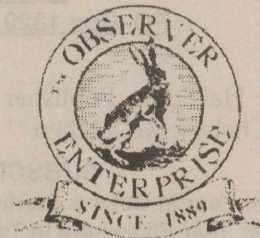


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Local election results posted

Local elections were held in Coke County Saturday, May 7, 2005.

West Coke County Hospital District will add two new members to the Board following this election. Dessie Kendall received 190 votes, with Mary Bessent joining her on the board with 161 votes. Incumbent Judy Williams received 84 votes.

In the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees election, incumbents Kendall Gibbs, 97, and Scott Frasier, 96, maintained their seats. Others receiving votes included Quinda Duncan, 71, Paul Williams, 50, and Shane Kelton, 33.

Jackie Walker, 91 votes, will join incumbents John Carver, 127, and Jason Treadaway, 119, on the Robert Lee City Council. Others receiving votes included Gary Payne, 60, and Brian Hamrick, 42.

Relay for Life meeting set for May 12

Relay for Life will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, May 12, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. It is still not too late to register a team.

Tennyson Cemetery cleanup set May 14

There will be a cemetery cleanup in Tennyson at the Mule Creek Cemetery on Saturday, the 14th at 9:00 am.

Food Pantry Drive set for Saturday

The Robert Lee and Bronte Post Offices will be participating, Saturday May 14, in the National Association of Letter Carrier's food drive this year. All Postal customers, whether you receive mail on a route or in a Post Office Box, received a card from the NALC and the Postal Service this week explaining the types of foods that can be used by the local food pantry.

For those wishing to give food items on the route simply follow the instructions on the card and place them in a sack or box at your mailbox prior to the carrier's arrival. Both the Robert Lee and Bronte offices will have boxes in the lobby on Friday and until noon on Saturday for donations from our box customers.

The donated items will remain in Coke County and be given directly to the Coke County Food Pantry.

CC Retired Teachers Assn. meeting set

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 16, 2005. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. This is the last meeting until September. Membership dues for the coming year are due at this time.

Highway 208 construction set for Monday

Beginning Monday, May 16, motorists can expect delays on SH 208 between San Angelo and Robert Lee due to construction in this area, according to Texas Department of Transportation officials.

Twelve miles of highway will be reconstructed, beginning at the north end of the project at the Coke County line. Contractors will work on a 2.5 mile section at a time, creating 10-15 minute delays. A pilot car will move traffic through this part of the construction area.

Motorists should be prepared to stop and travel with caution within the work zone.

The project is expected to be complete this summer.

RLHS Project Graduation meeting set for May 16

Robert Lee Project Graduation 2005 will meet Monday, May 16, at 6 pm in the high school library. **ALL SENIOR PARENTS** need to attend this meeting to finalize plans for graduation night.

Bluebonnet Brigade sets Tuesday, May 17 as next workday

by Hal Spain, Publisher
The Coke County Bluebonnet Brigade had its first meeting of 2005 on Tuesday, May 10, with a good crowd of twenty-five participants joining in the fun. I had several phone calls and people who came by on Tuesday saying their bluebonnets weren't ready. So I passed the word along that we were a little early (most bluebonnets weren't quite ready yet), and they might want to skip Tuesday's session and start next week.



Kindergarten Class Learns about the Environment! Alisa Webb's Bronte Kindergarten class is shown during a special Environmental Week activity where they learned about the environment of a pond.

As it turned out, we harvested a location west of the old Gas & Grub convenience store on Hwy. 158, and got plenty of what most of us thought were good seed that were ready to harvest. Everybody seemed to get their sacks full in about an hour, and we were through distributing them by 8:00 pm.

Nearly all parts of the county were represented at the meeting, with folks coming from up on the Divide toward Water Valley, Robert Lee, Sanco area, and Bronte. As a result, we sent bluebonnet seed all over the county, which is what we are trying to accomplish.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 17, at 6:00 pm. I promise to have plenty of bluebonnets to pick, as we will have a large number ready at Bryan's Barn and around the dam at Lake Spence. We also have another meeting set for Tuesday, May 24, but with the high temperatures we have been experiencing, I can't guarantee we will have any seed left by then.

That is what makes this Tuesday's meeting so important. Mark May 17 on your calendar and plan to be at the gazebo (by the Library) in Robert Lee at 6:00 pm. Bring your gloves, a hat, and something to drink. We'll even provide the sacks, if you don't have any.

You can be a part of the beautification of Coke County. And next spring when Rick Smith is

bragging on all our pretty flowers, you can say, "Yeah, I did that." See ya Tuesday.

Graduation issues set

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special Senior Class editions May 20 and 27. These issues rotate each year between the final two Fridays in May; so that the entire paper may be devoted to their graduating class. This year's issue honoring the Robert Lee Class of 2005 will be May 20, with the issue honoring the Bronte Class of 2005 set for May 27.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in either of these special editions, please contact us at 453-2433.

A Time for Healing deals with divorce issues

A Time for Healing: Coming to Terms with Your Divorce, a six week support group series, will begin Sunday, May 15, at Bronte's First Baptist Church. Times for the study/discussion sessions will be 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. This is not a therapy group but a Christ-centered sharing group (a safe place) that helps people deal with the issues and struggles they encounter in the divorce process. It is open to men and women of any or no church background. Those

needing more information may contact First Baptist Church at 473-2331. If you are interested in signing up or know of someone who might be, please contact First Baptist Church as soon as possible so that adequate materials will be available.

FSA taking sign-ups for DCP

The FSA Office is taking sign-ups for the 2005 farm program, DCP. We have a number of producers who have not signed up yet. Producers have until June 1, 2005, to sign up. After this date producers may still sign up but a \$100 fee per farm will be assessed. Don't delay, make an appointment and sign up today.

