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## Saluting the Robert Lee High School Class of 2002

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-six Robert Lee High School seniors will be held Friday, May 24, 2002, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium.

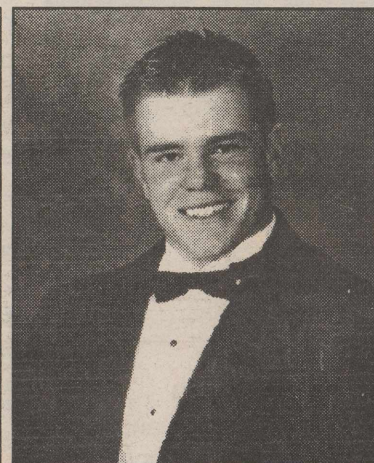
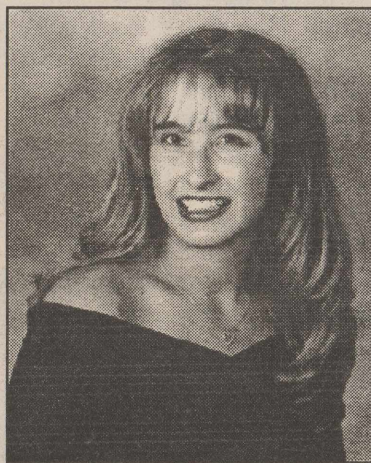
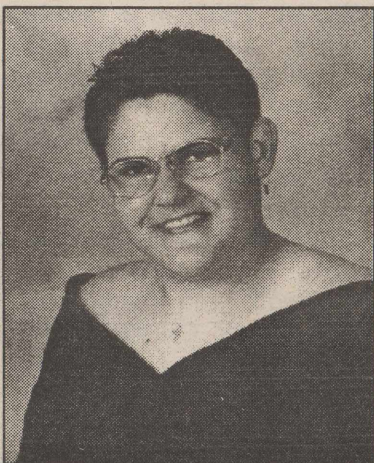
The invocation will be given by Jamie Chesshir, Class President. Class Salutatorian Jennifer Alexander will then address the graduates, followed by Valedictorian Bobbie Sparks. Linda Burns is the guest speaker for this year's ceremony.

The Senior Slide Show is next on the program, followed by the Presentation of the Class of 2002 by Lindsey Wallace and awarding of diplomas by Freda McCabe, Jim Gray, and Mark Riley. Adam Cates, High Ranking Boy, will then lead the

benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Charles Abalos, Jennifer Alexander, Bret Ballew, Adam Cates, Jesse Cerritos, Jamie Chesshir, Taylor Clendennen, Colby Eubanks, Trichelle Gray, Jodee Helwig, Amanda Kuhl, Melissa Landeros, Kelley Long, Kizre Matthews, Trent McCabe, Matt Millegan, Whitney Millican, Rachelle Mills, Sammie Minjarez, Celia Northcutt, David Rangel, J. J. Reyes, Amy Riley, Salomon Saucedo, Bobbie Sparks, and Shanna Wojtek.

Ushers for the evening will include Ashlee Millican, Kindra Matthews, Anson Lott, and Travis Pitcock.



Robert Lee High School honor graduates for 2002 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 100.47 average is Bobbie Sparks (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bucky Sparks. The Salutatorian with a 99.14 average is Jennifer Alexander (center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Alexander. High Ranking Boy with a 97.30 average is Adam Cates (right). Adam is the son of Paula Cates, Louis Clark, and Joseph Cates.

Ushers for the evening were Tim Barnes, Katie Bessent, Eleasar Vera, and Brettne Reed.

### Trail ride slated

The 4th Annual Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Trail Ride is scheduled for May 25, 26, 27, at Fort Chadbourne. For more information call 473-4441 or 473-5201.

### Bronte Relay for Life bake sale

There will be a bake sale at Wackenhut on May 31st from 9 - 3. Proceeds will benefit the Bronte team of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Relay for Life will be held on June 7 and 8 at San Angelo Stadium.

Luminaria Candles will also be available to purchase in memory or in honor of someone with

cancer. Cash donations will also be accepted. To donate baked goods contact Sheila Baker 473-7300.

### Closed for Memorial Day

The City of Bronte office will be closed on May 27, 2002, in observance of Memorial Day.

### Inmates scheduled for work

Inmates will be working in Bronte the week of June 3 - 7. They will be clearing the creek bed on East Main Street and mowing at the cemetery.

Homemade cakes and cookies can no longer be accepted. Commercially packaged cookies and snacks are allowed. Anyone wanting to donate snacks or drinks can contact Pat or Lori at the Bronte City Hall, 473-3501.

### Courthouse Closing

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee will be closed Monday, May 27, 2002, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Business will resume Tuesday morning at 8:00 am.

### Robert Lee City Hall to close

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27th and the City Landfill will be closed on Saturday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. For water emergencies on weekends or holidays, please call City Hall and the

answering machine has a pager number for the person on-call.

### Fort Chadbourne Celebration Day vendors needed

Anyone wishing to have a booth during the Fort Chadbourne Celebration Day on June 22, 2002, needs to contact Annie Gill at 473-2324.

### New store open in Robert Lee

Cyndy and Leta Caston have opened a new store on Austin Street in Robert Lee.

At this time, the store is unnamed and the ladies are holding a "Name the Store" contest. Potential names may be submitted at the store until June 6, 2002. Voting will be held from June 7 to June 26. Votes will be counted at 2 pm June 26 during the Grand Opening Celebration. The person whose name is chosen will receive a \$25 gift certificate.

The store is a treasure trove of antiques, furniture, gifts, glassware and toys.

### Fort Concho Frontier Day slated for June 1

Bring the family to Frontier Day at Fort Concho Saturday, June 1, 2002. The day begins with a Lions Club Pancake Breakfast.

Other fun family activities will continue until 12 noon. These events provide an opportunity for families, at no charge to experience frontier life.

## Twenty-four RLJH graduates honored

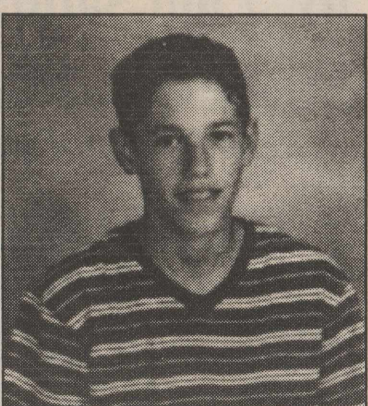
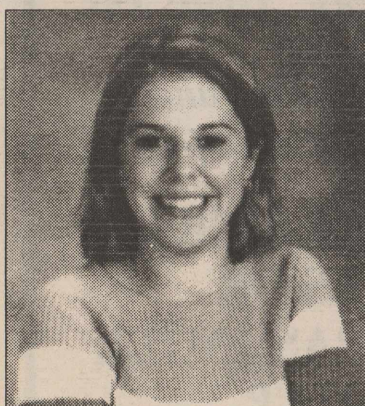
Formal commencement exercises for twenty-four Robert Lee Junior High School eighth graders were held Thursday, May 23, 2002, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium.

The invocation was given by Analy Gallegos. Class Salutatorian Cassidy Wink addressed the graduates, followed by Valedictorian Andra Braswell.

Lindsey Wallace presented the class to the audience of friends, family members, students and faculty. The graduates then receive their diplomas from

Mark Riley. The benediction was given by Kyla Millican.

This year's class members include Argentina Arellano, Clayton Austin, Tiffany Bagwell, Bridgette Barnett, Andra Braswell, Joshua Conner, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Lewis Hearn, Shannon Martin, Olivia Martinez, Vincent McClelland, Kayla Medrano, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Brandon Phillips, Sammy Reyes, Brandon Soliz, Amanda Thurman, Chris Torres, Stephanie Trejo, Carolina Vera, and Cassidy Wink.



Robert Lee Junior High School honor graduates for 2002 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 98.84 average is Andra Braswell (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Braswell. The Salutatorian with a 98.63 average is Cassidy Wink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wink. High Ranking Boy with a 92.36 average is Lance Millican (right). Lance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Millican.



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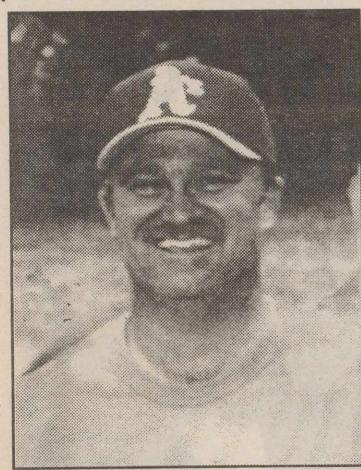
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---- **Obituaries** ----



**Rowan**

Rodger Lane Rowan, 37, of Bronte died suddenly and went to be with his Lord Friday, May 17, 2002, in a local hospital.

Rodger was born September 28, 1964, in Sweetwater to Jackie and Betty Rowan. He was raised in Sweetwater and graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1983. Then he attended Texas Tech and later Angelo State University.

He met and married Terri Childs of Bronte on June 17, 1990. They have three children.

Rodger was active in coaching his sons' Little League team and in the New Hope Christian Church. He was a hard worker, he loved watching the Rangers lose and playing golf. But most importantly, he was an awesome husband and an awesome father!

He was met in heaven by his brother Randy and they are on the back nine.

Rodger is survived by his wife, Terri Rowan; two sons, Jackson Lane Rowan and Jordan Lee Rowan; one

daughter, Madison Lynn Rowan all of Bronte; his parents, Jackie and Betty Rowan of Sweetwater; one brother, Robbie Rowan of Bastrop; one sister, Sherry DeLeon of Sweetwater; his mother-in-law, Mollie Childs of Bronte; seven nieces; two nephews; and three great nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 am on Monday, May 20, 2002, at Central Baptist Church in Bronte with burial following at 2:00 pm in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sweetwater. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

We LOVE you , Daddy, Jackcusarumbaman, Jordanscaborlan, & Maddigulls!!

