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## Coke County Livestock Show begins January 16

The 63rd edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show will be held this weekend, January 16 and 17. The show is held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year's show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, more than 75 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from the county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$120,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin Friday (today), January 16 at 6:30 pm with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Marty Gibbs, Runnels County Extension Agent. Saturday, January 17, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, followed by the Market Steer show at 11:00 am, judged by Joe Behrens, cattle and swine producer from Voca, Tx.

The Buyer's appreciation barbecue will be served at noon, following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 2:00 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors that include: Loretta Bridges, Shane Kelton, Shane Webb, Wayne Coalson, Rick Howell, David Jackson, Jerry T. Parker, Mike Cervenka, Corby Kelso, Doug Tounget, Douglas Roberts, Mike McCabe, Teddy Millican, Wibby Millican, Joel Percifull, Pat Percifull, Darrel Pitcock, Mark Riley, Ernest Ybarra, Lynn Denton, Mike Rodriguez, Ricky Ross, Ricky Royall, Joe Harmon and Rick Sanchez.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show would like to invite everyone to

come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

### Courthouse to be closed

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Business will resume on Tuesday morning at 8:00 am.

### WTRC Telethon set for January 17

Members of the 64 Study Club in Robert Lee and Diane Luckett and Pat Martindale of Bronte will be among friends of West Texas Rehabilitation Center manning telephones for the Rehab Center's 34th annual telethon on Saturday, January 17, 2004.

The Bronte phone bank will operate from 7 pm to 10 pm. Donors may call 473-4821 to make a pledge during the telethon or make an advance donation prior to January 17. Robert Lee's phone bank will be located at Ivey Motor Company and donors may call their pledges to 453-2715. Originating live from the Abilene Civic Center, the telethon will be carried by ten television stations covering Texas and portions of New Mexico and Oklahoma. KLST-TV in San Angelo is among the host stations. Also, the show may be viewed via satellite: Galaxy 11, Transponder 17.

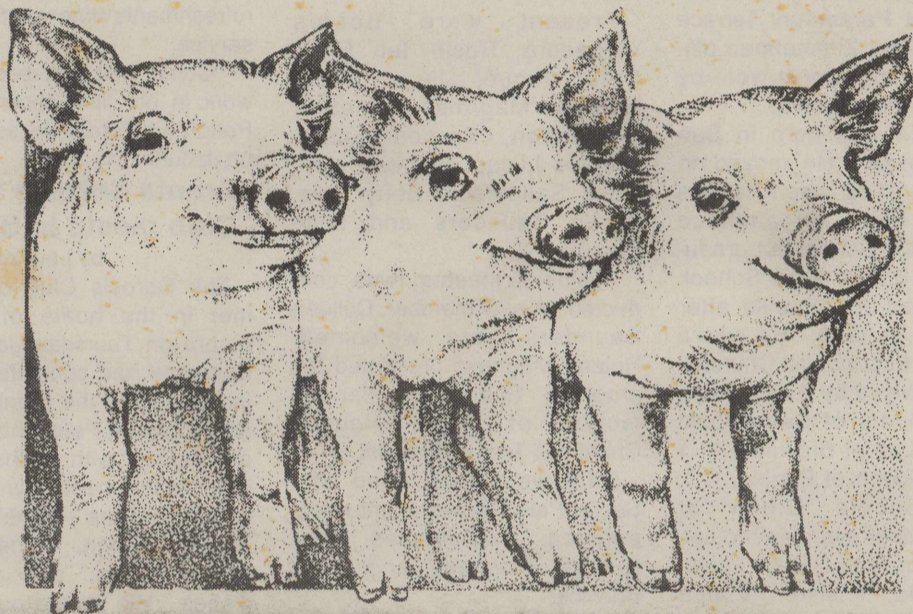
Rising country music star Joe Nichols will be the featured entertainer. He will be joined by hosts Red Steagall and Charlie Chase. Other performers will include Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule, Anacani, Jonnell Mosser and Morgan Jones.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon includes an auction of more than 350 items donated by businesses and individuals. Items can be seen and bids placed on the web site from now until midnight January 17 at "http://www.westtexasrehab.org". An auction tabloid and toll-free bidding numbers will be published in the San Angelo Standard-Times on January 17.

Significant underwriting for Rehab 2004 has come from American Electric Power and Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books. "The challenge for the rest of us is to build on the momentum started by these two great corporate friends," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

Also providing additional sup-

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January 16 & 17, 2004

Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Hall • Robert Lee

port is Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, an auction partner, and American Airlines/American Eagle, the official air carrier for the telethon.

Traditionally, the benefit telecast raises more than \$1 million for the Center's operating expenses at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

### Property taxes need to be paid this month to avoid penalty

January is the last month payment can be made on property taxes without penalty and interest accruing on the balance.

Tax payments made in person or postmarked no later than January 31, 2004, will be accepted without penalty.

Credit card payments may be made over the phone by calling 1-888-2PAY-TAX (1-888-272-9829). Tax payers may also pay online at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) (Jurisdiction Code 5310).

For assistance or additional information, please call the Coke County Tax Office at 325/453-2614.

### Watch for new voter registration cards

The Three-Judge Panel Concerning Congressional Redistricting has issued its ruling concerning redistricting and The Secretary of State has now approved the issuance of the new voter registration cards. The Voter Registrar's office of Coke County will begin printing the new cards this week.

Please watch your mail for your new "blue" voter card. If you are a registered voter in Coke County and do not receive a new card by January 26, 2004,

please call 453-2614 or come by the Coke County Tax Office. Please verify that all information on your new card is correct. If there is an error please contact the Coke County Tax Office.

If you are not registered to vote, please remember that February 9, 2004 is the last date to register if you want to vote in the March Primary election.

### CC Retired Teachers to meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, January 19. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Members, remember to bring your volunteer hours totals.

### Red Hat Society meeting slated

The Coke County Red Hat Society, newly named the Red Hat Mamas, will meet at 11:00 am on Tuesday, February 3rd at Hidalgo's, Hwy. 277 in Bronte. You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life.

### Coke County Pool Receives Matching Grant

The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. has announced that Bronte Swimming Pool has been awarded a matching grant of \$500 through the 2003 Matching Grant Program. These grant funds will complement the local efforts towards the repair and renovation of the pool.

Roy Blair, Concho Valley

RC&D board member representing Coke County said, "We received seven applications for worthy community projects in thirteen counties. Our Grant Evaluation Committee reviewed and rated each proposal based on community need, expected benefits and local commitment. Our goal was to make these funds available to the communities and organizations in our thirteen county area for local projects."

The RC&D program is authorized by USDA and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The individual RC&D councils direct the program to the needs of the local communities. For more information about the RC&D program, contact your local USDA-NRCS office or the Concho Valley RC&D Office at 325-597-4666.

The Concho Valley RC&D Area and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibit discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

### Notice to Bronte residents

Due to the recent increase of wild animals in residential areas, the City of Bronte is asking anyone who sees skunks, raccoons, possums, or foxes in town to please call the City Hall at 325-473-3501, so they may be eliminated. The City Hall is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. After hours, please call 325-895-0548.

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## Obituaries

**Glenn**  
 Mason Glenn, 53, of Amarillo, formerly of Bronte, died Saturday, Jan. 10th in Amarillo, Texas. Funeral service was held on Monday, January 12th, at 2:00 pm at Paramount Terrace with Rev. Mark Zimmerman officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home.