LAP sign up is underway for Coke County. The payment period is August 15, 2003, through November 26, 2003. Producers must furnish the livestock counts by weight for this period. There is no end date for sign up yet.

The CDP, Crop Disaster Program sign up is in progress for both Coke and Sterling County. This is for the 2003 or 2004 crop year. As of today, there is no announced end to sign up.

Because of the number of program sign-ups going on at one time, it is VERY IMPORTANT that everyone make an appointment.

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

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Obituaries



Haley

Virginia Rubottom Haley, 82, of Robert Lee passed away Sunday, May 8, 2005 at her home. Virginia was born April 5, 1923 to Jesse Andrew and Pearl May Rubottom in Rubottom, OK. She married Frederick Lee Haley on September 7, 1940. She was a long time resident of Robert Lee, a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry Haley and wife, Sandra of Lampasas and Doyle Haley and wife, Donna of Corinth, Texas; one sister, Loretta Rubottom of Robert Lee; two grandchildren, Ladana Moore of Valera and Jason Haley of Ballinger; two great grandchildren, Meagan Nicole and Jeri Bryan Moore. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband and her brother, Arthur Rubottom.

My Whole Life Long
My whole life long seems very short,

However many years. I've had a lot of happy times, And I've cried a lot of tears. I thought I'd be forever young, But then lo and behold,

I looked into the mirror, And discovered I was old. But that is how it's meant to be, Beyond this earth I know, God has reserved a better place, For you and I to go.

No sickness and no sorrow, Will Heaven's wall contain, and every blessed one of us ...Shall be brand new again.

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Wilson

James Lamar "Jim" Wilson began his greatest journey Friday, May 6, 2005, to find his much missed and loved wife Joyce, who is in Heaven. Both of his sons and other loved ones were present, wishing him much love and thanks for the lessons in life he had so skillfully taught and the love he had given.

The phrase "broke the mold" is often used, but no more fittingly than when applied to Dad. To use a James Joyce quote, "He spoke roughly in order to belie his air of gentility". An occasionally gruff exterior belied the fact that he was a greathearted and loving man whose generosity knew little or no bounds. Nothing pleased Jim more than to be able to help or provide for family and friends who were in need. He gave in a very unassuming way, never calling attention to himself.

Before retiring from Ethicon, Jim's love of country music was also his career. In the 60's and 70's he made much of his living booking and promoting such country music stars as Ernest Tubb, Buck Owens, Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson and Ray Price. Ernest Tubb once told a younger Jim Wilson "Boy, I don't care what you do for a living, if you're gonna' dig a ditch, dig a GOOD ditch." Many years later, after Jim had left the music field, he attended a much older Ernest Tubb's concert. Wishing to get closer to the stage in order to shake his old

friend's hand, Jim yelled out to Ernest "If you're gonna' dig a ditch, dig a good ditch!" Ernest, recognizing his own words, summoned him to the stage front, warmly shook his hand and asked "How ya' been doin' boy?" Throughout his life, his careers, his giving of love, his teachings, and even in death, Jim Wilson dug a GREAT ditch!

Jim was preceded in his journey by his loving wife Joyce Wilson of Robert Lee, Texas, his parents Jewel and Dorothy Wilson and his brother Howard Wilson of Liberty Hill, Texas. He is loved, missed, and cheered on in his journey by his son Matt Wilson of San Angelo, son and son's fiance Michael Wilson and Jenie Keeney of San Angelo, his sisters Mary Lindsey of San Saba and Melba Lackey of Liberty Hill. Jim is also missed by nieces, nephews, and their spouses. Debra and Tony Guidroz and children of Dublin, Diane Rixse of San Saba, Donna and Jack Blossman and children of San Saba, Steve and Travis Lackey of Liberty Hill, Arlene and Larry Ringer and children of Junction, and Elaine and Doug Baker and children of Florence. Jim is also missed by his "best buddy" Don Ricketson of Llano, as well as the many friends, coworkers, and other lives he has touched along the way.

Graveside services will be held at the Robert Lee Cemetery on Saturday, May 14, 2005, at 10 am. A lunch will follow at Jim's house at 309 West 16th St. in Robert Lee.

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Merle Kelso

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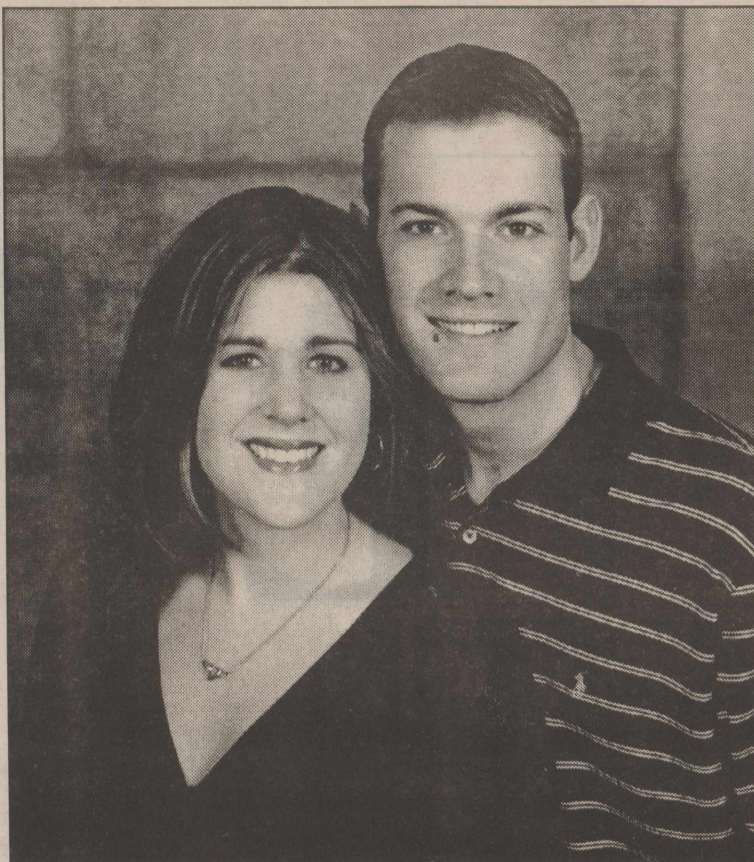
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Engagement Announced! Bobby and Doris Holland of Stanton and Sid and Kathy McCown of Robert Lee announce the engagement of their children, Janet and Dan. They will marry August 6, 2005, in Stanton, Texas. The couple will reside in Mertzon as Jan will be the school counselor at Irion County ISD and Dan will be employed by Cal Tech in San Angelo.