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**Death Notices**

**Hammer, III**

Alfred Carson "Sam" Hammer, III, 42, of Bronte died Friday, May 17, 2002 at his residence. Services were held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, May 21, 2002 at Full Gospel Assembly Church in San Angelo with burial at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his parents, Reverend A. C. and Velma Hammer of Bronte; two brothers, Gary Eugene Hammer of Bakersfield, CA, Ronald Edward Hammer of Forth Worth; three sisters, Linda Lee Knox of McEwen, TN, Peggy Hammer of Denton and Debbie Farqhar

of North Richland Hills; and also Leroy and Jennifer Schaefer.

**Latronica**

Phillip Joseph Latronica died Friday, May 10, 2002 in his home in Los Banos, CA at the age of 99. Mass was held at 10 am on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Los Banos, CA. Services were under the direction of Whitehurst Funeral Chapel.

Survivors include four sons, Philip, Jr. of Los Banos, Anthony of Ukiah, James of Merced, and William of Snelling; two daughters, Sally Lupo of Coalinga and Marian Thompson of Robert Lee. He had 20 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

**Scott**

Raymond R. Scott, of Blackwell, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, in a Bronte nursing home. Service was held at 2 pm Saturday, May 18, 2002, in Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Blackwell Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Oleta McFarland of Blackwell; and daughters, Nelda Scott Cranford and Judy Scott Hanks, both of Midland, and Kay Scott Kovach of Blackwell.

**Drennan named 8th Grade Valedictorian for Dawson ISD**

Brittini Helen Drennan was named Valedictorian of Dawson ISD eighth grade class at the Junior High Awards Banquet held May 13 in the school cafeteria in Welch. Presenting the award was Ed Wilson, Principal. Brittini was also recognized for her many accomplishments throughout the year. She was 7th & 8th grade Class Favorite and class officer. As cheerleader, Brittini was nominated for All American Cheerleader Top Captain Award in leadership; and the squad was awarded

Top Jr. High Squad Award. Also Brittini has participated in cross country running, basketball, track, and tennis placing third in district. Also she placed in several events at district in UIL literary competition last fall including first place in Impromptu Speaking and fourth in Oral Reading. In their Jr. High One Act Play production of Shakespeare Unbound, Brittini was recognized as All-Star Cast. Eighth Grade Graduation will be held in the Dawson ISD auditorium on Thursday, May 23, at 7:30 pm.

Also, Brittini is a member of the Welch Baptist Church where she has been attending all her life. She has been active in Girls in Action, Acteens, and Youth Group. She will go along with nine other youth members and four adults this summer to attend World Changers Mission Group to Tampa, Florida.

Brittini has been a member of the Welch 4-H Club of Dawson County the past six years where she has held various offices, and served as Junior Delegate. She has been involved in numerous projects and competed in Food & Nutrition, Consumer Decision Making, Shooting Sports Target Rifle, Drama, Clothing & Textiles in Construction and Fashion Design, Record Book, and showing Lambs and Goats. She has won the Dawson County Junior II \$50 Savings Bond Award the past three years and was Dawson County Outstanding Junior in 2000. Also she won Junior Goat Showmanship at the Dawson County Jr. Livestock Show and has won Junior Showmanship in Lambs & Goats at the Welch Jr. Livestock Show. She is also a member of Dawson FFA.

Brittini is the daughter of Mindi (McCabe) & Grant Drennan of Welch. Her grandparents are Joyce & Louie Drennan of Welch, Dolores & Ray Seal of Robert Lee and the late Fred



**Brittini Drennan**

"Twister" McCabe, Jr. Great-grandparents are Jeauldene "Toad" Medlin of Welch and the late Leora & Fred McCabe of Robert Lee. Other extended family members are Debbie & Melvin McCabe, Andrew & Trenton of Robert Lee.

**Fort Chadbourne Day Celebration parade**

We would like to invite you to participate in our Fort Chadbourne Day Celebration parade in Bronte, Texas on Saturday, June 22, 2002. The participants will begin lining up at Bronte Health and Rehab Center at 9:30 am.

For parade entry please call Julie Springer 473-3105 or e-mail 4jules1@gte.net, Fran Crumpler 473-2911 or e-mail fgcfnbbron@wcc.net.

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 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

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 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

**Southside Church of Christ**  
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 (915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

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 (915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Sat. 6 pm

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Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Congratulations!**

**CLASS OF 2002!**

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**BRONTE CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP JUNE 1ST**

**Items must be placed outside by 7 am Saturday, June 1st.**

*Tree limbs must be bundled and in lengths of not more than 4 feet.*

**NO TIRES, BATTERIES, CHEMICALS OR HOUSEHOLD TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP.**

**Contact the City Hall at 473-3501 for more information.**





AON Service Club recently awarded these three Robert Lee High School Seniors with \$500 scholarships. The students were honored at a luncheon Thursday, May 16. Since 1987, AON has awarded forty-three Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$17,450. Bobbie Sparks (left), 2002 Valedictorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bucky Sparks. Bret Ballew (center) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ballew and Trichelle Gray (right) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray.

**St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Bike-a-Thon was held on May 4th in Robert Lee. The children that participated in this were Josh Barnes, Cody Williamson, Vincent Batten, Tanner Brickey, Justin Gartman, Jordan Gartman, Megan Ross, Kacee Roberts, Diana Vera, Emilee Yanez, and Matthew Corona. These children collected a total of \$419.00. Josh Barnes raised the most money with \$132. The money is an important part of the continuing research being done to aid in finding a cure for children with cancer.

**Honoring our Heroes**

National EMS Week is May 19-25, 2002. The following is a poem dedicated to the EMS volunteers in Coke County.

Sorry if we woke you in the middle of the night  
 But someone in your neighborhood  
 Is fighting for his life.  
 Sorry if we block the road and  
 make you turn around,  
 but there's been a  
 bad wreck  
 With children dying  
 on the ground.  
 When you see us coming, we  
 hope you'll understand  
 Let us have the right-of-way  
 someone needs our  
 helping hand  
 Sometimes a child is choking,  
 sometimes a  
 broken leg.  
 Sometimes a heart stops  
 beating, and when we get there  
 it's too late.  
 So if you see us crying when  
 we think that  
 we're alone  
 You'll know we had a "bad"  
 one and we're feeling  
 mighty down.  
 We don't do it for the money -  
 you know we don't get paid.  
 We don't do it for the glory but  
 for a life that might  
 get saved.

Somewhere deep within us  
 our souls are crying out.  
 "We're here to help our neighbors  
 in their hour of  
 pain and doubt."  
 God gave us  
 something special  
 To help us see you through  
 We do it 'cause we love you,  
 And we care about you too.  
 Author unknown

**Grandmother Stories**

Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas can be ordered from Eakin Press, 1-800-880-8642 and will soon be available through the Coke County Historical Society.

**Sanco Homecoming**

The 48th annual Homecoming will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2002, at Sanco. The program will begin at the tabernacle at 10 am and will feature singing, and

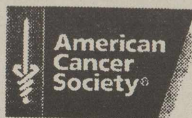
other special music, a devotional and other topics of interest. A covered dish meal will follow at noon. Those who attend are invited to bring a main dish with their usual contributions of salads, desserts, etc. Iced tea will be served as usual. Cleanup for the homecoming in Sanco will be held June 1st and 8th. Meet at the tabernacle at 9:30 am for the cleanup. Your help will be welcomed and appreciated.

**Sims receives degree**

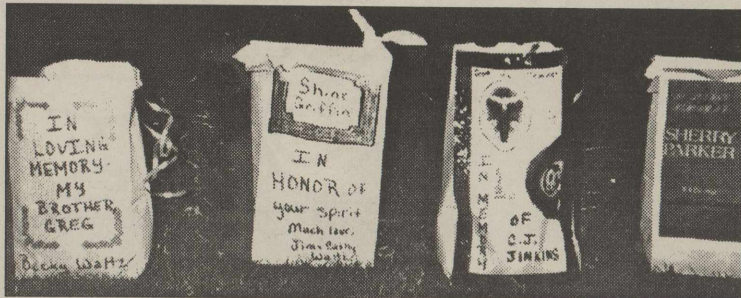
Shelly Sims graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock May 11, 2002. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics with a Minor in Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management. Shelly is a 1997 Bronte High School graduate and is the daughter of Ron and Beverly Sims.



**LIGHT THE WAY TO A CURE**



**American Cancer Society Relay for Life**  
 Friday, June 7, 2002, at San Angelo Stadium



For a minimum donation of \$5 each, you can purchase a luminaria in memory of or in honor of someone with cancer. Proceeds benefit the local American Cancer Society. Contact any of the following to purchase one:

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| Linda Eaton     | Dee Anna Harmon | Valerie Howard   |
| Jeanette Jacobs | Debbie McCabe   | Pam Messer       |
| Pam Millican    | Sheri Millican  | Martha Patterson |
| Karla Reed      | Denise Roberts  | Douglas Roberts  |
| Donia Robles    | Juan Robles     | Dianne Simpson   |
| Jana Smith      | Pat Taft        | Donna Waldrop    |
| Cathy Waltz     | Donna Watkins   | Debbie Wilkes    |

**Cancer survivors are encouraged to come for the opening lap celebration at 5:30 pm. Call the American Cancer Society office at 944-2509 to register.**

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## BHS to host Volleyball Camp

Bronte High School will host a volleyball camp June 17-19, 2002, from 9 am to 11:30 am.

The camp will target grades 4-9. Each camper will receive a t-shirt.

The deadline to enroll is June 10, 2002. Please contact Amy Bohensky at 482-9307 (home) or 473-2521 (work) for more information.

