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## County receives much needed rainfall

The winds blew cold over the Thanksgiving weekend, as Coke County and the rest of the state experienced the first real cold front this season. The "norther" blew in on Wednesday, November 21, and kept temperatures below the 50 degree mark for the most part during the days, with nighttime temperatures dipping into the lower thirties through Monday, November 26. The county experienced its first hard freeze for the year, with temperatures on Saturday and Sunday nights registering around 30 degrees.

With the cold temperatures was some much-welcomed moisture, and even some limited snowfall in the western and northeastern parts of the county. Rain and snowfall amounts totaled from .8 to .9 inches on the west side of the county, with the east side receiving somewhere around an inch of total moisture. Everyone was excited about the good rainfall amounts, for this time of year. Following a wonderful spring and summer, the last measurable rainfall was during the first part of September.

And most residents even welcomed the cold weather,

hoping it would kill some bugs and put an end to some of our allergy woes. Indian summer is an applicable term for this year's fall, as the first freeze occurred at least two weeks later than normal, with above average temperatures for October and most of November.

### Medicare Part D Prescription Plan Enrollment slated

Medicare Part D prescription plan enrollment will be available at the Robert Lee Senior Center, 1402 County Park Rd. (Austin St.), Robert Lee, on November 30, from 9:30 am to 3 pm.

Patsy Fernandez, Benefits Counselor from Area Agency on Aging, will provide enrollment assistance to seniors needing help with their 2008 Medicare Part D Plan.

Please call Susan Millegan at 325-453-2314, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, to make an appointment.

### Bronte Chamber to sponsor "Shop At Home" campaign

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Shop at Home" campaign this holiday season in support



**Remembering old Robert Lee High School!** Stan Austin, a student of Robert Lee ISD in the 1950's and a member of the Austin family who settled Sanco in the 1870's, has presented an original oil painting of the old Robert Lee High School before it was demolished. The painting shows nine children playing a game in front of the building and the children are in period clothes and most are barefooted - a cotton patch is shown in the foreground. The picture is entitled "Recess at Robert Lee High School."

Mr. Austin also presented a framed page from *The Corral*, 1955, telling of the demolishing of the old high school, stating in part, "although it is now being cast aside, its spirit will carry over into a new era to help write a better story of life in the community."

Mr. Austin expressed an interest in the Old Jail restoration project and presented the painting to hang there when restoration is complete. For the time being, the picture and framed page from *The Corral* hang in Robert Lee City Hall.

Mr. Austin's sister, Jane Austin Bruckner, compiled *Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas*, which includes remembrances of Coke County pioneer women told by their family members.

of local merchants.

Beginning December 1, customers at each participating business will enter their names in a drawing each time

they make a purchase. On December 15, all entries will be gathered downtown for drawings for a great line-up of prizes. Names will be drawn and winners announced - you must be present to win!

More details will be forthcoming soon, but in the meantime - please support your local businesses during this busy holiday season, and get your name in the hopper for some wonderful prizes.

### RLBC to host Christmas Banquet

Robert Lee Baptist Church will host the annual Lottie Moon International Missions Christmas Banquet on Sunday, December 2, 2007, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall at 22 W. 11th Street in Robert Lee. The theme of the banquet this year is "TELL ME! The story of Jesus".

Guest speaker for the evening will be Bobbie Sparks, daughter of Bucky and Barbara Sparks of Robert Lee, currently a student at Dallas Theological Seminary and an independent missionary. She will be speaking on

her experiences in China. A meal of Mexican Pile-On, cobbler, and ice cream will be served prior to the banquet.

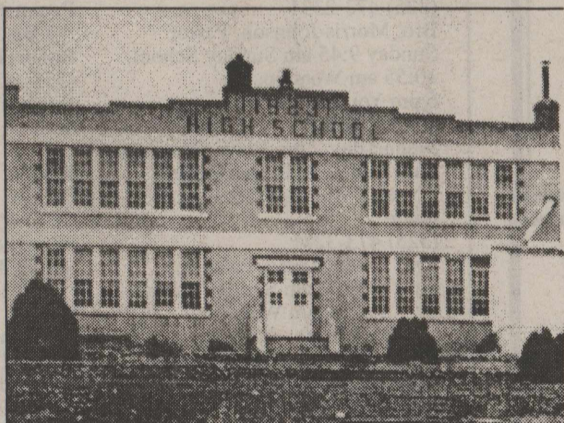
### Adult/Child Golf Tourney slated

A WTJCT Adult/Child Golf Tournament has been set for December 1 at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee with a shotgun start at 10:30 am. The tournament is open to adults of all ages and children 6 - 18 years of age. To sign up email wtjct@yahoo.com and give the players names or call 325-212-7901. If you would like to sign up and pay by credit card you may do so at www.wtjct.com, just click on Adult/Child Tournament.

### Adopt-An-Angel Program underway

The Adopt-An-Angel Program sponsored by the Bronte Health and Rehab Center has begun. The Angel Tree is set up in the chapel at BHRC. If you would like to adopt an angel, go by BHRC and pick an angel and bring back a gift wrapped package for that angel by Monday, December 17.