Mr. Glenn was born in San Angelo, Texas. He moved to Amarillo in 1962 when he was 12 years old. He attended Tascosa High School but graduated from Bronte High School. He returned to Amarillo after graduation in 1968. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Pam Saunders of San Angelo and Molly Lee of Brownwood; 1 son, Colt Glenn of Pueblo, CO; mother, Bobbie Glenn of Amarillo; father and step-mother, James Vernon and Bess Glenn of Amarillo; 1 sister, Elaine Alford of Canyon; step-sister, Linda Leake of Amarillo; 2 step-brothers, Terry McEntyre of San Angelo and Mike McEntyre of Amarillo; and 6 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

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**Jackson**  
 Lloyd Lynn Jackson, 41, of Ballinger, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, in San Angelo. Graveside service was at 2 pm Saturday, Dec. 27, in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include a brother, Jimmy Jackson of Ballinger; and sister, Belinda Jackson of Bronte.

**Brown**  
 J.D. Brown, 89, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, in Robert Lee. Graveside service was at 11 am, Thursday, Jan. 8, in Belvedere Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughters, Frances Gizzi and Maymme

Keeling, both of San Angelo; and sons, Marvin Lee Brown and John David Brown, both of San Angelo.

**Blackwell Euterpean Club news**  
 The Blackwell Euterpean Club met for the annual Christmas party in the Baptist Fellowship Hall.

Present were Bobbie Varnadore, Rosie Ten Eyck, Cliffla Hague, Janet Lisso, Hulene Magness, Heather Sanderson, Brenda Smith, Tommie Lucas, Sharon Taylor, Dona Sanderson, Betty Cole, Karen Saunders and Lillie Burwick.

Business meeting was conducted. A new member, Colleen Saunders, was welcomed. Hulene Magness presented the program. She showed her collection of White Houses Christmas Tree ornaments.

Gifts were exchanged with Secret Pals. Refreshments were enjoyed. Hostesses were Hulene Magness and Lillie Burwick.

**Area students named to ASU's dean's list**

Listed below are students who made the Angelo State University dean's list for the fall semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must be enrolled full-time at ASU and maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

**Blackwell:** Jenifer Ruth Breshers, accounting; Katrina Lynn Buckner, marketing; and Shelly Dawn Self, interdisciplinary child development and learning.

**Bronte:** Michaela C. Arrott, undeclared; Christy L. Griffin, nursing; Morgan Lee McCutchen, animal science; Candace Lacy Schoenfeld, nursing; and Stephanie Nicole Shafer, pre-nursing.

**Robert Lee:** Cody Joe Blair, computer science; Adam A. Cates, communication; Dana Michelle Felts, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Chad W. Helwig, communication; Brittanie Allison Perez, psy-

chology; Matthew Bryan Pitcock, management; and Sandra K. Sawyer, interdisciplinary child development and learning.

**Runnels Baptist Association to meet**

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, January 19, 2004, at First Baptist Church, Miles.

The Executive Board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 pm. The evening meal will be served at 6:00 pm.

The program will be on Doctrinal Emphasis. It will begin at 7:00 pm. Eddie Tingle will be in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

**Pastor Ordination Service slated**

An Ordination of Pastor Service will be held at the Tennyson Baptist Church January 25, 2004, at 2:00 pm. The Tennyson Baptist Church is located on Hwy. 277, 10 miles south of Bronte. Brother Joe Hodges will be ordained as Pastor. A fellowship and refreshments time will follow the service.

Come visit and see God at work in our little church. John Patton was ordained as Deacon on January 11, 2004.

**Bronte Sorosis Study Club meets in Bronte**

by LouAnna Peters  
 The Sorosis Club of Bronte met in the home of Fredna Moore on Thursday, January 8. Everyone had submitted two or three recipes the month before and LouAnna Peters had printed a cookbook with all the recipes in it. At the meeting we brought samples of the recipes and did "taste" testing. There were some unusual and delicious dishes. We all ate our fill and then had our meeting.

We discussed the Book Fair at Bronte school. It will be February 2-8. A sign-up sheet was passed around and we signed up for the time we could work.

We also discussed the birthday party at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. It will be February 28.

The new officers were presented by the nominating committee. They are: President, Marilyn Bivins; First Vice President, Janet Wommack; Second Vice President, Pat Lee; Third Vice President, Fredna Moore; Secretary, Peggy Hembree;

Treasurer, Mary Glenn; Reporter/Asst. Secretary, LouAnna Peters; Parliamentarian, Celia Bowden; Historian, Diane Luckett. The committees and their members are: Yearbook, Janet Wommack, Peggy Hembree, Diane Luckett, Swan Archinal, Fredna Moore; Projects, Pat Lee, Doris Sims, Charlotte Tounget, Joan Lightfoot; Finance, Fredna Moore, Celia Bowden, Earline Moore, Lanette Fletcher; Resolutions, Mary Frances Glenn, Jane Wheat; Courtesy, Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn.

Members present were: Marilyn Bivins, LouAnna Peters, Janet Wommack, Mary Glenn, Mary Frances Glenn, Diane Luckett, Pat Lee, Charlotte Tounget, Doris Sims, Fredna Moore, Jean Fancher and Swan Archinal.

**What to do with your beautiful Christmas cards**

Most everyone does not want to throw away their beautiful Christmas Cards but what do you do with them?

St. Jude's Ranch in Nevada is using them for therapy and gifts to sell in their Gift Shop. San Angelo Friends of the Environment is collecting the cards and will ship them to the Ranch. If you want to donate your cards, take them to the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. There will be a box to place your card. Also if you have time, take only the front of the card, if not the residents will be happy to cut the front from the rest of the card. Bronte City Hall will also have a box if it is a more convenient drop off place for you.

Sharon Skrabanek of S.A.F.E. said she would not ship the cards until the first part of Feb. Last year was the first year S.A.F.E. had done this project. They received cards from Christmases past as well as other types of greeting cards.

**Texas Silver Haired Legislature sets filing period**

The filing period for Texans age 60 years of age and older who want to run for the Tenth Texas Silver Haired Legislature (TSHL) began January 2, 2004.

Silver Haired legislators work with the Texas Legislature on senior issues which may become law. If you are a person

60 or older and a registered voter, you may file as a candidate for election to the TSHL January 2 through February 27, 2004. Terms are for two years. TSHL members pay their own travel expenses.

Filing forms may be obtained from the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments located at 4850 Knickerbocker Road or by calling 325-223-5704 in San Angelo and 1-877-944-9666 outside San Angelo.

Four candidates will be elected from the Concho Valley. Currently serving as TSHL representatives are Gloria Henderson, Edith Clendennen, and Bonnie Hatch from San Angelo and Brigitte Rogers from Sonora.

**The last day to register to vote in the March 9th primary election is February 9, 2004!**

## Churches of Coke County

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- First Baptist Church**  
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 (325) 473-2331  
 Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor  
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 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth  
 and Worship  
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
- First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Carol Fiero  
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 5:00 Youth
- First United Methodist Church**  
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 (325) 453-2417  
 Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor  
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 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) 453-2004  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
- Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 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  
 Joe Hodges, Pastor  
 (325) 482-0663  
 Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday School  
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
- Victory Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2208  
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**Gibbs, Crawley exchange vows**

Elaine Gibbs and Austin Crawley were married at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock. Kary Rawlings and Lee Weldon Stephenson, grandfather of the groom, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Gibbs Jr. of Robert Lee. Parents of the groom are Ms. Jennifer Stephenson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mr. David Crawley of Levelland.

