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FSA announces program deadlines

EWE Lamb Program:

Producers that have retained ewe lambs during the period of August 1, 2003 to July 1, 2004 may be eligible for the Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Program.

Ewe lambs are lambs that turned 18 months sometime during the program period, were not bred until after the animal was 18 months old and did not have parrot mouth, foot rot or scrapies. All ewe lambs must be retained for 1 complete lambing cycle.

To apply for the program producers must provide the number of ewe lambs retained and month of birth, provide purchase receipts, if bought and scrapie flock certification number, when making an application.

At this time there is no end date for signup.

NAP Coverage on Native and Improved Grass:

The final date to purchase a NAP policy on native and improved grass is December 1, 2004. The final date to have the grass certified by is December 15, 2004 for NAP purposes.

Producers may come by the office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

Beautiful weather starts fall hunting season in Robert Lee

By Joan Davis

The first weekend of the fall hunting season was like old times in West Coke County. Lots of loaded pickups were in town; merchants were busy; cafes and the feed store were jammed. The weather was beautiful; what a great weekend!

Game Warden Jim Allen noted that good numbers of deer were harvested but not as many turkeys as he had expected. A long season remains and most hunters wanted to take a good buck.

Allen reasoned that hunting will improve with the first strong cool front. The weekend sunny afternoons may have proved too warm for the bucks, especially.

The annual Hunters Appreciation BBQ on

Saturday night was well attended with about 700 folks enjoying the big dinner, free of charge to hunters for the 16th year.

Cooks outdid themselves - the brisket and sausage were excellent. As always, the entire event hinges on the wonderful volunteers who help with the feed. Everybody has their job and does it well.

Drawings for the door prizes were awarded near the end of the dinner to allow more tickets in the drawings. Winning John Coppedge's donated quail feeder and 50 pounds of milo was Jack O. Gray of Kennedale. Dr. Coppedge of Longview also donated 18 ammo boxes which were drawn for also. Key Feed Store is stocking Coppedge's feeders and accessories for sale.

Kenneth Glaze, also of Longview, donated a pair of binoculars and a box of his cooking spices for the night's drawings. Ray Hambright of Robert Lee was the lucky winner of the binoculars. Nona Hopkins of Midland won the cooking spices. These two items can be purchased at C & H Hardware in Robert Lee.

Celebrate the Arts at ASU

The upcoming theatre production of Amadeus, will be held on Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 18-20 at 8 pm and Nov. 14 at 2 pm at the ASU's Modular Theatre in the Carr, Education/Fine Arts building at the corner of Dena and Rosemont Drives in San Angelo.

Call 942-2000 (2-6 pm, weekdays) for reservations.

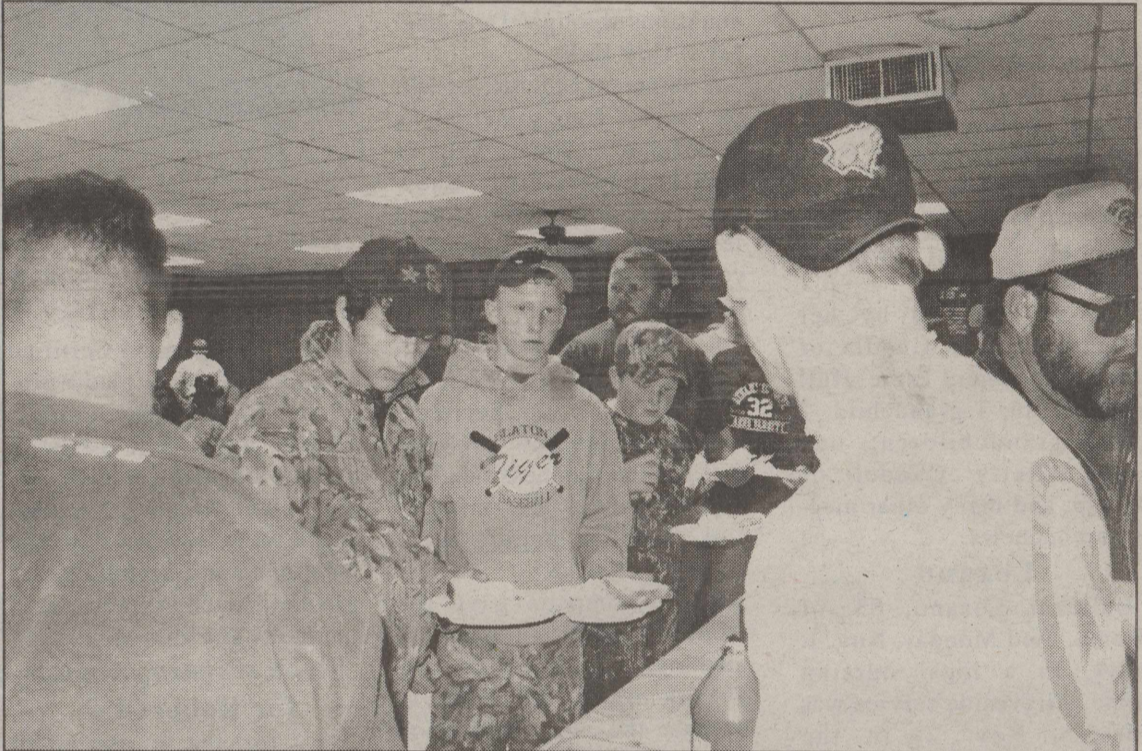
CC Retired Teachers meeting set

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, November 15, 2004. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Runnels Baptist Assn. meeting set

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, November 15, for a Mission Banquet. The banquet will be held at 6:30 pm at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend.



Coke County Hunters' Appreciation BBQs! Hunters came from all over to hunt in Coke County this past weekend as the season opened. Following the morning hunt, Hall's Super Save, B & K Processing and Hall of Fame Taxidermy in Bronte hosted their annual hunter appreciation luncheon (photo below). That evening, over 700 hunters gathered in Robert Lee for the 16th annual Hunters' Appreciation Dinner (above photo) at the Rec Hall.



Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election January 11, 2005, for the purpose of electing three directors.

Directors filing for re-election to the board are Gerald Sandusky, Ronnie Robbins, and Elton Moore. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact President Gerald

Sandusky by 5 pm Monday, November 29, 2004.

Blackwell Fall Festival slated

The Blackwell United Methodist Church will be hosting a Fall Festival, Saturday, November 20th, beginning at 9:00 am. Baked goods and crafts will be for sale.

Barbecue with all of the fixings will be served from 11:00 - 2:00. They will also have chances for a queen size handmade quilt with the

drawing at 2:00 that day. The festival is at the Blackwell United Methodist Church in Blackwell. For cost of barbecue or other information, call Heather Sanderson at 282-2214.

Dance set at RL Rec Hall

An area-wide dance has been planned for the Robert Lee Rec Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7:00 pm. Touch of Country will be providing the music. For more information contact 453-2678.

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Death Notices

Duren

Dora Lee Duren, 77, of Odessa, and formerly of Bronte, passed away Friday, Nov. 5, 2004 at Avalon Place Nursing Home.

Graveside service is scheduled at a later date in Trickham, Texas.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Gaddis of Odessa; brother, Elzie Hull of Coleman; 1 grandchild; 2 great grandchildren; one niece, Betty Caddel of Bronte; and many other nieces and nephews.

Lozano

Baltazar Lozano, 83, of Bronte, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside service was Tuesday, Nov. 2, in the Bronte Cemetery.

Survivors include Alfredo Castro and Leticia Perez, both of San Angelo.

Humble

Arthur Marlin Humble, 82, of Conroe, and formerly of Silver, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, in a Harris County hospital. Graveside service was held at 2 pm Saturday in McKenzieville Cemetery in Mitchell County. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons, Dwayne Humble of Odessa and Arthur Humble Jr. of Conroe; and daughters, Kay Chamber and Karon Parks, both of Odessa, and Vickie Rodriguez of Tomball.

