using the projector and adding that dimension to the sermon. In this media-driven culture, according to Hewett, all ages are accustomed to receiving information visually.

Hewett was a youth minister for 14 years and still conducts many events for teenagers. "Teenagers need to hear the concrete moral truths of the Bible," said Hewett, "because they are asked daily to make serious decisions that impact their future and eternity." Wednesday night's service will be "Youth Night," with a C.R.A.S.H. and pizza supper for all youth in grades 7-12, taking place at 6:00 pm prior to the service at 7:00 pm.

"Given the events of recent days in our country," said Hewett, "I believe that now, more than ever, all of us need to return to our spiritual foundations and seek the Lord for His help."

Music for these services will be led by music evangelist Wes James. James if from Millersview, Texas. His music covers a wide variety of styles but always focuses on Jesus Christ. He plays the guitar as he sings and makes it easy for everyone to join in the singing.

Pastor Morris Johnson is encouraging all church members and the community to attend these special services of spiritual challenge and encouragement. He says, "There is a definite need in our community for individuals and families of all ages to find their purpose and the strength and wisdom to accomplish that purpose. I pray that those in our community who currently do not have a church home will come to these special services and give God an opportunity to speak to them and work in their lives."

A "Round-Up Breakfast" will kick off this special emphasis at 8:00 am Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend this cowboy breakfast and stay for Bible study and the revival service that follow. Jeans, boots, bandannas, and such are well in order for the day. Decorations fitting the occasion will add to the flavor of the food, and local live entertainment while you eat will make the experience most enjoyable. A nursery will be provided for these services. First Baptist Church is located in Bronte at 424 S. Washington. For more information, feel free to call the church office at 473-2331 or Pastor Morris Johnson at 473-5661.

Veteran's Day service to be an event to remember

by Loretha Knight

The Coke County Veteran's Committee is planning a Veteran's Day Service. I was asked to help get the program together so I got out all my clippings and notes to refresh my memory. When I was going through that material, I was reminded of all the work, sweat and love that were put into that great endeavor. No government agency had a list of Coke County veterans. We didn't have a VFW or American legion so the committee went to work trying to compile a list. A letter would be sent out to all persons eligible to be on the monument or to a family member. The schools gave us many lists of graduates. We talked to "old-timers" and even went to look at grave markers. Over a period of many months while the monument was planned and built and the site readied, notifications were made on radio and television in an effort to get as many Coke County veteran's names as possible.

Many interesting pictures and war stories were printed in the Observer Enterprise. Finally the names were engraved and an elaborate dedication was planned with many individuals and organizations participating. The program on December 4th, 1999 was well attended and enjoyed. It included a cannon blast, an airplane fly-over, a flag ceremony, a 21-gun salute, greetings, prayers, guests, a speech heralding

*You are invited to attend the
Celebration of the 90th Birthday of
OLETA BRASWELL
3:00 to 4:30 pm • Saturday, October 25, 2003
Bronte Church of Christ Fellowship Hall*

**In Honor of "O"
(A Tribute to Oleta)**

By Blane Braswell

This poem is an attempt to capture the feelings shared by family and friends, toward a woman whose life is an example of what God calls us to be. Thoughts of her coincide with thoughts of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These fruits are a description of her life. Day by day she lives her life in step with the spirit. She leaves no doubt as to her intention of "hoeing her row to the end"!

Our lives on earth are but for a while
Time here just a short span.
We should live out our days
Seeking to praise; our God, the best way we can.

There is a lady, whom we all know
Unlike any other, she is Mama "O".
With a yielded heart, it's easy to see
Her life as an example, of what God calls us to be.
Service to others, comes high on her list
Only her Lord, will she place above this.
As for herself, her only concern
Comes after others, let's watch her and learn.

Her kitchen is always open, 24/7
Full of cookies and love.
It's almost like heaven
The sounds, the smells, the tastes
Are always the best
As she labors away
Never stopping to rest

When the chicken has been fried
And the kitchen squared away
All the dishes washed
And the kids gone to play
Only then will she rest
As she listens to God's word
Her eyes have long since failed her
But his word can still be heard.

A short rest and she's up
Ready to go again
Living a life of service
Serving others till the end.



The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will raffle this fishing boat. The boat includes a 55 HP Chrysler engine, a trolling motor, fish finder, and an electric anchor winch. Firemen with the boat include (from left) Assistant Chief Larry Martin, Fireman Ronny Shaw, Lt. Bucky Sparks, President Lew Millegan, Dispatcher Bud Thompson, Chief Rick Drennan, and Fireman Billy Williams.

our armed forces in battle and afterward, student speeches, lots of good food, visiting with good friends and lots of flag-waving. The stories from the paper and other artifacts are stored in the old depot.

You readers can ensure another successful program by calling your fellow veterans and friends and asking them to join you at the service honoring not only past heroes, but in sending out hope, prayers, and encouragement to the service members all over the world who are fighting terrorism, in drug wars, and risking their lives in Iraq.

This celebration will be different and exciting because some things at the memorial have been finished. A large piece of artillery from WWII and the sign for the Coke

County Veteran's Memorial Highway will be dedicated. Several new names have been added to the monument and we know that you will see many people you haven't seen in a long time.

Please come and celebrate with us on November 15, 2003.

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

First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331

Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel

101 Houston • Robert Lee

(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296

Pastor: Basilio Esquivel

Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am

& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister

Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;

Wed. 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Tennyson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennyson

(325) 482-0663

Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Victory Assembly of God

PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting



East Coke County Ambulance Service members include (back row, from left) Marty Boyd, Twanette Kelly, Dwight Sims, Kim Macon, Marilyn Bivins, Jerita Taylor, Julie Springer, Pete Percifull, Gwen Dyess, David Hargrave, (front row, from left) Steve Salmon, Jack Moore, Randa Taylor, Jan Magness, and Larry Dyess. Kathleen Morgan is not pictured.

ECCEMS welcomes new members; announces new ambulance purchase

The East Coke County EMS proudly welcomed graduates of the latest ECA class. New members are Randa Taylor, Twanette Kelly, Dwight Sims, Kim Macon and Julie Springer. A new 2003 Ford E450 ambulance was purchased earlier in the year. Steve Salmon, president, worked hard accumulating information and contacted a grant writer to work on the project. Grants were received from San Angelo Health Foundation, the Abel-Hanger Foundation of Midland and the Meadows Foundation of Dallas. Steve is a resident of San Angelo but has had ties to Coke County for many years and graciously helps out. With the arrival of the new ambulance, many things had to be done to prepare it for use. The radios and telephone had to be wired in, a brush guard and antennas mounted and all the equipment moved from the previous ambulance to the new one.

Larry Dyess did the mechanical work and checked to make sure it was road ready. Marilyn Bivins, Jack Moore, Steve Salmon, Jan Magness, David Hargrave and Larry and Gwen Dyess transferred equipment. When the new ambulance was ready to be put into service, the previous ambulance was donated to the volunteers of Sierra Blanca EMS.

Youth only hunt set for this weekend

The first of youth-only white-tail deer hunts will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26. Hunts are for licensed hunters age 16 and younger in our region. Some east Texas counties have different requirements, so if your young hunter goes afield there, look at the TPW guide, pg. 70. According to Game Warden Jim Allen, our region will hold with bag and permit requirements in force for the first two days of the general gun season.