The bride's maid of honor was Amy McInroe and her matron of honor was Kelli Archer, both of Lubbock. The groom's best men were Matt Peck of Lubbock and Michael Pigg of Snyder.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Robert Lee High School, and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed by the Lubbock Independent School District. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Levelland High School and is also a graduate of Texas Tech. He is employed by the City of Lubbock.

Following a trip to Colorado, the couple will live in Lubbock.

**Successful deer/turkey season closes**

A highly successful deer and turkey season closed on Jan. 04 in Coke County. Antlerless and spike buck Special Late General Season is in progress - Jan. 05 through Jan. 18. Study your tags carefully for this wrap-up season. Quail season will remain open statewide through Feb. 29, with a daily bag limit of fifteen.

Still ahead and much anticipated is the Spring Turkey Season from April 3-May 9. According to Game Warden Jim Allen that season depends on spring rains. The gobbler-only season looks like a good population of mature birds and jakes, hatched last spring.

**County Treasurer honored**

During a special dinner in Houston of the Texas Public Funds Investment Conference, Coke County Treasurer Phelan Wrinkle was recently honored for a ten-year achievement of maintaining county investment officer certification.

"These individuals have shown a strong long-term commitment to getting the safest return on the county taxpayer's dollar," said Linda Robinson, Jefferson County Treasurer who chairs the County Investment Officer Certification Committee. "The economy has been on a roller coaster the last ten years and consistent training through this program has help to ensure sound county investments."

The Texas Public Funds Investment Act requires the county's commissioners court to designate a county investment officer to invest county funds. These investment officers need to fully know the fundamentals of a sound investment policy and what is allowed under the rigid requirements of the Act.

Since 1992, the Texas Association of Counties has provided formal education for county investment officers, including an optional certification program which allows investment officers to earn and maintain the certified County Investment Officer (CIO) credential. In this program, students undertake 40 hours of classroom instruction and must pass an exam to achieve certification. To maintain the certification, county investment officers must complete 20 hours of continuing education annually.

In addition to CIO certification training, the Texas Association of



Mrs. Austin Crawley

Counties expanded the program to provide for the needs of all officers involved in public funds investing on the local level by hosting the Texas Public Funds Investment Conference, held annually in Houston. The Texas Association of Counties is a non-profit organization that has for 30 years supported the efforts of county government.

**Fish-fry scheduled January 31st**

The Robert Lee VFD fund-raising, fun-filled, fish-fry scheduled for Saturday, January 31st will have two great doorprizes donated by the Concho Bike Shop on Austin Street in San Angelo. Two brand new kid's bikes were generously donated to help raise funds for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department fire station fund. Bikes will be on view at City Hall and more details will become available. Also, Southwest Plaza movie

tickets and dinners from Zentner's Daughter steakhouse have been donated for prizes.

One of Robert Lee's most famous cooks is heading up plans for a baked goods auction. The auctioned items will be worth every penny donated, and winners will be the envy of all who appreciate good food.

Also planned is a silent auction, some entertainment for the kids, music, not to mention the famous fish dinners from the friendly friers on Paul Burn's KP crew. Also, it has been mentioned that the brownie bakers will be hard at work to provide dessert. Cindy's Bar-B-Que has volunteered to chop (and chop, and chop) cabbage for cole slaw.

A \$5,000 goal has been set for this fund raiser to add to the \$45,000 grant provided by the San Angelo Health Foundation and some \$9,000 from area-wide donors.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE**

All facilities of these banks will be

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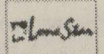
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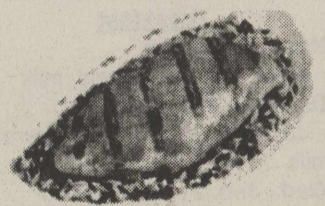
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Department of Public Safety Trooper Scot Frasier is shown with the Robert Lee Elementary 5th grade class. This class graduated from the D.A.R.E. program in a ceremony held December 17, 2003, at the Coke County Courthouse.

## D.A.R.E. ceremony held at courthouse

On December 17, 2003 the 5th grade students from Robert Lee Elementary School participated in a DARE graduation ceremony held at the Coke County Courthouse. The students completed a ten week course studying the dangers of drugs. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. This prevention curriculum was taught by DPS Trooper Frasier.

Coke County Judge Roy Blair spoke to the students about remaining drug free and being the best person he/she could be. Coke County Sheriff Rick Styles was present, also. Robert Lee is truly proud of their 5th Grade - 2003 DARE Graduates.

Two students were chosen to read their DARE essays during the 5th grade DARE Graduation. Skyler Rainwater and Heidi Austin were selected to present

their essays. Skyler and Heidi recalled their experiences during their ten week course and encouraged other students to be drug free. Their award winning essays are included below.

### D.A.R.E.

by Skyler Rainwater

I have enjoyed DARE this year. I thought DARE was really fun. We had a very cool teacher. I wish we could have DARE every year.

Trooper Frasier taught us to never do drugs, and how to say no to drugs. Drugs are very harmful to your body. They can cause cancer, slow reflexes, bad lungs, gum disease, cancer in the mouth, and even death. There are many different kinds of drugs. They are marijuana, cocaine, inhalant, tobacco, and alcohol. You have the right to say "NO" to anybody. Nobody can force you to do drugs. There are good and bad consequences if you do drugs or not. If you do drugs, the good consequences are maybe more friends and be popular. The bad consequences are jail, grounding, and less friends.

Most kids do drugs because they think they look cool. They don't know what harm it can do to your body. It is time to take a stand and be drug free.

### I want to be Drug Free

by Heidi Austin

When I first started the DARE program I thought that we were going to laugh and play, but I was wrong. After we got into the DARE, it was different, but we still had fun.

I felt that the DARE program was an excellent program. It taught me alot about drugs. He also taught us about good and bad decisions that will help us stay out of trouble. That is the part I really liked.

We learned that violence is not always fighting and cruelty, but it is also verbal. We also learned that all drugs do something bad to either your heart, lungs, or mouth. We learned in the DARE book that nicotine is highly addictive and is found in cigarettes. We also learned that everybody has self-esteem, and everyone takes a risk. Risk means taking a chance.

I think it is important to be drug free because it will give you a better chance to live longer. I think that the DARE program taught me alot about drugs that are bad and good. I think that being drug free is good for all people.

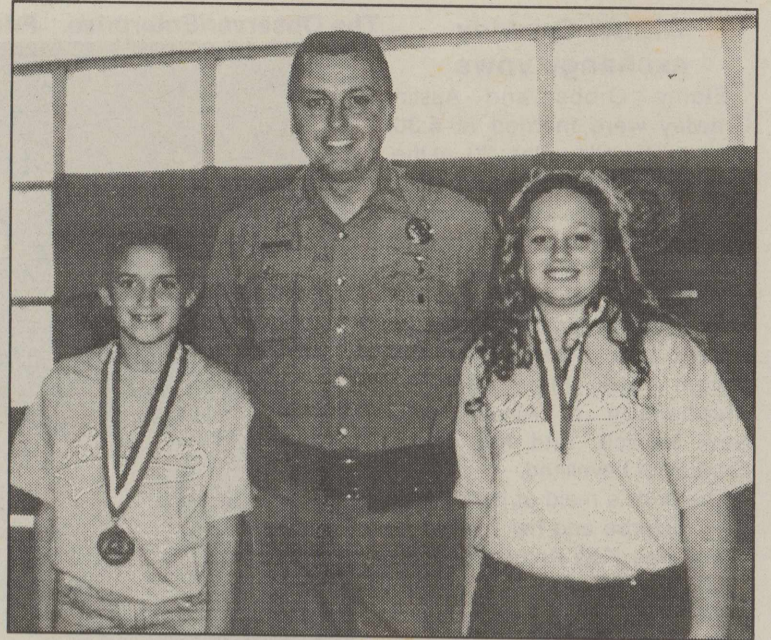
I would like to thank Trooper Frasier for all the things he has done for us.