Supporting our troops

Coke County resident, Spc. Frankie Madrid, was one of the members of the Texas Army National Guard put on active duty to serve in "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Spc. Madrid is currently training in Ft. Hood and will be leaving for Louisiana next month. Spc. Madrid is scheduled for deployment to Iraq in January and will be stationed there for one year.

He will leave behind his wife, Vianna Madrid, and a daughter, Julia Madrid who is a 1st grade student at Robert Lee ISD. We ask the community to support our troops by helping with the donation of items our soldiers lack. Some of these items are provided to them,

but in limited quantities. The list is extensive and is available at the Robert Lee City Hall. You may drop off your donations through December 1st at City Hall.

A shipment of supplies will be sent to Iraq sometime in December. Your help is greatly appreciated. Show your support, our troops serve our country to protect your freedom. Freedom is not Free!!

RLVFD news

By Marian Thompson Secretary

16 members and 1 visitor met for the business meeting on 11-01-04. The minutes and treasury report were accepted as read.

Bud Thompson gave the monthly report. 1 business meeting, 1 training class, and 4 work nights, 250 hours to prepare the new fire station for the ribbon cutting and fish fry. A total of 307 hours of activities, 4 fire department calls, all within the city. 23 man hours, 8 truck hours, 10 truck miles, 1 structure fire at 406 W. 18th, 3 other calls.

This month firemen were present at the Street Affair, the Fall Festival, Fire Prevention at the school, the ribbon cutting for the new station and fish fry. The money that was made will be applied to the Building Fund loan. When the building was completed, the building fund was about \$17,000 short and it was necessary to take out a loan to pay the contractor. Everyone had a good time at the fish fry and the food was outstanding. The bike was raffled 4 times, then auctioned off.

The fire department needs daytime volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman can attend



RLCC Costume Contest! Robert Lee Care Center employees participated in a Halloween Costume Contest. The judges for the contest were RLCC residents Augusta Higginbotham, Margaret Jones and Bill Cox.

classes to become a Certified Fireman. There is also a program for young adults. Cadets, ages 16 to 18, with parents consent, receive fire and rescue training. Visitors are always welcome at the meetings and training classes are held each Monday at 7 pm at the fire station.

Siren warning signals for Robert Lee

If a tornado is spotted or the city is in imminent danger of severe weather or very large hail, the fire department members, who are the Sky Warn Team, are out checking the skies. They are in contact with the National Weather Service and they will set off the siren.

3 long blasts of the siren is the signal to take immediate shelter, preferably a sturdy building, storm cellar or interior room or hall. 1 long blast will signal the all clear.

The fire department utilizes the sirens, 2 blasts of the siren is a call for firemen to assemble at the station for a fire call or meeting.

Great American Smokeout set

On November 18, the American Cancer Society, the nation's leading voluntary health agency, will host the 28th Great American Smokeout and help millions of smokers kick the habit,

and help youth understand the importance of never starting to smoke.

The Great American Smokeout promotion is the American Cancer Society's annual, nationally recognized day when smokers are asked to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco, or any tobacco product because they all have the potential to cause cancer.

Smoking rates have dropped to 2 percent in the U.S., down from 40% in 1965. Approximately 70% of

smokers have reported that they want to quit completely. The promise of an addiction free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes, and that they can therefore live the rest of their lives without them. There are 44.7 million former smokers in the U.S.

For information on the Great American Smokeout or to download materials, visit www.greatamericansmokeout.org.

**Area Churches
Invite You to Worship**

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
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
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Larry Tianen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

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) 453-2004
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
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) 468-0014
Sun. 9:45 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
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

Thank You to the Citizens of Coke County for Your Support while I was running for office.

My Congratulations goes out to Rick Styles on his re-election.

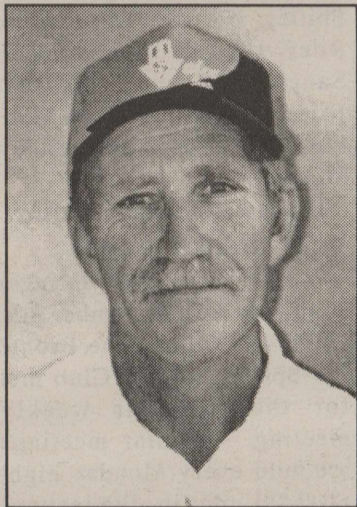
Now is the time for all of us to be behind Sheriff Styles and his department and to give our support and help make Coke County crime free.

GEORGE BRICKEY

Pd. Pol. Adv. by George Brickey



Ross is Rodeo finalist! Walter McCullough (above photo, left), District Engineer from the Texas Department of Transportation-San Angelo District, presents a Truck Rodeo Finalist award to Ricky Ross from the Coke County Maintenance Section. Kyle Long (photo at right) was recognized for 20 years of service.



TxDOT announces awards

Employees of the Coke County Maintenance Section of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) were honored at the annual Safety Awards Banquet on Sept. 28 in Big Lake.

Individual safe operator and no injury awards winners from the local maintenance office were recognized in a video presentation that featured "Let's Stress Safety."

Ricky Ross, section assistant, represented the Coke County Maintenance Section as the winner from the local office at the annual Truck Rodeo drive off prior to the safety banquet. Each year this event requires contestants to demonstrate backing, turning, steering, and braking skills in an obstacle course, demonstrating daily maneuvers while operating TxDOT vehicles and other equipment.

In addition to safety banquet award winners, service award winners were announced during the third quarter. Local crew chief Kyle Long was recognized for 20 years of service.

Diva for a Day contest slated December 3rd

A Diva for a Day contest is being planned in connection with the traditional Open House Day in Robert Lee, which will be Friday, December 3, this year.

Nominations will be accepted at all participating Robert Lee businesses. Nominations should be 250 words or less about a woman who is so special that she deserves to be rewarded with an entire day of pampering and showered with gifts from Robert Lee businesses. The deadline for nominations is November 24, 2004.

The Diva for a Day will begin her day of pampering by being chauffeured by an Ivey Motor Company automob-

ile for an awaiting breakfast, then off for a relaxing massage followed by an entire hair, makeup, skin care makeover. Next she will enjoy her lunch before returning for a manicure and pedicure. The Diva for a Day will attend the Open House Day festivities and be awarded a basket of gifts from Robert Lee merchants, and then she will be taken out for dinner. At dusk, she and her nominator will be taken to Christmas at Bryan's Barn. Before ending the day she will be treated to a mug of hot coffee or cocoa and a slice of homemade cheesecake to complete a day of being a very special diva.

To nominate a special woman, look in the Observer/Enterprise for a nomination coupon and information necessary to enter a favorite woman in the Diva for a Day contest. Judges will choose a winner from among the nominations, but will not know the names of the persons nominated. Judging will be solely based on the 250 word nomination.

Robert Lee businesses appreciate their customers' patronage during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Diva for a Day contest requirements

Nominate the woman you think is so special that she deserves to be rewarded with an entire day of pampering and be presented with a basket filled with gifts from local Robert Lee businesses.

It's easy to nominate your Diva by following these simple requirements.

1. Fill out an original Observer/Enterprise coupon (cannot be photocopy) and attach it to your nomination letter. The letter should be 250 words or less describing your Diva and why she should be selected as Diva for a Day.

2. Hand deliver your Observer/Enterprise coupon

and nomination letter to one of these participating Robert Lee businesses by Wednesday, November 24, during regular business hours.

Participating businesses include: DJ's Merle Norman, This 'N That, Super H Grocery, Ivey Motors, Massage by Darrell, C & H Hardware, Frankie's Salon, Designs by Toni, Cindy's BBQ and Grocery, Tropical Shaved Ice, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Cathy's Flowers & Gifts, Nana's Restaurant, and Skinner's Grocery & Station.

The nominee must live in Coke County, be at least 18 years of age, and available December 3rd to participate in Robert Lee's Christmas Open House festivities.

Central Baptist continues series

Central Baptist Church in Bronte is continuing the Celebrate Recovery program with eight sermons on spiritual growth and recovery from hurts, habits and hangups. The sermons are being presented each Sunday morning during the 11 am worship service.