Young hunters may also harvest turkeys during the two-day hunt.

Game Warden to address changes in fish and wildlife laws

On November 3, 2003 at 7:45 pm, the Bronte Masonic Lodge #962 will be hosting a presentation on changes to fish and wildlife laws by Game Warden Jim Allen. This will be a very informative program with questions and answers to follow Mr. Allen's presentation. Local residents are encouraged to attend.

Workday at RL Cemetery set

Members of Hayrick Masonic Lodge No. 696 have called a workday at the Robert Lee Cemetery for Saturday, November 1, 2003, beginning at 7:30 am. They will be filling in sunken graves and various things. Plan to attend and help the Masons.

Lamb and goat validation for 4-H and FFA

All 4-H and FFA members that plan to exhibit either a lamb or goat at any stock show this coming year must have them validated. Validation will be held at the show barn in Robert Lee, October 25, with the goats validated at 9:00 am and the lambs at 1:00 pm. Exhibitors must be present to have their animals validated.

Flu shots

Flu shots will be given in Robert Lee on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 9:00 am until 11:00. Girling Health Care will be giving the shots at the Robert Lee Senior Citizen building.

There will be a charge, except for those who are covered by Medicare.

For more information including transportation contact Annice Walker at 453-2314.

Quail season to open this weekend

The general quail hunting season will open this weekend in Coke County and throughout the state. This year's season begins officially on Saturday morning, October 25, 2003, and runs through Sunday, February 29, 2004. Daily bag limit for quail is 15, with a possession limit of 45. As quail are a non-migratory species, quail may be hunted around deer feeders (baited areas) and guns do not need to be plugged.

For information concerning this year's excellent quail hunting outlook, please consult your copy of the Coke County Hunting & Fishing Guide in this issue. For other information, you may need to refer back to your TPWD Outdoor Annual or contact local game warden Jim Allen.

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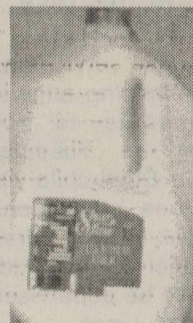
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Longhorn football

The Bronte Longhorns went to Roby Friday night and played a very good team. The Longhorns scrapped and fought them all night long, but fell on the short side of a 35-10 score.

The loss leaves Bronte at 5-2 overall and 1-1 in district. Roby was ahead at halftime 14-2, but came out in the third quarter and scored 21 unanswered points. The Longhorns tacked on a score late and made the final 35-10.

The Longhorns will play at home tonight against Miles in a big district game.

Bronte Shorthorn football

On Thursday, the 16th, the Bronte Shorthorns defeated Roby in a very close game, 20-18.

Bronte started the scoring during the first quarter when Kyle Nealy caused a Roby player to fumble on the Bronte 1 yard line. Nealy took the snap from inside the Bronte end zone and handed off to Brett Wills who took the ball 99 yards to score. The 2 point conversion failed.

Roby came back in the second quarter with a score to make it a tie ball game at the half.

In the third quarter Roby scored again to make it 12-6. The Shorthorns came back on a 20 yard score by Wills to tie the game. Brett made the 2 point conversion to put the Shorthorns up 14-12. Late in the quarter, Brett scored again from 30 yards out to put the Shorthorns up 20-12.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 27

Cereal, sliced peaches, cinnamon toast, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Oct. 29

Pop tart, assorted juice, teddy grams, milk

Thurs., Oct. 30

Scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, jelly, milk

Friday, Oct. 31

Blueberry muffins, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 27

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

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, Spanish rice, strawberry cups, milk

Wed., Oct. 29

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, rice krispie bars, milk

Thurs., Oct. 30

Chicken pot pie, corn on the cob, tossed salad, orange half, rolls, milk

Friday, Oct. 31

Sloppy Joe, tator tots, baked beans, bun, cup cake, milk

Roby scored in the fourth quarter but the 2 point conversion failed and the final score was 20-18.

Chris Guzman and Kyler Lee, along with the entire defense and offense, did a great job.

Bronte volleyball results

The Bronte varsity girls won against Santa Anna with scores of 25-8, 25-10, and 25-13.

Individual stats: McCutchen 22 assists, 1 block, 2 kills; Howell 12 kills, 3 blocks, 1 assist, 1 ace; Coalson 10 kills, 2 aces; Garcia 1 kill, 1 assist; Webb 1 kill; and Martinez 1 ace.

The girls varsity lost to Water Valley with scores of 25-13, 22-25, 10-25 and 22-25.

Individual stats: McCutchen 28 assists, 8 kills, 1 ace, 2 blocks; Coalson 11 kills, 1 assist; Howell 16 kills, 2 blocks; Rawlings 4 kills, 1 assist; Johnson 1 kill; Webb 2 kills; Garcia 1 kill; and Acker 1 assist.

The JV girls lost against Water Valley with scores of 28-30, 21-25 and 14-25.

Individual stats: Mirelez 4 kills, 6 assists, 3 aces; Stewart 2 kills, 2 aces; Cooper 5 assists, 5 kills; and Gibbs 2 kills, 1 ace.

Bronte elementary volleyball night

The Bronte All-Sports Boosters are inviting all elementary students to the Bronte gym on Tuesday, October 28th. Each child will be given a free admissions coupon that will include a free coke and popcorn. The children will need to be supervised by an adult at all times.

All of the Bronte volleyball teams will be playing the Miles Bulldogs. The junior high team will begin playing at 3:45 with the JV and varsity following. The varsity will begin playing around 6:30. This will be the Lady Horns last district game. Come out and support the Lady Shorthorns and Lady Longhorns.

First grade enjoys Abilene field trip

Bronte first grade classes went on a field trip to Abilene on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The first stop was the NCCIL to view actual illustrations created by Eric Carle, children's author and illustrator.

After the tour, they went to the park and ate lunch and played for a little bit to use up part of their energy before the next stop.

The next stop was the Grace Museum to see the dinosaur exhibit on the third floor. They viewed actual skeletons and models of dinosaur skeletons and footprints. When they finished touring the dinosaur exhibit they went to the second floor hands-on children's exploration area. The two favorites were the action room and the news room. When the session was over, they loaded up in the bus to return to school, very tired but happy first graders.

Bronte Community Web Site

Bronte High School's 4th period Multimedia class has recently been working on updating Bronte's community website. Ariel Marrs, Andrea Sanchez, and Diane Womack have undertaken this task for their Tech Prep Project.

The website contains information about Bronte - from shopping locations to services offered to restaurants and members of community organizations.

Not sure when the bank closes? Check the bank page. Need to know what you want from Hidalgo's to dial in your order? Check the Hidalgo's page. Not aware of what special events are coming up in the community? Check the special events page. There is even a link to Bronte ISD's school website.

If you are in doubt about any aspect of the community, look to www.brontetx.com for answers to your questions. If you have any information regarding the website, please contact Lisa Gibbs at Bronte High School, (325) 473-6018.

