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Filing for elections begins next Saturday

The filing period for next year's primary election begins Saturday, December 2, 2005, and will end Monday, January 2, 2006. Candidates wanting their names on the ballot need to file with their party chairperson - Patti Ivey, Democratic; and Kathy Pentecost, Republican.

In order to file for office, a person must have resided in that jurisdiction (precinct) for a minimum of six months prior to the filing deadline of January 2, 2006.

Offices on the ballot, current officials holding those offices, and the filing fees required include Roy Blair, County Judge, \$750; Bill Wheat, County Commissioner, Precinct 2, \$750; George Snapp, County Commissioner, Precinct 4, \$750; Mary Grim, County/District Clerk, \$750; Phelan Wrinkle, County Treasurer, \$750; Joan Davis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, \$375; and Grady Coulter, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, \$375. Also on the ballot will be an election to fill the unexpired term of the County Tax Assessor-Collector vacated by Gayle Sisemore. Commissioners appointed Josie Dean to fill this position until an election could be held. The filing fee for this

office is \$750.

Thanksgiving Tree service slated for Sunday at First Baptist Church

"The Thanksgiving Tree", a unique service of Thanksgiving, will be held Sunday morning, November 27, at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Pastor Morris Johnson states that he can almost guarantee that you have not experienced a service like this before. He emphasized that all were welcome to attend.

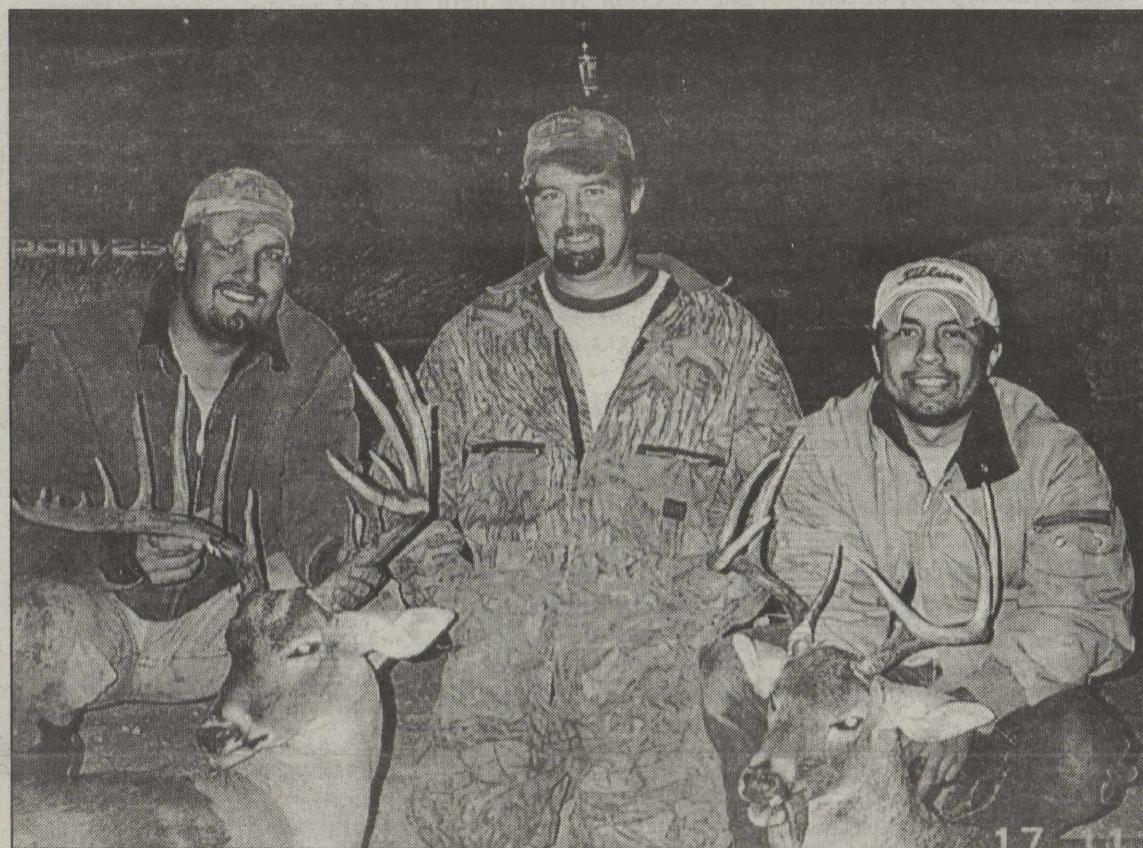
RLBC to hold special service November 27

Sunday morning, November 27th, the service at Robert Lee Baptist Church will revolve around "Hanging of the Greens". This will be a special service to signify the beginning of the holiday season.

The service will begin at 11 am. Evening services will be dismissed that evening in honor of the Thanksgiving weekend.

