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Friday, November 15, 2013

Coke County Retired Teachers Association Meeting set

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, November 18, 2013. The noon luncheon will be held at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Blackwell slates 2nd Annual Christmas Vendor Fair for Saturday, November 23

Be ready Christmas Shoppers for the 2nd Annual Blackwell Christmas Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 23, 2013, from 11 am to 3 pm at the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station.

Lots of great local vendor booths are set to come for your enjoyment and shopping needs. Vendors scheduled to attend include Scentsy, AdvoCare, Grace Adele, Veleta, Farm House Divas, State Farm, Ambit Energy, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Juice Plus and more. Plus many more craft booths will be on hand!

There will be drawings and free items given away throughout the day.

Booth rent is free but any donation to the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department will greatly be appreciated!

For more information or to reserve your booth, please call Marilyn Scott at 325-650-0603 or Laura Pieper at 325-721-5205 or find us on Facebook under the Events section 2nd Annual Blackwell

Christmas Vendor Fair. AON fundraiser slated

AON will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts to be delivered the week of Thanksgiving, just in time for the holidays. Contact any AON member to order.

Choir members needed

A Robert Lee community choir is needed to sing carols on December 6 at the gazebo during A Small Town Christmas. All people from high school age students to senior citizens are invited to participate. The next practice will be Tuesday, November 19, at 5:30 pm. For more information, please call Carolyn Long at 453-2383. Rehearsals will be held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Drive to the back parking lot and enter through the kitchen door. Pass the word around and come join in the fun of singing Christmas carols.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, for the purpose of electing two directors.

Directors filing for reelection to the board are Jack Corley and Bob Ragsdale. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall. For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, November 22, 2013.

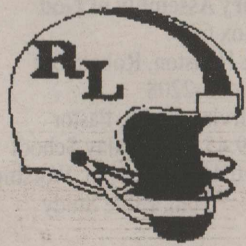


Ribbon Cuttings! The Bronte Chamber of Commerce was on hand Saturday morning, November 2, 2013, for ribbon cutting ceremonies celebrating the openings of Windmill City Grill in downtown Bronte (above) and the Quilt Shop at the corner of State Street and Barclay.



Photos Courtesy of Lee Kohout Photography

Football Playoff Games



ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

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6:30 pm • Thursday, November 14
at Blackwell

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vs.

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Shopping Bronte Matters

For each taxable dollar spent in Bronte, one cent goes into the City's general operating fund to help maintain Bronte's streets, street lights, green spaces, historical buildings, and even the volunteer fire department. That means when money is spent locally, Bronte's children and generations to come will enjoy the benefits. Shopping Bronte matters. It helps Bronte's quality of life.

The City has placed signs around Bronte to remind people that shopping locally benefits the community. Try to shop Bronte first before spending money in the bigger towns.

Where does this sales tax go? 6 1/2% goes to the State, 1% goes to the City, 1/2% Bronte Economic Development Type A, 1/2% Bronte Economic Development Type B. Spending locally helps our quality of life. Photography for the signs was provided by Kellie

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Christmas in Bronte slated

Christmas in Bronte has been set for December 7. There is limited space for booths this year and all vendors will need to have a sales tax number starting this year. Christmas in Bronte applications will be ready soon at www.brontetexas.org.

Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas set for December 6

A Small Town Christmas celebration will be held in Robert Lee on Friday, December 6, starting at 6 pm. The lights will be turned on in the Coke County Memorial Garden and Santa will be at the Wilson Bryan Mini-Park.

Vision with a Purpose will be selling stew and cornbread as well as hot chocolate and coffee. There will be carolers and businesses are encouraged to stay open late. Mountain Creek Cinema is planning on showing a Christmas movie downtown so plan on bringing blankets and lawn chairs. More information on that will be coming.

VP will also be raffling a 55 inch TV donated by Floyd C. Pettit Insurance. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Floyd C. Pettit Insurance, B's Blossoms and Blooms, Adams Abstract, at the Small Town Christmas celebration or from a VP member. The drawing will be held on December 16th.

Christmas Decorating contest announced

Vision with a Purpose is announcing a 2013 Small Town Christmas Decorating Contest. There will be three divisions: Homes, Business and Organizations.

Cash prizes of \$100 -

\$75 - \$50 will be given in the form of Robert Lee Bucks to the first 3 places in the home division. There will also be cash prizes awarded in the organization division and traveling plaques will be awarded in the business division. Organizations will be given an area in downtown Robert Lee to decorate. Entry forms can be picked up at the City Hall in Robert Lee, Floyd C. Pettit Insurance, B's Blossoms and Blooms and at the Small Town Christmas celebration on December 6.

Entry forms must be dropped off at these same businesses by December 13th to be judged. Judging will be done on December 15th by outside judges. For more information contact Cookie Burns at (325) 763-7263.

'64 Study Club fundraisers listed

Between now and the downtown Christmas event on December 6th, the '64



BHRC Hosts Trick or Treaters! Residents of Bronte Health & Rehab Center passed out treats to the little Trick or Treaters who came to visit them.

Study Club will be selling tickets on three items to raise scholarship money.