## Reprint from Robert Lee High School Yearbook *The Corral* (1955)



This ole buildin' once knew our parents,  
This ole buildin' once knew our friends,  
But now its floors are creaky,  
And the rain comes pourin' in.

We ain't goin' to need this ole buildin' no longer,  
We ain't goin' to need this ole buildin' no more,  
What's the use of fixin' the shingles,  
Ain't no use of mendin' the floor.

This ole buildin' has seen its sorrows,  
This ole buildin' has seen its joys,  
This ole buildin' has been a blessin'  
to so many girls and boys.

And so we leave our Alma Mater,  
And we leave our good ole friend,  
But our memories will always linger,  
No matter where we've been.

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## Death Notices

**Denman**

Jack Denman, 78, passed from this life into life with his Savior on Saturday, November 17, in the Robert Lee Care Center. Services were at 10:30 am, Tuesday, November 20, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Dr. Tommy Culwell, Pastor and Rev. Miller Robinson officiating. Graveside service was at 3 pm at the Robert Lee Cemetery, directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Jack was survived by his wife, Frances Ruth Denman of Snyder, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Martha and John David Cox of Jacksonville, Texas; brothers: Marlan and Mattie Denman of Joshua, Texas; Chuck and Carlene Denman of Austin, Texas; sister-in-law, Opal Denman of Grapeland, Texas; brothers-in-law: John B. and LaMoyné Cox of Snyder, Texas; Billy Jack and Bertha Cox of Haynesville, Texas; special niece, Jennifer and Mike Cox of Snyder, Texas; four grandchildren Ricky and Tiffany Post of Grapevine, Texas; Christopher and Sarah Post of Dallas, Texas; Davy Cox of Jacksonville, Texas; Brandy and Curtis Potter of Jacksonville, Texas; 3 great-grand children Parker Post of Grapevine, Texas; Hannah Cox of Jacksonville, Texas and Cayden Taylor of Jacksonville, Texas.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents J.H. and Mary Jane (Masters) Denman; two

brothers Bernard and H.D. (Buck) Denman; and one sister, Quida Ruth Denman.

Memorial contributions went to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Thompson**

Myrleen Thompson, 81, of Blackwell, Texas passed away Monday, November 19, 2007, in Abilene.

A memorial service was held at 1 pm, Friday, November 23, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Blackwell, Texas. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, J. R. Thompson of Blackwell; children, Billy Don Hindman of Bronte, Ronnie Bell of Nowata, Oklahoma, Alan Bell of Abilene, Texas, Richard Bell of Blackwell, James Thompson of Abilene, Texas, and Debra Rogers of Eastland, Texas. She was also blessed with 18 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren; a brother, Clyde Richards of Madison, Wisconsin; and a sister, Dorothy

Gaona of Paris, Texas.

**Santa letter deadline set for December 3**

Deadline for Letters to Santa Claus to be printed in this year's edition has been set for Monday, December 3. As in the past, we will go by the schools and pick up their Letters to Santa for inclusion in the Christmas paper on December 21. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. This is why we have to have them early. As in the case of the Letters to Santa that are delivered to the post offices, we will pick them up, type them for the paper, and mail them on to Santa as fast as we can. Letters delivered to the post office must be there by December 17 to be included in this year's Christmas edition of the newspaper.

If you have any questions as to this year's Santa Letters deadlines or the holiday printing schedule, give us a call at 453-2433.

**December Red Hat meeting slated**

The Coke County Red Hat Society will meet December 4, 2007, in the basement of the Robert Lee Methodist Church at 11 am. Come early, if you wish, for a good cup of coffee, interesting conversation and informative gossip.

The elevator will be available for those who "don't do" or "don't want to do" stairs. An operator will be available to push the correct buttons and get you

to your destination. "No tipping" is the rule! The outside elevator door is visible from the main parking lot. Please take advantage of this service.

Lunch will consist of chili and soups, coffee, tea or water and a choice of cake. The chili and soups will be served in a sourdough bowl. They encourage second helpings.

They also welcome new members and/or visitors. Come and have lunch with us even if it's just a "One Lunch Stand"! If you only have an hour for lunch come and eat with the "Red Hatters". A Red Hat is not required, so come as you are. We will make sure that you are served and have time to eat, enjoy and still be back to work on time. The charge for lunch is minimal.

Our meetings are always fun because all we do is talk and eat. How can it be any better? We have plenty of food so please come and join in the fun.

**Audubon Count set for December 15**

The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 15. Anyone who wishes to help with the count is asked to call 453-4488 or City Hall at 453-2831 for information. Caliche Loop Bird and Wildlife Association in Robert Lee assist the annual count. Any local assistance will be appreciated.

**Singing Winds to host tourney**

There will be a 27 hole, two person golf tournament on December 15, 2007, at the

Singing Winds Golf Course, Bronte, Texas.