## BHS Seniors nominated for award

Bronte High School Principal Rick Howell recently announced that Nick Shaw and Natasha Reed, both 2002 seniors at Bronte High School, have been nominated for the 8th annual Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

The national awards program, created by Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City, recognizes and honors high school senior men and women who demonstrate excellence in three areas: academics, community service, and athletics.

The following accomplishments earned Nick and Natasha their nominations.

Nick, Senior class president, participated in football, earning honors of 1st Team All-District Lineman Offense and Defense, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was nominated for FCA Football. He also won the U. S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award and participated in One Act Play. He is active in the youth program at First Baptist Church and will attend Angelo State University in the fall pursuing a degree in Agri-Business.

Natasha, Senior class vice president, is a member of the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Bronte and is active in their youth program. Tasha participated in volleyball and basketball. She was a member of

the relay team that qualified for the state track meet. A cheerleader, she earned the TEA Educational Excellence Award and the DAR Good Citizenship Award. Natasha served on the BHS Student Council and participated in Fort Chadbourne Days, a Bronte community activity. She will be attending Tarleton State University and also plans to major in Agri-Business.

"Nick and Natasha have achieved tremendous success throughout their high school careers and they've done it in a positive, example-setting way," says Mr. Howell. "Looking beyond their trophies and awards, these are quality kids with well-rounded backgrounds, who served as role models in our schools and should serve as remarkable citizens within the community."

Nick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hufstutler and Natasha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cluffy Reed.

## Relay for Life set for June 7

The San Angelo Relay for Life will be held from 6 pm on Friday, June 7th until noon on Saturday, June 8th at San Angelo Stadium. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's way of honoring and memorializing those with cancer and a fundraiser all at the same time.

Relay is made up of many different 15-member teams with someone from each team continuously walking for the entire 18 hours. Robert Lee will have two teams at Relay again this year.

The opening ceremonies begin at 5:45 pm on Friday with the first lap dedicated to only cancer survivors. It is quite a celebration! ALL CANCER SURVIVORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. Please call the American Cancer Society office at 944-2509 to register.

At 10 pm on Friday, a luminaria ceremony will be held.

Thousands of hand-decorated luminaria bags are lit in memory of or in honor of someone with cancer. This is a very special way to remember a loved one. This ceremony is part of how Relay is also a fundraiser; luminarias can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 each. To purchase luminarias, contact any of the Robert Lee team members.

Relay for Life has several large sponsors which leaves the money raised at Relay to benefit the local American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society provides many valuable programs and services for cancer patients and their families including transportation, hotel rooms, support groups, medical equipment, education, research and more. For more information on these, call the ACS office at 944-2509.

Local team members include Nettie Autrey, Beverly Bell, JoNell Blair, Cindy Bessent, Cynthia Dillard, Kellye Duncan, Linda Eaton, Dee Anna Harmon, Valerie Howard, Jeanette Jacobs, Debbie McCabe, Pam Messer, Pam Millican, Sheri Millican, Martha Patterson, Karla Reed, Denise Roberts, Douglas Roberts, Donia Robles, Juan Robles, Dianne Simpson, Jana Smith, Pat Taft, Donna Waldrop, Cathy Waltz, Donna Watkins, and Debbie Wilkes.

Relay for Life promotes a great spirit of friendship and camaraderie. This will be the fourth year that a team from Robert Lee will be participating. It's not too late to have another team, or just make a donation. For more information, contact Dee Anna Harmon 453-2804, Cindy Bessent 453-2393, Debbie Wilkes 453-2545 or Pam Millican 453-4755.

## Luckett family gathers for fish fry

The Luckett gang gathered at the Box L Ranch last Saturday for just a family get together with

a big fish fry.

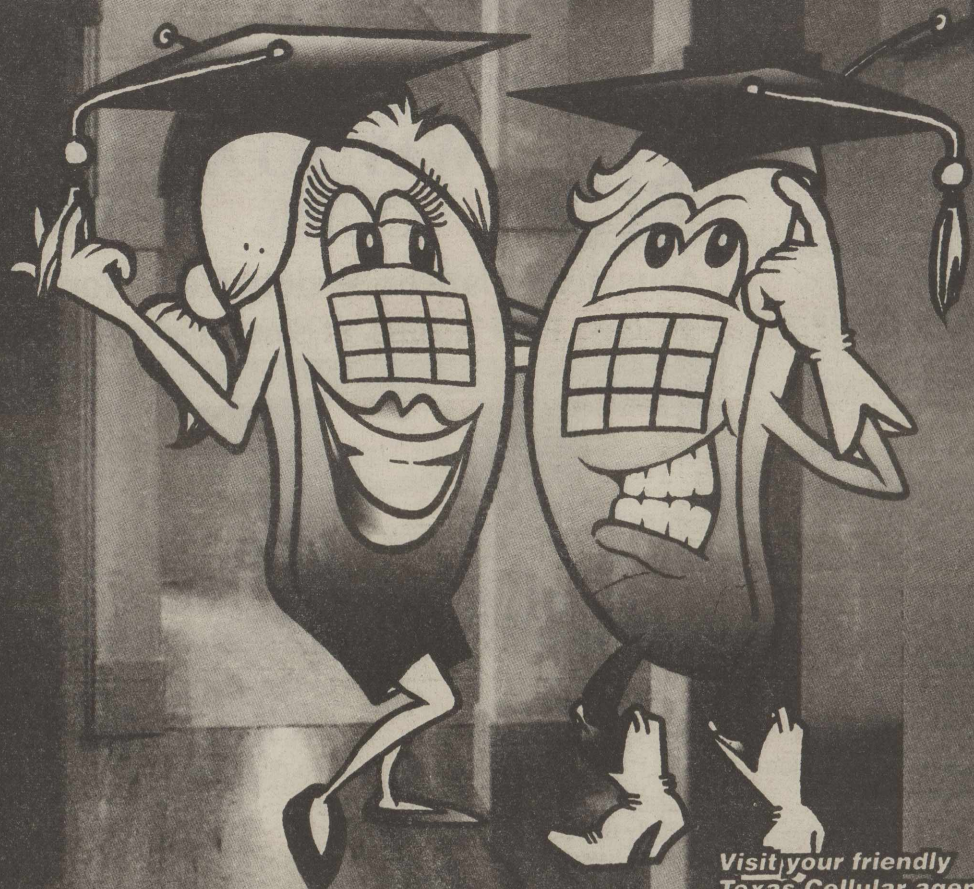
Dewey was the fisherman and also the chef. Cooking fish and hush puppies. Everyone else brought red beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, ice tea and a freezer of home made ice cream to go with cherry cobbler.

Those enjoying the outing were Joy and A.J. McDaniel, Tim and Riley Bozarth, Darrel and Peggy Bozarth all from San Angelo; Marty and Tina Ballard from Abilene; Marty's grandmother was a sister to the Luckett's dad. G.D. Luckett, Cathy DiMario from Anchorage, Alaska; Patty Sheppard from Midland; Helen Murtishaw, Dewey Luckett, Bill and Diane Luckett from Bronte.



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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Hal,

As the mother of an active military person and in honor of Memorial Day, I hope that you will consider sharing this from me...

### My son, "The Soldier"

My son is a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. Therefore, he is many different things to many different people. First, he is a loving and devoted husband and father. To him, his family must come first... always. He is a role model to the soldiers in his unit. He has a deep feeling of responsibility to the men he is in charge of and tries very hard to be there for them in all circumstances. He strives to do his best as a soldier and as a leader to others. He truly believes that you teach and learn best by example.

He has accomplished many things during his military career. But if you ask him about it, he always says that "We are just doing our jobs." My son often speaks fondly of the love and concern he has for America and its way of life. He especially recalls the wonderful people in Coke County who have specifically remembered him and his sweet family over the past several years.

During his overseas tour of duty in Germany, as well as the times he served in Bosnia, the thoughts of hometown folks helped keep them going. He deeply appreciates the prayers and cards that have helped sustain them during these difficult times since September 11th. He has mentioned to me on numerous occasions to please convey to everyone back home to continue with their usual business of every day life, because if we become afraid and quit our usual routines as Americans enjoying our freedoms---then the terrorist have already won and we simply can't allow that to happen.

He also asks that we all continue to think positively, but most of all continue to pray daily. Pray

for Our Country, Our Leaders, and World Peace.

Jeff would like everyone to know how much he appreciates the love and support you continue to show them. I know that my son, "The Soldier," would have written a special note to each of you throughout these years, but he has been busy being a soldier in constant training and doesn't have much leisure time. When he does have spare time, he is usually spending it as family time with Letty, Clint, Daylon, and Rainy, embracing every precious moment they have together, and dreading the times when they must be apart.

As the mother of a combat-ready soldier, I want to say that I truly appreciate the support, encouragement, love, and patriotism that our communities continue to show our men and women in uniform and their families. Jeff's current address is:

E/5 Sgt. Jeffrey W. Wilkes  
51430 Tiguas St. #5  
Ft. Hood, TX 76544-1149  
May God Bless each of you.  
Debbie Wilkes

## Check Out Coke Co. Library

The Coke County Library was fortunate to be on the field trip list of several classes from the Robert Lee School System. The students got to see the new books for the summer program and also heard the story of the ceiling falling in and the on-going circumstances.

The Summer Program will run from May 28 to July 31. For each book returned, readers can put their name in the pail for a drawing held each Friday. A winner will be chosen each Friday. The GRAND PRIZE winner will be selected from a collection of all the names added during the summer. The grand prize winner will be announced on the last day of

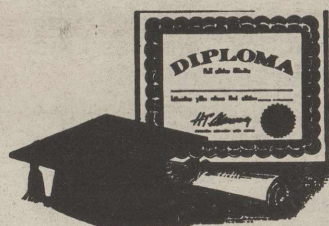
the program.