An original Pat Stevens painting of a covered bridge in a winter setting has been donated by the artist to be awarded to some lucky ticket purchaser. The painting is on view at the Coke County Library until the drawing.

Also, a Christmas wreath that will amaze friends and family, is on display at the Library. The wreath will become a permanent Christmas decoration for any one lucky enough to be awarded the Christmas creation.

A \$50 gift certificate to Sam's or Walmart will be part of the drawing as well. The early December date will make the certificate really valuable for gift buying.

Ticket sales contribute to the awarding of scholarships to Robert Lee seniors in May at the awards ceremony and tickets are available at the Library or from any club member.

**Area Churches
Invite You to Worship**

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ
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Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

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

First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship,
5 pm Worship
6 pm Youth
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church
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11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
117 W. Main, Bronte
Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am

St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
www.pecanbaptist.org
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

United Christians Fellowship
PO Box 938 • Robert Lee Rec Hall
(325) 453-2468
Ed Zimmerman, Minister
Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
11 am Worship

Robert Lee

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2360
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 10 am • Worship
11 am & 6 pm • Service
Wed. 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176

Jordan Arnold, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
(325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724

Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Come As You Are

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Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session October 28, 2013, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #2 Wendell Lee, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Deputy clerk Kyla Long was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Commissioner Blaylock and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Pro-Tem Montgomery announced the presence of a quorum. Judge Blair was absent.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the minutes for October 15 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pitcock. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Commissioner Pitcock made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lee to nominate Commissioner Blaylock to server on the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2014-2015. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the funding for the Coke County Detention Center

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the 2014 Coke County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pitcock. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pitcock made a motion to approve the Concho Valley Transit Agreement for Fiscal Year 2013-2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to accept the Ener-Tel proposal for additional cameras on the Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaylock. Motion carried.

Commissioner Blaylock discussed Humble Road.

There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

Pro-Tem Judge Montgomery made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaylock. Motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Montgomery adjourned the meeting.

Cattle Raisers Applaud Passage of Proposition 6

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association President Pete Bonds made the following statement today after Texas voters approved Proposition 6, a constitutional amendment that will provide for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas. These funds will help finance priority water projects for the state, including rural and agricultural conservation projects.

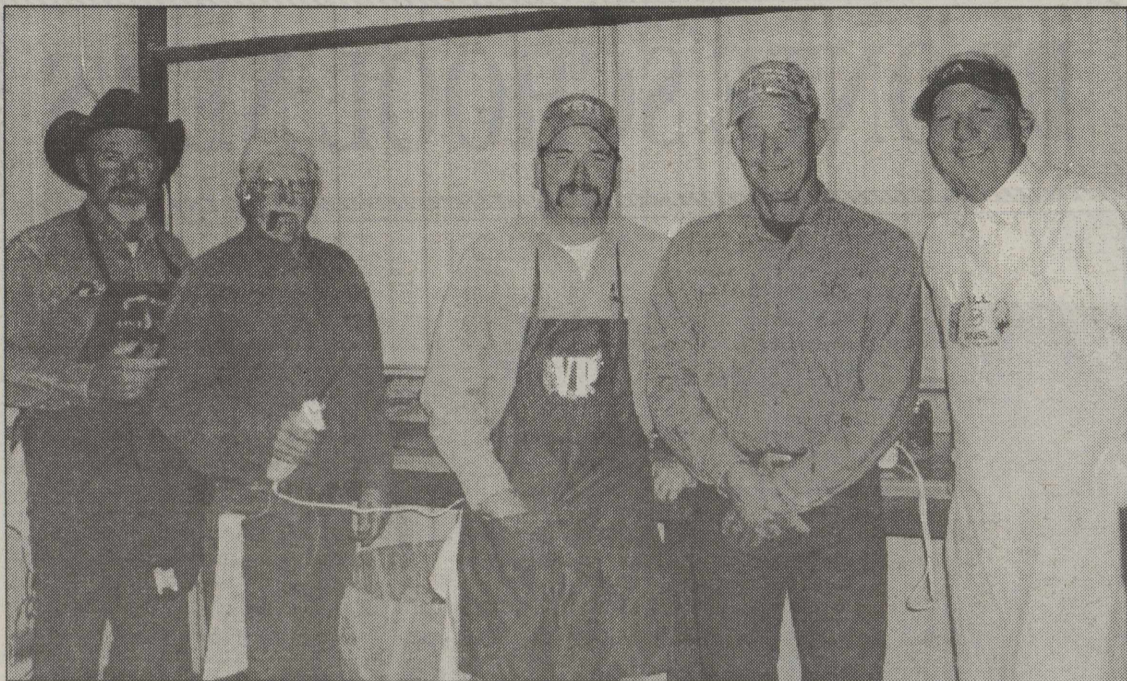
"Ranchers know firsthand that because of drought, water has been a scarce resource. Proposition 6 is a necessary step in providing a mechanism to help finance our state's water needs, so we can all continue to have safe and reliable sources of water," said Bonds.

"TSCRA has worked hard to ensure that rural areas that support ranching families remain a priority when it comes to water, and Proposition 6 helps accomplish this."