Bronte OES to hold bake sale

The Bronte Order of the Eastern Star Chapter will hold a bake sale Saturday, December 3, beginning at 8 am. The sale will be in front of Hall's Super Save on Main Street in downtown Bronte.



Coke County Monster Buck! Dalton Graves (left) brought down this massive buck November 17, 2005, while hunting one of his leases east of Bronte. The big 20 point deer sported an inside spread of 20 inches, scoring a hefty 160 B & C points. Dalton's trophy is one of the best bucks taken in Coke County in recent years. Also bringing down a buck that day was Bobby Joe Longoria (right) with this nice 8 point. Both deer were approximately five and a half years old. Enjoying their success is Larry Graves (center).

The group will also be offering Rada Cutlery for sale - the perfect Christmas and wedding gift. Boxed sets will be available.

All proceeds from the sale will go toward scholarships and community projects.

Forest Service offers high quality, low-cost windbreak trees

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

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

Lubbock.

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, home-steads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," Fewin explains. "They create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics." Available species for Coke County include afghan pine, red cedar, Italian stone pine, live oak, Arizona cypress, pinyon pine, baldcypress, arborvitae, aromatic (skunkbush) sumac, black cherry, chinkapin oak, hackberry, honeylocust, lacebark elm, nanking cherry, sand plum, shumard oak, and smooth sumac. The hardwoods are sold in multiples of 50 seedlings per species. They are very inexpensive and can be divided among your neighbors.

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

squirrel.

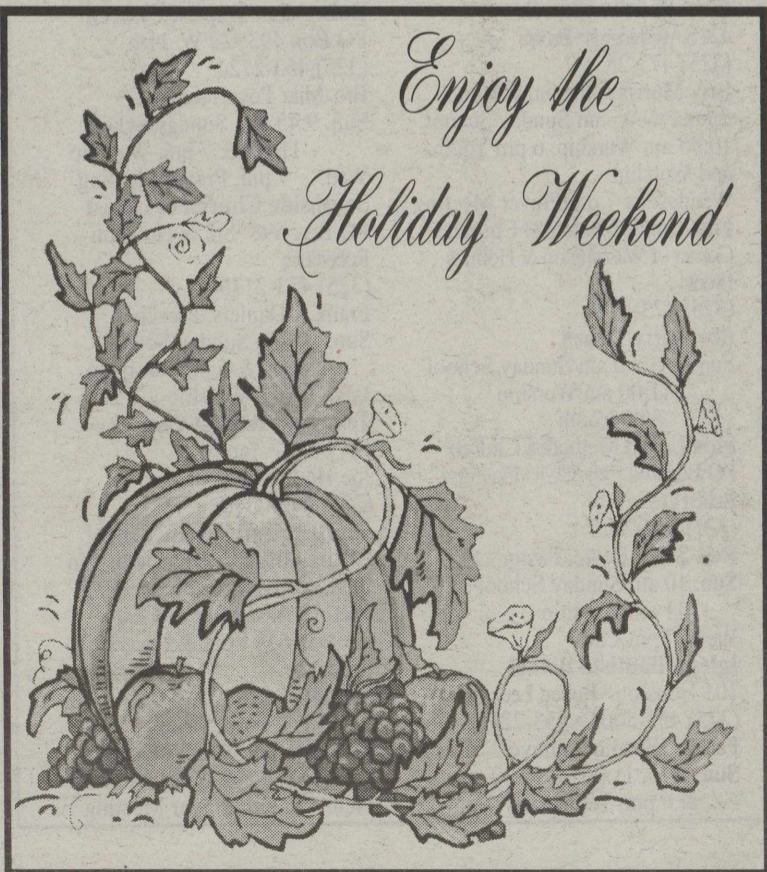
Orders will be taken through Monday, January 30, 2006 and will be delivered on Thursday, February 9, 2006.

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

Sorosis Study Club to host tour of homes

The Sorosis Study Club is hosting a "Holiday Tour of Homes" in Bronte Sunday, December 11, from 1 to 5 pm. There will be five homes on the tour: the Howell home at 323 S. Randall; the Richter home at 302 S. Washington; the Williams home at 439 Morrow Rd; the Cooper home at 424 S. State; and the McCutchen home at 515 Kickapoo Rd.

Tickets are available now by calling any of the Sorosis club members or you may call Glenn-Bivins Insurance at 473-6791. Tickets will also be available the day of the tour at any of the homes. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Pool. Funds are still needed to complete all the necessary renovations.



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Death Notices

Jackson

Hershel Jackson, 83, of Shep died Friday afternoon, November 18, 2005, after a short illness.