FSA holding LAP 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



Bronte Elementary 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who made the "A" Honor Roll were honored with a luncheon at Hidalgo's 277 restaurant. Also attending were the students' teachers, Alan Richey - superintendent, and Terry Marrs - elementary principal. Students earning recognition included fourth graders Mason Braswell, Mackenzie Gibbs, Kimberly Lee, Harley Wallace, Stephanie Huntley, Katie Austin, and Jill Scott; fifth graders Chase Harris, Arlis McMullan, Heath Richey, and Kelsey Sedden; and sixth graders Chelsea Cook, Chelsea Meek, Bill Miller, Tyler Riney, Jacob Scott, Shelbi Waller, Crawford James, Louie Martinez, and Kimberly Womack.

has determined the factor. The final date to sign up for the program has been extended by Washington. The final date for signup is now November 21st. There will be no late-filed applications allowed since all signup information will be forwarded to Washington as soon as sign up ends for the factor calculation.

Don't wait until the last minute, make an appointment today.

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

BASB news

by Randy Springer

On Monday, October 20th, 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). Regular meetings 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. Coach Rawls, Coach Fine, Coach "MAW" Bo, Coach Bedford, and Coach McCutchen are at every meeting reporting progress, injuries, and interests you won't

hear anywhere else, and they have made themselves available for questions, even with their very busy schedules.

So, that is what's happening with our kids this week:

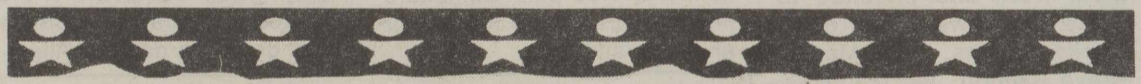
The Shorthorn football team will play at Miles Thursday evening, beginning at 5 pm.

The Varsity Longhorns will face off against Miles in Bronte at 7:30 pm Friday night.

The Lady Longhorns will travel to Veribest Saturday for volleyball games, beginning at 12 noon.

The Bronte volleyball teams will host Veribest Tuesday, October 28, beginning at 3:45 pm. All Bronte Elementary and Junior High School students will be admitted to these games FREE and given popcorn and drinks. This event is being sponsored by BASB. The boosters encourage all parents to attend to supervise their children.

Longhorn Fan Yard signs, new caps, new maroon t-shirts for all-sports and personalized cowbells are now available at all home games or from any BASB member listed below. The next BASB meeting is Monday, October 20th, 7:00 pm at the school library. See you there. Let's get'er done.



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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers vs: Miles

by Tom Sawyer

1st half

The Steers had another tough night last Friday with the Bulldogs scoring on five rushing touchdowns and a punt return for another. Steers 0 - Miles 36

2nd half

The Bulldogs had two more touchdowns and a safety to cap off their scoring. The Steers only scores came on a two-yard touchdown by Brandon Soliz in the third quarter. Vincent McClelland had a nice fifty-yard pass reception and run to set up a touchdown run by Evan Braswell and two-point conversion by Josh Conner. Steers 14 - Miles 52

Come see the Steers at home this week against Sterling City.

Dogies vs: Roscoe

The Dogies received the kick and started on their own 20. On the 1st play, they scored on a 80 yard pass from Landry Gunter to Josh Gallegos. A 2 point conversion by Brody Dillard made it an 8-0 game.

On Roscoe's 1st possession they scored on a 20 yard run making it 8-6.

The Dogies then had a nice drive on their next possession and scored when Landry hit Brody Dillard from 7 yards out. Roscoe came back and scored to knot it up at 14.

The Dogies next possession started at their own 7 when Roscoe picked off a pass and returned it 20 yards to go up 14-22 after the PAT.

On the Dogies next possession, the Dogies fumbled at their 48, but a few plays later Roscoe returned the favor and it was recovered by Taylor Percifull at our 48. The Dogies scored on a 43 yard pass from Landry to

Josh, making it 20-22. Roscoe fumbled again on their next possession and was recovered by Josh as the half ended.

To start the 2nd half, Roscoe scored 1st on a 35 yard run to go up 20-28. The Dogies came back with a 15 yard TD run from Brody and after Cameron Hodge's PAT, it was tied at 28.

The Dogies held on downs and the final TD was scored with about 15 seconds left. Brody Dillard punched it in from the one and Cameron scored the PAT to make the final score 36-28.

Chase Roe recovered a fumble on Roscoe's last possession to seal the victory.

Dogies vs: Miles

The Dogies received the opening kickoff and drove 67 yards to pay dirt as Cameron Hodge ran it in from 3 yards out. Cameron also ran in the PAT to go up 8-0. On Miles 1st possession they were forced to punt and the Dogies took over on their 41, but were held at the 26 on downs. Miles scored on a pass to make it 8-6.

The Dogies started on their 23 after the kick and Josh Gallegos scored on a 70 yard pass from Landry Gunter. Cameron converted on the PAT to make it 16-6.

In the 2nd half, the Dogies forced Miles to punt and took over at the Miles 48. Cameron ran it in from 7 yards out. The Dogies failed on the PAT, making it 22-6. On Miles next possession, Landry intercepted a pass at the 48. Landry connected on a 36 yard touchdown pass to Josh to go up 28-6. Miles drove the length of the field to score, making it 12-28. Miles attempted an on-side kick with about 5 seconds left, but Josh Gallegos picked it up and ran it all the way back as time ran out. The final score was Dogies 34-Miles 12.

RL cross country results

The cross country district meet was held on October 15th at Big Spring. The Robert Lee varsity girls placed 9th. Participating were Monica Rodriguez, Michele Sanchez, Andra Braswell, Rachel Wallace, Brittany Soliz, Tyler Lott, and Sarah Phillely.

Varsity boys participating were Chris Torres and Andy Mulkey.

Junior high runners were Lacie Sheridan, Chris LaRue, and Josh Gallegos.

Robert Lee PTO news

The Robert Lee PTO will meet on Monday, October 27, 2003, at 5:30 pm in the school cafeteria. All organizations who will have a booth at the Fall Festival are urged to attend as this will be the last meeting before the festival. For more information, please contact Laura Bell (453-

9104) or Katie Drennan (453-2343).

Robert Lee Project Graduation 2005

Robert Lee Project Graduation 2005 will be taking orders for basketball shirts. Shirts will be available in short or long sleeves. FMI contact Cindy Riley, Valarie Howard, Elena Sanchez or go by Cathy's to place your order.

AON to host supper

AON Service Club will be hosting their annual chicken spaghetti supper Friday, October 24, before the Sterling City/Robert Lee football game. The supper will be held in the RLHS school cafeteria, 5:00-7:00. The proceeds from this supper will go to the Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarship fund. These scholarships will be awarded to seniors from RLHS during the spring semester.

RL FFA taking fruit, meat orders

The Robert Lee FFA Chapter is taking orders for fruit and meat. The meat will be delivered before Thanksgiving and the fruit will be delivered in December.

The fruit and meat may be purchased from any FFA member or by contacting Jason Rich at 453-4555 before Monday, October 27.

RL FCCLA helping Food Bank

The Robert Lee FCCLA will be Trick-or-Treating for non-perishable food items for the Coke County Food Pantry Wednesday evening, October 29, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Please be ready for early goblins and support them in their efforts to help the local food bank.

Decision Making Committee to meet for RLISD

The public is invited to attend a Robert Lee ISD District Site-Based Decision Making Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, 5:00 pm in the high school library. Items on the agenda will include the expenditure of the Federal Funds Allotment for 2003-2004.