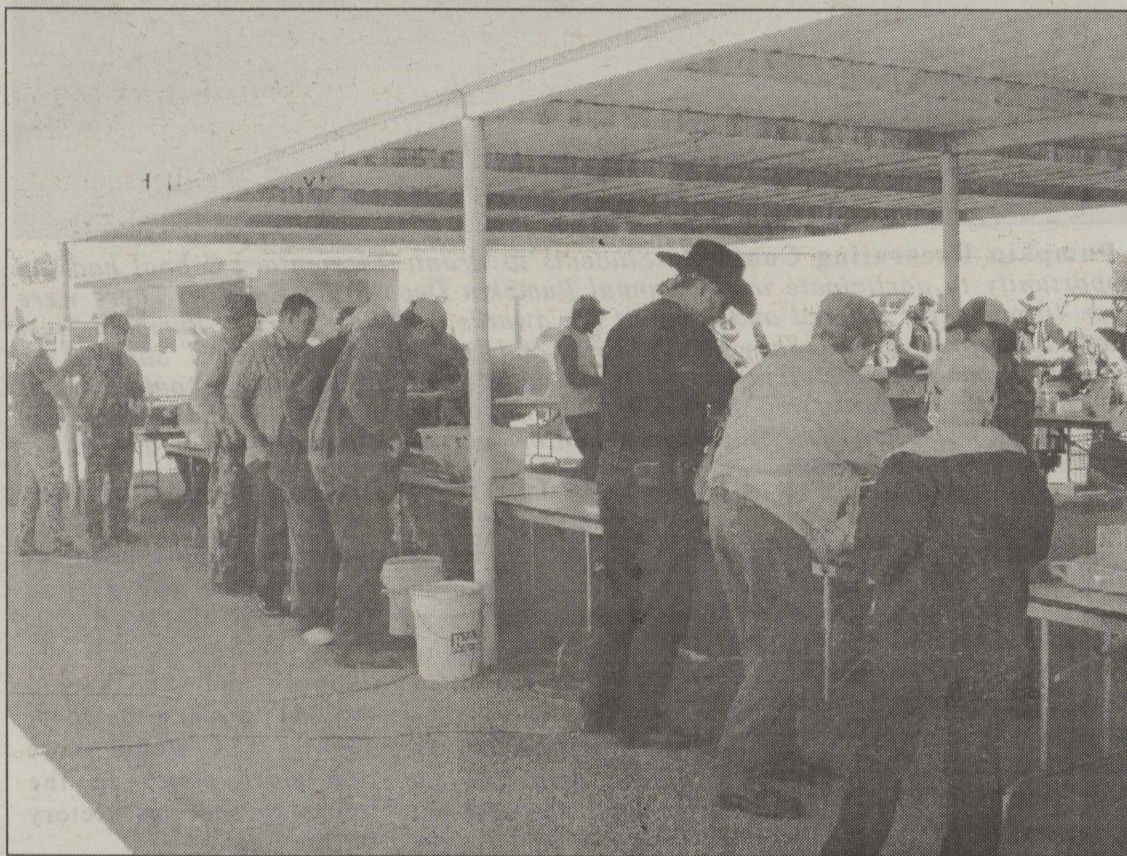
Bonds says that the passage of Proposition 6 is especially important to rural areas because it offers them a way to seek low interest loans for much needed water projects that they might otherwise not be able to afford.

"Rural Texas communities support agriculture. They provide hospitals, schools and services to those of us who live outside the city limits. We are concerned because there are rural areas all over this state that are in danger of drying up," said Bonds. "We are confident that

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Bob Wrinkle Memorial Hunters Barbecue! Responsible for cutting all of the meat to feed the hungry hunters Saturday evening, November 2 in Robert Lee were (from left) Douglas Roberts, Tommy Antilley, Ryan Stanford, Joel Percifull, and Jack Yanez.



B&K Hunters Barbecue! A large lunch crowd enjoyed the good food Saturday, November 2, at the Hunters Barbecue sponsored by B&K Deer Processing in Bronte.