He is survived by the light of his life and his only love, Avo Jackson. They were together in a loving marriage for 65 years. He is also survived by two sons: Frank Jackson and wife, Charlotte of Wingate, and Lane Jackson and wife Donna of Shep; two sisters, Ruby Ballard of Abilene and Letha White of Abilene; four grandsons, Scotty Jackson and wife, Lisa of Robert Lee, Kevin Jackson and wife, Mary of Melissa, Lenny Jackson of Teague and Danny Jackson and wife, Tracy of Wingate; seven great-grandchildren, Jake, Josh, Zach, Luke, Tucker, Jett, and Emily; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Services were held at 2 pm Monday, November 21, 2005, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Casey and Rev. Norman Patton officiating. Burial was in the Shep Cemetery under the directions of the Winters Funeral Home.

Kickapoo water board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will

hold an election on January 10, 2006, for the purpose of electing two directors. Directors filing for re-election to the board are Bob Ragsdale and Jack Corley. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning this election, contact President Gerald Sandusky by 5 pm on Monday, November 28, 2005.

Guide available to help seniors remain fiscally fit

With the average American living longer and spending more years (and more money) in retirement than ever before, senior citizens need to find ways to stretch and preserve their savings. The latest issue of FDIC Consumer News, published by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, is a special edition devoted to helping seniors and their families make smart decisions about their retirement funds.

The new publication is entitled "Fiscal Fitness for Older Americans: Stretching Your Savings and Shaping Up Your Financial Strategies." It features practical tips and information on:

* Sources of funds during retirement and potential pitfalls to avoid. The newsletter provides guidance on when to tap into Social Security benefits and retire-

ment savings, problems that can occur when borrowing money in retirement, and what to consider before investing in annuities.

* Protecting against financial frauds that target the elderly. Identity theft, advance-payment scams (demands for up-front money in connection with questionable offers) and fraudulent deals involving home sales or mortgage loans are just a few of the crimes aimed at older Americans. FDIC Consumer News also says that "inside jobs" by relatives or caregivers -- from identity theft to stealing money and property -- are surprisingly common. The guide outlines ways to avoid being a victim.

* Simplifying and organizing finances. Topics include protecting important financial documents (such as in the case of a natural disaster, as happened recently in the Gulf Coast areas) and taking precautions with accounts that have been closed. The FDIC also notes that there are professionals who help the ill or elderly (and their families) with bill paying, deposits and other daily money matters.

* What to consider before giving others access to bank accounts and safe deposit boxes. The FDIC provides guidance on making decisions about whose names are added to accounts and explains how such decisions can determine who has a right to withdraw money and how much of the funds are FDIC-insured.

* Things seniors (and everyone else) should know about FDIC insurance. Examples: Depositors may qualify for more than \$100,000 of insurance if they have accounts in different ownership categories. Also, a death or divorce in a family can reduce the FDIC insurance coverage on certain joint accounts and trust accounts. The FDIC newsletter also features retirement strategies to consider at different life stages, a 15-question quiz on money manage-



Robert Lee Care Center Happenings! Robert Lee Care Center residents enjoyed the children in their costumes at the RLCC Fall Festival held October 29, 2005. Shown are Augusta Higginbotham, Margaret Jones, Tristan Ellsworth, and Shaelyn Ellsworth.

ment for seniors, and a list of government resources (including some from the FDIC) that older Americans and their families can turn to for help on financial matters.

The Fall 2005 issue is available online at www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/cnfall05.

The FDIC also is taking additional steps to make the information in this special edition widely available to the public. The agency is providing single copies free of charge through the Federal Citizen Information Center by ordering online (start at

the FDIC Web site above) or by writing to: Fiscal Fitness for Older Americans, Pueblo, CO 81009. Consumers also may call toll-free 1-888-8-PUEBLO -- that's 1-888-878-3256 -- weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for Fiscal Fitness for Older Americans. Also, the FDIC is encouraging financial institutions, retirement communities, government agencies, consumer groups, the media and others to reprint the new guide in whole or in part and to mention or link to the FDIC Web site.

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

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) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 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

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Bronte Community Thanksgiving Service! Those attending the Bronte Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday evening, November 20, 2005, were treated to coffee, punch, and a wonderful assortment of cookies following the service. This year's service was held at the First Baptist Church with Bro. Morris Johnson bringing the message. Leah and Kerry Rosson were in charge of the music. Prior to the message, Ray Barnett presented a short program on the outreach ministry being conducted at Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. Coke County Commissioner Precinct 4 George Snapp gave a report on the Community Chest activities of the past year and a collection of \$1,000 was taken during the service for this worthy charity. Bro. Johnson then honored EMS volunteers, firemen and members of area law enforcement for the work they do in the community.

Coke County 4-H Club to raise funds through poinsettia and cutlery sales

The Coke County 4-H Clubs are selling poinsettia plants for their annual fund raiser. These plants are provided by Magic Farms Nursery in San Angelo. Each plant will have 5 to 6 blooms. Cost of the poinsettia plants are \$10 each. Delivery date will be during the 1st week of December.

