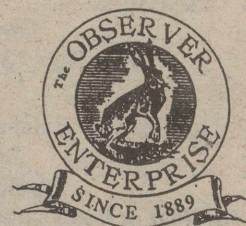


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Friday, April 25, 1997

RLHS golfers advance to State

Both the Robert Lee girls and boys high school golf teams will advance to the State Tournament in Austin. Both teams brought home silver after competing in the Regional Tournament in Abilene Monday and Tuesday, April 21 and 22.

Robert Lee's boys team finished the second day's competition 20 strokes behind Petrolia with a 668.

The girls team finished up the competition 32 strokes behind the first place winner, Baird. The girls shot a 698 to bring home second place in regional competition.

In the medalist standings, Jason Tavarez finished up in second, only one point behind Marfa's Chris Baker. Tavarez shot a two day total 154. RL golfer Melissa Smith took the first medalist position with a two day total of 146.

Individual stats are as follows:

RLHS boys

Jason Tavarez 154; Fred Wojtek 173; B.J. Bessent 169; Rocky Coates 172; Daryl Calder 184.

RLHS girls

Melissa Smith 146; Meagan Hill 178; Bree Bolding 187. Kizzie Howell 187; Tracy Milligan 210.



RLHS golf teams placed second in regional competition at Abilene earlier this week. Both the boys and girls teams will attend the State Tournament.

The girls team consists of (l-r) Bree Bolding, Tracy Millican, Melissa Smith, Meagan Hill, and Kizzie Howell.

Jason Tavarez, Daryl Calder, Rocky Coates, Fred Wojtek, and B.J. Bessent (l-r), are the members of the boys golf team.

Upcoming

Graduation issues nears

Like it or not, school is almost out for the summer. This means graduation is right around the corner. As in years past, the O/E will be honoring graduating Bronte and Robert Lee seniors in special editions.

In the coming weeks, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in these special editions, please call our office in Robert Lee at 453-2433 or in Bronte at 473-2001.

WCCCD meeting set

The West Coke County Community Development will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at 7:00 pm at the Coke County Courthouse. All members and prospective members are invited and encouraged to attend. Your ideas and help are needed with the various projects that are being planned for this year.

Sanco Homecoming Committee to meet

The Sanco Homecoming Committee will meet Monday, April 28, at 7:00 pm in the home of Cuin and Elaine Norvell in Robert Lee. All interested persons are urged to attend.

"Garage Sale Saturday" slated for May 3

It's time to clean out the garage and the closets and get ready for "Garage Sale Saturday". If you are planning to have a garage sale this spring, Saturday, May 3, is the day to do it.

Anyone, business or family, wishing to have a garage sale on that day needs to sign up at City Hall by April 25 so your name and address can be added to the map. Maps will be available at the bank parking lot on sale day. As of presstime, 27 garage sales are already listed. You still have time to list yours!

Tell your friends! The Chamber will advertise in the surrounding areas, as well as in the Observer/Enterprise. This will be an excellent way to promote the community of Bronte.

Golf tournament planned

The Noel Percifull Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Singing Winds Golf Course Saturday, May 3, 1997. Tee time is 9 am. It will be a two person select shot 27 hole tournament.

Hayrick Cemetery Assoc. to meet

Hayrick Cemetery Association members will hold a general meeting Monday, April 28 at Robert Lee City Hall. The meeting is set to begin at 5:45 pm. All interested persons are urged to attend.

Exes basketball game set

Former RLHS and BHS athletes will strut their stuff in an exes basketball game set for Monday, April 28. Tip off is at 7:30 pm in the Robert Lee High School gym.

This cross-county rivalry is well-known and old grievances are sure to be resurrected. Make plans now to attend the exes game, you don't want to miss this one.

Cub Scouts to meet

The Cub Scout Pack #461 will be having a Pack meeting on Monday, April 28, at 6:00 pm in the RL school cafeteria for all current Cub Scouts and anyone interested in joining Cub Scouts. Any boy age 7 or in 1st grade up to age 10 or in 5th grade is eligible to join Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts consist of Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos.

Free legal help offered

The Tom Green County Young Lawyers Association will be sponsoring free legal consultations by phone Thursday, May 1, 1997, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Callers may remain anonymous. Only civil matters will be eligible for consultation, no criminal matters will be taken. The consultations, hosted by West Texas Legal Services of San Angelo, will be available by calling 1-800-284-5180 or 653-6982.

Court dispositions

The 51st District Court met Friday, April 4, 1997 at the Coke County Courthouse with Judge Barbara Walther presiding. The following disposition was handed down.

State of Texas vs. Walter Montgomery; Charge: Aggravated sexual assault of a child;

Plea: 13 years Texas Department of Corrections.

County Court met Tuesday, April 15, 1997 with Judge Jackie Walker presiding. The following disposition was handed down.

The State of Texas vs. Carrie Lynn Green; Charge: Possession of marijuana in a drug free zone; Plea: \$300 fine, 10 days in jail, \$155 court costs.

Future of Mt. Creek Dam and Robert Lee water told inside this issue

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Mountain Creek Dam problems deferred

by Hal Spain

The Mountain Creek Dam Committee met at Robert Lee City Hall on April 16, 1997. Minutes of the meeting are included elsewhere in this issue. For those of you who are like me, and have a hard time understanding what is going on, I will try to explain.

For the past three months or so, Robert Lee residents may have noticed a remarkable improvement in their drinking water. The reason for this is that our drinking water has been coming from the City Lake (Mountain Creek

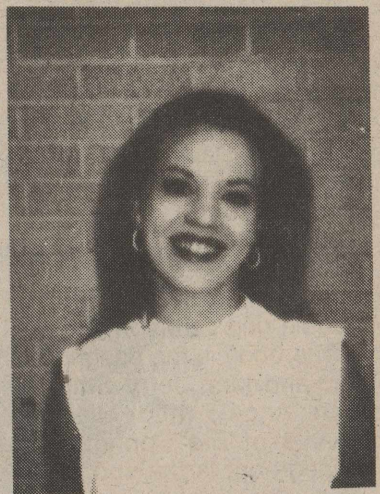
Dam). City Lake water is far superior to that from Lake Spence. The problem with the City Lake is that it is only a viable source of water when we have plenty of rainfall and runoff into the lake.