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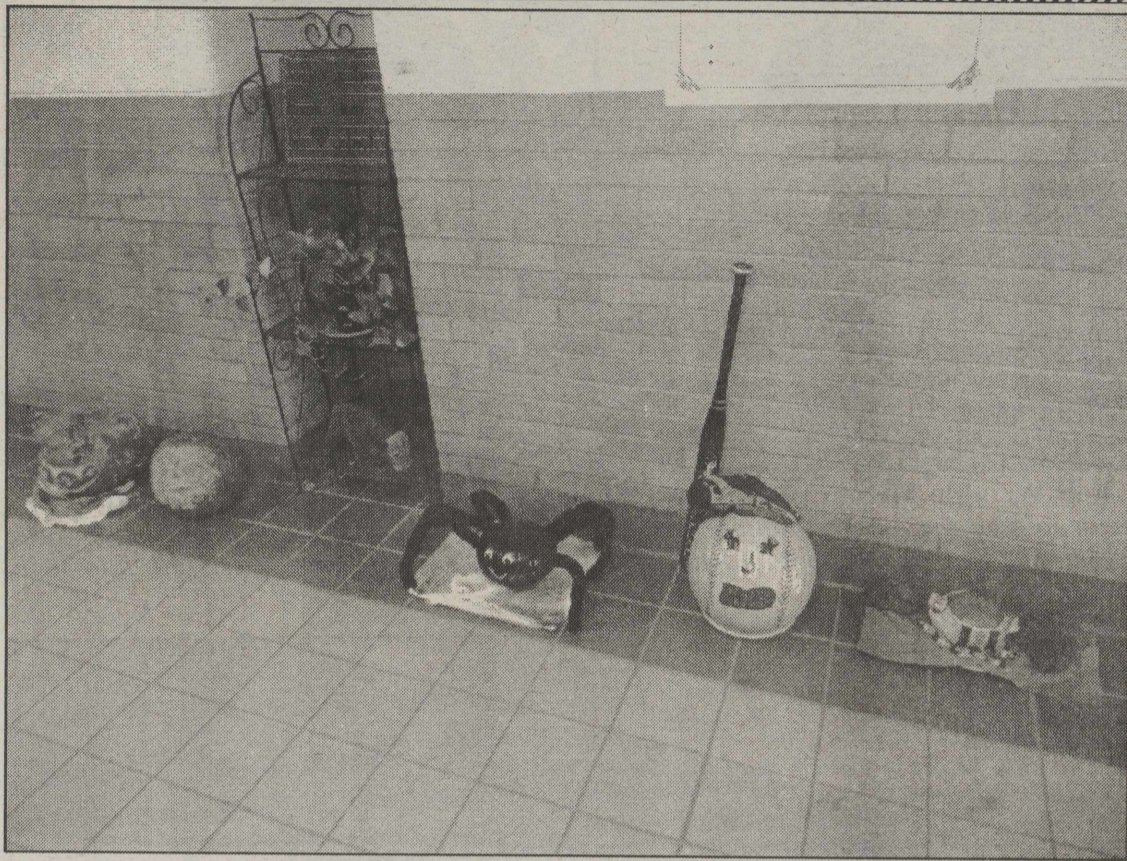
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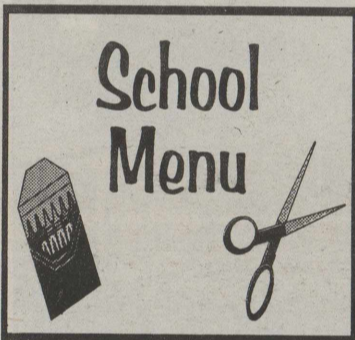
*Deadline to order is Monday, November 25.
Pickup is Wednesday, November 27.*

Call Katie at (928) 369-6808.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Students at Bronte Elementary School had the opportunity to participate in the annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. There were over 40 pumpkins entered and some of the awards included Scariest Pumpkin, Best Carved Pumpkin, Best of Show, Grand Prize and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Some of the decorated pumpkins are pictured above. In addition to the decorating contest, all of the elementary students who dressed up had the opportunity to join in the Costume Parade and walk across the stage in the auditorium. A spooky time was had by all.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, November 18

Breakfast pizza or cereal w/toast & jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 19

Pancake on stick or cereal w/toast & jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 20

Breakfast bagel or cereal w/toast & jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, November 21

Breakfast burrito or cereal w/toast & jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, November 22

French toast sticks or cereal w/toast & jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 18

Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots coins, hot rolls, fruit, milk

Tuesday, November 19

Crispy tacos, garden salad, charro beans, applesauce, salsa, milk

Wednesday, November 20

Hot dogs, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fruit, milk

Thursday, November 21

Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit, green beans, hot rolls, pumpkin pie, milk

Friday, November 22

Beef & bean burrito, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk

Longhorns football wrap-up

By Coach Kevin Burns

The Bronte Longhorns completed their 2013 season last Friday in a loss to District Champion TLCA by a score of 55-14. The Longhorns fell to 2-8 on the season and 2-4 in District play. The loss put the Longhorns in a tie for fifth place in the district behind TLCA, Christoval, Eldorado, and Menard. The Horns were tied with Miles and finished ahead of Irion County.

Last Friday, the Horns gave up a touchdown to TLCA on their first drive of the evening but responded to the score with one of their own when Kyler Richards hit Mizael Perez with a 15 yard pass to even the score at 7-7. TLCA would score three times in the second quarter and two more times in the third to take a big lead. Bronte hit the scoreboard again early in the fourth quarter when

Mizael scampered 54 yards on a punt. After picking up the yardage needed for a first down and getting some key blocks downfield, he returned it the distance and then kicked the PAT to make the score 42-14. TLC would score two more times in the fourth to seal the victory for the Eagles.

Although the season didn't end the way the Horns had pictured it in the summer, I was pleased with how they kept coming to work each week and continued to improve. Thanks to all the players and their families for allowing us to coach you guys and for the time and effort you gave all season long. Special thanks to this year's 4 Seniors for their commitment to the Longhorn program and we wish them much success the rest of the year in their other sports. This year's Seniors are Stetsen Emfinger, Ty Lee, Manuel Perez, and Mizael Perez.