For more information, please call (325) 473-2156.

**Christmas Greetings set for December 21**

It is time once again for Christmas greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas Greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 21 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Tuesday, December 18. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.

**RLVFD to host silent auction and open house**

By Mark Sides, Chief

Bring the family, tour the station, see the equipment, and meet your neighbors.

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will hold a silent-auction fundraiser during the open house on Monday, December 17, from 6:30 pm until 9 pm.

Items up for bid include gift cards from Academy Sports and Outdoors, and Big 5 Sporting Goods, a 5 gallon propane tank with free initial fill from Askins Propane and a copy of A Texas Christmas from This 'N That Shop.

Firefighters will be on hand to provide valuable information on fire safety and fire prevention.

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sun. 5 pm

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MERCANTILE**

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453-2731

**Menu**

*Monday, Dec. 3*  
Stew & Cornbread

*Tuesday, Dec. 4*  
Sausage & Sauerkraut

*Wednesday, Dec. 5*  
Meatloaf

*Thursday, Dec. 6*  
King Ranch Chicken

*Friday, Dec. 7*  
Smothered Steak

*Also Daily Sandwich  
& Soup Specials*

**Coke County Courthouse to be closed**

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed between the hours of 11:30 am and 1 pm on Tuesday, December 4, so the employees may have their Christmas luncheon together.

**Ft. Chadbourne Christmas Social slated for Dec. 15**

Fort Chadbourne Foundation will once again host an 1850's Christmas Social, on Saturday, December 15, 2007, from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no admission fee. The Fort will be aglow with lights and activities. Refreshments will be served by women dressed in 1850's attire, along with live reenactments of Christmas in an Officers' Quarters, cavalry, night time cannon fire, buggy rides, hay rides, and of course we can't forget Santa who will be arriving for the kids at 6 pm. The barracks has warm fires, and if it's a cold evening there are fire pits on the parade grounds for everyone to stay warm. There will be door prizes, and if you want to stock up on some goodies for Christmas, there will also be a bake sale.

The local kids' artwork will be on display, and winners of the coloring contest from



**First Deer!** Eight-year-old Kaitlyn Blaylock of Odessa bagged this 10-point buck, her first deer, while hunting with her dad, Gayland, on the Blaylock Ranch, north of Bronte. Kaitlyn is the granddaughter of Frances Blaylock of Oak Creek Lake.

each grade will be announced. There will be plenty of games, prizes, and refreshments for the children.

The Ice House Brass Quintet from San Angelo, who was a huge hit last year, will again be set up on the front porch playing period and Christmas music.

Everyone from Coke County and the surrounding area is invited to attend. There is no charge for this festive evening. Over 300 folks attended last year, and we hope this year even more will come and

join us for this very unique and fun Frontier Christmas Social.

Fort Chadbourne is located 10 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277. For more information call 325) 743-2555.

**To Advertise  
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  - Pound
  - Spice
- \$15

**Casseroles**

- Chicken, rice and broccoli
  - Chicken enchiladas
  - Lasagna
- \$20

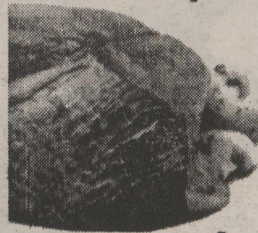
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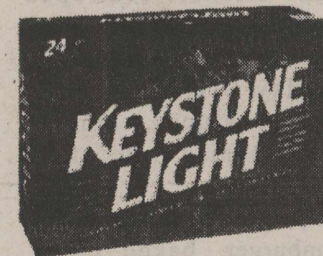
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Thanksgiving Luncheon Volunteers!** On November 18, 2007, Robert Lee Care Center held their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. Each year residents, family and volunteers gather together for a thanksgiving meal and a time of fellowship.

The luncheon began with prayer, led by Administrator Roger Alexander. More than 200 hundred were in attendance. The staff did a wonderful job pulling everything together, including the volunteers. Among the volunteers were students from Robert Lee High School, who did an outstanding job. They included (back row, left to right) Jeremy Martinez, Michael Rodriguez, Anna Rojas, Stetson Nesbit, (front row, left to right) Arrin Minjarez, K.W. Roe, Olivia Trejo and Briana Brisbin.

## Lady Dogies

### Basketball results

The last home game that the Lady Dogies "B" team played against Water Valley resulted in a 14 / 12 win. Scoring for the Lady Dogies "B" team were Dusty Howard 8 and Diana Vera 6. The Lady Dogies "A" team also won their game against Water Valley 31 / 30. Scoring for the "A" team were Kimberly

Roach 4, Victoria Roe 6, Raquel Rojas 5, Luisa Carrera 6, and Linsey Vallery 10.

The Dogies also played against Water Valley, with a final score of Robert Lee 30 to Water Valley 32. Scoring for the Dogies were Justin Gartman 10, Zach Skinner 1, Cooper Hinderliter 8, Jonah Saucedo 4, Tyler Henderson 2, and Zachery Sanchez 5.