ECC

ambulance runs

04/6 - medical
04/7 - medical
04/10 - medical
04/15 - medical
04/20 - medical
04/26 - trauma

RLCC Memorials for April

Mary Ellen Johnson
JoDell Myrick
Hershel Johnson
Caroll & John Gustin
Sharon Lee

WCC EMS runs for April

04/15 - Patient refused service
04/15 - Patient refused service
04/19 - Medical
04/20 - Medical
04/20 - Medical
04/25 - Medical
04/28 - Trauma
04/30 - Medical

BHRC Memorials for April

Jimmie Snapp
Wayman & Mary Percifull
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cumbie
Norman Kiker
Wayman & Mary Percifull
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cumbie

Jo Bagwell
Mr. Charles Brunson

Wilma Scott
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cumbie
Helen Kirkland
Wayman & Mary Percifull
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cumbie

RLBC youth raising funds with pizza kits

Robert Lee Baptist Church Pre-Teen campers are having a fundraiser through May 16 to raise money for summer camp at Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment. In addition to various Little Caesar Pizza Kits, there are cookie dough and specialty breads. Please call 453-2724 to place your order.

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) 473-2040
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

I want to thank everyone for your interest and vote in the West Coke County Hospital District election. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Dessie Kendall

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Dessie Kendall
1001 W. Lake Drive, Robert Lee, Texas 76945

Plan underway to rehab amphitheater

A plan that could bring hundreds to Robert Lee throughout the year is underway. A target date of July 4th has been set to initiate the Robert Lee amphitheater into the music realm.

The amphitheater that Lucile and Wilson Bryan built and filled with music and drama over the years has stood empty for several years except for the Easter Sunrise services and a few musical performances.

With the recent interest in blue grass, gospel, western, and Tejano music throughout the country, a group of Robert Lee musicians and interested people have formed an adjunct of the Pageant Association to rehabilitate the amphitheater and bring in performers.

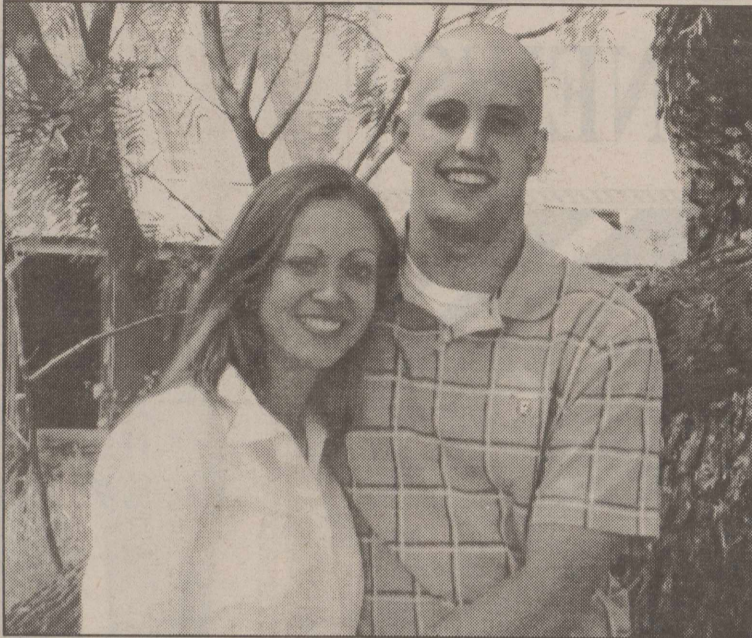
A research trip to Austin by a music teacher and blue grass performer from San Angelo indicates that musicians from that area are looking for a venue in which to play their music and would be excited to come to the Robert Lee area to perform.

A research trip to Colorado City during a blue grass festival revealed that some ninety motor homes were parked there whose owners were in town specifically to attend the musical performances. Following the performances in Colorado City, many of the motor homes were going to the next blue grass performance in other towns.

A blue grass promoter at Colorado City expressed an enthusiastic interest in the Robert Lee amphitheater when the plans were explained.

Those who have attended the blue grass performance in Big Lake report that the crowds are large, congenial, and bring in funds to the city and the fire department which sponsors the events.

The amphitheater rehabilitation is underway. Members of



Engagement Announced! Keith and Vicky McCutchen of Bronte are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Brooke McCutchen, to Nathan Kyle Sanford of Roscoe. Kyle is the son of Patsy Sanford of Roscoe and Robert Sanford of San Angelo.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bronte High School and is a candidate for May 2005 graduation at the University of North Texas in Denton with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Roscoe High School and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, where he earned a Bachelor of Behavioral Science in Police Science with a minor in Sociology. He is currently employed by Texas Department of Public Safety in the State Trooper training program.