The state regulatory agency (Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission - TNRCC) has determined that the spillway on our City Lake (Mountain Creek) Dam, according to their engineers, "is inadequate for a maximum flood", and "the dam should be modified to correct the deficiencies". The rub here is that it will cost approximately \$1 million to bring the dam up to specs. Obviously we don't have that kind of money lying around anywhere.

TNRCC officials have also stated that another possibility is breaching the dam (cutting a hole in it). According to local engineers, even this might end up being a costly alternative, and would wipe out any possibility of getting water from the City Lake.

At the most recent meeting with TNRCC officials on April 16, we were extremely lucky to have one Stephen Brown, who represents State Representative Rob Junell's office, at the meeting. As a result of his input, TNRCC officials have agreed to give us an additional seven years before they enact any enforcement measures concerning the spillway.

There are several situations that, over this period of time, could lessen the impact of these modifications. One, according to Mr. Brown, is Senate Bill 1, which, if passed, would allow funds to municipalities for dam construction. There is also the real possibility that in seven



Tara Bruning, RLHS student, recently placed first in regional UIL competition in News Writing. She will attend state competition with sponsor, Patricia Ballew.

years, the chloride (salt) content of Lake Spence may be reduced to an acceptable level for drinking water. There is also a possibility that, over this period of time, we might be given a permanent variance from making these improvements in the dam.

So there you have it. It's not a story with a happy ending yet, but at least we've got another seven years to try to come up with one.

Former White House Press Secretary Bill Moyer once spoke very softly as he led a prayer at a meeting. "Speak up, Moyer, speak up," urged President Lyndon Johnson.

Moyer turned to LBJ and said, "I'm sorry, Mr. President, but I was not addressing you."

Obituaries



Bloodworth

Funeral services for Gertrude L. (Gertie) Bloodworth, 73, of Silver were held at 2:00 pm Friday, April 18, 1997, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee, Texas, with the Rev. R.W. Blackmon officiating and the Rev. Jimmy Rogers assisting. During the service special songs to commemorate her love for music were provided by family members, Doug Barnes, J.C. Wallace, Jackie Smith, Marilyn Smith, Jessica Smith, Jack Lee Wallace, Pam Wallace, Lindsey Wallace, Susan Millican, Buddy Wallace, Clay Bloodworth, and Teri Robertson. Daryl Copeland accompanied them on the organ. A quartet of Doug Barnes, Buddy Wallace, Clay Bloodworth, and Marilyn Smith sang "How Great Thou Art". The service was concluded with Teri Robertson singing "One Day at a Time", and the congregation singing "Amazing Grace".

Burial was in McKenzieville Cemetery at Silver, Texas, with Chuck Askins, Brent Askins, John Eddins, Doug Barnes, Eli Boxell and Beau Boxell serving as pallbearers.

Mrs. Bloodworth died Tuesday, April 15, in the Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas, following a brief illness.

She was born December 13, 1923, in Edith, Texas, the daughter of Lonnie and Bonita Landers. She married Raymond A. Bloodworth on November 10, 1942, in Robert Lee, Texas.

Mrs. Bloodworth was a life-long resident of Coke County. She dedicated her life to helping others. She was a devoted and active member of the Silver Baptist Church until her death. She was greatly loved by her family,

friends and everyone who knew her.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond A. Bloodworth, of Silver; three sons, Carl Bloodworth of Sundown; Lonnie Bloodworth of Silver; and Charles Bloodworth of Kermit; one daughter, Raynelle Askins of Sulphur Springs; six grandchildren, Chuck Askins and Miki Eddins of Sulphur Springs, Lori Garth of Sundown, Amy Barnes of Lazbuddie, and Eli and Beau Boxell of Silver; six great-grandchildren, Brent, Jamie and Kayle Barnes of Sulphur Springs; Shelbi and Troy Garth of Sundown and Chandler Barnes of Lazbuddie; one brother, Donnie Robertson of Robert Lee; four sisters, Billye Talley of Cleburne, LaNell Tomes of Amherst, Bonita Hester of Portland, and Elaine Bennett of Arlington; two step-brothers, J.B. Robertson and Jesse Ray Robertson of Robert Lee and one step-sister, Annie Bee Mitchell of Robert Lee, and a host of other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Albert Wayne Bloodworth; two sisters, Faye Hudson and Charlene Dumas; and one brother, Wilton Robertson. She was also preceded by her step-father, James Brantley Robertson, four step-brothers and four step-sisters.

Memorials may be made to the EMS (911) in Coke County or a charity of your choice.

Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away - her journey's just begun, life holds so many facets - this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing that we could know today how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched... for nothing loved is ever lost - and she was loved so much.

E. Brenneman

(Poem read at funeral by Marilyn Wallace)
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City of RL releases street improvement update

The City of Robert Lee is very aware of the street conditions in the city. The City has applied for a grant that would include funding for street improvements. The 1997-98 budget also includes funds for materials to begin maintenance on city streets.

City council meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public and citizen input is appreciated.

RL "Spring Fling" Concert

A "Spring Fling" Concert will be held Monday, May 5 at the Robert Lee Football Stadium. The Robert Lee High School band will be performing along with the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade bands. The concert is set to begin at 7:00 pm.