### Robert Lee Dogies Basketball results

Robert Lee went up against Sterling City with a score of Robert Lee 12 - Sterling City 33. Scoring for Robert Lee were Justin Gartman, 8; Zach Skinner, 2; and Zach Sanchez, 2.

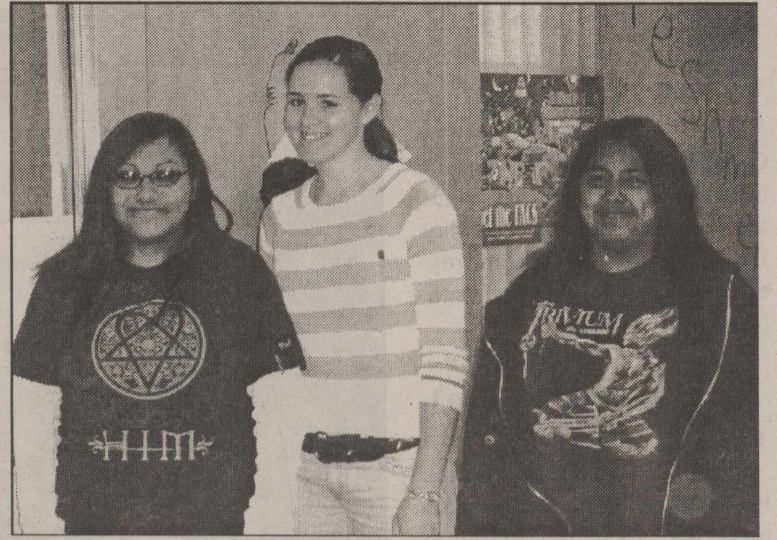
## Lady Steer results

On November 13, the Lady Steers played against the Tree of Life Church (TLC), with a final score of Robert Lee - 48 and TLC - 26. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kasie Skinner 16, Arrin Minjarez 12, Molli Hinderliter 13, Molly Burns 2, and Mandy Mendoza 5.

## RL Girls

### Basketball results

On November 19, the Lady Dogies went against Sterling City at Sterling City with a final score of Robert Lee "A" Team - 29 and Sterling City "A" Team - 11. Scoring for the Lady Dogies were Kimberly Roach 10, Victoria Roe 2, Jordan Gartman 2, Raquel Rojas 2, Luisa Carrera



**Dia De Los Muertos!** Robert Lee High School art students (from left to right) Cori Torres, Holly Austin and Emily Arellano helped celebrate "Dia De Los Muertos" by creating a display in Mrs. Millican's room.

3, and Linsey Vallery 10. The next game will be December 3 against Christoval, with "B" team game at 5 pm.

On November 20, the Lady Steers JV team played Forsan at Forsan with a final score of Robert Lee - 30 and Forsan - 45. Scoring for Robert Lee were Alexis Garren 5, Connie Saucedo 10, Jodi Sheldon 6, Kacee Roberts 2, and Briana Brisbin 7. The next JV game will be a tournament at Robert Lee starting November 29. Robert Lee will play Miles at 12 pm and Forsan at 5 pm. The Robert Lee tournament will continue on December 1 with a game against Bronte at 4:15 pm. On December 4 the Lady Steers JV will play Miles at Miles at 4 pm.

The Lady Steers also played against Forsan on November 20 at Forsan. The final score in this game was Robert Lee 49 and Forsan 21. Scoring for the Lady Steers were Olga Perez 3, Kasie

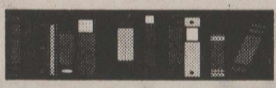
Skinner 9, Arrin Minjarez 20, Molli Hinderliter 3, Molly Burns 2, Megan Percifull 2, Anna Rojas 1, Amanda Mendoza 3, and Sarah Walker 6. The next Lady Steer game will be a tournament at Irion County starting November 29. Robert Lee will play Water Valley at 11:30 am and Irion County at 5:30 pm. The Irion County tournament will continue on December 1. On December 3 the Lady Steers will play Miles at Miles at 6:30 pm.

## RLHS students celebrate "Dia De Los Muertos"

November 1 was a unique day for Robert Lee High School Art II students Holly Austin, Emily Arellano, and Cori Torres. In a project that crossed cultures, they followed the traditions of Mexico and constructed an ofrenda for the holiday, Dia De Los Muertos or Day of the Dead.