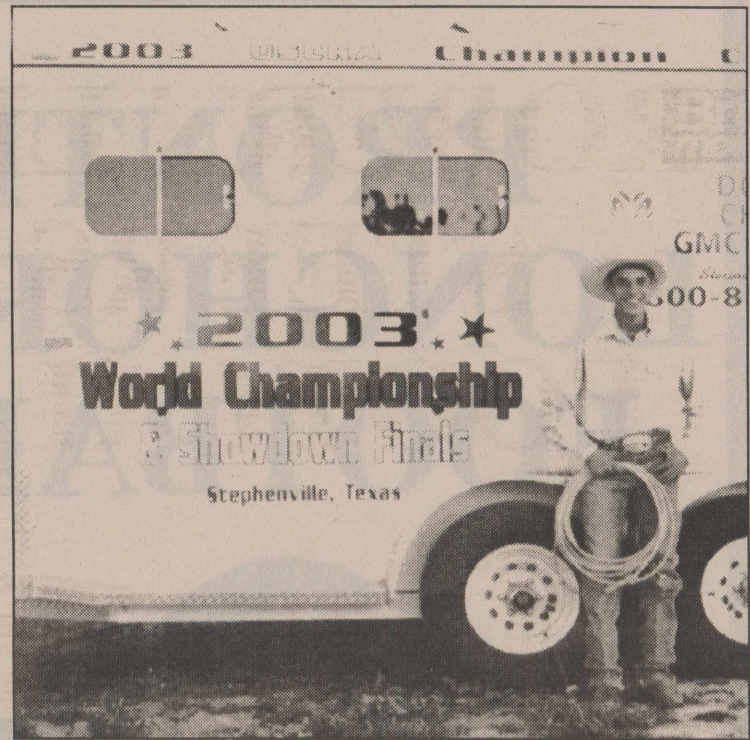
RLISD board meets in regular session

The Robert Lee ISD board of directors held a regular board meeting on Thursday, the 16th of October in the high school library of the public school building.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as was the paying of October invoices.

No action was taken by the board concerning the 11 man football petition.

The board voted to install 2



The United States Calf Roping Association World Championship and Showdown Finals were held in Stephenville, Texas, the last week in September. Lance Millican had the best average time on four head and was awarded this Logan 2 horse slant-load trailer and a Hy O' Silver belt buckle. Cowboys from around the United States attend ropings throughout the year and hundreds attend the Showdown and Finals at the Cowboy Capital of the World. Lance was a #1 roper and moved to a #2 after the finals. He is the son of Waldon and Judy Millican and the grandson of Wilbern and Charlotte Millican, all of Robert Lee. He is also the grandson of Bernice Matthiesen of Miles.

heaters in the gym, accepting a bid from Gideon Sheet Metal for the project.

Supt. Wallace informed the board on various topics including the yearly progress report, AEIS report, legislative updates and board training.

The principals gave their respective reports. The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, the 13th day of November. The public is invited to attend.

RL class of '48 to hold 55th reunion

The Robert Lee High School graduation class of 1948 is having their 55th reunion Saturday, October 25th at the Coke County small recreation hall. Everyone is cordially invited to bring memorabilia and visit in the afternoon. Members of the class and/or spouses if applicable who at some time attended Robert Lee School with the 1948 graduates and have advised they will be present are: Dale Brown, Paul Burns, Ida Belle Eaton Service, Doris Hamilton Shandley, Yvonne Jolly McClintock, Wanda Jones Sparks, Dale Lofton, Betty Jo Mauldin Lammers, Joy Millican Blake, Frances Parker Arnold, Billie Roberts Good, Preston Ross, Floyd Sheppard, Patty Taylor Sheppard, Jean

Varnadore Mathis, Peggy Davis and Maudie Watson Conley.

Personal

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John W. Hinnard, son of Thelma J. Hinnard of Robert Lee, has recently departed from the coast of the West African nation of Liberia while assigned to the amphibious transport dock ship USS Nashville, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Service members aboard Hinnard's ship participated in the insertion of U.S. Marines and Sailors into the capital city of Monrovia at the Roberts International Airport as well as the Freeport of Monrovia to provide support to West African forces who successfully established a safe area to conduct humanitarian operations.

Hinnard's ship, the USS Nashville, is an amphibious transport dock ship whose primary mission is to embark, deploy and land elements of a Marine landing force by landing craft air cushion, conventional landing craft or amphibious vehicles.

Hinnard is a 1985 graduate of Robert Lee High School and joined the Navy in April 1990.

For more information on the deployment and high resolution photographs, please visit the USS Nashville website at <http://www.nashville.navy.mil>.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 27

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Wed., Oct. 29

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Thurs., Oct. 30

Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Friday, Oct. 31

Juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 27

Burrito, salad, French fries, pears, cookie, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, English peas, sliced bread, peaches, milk

Wed., Oct. 29

Chili, crackers, baked potatoes, pineapple, chocolate pudding, milk

Thurs., Oct. 30

Chicken O's, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, fruit cocktail, milk

Friday, Oct. 31

Cheeseburger, chips, pickles, salad, fresh fruit, milk

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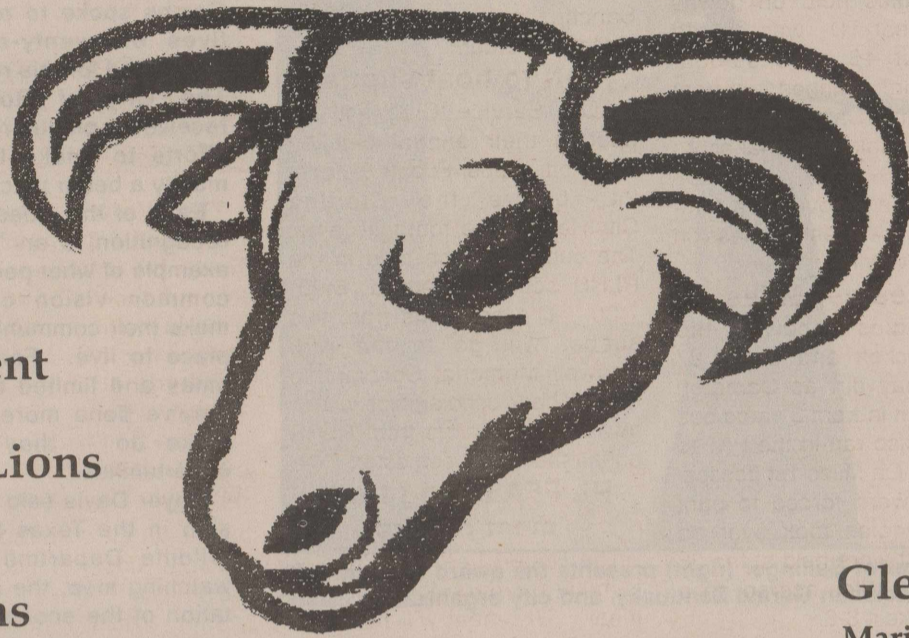
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September 5	Menard	There	8:00	8	37	
** September 12	Garden City	Here	8:00	15	27	
September 19	Christoval	There	8:00	6	33	
September 26	Winters	Here	8:00	7	49	
October 3	Open					
* October 10	Roscoe	There	7:30	0	42	
* October 17	Miles	There	7:30	14	52	
* October 24	Sterling City	Here	7:30			
* October 31	Roby	There	7:30			
* November 7	Bronte	Here	7:30			

* District 15A Games

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Outgoing TMCN President Phillip Springer of Ballinger (right) presents the award to (from left) Bronte Mayor Martin Lee, Bronte City Councilman Gerald Sandusky, and city organization liaison Julie Springer.