As an added bonus, this year the members are also selling items from Rada Cutlery. Orders are due by December 1st. If you have not been contacted by a 4-H member and are interested in placing an order, please call the Extension office at 453-2461.

Bryan's Barn needs your help

Bryan's Barn is open each night in December from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for Christmas inspiration. It is past the middle of November now and time is growing short. A few volunteer hours on a Friday afternoon or a Saturday morning will make volunteers part of the month-long celebration.

Wilson Bryan would never ask for help, thinking that is sort of like a hunter asking for a dead deer-he'd a whole lot rather do it himself. But, an unfortunate accident has slowed him down considerably. His hip broke when he was getting up from resting for awhile on a bar stool at the Barn. To make matters worse, Thelma Jo, daughter and right arm to Wilson, has been slowed by a bad back.

Cleaning, dusting, arranging, rearranging, and hanging lights are a few of the chores that can be found. An hour's dusting can make a huge difference at the Barn. Television is getting worse all the time. Volunteering is a good antidote.

Also, being a host or hostess on an evening at the Barn in December offers opportu-

nities to visit with folks from all over.

Being a host or hostess involves answering questions like: "Is anything for sale?" Answer: "No, this all belongs to the Bryan family. They just wanted to share it with you." Question: "How many lights are there?" Answer: "I don't know." Question: "Where is the bathroom?" Answer: "Right over there." Question: "How long has the

Barn been here?" Answer: "About 15 years." Question: "Where are the bears I saw last year?" Answer: "I don't know-ask Thelma Jo."

To sign-up for an evening of hosting at the Barn, find the calendar on the desk at the Barn and pencil yourself in.

Serving as a host or hostess gives volunteers an opportunity to show the world how kind and friendly Robert Lee folks are.

MAIN STREET MARKET



Bronte, Texas

2 Hour Half Price SALE!!!

Saturday • November 26 From 3 to 5 pm

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
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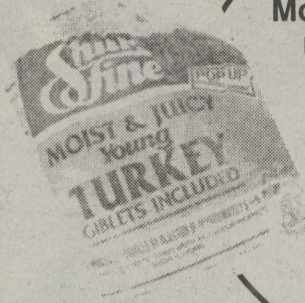
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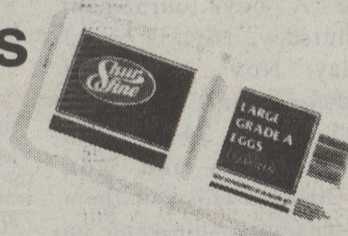
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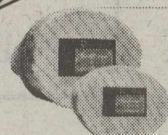
Miller Lite • Regular or Light **Coors Beer**
18 pk 12 oz cans **\$11.89**



Keystone Light 30 pack **\$16.79**

Butt Portion **\$1.19**
Lb.

Shank Portion • Bone-In **Cook's Ham**
Lb. **\$.99**



ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Senior Class Officers! The Senior class of RLHS elected the following students as their class officers: President, Carolina Vera; Vice President, Stephanie Trejo; Secretary/Reporter, Shannon Martin; and Treasurer, Amanda Thurman. Senior class sponsors are Donna Williams and Kathy McCown.

RLJH boys basketball team places 2nd

The Robert Lee Jr. High boys team played in the Bronte "A" boys tournament on Thursday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 19. On Thursday, Robert Lee won against Bronte 34-22, then played Winters and won again 30-23. This put them in the Championship game on Saturday against Miles and

Robert Lee lost 30-35, coming in 2nd place.

Robert Lee scoring in the 1st game: Logan Philley 12, Blake Millican 2, Cayetano Carrera 2, Cody Brosh 14, and Stetson Nesbit 4.

Robert Lee 2nd game scoring: Logan Philley 9, Blake Millican 4, Cayetano Carrera 3, Cody Brosh 6, and Stetson Nesbit 8.

Robert Lee Championship scoring: Logan Philley 10, Blake Millican 9, Cayetano Carrera 2, Cody Brosh 1, and Stetson Nesbit 8.

Robert Lee Awards

2nd Six Weeks Top Readers

1st grade
Kaden Hayes, Casey Aldridge

Accelerated Readers
2nd grade
Brady Clawson, Rani Coppedge, Kodi Drennan, Chris Ford, Hunter Hamrick, Bailey Hooten, Sandra Hubbard, Jake Jackson, Jesus Landeros, Julia Madrid, Hayden O'Neil, Ryan

Patterson, Karlee Roach, Shirley Roberts, Justice Saucedo, Talon Stringer, Brandon Torres, Jaicee Torres, Ricky Williams, Blaine Yanez

3rd grade
Jaden Aldridge, Tristen Hildebrand, Kyle Lockhart, James Roberts, Dakota Stringer, Daria Tinkler, Jayton Torres, Eric Wells, Jerry Wofford