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## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, Dec. 3**  
Pancake & sausage on a stick, juice, milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
Pop tart, cereal, juice, milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Cereal, toast, juice, milk

**Friday, Dec. 7**  
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Dec. 3**  
Rib-b-q, mac & cheese, corn, sliced apples, bread, milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, roll, orange, milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread, pears, milk

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Bean chalupas, tamale, salad, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail, milk

**Friday, Dec. 7**  
Hamburger, baked chips, salad, pickles, carrot sticks, peaches, milk

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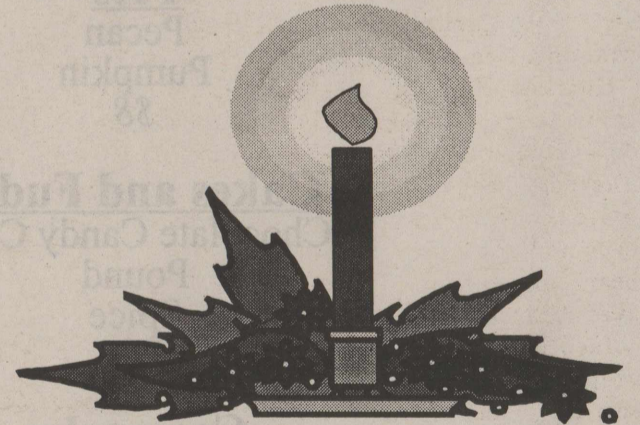


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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Elementary UIL!** These Bronte Elementary students received awards for participating in the UIL Academic Meet in Garden City on November 14. They included (back row, left to right) Nathaniel Rosales, Ty Lee, Shanyia Parker, Megan Yackley, Courtney Wyatt, Cambri Kelso, Jensen Reed, Jessica Arthur, Payton Cutting, (middle row, left to right) Crystal Bilbrey, Addie Rosson, Chris James, Sarah Sanchez, Jerica Davis, Stacia Emfinger, Joshua Puentez, Oscar Pena, Lance Burns, Marley Braswell, Carson Kelso, (front row, left to right) Austin Parker, Analyn Bohensky, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Destiny Lyon, Justin Reed, Emily Whitehurst, Tristan Minjarez and (not pictured) Thomas Deller.



**Art Team!** The Bronte Elementary Art Teams did very well at the UIL meet in Garden City.

The Sixth Grade Art Team (back row) placed first and includes (from left to right) Megan Yackley, Courtney Wyatt, Ty Lee and Nathaniel Rosales. Ty Lee also placed first individually.

The Fifth Grade Art Team (middle row) placed second and includes (from left to right) Stacia Emfinger, Crystal Bilbrey, Addie Rosson, Jessica Arthur and Jensen Reed. Jessica Reed placed second individually.

The Fourth Grade Art Team (front row) also placed second and includes (from left to right) Chris James, Cambri Kelso and (not pictured) Thomas Deller, who also placed first individually.

## Wal-Mart Scholarship available

Seniors may now apply for the Sam Walton Community Scholarship through [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org). The deadline for entry is January 14, 2008. The Community Scholarship is a

non-renewable \$1000.00 award for the first year of undergraduate study at an approved accredited college or university. To qualify, a student must be a graduating high school senior and may not be a Wal-Mart or Sam's Club associate, or child or legal dependent of a Wal-Mart or Sam's Club associate. Each Wal-Mart store will be awarding a scholarship.

### TSTC Rep. to visit Bronte HS

A representative from Texas State Technical College (TSTC) will be on the Bronte High School campus next Tuesday, December 4 at 11 am to present information to the seniors about the programs the school offers. Any interested parents may also attend this informative session. The presentation will be in the library.

### ASVAB Results for Juniors available

The juniors received their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores on Tuesday, November 20, 2007. Sergeant Foster of the United States Army explained the students' scores and a career interest

inventory was completed. Based on the results of the interest inventory, the students were able to pinpoint three areas that listed potential career fields or occupations that may be considered potentially satisfying. Each junior received a score report and informational booklet. If you need an additional copy, please contact the counselor's office at Bronte High School at 473-2521.

### Bronte Longhorn Basketball results

Bronte went up against Miles with a final score of Bronte 51 - Miles 46. Scoring for the Longhorns were Brett Wills 4 pts., 7 rebs.; Paul McConnell 4 pts.; Gus Saunders 3 pts., 3 assists; CJ McClure 2 pts.; Cody Wallace 2 pts.; Sam Rawlings 3 assists; Lahne Burns 5 pts.; Rob Rosson 1 pt. 3 steals, 3 assists; Dakota Rawls 15 pts.; 15 rebs.; Heath Richey 11 pts., 4 rebs.; Kerwin Rawls 4 pts., 3 assists.

### Bronte Boys JV defeats Miles

The Longhorn JV boy's basketball team played their first game of the season last Tuesday, where they hosted

the Miles Bulldogs. The young Horn Team showed a lot of character after the first half rust was grinded off and the Horns cut the 23-point through the 4th quarter but ran out of gas. The Horns put

up a great effort and are excited about the upcoming season. The final score was Bronte 34 - Miles 50. Scoring for the Longhorns JV were Casillas 8, Horton 8, White 6, Scott 4, Perez 3, Ellis-York 3, and Mackey 2.