An August wedding in Roscoe is planned.

the committee have sprayed weeds, worked out a plan to cover a band stand, and itemized other areas that need attention to bring the amphitheater up to performance standards.

A volunteer-filled work day is planned to get ready for the July 4th blowout. Everyone in town is

needed to make this work. Response from the community will be the key to success.

Jobs crucial to the success of the rehab program have been identified and can be assigned on the work day. Get set to go. The date will be announced soon.

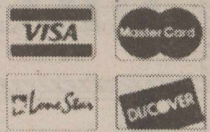
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Relay teams will take turns walking, running, or even strolling around the track. The teams consist of individuals representing corporations, churches, clubs, organizations and families. During the Relay For Life, team members may enjoy games, food, music, and camaraderie while camping out on the surrounding grounds. If you are a **CANCER SURVIVOR**, we want you to join us in the Survivor's Victory Lap. Please call Julie Springer @ 325/473-7018.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Seniors at Project Graduation Roping! Several of the Bronte High School Class of 2005 took a break after helping at the 2005 Project Graduation Roping held at the Lee Ranch April 30, 2005. The kids included (from left) Stephanie Halfacre, Ryan Martinez, Ashleigh Kelly, Salena Soto, Cory Cooper, Monica DeLaGarza, Cody Moore and Ashley McCutchen.

Environmental Week and Earth Day activities held

The Bronte Community had several activities for Environmental Week and Earth Day. The downtown merchants planted spring flowers in barrels along Main Street earlier in April. The Chamber of Commerce decorated their banquet tables with beautiful wild-

flowers. The Girl Scouts picked up trash around the Federal Housing Units, identified wild flowers, and took pictures at the Mini-Park in the bluebonnets.

The Kindergarten class visited the Greenhouse, and the Longhorn Pond. They bought flowers and re-potted them to take home.

The first grade listened to the CD "Habitat" and discussed recycling, pollution, etc.

The Second grade picked up trash on the playground while the Fourth grade read about the Environment in their Weekly Readers.

The Elementary Gifted and Talented classes planted flowers in the Pond flower beds, bought flowers to take home, and discussed recycling, pollution, global warming, and the Greenhouse Effect.

The Special Education classes participated by cleaning and watering their flower beds at the front of the school.

The Seventh grade cleaned up the Pond area as well as the front of the school and visited the greenhouse, also planting flowers around the Pond in planters and barrels.

The Eighth grade cleaned the Pond and planted flowers. Tommy Antilley presented a program on water pollution and discharge in the underground water supply to the eighth graders.

Some of the High School classes helped with the tree and shrub trimming and the initial cleanup of the Longhorn Pond.



Headed to State! BHS Sophomore Katie Cooper earned a silver medal in pole vaulting at the Regional Meet to be eligible to compete at the State Meet in Austin Saturday, May 14, 2005. She will compete at 9 am.

The BHS 400 m relay team, consisting of Calli Johnson, Cheyenne Webb, Lindsey Butler and Sarah Basquez placed 5th at regional. Calli Johnson placed 7th in the 100 m dash.

The Earth is in our hands, so let us be good stewards of the land. Be diligent in your care by conserving and preserving our Natural Resources. Choose to be "Pro-Active" in keeping our world clean and beautiful, so we can enjoy it for generations to come. This is the only "EARTH" we know, so take care of it.

application does not guarantee a job for the summer but employers who choose to participate would agree to hire a student ages 16-21 for at least 20 hours per week for 6 weeks and be required to pay student employees minimum wage. Students are required to attend the orientation meeting and fill out an application. ANY STUDENT AGES 16-21 from Coke County is invited to attend.

Summer Jobs for Youth orientation set for May 18

The "Summer Jobs for Youth" Program will hold an orientation meeting at the Bronte High School Library on Wednesday, May 18, between 4 and 5 pm for any student from Coke County interested in applying. This

Businesses are encouraged to participate. The program is designed to help assist youth with job skills and experience to improve the quality of our workforce. This program is not associated with the Bronte or Robert Lee ISD's. It operates under a

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, May 16
Cereal, peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, May 17
Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Wed., May 18
Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, syrup, milk

Thurs., May 19
French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Friday, May 20
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 16
Pigs in a blanket, pork & beans, pineapple orange salad, chips, milk

Tuesday, May 17
Meat and bean chalupas, lettuce & tomato, Rosie applesauce, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, milk

Wed., May 18
Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, strawberry short cake, milk

Thurs., May 19
Frito pie with cheese, pinto beans, corn, fruit cup, fritos, milk

Friday, May 20
Ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, orange, chips, pudding, milk