Volunteers who are familiar with 12-step programs are needed to be trained as leaders in a 12-step program focusing on Jesus Christ as the Higher Power. The Celebrate Recovery meetings will begin in December.

For more information, please call Pastor Tim White at 473-4811.

Send your news in through the internet.

Email: CokeCoObserver@aol.com

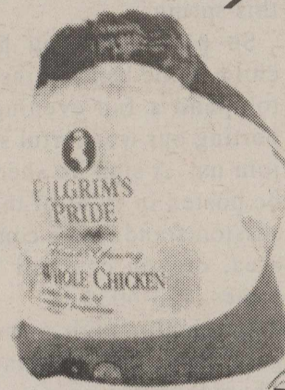
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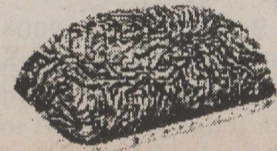
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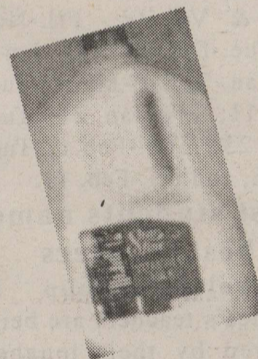
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Small Package
\$1.59 per pound



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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

4th grade to hold dinner November 14

The 4th grade at Bronte Elementary will have a Chicken Carry- Out Dinner Sunday, November 14, from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Plates may be purchased in front of the Bronte School.

Each plate will consist of smoked chicken, potato salad, beans, and a slice of bread.

The 4th grade is raising money to attend HEB Camp in May. HEB Camp is an outdoor education program that is located in the Hill Country. There, the students will participate in archery, canoeing, bird watching, gun safety, archeology, water resources, fishing, etc.

BHS graduate completes Army Basic Training

Pfc Daniel N. Brittain graduated from Army Basic Combat Training on October 20, 2004.

Attending his graduation in Fort Knox, Kentucky, were his parents, Ellis and Julie Easterly of Blackwell as well as their guest, LaTasha Early of Shep.

Pfc Brittain is a 2004 graduate of Bronte High School. He was promoted while in training from Pvt to Pfc. Brittain is currently attending advanced training for motor transport operations at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Nov. 15

Cereal, diced pears, biscuit, jelly, donut

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Nov. 17

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Thurs., Nov. 18

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Friday, Nov. 19

Donut, apple sauce, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 15

Fish nugget, blackeyed peas, macaroni & cheese, sliced peaches, roll, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Hot dogs, chili & cheese, tator tots, pork & beans, bun, jello, milk

Wed., Nov. 17

Turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pumpkin pie, milk

Thurs., Nov. 18

Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, taco shell, milk

Friday, Nov. 19

Chick-fil-lay sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, grapes, bun, chips, chocolate cake, milk

Volunteers needed

The Bronte band is desperately needing parents to help in the concession stand during our home basketball games. The money earned is helping send the band to contest in South Padre Island this spring.

So please, if you have a child in the band or just want to spend a fun evening supporting our wonderful school, join us. A sign up sheet will be posted in front of the concession stand in the commons area, or you can call Kathy James, 473-6034.

The junior high games are generally on Mondays & Thursdays beginning at 5:30 while the JV & varsity games are usually on Tuesday & Friday with JV beginning at 4:00 followed by the varsity.

This could make for some long evenings if left up to only a few individuals. We do not expect you to work through all the games or when your child is playing, but any help at any time would be greatly appreciated. Many of you may not be off work by this time but come on by and help when you can. Your band members will be very thankful.

The home games are as follows:

Jr. High - Thur.-Nov. 18; Sat.-Nov. 20; Mon.-Nov. 22; Mon.-Dec.13; Mon.-Dec. 29 and Mon.-Jan. 10

JV & Varsity - Fri.-Nov. 19; Tue.-Dec 14; Tue.-Jan 4; Fri.-Jan. 7; Sat.-Jan. 8; Tue.-Jan. 11; Fri.-Jan 21; Tue.-Jan. 25; Tue.-Feb.1; Tue.-Feb. 8; and Fri.-Feb. 11.

Best students name best teachers

A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics - their former students - in the eighth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

All of the 156,000 teachers honored were nominated by former students who themselves are currently listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition or The National Dean's List.

The following is a list of teachers from our area who are featured in the 8th edition.

Bronte - Brian Arrott

Robert Lee - Sheri Millican, Tammy Roe, and Elena Sanchez.

Who's Who HS students honored

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high

school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Local students selected include:

Bronte: Natalee Reed

Robert Lee: Joshua Alexander, Argentina Arellano, Nicole Barnett, Andra Braswell, Cody Bridges, Kayli Dickey, Shannon Honse, Erica O'Neil, Eric Ortega, Sarah Philley, Brettie Reed, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Michele Sanchez, Krystal Sawyer, Brittany Soliz, Carolina Vera, Rachel Wallace, and Ashley Womack

Blackwell: Tiffany Coffey

BASB news

By Randy Springer

On Monday, November 8th, 2004, at 7:00 pm, the Bronte All-Sports Booster Club met for their regular weekly meeting. Regular meetings are held every Monday night at 7:00 pm in the school library. This was our last weekly meeting due to basketball season and the scheduling procedures to allow all our kids to play. We will begin meeting on a monthly basis starting Wednesday, December the 8th at 7:00 pm in the library. Throughout the rest of the year the meetings will be at 7:00 pm the first Wednesday of each month. All the coaches are at every meeting reporting progress, injuries, and interests you won't hear anywhere else. We will try to keep you posted on the Longhorn's & Shorthorn's basketball season.

Our primary topic of discussion Monday night encompassed two areas: 1) the need to have a paid (% of the concession stand proceeds) manager of the concession stand with the parents of athletes still working the games. This entails inventory control, ordering, clean-up and preparation of the concession stand under the supervision of a vice president and president of BASB. If you or anyone you know may be interested for next year, please contact BASB. 2) Gloria Allen is taking pre-orders on button-down shirts (3-styles), polo's and hooded sweat shirts, as well as ordering basketball T's for the season. If you have an interest see Gloria or myself.

The varsity Longhorns hosted the Roscoe Plowboys Friday night and fell to the Plowboys, 60-6, but that was not indicative of the heart and determination they



Aggie Football! Jim Rawlings (center) traveled to College Station Saturday, October 23, 2004, for the Texas A & M University football game against Colorado. The Aggies pulled it out in overtime 29-26. Jim is shown with Bear McDonald and David Poe.

showed in playing a close first half. The Horns finished the season a very respectable 4 & 6.

The Shorthorns visited Roscoe and fell to a season record of 3-4-1. The Shorthorns also played very respectable, and improved each week of the season. Some of the players from this team will be able to help the Longhorns improve next season.

The Varsity Lady Longhorns basketball team, according to Coach Mike Bohensky, is also very young with no seniors. He anticipates a very competitive season, which began Tuesday night versus Blackwell, and they play again Friday.

If you would like to contact BASB please feel free to send a letter or card to PO Box 112, Bronte, Texas

76933 or e-mail me at rmcspringer@msn.com.

The next BASB meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 1st.

Bronte school website lists activities and schedules

The Bronte ISD website at <http://bronte.netxv.net/> includes information on extracurricular activities and schedules, the school calendar, Counselor's Corner (which lists senior scholarships, financial aid, and other information concerning all grade levels, all campus staff lists and contact information, Special announcements, and other important information and resources concerning the school and the community. There are many related links listed for parents, teachers, students, and community.