BHS First 6 Weeks Perfect Attendance

7th Grade

Sarah Allen, Robert Arthur, Tanner Braswell, Makaylah Delacerda, Garrett Knight, Hailey McKinney, Cassidy McWright, Skyleigh Minjarez, Raegen Moore, Randall Parks, Kaci Queen, Elexis Sanchez, Jayden Speary, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Jason Woehrle

8th Grade

Payton Arrott, Paul Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Emmanuel Casillas, Aaron Cervenka, Darby Duncan, Elizabeth Galvan, Zachary Jackson, Hanna McKinney, Collin Moore, Melissa Perez, Shawn Puentez

9th Grade

Whitney Boyd, Ismael Cecilio, Emily Davidson, Karen Davis, Samuel Dominguez, Koby Dozier, Kacelyn Follis, Joshua Huffman, Garrett Jones, Tristin Minjarez, Isaiah Ornelaz, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Tristan Sullivan, Kaitlyn Swecker, Hanna Weatherly, Emily Whitehurst, Bryce Willis

10th Grade

Ben Allen, Rankin Deronde, Hunter Hamrick, Emmery McCullough, Kyler Richards, Sarah Sanchez, Ean Ward

11th Grade

Crystal Bilbrey, Marley Braswell, Lance Burns, Eddie Cecilio, Stacia Emfinger, Carlos Fuentez, Kolby Lee, Ricky Lovelace, Lindsey McIntire, Oscar Pena, Joshua Puentez, Jensen Reed, Addison Rosson, Kahd Walton

12th Grade

Fred Arthur, Stetsen Emfinger, Rachel Everheart, Mizael Perez, Manuel Perez

ACT and SAT Test Deadlines

Students interested in taking the December 14, 2013 ACT test must register by Friday, November 8, 2013 in order to avoid late fees. Students may register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up an application in

the high school counselor's office. The cost of the ACT test is \$36.50 or \$52.50 if a student registers for the ACT Plus Writing test. If someone is unsure which test to sign up for, please consult the high school counselor.

Students interested in taking the December 7, 2013 SAT Reasoning Test must register before November 8th in order to avoid late fees. The cost of the SAT Reasoning test is \$51.00 and includes a required writing portion. Registration may be done online at www.collegeboard.com or you may pick up a registration packet in the counselor's office.

Fee waivers are available to junior and senior students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. Call or see Mrs. Timmerman, counselor for more information. Please keep in mind that the ACT and SAT tests will be offered several times throughout the spring semester. Free study guides are available in the counselor's office. The high school library has practice test preparation books available to students. The ACT and SAT websites also have free practice items available online.

For more information, please call the BHS counselor's office.

CodeRED

Emergency system to be used

Coke County has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides Coke County and the Cities of Bronte and Robert Lee officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire County.

Roy Blair, Coke County Emergency Management Coordinator, cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. "If your phone num-

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ber is not in the database, you will not be called." One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database, this is an extremely important feature.

"No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included," All individuals and businesses to log onto the Coke County website, www.co.coke.tx.us and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page. Those without Internet access may call 325-453-2641 and speak with the Coke County Judge's office to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number.

CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages.

CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes." Questions should be directed to the Coke County Judge's Office at 325-453-2641.



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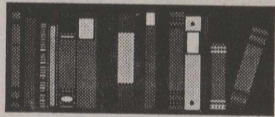
ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLISD Thanksgiving Lunch set

Thanksgiving lunch will be served at Robert Lee ISD in the cafetorium on Thursday, November 21, from 11:09 am until 12:45 pm. The public is welcome and the cost is minimal. Please RSVP with the school office at 453-4555 by Monday, November 18.

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, November 18**
Pigs in blanket, juice, milk
- Tuesday, November 19**
Eggs, biscuit, gravy, juice, milk
- Wednesday, November 20**
Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- Thursday, November 21**
Waffle & sausage, juice, milk
- Friday, November 22**
Cinnamon roll, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, November 18**
Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk
- Tuesday, November 19**
Hot dog, tator tots, fresh veggies, fresh fruit, milk
- Wednesday, November 20**
PBJ sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup, milk
- Thursday, November 21**
Turkey & dressing, cream potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, milk
- Friday, November 22**
Beef & bean burrito, corn, baby carrots, sliced peaches, milk

Robert Lee Football Playoff Schedule

On Friday, November 15, at 3:05 pm, there will be a Flashback pep rally in the old gym. This will be for the Bi-District game.

Steers Win Over Eagles

By Tom Sawyer
The Steers played a very different game on Thursday night in Robert Lee. The Lohn Eagles had forfeited their regularly scheduled district game to the Steers so in the books the game goes down as a 1-0 win. In a combined effort on behalf of both teams to help the Steers stay ready for the playoffs Robert Lee adjusted their roster with some starters and JV players moving to different positions to gain experience and knowledge on their route to the playoffs.