## School Menu

### Breakfast

- Monday, Dec. 3**  
Cereal, apple sauce, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
Blueberry muffins, toast, jelly, juice, milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
Biscuit, sausage, jelly, juice, milk
- Thursday, Dec. 6**  
French toast sticks, juice, milk
- Friday, Dec. 7**  
Sausage roll, juice, milk

### Lunch

- Monday, Dec. 3**  
Chicken fajitas, tossed salad, corn, flour tortilla, banana pudding, milk
- Tuesday, Dec. 4**  
Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, roll, milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
Taco salad, cheese, nacho chips, lettuce, tomatoes, refried beans, rosie apple sauce, milk
- Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, baby carrots with ranch, corn bread, strawberries and bananas, milk
- Friday, Dec. 7**  
Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tator tots, pork & beans, fruit cup, sugar cookies, milk

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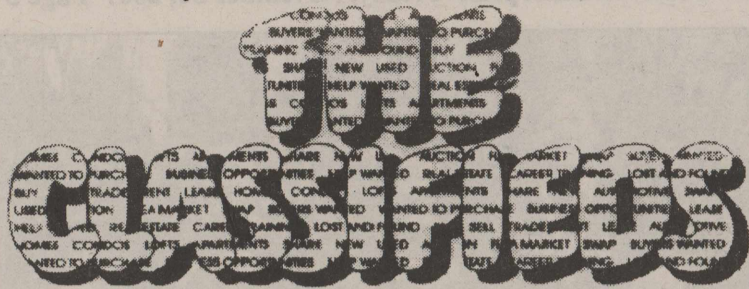
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**RL School Board meeting minutes**  
On Monday, November 19, 2007, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 7:00 pm. President Roe called the meeting to order and led the invocation and the pledge. Members present were K. Roe, T. Reed, W. Washam, J. Roberts, I. Torres, B. Ramon, and T. Sawyer. There were no members absent at this meeting.

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Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15 and October 22, 2007, seconded by Brandi Ramon, all for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Tom Sawyer, all for.

Jerry Tinkler with Eckert, Ingrum, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston & Barr, L.L.P. presented the 2006-2007 Audit for Robert Lee ISD. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the 2006-2007 Audit, seconded by Irma Torres, all for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented, seconded by Tod Reed, all for.

Wayne Simpson gave the elementary and secondary principal reports. Roger Henderson attended the JH Basketball games. 132 enrolled for PK-6; 97 % ADA for October. 117 enrolled 7-12; 97% ADA for October.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to divide the 2,255 votes evenly among the candidates nominated to the Appraisal District Board of Directors. The nominees receiving 451 votes are: William Hood, Fredda McCabe, Melvin McCabe, Gaylon Pitcock and Troy Wimberley. Motion seconded by Tod Reed, all for.

Aaron Hood gave status of negotiations with Cadco Architects and Update of process. Followed by his superintendent's report on the Wind Project, Band

Instrument Issue, a possible special called meeting in December and handed out the Superintendent Evaluation Packets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 17, 2007.

**Bronte Shorthorn "B" Team results**

The Junior High "B" boys were split into two separate teams for Monday night's games against Water Valley. They were victorious in both games to start the season off. This was the first game for the majority of the boys and they did a great job with the limited practice time we have had. They came out and played hard defensively which led to numerous turnovers on Water Valley's part. Their coach is very proud of the effort and they're looking forward to the next game. They will play here at Bronte again Monday, November 26 against Menard. Scoring in game #1 were Mario Delarosa 4, Thoren Charles 4, and Nathan Fillman 12. Scoring in game #2 were Conner Clark 8, Ethan Seddan 2, Randon Eubanks 2, and Jaylon Seales 2.

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## ... "Day of the Dead"

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After both Art I and Art II did research on the origins of the holiday, they used the information to create the installation in the display area in Mrs. Millican's room.

Day of the Dead is an ancient ritual with its roots in the Aztec culture over 3000 years ago and was incorporated into the church holiday of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on November 1 and 2 during the attempt of the Spaniard invaders to Christianize the Meso-Americans. November 1 is set aside to remember children who died, while November 2 is for adults. The celebration is based around an old belief that life does not end at death, but continues on with death treated not in a morbid fashion, but as a festival. The family recognizes the cycle of life and death is part of the human existence, and with this in mind, family members honor lost ones by visiting the cemetery to clean up and decorate family graves, sharing a meal there, recall stories about their love one, before returning home to construct the ofrenda. The belief is that the departed are around them and share in the meals and the items left on the ofrenda.

Usually the ofrenda or altar is composed of favorite foods, marigolds, sugar skulls, photos, clothing, personal belongings, something for the departed to freshen up with, chocolate, drink, toys, and other items deemed important by the family. A pathway of marigold petals is laid out to guide the spirit to the ofrenda and inviting them into the home.

The ofrenda of the art students had many of these elements including stories from some of the students, photos of the person they wanted to remember, and personal items of the departed brought from home. As seen in ofrenda in Mexico and the United States, a slight modification was allowed for students who did not have a departed one they wanted to remember, but had someone they did not see often and was special to them. The students enjoyed a meal for the Day of the Dead, which was composed of different Mexican foods.

The girls did a great job on the lay out and construction of the ofrenda.