... Bronte receives award

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mine which group in the community was responsible for addressing the goal. (city, economic development, chamber of commerce or civic club)

Pride - a city must have an active beautification program or city cleanup ordinances established and being enforced.

Assessment - a city must receive an unannounced visit by an outside team of volunteers that assesses the city's positive and negative aspect and produces a report for the city.

Youth Involvement - at least six students must be involved in a community project in which they work side by side with adults.

Connectivity - a city must have an up-to-date web site that represents the entire community and is linked to the Texas Midwest site.

"Citizens in the award winning communities have much to be proud of," according to TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle. "Many of our rural communities are working hard to prepare for challenges of the future. The 8 communities honored are leaders in the effort."

Texas Midwest Community is a regional organization focused on economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, education and legislative awareness. For more information see the organization's web site texasmidwest.org.

... RL receives award

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opment efforts. Businesses in Robert Lee now can apply for grant funds to repair and renovate building facades. Plans to renovate the historic Old Jail are underway, headed by a graduate student from the University of Texas. Robert Lee is also on the map for birding opportunities.

Though the payoff from these early development

efforts is still in the future, community pride runs deep. According to Beth Prather, the economic development coordinator for Robert Lee, the keys are dedication and communication.

"Be prepared to research all options," she said. "Then let everyone who wants to know what is going on. Citizens will act when they know what is needed and how to do it."

Texas Yes! is a broad-based membership program and initiative launched by TDA. The program is open to rural communities, Texas businesses with locations in rural Texas and individuals, organizations and associations that support and promote rural Texas.

"An important part of Texas Yes! is to spotlight the success stories of rural communities across the state," said Combs. "One community's success can be the spark for another's."

The Texas Yes! Advisory Board includes Pulitzer-prize winning author Larry McMurtry; Evan Smith, editor, Texas Monthly; Emmett McCoy, founder, McCoy's Building Supply Centers; Tom

Dobson, chairman and CEO of Whataburger; Dr. Robert Sweazy, vice president, Texas Tech University; George Cogswell, president and publisher, Abilene Reporter-News; Tim Crenwelge, mayor of Fredericksburg; Rob Brown, with the R.A. Brown Ranch; and Tom Perini, with Perini Ranch Steakhouse.

"The caliber and commitment of our board members is a testament to the strong support for rural Texas," said Combs.

Gov. Rick Perry joined Commissioner Combs in saluting the hardworking rural communities at the Oct. 15 Texas Yes! kick-off event. He also recently announced a \$1 million grant from his office to the Texas Yes! program for a two-year effort to market and promote tourism in rural Texas. The grant is part of Gov. Perry's broad economic development initiative.

For more information on Texas Yes!, including membership application details and benefits, visit www.TexasYes.org or call (866) 4TEX-YES.

RL Mayor receives award for city in Austin

The City of Robert Lee was represented at the Governor's Mansion in Austin October 15, 2003, by Mayor and Mrs. Garland Davis to receive recognition for having been nominated as a contender for a "Hardworking Rural Texas Community" award being launched under the Texas Department of Agriculture to promote the growth and prosperity of rural Texas.

Governor Rick Perry and Texas Department of Agriculture Director Susan Combs spoke to representatives of twenty-one cities nominated for this recognition. The City of Robert Lee received a plaque recognizing efforts to "make their community a better place to live."

Each of the cities receiving recognition is an "incredible example of what people with a common vision can do to make their community a better place to live. Facing tough times and limited resources, they've done more than just make do -- they've made opportunities."

Mayor Davis said that inclusion in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's bird watching map, the implementation of the economic development sales tax, work towards making the Old Jail a tourist destination, Bryan's Barn, the volunteer fire department, the EMS, the Street Affair, and the involvement of citizens to make the town a more attractive place, have all played a part in this recognition.

The Texas Yes! Program is designed to promote rural Texas. Susan Combs said, "Small towns are the backbone of rural Texas, and that's why Texas Yes! is big on small towns. There has never been a more important time to fight for them. Fortunately, we have all the right tools: great rural communities, strong state leadership all the way from the governor's office down to the local level and an unswerving commitment to succeed."

Hunter Barbecue tickets available

Tickets are now available for the 15th Annual Hunters Barbecue, set for Saturday, November 1, 2003, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue

tickets for their hunters at the following locations in Robert Lee: C&H Auto and Hardware, Key Feed Store, or Wink Insurance. Donations may also be mailed to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

For more information contact Robert Wink, Chairman, at 453-4551 (ofc) and 453-2003 (home). According to Wink, "our deer hunters bring a lot of dollars into the local economy, and we would like to express our appreciation to them for their continued support."

In addition, there is always a place for local folks to help with the appreciation barbecue, whether you want to volunteer as a cook, baker, server, ticket taker, or serve on the set-up or clean-up crews. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Robert Wink at the phone numbers above.

Desserts needed

for Bronte Barbecue

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue in Bronte will be held this year on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Coordinator Kerry Hall would like to make an appeal to area cooks to provide a dessert for the benefit barbecue. If you would like to donate a dessert, please contact Kerry Hall at 473-2065.

4-H pumpkin contest

All 4-H members wanting to participate in the pumpkin contest need to have their painted, carved or decorated pumpkin at the extension office in the courthouse by Thursday, October 30 at 10:00 am to be judged. Pumpkins may be picked up that afternoon by 5:00 pm.

4-H Awards

Reception

The annual 4-H Awards Reception will be held Sunday, October 26, 2003 at the Lady of Guadalupe Catholic church from 3-5 pm. All 4-Hers who completed a project last year are encouraged to attend and receive their award. For more information, please call 453-2461.

Sterling County Hunter dinner slated

The Extension Program Council Executive Board of Texas Cooperative Extension in Sterling City is sponsoring their annual Hunter's Appreciation Dinner November 1, 2003, at the Sterling County Community Center beginning at 6:00 pm.

Contact Chad Coburn at 325-378-3181 for more information.

The Bronte Independent School District will hold a public meeting on Schools FIRST At 8:00 pm November 17, 2003 In the BISD Board Room 210 South Jefferson, Bronte, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss BRONTE ISD's Financial Accountability System.

Following the Schools FIRST Public hearing A Public Hearing will be held at approximately 8:15 pm on the TEA Academic Excellence Indicators System Ratings for Bronte ISD.

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The Coke County library has been included in a grant from the Tocker Foundation to automate library procedures. The grant will include all hardware and software necessary to make the transition. Eventually, all libraries would be required to be automated to receive state certification. Having a grant to implement automation is an outstanding opportunity for the library. A February date has been set to begin receiving equipment and training.

The Trick or Treat walk about town has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 28. All three to five year old children, siblings, parents and caregivers are invited to the party. The walk will begin at 10:00 am at the library and will stop at businesses along Austin Street wishing to participate.

Costumes are the dress for the occasion and a trick or treat sack is a good idea.