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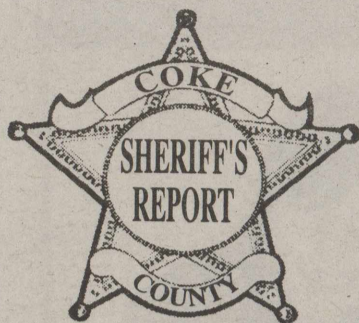
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**September 2004
arrest/charges
filed/dispositions**

Anthony Ray Harrell
DWLS, 9-4-04
Donald Dale Little - DWI
1st 9-5-04
Danny Saldana - Assault
F.V., Evading arrest w/vehicle,
Child Endangerment - 9-7-04
Bentura Saldana - Evading
Arrest w/vehicle, Child
Endangerment - 9-7-04
Charlie Faye Tanner -
Evading arrest w/vehicle,
Child Endangerment - 9-7-04
William Tray Taylor -
DWLS - 9-10-04
Carolyn Yaus - Public
intoxication - 9-15-04
Robert Claborn - Public
intoxication - 9-15-04
Chris Gaston - Public intox-
ication - 9-15-04
Sundra Runn - CCJJC -
Assault of a public servant,
Criminal Mischief
>1500<20K - 9-15-04
Juan Carillo - CCJJC -
Assault of a public servant,
Criminal Mischief
>1500<20K - 9-15-04
Anthony Rodriguez -
CCJJC - Assault of a public
servant, Criminal Mischief
Melinda Reyes - Assault on
the elderly - 9-23-04
Kailee Radloff - Warrant -
Motion to revoke probation -
9-27-04

Plea Hearing

September 13, 2004

The State of Texas vs:
Ronald Claude Drennan
Charge: DWLS
Plea: Guilty, 6 months
Deferred Adjudication; Fine
\$300.00, Court cost \$201.00,
24 hrs. Community Service

**County Court
Dispositions**

September 13, 2004

The State of Texas vs.
Angela Lynette Tedford
Charge: DWI 2nd
Plea: Guilty, 3 days jail,
Probation 180 days, DL
Suspension 180 days, DWI
School, Fine \$1000.00, Court
Cost \$351.00, 80 hrs.
Community Service

The State of Texas vs.
Charles Eugene Mathis
Charge: Possession of
Marijuana <2oz.
Plea: Guilty, 12 Months
Deferred Adjudication, Fine
\$400.00, Court Cost \$176.00,
24 hrs. Community Service in
90 days

The State of Texas vs.
Chrissa Michelle Swineheart
Charge: Possession of
Marijuana <2oz.
Plea: Guilty, 6 months
Deferred Adjudication, Fine
\$300.00, Court Cost \$201.00,
24 hrs. Community Service

The State of Texas vs.
Robert Harold Claborn

Charge: DWI 1st
Plea: Guilty, 29 days jail
The State of Texas vs.
Ricardo Mancibais Jr.
Charge: DWLS
Plea: 12 Months Probation,
Fine \$300.00, Court Cost
\$211.00, 36 hrs. Community
Service

The State of Texas vs.
Gaylene Garrison
Charge: Possession of
Marijuana <2oz.
Plea: Guilty, 12 Months
Deferred Adjudication, Fine
\$300.00, Court Cost \$176.00,
24 hrs. Community Service
in 90 days
The State of Texas vs.
Tawnia Swafford
Charge: Theft by Check
Plea: Guilty, Fine, \$239.00,
Court Cost \$261.00

October 2004

**Arrests, Charges
Filed, Dispositions**

Earl David Nowlain, Sexual
Assault of a Child, 10-5-04
Cindi Lewis, Forgery,
Credit Card Abuse, 10-6-04
Atom Miller, Public
Intoxication, 10-9-04
Larry Bell, Public
Intoxication, Disorderly
Conduct, 10-9-04
Daniel Lopez, DWI,
Motion to Revoke Probation
Warrant Services, 10-9-04
Jason Smalls, Possession of
Marijuana <2oz., 10-24-04
Zachary Thomas Atkinson,
Possession of Marijuana
<2oz., 10-24-04
Domingo Contreras, DWI
3rd or more, 10-30-04

County Court

Dispositions

October 5, 2004

The State of Texas vs. Will
Simpson, Charge: DWI 1st,
Plea: Guilty, 1 year pre-trial

The State of Texas vs.
Terry Benson, Charge:
Driving while license sus-
pended, Plea: Guilty, 1 Year
Probation, Fine \$400.00,
Court Cost \$236.00, 80 Hrs
Community Service.

51st District Court

October 6, 2004

The State of Texas vs.
Robert Hopkins, Charge:
DWI 3rd or More, Plea:
Guilty, Six Years TDCJ

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area employees are part of
the Corpus Christi
Distribution Region, which
won the overall Horizon
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The region, which includes
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cent over the last six years.

Gary Prazen, a nationally
acclaimed sculptor from
Utah, created the bronze
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Morris, AEP chairman, presi-
dent and chief executive
officer, said the Horizon
Award sculpture itself "has us
looking toward the future and
the day when we have zero
incidents."

Mark Baker, manager of
distribution systems for the
San Angelo District, said,
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our employees. Our business
of providing electric power to
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which is why working safely
is so critically important. It's
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selected as the safest regional
work unit in all of AEP."

Central Baptist continues series

Central Baptist Church in Bronte is continuing the
Celebrate Recovery program with eight sermons on spiritual
growth and recovery from hurts, habits and hangups. The ser-
mons are being presented each Sunday morning during the 11
am worship service.

Volunteers who are familiar with 12-step programs are
needed to be trained as leaders in a 12-step program focusing
on Jesus Christ as the Higher Power. The Celebrate
Recovery meetings will begin in December.

FMI, please call Pastor Tim White at 473-4811.

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STERLING CITY SCHOOL NEWS

Sterling City ends season with victory

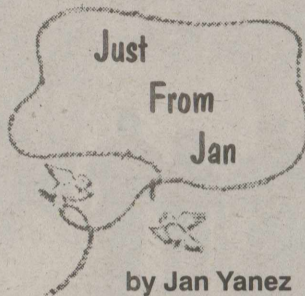
By Coach Jack Gray

Sterling City ended its season Friday with a 64-6 victory over the Hermligh Cardinals. Scoring came quickly and on a limited number of plays for the Eagles. Joshua Fitchett opened the scoring with a 17 yard run, this score was set up by a 43 yard punt return by Cole Hord. At 4:59 of the first quarter Cole Hord caught a short pass from Joshua Fitchett and turned it into a 23 yard score, Chris Crooks finished the scoring in the first period with a 50 yard run. Joel Galaviz added the extra point kick on all these scores.

In the second quarter Brian Crooks, on his first carry, ran 71 yards for a score. Brian finished the night with two more carries and touchdown runs of 47 and 50, for a 56 yard average per carry and 3 runs for 3 TDs. Joshua Fitchett completed the scoring for the Eagles by adding runs of 54, 53 and 15. Joel Galaviz added the kick for point after one of Fitchett's TDs and bobbled snaps on kick attempts on the other try's resulted in a pass to Chris Crooks from Fitchett for two points each on these attempts.

The last score for the Eagles came at 9:52 of the fourth quarter and the complete roster had a chance to play. Seniors Cole Hord, Hunter Aycock, Chris Crooks, Caleb Gressett, Ignacio Melendez, Henry Galindo, Colton Long, Corey

Hasty, Rafael Munoz, and Sammy Zapata, played well and will be missed by the Eagles.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Food Ideas - Shortcut Cooking

If you're tired of takeout but too tired to cook; we have some solutions for you. Many convenience foods can be easily doctored up so that your meals taste like real home cooking---but involve far less effort. What's the secret? Cutting back on lengthy amounts of prep work and cooking time. Here are some recommended shortcut strategies:

*Purchase dried bean, rice and pasta mixes with flavor packets so that you don't have to measure out lots of spices and seasonings. Make sure to buy reduced-sodium varieties if you're following a low-salt diet.

*Eliminate slicing and dicing with packages of fresh or frozen vegetables that are already cleaned and chopped or shredded.

*Take home a whole roasted chicken to make a quick chicken salad, burrito or wrap.

*Use canned and dehydrated soups as tasty bases for heartier soups and stews.

*Short on time, Long on Flavor - Not sure you're ready to risk passing off half-home cooked meals as your own? Nonsense, you have to let go of the Brady Brunch mentality...just because something's pre-packaged, doesn't mean it's not good. Super Fast Meal Ideas:

*For quick jambalaya, stir-fry salad-size shrimp, diced low-fat Italian sausage and chopped bell pepper. Combine with a cooked Cajun-style rice mix until well blended.