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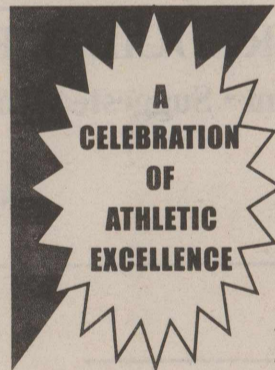
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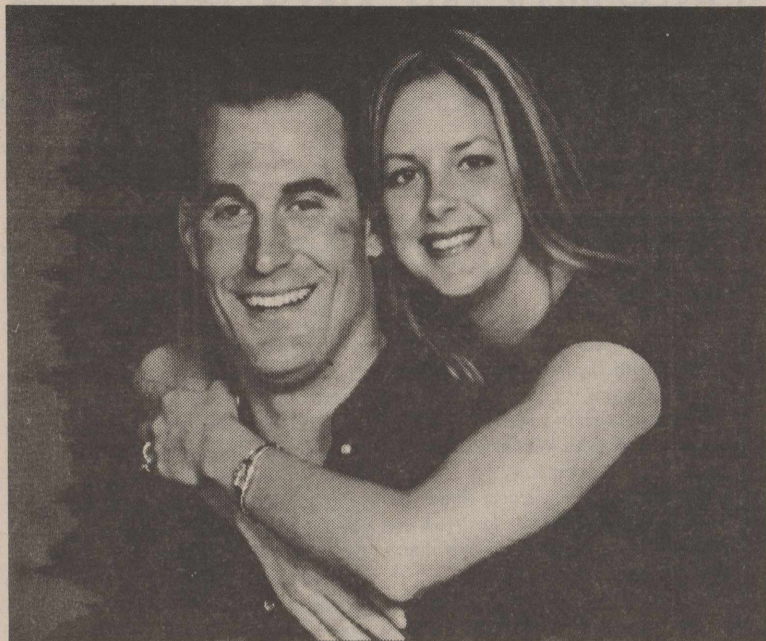
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Engagement Announced! Mark and Deana Thomas of Springtown announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica, to Landon Kribbs, son of Mike and Denise Kribbs of Stephenville. The couple will be wed June 4, 2005 at Springtown Church of Christ. The bride-elect graduated from Springtown High in 1998 and earned a BS in interdisciplinary studies from Stephen F. Austin State University in May 2003. She teaches kindergarten at Watson Elementary in Springtown. The prospective groom graduated from Stephenville High School in 1997 and earned a BS in communication from Tarleton State in May 2002. He is a purchasing representative at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth. Jessica is the granddaughter of Clark Bowman and the late Reba Bowman of Robert Lee.

RL Elementary Awards

Assembly set

The Robert Lee Elementary School Awards Assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 25 at 9:30 am in the school auditorium. Beth Prather, Coke County Librarian, will be a featured guest.

Certificates will be presented to each Kindergarten student. During this assembly, students with Perfect Attendance for the entire school year will also be recognized. Students who have been on the Honor Roll for each six weeks grading period will receive a medal especially designed for this accomplishment. Students who have participated in the Colts Reading

Program will also be recognized.

Please contact Judy Shook or Janet Wallace at 453-4555 for more information about the Awards Assembly.

Two RL grads named outstanding students at Howard College

Two Robert Lee ISD students have made the Dean's List as outstanding students at Howard College in San Angelo, Texas. Shannon Honse and R J Service both maintain high grades and qualified to receive this award during the Howard College Awards Convocation on Saturday night April 30th in the Sarah Bernhardt Theater located on the Central High School grounds.

Shannon, who is earning an associate degree in Applied Science, is the daughter of Robin Sparks. R J, who is earning a certificate in computer maintenance, is the son of Jay Lyn and Celeste Service. Both mothers are employees of Robert Lee ISD and Jay Lyn works here on the lake for CRMWD. Needless to say the parents are proud of their children's achievements.

Emily Arthur named to President's List

Emily Arthur, 15, of Robert Lee was named to the President's List at Howard College for her scholastic performance in Fall 2004. The award was presented Saturday, April 30, in San Angelo.

In order to be named to the President's List, the student must

complete at least 12 hours with a 4.0 grade average.

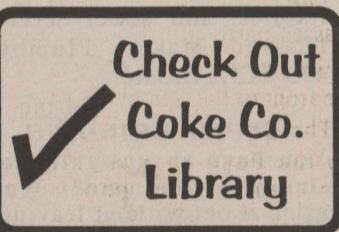
Emily is the daughter of Nancy Arthur and the late Lane Arthur of Robert Lee.

Fluhmann receives Ford Masters Reward

Mike Fluhmann of Robert Lee has been recognized as a 2005 Senior Master Technician by Ford Motor Company. He is employed by Ivey Motor Co., Inc. in Robert Lee.

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To commemorate his outstanding accomplishment, Ford presented him with an award package.

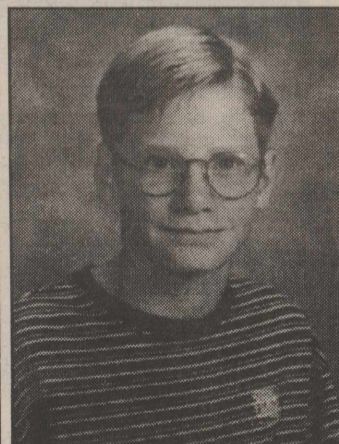


The Coke County Library book sale netted almost \$200 thanks to all who stopped by to browse and buy. There were some really good books in this sale and all leftover books will be taken to the Tom Green County book sale to be held beginning June 17 at the Lee Jr. High Cafeteria in San Angelo.

The funds will be used to purchase incentive prizes for the summer reading program which will begin Tuesday, May 31 (the day after Memorial Day). The summer program will run through July 30.

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ing the summer, students will be able to put their name in for a weekly drawing. Each Friday a reader's name will be drawn to receive the prize for the week. There will be a limit of 12 books a week this year for which students can put in for the drawing. Of course, reading more books is really good, but with a limit, each participant has an equal chance of winning.

Books put in the book drop on the porch of the library or at the Main Street Market in Bronte should have a slip of paper with the reader's name on it so the name can be added in the drawing.

Research shows that students who read during the summer maintain their reading level so that when school begins again they will not be behind.

RL Midget League baseball schedule

5/13 - 6:00 - Bronte 2 @ Bronte
5/17 - 8:00 - Winters 3 @ Winters
5/20 - 6:00 - Miles 2 @ Robert Lee
5/24 - 6:00 - Ballinger 2 @ Ballinger
5/31 - 6:00 - Ballinger 3 @ Robert Lee

RL Freshman baseball schedule

5/13 - Rangers @ Robert Lee
5/17 - Paint Rock @ Robert Lee
5/20 - Winters 2 @ Winters
5/24 - Rangers @ Rowena
5/27 - Paint Rock @ Paint Rock

5/31 - Winters 2 @ Robert Lee
6/3 - Rangers @ Robert Lee
All games will have an 8:00 start time.