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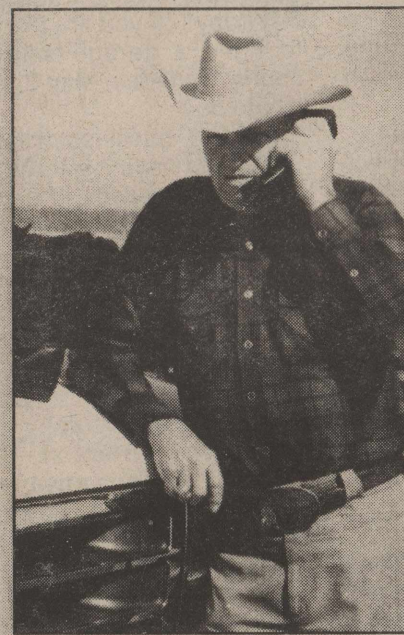
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Miears, Kelso wed February 28

Evalyn Dawn Miears and Corby King Kelso were married February 28, 1997, at Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo. Reverend James Mitchell officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith of San Angelo and Mr. Bob Miears of Big Spring. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kelso of Bronte.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother Bryan Miears, wore a traditional white satin gown. Sequins and pearls adorned the lace bodice and sleeves. The gown featured a sweetheart neckline, a floor-length straight skirt, and a detachable cathedral train beneath a large bow. The fingertip veil featured a wreath of sequins and pearls. The bride carried a bouquet of flowers upon a white family Bible belonging to her grandmother that had been carried by her mother in her wedding.

Traditional wedding music was performed by Becca Tankersley, organist, and Jennifer Millican, vocalist.

Main of honor was Carrie Bright of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Lavonne Cox of Big Lake and Angela Carter of San Angelo. Chelsea Cook, daughter of the bride, was the flower girl. The bridesmaids wore formal gowns of burgundy velvet, each featuring straight skirts with sweetheart necklines.

John Morrow of Brownwood was best man. Groomsmen were Cody Hartman of San Angelo and Duff Kelso, brother of the groom, of Harriett. Ushers were Kirk Kelso, brother of the groom, of Austin, Kirby Hartman, Chad Collier, cousin of the bride, and Jode Walker, all of San Angelo. Ringbearer was Aaron Collier of San Angelo.

Following the candlelight ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of San Angelo Central High School. The groom graduated from Bronte High School in 1987 and Tarleton State University in 1991. Following a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, the couple is making their home in Harriett.

Donations needed for park equipment

Funds are now being raised to purchase new playground equipment for the East Coke County Park. The existing equipment needs to be replaced. Some equipment has had to be removed to ensure the safety of the children that play in the park.

Local individuals and civic groups are encouraged to make this project a priority this year. Some groups have already begun their fund raisers and everyone is encouraged to support their efforts.

Donations can be left at the First National Bank or the Bronte City Hall.

64 Study Club notes

The 64 Study Club met April 8 at the United Methodist Church with Pat Carwile, president, presiding for the



Mrs. Corby Kelso

business meeting. Nineteen members were present to hear UIL contestants Tara Gardner and Kannan Millican give their readings.

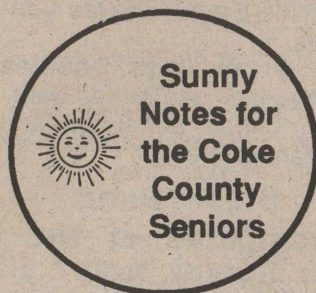
Hostesses were Virginia Mil-liff, Johnetta Lawrence, Charlotte McKnight, and Carolyn Long.

The club voted to give a \$25 donation to Project Graduation.

The next meeting will be May 13th in the home of Winnie Pitcock.

Faster SS service

If you want faster service from Social Security, there are a few things you can do. One is to call first. Most business with Social Security can be handled over the phone, whether it's reporting a change of address, applying for benefits, or letting Social Security know you've returned to work. You'll also want to have your Social Security number handy when you call. That number for Social Security service is 1-800-772-1213.



Menu
Monday, April 28
Country Fried Steak, Baked Potatoes, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Rolls, Lime Rice Swirl
Wednesday, April 30
Pork Chop w/Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Wheat Rolls, Tossed Salad, Peach Cobbler
Friday, May 2
Fried Catfish w/Tartar Sauce, Corn & Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Cornbread, Fruited Gelatin

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-Doug Larson

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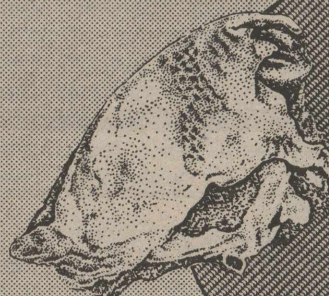
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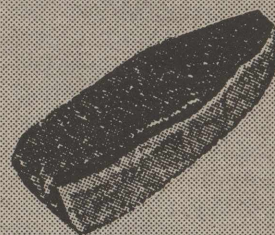
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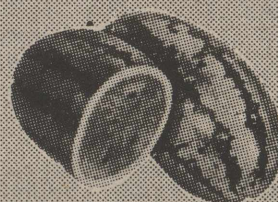
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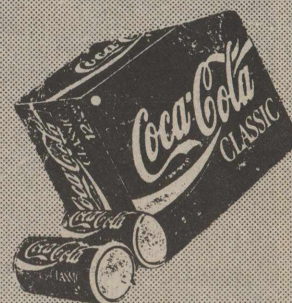


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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL Pre-K Day set

Pre-K day at Robert Lee Elementary is set for Friday, May 2, 1997. Times are set from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. The students will be furnished a meal free of charge.

If your child will be five years of age on or before September 1, 1997, he/she will be eligible to attend Kindergarten the 1997-98 school year.

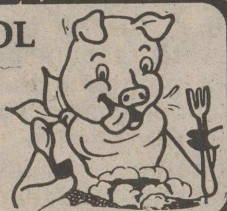
Things you will need to furnish on Friday, May 2nd are: child's birth certificate, child's social security number, and child's immunization records.

Please bring your children to the cafeteria where they will be directed and escorted to their rooms. A short overview of the programs offered at Robert Lee Elementary will be given to the parents. Any questions you might have will be welcomed. If you need additional information please contact the Robert Lee ISD at 453-4557.

Please make arrangements to pick up your child between the times of 11:50 and 12:00 noon.

Robert Lee ISD is conducting a survey for determining the number of four year olds in Robert Lee on or before September 1, 1997. Reasoning for this survey is to assess the need for Early Childhood Services. If you have a child in this age bracket, please call and leave your name and age of the child with the school secretary.