The Coke County Commissioners and employees have been a blessing to the library lately. The new ceiling is a big improvement and the lighting makes the big room in the library much more reading-friendly. The commissioners and the crews worked steadily to complete a big, complicated job in a short while.

A special volunteer came to the library one day shortly after the ceiling had come down, took one look around and announced that she would be back with her dust rags. She arrived at 8:00 am and completed dusting each book on one complete wall of shelves by noon. The dust from the ceiling was so fine that it penetrated every crack requiring that each book be cleaned individually.

Library patrons will have the convenience of a book-drop thanks to Commissioner Wheat who found a suitable outside container. Past book sale funds have been saved toward the purchase of a book-drop. For some reason the price of a book-drop shot up to almost \$1,700 in recent years. There was a reluctance to spend that much money on a container. Fortunately, Commissioner Wheat heard of the problem and came up with a solution.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market.



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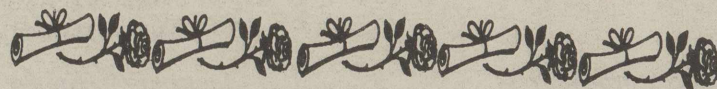
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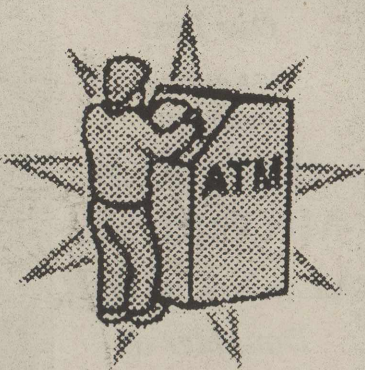
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# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Robert Lee School Auditorium  
Friday, May 24, 2002  
8 pm

Processional ..... Gayle Bolding  
Invocation ..... Jamie Chesshir  
Class President  
Salutatory Address ..... Jennifer Alexander  
Valedictory Address ..... Bobbie Sparks  
Speaker ..... Linda Burns

## SENIOR SLIDE SHOW

Presentation of Class ..... Lindsey Wallace  
Awarding of Diplomas ..... Freda McCabe  
Jim Gray, Mark Riley  
Benediction ..... Adam Cates  
High Ranking Boy  
Recessional ..... Gayle Bolding

## MOTTO

What lies behind us and  
What lies before us are tiny matters  
Compared to what lies within us.  
Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Robert Lee High School Senior Class of 2002

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Jennifer Michelle Alexander	Trenton Ray McCabe
Bret Lee Ballew	Matthew K. Millegan
Adam A. Cates	Whitney Jenay Millican
Jesus Respicio Cerritos	Rachelle Marie Mills
Jamie Lynn Chesshir	Samuel Minjarez
James Taylor Clendennen	Celia Renee Northcutt
Colby L. Eubanks	David Lee Rangel
Mary Trichelle Gray	Jose "J. J." D. Reyes, Jr.
Jodee Lynn Helwig	Amy Nicole Riley
Amanda Lorraine Kuhl	Juan Salomon Saucedo
Melissa Landeros	Bobbie Marie Sparks
Kelley Nicole Long	Shanna Michelle Hendrix Wojtek

## Ushers

Ashlee Millican	Anson Lott
Kindra Matthews	Travis Pitcock

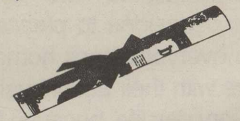
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Class Flower ..... White Rose  
Sponsors ..... Frankie Gartman  
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the TAAS results. Supt. Koepf reported on the Small Schools Cooperative, 2002-2001 administrative costs, and the ongoing project to upgrade compliance of district facilities with the Americans with Disabilities Act. He reported that most of the work to upgrade restrooms and parking was complete. The remaining work will be completed during the summer break. Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

## RLISD new track records set in 2002 Kindergarten

40 yard run - Shaylee Bell 8.02 (old record: Luisa Carrera 8.35)  
Boys 60 yard run - Jayton Torres 10.6 (old record: Justin Gartman 11.31)  
Girls 80 yard run - Taylor Sheldon 14.6 (old record: Emilee Yanez 14.94)  
**1st grade**  
Boys 80 yard run - Cooper Hinderliter 12.92 (old record: Haden Dillard 13.24)  
**3rd grade**  
Boys 60 yard run - Tanner Brickley 9.17 (old record: Chase Roe 9.93)  
**4th grade**  
Girls 60 yard run - Kristen New 9.6 (old record: Melissa Palmer 9.81)

**5th & 6th grade**  
800 Meters - Josh Gallegos 2:38 (old record: Michael Munoz 2:42.6 set in 1993)  
60 yard hurdles - Cameron Hodge 9.8 (old record: Kevin Honse 10.29 set in 2001)  
Long jump - Taylor Perciful 13' 8" (old record: Jeremy Vincent 13' 5 1/2" set in 1989)



**RLISD board news**  
The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2002, in the high school library. During the meeting, a letter of resignation was read from Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Ray Brown. Brown has served in this position for 3 years. He is leaving the coaching and teaching profession to take a job in the health industry. After an executive session, the board decided to consider applications for a replacement both from current dis-

trict employees and from outside the district. Trustees also got a look at preliminary TAAS test scores from the spring testing. Test scores were excellent again this year. Supt. Weldon Koepf explained that final test results would not be received until late June. After approving the payment of bills, the board elected new officers. The slate of officers remains the same as last year: Darrel Pitcock, President; Wes Washam, Vice-President; and Freda McCabe, Secretary. Board

members also voted to appoint Ron Hill to fill a vacant one-year unexpired term. The position was vacated when Jess Williamson decided not to stand for election this year. Mr. Hill is a vice-president with Pioneer Gas Pipeline, Inc. and has lived in Robert Lee since 1994. In other action, trustees declared a bus to be surplus property and offered to donate it to the Texas Department of Corrections to transport prison work crews. They also approved updates of the district's employment

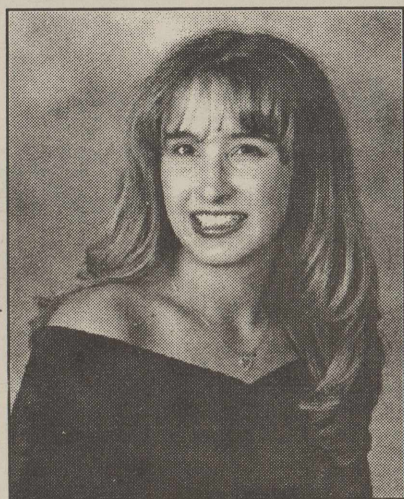
policies and approved new contracts with the legal firm of Schwartz and Eichelbaum and with Interquest Detection Canines, a drug-sniffing dog company. The board also approved contracts for services from Region 15 Education Service Center for the 2002-2003 school year. Principals Janet Wallace and Lindsey Wallace reported on attendance, student activities, and more information on

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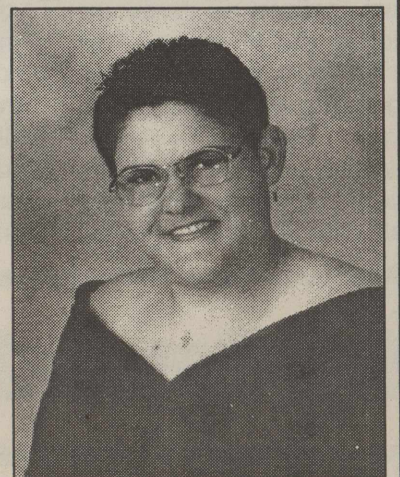


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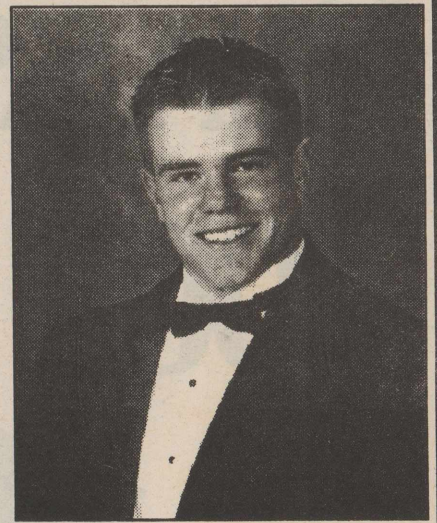


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Football 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; District Champions 2; Powerlifting 2, 3, 4; UIL 1 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Band Beau 3; Area Qualifier 2; Choir 1; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; FCCLA 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative 1; A Honor Roll 2, 3; Perfect Attendance 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1, 2, 3; FCA 1, 2, 3, 4; National English Merit Awards 2, 3; Presidential Classroom Nominee 3, 4.