*One dish pasta entrees Make simple family meals. Try adding chopped broccoli and diced lean ham to a cooked

reduced-fat macaroni and cheese mix. Or make a vegetarian version with chopped fresh tomatoes and lightly steamed asparagus tips.

*Feed a crowd with a wild rice-turkey casserole: Stir-fry leftover turkey breast, chopped broccoli and dried cranberries; combine with a cooked wild-rice mix.

*Go vegetarian with black bean burritos. Stir-fry diced onions and combine them with canned black beans (rinsed and drained) and a cooked rice mix. Layer down the center of tortillas, top with salsa and low-fat shredded cheddar cheese, roll up, and bake until heated through and the tortillas are slightly browned.

*Add a dash of lime juice, hot sauce and a cup of chopped cooked chicken breast to canned chicken soup. Sprinkle with cilantro and you've got hot-and-sour soup in a jiffy.

*Slice and arrange store-bought, pre-cooked polenta in a 9-inch square pan; top with soy-based chorizo and a little tomato sauce. Bake until just heated through, and you'll be dining Italian-style with almost no effort.

Deadline set for ACT test

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on December 11, 2004, the next national test date. The deadline for post-mark registration is November 5. The late registration deadline is November 18. Students can get registration materials from their guidance counselor or they can register online at www.actstudent.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The exam is administered in all 50 states. Students can find the closest testing location by searching on ACT's website.

Some students perform better on the ACT because it is based on achievement, not aptitude. The ACT exam includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics and science. It takes three hours to complete. Free sample tests are available from high school counselors and sample questions can be found on



Sterling County Buck! Sam Sadler, 13 year old youth from Henderson, Texas, took this big 10 point buck on opening day. Sam and his family were hunting on the Copeland Ranch in Sterling County, when he brought down the 155 pound liveweight buck. This deer was Sam's first taken while hunting by himself.

ACT's website, which also offers inexpensive practice tests.

Beginning in February, 2005, an optional writing test will be added to the ACT Assessment. Since many colleges will not require a writing score, students will only have to take the writing test

if their college requires it. Otherwise, they may opt for the regular ACT Assessment without the writing test. Students who plan to start college in the fall of 2006 should check with prospective colleges to find out if a writing score is required.

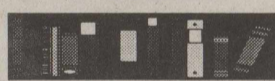


Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who attended the Countdown Party on Election Night. A special thanks to all of you who brought goodies or helped to clean up.

Rick & Kay Styles

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Nov. 15

Waffles, cereal, peaches

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Sausage, biscuits, cereal, mixed fruit

Wed., Nov. 17

Pancake on stick, cereal, pears

Thurs., Nov. 18

Cereal, toast, jelly, juice

Friday, Nov. 19

Sausage-n-blanket, cereal, pineapple

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 15

Chili cheese dogs, ranch beans, raisins, tator tots

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Burrito, corn, salad, apricots

Wed., Nov. 17

Corndog, pork-n-beans, sliced pears, carrots

Thurs., Nov. 18

Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad

Friday, Nov. 19

Pizza, salad, green beans, apple

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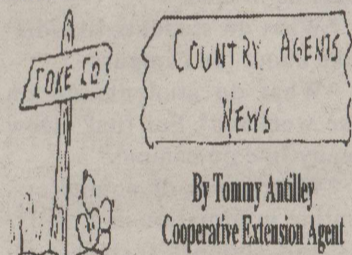


SR David M. Jones graduated from Great Lakes Naval Training Base near North Chicago, Illinois, October 29, 2004.

He is now stationed at the Navy's Nuclear Power Training Command at Goose Creek, South Carolina. David joined the Navy August 31 after graduating from Terrell High School in Terrell, Texas.

He is the grandson of Josie Castleberry of Robert Lee. His parents are Meredith and Richard Jones of Terrell.

His parents, sister Christina Jones, and grandmother Josie Castleberry attended the graduation in Great Lakes, Illinois.



By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Brush control reference available

"Brush Management Past, Present, Future" is said by one of its editors to be the most comprehensive brush control reference available in decades.

Dr. Allan McGinty, Texas Cooperative Extension range specialist in San Angelo, said the book is for anybody who works with rangelands or who is confronted with brush problems of any kind.

"The book could easily be used as a college text or as a reference for individuals," said McGinty. "It is the most up-to-date reference on rangeland brush control there is. The last such reference was 'Brush Management-Principles and Practices for Texas and the Southwest.' That book, printed in 1980, was authored by the late Dr. Charles J. Scifres, who was then profes-

sor of range management with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at College Station."

McGinty said there have been major changes in the industry in recent years. New application technologies, herbicides, and biological control options along with summer burning, offer brush management opportunities that were unheard of 20 years ago.

McGinty said the new book is broken into sections on the four methods of brush management: mechanical, chemical, biological and fire. Each section is divided into chapters on the history, current status and future prospects of that particular practice. Economic and financial questions, water, wildlife and environment issues also are covered.

McGinty said the idea for the 282 page book started several years ago with a brush control symposium in San Angelo sponsored by the Experiment Station, Extension and the Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management at College Station.

"We had the symposium because many range professionals were getting up in years and we worried that much of the practical and technical information they had in their minds might someday be lost," said McGinty. "We brought them together and had them speak on brush control so we could capture that knowledge both orally and in a written proceedings. Papers and notes from that symposium and from other top professionals eventually evolved into this textbook."

McGinty's co-editors on the project were Wayne T. Hamilton, director of the Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management at Texas A&M University; Dr. Darrell Ueckert, Regents Fellow and range researcher at San Angelo; Dr. Wayne Hanselka, associate department head and Extension program leader for Rangeland Ecology and Management at Corpus Christi; and Michelle Lee, writer and editor at the Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management at College Station.

The book is available through Texas A&M University Press in both soft and hardbound editions. To order, phone (800) 826-8911.

Discover ASU schedule set

Angelo State University's Admissions Office has released its 2004-05 schedule for "Discover ASU," a series of Saturday on-campus programs for students considering Angelo State in San Angelo for their college career.

Discover ASU programs are scheduled for November 13, February 12, March 5, April 9 and April 23 on the Angelo State University campus. Each program will begin with registration at 9 am and at 10 am a welcome from ASU President James Hindman and an overview of the university. Tours and special programs are scheduled at 11 am to be followed at noon by a complimentary lunch for students and their families.

The November 13, April 9 and April 23 sessions are planned for the Junell Center/Stephens Arena. The February 12 and March 5 programs will be in the Houston Harte University Center.

General information will be available on financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, student organizations, residence halls and extracurricular activities. Special sessions will cover academic and pre-professional programs.

For more information on Discover ASU, contact the ASU Admissions Office at (325) 942-2058 or visit the university Web site at www.angelo.edu.

Shannon AirMed now has life-saving device

The Children's Miracle Network at Shannon Medical Center recently presented a new state-of-the-art transport ventilator to Shannon AirMed 1. AirMed 1 is the first air ambulance in the state to utilize this type of ventilator, said Rod Gardner, RN, director of Shannon AirMed 1.

The Crossvent 4 Intensive Care/Transport Ventilator is an ultra-compact, electronically controlled, device offering a wide range of ventilator support for patients ranging from neonatal through adult. The device is used to assist breathing in patients who have been incubated or simply cannot breathe on their own. Weighing just 10 pounds and slightly larger than a shoe box, the Crossvent fits comfortably inside the AirMed 1 aircraft.



12 Pointer! Jerod Hefner of Irving, Texas, brought down this 12 point buck (his first deer ever!) when his brother, Jason Hefner of Sweetwater, talked him into coming down to hunt and using his blind. Jerod, an accountant with Bass Enterprises in Fort Worth, took this monster buck at 125 yards with a 22-250. Jerod and Jason were hunting on the Double J Ranch off Humble Road toward Silver. They are grandsons of Glenda Mathers of Robert Lee.