4th grade
Angel Acosta, Samantha Arellano, Shaylee Bell, Shelby Davis, Berenice Fabian, Gage Farmer, Clay Hale, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard, Bianca Huapilla, Alexis Mendoza, Ciera Millican, Efrain Olguin, Kevin Saucedo, Taylor Sheldon, Sydney Sheldon, Ashlie Tennison, Jacob Torres

5th grade
Vincent Batten, Faylin Bell, Drew Davis, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Kelsey Hewitt, Cooper Hinderliter, Dusty Howard, Patty King,

Sara Lara, Jonah Saucedo, Zachary Sanchez, Zach Skinner, Ashlie Wheat, Ashley Williams
6th grade
Linsey Arellano, Beanca Bower, Luisa Carrera, Jose Fabian, Sassy Farmer, Samantha Fernandez, Keanu Henson, Jared Long, Chad Martin, Kimberly Roach, Victoria Roe, Rachel Rojas, Meagan Ross, Aaron Sharp, Diana Vera

Honor Roll

3rd grade
James Roberts, Dakota Stringer

4th grade
Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard

5th grade
Drew Davis, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Patty King, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat, Ashley Williams

6th grade
Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrera, Sassy Farmer, Kimberly Roach, Raquel Rojas, Meagan Ross

"A" Honor Roll

7th grade
Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard, Angelica King, Logan Philley, Kacee Roberts, Diego Saucedo

8th grade
Sarah Jones, Colton Reed

9th grade
Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Cori Torres

10th grade

Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner

11th grade
Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Casey Nesbit, Erica O'Neil, Sarah Philley, Rosa Rojas, Becca Skinner

12th grade
Tina Arellano, Josh Conner, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Brandon Phillips, Amanda Thurman, Chris Torres, Stephanie Trejo, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

"A/B" Honor Roll

7th grade
Araceli King, Amanda Mendoza, Skyler Rainwater, K.W. Roe, Luke Sheldon, Sarah Walker

8th grade
Emily Arellano, Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Cayetano Carrera, Stetson Nesbit, Emilee Yanez

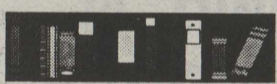
9th grade
Holly Austin, Jasmine Cortinez, Josh Gallegos, Prescilla Lara, Arrin Minjarez, Olga Perez, Norma Rojas, Gabriela Saucedo, Jodi Sheldon, Brentney Turney

10th grade
Cody Denton, Briana Longoria, Megan Percifull, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Anna Rojas, Luke Thurman

11th grade
Jaden Alexander, Cody McCabe, Brettie Reed, Julianne Samaniego, Eleasar Vera

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Nov. 28
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk
Tuesday, Nov. 29
Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Wed., Nov. 30
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
Thurs., Dec. 1
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
Friday, Dec. 2
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 28
Bean chalupas, tamale, salad, Spanish rice, pears, milk
Tuesday, Nov. 29
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, peaches, roll, peanut butter, milk
Wed., Nov. 30
Chili con carne, crackers, salad, fresh fruit, cookies, milk
Thurs., Dec. 1
Chicken strips, creamed potatoes, gravy, green peas, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk
Friday, Dec. 2
BBQ on bun, pickles, tator tots, corn on cob, ice cream, milk

Bob Boone

Retirement Reception

Thursday • December 1, 2005

2 pm to 4 pm

Carnegie Library

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Longhorns post basketball wins

Bronte defeated Eden, 71-39. Eric Hendrickson led the scoring with 19 points, 10 rebounds, and three steals. Right behind Eric was Logan Rawls with 17 points, 10 rebounds, 8 assists, and five steals. Others scoring for the Horns were Zach White 3 points; Albert Force 8 points; Philip Rawlings 3 points; Jonathan Marrs 2 points; Johnathan Ehl 7 points; Jaylon Saunders 2 points; Adam Halfacer 8 points; and Brett Wills 2 points, 4 assists.

Bronte took on Brookesmith and came away with a 61-43 victory. Albert Force led the scoring for Bronte with 14 points. Other Bronte statistics include Riley Coalson 8 points, 9 rebounds; Logan Rawls 11 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists; Eric Hendrickson 11 points, 9 rebounds; Philip Rawlings 2 points, 5 assists; Jaylon Saunders 2 points; Adam Halfacer 4 points; and Brett Wills 9 points.

Bronte JV boys basketball results

On Nov. 15th, Eden defeated Bronte JV 39-25. Scoring for Bronte: Gus Saunders 5, Kyler Lee 2, Reece Springer 1, Ty McKey 4, Cody Wallace 4, Paul McConnell 3, C.J. McClure 3 and Mathew Allen 3.