### RL basketball results

On January 8th, the Robert Lee Junior High boys "A" team won against Bronte "A" team 35-13. Scoring for Robert Lee were Braswell 2; Hodge 4; LaRue 4; Dillard 6; Gunter 4; Percifull 11 and Roe 4.

On the 12th against Sterling City, the Robert Lee "A" team won 22-13. Scoring for Robert Lee were Hodge 4; Gunter 7; Percifull 6; and Gallegos 5.

The Robert Lee boys "B" team won against Bronte "B" team 25-18. Scoring for Robert Lee were Womack 4; Gallegos 16; Ross 4;



Department of Public Safety Trooper Scot Frasier congratulates Robert Lee Elementary School D.A.R.E. essay winners Heidi Austin (left) and Skyler Rainwater.

and Sheridan 1.

On the 6th, the Robert Lee girls varsity lost to Irion County 34-38. Scoring for Robert Lee were Monica Rodriguez 2; Julie Cruz 6; Tyler Lott 10; Julia Riley 2; Cara Eaton 10; Cassidy Wink 2; and Michele Sanchez 2.

In Robert Lee, on January 9th, the Robert Lee girls varsity played their 1st District game against Rotan. The Robert Lee varsity won by a score of 59-27. Scoring for Robert Lee were Jessica Fluhmann 4; Monica Rodriguez 2; Julia Cruz 6; Tyler Lott 4; Julie Riley 2; Cara Eaton 8; Cassidy Wink 17; Lindsey Roe 2; Kayli Dickey 2; and Michele Sanchez 12.

On January 10th, in the 1st Round of the Bronte JV Tournament, the Robert Lee JV girls won against Bronte JV 37-18. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kyla Millican 2; Becca Skinner 7; Katie Bessent 3; Christian Kelly 12; Brettie Reed 17; Sarah Philley 3; and Kelsey Duncan 8.

For the Championship game in the Bronte JV Tournament, Robert Lee JV girls defeated

Roscoe JV 46-26. Scoring for Robert Lee were Jaden Alexander 2; Nicole Fields 1; Kyla Millican 2; Becca Skinner 10; Christian Kelly 2; Brettie Reed 8; Sarah Philley 2; and Kelsey Duncan 10.

On January 8th, the Robert Lee JH "A" girls defeated Bronte 31-9. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kasie Skinner 8; Allison Millican 3; Anna Rojas 1; Megan Percifull 11; Andrea Pineda 2; and Molly Burns 6.

The Robert Lee JH "B" girls defeated Bronte 14-10. Scoring for Robert Lee were Norma Rojas 2; Arrin Minjarez 6; and Olga Perez 6.

On January 10th in the Robert Lee JH "B" Tournament, the Robert Lee "B" team girls defeated Water Valley in the 1st game 14-10. Scoring for Robert Lee were Arrin Minjarez with 9 and Olga Perez 5.

In the 2nd game of the tournament, Robert Lee JH "B" team defeated Bronte 14-7. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kelsey Martin 2; Arrin Minjarez 6; and Olga Perez 6.



## School Menu

### Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 19

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Wed., Jan. 21

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Thurs. Jan. 22

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Friday, Jan. 23

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

### Lunch

Monday, Jan. 19

Bean chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, tamales, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, pineapple, milk

Wed., Jan. 21

Frito pie, cheese, corn, salad, pears, milk

Thurs. Jan. 22

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

Friday, Jan. 23

Hot dog, cheese, chips, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, milk

I hope to contact each of you in the next few weeks and ask for your support and listen to any concerns you may have. Thank you.

Marshall Millican  
Candidate for  
Coke County Sheriff

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Marshall Millican

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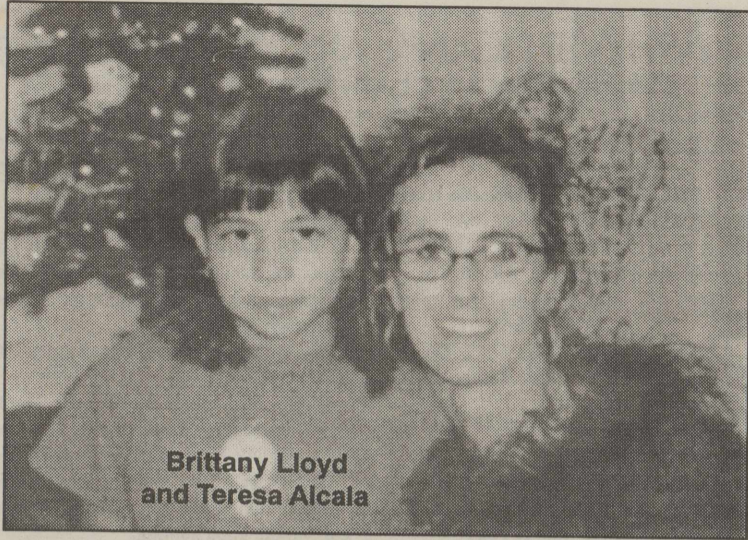
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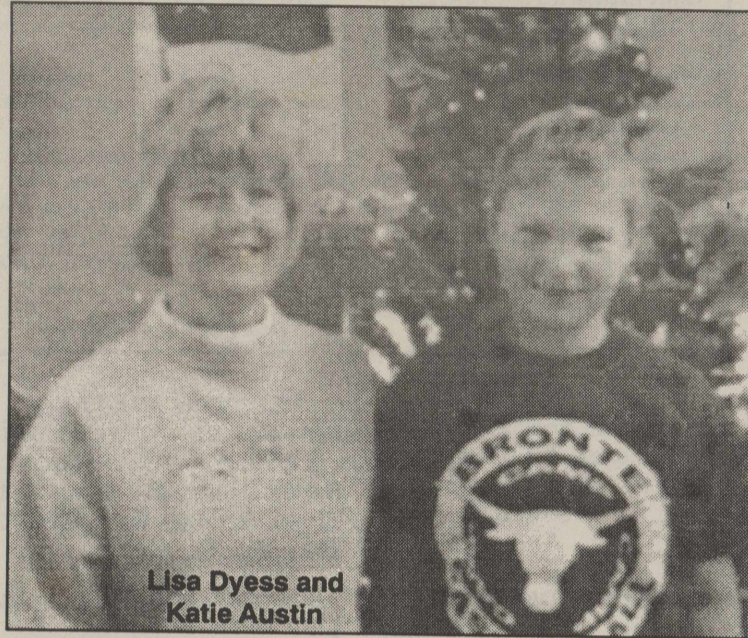


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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Brittany Lloyd and Teresa Alcalá



Lisa Dyess and Katie Austin

## Bronte 4th graders interview teachers for English Project

By: Lisa Dyess

By: Katie Austin

Lisa Dyess is the fifth grade teacher at Bronte ISD. Her hometown is Girard, Texas and she went to Jayton High School. The college she attended was Angelo State University and majored in nursing, then switched to elementary teaching.