"The biggest advantage of having the new ventilator on board is that it provides more latitude to optimize care of the patient," explained Gardner. "This is especially helpful for the pediatric patients that we transport on long flights."

All of the monies raised locally for the Children's Miracle Network stay in the region to care for area children, said Vaughan.

AirMed 1 is staffed 24

hours a day with an experienced crew that includes a registered nurse, paramedic and pilot. The crew is specially trained in advanced life support techniques for adult and pediatric patients. AirMed 1 works closely with area emergency medical services, law enforcement agencies and fire departments to bring rapid mobile intensive care unit capabilities into rural areas of West Texas.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Coke County 4-H Kids! These Coke County Senior 4-H club members performed a Community Service project by cleaning up the show barn and show ring in preparation for the Hunters Appreciation BBQ held Saturday evening, November 6, 2004, in Robert Lee.

Steers playoff hopes fall short

By Tom Sawyer

The Steers ended their football season a little earlier than they hoped for Friday night with a loss to Water Valley. If you didn't get to see a game this year you missed some exciting six-man football and more to come next season. I'm sure all the Steer fans would join me in saying congratulations to all the players, coaches, cheerleaders, and band members for such an enjoyable season.

1st quarter

The Wildcats started the

scoring with a thirteen-yard run with 7:43 left in the quarter. Omar Saucedo got the Steers on the board with a nice thirty-four yard run with 6:37 remaining. With 4:40 on the clock, the Wildcats scored again on a fifteen-yard touchdown run. The Steers took the lead when Cameron Hodge scored from the one-yard line and Brandon Soliz kicked the PAT. Robert Lee 14 - Water Valley 13

2nd quarter

The Steers led off the quarter when Lance Millican caught a Soliz pass for a six-yard touchdown with 9:30 left on the clock. Water Valley came back with four unanswered touchdowns, the first was a six yard pass with 6:39 left, then a twenty-five yard pass interception with 6:30 left, followed by a thirty-four yard run with 3:35 remaining, and with 1:51 left in the half a final twenty-four yard run. Robert Lee 20 - Water Valley 39

3rd quarter

Robert Lee got the second half scoring started when Saucedo made a nice run of fifty-one yards with 3:29 left in the quarter. The Wildcats came right back with a seventy-yard kickoff return then scored again with 1:18 left on a sixty-five yard run. The Steers scored again with no time on the clock when Saucedo scored on a fifteen yard run.

4th quarter

Josh Conner started out the quarter when he made a twenty-one yard touchdown on a pass with 9:30 left in the game. The final score of the game came when Water Valley scored on a thirty-one yard pass play with 5:03 left on the clock and then held the Steers and ran out the clock. Robert Lee 42 - Water Valley 63

RLJH football results

The Dogies finally broke into the win column, as they took a 12-8 victory from the Veribest Falcons on October 28th. The Dogies were led in the scoring column by Michael Rodriquez as he plunged in for two short touchdown runs. The Dogies defense, led by Cody Brosh, Dustin Moreno, & Jeremy Martinez, had to make a goal line stand in the final minutes of the game to seal the victory.

On November 2nd, the Dogies fell to the visiting Water Valley Jr. High by a score of 28-50. After falling behind 12-0 early in the 1st quarter, the Dogies were able to match the junior Wildcats for the remaining three quarters. Highlights of the game included good offensive execution by quarterback Kaden Duncan and good runs by Jeremy Martinez, Cody Brosh, & Michael Rodriquez. Dustin Moreno also ran for a PAT late in the game after a 16 yard TD run by Aaron James. Dustin Moreno, Mason Ross, & Blake Millican provided good blocking for the Dogies up front.

RLISD cafeteria schedules

Thanksgiving meal

Janet Woods, Cafeteria Director, and her staff would like to remind parents and community members to come to the school cafeteria for the annual Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, November 18. Serving will begin at 11 am.

The meal will consist of turkey with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, milk or tea.

Call Mrs. Shook at 453-4555 by Friday, November



Coke County 4-H Pumpkin Winners! Coke County 4-H held a Pumpkin Contest October 28. The winning pumpkins were decorated by Megan Yackley and Kacey Roberts.

12, for price of meal and to make reservations. For additional information, contact Janet Woods at 453-4555.

Correction

In a recent issue of the *Observer/Enterprise*, Kaylan Gardner, RN, was incorrectly identified as being an ER nurse at Shannon Medical Center. Mrs. Gardner is an RN and was among a team of medical professionals who presented a program at Robert Lee ISD. However, she is not employed by Shannon Medical Center.

College campus tour

After spending months researching colleges and reading all their brochures, the list of potential schools has been narrowed down to a handful of choices. Now what? To really find out if a college or university "feels right," students should schedule a campus tour as part of the college application and decision-making process.

Visiting a college campus in person and talking with faculty and currently enrolled students, seeing the dorms, sitting in on a class, and eating in the dining halls will provide prospective students with the vital insight needed to choose the college that best suits their needs.

Students should contact the admissions office of the colleges they would like to visit to schedule a campus tour. During the tour, they should plan on meeting with a tour guide, admissions counselors, an overnight host, professors, and students. A list of questions should be prepared beforehand.

Question topics should cover the whole range of campus life including academics, student/faculty interaction, campus environment, and technology. The following suggested questions can serve as a guide:

*How much reading and writing is expected per class?

*How and when are majors selected? Can they be self-designed?

*How available is the faculty to meet with students outside of class?

*What do students like/dislike about the campus?

*What do students do on the weekend? For fun? How many live on campus?

*What types of computers, online information and courses and support services are available?

More information about planning for college and/or finding sources of financial aid is available on TG's public service Web site at www.AdventuresinEducation.org, or by calling the Texas Financial Aid Information Center at (888) 311-8881.

Who's Who-Sports Edition students honored

The Who's Who-Sports Edition honors outstanding student athletes. Athletes are nominated by coaches, teachers, and sports organizations based on athletic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities.

Local student-athletes selected include:

Robert Lee: Cara Eaton, Julie Riley and Lindsey Roe
Blackwell: Tiffany Coffey

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Nov. 15

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Wed., Nov. 17

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Thurs., Nov. 18

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Friday, Nov. 19

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 15

Frito pie, cheese, corn, salad, pudding, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Corndog, pork & beans, broccoli & carrots w/ranch, applesauce, milk

Wed., Nov. 17

Bean chalupa, salad, cheese, Spanish rice, fresh fruit, milk

Thurs., Nov. 18

Turkey w/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, milk

Friday, Nov. 19

Barbecue on bun, pickles, French fries, chili beans, pears, milk

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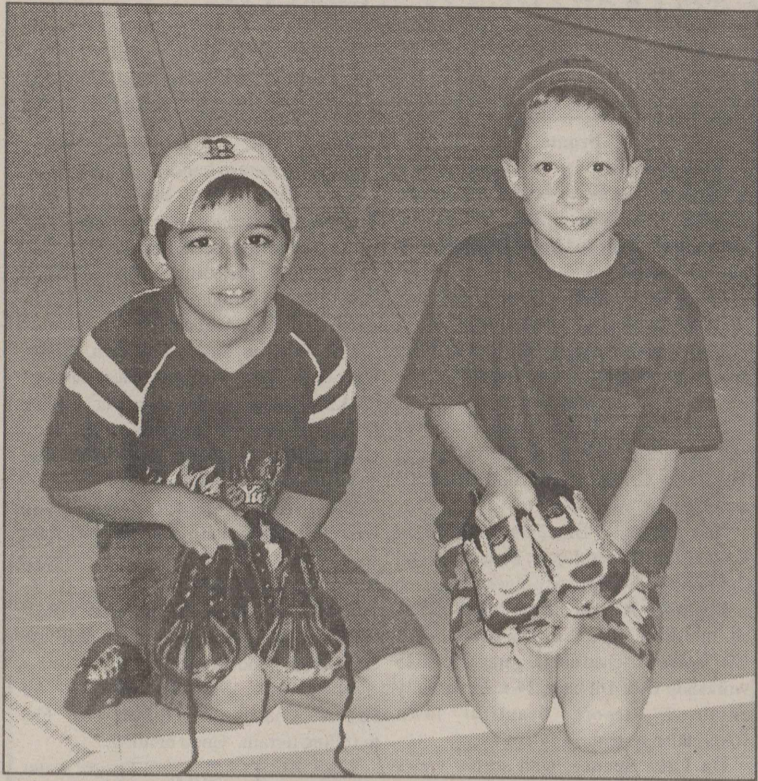
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National Dean's list includes local students

The National Dean's List, published by Educational Communications, Inc., is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Local students selected include:

Robert Lee: Jennifer Alexander-McMurry; Tiffany Copeland-South Plains-Lubbock; Laura Pedersen-Howard College-San Angelo; Alan Roe-Kettering University; Shelby Roe-Texas Tech; Nicole Sanchez-ASU; Sam Schiwart-Texas Tech

Blackwell: Ashley Ragland-University of Texas-Permian Basin

fortunate to have been chosen to receive funds which will enable the initiation of a new program.