Attention all RLHS Exes and community

The class of 1995 would like everyone to help celebrate their 10 year reunion. There will be a dance held at the Park Pavilion on Saturday, May 28, 8 pm-1 am.

Admission is free, but donations will gladly be accepted. The class of '95 would like for this to become a yearly event. Bring your lawn chairs and get comfortable. The class is looking forward to seeing everyone together again.

For more information or to give donations, please contact Jami Hayes at 453-2046.

Mountain Creek Golf 2005 Tournament schedule

April 23 - 3 person, 27 hole select shot
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June 4-5 - 4 person select shot
July 22 & 23 - 4 person select shot
August 13 - Casey Eubanks 3 person select shot
August 27 - Suzie Wilson 3 person select shot
September 17 & 18 - Coke County Couples
October 8 & 9 - Club Championship
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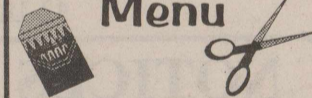
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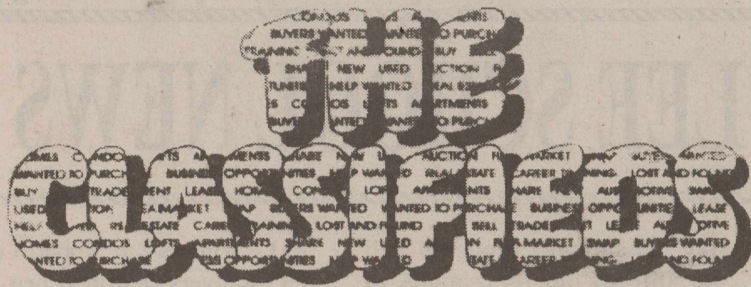


Breakfast

Monday, May 16
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
Tuesday, May 17
Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
Wed., May 18
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Thurs., May 19
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk
Friday, May 20
Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 16
Pizza, corn, salad, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
Tuesday, May 17
Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, pineapple, milk
Wed., May 18
Fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, ranch beans, fruit cocktail, milk
Thurs., May 19
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Friday, May 20
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GARAGE SALES

INSIDE SALE
 101 Houston Street, Robert Lee. Betel Baptist Church. Saturday, May 14, 2005. 8:00 am-? Fund raiser for Betel Baptist Youth. Includes burritos. 42-1tp

NOTICES

NOTICE
 Bessie Allison Walker Heirs has reorganized and is represented by the following Board members: Susan George, Chairman, Tommie Arnold, Walter R. McFerrin, Loraine Edwards, Kenneth Jackson, Troy Walls, Robert Mathers, Jan Altom, Regena Hart, Phil Emfinger, and Wanda Emfinger. 40-3tc

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Graduation Issues
 Robert Lee - May 20
 Bronte - May 27

... Summer Jobs

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partnership between the San Angelo Independent School District, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, Concho Valley Partnership, Texas Workforce Commission, and Representative Scott Campbell's District Office.

What does a business/agency have to do to participate?

1. Create at least one or more jobs for an area youth age 16-21 for the Summer of 2005. Each job must meet the following criteria:

--At least 20 hours of work per week (more are acceptable)

--Duration of at least 6 weeks (more are acceptable)

--Rate of pay equal to or above the minimum wage

2. Determine when the job will start and end.

3. Determine the minimum qualifications required for the position(s) and any preferences you have regarding the type of student you wish to employ.

4. Call, mail or FAX the information as soon as possible.

In the past we have had several businesses that have participated in Coke County. Interested businesses, students, and parents may contact Vicky McCutchen, Program Coordinator for Coke County, at 473-2521 during the day and 473-2226 during the evenings for more information or questions or email at vicky.mccutchen@bronteisd.net. If you are a business and have or will hire youth for the summer, please report this information to Vicky McCutchen for reporting data for our county.

CSP signup continues through May 27

Signup for the 20 Texas watersheds selected for funding in 2005 continues through May 27, 2005. The Conservation Security Program (CSP) is the first conservation program to recognize farmers and ranchers for their high levels of environmental stewardship and to help producers maintain and further their conservation commitment.

"CSP is a whole new direction in the history of USDA conservation programs," said USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Dr. Larry D. Butler. "It represents the first time agricultural producers are being paid not just to fix a problem, but in recognition of their ongoing stewardship."

The Upper Colorado Watershed in Coke, Nolan, Mitchell, Runnels and Sterling counties is one of the watersheds selected for CSP. Producers interested in participating will need to fill out a CSP self-assessment workbook and bring the completed workbook and needed documentation of conservation management activities to their local NRCS office. NRCS personnel will then determine if their operation meets the requirements for the program. CSP information and the self-assessment workbook are available at local NRCS Service Centers, or on the NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp.



Engagement Announced! Kelly Post of Wichita Falls and Adam Potteiger of Chicago, Illinois, will be married June 4, 2005, at Big Shoulders Cafe at the Chicago Historical Society in Chicago, Illinois. Judge Dennis Dernbock of Chicago will be officiating.

Parents of the engaged couple are Stan and Anne Post of Beaumont, Texas, Randy and Patsy Bevers of Round Rock, Texas, and Jonathan and Faith Potteiger of Brookline, New Hampshire. Grandparents of the Bride are Mrs. Maxine Post and the late Mr. Perry Post of Robert Lee and Mrs. Edith McGinley of San Angelo, and the late Mr. J.O. McGinley of Robert Lee.