Her immediate family is Blaine, her son, who is 16

## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, Jan. 19**

Cereal, sliced pears, toast, jelly, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 20**

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

**Wed., Jan. 21**

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

**Thurs., Jan. 22**

Scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, toast, jelly, milk

**Friday, Jan. 23**

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Jan. 19**

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet peas, roll, chocolate pudding, milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 20**

Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, mixed fruit, bread sticks, milk

**Wed., Jan. 21**

Hot dog, chili & cheese, tator tots, baked beans, orange half, bun, milk

**Thurs., Jan. 22**

Chicken fajita, refried beans, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, spice cake, milk

**Friday, Jan. 23**

Cheese burgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, sugar cookies, milk

almost 17. If she had to choose a restaurant to eat at she said she would choose Zentner's Daughter! "It is my ALL TIME FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT AT!!!" she said.

She likes her job because she likes to see kids learn and likes their enthusiasm! She finds that trying to keep up with all the paperwork and grading is frustrating about her job.

Her hobbies are reading, going window shopping, and walking. Football is her favorite sport. She just likes to watch it, not play. Fifth grade Social Studies is her favorite class to teach.

She likes Bronte teaching because she develops close relationships with students and their families. Her wish for her students is that they will become happy and successful.

If she weren't in the school system she would be a Physical Therapist.

She said, "I am unique because I can yodel!" I had to agree with her because that is a wonderful gift that barely anybody has. She is VERY VERY LUCKY!!!

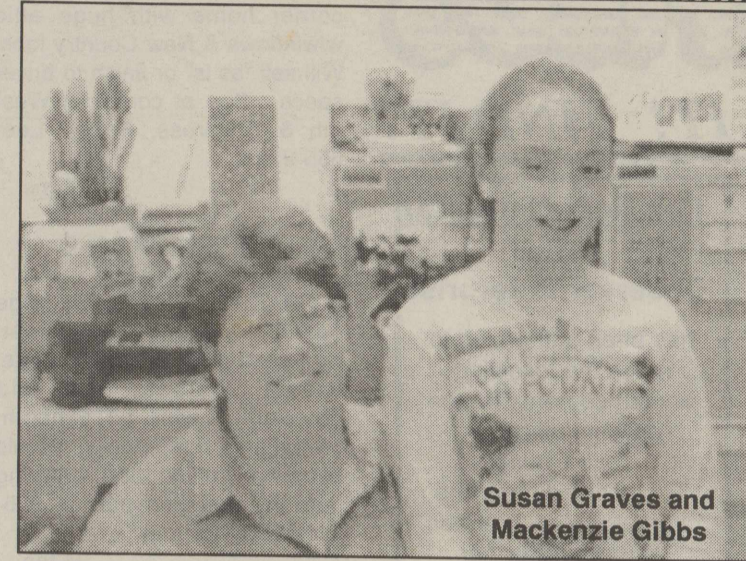
### Susan Graves

By: Mackenzie Gibbs

Mrs. Graves teaches first grade at Bronte Elementary School. Her hometown is Shreveport, Louisiana. She went to both Gainesville High School and Bronte High School. When she finished high school, she went to college at Angelo State University and her major was in Elementary Education.

Her family includes three sons: Scott who is twenty-three, Jake who is twenty-one, James who is nineteen, and her husband Jerry. She has one cat whose name is Trixie and two dogs that are named Shiner and Weibo.

Mrs. Graves likes her job because she likes to help kids learn. She finds grading papers frustrating. Her favorite thing about teaching in Bronte is that the students



Susan Graves and Mackenzie Gibbs

always seem to want to learn. Her wish for the students is they will always want to learn new things. Science is her favorite class to teach and football is her favorite sport.

If she wasn't in the school system, she would own a pet store and a book store. Mrs. Graves' hobbies are reading, gardening, and church things. She also loves snakes. Her favorite place to eat is Alejandros in Ballinger.

### Brittany Lloyd

By: Teresa Alcalá

Mrs. Lloyd is a third grade teacher. Her hometown is Colorado City, Texas. She went to school at Colorado High School. Mrs. Lloyd attended Texas A&M University. Her major was Interdisciplinary Studies. She likes her job because she loves teaching children. She finds parents who don't make time to meet their children's needs a frustrating part of her job. "My favorite class to teach is Reading," she said. "My wish for my students is to learn the value of education," Mrs. Lloyd stated. "If I weren't in the school system I would own a flower shop or be a wedding coordinator," she said. "My favorite thing about teaching in Bronte is the outstanding staff."

Mrs. Lloyd's relatives are Randy, husband and Quay her son. Her pets are dog, Reno, two cats, Pepper and Jinx, two horses, Cash and Doc, and lots of cattle.

"My hobbies are crafts, scrapbooks, and spending time with my family," she said. Her favorite sport is playing basketball and watching football. Mrs. Lloyd's favorite restaurant is Cattle Baron's. "A unique thing about me is I can process cattle without breaking a fingernail," Mrs. Lloyd said.

### Super Longhorn Awards Ceremony

The Super Longhorn Awards Ceremony will be held on January 19 at 7 pm in the Bronte ISD auditorium. Honoring Super Citizens in elementary. There will be refreshment following. Sponsored by Bronte PTO.

### Bronte competes in practice UIL

Bronte High School traveled to Irion County High School Saturday, January 10 to compete in a practice UIL meet. Students that attended were: Science - Calli Johnson, Josh Eubanks, Alonzo

Martinez, Joseph Israel

Spelling - Ariel Marrs (1st place medal), Stephen Tomes

Feature Writing - Ashley McCutchen (6th place), Rick Wheless

Editorial Writing - Ariel Marrs (2nd place medal), Rick Wheless, Alonzo Martinez, Ashley McCutchen

Newswriting - Ashleigh Kelly, Ashley McCutchen

Headline Writing - Ariel Marrs (1st place medal), Ashleigh Kelly, Ashley McCutchen

### Bronte basketball results

The Bronte Longhorns varsity basketball team defeated Colorado City 57-54. Scoring for Bronte were: BJ Hall 14 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals; Cody Lee 5 points, 4 assists; Tyson Baker 10 points, 3 steals; Garrett Fiveash 2 points, 5 rebounds; Logan Rawls 22 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists; Chase Williams 1 point; Joseph Israel 2 points; and Riley Coalson 1 point.

In a District game, Bronte Longhorns varsity defeated Menard by 57-40. Scoring for Bronte: BJ Hall 25 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Cody Lee 2 points, 4 assists; Tyson Baker 4 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists; Garrett Fiveash 3 points; Logan Rawls 17 points; Joseph Israel 2 points; Zach White 2 points; and Riley Coalson 2 points.

On the 9th, the Bronte JV boys defeated Menard by a score of 39-29. Scoring for Bronte: Reece Braswell 2; Garrett Acker 1; Phillip

Rawlings 14; Jonathan Marrs 9; Sherman Griffin 6; and Eric Hendrickson 6.

In the 1st game of the Bronte JV Tournament on Jan. 10th, Bronte JV defeated Robert Lee JV 34-19. Scoring for Bronte: Braswell 3; Rawlings 8; Jackson 12; Griffin 2; and Hendrickson 9.

In the 2nd game, Irion County defeated Bronte by a score of 56-13. Scoring for Bronte: Acker 4; Rawlings 2; Marrs 4; and Hendrickson 2.

Listed are some scores for the Bronte varsity girls since before Christmas.

On 12-15, Bronte vs: Robert Lee at Bronte. Bronte 36 - Robert Lee 33. Scoring for Bronte: Britney McCutchen 20; Ashley Denton 4; Natalee Reed 2; Lillian McMullan 9; and Kanah Coalson 1.

On 12-19, Bronte vs: Winters at Bronte. Bronte 47 - Winters 37. Scoring for Bronte: Britney McCutchen 13; Ashley Denton 17; Lillian McMullan 7; Kanah Coalson 2; and Rebecca Rawlings 8.