WE BLEED ORANGE - STEER PRIDE

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

Steers - 46 yard run by Tijerina with 9:41 left, PAT failed

Steers - 9 yard run by Tijerina with 7:31 left, PAT failed

Steers - 4 yard run by Ureno with 4:28 left, PAT kick by Roberts

Steers - 15 yard run by Hildebrand with 2:28 left, PAT failed

Steers - 2 yard run by Ureno with 1:23 left, PAT pass from Roberts to Allen

Eagles - 70 yard kickoff return with 1:11 left, PAT kick good

Steers - 18 yard run by Hildebrand with :17 left, PAT failed

**STEERS - 39
EAGLES - 8**

2nd Quarter

Steers - 5 yard run by Tijerina with 6:48 left, PAT kick by Roberts

Eagles - 48 yard run with

2:20 left, PAT kick good
Steers - 67 yard pass from Yanez to Roberts with 1:44 left, PAT failed
Eagles - 3 yard run with :03 left, PAT kick good
**STEERS - 53
EAGLES - 24**

3rd Quarter

Steers - 1 yard run by Tijerina with 8:53 left, PAT kick by Saucedo

Eagles - 23 yard pass with 4:13 left, PAT failed

Steers - 75 yard kickoff return by Hildebrand with 3:59 left, PAT failed

Eagles - 75 yard run kickoff return with 3:42 left, PAT failed

Steers - 12 yard run by Saucedo with 2:48 left, PAT failed

**STEERS - 73
EAGLES - 36**

4th Quarter

Steers - 1 yard run by Ureno with 8:44 left, PAT kick by Saucedo

FINAL - Mercy Rule

**STEERS - 81
EAGLES - 36**

Everyone please make the trip to Blackwell on Thursday night as the Steers play Loraine in the first round of the Playoffs, game time is 6:30pm.

**GO STEERS
STEER PRIDE**

Dogies finish season with win

The Dogies finished their season last Thursday (11/7) with a 54-24 win district opponent, Lohn. The game featured the 8th grade class with several scoring and making big plays for the Dogies. 8th graders playing their last games as Dogies
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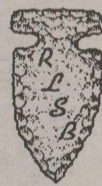
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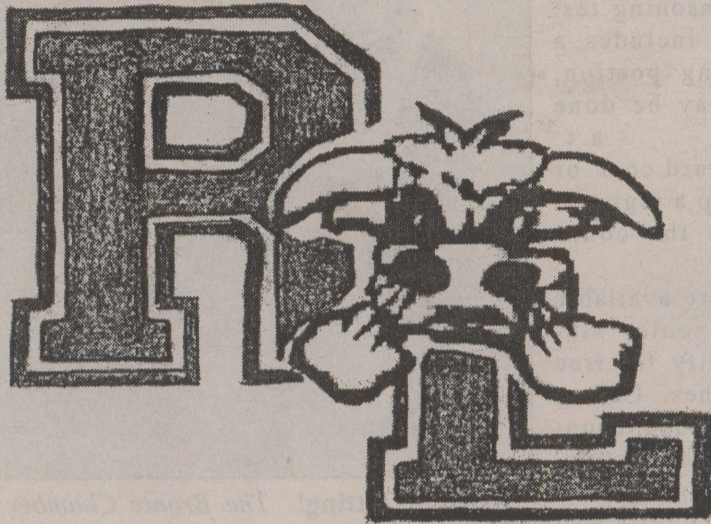
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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

ACT and SAT Test Deadlines

Students interested in taking the December 14, 2013 ACT test must register by Friday, November 8, 2013 in order to avoid late fees. Students may register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up an application in the high school counselor's office. The cost of the ACT test is \$36.50 or \$52.50 if a student regis-

ters for the ACT Plus Writing test. If someone is unsure which test to sign up for, please consult the high school counselor.

Students interested in taking the December 7, 2013 SAT Reasoning Test must register before November 8th in order to avoid late fees. The cost of the SAT Reasoning test is \$51.00 and includes a required writing portion. Registration may be done online at www.collegeboard.com or you may pick up a registration packet in the counselor's office.

Fee waivers are available to junior and senior students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. Call or see Mrs. Timmerman, counselor for more information. Please keep in mind that the ACT and SAT tests will be offered several times throughout the spring semester. Free study guides are available in the counselor's office. The high school library has practice test preparation books available to students. The ACT and SAT websites also have free practice items available online.

For more information, please call the BHS counselor's office.

TxDOT road decision carries serious implications

A decision by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to convert existing paved roadways in six Texas counties to gravel carries serious implications for the Farm-to-Market road system in Texas, said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president.

"Because of limited funds and a sharp increase in heavy traffic from the oil and gas booms, TxDOT says maintaining these roadways is too expensive," John Ross Copeland said. "We disagree."

John Ross Copealnd said the 83rd Texas Legislature passed much-needed legis-



Ribbon Cutting! The Bronte Chamber of Commerce was on hand Saturday morning, November 2, 2013, for a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of The Dog House in downtown Bronte. Photography Courtesy of Lee Kohout Photography

lation to provide voters a solution to transportation funding through a constitutional amendment next year. There also is \$450 million allocated for counties to access money for oil- and gas- related traffic damages via Energy

Transportation Reinvestment Zones.

Farm Bureau has asked Governor Rick Perry to intervene, John Ross Copeland said. Farmers and ranchers depend on Farm-to-Market roads to move their crops and live-

stock to market and to move services to and from rural towns.