SCHOOL MENU



Menu is subject to change.

Breakfast

Monday, April 28

Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Tuesday, April 29

Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.

Wednesday, April 30

Breakfast Bars, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Thursday, May 1

Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Friday, May 2

Biscuits w/Jelly, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, April 28

Fish w/Tartar Sauce, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Hushpuppies, Pineapple Upside-down Cake, Milk.

Tuesday, April 29

Spaghetti, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Homemade Rolls, Peaches, Milk.

Wednesday, April 30

Corndogs w/Mustard, Macaroni & Tomatoes, Potato Patty, Fruit Salad, Milk.

Thursday, May 1

Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Homemade Rolls, Pears, Milk.

Friday, May 2

Sub Sandwich w/Ham & Cheese, Tator Tots, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruit Rollup, Milk.

RL students compete at Regional meet

On Saturday, April 19, 1997, four Robert Lee High School students attended the Regional UIL Academic Meet. The students that attended were: Chad Leugers, Tara Bruning, Dan McCown, and Daniel Cates. The sponsors that went were Jerry Horn, Winnie McPeck, and Trish Ballew.

Chad Leugers placed 5th in Computer Applications and Tara Bruning placed 1st in News Writing. Tara and Mrs. Ballew will be attending the State UIL meet May 1-3 in Austin.

Everyone at Robert Lee High School is proud of the hard work and achievements of the UIL Academic Team this year.

Regional qualifiers attend meet

A meet for regional qualifiers was held Friday, April 18, at Wall. Members of the Steer team that qualified for regional competition were in attendance. The following team members placed as follows:

1600 M. Relay

3rd. 3:33.21 (Starsky Oleksiuk, Rocky Coates, Michael Pentecost, Matthew Millican).

Long Jump

4th. Dan McCown, 19' 4"; 6th. Will Simpson, 19' 1/2".

Triple Jump

6th. Dan McCown, 38' 9".

Pole Vault

5th. Will Simpson, 12'; 6th. Starsky Oleksiuk, 11' 6".

Discus

3rd. Jeremy Edging.

Simpson vaults to first place

Due to weather conditions at the District Track Meet held in Water Valley, RL pole vaulters took the option of determining the district winners and regional qualifiers at the Regional Qualifiers Meet held

last weekend. The top three vaulters were all RL athletes and were in agreement to the alternate arrangement.

Will Simpson took first place at the meet with a vault of 12'. Starsky Oleksiuk will also compete at the regional meet, he took second with an 11' 6" vault. Jerrod Pitcock is the regional alternate. He vaulted 11'.

RLJH tennis

The district tennis meet was held at ASU Friday and Saturday, April 18 & 19. Competing for Robert Lee were the following teams.

7th Grade Boys Doubles - Brady Bolding and Sammy Minjarez.

8th Grade Girls Singles - Kasey Elam and Leticia Olguin.

8th Grade Girls Doubles - Jeannie Eaker and Dee VanHuss.

8th Grade Boys Doubles - Beau Blair and James Gallegos; Clifton Bohannon and Favian Minjarez.

Steer Band competes at UIL

On Thursday, April 17, the Robert Lee Steer Band competed in UIL competition at Hamlin, Texas. The Steer Band competed in the Region II Class A Concert and Sightreading competition. They received a Division II rating in both concert and sightreading. This is the next to the highest rating available.

4-H members win at judging event

Several Coke County 4-H members attended the District 7 Livestock Judging Contest held last Saturday in Mason. Members of the team included Ashlee Millican, Erin Millican, Brady Bolding, Clay Antilley, Lance Millican, Josh Conner and Kyla Millican.

Ashlee finished 6th high overall individual placing, 6th in sheep classes, 7th in swine judging and 8th in beef cattle judging.



Mr. and Mrs. Favian Minjarez are pleased to announce the engagement and pending marriage of their daughter, Sheila Ann, to Matthew Paul Basquez. The couple will exchange vows Saturday, May 24 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Sheila is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and is currently attending Angelo State University.

Matthew is a Bronte High School graduate and is employed by Caston Company in Robert Lee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Basquez of Bronte.

Jameson named to Who's Who

Brent Jameson of Silver was one of 81 Abilene Christian University students named to the 1997 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges".

The nomination was made by an ACU committee of faculty and staff. The students were chosen based on their

academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

RL PTA meeting

Robert Lee PTA members will meet at 7:00 pm Monday, April 28 in the school cafeteria. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

BHS girls take Reg. bronze

Bronte's girls golf team took bronze at the Regional Golf Tournament held Tuesday and Wednesday in Abilene. The girls shot a total 769 in the two day tourney.

Individual stats were:

BHS golf stats

Shelly Sims 176; Olivia Guzman 211; Kim McCorkle 186, Courtney Arrott 201; Sommer Beck 217.

Junior High District Tennis results

In the Junior High tennis tournament recently, Lacy Schoenfield and Cassandra Casares won first place in 7th grade girls doubles.

Kala Arrott and Brooke McCutchen got 3rd place in the 8th grade doubles.

Brandon Gibbs and Josh Schoenfield placed 4th out of 24 teams in the 8th grade boys doubles.

Lorenzo DeLaGarza and Steve Eldred advanced into the 7th grade boys doubles quarterfinals, but lost 9-7 in a very close match.

Others participating were Eric Johnson in 8th grade boys singles, Kara Thompson and Crystal Moore in 8th grade girls doubles, Jenna Thompson and Cheyann Head in 7th grade girls doubles, Anthony Gibbs and Jesse McClure and Henry White and Jason Stamper in 8th grade boys doubles.

SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, April 28

Cereal, Diced Pears, Biscuit, Milk

Tuesday, April 29

Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk

Wednesday, April 30

Breakfast Bagel, Grape Juice, Milk

Thursday, May 1

French Toast Stix, Orange Juice, Milk

Friday, May 2

Cereal, Sliced Peaches, Pop Tart, Milk

Lunch

Monday, April 28

Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Milk, Brownies

Tuesday, April 29

Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Diced Pears, Rolls, Milk

Wednesday, April 30

Frito Pie, Chili & Cheese, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Fritos, Milk, Jello w/Mixed Fruit

Thursday, May 1

Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Sliced Orange, Bun, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, May 2

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Army Band to perform in Ballinger

The 49th AD (Army) Band will be performing in Ballinger, Texas, Saturday, April 26, at 2 pm on the Courthouse lawn. The Army band is under the direction of SSG George Tomes, band director for Bronte ISD. The band will be performing popular and patriotic music during the Ballinger Ethnic Festival.

The 49th Armored Division band is a National Guard Unit that meets in Austin, Texas, one weekend a month and two weeks during the summer. The members of the band go to the same basic training as everyone else in the Army. When the soldier completes basic training, they must spend five weeks with an active duty band for extra training on their instrument.

The concert will last about one hour and is free to the public.

National Prayer Day set

Thursday, May 1, has been designated as a National Day of Prayer. Bronte's First Baptist Church will be participating in the observance of this time of prayer. The church's auditorium will be open that day beginning at 8:00 am for any and all who wish to come and spend time in prayer for our community and our nation.

Prayer guides will be available to remind you of specific government leaders. There will also be a list available to which you may add your specific prayer requests so that others may join you in praying for them. There will be no special program, and you may come pray and leave as you wish.

Pastor Morris Johnson invites and encourages everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to spend time in earnest prayer for God's blessings and direction in our community.

Clean Up scheduled for May 10-16

The Annual City-Wide

Clean-Up has been scheduled by the Bronte City Council for May 10 through 16.

On Saturday, May 10, B.F.I. will make an extra pick-up. Citizens are asked to have their items placed curbside by 7 am on that Saturday. Items that cannot be picked up include tires, batteries, and appliances that have a compressor with Freon still present. The appliance can be picked up if the compressor has been removed or is tagged that the Freon has been removed by a licensed professional.

Beginning Monday, May 12, inmates from Carlsbad and City employees will begin picking up tree limbs and lumber. The items should be placed curbside for collection. Everyone is asked to have everything that is to be picked up ready by 7 am Monday, May 12.

If you have any questions regarding Clean-Up Week, contact the City Hall at 473-3501.

Group begins raising funds for equipment

The need to replace the playground equipment in the park adjacent to the swimming pool in Bronte was brought to the attention of the Bronte United Methodist Mens group. This group of mostly Methodist have breakfast at the church at 8 am the third Sunday of the month.

They donated \$50 to begin a fund which will hopefully grow large enough to meet the equipment need. This account will be at the First National Bank in Bronte.

Central Baptist plans lunch

Bronte's Central Baptist Church Youth are planning a spaghetti lunch for April 27, 1997. Donations will be accepted to help with expenses for youth camp.

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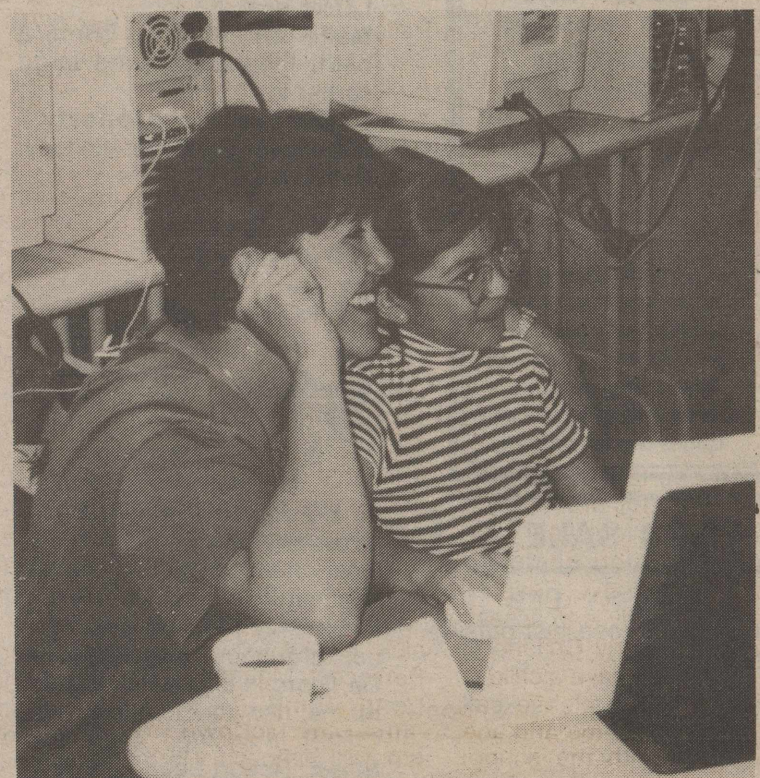
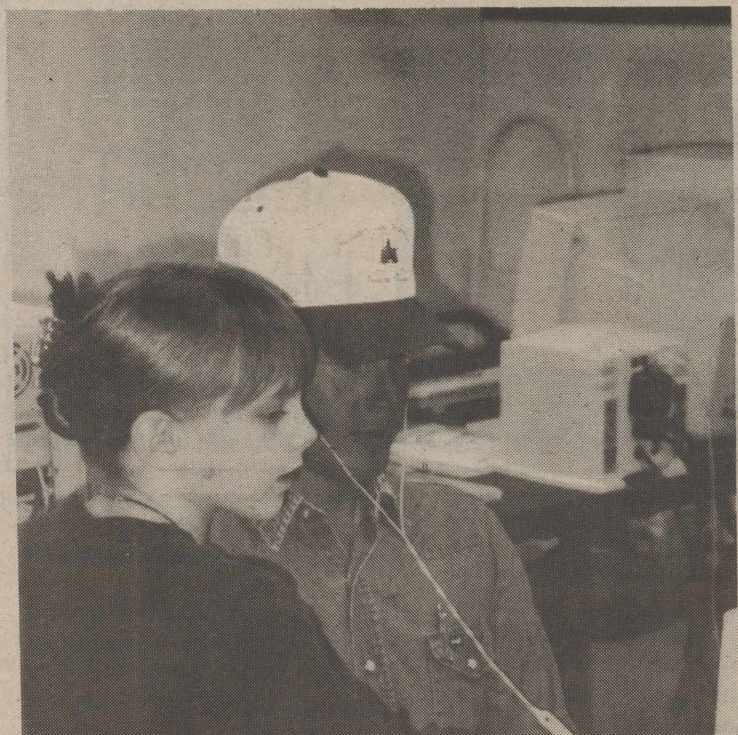


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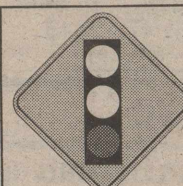
Bronte

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First National Bank in Bronte and Bronte Chamber of Commerce welcomes Brad Haralson associated with Massey, Balentine, Edwards, & Psencik, P.C. to his new office located at 107 W. Main, Bronte, Texas.