Miss Post is a 1995 graduate of New Hope High School of Columbus, Mississippi. She earned a BS in Fitness Management from Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi, in 1999. In May 2001, she earned a Masters of Science in Kinesiology from University of North Texas in Denton. She is employed as an Instructor/Athletic Training Educational Program Director at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

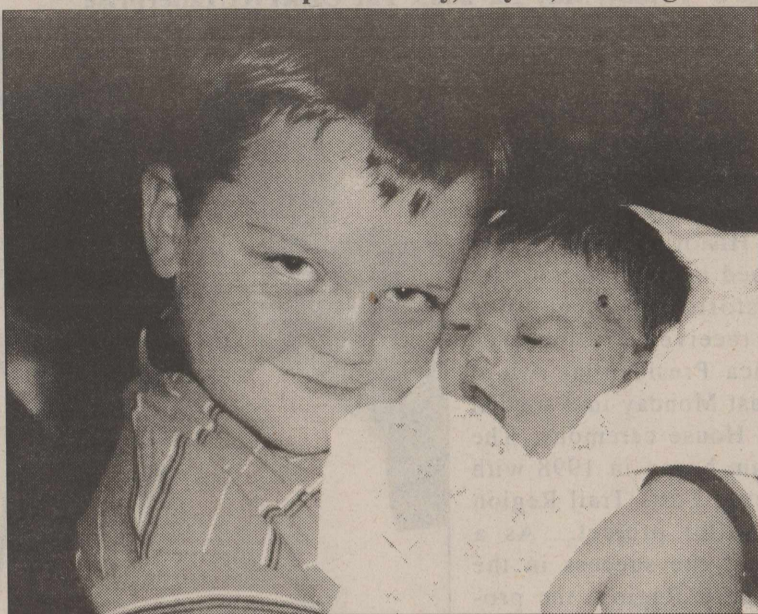
Her fiancé is a graduate of Westwood High School of Round Rock. In May 1998, he earned a BS in Kinesiology and in May 2001 a Masters of Science in Kinesiology from the University of North Texas of Denton. He is an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

The couple will take a honeymoon trip to Playa Del Carmen in Mexico. They will reside in Chicago.

If the operation meets CSP requirements, NRCS personnel will then determine the enrollment category and tier the producer qualifies for, and selects the categories to be funded. "All successful applications begin with the demonstrated protection of soil and water quality," said Butler. "However, most CSP participants will go beyond the minimum and work to further enhance soil and

water, improve wildlife habitat, and conserve or produce on-farm energy."

The CSP self-assessment workbook goes into specific detail about program requirements and any questions specific to the Middle Colorado-Elm Watershed should be directed to your local NRCS Service Center or Kathy Saunders at the Ballinger Service Center at 325-365-3415 ext. 3.



Look Who's New - Canyon Patrick McCabe! Eight year old Cade welcomes his new baby brother. Canyon, born Thursday, May 5, 2005, is the new son of Andrew and Brandi McCabe of San Angelo. Born at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Canyon weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Canyon's grandparents include Melvin and Debbie McCabe of Robert Lee and Pat and Sherri Bales of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Rae and Dolores McCabe Seals of Robert Lee, Jodie and Melva Weeks of San Angelo, and Marjorie "Mambo" Meehan of Waxahachie. Woodrow and Juanita Rogers of San Angelo are Canyon's great-great-grandparents. Canyon was also welcomed by a multitude of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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**White House
recognizes
Texas Heritage
Trails program**

The Texas Heritage Trails Program, an initiative of the Texas Historical Commission designed to promote tourism to historical and cultural sites, received the Preserve America Presidential Award this past Monday in a special White House ceremony. The Program began in 1998 with the Texas Forts Trail Region as its pilot project. As a result of the success in the Forts Trail Region, the program continues to expand and will ultimately encompass the entire state.

The program was selected for its exemplary efforts in demonstrating a commitment to the protection and interpretation of America's cultural and natural heritage assets.

During the awards ceremony, President Bush stated, "The Texas Heritage Trails program has mapped out special driving routes through the state to encourage regional tourism and bring some of Texas' proud history to light. Parents can take their children on a drive to learn about pioneers and cowboys. . . And as they do so, they get to see the great diversity and beauty of the Texas landscape."

"It is a tremendous honor for the Heritage Trails program to receive one of only two national awards for heritage tourism," said Margaret Hoogstra, Texas Forts Trail Regional Coordinator, who attended the White House ceremony. David Pitzer, Forts Trail board chairman said, "The award recognizes that we have developed a unique partnership of state, county and city government, local chambers and convention and visitors bureaus, special events and attractions, and private landowners with the common goal of increasing awareness of historic and cultural sites."

The following individuals currently serve on the Texas Forts Trail regional board: David Pitzer, Abilene; Chuck Curtis, Mineral Wells; Glenda England, Brownwood; LeAnna Biles, Stephenville/Thurber; Clint Bumgardner, Albany; Ross McSwain, San Angelo; Ray Rickard, Menard; Claire Spivey, Graham; Dr. Bob Wettemann, Abilene; and Genora Young, Eden.

In addition to the Texas Forts Trail Region, the Texas Heritage Trails Program has grown to eight heritage trail regions including the Texas Brazos Trail Region, the Texas Forest Trail Region, the Texas Independence Trail Region, the Texas Lakes Trail Region, the Texas Mountain Trail Region, the Texas Plains Trail Region and the Texas Tropical Trail Region. Colorful and informative free travel guides with maps and detailed information are available for five of the eight



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heritage regions. Two additional heritage regions, the Texas Hill Country Trail Region and the Texas Pecos Trail Region are awaiting official designation.

"Heritage tourism is a tremendous economic development tool," said THC State Coordinator Janie Headrick. "Through this program our cultural and historical treasures are protected while communities benefit economically and educationally. It is a win-win situation."