"Converting the roads in these six counties from paved to gravel sets a troubling precedent. Local roads could eventually

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, November 18

Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes or cereal variety w/toast, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 19

Oatmeal round w/yogurt or cereal variety w/toast, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 20

Breakfast pizza or cereal variety w/toast, juice, milk

Thursday, November 21

Waffles & sausage or cereal variety w/toast, juice, milk

Friday, November 22

Cinnamon roll or cereal variety w/toast, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 18

Chicken quesadilla, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, November 19

Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk

Wednesday, November 20

Chicken fajitas, pepper & onion garnish, tortilla chips (9-12), charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles, milk

Thursday, November 21

Popcorn chicken, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk

Friday, November 22

Hamburger or cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, sweet potato fries, sliced peaches, milk

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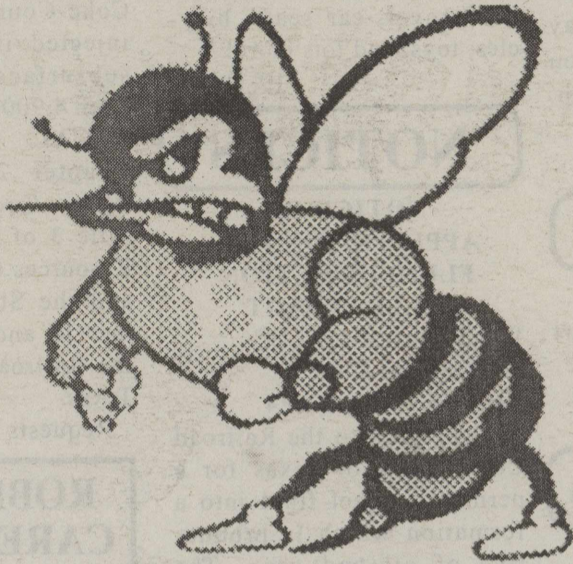
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September 13	Lingleville	There	7:30	88 44
September 20	Trent	Here	7:30	45 0
September 27	Blanket	There	7:30	48 34
** October 4	Veribest	Here	7:30	78 0
October 11	Roscoe Highland	Here		60 76
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... Dogies Football

(Continued from page 6) and scoring in the game were: Tavo Rangel: 1 TD pass reception of 47 yards; Isaiah Smith: 2 kickoff returns for TDs of 50 & 52 yards and 1 PAT reception; AJ Minjares: a 43 yard TD run & 2 PAT receptions; Josh Gregston: 1 PAT run; Billy Coppedge: a 62 yard TD run to end the game. Daniel Mendoza, a 7th grader, once again, had a big game for the Dogies, scoring on runs of 1, 43, & 13 yards, catching a 38 yard TD pass, and threw for 1 TD & 2 PATs. Bubba Bohanon, another returning 7th grader, threw 1 TD pass, had interception of defense, and ran for 2 PATs. The Dogies finished the season at 3-6 and a 2-1 district mark, with their lone district loss to Blackwell 33-34.

ASU Phi Kappa Phi Inducts Murray

Holly Murray of Robert Lee was among those inducted into Angelo State University's new chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) national honor society. PKP inducted its inaugural class of 104 students during its first initiation ceremony Tuesday, November 5, 2013, in the Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive.

PKP is the one of the nation's most prestigious academic honor societies for students in all academic fields. Invitations to join PKP are extended to juniors in the top 7.5 percent of their class and to seniors and graduate students in the top 10 percent of their class. ASU received its charter for a local chapter last spring.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society encompassing all academic disciplines. Phi Kappa Phi is considered one of the nation's most prestigious honorary societies along with Phi Beta Kappa, which recognizes majors in the arts and sciences, and Sigma

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For more information, contact Adria Battaglia, assistant professor of communication, at 325-942-2031.

... TxDOT Road Decision

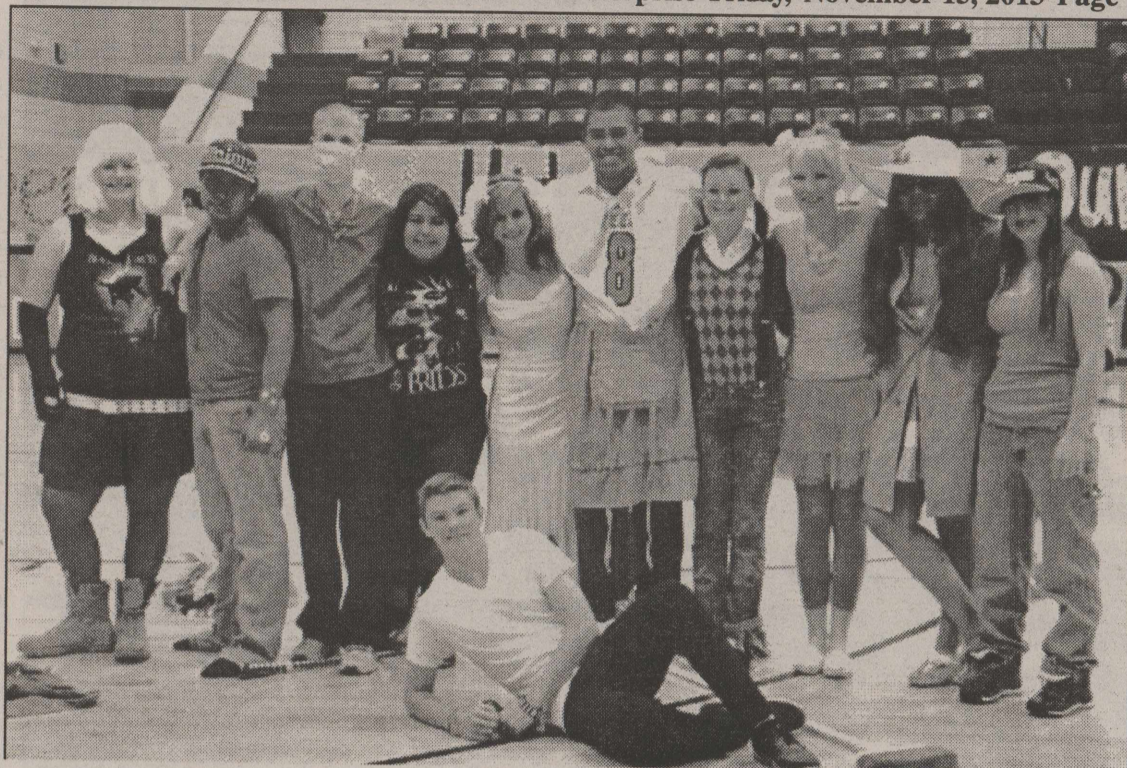
(Continued from page 8) become easy pickings as the state continually scrambles for money," John Ross Copeland said. "Texas cannot afford to let its rural roads turn into dust and mud."