### Bronte Shorthorn "A" Team results

The Junior High "A" boys gained another victory against Water Valley on Monday night. We have had limited practices with this group as well, but the guys came out and played hard. This group is showing a lot of quickness on the court, which helps us defensively. We were able to press effectively for the majority of the

game. I'm very proud of the effort put forth and I'm looking forward to next week! We will play here at Bronte again on Monday, November 26 against Menard. Scoring for the Shorthorns "A" team was: Johnny Reyes 5, Creed Coalson 10, John Deller 4, Jordan Baumann 4, Beau Grigg 7, and Caleb Rosson 6.

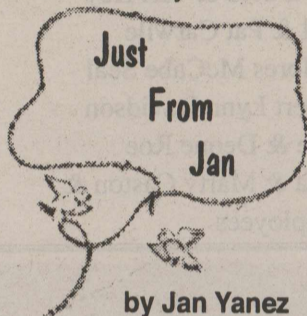
### BISD Science teachers attend conference

Science Teachers from all over Texas converged on Austin this past week for CAST, which is the Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT) Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching. This was the 50th year celebration of STAT, which has served Science Educators since 1957--2007. STAT is a state wide organization of elementary, middle level, and high school teachers, college educators, supervisors of science, and others dedicated to maintaining the highest levels of science education in our schools. It is a chapter of the National Science Teachers Association. STAT's mission is to build a community dedicated to advancing science teaching and learning; in a way that:

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Four Teachers from Bronte ISD were among over 6,000 teachers to register for CAST. Lloyd Walker, Jerita Taylor, Heather Lee, and Susan Graves gained valu-

able information that can be used in the classroom with their students. Jerita, Heather, and Susan are members of the Regional Math/Science Collaborative, which paid their way to the conference. Field trips to study the geology of the Llano Uplift, the Pedernales Falls geological formations, Bugs Alive!, NASA Earth, Moon, Mars and Beyond were just a few of the many short courses and workshops that these teachers attended. The Vendors booths were popular with all of the teachers for them to see the newest textbooks, supplies, technology, etc. that are available for teaching our students in the 21st century.



by Jan Yanez  
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### Make Holiday Time A Safe Time

With lots of cooking and entertaining at holiday time, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement and to overlook some basic safety precautions. Even cooks with decades of experience are susceptible to kitchen mishaps.

#### General Kitchen Safety

The Soap and Detergent Association reminds consumers that a safe kitchen begins with a clean, clutter-free environment. If things are put away in their proper place, there is less chance of accidents. Cuts and burns are just two of the possible injuries. Others include slips, sprains, falls, strains, bruises, electric shock and poisonings.

Fire and hot utensils are the most obvious dangers. The basic rule for stove safety is never leave cooking unattended. Turn pot handles so they do not

hang over the front of the stove where they can be bumped or pulled down by a curious child. When lifting a pot lid tilt it so it directs the steam away from face and hands. Use dry potholders to remove hot dishes from the oven or stove.

Oil and grease present special hazards. Water and hot oil do not mix; instead, they create dangerous splatters. Food should be free of water and ice when it's lowered gently into hot oil. Grease that is smoking is too hot. Smoke indicates that the grease can easily ignite. If a grease fire starts, never try to put it out with water. Extinguish it by turning off the burner and sliding a lid over the pan or using a dry-chemical fire extinguisher.

When cooking, wear short or rolled-up sleeves, rather than loose, flowing garments. If clothing does catch fire, drop to the floor and roll back and forth to smother the flame. If burns are severe, call for medical help. If minor, rinse with cool water for at least five minutes. Never treat a burn with grease, butter or ointment. They will trap the heat and make the injury worse.

Knives are another kitchen hazard. Knives should be kept sharp, as a dull knife requires extra pressure, which

increases the possibility that the blade, hand or cutting board will slip. Use knives only for cutting and not for tasks like chopping ice or prying open a container. Never soak a dirty knife in the sink-feeling around for a knife in soapy water is courting an accident. Wash, dry and put knives away immediately after use. When not in use, knives should be stored in a special slotted rack or wood block or in a separate drawer with blades pointing to the rear.

Even the general kitchen environment can be hazardous. A cabinet door left open can result in a bumped head. Worn flooring or food spills left on the floor increase the chance of slipping. Frayed extension and appliance cords increase the chance of shock or fire. Poor lighting means poor visibility, which increases the possibility of an accident. Check all these things carefully.

Test smoke detectors regularly. Many people find it easier to remember to do this at the same time they change their clocks. Keep a first aid kit handy. A fire extinguisher that is capable of putting out both grease and electrical fires should be an essential piece of equipment in every kitchen. Store it where it is easily and quickly accessible.

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## It is the Spirit, the Word, and the blood, not tribulation, that cleanses from all sin.

### Exodus 12:51

And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

### Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

### John 3:5

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

### Romans 5:9

Much more than, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

### Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ.

### Romans 3:25

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

### Ephesians 5:26

That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.