Breakfast

Monday, Nov. 28

Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Grilled cheese sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Nov. 30

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Thurs., Dec. 1

Honey bun, pears, biscuit, jelly, milk

Friday, Dec. 2

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Nov. 28

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit bar, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Enchiladas, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, cinnamon crisp, milk

Wed., Nov. 30

Lasagna, tossed salad, corn on the cob, fruit cup, bread sticks, milk

Thurs., Dec. 1

Pigs in a blanket, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, orange slices, milk

Friday, Dec. 2

Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, grapes, bun, rice krispie treat, milk

College tuition assistance offered

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, millions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance-College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 1000 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship list includes the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 650067, Potomac Falls, VA-20165-0067.

Lincoln Commission Report calls for sending one million students abroad annually by 2016-2017

A special commission appointed by Congress and President George W. Bush has

called for boosting the number of American undergraduates who study abroad to one million annually by the year 2017, saying such a move is critical in furthering U.S. interests globally.

The findings of the bi-partisan Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program included a report on study abroad students in college and university programs in the United States. The report's comparison for 2003-04 showed The University of Texas at Austin ranked fourth in the nation with 8,790 students participating in study abroad programs. Other leading universities were California with 18,919, New York with 14,625 and Pennsylvania with 12,723.

"I fully support the vision of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program to send a million American students to study abroad in the next ten years," said Dr. Larry R. Faulkner, president of The University of Texas at Austin. "This should be a major educational priority for the nation. Giving our young people more direct experience in other countries is the best way to improve their cultural competence and to show America's brightest face to the world."

The university's provost, Dr. Sheldon Ekland-Olson, said, "The University of Texas at Austin has become a national leader in study abroad opportunities for students. We take great pride in this accomplishment, and we're well positioned to participate in the programs being recommended by the Lincoln Commission. It's important to encourage this generation of students to assume leadership roles in the global arena and to become more engaged in world affairs."

John Sunnnygard, assistant director of the International Office at The University of Texas at Austin, said that learning abroad is much more than simply changing the location and language of a classroom.

"The University of Texas at Austin has developed programs that engage students in a wide range of culture crossing experiences to enhance their professional and personal understand-

ing of peoples in the world," Sunnnygard said.

In announcing the recommendations, M. Peter McPherson, chair of the Lincoln Commission, said, "Study abroad is not a frill. Greater engagement of American undergraduates with the world around them is vital to our nation's national security, economic competitiveness and public diplomacy".

He said that reaching the one-million student goal will require increasing the annual growth rate in the number of students studying abroad by about 50 percent.

The goal of one million students is about half the number of bachelor's and associate degrees awarded annually.

The Lincoln Commission called on the President and Congress to make \$50 million available annually beginning in 2006 to fund a Lincoln Fellowship Program that would provide a national competition for student fellowships and also provide funds directly to colleges and universities to support their study abroad programs. The funding would increase incrementally over five years until it reaches \$125 million annually in 2011 and successive years. International education and study abroad programs have had significant success preparing internationally competent graduates, with more than 190,000 American undergraduates studying abroad annually.

However, the demographic profile of these students does not match that of American undergraduates. These students are predominantly female, white and from four-year colleges and universities. Representation from minority, male and less-affluent students - as well as from community colleges - lags

behind. Two thirds of Americans studying abroad do so in Europe, with fewer students studying in large and often strategically important parts of the world such as Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union.

In addition to the one million students goal, the commission's report sets forth several objectives for the fellowship program, including:

- * Increasing student diversity in study abroad by ensuring that the demographics of U.S. students studying overseas is similar to those of the U.S. undergraduate population;

- * Greatly increasing the number of students studying in non-traditional countries;

- * Increasing the number of study abroad students enrolled in community colleges, minority serving-institutions and institutions serving large numbers of low-income, first-generation students;

- * Requiring Fellows to participate in academic credit-bearing programs of high-quality;

- * Looking after issues of student health, safety and security.

The commission recommends that at least 88 percent of the funds allocated to the program go directly to student fellowships. Fellowship amounts would total as high as \$5,000 per student and be limited to one year. Awarding fellowships through both a national competition and through funding to colleges and universities is intended to make sure every undergraduate has an opportunity to become a Lincoln Fellow, while also ensuring that existing study abroad programs are fully leveraged. Fellowships would only be awarded for study, work, research or internships that are conducted outside the U.S. and for which academic credit is awarded.