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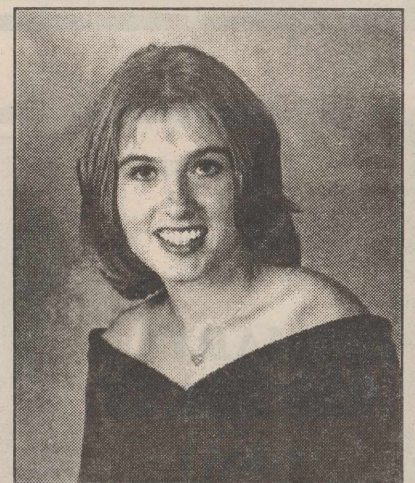


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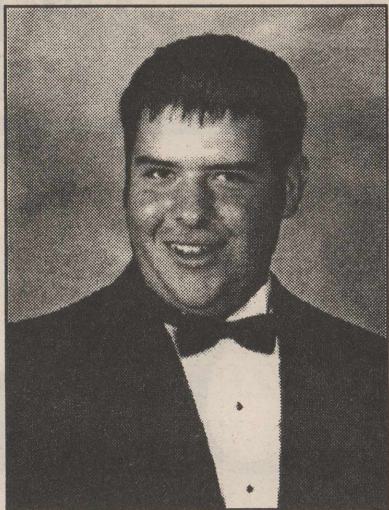


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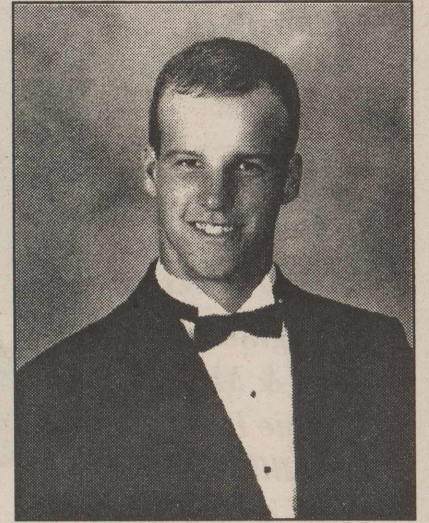
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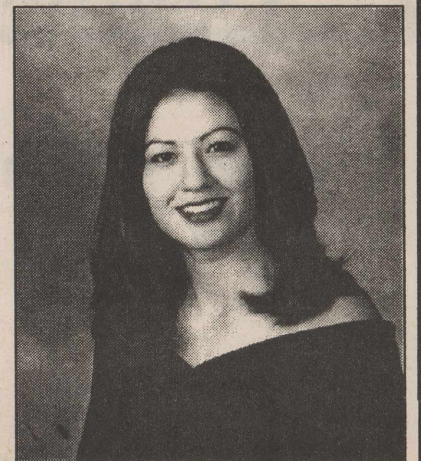
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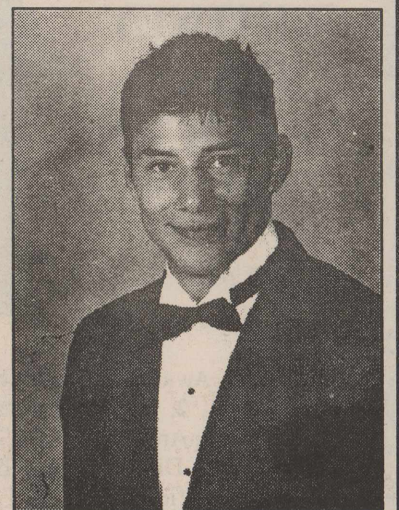
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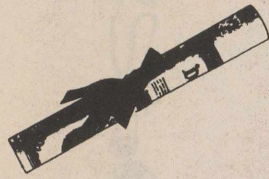
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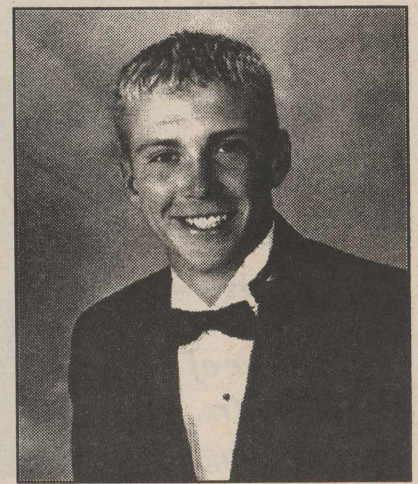


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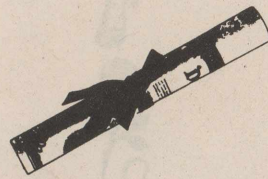
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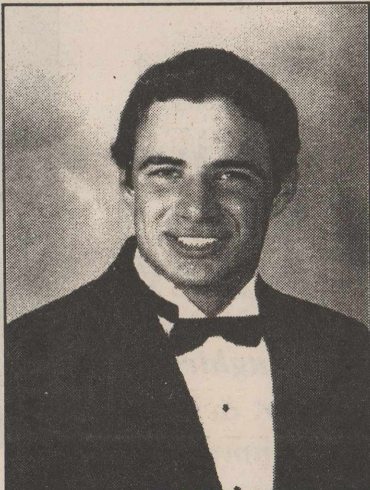


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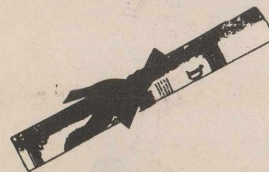
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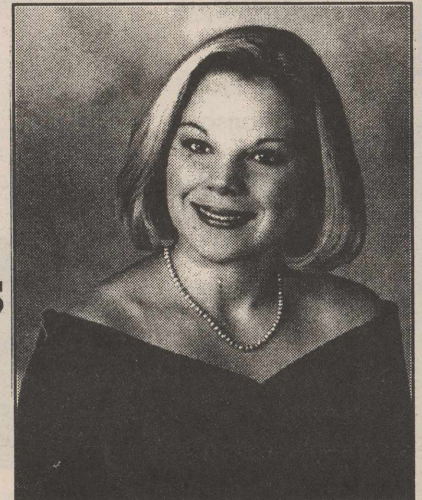


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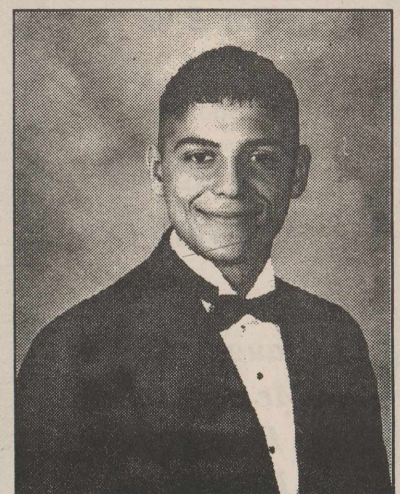
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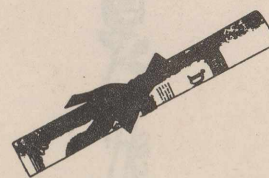
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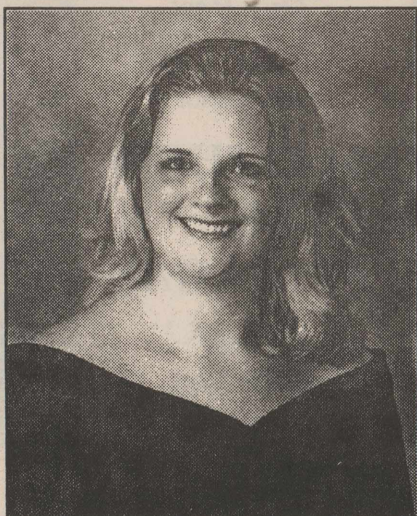


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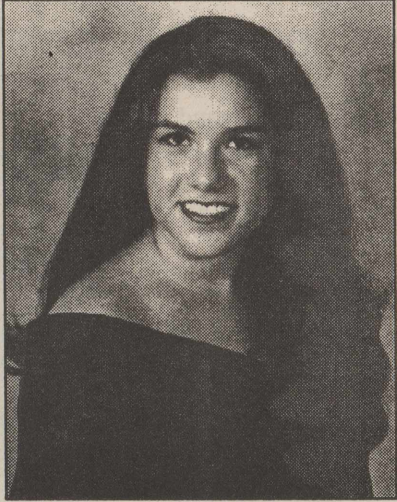