During the month of April, parents of elementary students had the opportunity of gaining "hands on" experience in the elementary computer lab. Students were responsible for teaching their parents about programs they have been using during the school year. The students really enjoyed getting the chance to show their parents how technology has enhanced their learning environment. Some of the programs used in the elementary lab include Microsoft Word, Windows Painting, The Oregon Trail, Jumpstart Series, Grammar Rocks, Grammar Games, Stickybear Math, Stickybear Typing, and The Blaster Series.



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Bronte, May 3rd. Merchants &
families sign up at City Hall by
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**Mt. Creek Dam
Committee
meets in RL**

April 16, 1997, 9:00 am, a
meeting of the Mountain
Creek Dam Committee was
held at the Robert Lee City
Hall with the following repre-
sentatives present: TNRCC
Dam Safety Team - Don Neill,
Division Director, Bob
Wucher, and David Stolpa;
UCRA - Chairman Patricia Ivey,
Director Jeffie Roberts; repre-
senting State Rep. Robert

Junell's office - Stephen
Brown; SK Engineering - Fred
Teagarden, Rick Milne; City of
Robert Lee - Mayor Kelly
Nichols, Superintendent
James Royall, City Secretary
Kay Torres; Ob-
server/Enterprise - Hal Spain.

Bob Wucher of the Dam
Safety Team reported that at
this time the team has been
unable to reduce the re-
quirements of the breach of
the dam.

Options discussed: 1) Build
a new dam upstream at a cost
of approx. \$1.2 or \$1.4 mil-
lion. 2) Lower the spillway. 3)
Drain, dredge, and build in a
fuse plug spillway. 4) Emer-
gency response plan. 5)
Possibility of a permanent
variance.

Stephen Brown questioned
the possibility of a variance
from TNRCC to allow the Up-
per Colorado River and the
City of Robert Lee time to fol-
low Senate Bill I that may allow
funds to be available to river
authorities, water districts, and
municipalities (2 to 3 years).

Following discussion of
such variance a mutual
agreement was reached that
the Dam Safety Team will pro-
vide a memo of understand-
ing to the UCRA and the City
of Robert Lee stating the fol-
lowing: 1) An emergency re-
sponse plan will be prepared
and in action by August 1,
1997. This must be a well
maintained warning system.
Public hearings will be held.
2) A seven (7) year adminis-
trative variance on the compli-
ance with the Dam Safety
Provisions. During this time
the UCRA and the City of
Robert Lee will do some
planning and research. This
variance will allow time for pas-
sage of Senate Bill I, which will
provide potential funding for
new reservoirs and a study
grant for Mountain Creek. It
will also allow time for Lake
E.V. Spence to correct the
chloride content, thus improv-
ing water quality with the po-
tential of rainfall and runoff.

There being no further
business, the meeting was
adjourned.



**Medical miracles
start with research**

*We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to
family and friends who did so much in our time of
sorrow. Many thanks for all the visits and phone
calls to the hospital. Thanks for all the beautiful
flowers, foods, cards, and words of encouragement. A
special thanks to everyone who stayed at the hospital.
Thanks to the family members who sang at the funeral.
Thanks to Revs. Blackmon and Rogers for their
comforting words.*

Most of all thanks for your prayers.

*May God Bless Each of You,
Raymond A. Bloodworth
Raynelle Askins & Family
Carl Bloodworth & Family
Lonnie Bloodworth & Family
Charles & Dena Bloodworth*



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Landscape checklist for April

Be ready to thin your peach crop. While it may sound severe, you'll need to remove 70 percent of the peaches off each tree if you want to keep your tree healthy and harvest a good crop. A rule of thumb to thinning used by peach growers is to place your thumb on a peach and thin any peaches you can reach in all directions with your hand. The best time to start thinning peaches is when peaches are 1/2 inch in diameter. On the average, you will have thinned enough when there are about 500 peaches left on a mature tree. If you don't get your crop down to this level, your peaches won't be as tasty as they could be and the limbs may be subject to damage during storms or high winds. Poorly thinned crops can also have an adverse affect on the overall health of your peach trees.

Your young pecan trees can be fed now with ammonium nitrate fertilizer. Two-year old trees can be given 1 pound per tree per month for the next three months. Be sure to spread the fertilizer evenly around each tree, making sure to keep it away from the trunk. Always follow each feeding with a thorough

drenching of the soil, watering the fertilizer in thoroughly.

The middle of the month is also the time to start spraying your pecan trees with zinc sulfate or zinc nitrate. If your trees are less than 5 or 6 years old, spray them every two weeks from mid April to early August. Older trees only need three treatments which should be applied at even intervals between mid April and early August. Avoid spraying any other plants with zinc, as it can damage them. It's not a good idea to spray on a windy day, as even the drift from this zinc spray can cause harm.

April is the first month to start feeding your warm season lawn. Grasses such as St. Augustine, Bermuda, Zoysia and Buffalo are examples of the warm season grasses which can be fed now. Since these grasses are starting to grow, they'll be ready to use the food you put down for them. Be sure to follow label directions as you're feeding your lawn. Too much fertilizer can damage or even kill your lawn, so don't overdo it. Once you've applied your favorite fertilizer, be sure to water it in thoroughly. Fertilizers with added iron can stain sidewalks and other hard surfaces if it gets wet -- be careful!