Things You Thought You Knew (But don't count on it!) by Joseph Rosenbloom has been added to the library collection. Covering people, history, science and creatures, the book points out many misunderstandings. For instance, "The pupil of the eyes only appears to be black; actually it is a transparent hole in the middle of the iris." Also, "not all sharks are dangerous, anymore than all snakes are poisonous. It is estimated that of the nearly 300 different sharks in the waters of the world, as few as 10 percent are dangerous. The remainder are harmless and would much prefer to be left alone. The largest sharks are often the most harmless since they eat plankton rather than flesh.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Story hour for three to five year olds is Tuesday at 10:00; Head Start story time is Wednesday, at 9:30. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the 24/7 book drop on the library porch.

4th grade HEB camp

Doesn't fishing, canoeing, hunter safety, swimming in the Frio River, and pottery sound fun to you? These are just a few of the classes that 4th graders from Bronte and Robert Lee take while at HEB camp.

HEB camp is an outdoor education program that every 4th grade student in the Bronte or Robert Lee school system takes part in. The camp itself is in Leaky, Texas. Students spend four fun-filled, exhausting days experiencing the classes listed above in addition to many others. "It is a great way to expose students to many experiences that we otherwise could not do in the school setting," said Kandace Arrott, 4th grade teacher.

Participants are divided into groups that consist of students from both schools. Each group rotates through the different activities and presenters that are brought in.

The H.E. Butts Foundation donates the camp site, but all

of the food, presenters, and insurance must be provided by the school. In the past, Bronte 4th graders held candy sales to raise money for the camp. Now, due to new Minimal Nutritional Value Laws by the Texas Department of Agriculture, not much candy is allowed to be sold at school.

To offset expenses, the Bronte 4th graders will be serving a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner. The event will be held on Sunday, November 2, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in front of the school. For a small price, you will receive a meal of baked chicken, potato salad, beans, and bread. Come by after church and pick up a dinner to take home or several and freeze for later!

Eubanks take Europe by storm

The Eubanks (Chris and Brian) moved to Germany last December to join their mother, sister and stepfather as he was assigned to Spangdahlem AB Germany. Since they have been in Germany, they have set the mark for sports accomplishments. In May 2003, Chris took the European Championship in discus and placed second in all of Europe in shot put.

Now, both brothers are playing for the Bitburg Barons football team. Chris is the defensive captain playing linebacker and offensive guard, Brian, after playing a successful season on junior varsity as first string center and defensive lineman, was promoted to the varsity squad. Chris is the leading defensive player for the Bitburg Barons with over 60 tackles in only 6 games and 2 blocked field goals. He led his defense to an impressive win over the Hanau Panthers in their first playoff game.

The Eubanks brothers will be traveling with the team to Naples, Italy on the 23rd of October to compete against the Naples football team in a playoff game to determine if the Barons go to the European Championship.

Chris is looking forward to track season and has a very strong chance to beat the current Department of Defense Dependent Schools European records in discus and shot put. He is currently planning to return to West Texas and attend Angelo State University.

Grandparents are Sharon and Frank Pearson of Robert Lee and Sid and Johnnie Eubanks of Bronte.

Sorosis Club news

by Swan Archinal
The Sorosis Club of Bronte met Thursday, October 9, in the home of Peggy Hembree. Jeanne Duke gave a program on Creative Memories. She showed us how to organize our photos and the proper way to preserve them in albums. She pointed out that it is beneficial to write a narrative along with the pictures so succeeding generations will know who, what, where and when. She also told us that she is available for classes and has all the equipment necessary to get the job done.

While we ate refreshments our president, Marilyn Bivins, reported on the success of the rummage sale. The proceeds will be divided between the swimming pool fund and the

scholarship fund.

Marilyn reminded the ones who bought tickets for the play, Guys and Dolls, that they are to go on Sunday, October 26.

Our next meeting will be November 20 in Marilyn Bivins home. The U.I.L. participants of Bronte Independent School District will present their oral readings. This is always a fun time for the students and members.

Members present were: Marilyn Bivins, LouAnna Peters, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Diane Lockett, Fredna Moore, Jane Wheat, Joan Lightfoot, Lanette Fletcher, Janet Wommack, Charlotte Tounget, Swan Archinal, Joyce Hoffman, Celia Bowden, Peggy Hembree, and our guest, Jeanne Duke.

Marilyn Bivins won the Chinese auction.

Personal

Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee spent the weekend in Houston with their daughter and family, Jim and Sheila Farrar and Lauren Hammerton. Lauren recently celebrated her sixteenth birthday, she is a sophomore at Houston's Klein Forest High School, and a member of the Goldduster's drill team. She is a social officer and is the academic advisor of the team as she is maintaining straight A's in her school classes. Lauren has recently started her first job at the Cold Stone Creamery which is an ice cream parlor that makes their own ice cream.

The group attended the district football game between Klein Forest and the No. 4



These three trucks were only a few of the classic vehicles on display during the Robert Lee Street Affair Saturday, October 4, 2003, in Robert Lee.

rated Spring-Westfield. Klein Forest won 42 to 27, a very exciting game. Lauren was honored to present the Friendship gift to the other drill team in the pre-game activities and performed with the drill team during halftime. She is on the "Good Sportsmanship League" by invitation.

The trip was very enjoyable as the countryside between Coke County and Houston was wet and green. Bobby and Jeffie returned home to find that it had rained again and their creek ran to replenish their water wells. The week's rain total was 5.9 inches at the Roberts' ranch.

'64 Study Club news

The '64 Study Club met on October 14, 2003 at the Catholic Church Fellowship building with 34 members and 3 visitors present.

Della Alexander gave a program on Topiary Designs. Hostesses were Pauline

Brumley, Betty Hurley, Beth Prather, Jennie Tinkler and Yvonne Devoll.

Celebrating October birthdays will be Virginia Fikes, Patti Ivey, Kay Lackey and Winnie Pitcock.

The next meeting will be November 11, 2003.

Vista Care sponsors support group

VistaCare and the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a bereavement support group for family and friends who have experienced the death of a loved one. The first of five sessions will begin Monday, October 27 at 5:30 pm in the VistaCare office located at 940-B Arroyo Drive in San Angelo. The sessions will end at approximately 7:00 pm.

The support groups are offered free of charge.

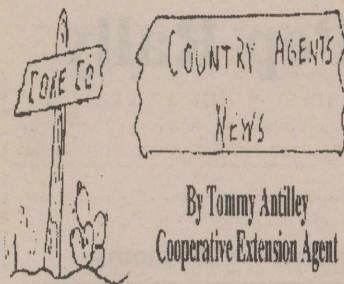
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Texas Hair Sheep Producers form coalition

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On October 9, 2003, a group of hair sheep producers, educators, and industry leaders met in Sterling City to discuss the formation of a hair sheep association/coalition. This meeting was partially a result from a prior Economic Development meeting that was held on September 20, 2003 in Sterling City. There was a major discussion on hair sheep production at the September 20th meeting including the official launching of the Royal White breed. There was also discussion of a possible breed association formation. Thus, the reason for the October 9th meeting.

The October meeting was attended by interested producers, leather industry leaders, USDA Rural Economic Development personnel, TDA personnel, and the County Extension Agent - Ag/NR, Sterling County.