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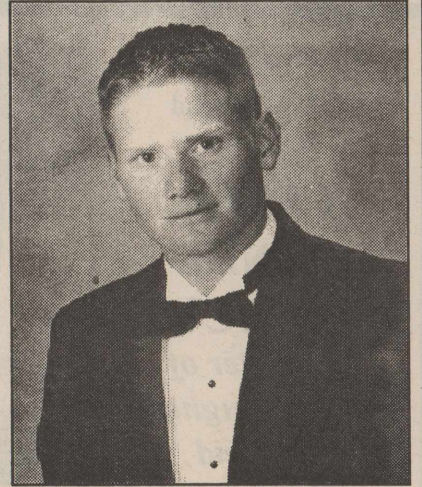
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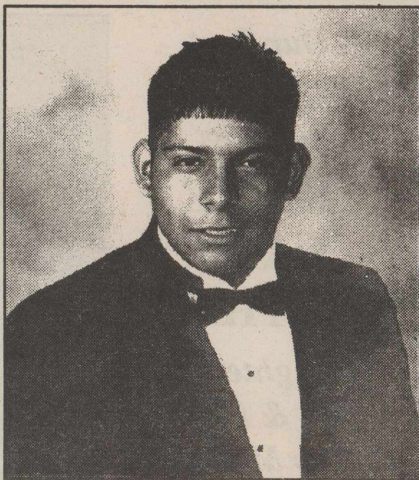
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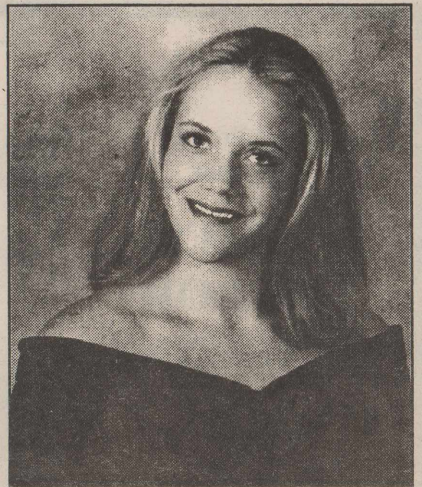
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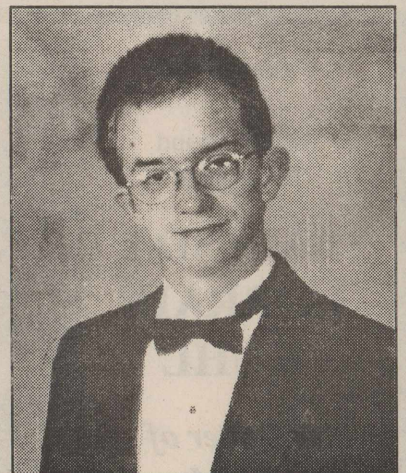
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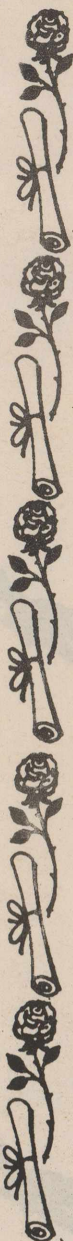
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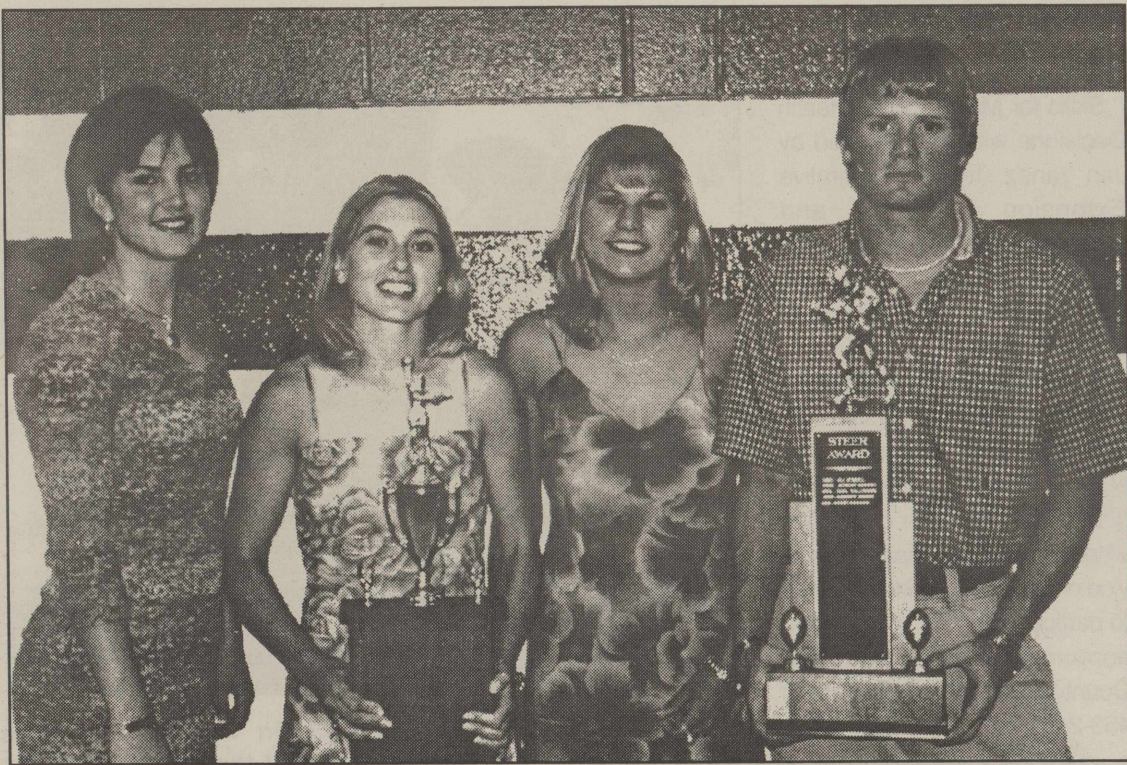


Powerlifting 1, 2; Yearbook 3, 4, Editor 4; UIL 4.

**KEY FEED STORE**







Robert Lee High School seniors honored with "Lady Steer" and "Steer" awards at the annual Robert Lee High School Athletic Banquet held recently were (from left) Jodee Helwig, Shanna Wojtek, Whitney Millican and Colby Eubanks. Jodee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Devoll and Mr. Bill Helwig. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wojtek are Shanna's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Wibby Millican are Whitney's parents. Colby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Eubanks.

**Saucedo places 14th at State Golf Tournament in Austin**

Salomon Saucedo recently finished tied for 14th in the State Golf Tournament. The tournament was held in Austin at the par 72 Morris Williams Golf Course. Salomon shot a two-day total of 186, finishing with a 83 on Monday, followed by another 83 on Tuesday. Jonathan Burpo, of Dodd City, won the medalist competition with a 76-77-153. In the team competition, Region II faired well as Throckmorton took the title with a 319-327-646. Baird was third at 694.

Region II also faired well in the girls competition as Baird won their sixth straight State title with a 673 total and Throckmorton finished third at 776.



*Robert Lee Junior High School Commencement*

*Thursday, May 23, 2002  
8 pm • Auditorium*

- Processional ..... Gayle Bolding*
- Invocation ..... Analy Gallegos*
- Salutatory ..... Cassidy Wink*
- Valedictory ..... Andra Braswell*
- Presentation of Class ..... Lindsey Wallace*
- Presentation of Diplomas ..... Mark Riley*
- Benediction ..... Kyla Millican*
- Recessional ..... Gayle Bolding*

**MOTTO**

*You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.*

*James Allen*

*Eighth Grade Class of 2002*

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| <i>Clayton Austin</i>  | <i>Kyla Millican</i>    |
| <i>Tiffany Bagwell</i>   | <i>Lance Millican</i>   |
| <i>Bridgette Barnett</i>                                       | <i>Eric Ortega</i>      |
| <i>Andra Braswell</i>  | <i>Brandon Phillips</i> |
| <i>Joshua Conner</i>   | <i>Sammy Reyes</i>      |
| <i>Cara Eaton</i>  | <i>Brandon Soliz</i>    |
| <i>Analy Gallegos</i>  | <i>Amanda Thurman</i>   |
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| <i>Olivia Martinez</i>   | <i>Carolina Vera</i>    |
| <i>Vincent McClelland</i>                                      | <i>Cassidy Wink</i>     |
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| <i>Class Colors ..... Navy Blue &amp; Silver</i>               |                         |
| <i>Class Flower ..... Red Rose</i>                             |                         |

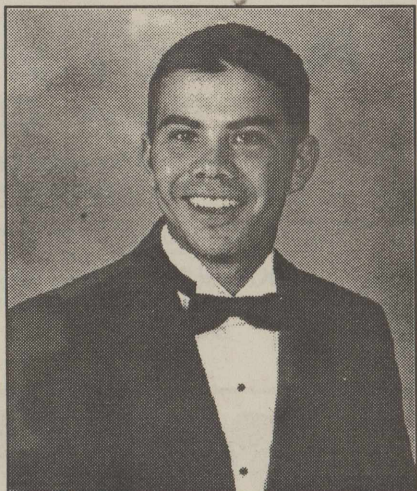
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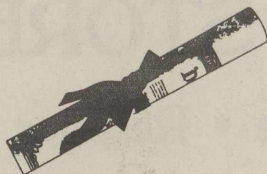
**JUAN SALOMON SAUCEDO**

*Son of Mr. & Mrs. Saul Saucedo*



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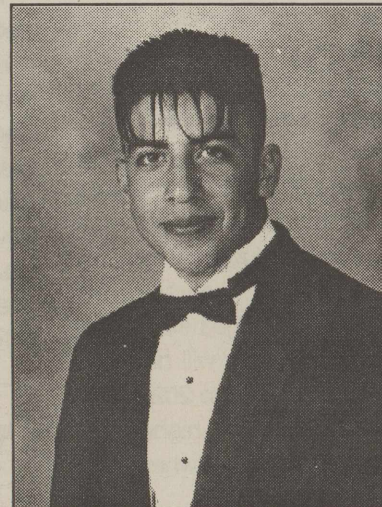


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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley  
Cooperative Extension Agent

Planning for the future

I've always admired people who plan for the future. It's usually more effective than planning for the past. What future am I talking about? The next ten years or so, about one average cycle in the beef cattle business. Notice that is the average. The current cycle has lasted 13 years.

What causes the cattle cycle? The basic causes are cattle numbers (which strongly influence price), response by producers to prices, and the length of the reproductive cycle of cattle. It goes something like this. Cattle numbers get high enough to depress price, producers sell some females, numbers get low enough to elevate price, producers save some females, and then it starts over. That takes about ten years. Pick where you want in the cycle, there is no beginning or end.

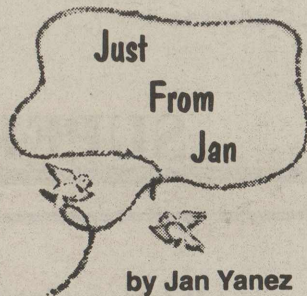
Where are we in that cycle? Experts say about prices have been high enough long enough to cause producers to start saving more heifers. How will that affect the situation? A group called the Food and Agricultural Policy Institute spends a lot of time forecasting such things. They predict that cow numbers will bottom out this year, start increasing, and reach a peak around 2007 to 2008. On the other hand, calf prices are predicted to stay about where they are (relatively high) or maybe increase a little over the next year or so, start down, and bottom out in 2008 to 2009, dropping around \$25-30/cwt to average \$70-75/cwt by then for 500 pound calves.

What does that mean for heifers saved in the next year or so? Say you decide to save some weaned heifers this fall. If things turn out like you hope, they'll calve in 2004. You'll have a calf to sell, but prices probably will be somewhat lower by then, and those heifers' calves won't weigh much. The heifers' peak production years will not come until around 2006 to 2020, when they're priced the highest and they'll be producing when prices are the lowest.

If the experts are right, it may be too late in the cycle to save heifers and make it work. Alternatives? Maybe find some late middle-aged or sound older cows with a few good years left. Save some of the heifers, when they're cheap, to position for the next peak of calf prices. Another thing you might do is just don't expand right now. Cut the base number of cows you plan to run over time and graze extra grass

in good rainfall years with stockers (either retained out of your herd or purchased) if price prospects are favorable. That gives you flexibility, in stocking rate and marketing.