Pasture, range and forage insurance deadline nears

Coke County farmers and ranchers are reminded the deadline to sign up and report acreage for pasture, range and forage insurance for 2014 is Nov. 15.

"Insurance is a critical component of many operations because farming and ranching is a gamble," said John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president. "The policy can offer stability during these consecutive years of drought and other extreme adverse conditions."

Producers can determine any number of acres to insure, but must also select a minimum of two-month intervals or a maximum of six two-month intervals



RLHS Senior Skit

per year to insure. Payment is determined by area losses based on a grid system, not by individual damages.

Coverage levels between 70 and 90 percent are available. "After the producer selects a coverage level, then a productivity factor, which is a percentage of the established county base value for forage, is chosen," John Ross Copeland said.

For more information, contact the local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Farm bill negotiators line up priorities

With a conference committee finally selected, Coke County Farm Bureau leaders are encouraged that farm bill legislation is finally moving.

"Resolving the differences between the Senate and House versions of the 2013 farm bill is imperative to ensure a full, five-year policy is enacted," said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. "The recent meeting signals pro-

gress is being made, but there is still much to be done."

John Ross Copeland said new farm legislation is important to consumers and farmers.

"The farm bill is an investment in America's food security," John Ross Copeland said. "It helps farmers remain on the land in times of natural disasters and ensures consumers an abundant and affordable food supply."

Further progress on marrying the two versions with a full conference is in progress.

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'64 Study Club holds annual dinner

The '64 Study Club held its annual Thanksgiving meeting/dinner at Noel's on Monday, November 11, 2013. Susan White presented a musical program. Members are reminded that the drawing for the Scholarship Raffle prizes will be held on Friday, December 6th leaving only four short weeks to get the donation tickets in for the drawing.

An original Pat Stevens painting of a snowy scene with a covered bridge is one of the prizes to be won. A very Merry Christmas wreath and a \$50 gift certificate to Sam's or Walmart are two other prizes to be awarded at the drawing.

Tickets are available and the painting and wreath may be seen at the Coke County Library. Funds are dedicated to providing RLHS seniors with scholarship money. This is the club's major fundraiser.

TxDOT approves funding for expansion of State Highway 158 between Garden City and Sterling City

Expansion will widen highway from two lanes to four lanes

In an ongoing effort to improve safety, the Texas Transportation Commission recently approved \$41.8 million for the expansion of 28 miles of SH 158 in Glasscock and Sterling Counties. Reece Albert,

Inc, was awarded the \$19.2 project to expand a 14-mile section of State Highway 158 between Garden City and the Sterling County line. Improvements will widen the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane undivided highway. Price Construction was awarded \$22.6 million to make the same improvements on SH

158 from the Glasscock County line to US 87 north of Sterling City.

"This expansion of State Highway 158 is designed to improve the safety of drivers between Sterling City and Midland and will allow the opportunity for them to pass slower moving vehicles," said Tracy Cain, TxDOT San Angelo District Engineer.

Construction is expected to begin in February 2014 and be completed in August of 2016.

Earlier this year, Price Construction was awarded the western expansion of SH 158 from Garden City to the Midland County line. This 18-mile, \$13.8 million project began in October and is expected to

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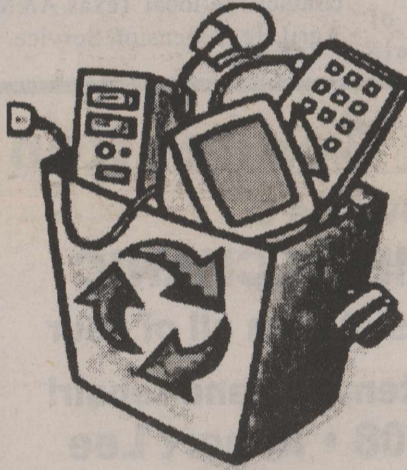
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