It was decided to form a coalition officially called the Texas Hair Sheep Producers Coalition. This will be a Texas based organization housed in Sterling City. The group discussed and voted on a Board of Directors and an Advisory Board. The Chairman of the Board is Clinton Hodges, Sterling County Producer and the Secretary/Treasurer is Angie Davidson, City Secretary for Sterling City. The Advisory Board will consist of Texas Cooperative Extension faculty, Texas A&M faculty, Angelo State University faculty, and Texas Tech University faculty.

Producers interested in membership within the coalition, which is open to the world, will pay a yearly membership of \$50. Anyone interested may send their dues to: Angie Davidson, Secretary/Treasurer Texas Hair Sheep Producers Coalition, PO Box 245, Sterling City, TX 76951.

There will be a grant request through USDA Rural Economic Development to cover the cost of a feasibility study and will be submitted by October 20, 2003. If funded, the grant will fund both meat and leather research (consumer panel taste test, etc.. of hair breeds versus hair breeds crossed with traditional breeds versus traditional breeds alone).

The impacts of this coalition and the hair sheep industry on the economy has tremendous potential. There is a two-fold reason; leather (hide) quality and meat quality. Leather and carcass data from 105 Royal White lambs was presented at the September 20th meeting. Leather data from the Texas Tech Leather Research Institute indicates that skins from these sheep are extraordinarily high quality. Meat from these 105 harvested lambs was consumed at the meeting. Participants report that palatability was unlike any other, and the taste was similar to goat meat.

The future of this industry reflects potential, not only for West Texas hair sheep producers, but for hair sheep producers in Texas, the U.S., and the rest

of the world (especially the Middle East). Currently, the Lear/Chrysler Corporation is requesting 10,000 hair sheep hides each year for five years to potentially use in Dodge Ram vehicles for high-quality leather seating. Requests like this are not uncommon. Feasibility studies will determine skin (leather) value. Economic return from these types of ventures may be extremely substantial for producers and local economies.

Anyone interested in becoming a member or for further information concerning the Texas Hair Sheep Producers Coalition, please contact Angie Davidson at the above mentioned address or at (325) 378-2811.

Report of the "Quilting Women"

By Ava Lou Davis
Listed below is the final submission regarding the original "quilting women" of the Robert Lee Methodist Church. A scrapbook is filled with stories of women who lived in Coke County.

This scrapbook is filled with stories of women who lived in Coke County. These particular women loved to quilt and visit with one another at church or socials. Sometimes they took turns quilting in each other's homes.

Some you may remember and others maybe not. Some ladies were born in the late 1800's, some later.

These women came from all walks of life, and ancestry. Some migrated from Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia to settle in parts of Coke County. Their families farmed or ranched in Sanco, Edith, or Wildcat.

They made many sacrifices and some raised their children in a four room house. They didn't always have running water in their houses. Some had to carry water from a well or river.

Some of their husbands were judges, lawyers, or other county officials. They were pioneers that opened up communities and schools in Coke County.

The women didn't all attend church at the Methodist Church, however they quilted there. These were called 'Friendship Quilts'.

Dedication day for honoring the quilting women will be November 2, at the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee at the 11:00 Service.

TPWD general deer harvest recommendations

Landowners and hunters are reminded that the general hunting season for white-tailed deer in Coke County will open Saturday, November 1, 2003 and continue through January 4, 2004. The legal bag limit in Coke County is 5 deer, no more than 2 bucks. No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, however, both bucks and antlerless deer must be properly tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license. There will be a special late general season; January 5-18 (antlerless and spike bucks only). The bag limit on buck deer is 2, all seasons combined.

Deer populations vary from area to area and even from ranch to ranch. The either sex regulation allows landowners and hunters the flexibility to harvest antlerless deer on his/her property in order to keep deer numbers in balance with available food supply. It does not automatically mean that a heavy antlerless deer harvest is needed. The recommended harvest rates for both

bucks and antlerless deer, provided by the department, should be used only as a general guideline for harvesting deer. If more intense management is desired, we suggest that landmanagers survey their own properties. This will allow for a more accurate representation of deer numbers on their ranch. Please note that in most cases the department recommends more antlerless deer to be harvested than bucks.

The recommended guideline for harvesting antlerless deer throughout most of Coke County is 1 antlerless deer per 125 acres. The recommended harvest rate on bucks is 1 per 250 acres.

For more information concerning harvest rates or wildlife management planning, contact Wildlife Biologist, Ralph Suarez, at 325-732-4434.

DPS needs more troopers

DPS is kicking off a new recruiting drive to fill the next trooper training class.

The application deadline is November 7 for in-state applicants and October 28 for out-of-state residents.

"Retirements and an increase in the number of trooper positions continue to create challenges on the recruiting front," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "We have already graduated 652 troopers the last two years, but we need a strong recruiting push to ensure a quality, diversified applicant pool to fill our next recruit school."

The six-month training academy will start February 2, 2004 in Austin. Application packets can be picked up at the nearest DPS office and extensive information is accessible on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us <<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>>.

Information also is available by calling a toll-free number 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS Headquarters in Austin.

Graduates are initially assigned as uniformed troopers in one of several services. After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the Texas Highway Patrol, Criminal Law Enforcement, Driver License, Administration and Texas Ranger divisions.

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, at least 20 years of age by the time they are accepted as trooper-trainees and have completed 90 hours of college credit. Law enforcement, jailer or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

An applicant's background will be carefully scrutinized, including prior criminal history. DPS in an equal opportunity employer.

WTRC needs quilting friends stitching

An important element of West Texas Rehabilitation Center's annual telethon on January 17, 2004 is the quilt/afghan auction, which features handmade items donated by individuals and quilting clubs throughout West Texas.

Each year, these handcrafted gifts raise about \$25,000-all of which goes directly into rehabilitation treatment programs for children and adults who are trying to stitch together the pieces of lives which have been ripped apart by illness or injury.

With Rehab 2004 only months away, WTRC is asking for its quilting friends to begin stitching

together their quilts and afghans now - and let Rehab know about it. To get more information or to say "Yes, Rehab can count on me for a quilt or afghan," call the donor relations department at WTRC San Angelo at 325-223-6300.

The Rehab Center provides outpatient rehabilitation care to more than 20,000 patients each year through its facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. Top quality treatment services are provided to every patient regardless of their financial status-thanks to the generous support Rehab receives for such fundraising events as the annual telethon.

Forest service offers windbreak trees

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

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

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," Fewin explains. "They create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics." Available species for Coke County include afghan pine, Arizona cypress, redbud, Italian stone pine, aromatic (skunkbush) sumac, black cherry, bur oak, catalpa, desert willow, green ash, hackberry, honeylocust, lacebark elm, nanking cherry, osage orange, Russian olive, sandcherry, sand plum, shumard oak, and smooth sumac. The hardwoods are sold in multiples of 50 seedlings per species. They are very inexpensive and can be divided among your neighbors.

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

Orders will be taken through Monday, January 26, 2004 and will be delivered on Thursday, February 5, 2004.