### 1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

### 1 Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

### 1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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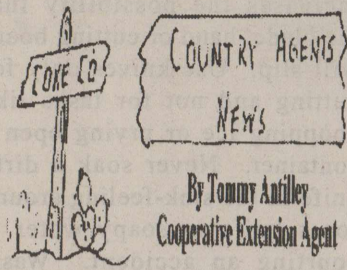
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### ...Safe Holiday Time

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#### Childproof the Kitchen

Children are curious all year long, but at holiday time they are more excited than usual...and the adults around them are more distracted than usual. If there are small children underfoot, it's particularly important to childproof the kitchen.

Keeps things inaccessible. This means to use door locks on cabinets containing medicines, cleaning supplies, lighter fluid and pesticides; tightly close garbage to keep children out; and install gates at entrances to kitchen with steps. Stove shields, which detach easily for cooking, prevent children's access to burner and oven controls. These control knobs can also be removed when not in use. Install childproof plugs in unused electrical outlets and cover the garbage disposal switch with a dome-type outlet plate. Most important of all; never leave a child unattended in the kitchen.

### 43rd Annual Pecan Show slated

The 43rd Annual Concho Valley Pecan Show will be held on Friday, December 7, from 12 noon until 6 pm at the main entrance to the Tom Green County Library in Judge Edd B. Keyes Building. Any pecan grower in the area may submit entries to the show. This includes Tom Green, Coke, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Schleicher, and Sterling Counties. No entry limit per exhibitor is made, but participants are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow. The grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids or natives as he wishes. The exhibitor must be grower. Entries must be received by 12 noon on Wednesday, December 5, in the Tom Green County Extension Office on the second floor of the Judge Edd B. Keyes Building or any participating County Extension Office.

A minimum of 42 pecans are necessary for each entry. This sample of 42 should represent the variety or individual seedling tree and be uniform in size and shell color. Mixed samples - more than one variety in an entry - are disqualified.

The grower may wish to select the heaviest pecans by weighing individual nuts. This will eliminate poorly filled pecans, but certainly isn't an entry requirement.

A varietal entry may be composed of nuts from more than one tree. For example, if the grower has 10 Choctaw trees, each tree could contribute nuts to the grower's one Choctaw entry.

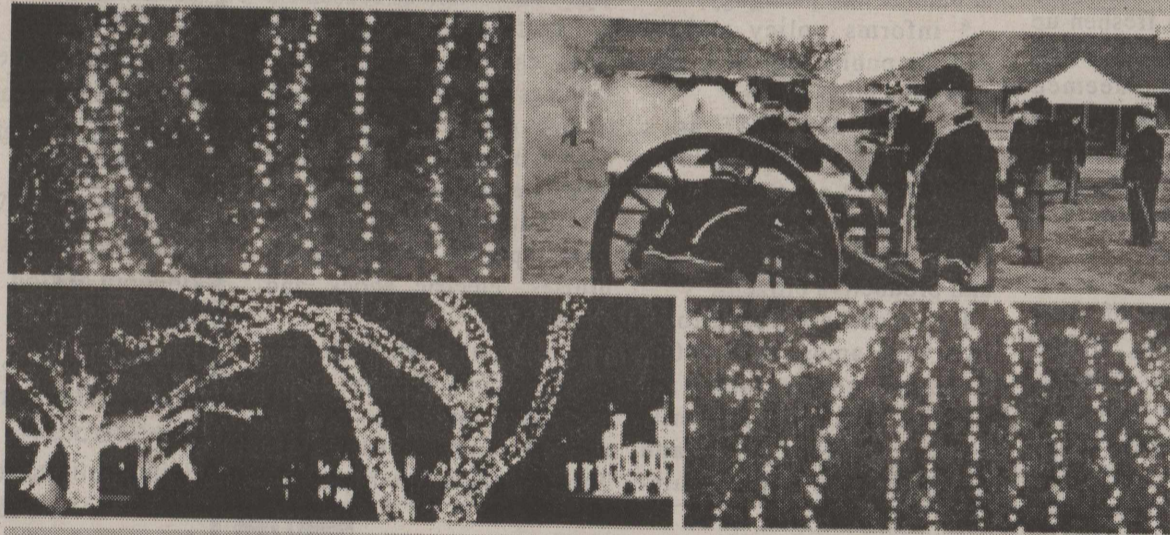
Nuts should be free of dust, dirt, and shuck remnants. They should not be buffed to the extent that shape or color is altered. Discolored shells and kernels may result from peeling pecans from the shucks too early. Pecans must be from the 2007 crop. Judging is based on the size of the pecans, appearance, and kernel quality which includes color, percent kernel (as relative to shell) and percent edible kernel.

Final judging will begin at 9 am on December 7, 2007. Decisions and placings by the judges will be final. Pecans will be left on display from 11 am to 4 pm, Friday December 7, in the Tom Green County Library foyer in the Judge Edd Keyes Building, 113 W. Beauregard. Winning entries in each class may be considered for entering in the West Texas Regional Pecan Show to be held on December 11 in Taylor County in Abilene.

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