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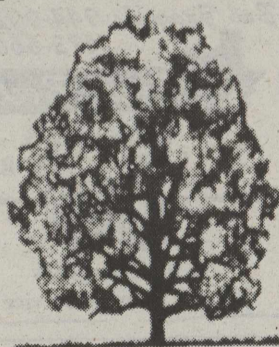
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Perfect Attendance

7th grade

Jonathan Conner, Herzon Estrada, Araceli King, Christopher Mims, Paul Pineda, Kacee Roberts, Connie Saucedo, Luke Sheldon, Heather Smith

8th grade

Devin Batten, William Brosh, Piedad Juaréz, Nancy Landeros, Ivan Landeros, Stetson Nesbit, Erika Percy, Emilee Yanez

9th grade

Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Jeremy Martinez, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez, Norma Rojas, Gabriela Saucedo, Jodi Sheldon, Blake Thompson, Cori Torres

10th grade

Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Briana Longoria, Megan Percifull, Taylor Percifull, Michael Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

11th grade

Dixie Johnson

12th grade

Argentina Arellano, Cara Eaton, Shannon Martin, Branden Phillips, Brandon Soliz, Amanda Thurman, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

RLJH boys "A"

basketball results

The Robert Lee Junior High boys basketball team defeated Miles 31-24 on November 21. Scoring for Robert Lee were Logan Phillely 3; Blake Millican 7; Cayetano Carrera 2; Cody Brosh 4; and Stetson Nesbit 8.

RLHS students attend entrepreneur training

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center hosted a Beginning Entrepreneur Success Training, (B.E.S.T.) at the ASU Alumni Center, Tuesday, November 15. Business teacher, Kathy McCown, took seniors Shannon Martin, Carolina Vera, and Stephanie Trejo, and juniors Casey Nesbit and Erica O'Neil to this training.

Robert Lee State Bank was one of the sponsors for this event.

Students worked in teams to create a business, identify its product or service and customer base, location and building layout, its management team, startup costs, financing procedure, and promotion of the business. Their presentation to judges included posters or banners of the name, logo, slogan, business card, organizational chart, diagram of the business building, and a short commercial advertisement to the targeted customer base. Casey Nesbit was awarded a silver medal for being a part of the 2nd place winning team. All participants received a certificate of participation in this event. They all agreed it was very beneficial.

RLISD board meets in regular session

The RLISD school board met in regular session on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 pm in the school library. The meeting was called to order by President

Ron Hill.

Members present were Reed, Roe, Washam, Hill, Supt. Gordon, Riley. Members absent were McCabe and Torres.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2005 and October 20, 2005 board meetings as read seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

Kevin Roe made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the bills as listed seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

The 2004-2005 audit was presented by Jerry Tinkler. Wes Washam made a motion to approve the 2004-2005 audit as presented seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Discussion was held regarding the Utility Provider Contract with WTU and GLO. No action was taken at this time.

Discussion was held regarding TASA Legislative/ Governmental Consulting Services. Wes Washam made a motion to purchase service for the 2005-2006 school year for \$300, seconded by Kevin Roe. All for.

Tod Reed made a motion to change the EIE Local Policy effective for the second semester, seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Discussion was held regarding the property at 306 13th Street. No action was taken at this time.

Discussion was held regarding Student Health emphasis from TEA.

Principal's report was given by Mr. Wayne Simpson, Dean of Students.

Supt. Gordon gave his report on superintendent activities and the office report.

The board took a short recess at 9:09 pm before entering into closed session at 9:22 pm. The board reentered open session at 10:35 pm.

Mark Riley made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Max Gordon as interim superintendent effective December 16, 2005, seconded by Kevin Roe.

All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the contract for Mr. Aaron Hood made effective January 1, 2006 seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 pm.



7 hr. CEU Pesticide Recertification Course Set

Extension offices in Coke, Sterling, Schleicher, Tom Green and Sutton will be hosting a recertification course for producers with pesticide licenses to gain 7 hours of CEU's. The course will be held November 30, at the Schleicher County Civic Center in Eldorado, located one mile south of Eldorado on Hwy 277.

Speakers for the event will include: Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist; Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist; Joe Peterson, Extension Rangeland Research Assistant; Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, John Dorsett, Texas Wildlife Management Service; and Veydon Aldridge, Resource Conservation Service. Topics that will be included are: Insect Management; Crop Weed Control and Equipment Calibration; Pesticide Laws and Regulation; Range Brush Control; Predator Management; Plant Response to Treatment; Brush Busters Programs; and Essentials for Prescribed Burns.

The event will begin at 8:30 am and run until 5 pm. There will be a \$15 fee for meals and materials. Pre-registration is required by November 23 by contacting the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461. Registration at the door is \$25.

Texas Cooperative Extension offers chances for continuing education units in December

Area residents have two chances to earn Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units and one opportunity to earn Structural Pest Control Board units in December.

The continuing education units will be offered through training sessions conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension.

The first, a Structural Pest Control Board and Texas Department of Agriculture seminar, begins at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 7 in the Abilene Civic Center. Six units will be offered by the Structural Pest Control Board and five will be offered by the Texas Department of Agriculture at that training.

The second, a Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit training, will begin at 8 a.m. Dec. 14 at the Taylor County Extension office, 1982 Lytle Way in Abilene. Five continuing education credits will be offered at this training.