The book sale brought in a little over \$100. The patrons and customers who shopped the sale are appreciated for their support. One young shopper left with sacks full of children's books and the smile of a hooked on books reader. His grandparents were smiling too.

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

Texas Farm Bureau to hold 71st annual meeting

Texas Farm Bureau delegates will gather in San Antonio for their 71st annual convention, Dec. 4-6, with a record membership and an agenda to set policy for the state's largest farm organization.

Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke, a San Angelo cotton and grain farmer, announced a new membership high of 383,204 member families, an addition of 11,884 members over last year's record.

The adoption of the organization's policy book, which lays out Texas Farm Bureau's vision for the coming year, is the most important business of the upcoming convention, Dierschke said.

"We have many issues to address," he said. "Getting our policy in shape for a new legislative session and a new Congress is of critical importance to the organization. Our leaders have always been up to the task."

The 2004 convention begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, with the Free Enterprise Speech Contest. Finalists, selected from 13 district winners, will speak about the Constitution and Free Enterprise System, competing for the high prize of a \$4,000



RL students participate in Walk Across Texas! Since the beginning of school this year, Mrs. Devoll's Robert Lee Elementary 2nd and 3rd grade Physical Education class has been participating in the Walk Across Texas School Program. These students have been walking, running and jogging during their P.E. class. They have accumulated a total of five hundred and eighty-eight miles.

Taking top honors in the boys division (above photo, from left) were Tristen Hildebrand with 27.75 miles walked, James Roberts with 30.5 miles walked and Angel Acosta with 28.75 miles. Taking top honors for girls (bottom photo, from left) were Bianca Huapilla with 29.75 miles, Sydney Sheldon with 28.5 miles and Ciera Millican with 23.75 miles.

Two special awards were given to James Roberts and Angel Acosta (top left photo) for actually walking a hole through their tennis shoes. These students have walked across Texas and beyond.



Check Out
Coke Co. Library

The Coke County Library has received a grant of \$500 from Target Stores to initiate a "LapSit" program for infants and toddlers. Recent library trends are toward the promotion of the inclusion of infants and toddlers in the life-long learning process through board books and picture books.

The funds will be used to support this program with the purchase of books and how-to information for parents and volunteers. It is hoped that this program can get started in January. Books for this program are recommended on the Early Childhood Information Clearinghouse. It will take a while to find the publishers and book jobbers of the recommended books.

In a letter from Glenn Gary, Target District 306 Team Leader, it is pointed out that "Target Corporation is committed to giving back to the communities in which we operate stores. This year, we will give over \$2 million a week to nonprofit organizations nationwide."

The Coke County Library is

scholarship.

Starting at 1 p.m. will be the Discussion Meet Contest, a valuable forum that provides an opportunity for young farmers and ranchers to discuss issues of importance to agriculture. Youth contests will be completed on Saturday with winners named for the Talent Find and Miss Texas Farm Bureau contests.

The convention continues on Sunday, Dec. 5, with a presentation on the progress of a two-year study,

conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation that looks at the future of U.S. agriculture policy.

Following will be various awards including Farm Bureau Pioneers, Membership and Young Farmers and Ranchers, addresses by TFB President Dierschke and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn Sunday afternoon, capped that evening with District Caucuses. U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn have also

been invited to speak to the delegates.

The business session, where Farm Bureau delegates will debate, discuss and adopt policy, will be held Monday. The convention will conclude that evening following the election of the TFB President and state board members from even numbered districts.

All events will be held at the Marriott Riverwalk or Marriott Rivercenter Hotels.

**News from
Susan Combs,
Texas Agriculture
Commissioner**

**Rural Texas' Past Part
of Key to Future**

As Texans, we know that we are privileged to live in a state that's like no other. Celebrating our uniqueness is what draws more visitors to rural Texas each year than to any other destination in the Lone Star State. It is here, in our rural areas, where history is experienced, heritage is savored, and the spirit of dogged determination is shared.

It is also here in rural Texas where community leaders, local business and tireless volunteers work together with a singular purpose-to enhance the future of rural Texas by celebrating and preserving the past. A quick look around the state reveals stories of how these Texans have rallied together for the good of all. Just look at these three examples.

The Matagorda Island Foundation built consensus among six state and federal government entities and raised more than \$1 million to restore the state's oldest operational lighthouse along the coast. The 92-foot tall lighthouse at Matagorda Island State Park now shines as a symbol of renewed interest in the history, tourism and economic potential of Calhoun County.

In Sweetwater, a national fundraising campaign and membership drive is underway now to build the National WASP World War II Museum at Avenger Field.

Founded in 1878 as a trading post for hunters, Snyder was once prime buffalo territory. The two-day White Buffalo Festival held each October pays tribute to the history and heritage of the area, drawing visitors from across the state.

Though all three communities differ in location and project, they are all bonded by the same spirit and "can do" attitude reflected by the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Yes! program. Learn more about Texas Yes! at www.TexasYes.org.

Think Texas

With the school year well underway, students have had a chance to get a taste of a new, healthier school nutrition policy issued this summer in Texas. Limits have been placed on fat and calories, and the availability of French fries, soda, candy and other items has been cut back. This has prompted schools to think creatively and offer healthier items in vending machines and on school menus.

The efforts have been a work in progress, and we have been wide open to suggestions from parents, teachers and students. It's clear that everyone agrees that the

obesity epidemic sweeping the nation is urgent and real. And we are working together in Texas to make sure we combat the problem while keeping the "fun" in food.

One way to keep food fun is to allow special treats for birthday celebrations. After receiving feedback from parents, the Texas Department of Agriculture decided to adjust the policy to allow elementary children to share sweets for birthday celebrations. Parent involvement often involves bringing cupcakes or other treats to school for children to share with classmates on their birthdays, and the adjusted policy now allows for this type of celebration.

Over the past 20 years, our country has seen dramatic increases in obesity, and for the first time in human history our children may not outlive their parents. Texas is now leading the nation in its efforts to combat childhood obesity as the first state to have an all-encompassing school nutrition policy. With innovative, fresh ideas and a strong focus on Texas schoolchildren, we will improve our state's obesity problem and pave the way for healthy futures for our kids.

**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.

Available species for Coke County include afghan pine, redcedar, italian stone pine, arborvitae, aromatic (skunk-bush) sumac, black cherry, catalpa, desert willow, four-winged saltbush, green ash, hackberry, honeylocust, lacebark elm, nanking cherry, osage orange, redbud, russian olive, sandcherry, sand plum, sawtooth oak, 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 January 31, 2005, and will be delivered on February 10, 2005.

To order windbreak trees, contact the Coke County SWCD at 214 East 7th Street in Robert Lee or call 325-453-2623, ext. 3.

**FSA office taking ewe
lamb applications**

Producers that have retained ewe lambs during the period of August 1, 2003, to July 1, 2004, may be eligible for the Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Program.

Ewe lambs are lambs that turned 18 months sometime

during the program period, were not bred until after the animal was 18 months old and did not have parrot mouth, foot rot or scrapies. All ewe lambs must be retained for 1 complete lambing cycle.