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

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2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS	\$ 9,995
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<i>4 Door • Silver • 27,874 Miles</i>	
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<i>Red w/Black Convertible Top • 18,000 Miles • Very Sporty!</i>	
1999 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab	\$11,495
<i>Red • 56,363 Miles</i>	
2003 Ford Escape XLT	\$18,995
<i>Silver w/Gray Interior • PW/PL • 6 Disc CD</i>	
2002 Ford Explorer XLT	\$18,995
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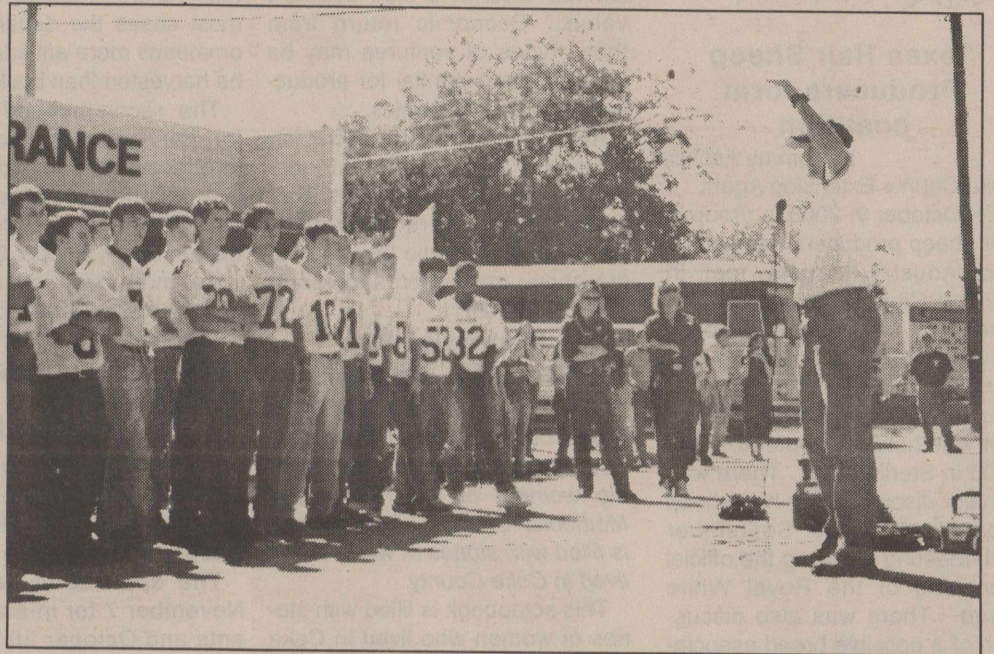
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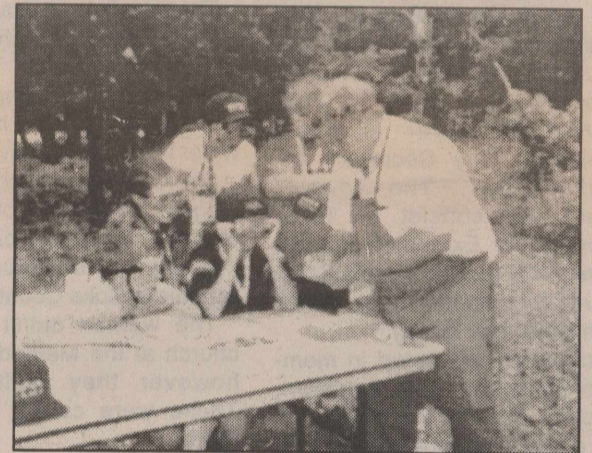
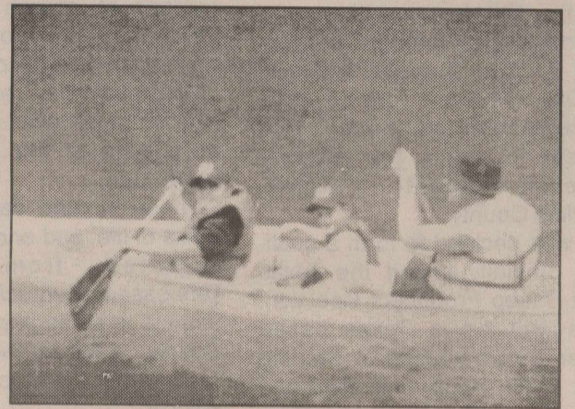
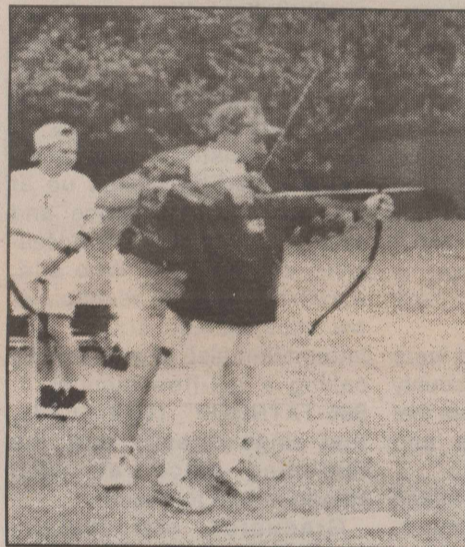


Coach Bedford addresses the Longhorns.



County 4th graders attend HEB camp.

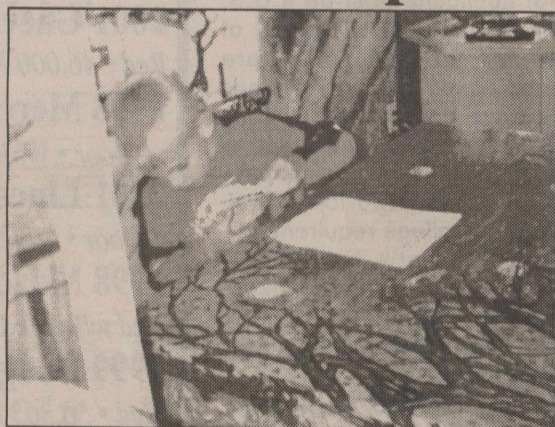
Students from last year's 4th grade (2003) enjoy all the presenters at HEB Camp.



Bronte 1st grade field trip



Serena Baker, Addie Rosson, Savannah Arthur, and Mireya Sanchez enjoy "driving" at the Grace Children's Museum.



Jacob Baken makes plans for his learning experience during at the Grace Children's Museum.

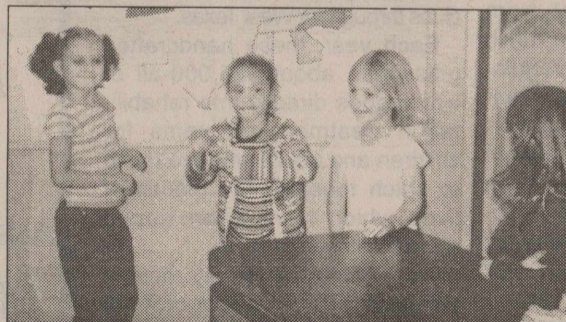


Jared Moore, Josh Puentez, Dakota Arthur, and Oscar Pena practice being cowboys and cowgirls.

The children enjoy lunch at the park.



Future weather girls Maria Franco, Amber Betts, and Dakota Arthur give a weather forecast while news anchor Jessica Arthur listens.



Addie Rosson, Esmeralda Ruezga, Maria Franco, and Serena Baker experiment with color and shapes.