At one time, some people thought that cattle cycles were going to be eliminated, or at least minimized. That hasn't happened and probably won't. Human psychology and cattle biology dictate otherwise.



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative Extension Agent

Making wise health decisions

Throughout your life you will have to make health decisions for yourself and your family. The decisions you make will influence your overall well-being as well as the quality and most of your care. In general, people who work with their doctors to make health decisions are happier with the care they receive and the results they achieve.

Why should you help make decisions with your doctor? Aren't you paying him or her to know what to do? Well, the choices aren't always black and white. There are often several approaches to diagnosing and treating a health problem, and you are more likely to feel better about the chosen approach if it is the one best suited to your needs and values.

The best way to make health decisions is to combine the most reliable medical facts with your personal values. Among your personal values are your beliefs, fears, lifestyle, and experiences. They all play a role in helping; you make decisions about your health. Put more simply: Medical Information + Your Information = Wise Health

Decisions.

Skills for Making Wise Health Decisions will be presented by Jan Yanez, Texas Cooperative Extension - Family and Consumer Science Agent, May 28, 2002, at noon in the Coke County courthouse commissioners court room.

This program is opened to anyone regardless of sex, religion, race, social-economic level, color, disability, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodations in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Coke County Extension office at (915) 453-2461.

Robert Lee seniors honored by Methodist Church

The Robert Lee High School Seniors, Class of 2002, were honored Sunday evening, May 19, at the First United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Women hosted the annual Senior Reception for the seniors, their parents, grandparents and friends.

Also attending were Mr. Weldon Koepf, Superintendent of Robert Lee ISD, Mr. Wallace, High School Principal, and faculty members of RLISD. Approximately 125 people attended the gala affair.

In the receiving line to greet everyone was Garland Davis, Chairman of the Methodist Church board, Rev. Jim Reeves, pastor of the First United Methodist Church and his wife, Sandra Reeves. Also Frances Lindsey, a member of UMW. Charlotte McKnight, President of UMW, presided at the register. Nina Brewer directed each one to the refreshment table.

There were six young ladies of the Methodist Church that served all the guests. They were: Dixie Johnson, Cara Eaton, Cassidy Wink, Katie Bessent, Kelsey Duncan; and Rosa Rojas. Kendra Johnson made sure the girls had plates and cups and cookies for the guests.

Linda Eaton and Cindy Bessent stayed busy making sure the punch bowl was filled. Faye Roe was preparing the punch for the girls. All the ladies made the event a success.

The decorations in the reception hall carried out the theme of graduation. The registration



Randy Sparks (left) and Kevin Honse took the Championship Flight (8 under par) at the Mountain Creek Adult/Child Golf Tournament held May 18, 2002.

Kevin is the son of Robin Sparks and the late Don Sparks. Randy is the nephew of Robin and Don.

table was adorned with a white battenberg lace tablecloth, with a small graduate figure on top. On a table in the hall was an antique lace tablecloth, with two graduate owls in black and white.

The refreshment table was covered with a plain white tablecloth. Glass trays filled with an assortment of cookies, mints and nuts and yellow punch in a glass bowl adorned the table. In the center of the table was a bouquet made up of white lilies and a white rose. The ribbon was midnight blue and silver around a tall vase, carrying out the 2002 Class Colors and Flower.

Miniature black and white mortarboards were draped from the ceiling.

The reception hall was alive with everyone enjoying refreshments and visiting.

Tomes inducted into Honor Society

Hardin-Simmons University student and Bronte resident Trey Tomes was inducted into the Texas Eta Chapter of Kappa

Mu Epsilon, the National Honor Society for undergraduate students of mathematics, during its annual induction of new members on April 6.

This year's inductions bring the total membership in the chapter to 223. The chapter was installed at HSU in 1975.

Frances Renfro of the HSU mathematics faculty serves as corresponding secretary. Drs. Edwin Hewett, James Ochoa and Andrew Potter serve as faculty sponsors.

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**Texas' downgraded for cattle TB status**

Texas livestock health officials are alerting cattle producers, veterinarians and livestock markets that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will strip Texas of its "Free" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication on or around June 1. The TB status downgrade will mean that the 150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of Texas each must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved. The USDA has placed a moratorium on additional restrictions until at least January 2003, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with official ear tags before being transported out of state.

"Since late February, we have worked with the USDA and cattle industry groups to prepare for the loss of Texas' TB-free status, which we initially thought would occur as early as April," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulator agency. "This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state."

"The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis and subsequent depopulation of two TB-infected cattle herds during 2001," she said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter plant inspectors, who found carcasses with internal lesions indicative of TB. Lesion samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) for examination, and we began sin-testing the herds where the animals originated. We closely examined the carcasses of test-positive animals from the herds and submitted lesions to the NVSL for examination and confirmation of TB."

Dr. Logan said the two infected herds, found in South Central Texas in summer 2001, and in Southwest Texas in fall 2001, have been depopulated. More than 130 other herds have been tested, as TAHC and USDA officials search for the origin of the disease outbreak, and where it may have spread. No other infected herds have been detected, and veterinary epidemiologists have been unable to pinpoint the source of infection.

"Federal regulations mandate a loss of TB-free status when a state has two or more infected herds disclosed within 48-month period. Texas will move from the TB-free status it has held since November 2000, to modified accredited advanced status, the second highest rung in an international five-tier ranking system for cattle TB eradica-

tion," said Dr. Logan. She said it will take at least two years without an infected herd for Texas to regain its coveted TB-free status enjoyed by all other states except Michigan.

The loss of status will immediately impact producers who move or sell breeding cattle out of state, explained Dr. Logan. Breeding animals are bred heifers, bulls and cows. Since many cattle sold at livestock markets are hauled out of state, producer groups have struggled with logistical problems sure to be encountered when untested animals are presented at livestock markets. She said breeding cattle are exempted from the interstate testing requirement only if they are from a TB accredited-free herd (a herd that is tested for TB yearly and is enrolled in the TAHC's accreditation program), are moving to an approved feedyard, or are consigned directly to slaughter.

"If sellers arrive at the livestock market with untested breeding cattle, the market management will need to designate the untested animals as 'Texas-only' cattle, restrict the cattle to slaughter only, or they will have to make arrangements for having the animals tested so they can move interstate," explained Dr. Logan. "Producers can avoid delays in moving their cattle, if they'll have their accredited veterinarian test animals prior to sale."

A TB skin test takes 72 hours to complete and must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian, who injects tuberculin into the skin near the animal's tail, in a site for a response, such as redness or swelling. Animals without a response can move. If a response is detected, Dr. Logan said a second test must be applied on the animal's neck by a state of federal regulatory veterinarian. This comparative cervical test also requires a waiting period of 72 hours after injecting before it can be read, she said. Animals with negative

results on the comparative cervical test also are free to move.

"One or two percent of animals will test positive on the caudal fold test but then are cleared for movement with a negative comparative cervical test," said Dr. Logan. "If the animals have skin reactions on both tests, however, they need to be slaughtered and closely examined, as there is strong evidence that the animal has been infected with TB." "Veterinarians from the TAHC and the USDA in Texas will work with private veterinary practitioners and producers to conduct all needed comparative cervical tests as quickly as possible," said Dr. Logan. "Preventing bottlenecks and keeping Texas livestock moving will be a key goal for our staff."

Dr. Logan said that cattle industry groups continue to develop plans to address federal TB requirements that will apply to Texas feeder cattle as of January 2003. "More than 1.5 million feeder cattle leave Texas each year, and each of these animals will have to wear an official identification ear tag," said Dr. Logan. "Currently, official tags are used to identify animals tested for brucellosis, and these must be applied by private veterinary practitioners, or state or federal staff. We are working with industry and the USDA to develop an acceptable ear tag that can be provided and applied by the cattle owner. The identification tags improve the ability to trace animals back to their herd of origin."

"Additionally, it is anticipated that feeder heifers and most bull calves in interstate movement will also have to be TB tested, unless they go to an approved feedlot or directly to slaughter. This is to prevent untested heifers or bulls from being moved from the feedyard back to the ranch. In order to regain our state's TB-free status, we must conduct stepped-up surveillance to ensure that we do not have additional undetected TB infection," declared Dr. Logan.

"We are trying to find an acceptable alternative to testing the 750,000 feeder heifers that move, as this would require a greater number of veterinarians than are currently available to conduct the testing," said Dr. Logan. "We hope to strike an agreement with the USDA to allow approved pastures or feedlots in other states that would accept untested heifers. Heifers selected for breeding could be moved from these sites to a ranch after they've had a negative TB test."

"We will continue to work with the USDA and the cattle industry associations to find a workable solution to our changing TB status," said Dr. Logan. "It is of utmost importance that we maintain the ability of Texas cattle to move across state lines without undue hardship while we work to regain our TB-free status."

**RLVFD news**

By Marian Thompson

The fire department had its first meeting of may on the 6th at the fire station. 13 members were present. President Larry Martin presided. The minutes and treasury report were accepted as read.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson read the monthly report. 2 meetings, 1 training class and 3 work nights. They put in over 100 hours on fire department activities. There were 4 fire department calls, 3 city and 1 county, 9 1/2 man hours, 3 1/2 truck hours, 17 1/4 truck miles on way, 1 landing zone for WCCEMS, 1 smoke report and 2 standbys for control burns.

The group discussed the progress on truck 3, our new first response truck, what still needs to be done and what

items need to be purchased, etc. The work is coming along nicely. Volunteers are needed to help with the work.

The meeting was adjourned to make a list of parts and work that needs to be done.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department should fill out a form at City Hall for retirement and insurance purposes. For further information, contact Fire Chief Rick Drennan, Fire Marshall Bud Thompson or any fireman.