On the 29th, Bronte girls at Iraan Tournament. Bronte was defeated by Iraan 62-42.

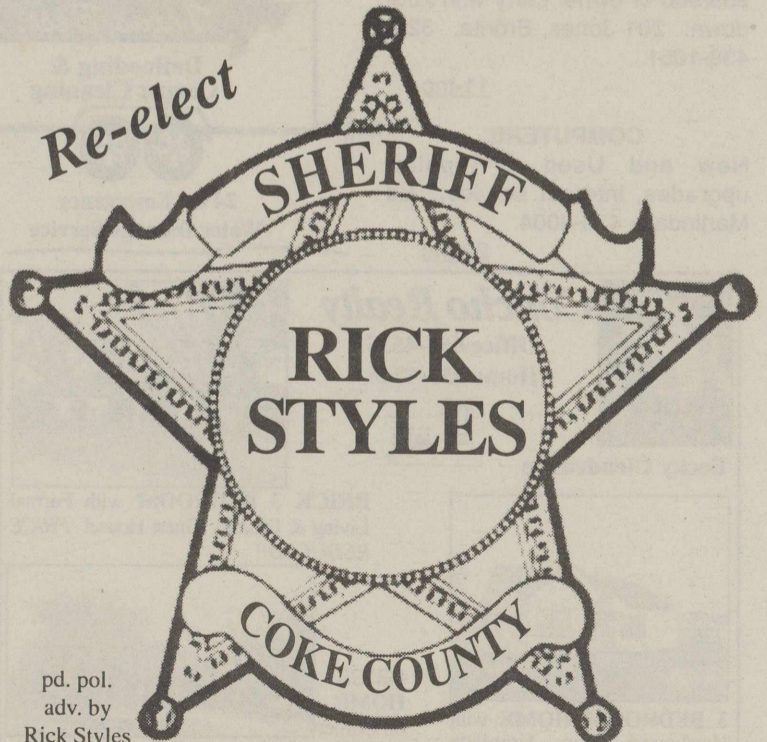
Scoring for Bronte: Britney McCutchen 9; Ashley Denton 9; Lillian McMullan 10; Kanah Coalson 5; and Rebecca Rawlings 9.

On the 30th in the Iraan Tournament, Bronte defeated Christoval by a score of 51-42. Scoring for Bronte: Britney McCutchen 14; Ashley Denton 8; Lillian McMullan 8; Kanah Coalson 16; and Rebecca Rawlings 5.

In the 3rd game of the tournament, Bronte was defeated by Miles by a score of 50-57. Scoring for Bronte: Britney McCutchen 11; Ashley Denton 16; Lillian McMullan 11; Kanah Coalson 4; and Rebecca Rawlings 8.

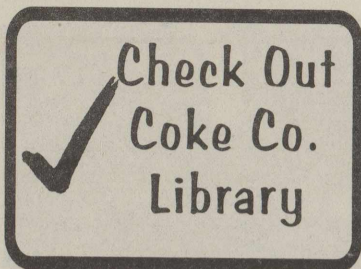
In the last game of the tournament, Bronte defeated Alpine by a score of 42-28. Scoring for Bronte: Britney McCutchen 10; Ashley Denton 13; Lillian McMullan 6; Kanah Coalson 5; and Rebecca Rawlings 8.

On Jan. 6th, Bronte defeated Colorado City at Bronte by a score of 45-35. Scoring for Bronte: Britney McCutchen 24; Ashley Denton 6; Lillian McMullan 3; Kanah Coalson 2; and Rebecca Rawlings 10.



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The Coke County library has added a book titled A Private in the Texas Rangers: A.T. Miller of Company B, Frontier Battalion to the shelves. The book is a rare, day-by-day diary of a young Texas Ranger recruit. With some "gunplay and violence" Miller portrays Company B as one of "peace officer" and "peace makers." He meet up with some of the most famous officers of the Rangers and early ranchers on the Texas Plains.

The book is a collection of three diaries that Miller created. Company B covered the land between Fort Worth and Denver and Miller relates "watching meteor showers, flirting with the ladies and listening to a boy preacher try to save souls." One day in the life of Private Miller reads: "Feb. 7, 1888: Another foggy morning. I got up soon this morning. As I was up several times last night with my bowels. Tom Platt went up the road last night and got Charley Speirs, in Clarendon. He is charged with horse stealing near Abilene." This book is about the day-to-day Old West and how Rangers "worked together-building loyalty and trust, their lives possibly forfeit if teamwork failed-and yet still endured the loneliness and frustration of life on the closing American frontier."

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10:00 am for children three to five years old. Head Start Story Hour is Wednesday at 9:30 am. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte or to the 24/7 book drop on the porch of the library.

**Letter To The Editor**

*[Editor's Note: The attached is a Letter to the Editor that ran in a local newspaper last year in the Ogden, Utah area. Kathy is the daughter of 'Wink' Kiker of Bronte and Gary is the son of Bob & Ina Allen (all deceased) of Bronte. Gary graduated Bronte High in 1967 and Kathy in 1970.]*

**I'm glad I knew CPR**

by Kathy Allen  
Liberty, UT

A near death incident in our family recently brought home the importance of knowing the basic life-saving skills. Our entire family including my husband (Gary), our 2 sons (Michael and Marc) and their wives (Nicco and Miranda), was recently vacationing in Maui, HI. We were on a scuba diving/snorkeling trip to the island of Molokini a few miles off the coast. The men were completing their first tank at about 60 feet and Gary was in the process of ascending to the surface with a novice diver running low on air, while the others were still below.

They did a final decompression check at about 15 feet but after that the story gets vague relative to who saw what and when. At the surface, the other diver noticed that Gary's regulator was out of his mouth and his mask on top of his head. The dive boat, which was some distance away with the snorkelers, began to return to pick up the surfaced divers. Charley Neal, the captain, noticed Gary's head in the water and directed him and the dive buddy several times for

Gary to raise his head. The dive master, Will Copeland, was down below with the other divers when he looked up and noticed Gary without any movement and knew something was wrong. He quickly returned to the surface and immediately started rescue breathing and towing him to the boat.

They were still beside the boat when we arrived after hearing the captain call for everyone to get in the boat. Four of the six guys were still diving, so we did not have the manpower to pull him aboard. Several boats in the area came to the rescue and some men swam over to assist. Charley and I started CPR immediately as he had a definite dark gray to almost black color and pupils dilated. All the other divers and snorkelers were hurried onto the boat so we could return to the marina as soon as possible. The Coast Guard was contacted by they were too far away and would have to meet us at the dock. I still remember the expressions and comments from the boys when they came aboard and saw it was their dad. We had done CPR for at least 8 minutes. We still did not know at that time how long Gary had been unconscious. I thought Gary was brought from the bottom while diving. Both sons (also trained in basic CPR) took their turns at the effort to revive him. Every breath caused him to expel more water and fluids, which forced us to modify the technique continually between abdominal thrusts back to compression. His color became better and I felt some air was getting to the lungs. We went through 2-3 towels to try and keep his airway clean. Eventually, we were able to get a pulse and respiration after about 25 minutes of frantic but apparently effective compression's, breaths, and thrusts. We obtained a pulse 5 minutes from shore and decided to roll him on his side since the water drainage continued. He went critical again, color changing so started rescue breathing again. By the time we got back to the marina, we had a pulse and fair, gurgling respiration's. I remember yelling at the paramedics that Gary's airway is still so unstable and to please hurry! He continued to expel fluid, which now had become somewhat pinkish tinged.