To apply for the program producers must provide the number of ewe lambs retained and month of birth, provide purchase receipts, if bought and scrapie flock certification number, when making an application.

At this time there is no end date for signup. Producers may come by the office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

**Cook's
Corner**

**Chicken & Dressing
Casserole**

- 1 whole chicken (or 4 boneless chicken breasts)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 pkg. chicken/herb dressing (the kind that is the seasoned bread cubes not the Stove Top brand)
- 1 can chicken broth (14 oz.)

(I thought casserole was a little dry so next time I am going to use more chicken broth)

Cook the chicken (either simmer it in water or wrap it in foil and bake at 350° for about an hour). Debone & cut into chunks. Melt margarine & mix with dressing. Mix sour cream with undiluted soup. Layer ingredients into 9 x 12 pan.

- 1 layer - half of the dressing mix
- 2nd layer - all of chicken pieces (add salt & pepper if desired)
- 3rd layer - 1 cup chicken broth (next time I will use more broth at this point)
- 4th layer - sour cream/celery soup mixture



Buck Taken! Blake Millican, 12, took this 9 point buck November 7th on the Wilbern Millican Ranch. Blake is the son of Kelly and Wibby Millican of Robert Lee.

5th layer - remaining dressing mixture
Then drizzle the remaining 1/2 cup (or more) chicken broth over all.

Bake 30-35 minutes at 350° (until it bubbles). (I covered it with foil for the first 30 minutes & then took the foil off for the last 5-10 minutes.)

This casserole also freezes well if you want to make it ahead. Be sure to thaw before baking, or allow more baking time if you put in oven when still frozen.

Apple Crisp

Put 4 cups cut-up apples in a sauce pan. Add 1/3 cup sugar & 1 tablespoon water. Cover with lid. Cook just enough to give apples a half-

done appearance.
Place in buttered 8x10 inch glass baking pan.

- Topping
- Mix 1/2 t. cinnamon
- 1/3 c. brown sugar
- 1/3 c. white sugar
- 1/2 stick margarine softened

Then add - 1/2 cup oatmeal & 1/2 cup flour
Cover apples w/topping. Bake at 375 until brown - about 25 minutes.

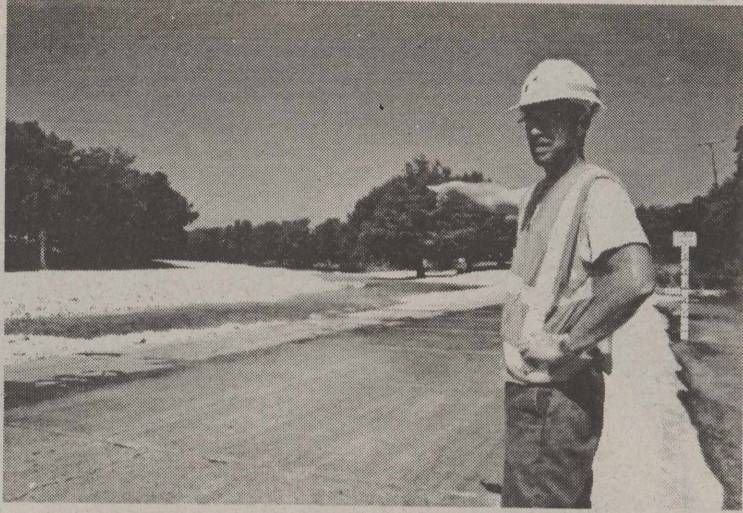
The above recipes were submitted by Meredith Jackson of Pomona, California. She is the daughter of the late Cliff and Mary Barrett of Bronte. Mrs. Jackson's sister is Melinda McCutchen of Bronte.

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EXTRA MILE AWARD WINNER Frank Munsinger points in the direction of where a motorist's van was found following a flood in Real County. During an April flood when Munsinger saved the lives of two motorists, the flood gauge located to the right of Munsinger had reached the 2' level.

TxDOT works to preserve state's transportation system

By Patsy Rainwater-Maddux
TxDOT Public Information Officer - San Angelo District

Statewide, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) spends more of its budget on maintenance of roadways than any other category.

"We're perceived as a big road-building machine," Mike Behrens said, the executive director who oversees the state's transportation system. "The reality is that we spend more resources on making sure the roads, bridges and rest areas that we already have are kept in the best possible shape for the traveling public."

Texas' roads and bridges represent a \$50 billion investment in the basics that keep people and goods moving safely throughout the state. During 2003, TxDOT resurfaced nearly 27,000 lane miles of highway, more than 14 percent of the state highway system; filled nearly 700,000 potholes; mowed 1.8 million acres of grass; picked up 450,000 cubic yards of litter; repaired 1.3 million linear feet of guard rail, and applied 260 million linear feet of highway striping and reflective beading.

For daily maintenance of existing highways, TxDOT devotes 46 percent of the department's workforce to this job function. TxDOT also contracts highway construction companies for major projects such as roadway rehabilitation projects.

Last year a total of \$5,287,407 was spent on maintenance expenses for the 3,253 centerline miles in the 15 counties in the San Angelo District, including \$1,258,842 for roadway materials; \$1,688,847 for highway maintenance such as equipment, supplies, fuel, training; and \$2,339,718 for maintenance contracts involving highway rehabilitation, mowing, and picnic/rest area. From the overall amount dedicated to maintenance expenses, the total for Coke County was 297,468. The total for

Sterling and Glasscock Counties was \$395,303.

Maintenance work in the San Angelo District is accomplished by 140 employees in a district of 288 employees that includes 10 maintenance crew members in Coke County and 11 maintenance crew members in Sterling and Glasscock Counties.

The San Angelo District Engineer Walter McCullough explained that maintenance employees' responsibilities involve more than pothole and guard rail repair. He described these employees as the "unsung heroes in our state's transportation system because they respond to emergency situations 24 hours a day that can involve all kinds of weather conditions."

"In addition to daily maintenance repairs, our maintenance crews work beyond the normal work day when they assist in traffic control at wrecks or during floods or range fires," McCullough said. For example, on Oct. 11 a maintenance mechanic from the Leakey Maintenance Section was honored at the annual engineers' conference in College Station for his efforts in saving the lives of two Real County residents. Frank Munsinger was awarded the "prestigious" Extra Mile Award, according to the district engineer. This award recognizes the efforts of employees who place the lives of motorists above their own safety during crisis along the highway.

In April Munsinger rescued a Leakey business owner and her 13-year old daughter during a flood at the Frio River in Real County. Around 4 a.m. the mechanic was assisting other Leakey Maintenance crew members by setting barriers at low-water crossings when the mother and daughter's van stalled in the middle of the crossing in water that had reached the two-foot flood line. Munsinger moved his service truck to stop the van from floating down the river and helped the stranded



COKE MAINTENANCE SECTION Maintenance employees include Terry Duncan, Frank Sparks, Cathy Waltz, Bucky Sparks, Ricky Ross (front row); Ronnie Waggonner, Ed Probst, Supervisor Douglas Roberts, Kyle Long, and Ricky Drennan.



STERLING CITY MAINTENANCE SECTION Maintenance employees who work in Sterling and Glasscock Counties include Joe Rodriquez, Alberto Estrada, Tim Sims, Daniel Martinez (front row); Courtney Strube, Kenneth Schniers, Gary Maricle (middle row); Guillermo Resendez, Mary Alice Brown, Wayne Halfmann, and Supervisor Shorty Radde.

motorists crawl out of their window to the service truck. While the mechanic backed his truck out of the crossing, he could feel the front wheels of his truck start to float.

"Our maintenance employees like Frank Munsinger are dedicated to providing the safest driving conditions for the residents and visitors to our 15 counties in the San Angelo District," McCullough said.

The maintenance personnel work at offices in Ballinger, Big Lake, Eden, Junction, Ozona, San Angelo, Sonora, Sterling City, Robert Lee, Rocksprings, and Leakey and sub stations in Menard, Eldorado, Mertzon, and Garden City.

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