Ostrich Assn. meeting slated

The first West Texas Ostrich Association Seminar for the Big Country will be Saturday, June 7, 1997, in Eastland, Texas, at Grandpaw's Smokehouse. A buffet lunch will be served from 11:30-12:30.

Following lunch, Paul Thomas, DVM, will be speaking to the group. Booths will be available to display participants Ostrich products. Early bird registration is prior to May 25.

For more information on the meeting and booth rental, contact Glenda Cunningham at (817) 647-1313.

Frank Knox, U. S. Secretary of Navy, on Dec. 4, 1941: "Whatever happens, the U. S. Navy is not going to be caught napping."

RLISD board minutes

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Education met in regular session on April 17, 1997, at 6:30 pm. All members were present. The following business was conducted:

*Minutes of previous meeting and bills were approved.

*May 5, 1997, 6:30 pm was set to canvass votes of May 3 election.

*Approval was granted for Supt. Hood to request three

waiver days of instruction for additional staff development during the 1997-98 school year.

*The SBDM committee's proposed calendar for 1997-98 school year was approved.

*Approval was given for Robert Lee ISD to participate in ESC XV's Texas Goals 2000 Reading grants.

*The District Improvement Plan was approved.

*Mr. Grim and Supt. Hood discussed summer maintenance work along with proposed renovations to old gym.

*The 1996-97 budget was amended for additional maintenance.

*Budget procedures for 1997-98 were discussed.

*The resignation of R.L. Coates was board approved.

*Personnel vacancy updates were given.

*Reports from high school principal and superintendent were given.

*Meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 15, 1997.

CC RTA meets

Twenty-two members attended the noon luncheon of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association. The meeting was held Monday, April 21, 1997, at the First



Blackwell High School student, Kallie Lisso, and science teacher, Janet Lisso, have been chosen to attend the 37th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at UT Austin, June 3-6. They will be among 400 outstanding Texas high school science students and teachers attending the sessions and will tour some of the finest scientific facilities available and attend lectures and workshops conducted by leading professionals in the scientific field.

West Texas Utilities Company is one of the sponsoring companies in the Foundation and will pay all expenses for 50 students and teachers from their service area. According to WTU area business manager, Kevin McMahon, "the symposium is a chance for WTU to help students and teachers learn more about science and energy outside the classroom."

Baptist Church in Bronte.

C.B. Barbee, president, presided at the business meeting. Members voted to honor former member, Irene Newell, with a memorial to the Building Trust Fund.

Committee reports were from Paul Gothard, legislative chairman, and Jean Fancher, Building Trust Fund chairman.

Four members plan to attend the leadership session in Stephenville on May 9. They are: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Janet Wommack, and Paul Gothard.

The next meeting will be

May 19, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Members attending were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Norma Barker, Jamie Boren, Cela Bowden, J.J. Bowden, Oleta Braswell, Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, J.T. Henry, Sybil Henry, Mary Lawhon, Ida Lou Oliphant, Kenneth Rasco, Fay Roe, Gerald Sandusky, Bettye Smith, Joe Smith, Janet Wommack, and Lee Wommack.



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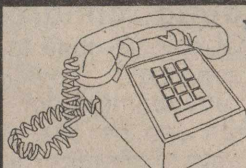
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Paint Creek Marina

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The deacons of Bronte's First Baptist Church sponsored a special banquet Saturday, April 19, in the church's fellowship hall. Honored guests at the banquet were "God's Special Women". These ladies are members of the church who are widows. Sixteen ladies were able to participate in this year's banquet. A delicious meal was served, complemented by beautiful decorations on the tables and around the room. Each honored guest received a corsage from the deacons. Special entertainment was provided by Rev. Bill Campbell, pastor from Kermit, Texas. He played the guitar, sang, and shared humorous stories. This banquet is an annual event and offers the deacons an opportunity to share in a special time of ministry and love with these very special ladies.

Homestead exemptions reduce tax bills

Homeowners can reduce their property tax bills by taking advantage of exemptions. Application forms are available at the Coke County Appraisal District office. Chief Appraiser, Patsy Dunn, informs homeowners who have never received exemptions on their homes in which they were living on January 1, 1997, and those who became 65 or disabled during 1996, must apply this year to receive exemptions for 1997. Homeowners must file signed, completed applications at the appraisal office by April 30.

A homeowner's principal residence and yard are considered the residence homestead for exemption purposes. A property must meet four tests set by law to qualify. The person or persons claiming the exemption must own the property on January 1; the property must be designed or adapted for human residence; the owner must use the property as a residence; and the property must be the principal residence of an owner who qualifies for the exemption. A mobile home, even on leased land, can qualify for the exemption if it meets the four tests.

Texas law provides several types of exemptions for homeowners. For school tax purposes, there is a \$5000 general homestead exemption for all homeowners and an additional \$10,000 exemption for those 65 or older or disabled.

The school tax exemption for those 65 or older provides a special property tax "ceiling" for school taxes. While the market value of an elderly person's home may fluctuate with the market, the school taxes

cannot increase above the tax amount in the first year that person qualified for the exemption.

The ceiling can increase, however, if the owner adds an improvement, other than normal maintenance or repair. When that happens, the new improvement is taxed at its current value and the current tax rates. The new taxes are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

If an elderly homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may apply to keep the school tax ceiling if he/she was at least 55 years of age when the older spouse died.

The ceiling does not apply to taxes levied by the county, city or other taxing units. An elderly homeowner who has not previously received the over-65 exemption must apply for it by April 30, Mrs. Dunn said. To qualify, the homeowner must be 65 or older on January 1, 1997.

Coke County, Robert Lee ISD, and Bronte ISD each give a local-option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. They exempt 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. The dollar amount of this exemption for any home must equal at least \$5000.

Coke County also gives a \$3000 general homestead exemption on the portion of the county tax levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control.