After three days in ICU and a week in Maui's hospital, he was transferred to Honolulu for additional test, which came out good. We were able to make a flight back to Utah and further recover in familiar surroundings. Gary has almost fully recovered from this near-death event as a result of his families' knowledge and application of basic CPR techniques. We never expected to have to apply these skills to

save a family member, but when we did, we realized how difficult it is on a loved one. Two cardiologists said most people would not have continued as long as we did and he would not have survived at all. Of course, they also agreed it was a true miracle, since less than 5% survive at all and most have severe brain damage or some trauma.

We do give all credit to the Lord, and He will help you use your skills when needed. We are so thankful to the specialists that were brought to us and fought to save his life.

If a life and death situation happened suddenly with a family member, will you have the knowledge, skill, and focus to save your loved one? Make sure you know CPR - for your family's sake - call the American Red Cross for CPR training. Please!

**Slow down or change lanes for stopped emergency vehicles**

SB 193 requires drivers nearing stopped emergency vehicles-with lights activated -to either slow down or change lanes.

The law states a driver must vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle or slow down 20 miles below the speed limit. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph the driver must slow down to 5 mph.)

Emergency vehicles include police, emergency medical service and fire vehicles.

A violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500. If the violation results in bodily injury, the offense is enhanced to a Class B misdemeanor.

The new law was passed in the last regular session of the Texas Legislature and went into effect Sept. 1, 2003.

**Texas: A State of Science?**

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison  
Texas was born out of a drive for adventure and a desire for independence which compelled our forebears to make the last stand at the Alamo, drill for oil at Spindletop and continues to lead our modern-day push for scientific discovery. Our Texas ancestors valued education, even setting aside state land to endow both secondary and higher education for future generations.

This commitment, along with the support for research and technology, has produced an environment that attracts some of the greatest scientists in the world. Two decades ago Dr. Julio C. Palmaz, of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, created a stent, the

first to be approved by the FDA to treat diseased blood vessels. Dr. Michael DeBakey, at Baylor Medical School, invented an artificial heart pump for transplant patients. Drs. Robert Curl and Richard Smalley, at Rice University, uncovered new forms of the element carbon, called fullerenes, for which they jointly received the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1996, and became the fathers of nanotechnology.

Knowing the immense depth and breadth of our state's scientific talent and the immeasurable benefits of such expertise, I have made it one of my top priorities in the United States Senate to elevate the profile of Texas research institutions, and increase federal research and development dollars to our schools. In 1997, I discovered we were sixth in the receipt of these funds, behind Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York and California. Since then we have moved up to fifth place and increased funding from Texas' participation in federal research projects to over \$1.26 billion, through hard work, greater attention to research opportunities, and the convening of annual higher education summits in Washington D.C.

The summits have focused on bringing Texas schools to the table with government agencies that do the most research, NASA, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Science Foundation, to match federal needs with Texas expertise. At the summits we've encouraged schools to create centers of excellence based on their capabilities and combine their efforts to go after bigger projects. When more research is conducted on our campuses, students gain access to more sophisticated educational tools and world-class training. And each dollar spent in this endeavor is a boon to our economy. In fact, research has a \$4.4 billion impact on our state's economy and for every \$1 invested, Texas gets a \$5 return. Our efforts thus far have paid off handsomely.

Earlier this year the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) was awarded one of two National Biocontainment Laboratories, which will discover ways to protect our nation from the threat of biological terrorism. UTMB will receive \$110 million in grants from the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious

Diseases to establish the lab. In addition to this growing expertise in biodefense, Texas is already an internationally recognized powerhouse in nanotechnology, a science measured in billionths of a meter. The Strategic Partnership of Research in Nanotechnology, or S.P.R.I.N.G., is a consortium of schools including Rice University, UT Austin, UT Dallas and UT Arlington, among others, that have joined forces to explore this promising field to form stronger, lighter, and more efficient materials that will revolutionize healthcare, transportation and defense.

Now we are taking the next step in elevating Texas' profile as a science state. This January, at the suggestion of several academic research leaders, I launched the Texas Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine. The Academy commenced with a conference in San Antonio, featuring our Nobel Laureates and members of the National Academy of Science, the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine. Two of our state's Nobel Laureates, Drs. Michael Brown and Rick Smalley, are co-chairs of the scientific advisory committee.

The Academy will bring greater recognition to the stellar researchers working at our institutions and provide them a forum to discuss their research, exchange ideas, identify potential areas of collaboration, and foster the future generation of scientists. Industry leaders will also be an important component to this effort reminding them of the rich resources they can utilize in their own endeavors. Our industry advisory committee, led by Ernest Cockrell, Chairman of Cockrell Interests; Thomas Engibous, Chairman, President and CEO of Texas Instruments; and Michael Dell, Chairman and CEO of Dell Inc. will help ensure an open dialogue between Texas academia and industry.


By creating the Academy and bringing local and national recognition to our members, we hope to attract and retain researchers, increase the federal resources coming into Texas, and shine a spotlight on the cutting-edge discoveries that are made daily on campuses across the Lone Star State. It is my hope this Academy will help place Texas in the top tier of scientific preeminence and further enhance the depth and quality of life in our great state.

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**Robert Lee  
JH basketball**

On the 12th at Sterling City, Robert Lee JH "A" girls were defeated by Sterling City with a score of 16-11. Scoring for Robert Lee: Kasie Skinner 5; Andrea Pineda 2; Ashley Hopson 2; and Molly Burns 2.

The Robert Lee JH "B" team were defeated in overtime by Sterling City with a score of 12-14. Scoring for Robert Lee: Lacie Sheridan 4; Kelsey Martin 4; and Norma Rojas 4.

**Bronte school board recognition**

Whereas, the mission of the public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

Whereas, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

Whereas, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

Whereas, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

Whereas, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor of Bronte, do hereby declare my appreciation to the member of the Bronte School Board and proclaim the month of January 2004, as

**School Board Recognition Month** in January. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

In Official Recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 7th day of January, 2004.

Martin Lee

**RLISD recognizes Board of Trustees**

January is designated as School Board Appreciation Month. Robert Lee ISD will honor school board members with a meal at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2004 in the Robert Lee High School Library. Certificates will be presented to the board members for their service to the students, school district, and community.

Following the appreciation meal, pictures will be taken by the yearbook staff. The regular monthly board meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. If you would like to have additional information concerning this activity or School Board Appreciation Month, please contact Lindsey Wallace at 453-4555.