The Dec. 7 training will feature the following topics and speakers:

"Integrated Pest Management for the Urban Landscape," Melissa Clifton, Extension horticulturist, Abilene;

"Managing Common Turf and Ornamental Arthropods," Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist, San Angelo;

"Mosquitoes," Dr. David

Kates, entomologist, Tarleton State University, Stephenville;

"General Weed Control," Dr. James McAfee, Extension turf-grass specialist, Dallas;

"Current Laws and Regulations," (split session), Daniel Hernandez, Texas Structural Pest Control Board, Austin and Jan Hatler, Texas Department of Agriculture, Winters; "Current Termite Control Options," Dr. Mike Merchant, Extension Urban entomologist, Dallas.

The Dec. 14 training, a weed and brush recertification course, will feature:

"What's New in Weed and Brush Herbicides?" Gary Bomar; Extension agent for Taylor County;

"The Concepts of Integrated Pest Management," Clifton;

"Winter Weed ID and Control," Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist, San Angelo;

"Texas Herbicide Laws," Hatler, and

"Do It Yourself Brush Control Equipment," Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist, San Angelo.

Individual pre-registration for the Dec. 7 seminar is \$20 if received by Dec. 2. Registration after Dec. 2 and at the door is \$30.

Individual pre-registration for the Dec. 14 seminar is \$15 if received by Dec. 9. Late registration is \$25.

Registration fees include snacks and lunch.

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District 4-H Food Show! Competing at the District 4-H Food Show in Abilene on November 19, 2005, were (photo at right) Garrett Rogers, Meagan Ross, Jaden Aldridge, Kourtney Kelton, Ashley Williams, and Hanna Hamrick.

Placing 3rd at District 4-H Food Show! Garrett Rogers (above) of Robert Lee took third place in the Intermediate, Bread & Cereals division at the District 4-H Food Show in Abilene November 19, 2005.

District 4-H Food Show features expert young culinary skills

Area 4-H members exhibited their cooking skills during Texas Cooperative Extension's annual District 7 4-H Food Show at the Taylor County Expo Center November 19. The event attracted over 200 entries from across the 23-county district.

Winners were named in senior, intermediate and junior categories. The young gourmets were judged on their knowledge of nutrition, food preparation, principle and quality of their food entries.

Placing 3rd in the Intermediate, Bread &

Cereals division was Garrett Rogers of Robert Lee.

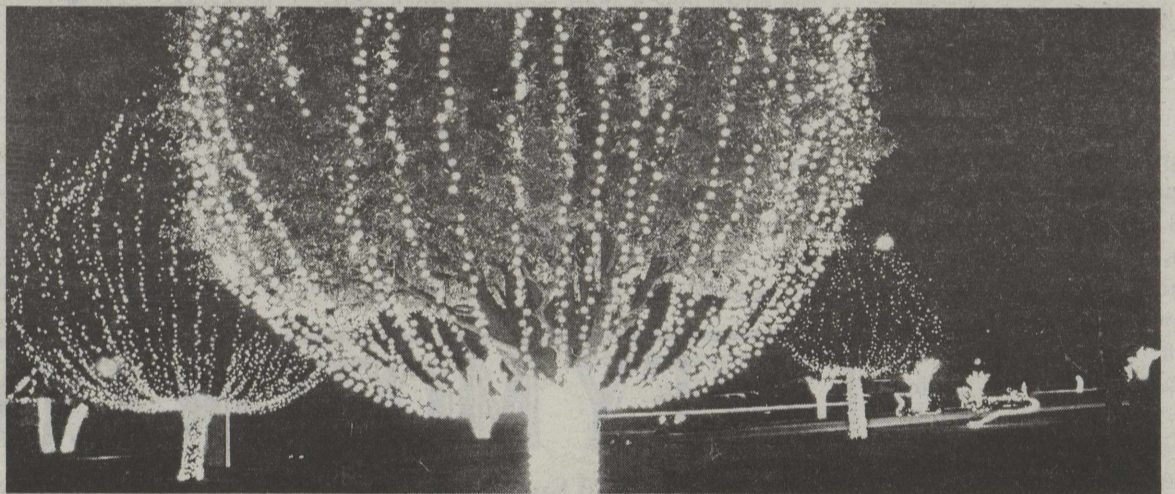
The District 7 Food Show is a culmination of the Foods and Nutrition Project taught annually in each of the district's counties. Trained volunteer leaders conduct the projects for hundreds of 4-Hers during the year.

Also competing from Coke County were: Intermediate - Meagan Ross; Junior Division: Jaden Aldridge, Kourtney Kelton, Ashley Williams, and Hanna Hamrick.

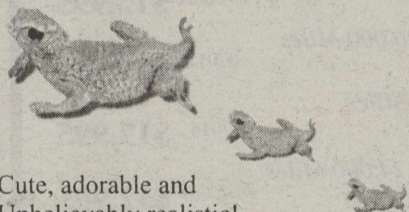


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