The Texas Heritage Trails Program provides technical, financial and marketing assistance to heritage regions across Texas, including grant funding, evaluations of cultural and historic tourism sites, advertising and other resources. Heritage tourism is the fastest growing segment of the \$40.4 billion tourism industry in Texas. Texas ranks second in the nation in the number of cultural and heritage travelers visiting the state.

To learn more about the Texas Forts Trail Region call 325/676-1762, visit texasfortstrail.com or email Margaret Hoogstra at

tft@texasfortstrail.com. To learn more about THC's Heritage Trails Program call 512/463-6092 visit www.thc.state.tx.us or email janie.headrick@thc.state.tx.us.

To learn more about the Preserve America program visit www.preserveamerica.gov.

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Fort Chadbourne Days set for May 20 & 21

Don't miss roll call at the Fort Chadbourne Days Living History Event May 20th and 21st. Fort Chadbourne Foundation is located at 12 miles north of Bronte on Hwy 277, (325) 743-2555. www.fortchadbourne.org, fortchad@taylorlortel.com.

May 20 is school day with free admission for schools. May 21 is open to the general public.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the West Coke County Hospital District election.

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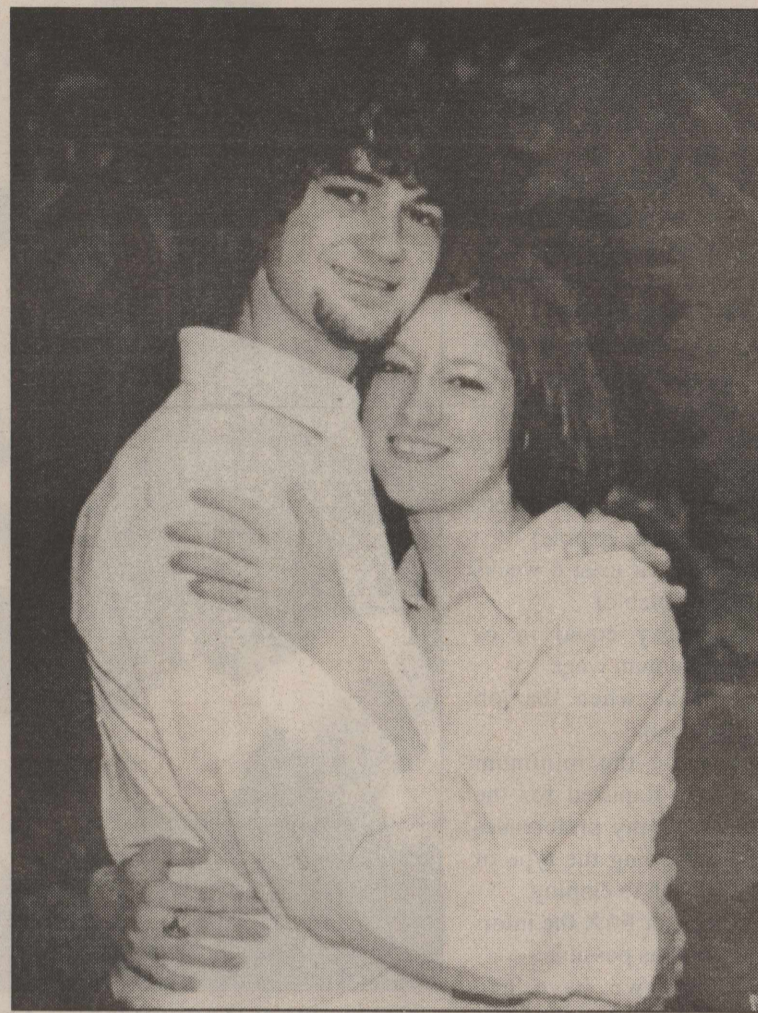
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Engagement Announced! *Becca Marchelle Wilson of Lubbock and Jerrad Wayne Gray of Spade, Texas, will be married July 23, 2005, at 6:30 pm. The couple will exchange vows at The Willows in Midland, Texas.*

Parents of the bride-elect are Becky and Kelly Garrett of Midland and Ed and Kim Wilson of Ballinger. Her grandparents include Clifford and Julia Wilson and the late Suzie Wilson of Silver, Mary Lou Sublett of Bronte, and Paul and Elaine Sublett of Bronte.

Randal and Cheryl Gray of Spade are the prospective groom's parents. Marjorie Duncan of Breckenridge and Duane and Kathy Gray of Spade are his grandparents.

Activities include: Sutlers, Fort tours, Buffalo tours, Cannon firing, Artifact display, Texas Fiddlers, Food vendors, West Texas Cloggers, Cavalry & Infantry drills, Black Powder shooting demo, Cattle working demonstration, Antique Military gun display and the West Texas Rehab Chuckwagon.

Bronte Cemetery

Association needs help
The Bronte Cemetery Association is needing your help with donations to take care of labor for mowing. The rains have been wonderful but the weeds are growing

fast. Please send your donations to Bronte Cemetery Association, PO Box 594, Bronte, TX 76933, or see Jeanna Lee or Susan Graves.

**BHS Class of 1950
to celebrate
55th anniversary**

The Bronte High School class of 1950 will be celebrating their 55th anniversary on May 14, 2005, beginning at 10 am. It will be held at the Bronte Housing Authority Rec Center in Bronte, Texas.

Any student, teacher or coach before or after 1950 are invited to join the celebration.

**Are You Ready For
BAR-B-QUE?**

SUN. • May 15

Open for Lunch

Brisket • Ribs • Chicken • Sausage

• Beans • Potato Salad • Etc.

LONGBRANCH

BAR-B-QUE

(At the Red Light in Bronte)