**Robert Lee School Awards Third Six Weeks Perfect Attendance**

**Kindergarten**  
Bailey Hooten, Hunter Hamrick, Brandon Torres, Karlee Roach, Kodi Drennan

**First grade**  
Bridger Netting, Charissa Caston, Jayton Torres

**Second grade**

Bianca Huapilla, Jacob Torres, Shelby Davis, Kevin Saucedo, Alexis Mendoza, Taylor Sheldon, Sydney Sheldon

**Third grade**

Zachary Sanchez, Dusty Howard, Justin Gartman, Jordan Gartman, Jimmie Hageman, Makenna Netting

**Fourth grade**

Aaron Sharp, Diana Vera, Megan Ross, Raquel Rojas, Melodee Gunter, Beeanca Bower, Samantha Fernandez, Kimberly Roach, Jared Long, Shelby John's

**Fifth grade**

Luke Sheldon, Tanner Brickey, Gregory Gonzales, Diego Saucedo, Amanda Mendoza, Joe Estrada, Haden Dillard, Connie Saucedo

**Sixth grade**

Chelsie Schmidt, Rebecka Saucedo, Molli Hinderliter, Anthony Coffey, Emily Arellano, Erika Sheldon, Justina Gloria, Cayetano Carrera, Stetson Nesbit, Blake Millican, Nancy Landeros, Briana Brisbin, Chelsea Arellano, Sarah Jones, Kerri Sheridan

**Honor Roll**

**Third grade**

Faylin Bell, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

**Fourth grade**

Linsey Arellano, Chad Martin, Garrett Rogers, Kimberly Roach, Raquel Rojas, Jared Long, Meagan Ross, Melodee Gunter

**Fifth grade**

Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard, Kacey Roberts, Travis Sailer

**Sixth grade**

Emily Arellano, Cayetano Carrera, Sarah Jones, Stetson Nesbit, Emilee Yanez

**"A" Honor Roll**

**7th grade**

Kaden Duncan, Cori Torres

**8th grade**

Molly Burns, Ashley Hopson, Allison Millican, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner

**9th grade**

Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Casey Nesbit, Sarah Phillely, Brettie Reed

**10th grade**

Andra Braswell, Cara Eaton, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

**11th grade**

Wade Arledge, Kayli Duncan, Jake McCabe, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Michele Sanchez, Brittany Soliz

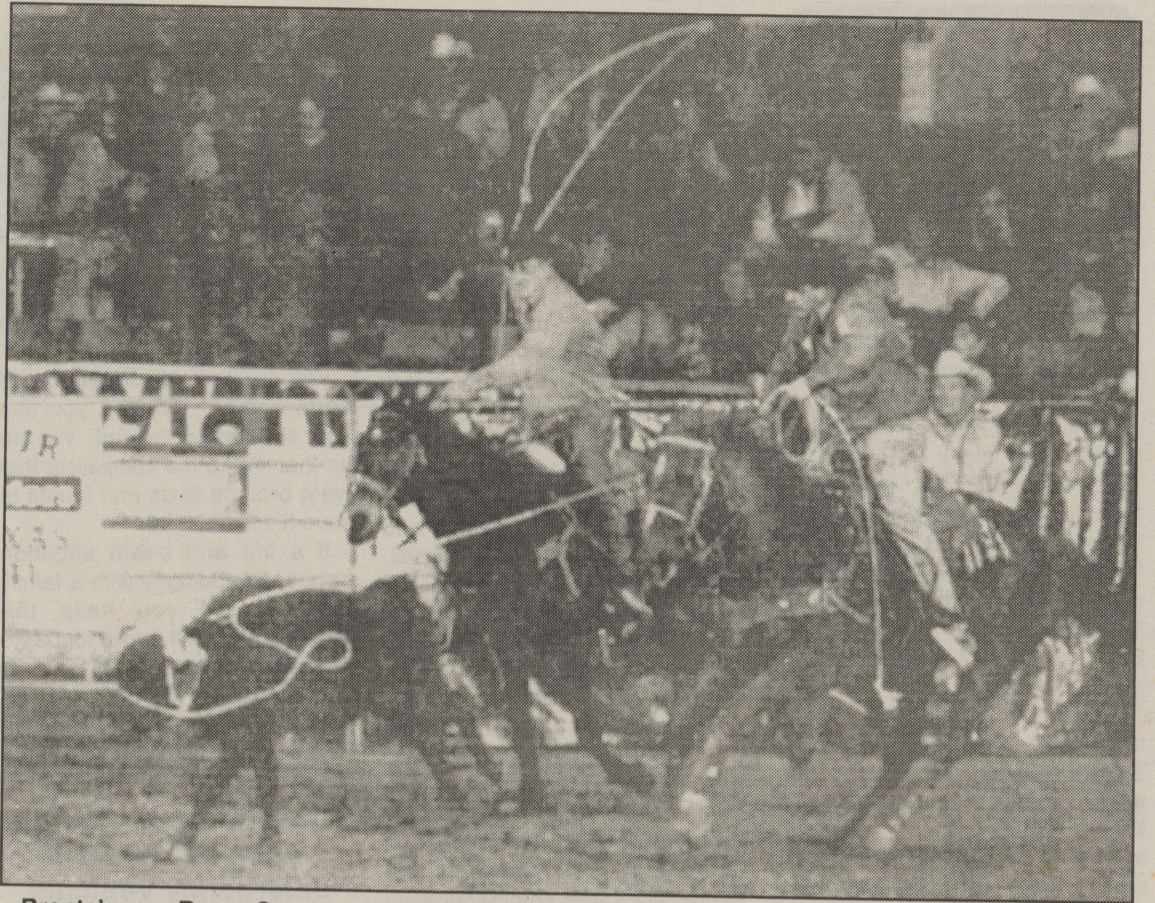
**12th grade**

Josh Alexander, Cole Flanagan, Monica Rodriguez, R J Service, Rachel Wallace

**"A/B" Honor Roll**

**7th grade**

Holly Austin, Garrett Blair, Kimberly Cardenas, Josue



Bronte's own Roger Graves (left) ropes a steer with 7 time PRCA World Champion Header Speed Williams at the 12th annual Sand Hills Invitational Team and Match Roping Pro-Am Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at Ector County Coliseum in Odessa, Texas.

Gallegos, Prescilla Lara, Kelsey Martin, Dustin Moreno, Olga Perez, Megan Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Jodi Sheldon, Lacie Sheridan, Jimmy Womack

**8th grade**

Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Briana Longoria, Megan Percifull, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Anna Rojas, Ronald Shaw, Luke Thurman

**9th grade**

Jaden Alexander, Nicole Barnett, Nicole Fields, Kevin Honse, Erica O'Neil, Rebecca Skinner, Eleasar Vera

**10th grade**

Josh Conner, Crystal McGary, Cody Martin, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Amanda Thurman, Stephanie Trejo, Ciara Watson

**11th grade**

Cody Bridges, Stacey Denton, Ashley Womack

**12th grade**

Brian Abalos, Felipe Arellano, Angelica Barrera, Monica Barrera, Evan Braswell, Julia Cruz, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Shannon Honse, Tyler Lott, Amber Perez

**FSA producer signup for DCP slated**

Producers who wish to participate in the farm program (DCP) for the 2004 crop year are encouraged to visit the office and sign up. Producers who signed up for 2002 and 2003 MUST sign up for 2004. This will be an every year sign up until the DCP program

**Holiday visitors**

Bessie Brice of Robert Lee had holiday visitors. Coming to visit for Christmas Day was Shirley and Dany Strakos of San Angelo, Pam, Eddie, Aaron and Sarah Kay Gandy of San Angelo; Judy and Harvey Snowden of Odessa; Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Tim Kelly of Dubuque, Iowa; Brent, Christa, Emily and Gracie of Midland; Amy, Justin, Joshua Gunn of Merkel; and Dennis Ellis of Merkel.

After Christmas Marty Baker and family of San Angelo; Melanie Neal and family of Joshua; and Adrienne Fortune from Robert Lee visited.

ends in 2007. Sign up will be much quicker than last year so hopefully producers won't have to spend as much time in the office to complete sign up.

Producers who did not sign up for 2002 or 2003 but, who have a base on qualifying crop may also sign up for 2004.

Producers must have an approved CCC-502 (pay limit form), and 1026 before any payments can be issued.

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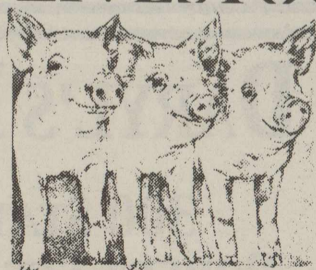
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