East Coke County Hospital District grants an optional exemption on the homesteads of elderly or disabled residents in the amount of \$10,000 off the appraised value. If the over-65 homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may apply to keep the exemption if he/she is at least 55 years old and owns and lives in the home.

Just From Jan

by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Choking and young children

What can be done to prevent choking? Providing a safe environment for your children can be one of the best ways to minimize choking hazards. For example, keep batteries, paper clips, small toy parts and figures, nails and screws, coins, keys, balloons, marbles, and jewelry out of reach of small children. Prevent your toddler from playing with toys that are age-graded for his or her older brothers and sisters, and be sure these toys are stored out of reach of your young child. If you are unsure about the age appropriateness of a toy, call the manufacturer and discuss your concerns.

Foods pose a special choking risk for children. Firm foods provide a particular danger to young children. Feed your toddler only firm foods that have been completely chopped. Infants and young children don't always chew their food well, so always cut it for them. Be especially careful when serving hard candies, nuts and raisins, chunks of meat, hot dogs, raw carrots, and grapes. Also, have your child eat at the table, don't let him run around while eating and don't let older brothers and sisters feed him. Be sure to discuss these safety rules with anyone who watches over your young child.

MDA seeks camp volunteers

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is currently seeking applications from people who would like to volunteer for a week as counselors at the MDA summer camp in Happy, Texas.

Each volunteer will act as a companion to a camper, a child or teenager, during the camp session to be held June 1 - June 6. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and able to lift a child.

"Camp is the highlight of the summer for the campers and many volunteers. It is one week of the year when youngsters with muscle-wasting disorders are fully able to participate in a wide range of group outdoor activities that are tailored for their limited mobility," said Donna Veach, MDA Staff Camp Coordinator. "This camp has a relaxed atmosphere which allows campers to develop self-confidence and form lifelong friendships."

More than 4,000 campers are expected to attend MDA camps this year. With the help of one-on-one volunteers, campers will enjoy arts, crafts, sports, recreation and nature activities.

MDA is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for 40 neuromuscular diseases affecting more than a million Americans. The Association receives no governmental grants, nor does it seek fees from the families it serves.

For more information or to volunteer, call the local MDA office at 806-793-5632 or MDA national headquarters at 1-800-572-1717. Information about MDA programs and research advances is also available electronically through the MDA Forum CompuServe ("GO MDA") and its homepage on the Internet (<http://www.mdausa.org>).

Preventing childhood eye problems

Parents are often the first line of defense in preventing childhood eye problems.

While some deficiencies can be detected before a newborn leaves the hospital, other conditions, including misalignment of the eyes or strabismus, take time to develop.

"Misalignment of the eyes is the most common, potentially serious pediatric vision problem we see," said Dr. Paul Steinkuller, an assistant professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It occurs in two to four percent of the pediatric population."

Although some misalignment of the eyes can be normal in infants during the first six months of life, if the condition persists, parents should have the infant examined by a pediatrician.

"Heredity factors are the cause for some cases of strabismus, but it could also be caused by farsightedness, damage to nerves in the eye or a tumor in the eye," said Steinkuller.

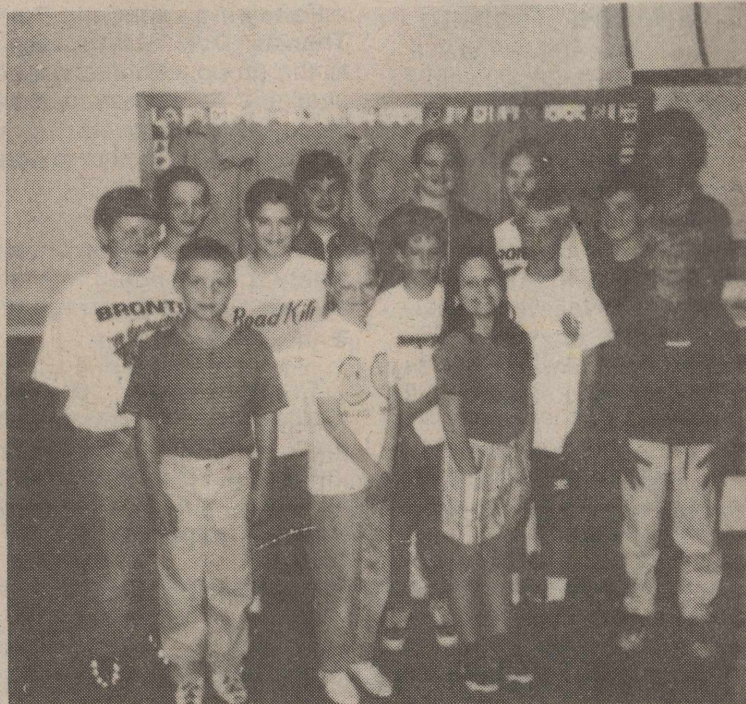
"If not corrected at an early age, it could lead to loss of vision in one eye."

Treatment for strabismus depends on the cause.

"Surgery is usually required if the problem is caused by nerve damage or a tumor," said Steinkuller. "Glasses will often realign the eyes in a child who has strabismus caused by farsightedness."

Parents should also be aware of how an infant "fixes and follows." As early as six weeks of age, a baby with healthy eyes will be able to follow a parent's eyes and hands as they move. If this is not happening, parents should consult a doctor.

Even if parents do not notice problems with their child's vision, Steinkuller says it is vital that eye exams be part of an infant's regular check-ups at the pediatrician's office.



The "A" Honor Roll Luncheon for the 5th 6 weeks for Bronte Elementary students was recently held at the Homemaking Cottage. Students honored were Cody Blaylock, Jenna Herold, Kayla Hilliard, Michael Johnson, Heather Richey, Jonathan Tomes, Joel Webb, Jeremy Compton, Jesse Herold, Garrett Jackson, Calli Johnson, Ashley McCutchen, and Cody Moore.

Vicki McCutchen, Bronte ISD Counselor, was the guest speaker and talked to the kids about career pathways and how they should be thinking about choosing a career and planning their educational goals for that career. Others attending were Marty Blair, Jody Garmon, Pat Lee, and Heather Lee.