As well as responding to fire calls, the firemen respond to auto accidents to help with traffic control and assist the WCCEMS when they need a landing zone set up. They standby for anything that can cause a potential fire, such as a natural gas leak, or electrical wires that are down. They are all storm spotters, watching the sky for tornado's when the weather is threatening. They are always there to protect their community.

The department meets the first and third Monday of each month. The meetings are open meetings and visitors are welcome. The second Monday of each month is for training classes to become a certified fireman. Cadets ages 16 to 18 years, with parent consent, will receive fire and rescue training.

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## CARD OF THANKS

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to the Bronte School Children who put on such a wonderful talent show and donated their money to Friends of the Pool. Special thanks also to the Bronte Order of the Eastern Star and Jack and Earlene Moore for their donations to this great project. Friends of the Pool.

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## NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Because of discrimination against my civil rights to own property, I withhold the tax payments on property in Tennyson, Texas, until further notice.

J. F. Sanders

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo  
Contract 6083-60-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in COKE County, etc will be received on June 20, 2002 until 11:00 am and opened on June 20, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$6,040.00.

Contract 6083-61-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in STERLING County, etc will be received on June 20, 2002 until 11:00 am and opened on June 20, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$9,710.00. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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### BRONTE ISD

is accepting sealed bids on the sale of Lot #3, Block #3 in the Maxwell Addition, Bronte, Texas. Envelopes must be marked "sealed bid" and addressed to the Superintendent's Office. Bids will be opened on June 10th at 10:00 am. For Minimum bid contact the Superintendent's Office, 915-473-2511. Mailing address is PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933.

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### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A BENEFICIAL LAND USE PERMIT PROPOSED PERMIT NO. 04490

**APPLICATION.** City of Bronte, P.O. Box 370, Bronte, Texas 76933-0370, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for proposed beneficial land use Permit No. 04490 to authorize the land application of wastewater treatment plant sludge products at agronomic rates on approximately 26 acres of land. The beneficial land site is located approximately 2,100 feet southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and State Highway 158 in Coke County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on May 3, 2002. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application and

Preliminary Decision.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.**

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this**

application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TNRCC Office of the

Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Bronte at the address stated above or by calling Pat Martindale at (915) 473-3501.

Issued: May 14, 2002

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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental firm transportation rate and an interruptible transportation rate designed to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5-mile, 24-inch pipeline extending from the Bridgeport area in Wise County to the junction of Lines W and W7 in Denton County and then in an easterly direction to the junction of Lines D 17-9 and D9 in Collin County, hereinafter called the "Northside Project." The supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate are proposed to be charged upon the initiation of service on the Northside Project. The proposed supplemental firm rate constitutes a major change and will result in an annual increase in the revenues of TXU LSP of approximately \$9.8 million. These revenues will represent an 8% increase in the total revenues of TXU LSP.

The proposed supplemental firm transportation rate will be applicable to all firm transportation customers contracting for capacity on the Northside Project. The only current customer directly affected by the supplemental firm transportation rate will be TXU Gas Distribution. No other customer has agreed to contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project. The supplemental firm rate may, however, indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by TXU Gas Distribution in the state of Texas. The supplemental firm rate will be assessed to TXU Gas Distribution for its contracted capacity on the Northside Project in addition to the city gate rate approved in the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8976. The supplemental firm rate may then be passed on to TXU Gas Distribution's residential and commercial customers. If any other transportation customers contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project, those customers may also pay the supplemental firm transportation rate in addition to any other applicable rates charged such customers.

TXU LSP also proposes an interruptible transportation rate for the use of the Northside Project. To the extent that shippers other than firm transportation customers use the Northside Project, they will be charged this interruptible rate. TXU LSP proposes to reduce the proposed supplemental firm transportation rate charged to firm customers on the Northside Project through an annual revenue crediting mechanism based on revenues from the interruptible rate approved in this proceeding.

Construction of the Northside Project is estimated to be completed in approximately 23 months after approval of this rate application. The proposed supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate will be effective on June 4, 2002, but will not be charged until the initiation of service on the Northside Project and will be charged for an initial seven year period. TXU LSP further proposes to reconcile the projected capital costs with those actually incurred and to adjust the supplemental firm transportation rate and interruptible transportation rate accordingly.

A Statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9292 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Gas Distribution. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967, at any time on or before June 17, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be June 17, 2002.

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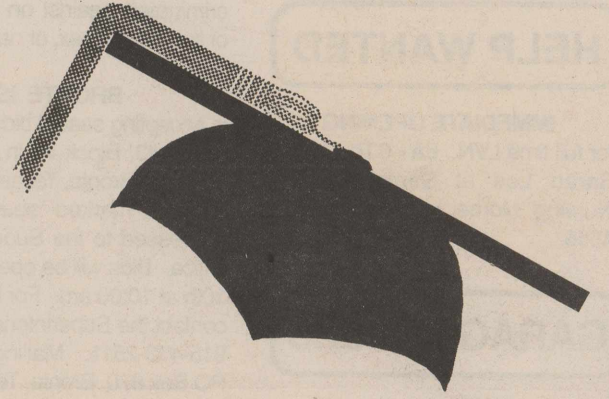
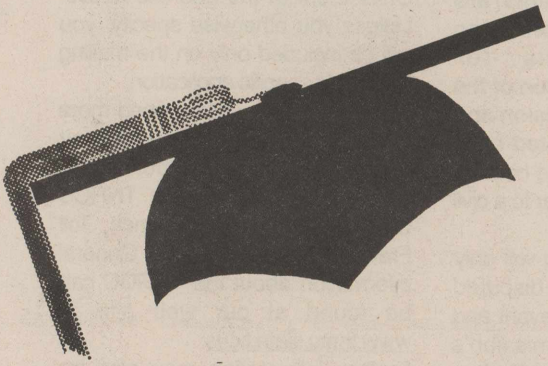
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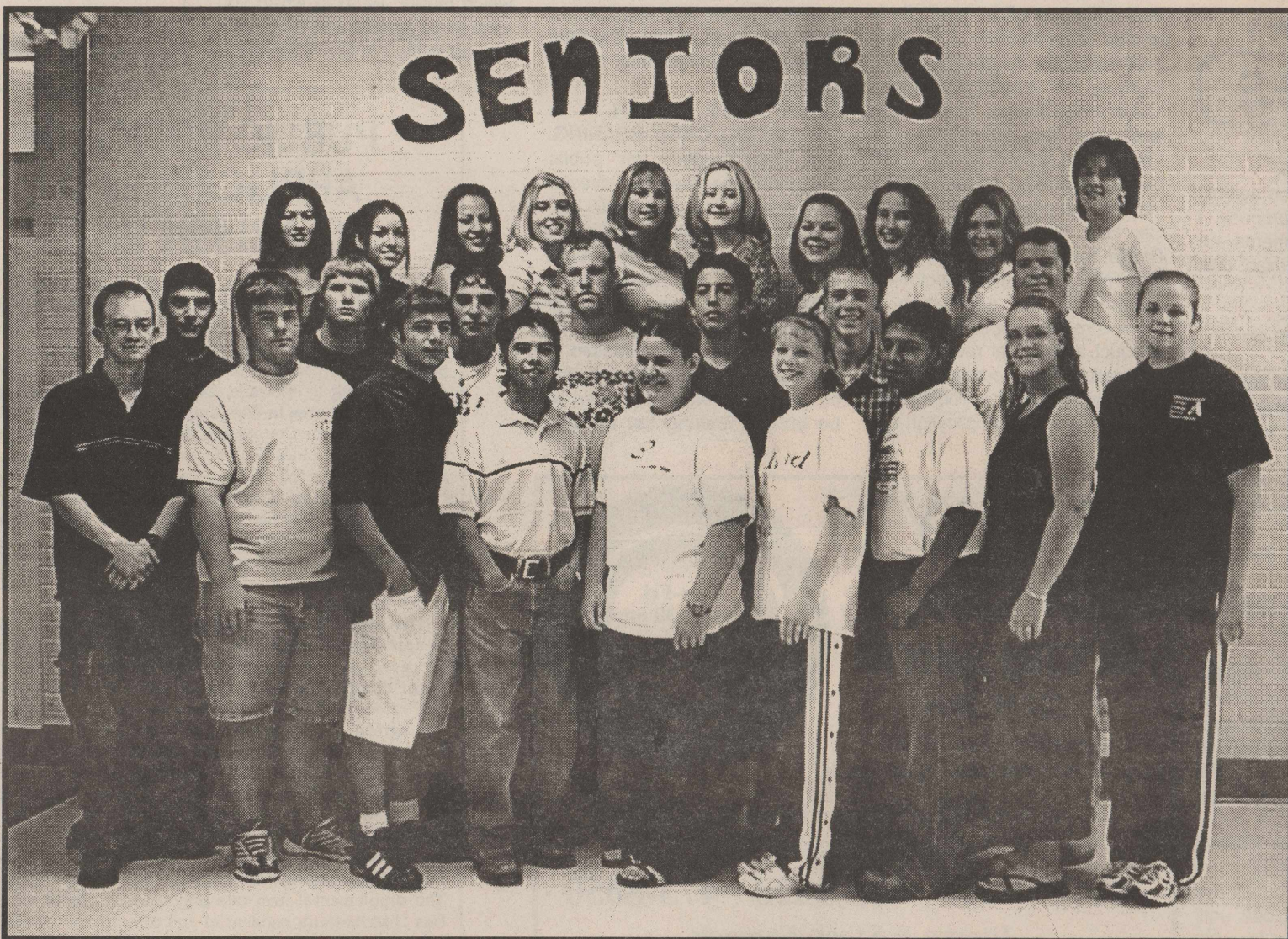
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