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"Christmas Dream" is theme

The holiday celebration in Bronte this year will begin Saturday, December 6, with the annual Christmas Parade. The theme is "A Christmas Dream". Prizes will be given to the winning floats and to each participating youngster. For more information on the parade, contact Pat Lee at 473-4881.

Following the parade, local merchants will be open for Christmas shopping, and several organizations will have food booths downtown. Everyone will enjoy all the bargains and great food.

The climax of the day will be the Christmas program at the school auditorium at 5:00. Kathy Howell is producing this

Youth to carol for canned goods

If you live in the city of Robert Lee, you might be carolled this Saturday evening between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

A couple of teams of teens from Southside Church of Christ will be competing to see who can collect the most canned goods. They may knock at your door to ask for a can of food in exchange for their singing a carol. Hopefully you'll join in the fun and give them a canned good.

All the canned goods collected will be taken to the Courthouse on Monday to be distributed to needy families in our community.

year's show, "A Christmas Dream". The first of the weekly prize drawings will be held at the conclusion of the program.

Filings begin for local elections

Filings for county and state offices began on Wednesday, December 3, in Coke County and around the state. All those interested in filing for public office have until the January 2nd deadline to file for those elected offices with expired terms.

Democratic hopefuls may contact County Democratic Chairman Patti Ivey at 453-2582 in Robert Lee, to file the necessary forms to get your name on the ballot. Republican candidates should contact County Republican Chairman Kathy Pentecost at 453-2920, for more information on filing in the Republican primary.

General Primary election date has been set for March 10, 1998. Names and other information concerning office seekers will be published at a later date.

Angel Tree

Pick up your ANGEL soon at the Robert Lee State Bank, Carousel, Ace Hardware, Molly B's, or Coke County Pharmacy. Gift wrap it and return the angel with the gift by December 19th., and make Christmas special for a child.



Bronte Independent School District Elementary and Secondary campuses were honored with awards during a recent assembly. Bronte Mayor Martin Lee (left) is shown with Representative Rob Junell, (from left) Secondary Principal Rick Howell, Superintendent Alan Richey, PTA President David Rawlings, Frank Sanders, President of First National Bank of Bronte, and Elementary Principal Terry Marrs.

BISD campuses honored

The Bronte PTA sponsored a special assembly honoring the Bronte Independent School District Wednesday, November 26. Representative Robert Junell was guest speaker.

Certificates of Exemplary Ratings were presented to the Bronte Elementary and Secondary Schools from Region XV Service Center. The First National Bank of Bronte presented special plaques to each school.

Christmas Drawings start this Saturday

Only three weeks till Christmas! Time for the Christmas drawings to begin. Be sure to register for the weekly drawings at participating Bronte merchants. Look for the signs in participating store windows.

The first drawing will be held December 6, with the second and third being held December 13 and 20.

Hutchison to attend meeting

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will attend the town hall meeting on December 9 at Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, at 3:00 pm.

For more information contact Pat at City Hall at 473-3501.

Bloodworth named Masonic Lodge award winner

Hayrick Masonic Lodge #696 of Robert Lee met recently and recognized one of their members with a special award. Mr. Allen Bloodworth, who ranches near Silver, was presented the Masonic Golden Trowel Award by Worshipful Master Donald Robertson. Mr. Bloodworth, a Past Master and a 50 year Mason, was chosen for this award because of his loyalty and faithfulness toward Masonry and his fellow man. This part of Texas is a better place because of individuals like Allen.

The Golden Trowel Award is recognized throughout Masonry worldwide as an individual achievement award for making the community a better place for everyone.

Past recipients of the Golden Trowel Award have been Mr. Bob Large and Mr. O. B. Jacobs.

Gospel Singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, December 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

Christmas Lighting Contest detailed

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the Christmas decorating contest. This year YOU will be the judges. The Chamber hopes that everyone will take the time to ride around and pick their favorite home and business decorations.

On December 17 from 6 pm til 8 pm, stop by the Mini Park to pick up a cup of hot chocolate and your ballot. Ballots should be returned to the Mini Park by 8:30 pm. Some merchants will be open for late night shopping. Check your local merchants to determine who will be open for late night shopping.

O/E Christmas Greetings

It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! The O/E would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose yours.

In the next two weeks, we will try to contact those who placed greetings last year. However, if we miss you, please let us know.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Dec. 16. They will be printed in the December 19 edition of the O/E.



The Robert Lee High School Choir performed during the Open House at Robert Lee State Bank Wednesday morning, December 3. A large crowd was present to hear the choir's excellent performance.

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Death Notices

Varnadore

Morris G. Varnadore, 76, of Houston and formerly of Robert Lee, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 1997, at his residence.

Graveside services were held Thursday, December 4, 1997, in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

RL Care Center hosts traditional Thanksgiving

The Robert Lee Care Center hosted the annual resident-family traditional Thanksgiving lunch on Sunday, November 23 at the facility. In addition to the residents and staff, sixty-eight family members and guests were present for the delicious meal, topped off by desserts brought by family members. Much good visiting took place among those in attendance before and after the meal.

On Tuesday, November 25, Frances Lindsey displayed four of her hand-made quilts during a surprise activity at Robert Lee Care Center. Frances brought a double wedding ring quilt in blues; a flower basket quilt of red, white, and green; a sample quilt with maroon hearts; and a calendar quilt with blocks depicting each month of the year in a variety of blended colors.

Those present at the "mini-show" were amazed at the beautiful color coordination and the meticulous hand-stitches which most believed were machine made. Everyone enjoyed the viewing, and Frances promised to come again with different quilts that she has completed.

BISD hosting Book Fair

Bronte School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair this week, December 1 through December 5 from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm each day.

This reading event features the newest titles from over 100 publishers and presents students, parents, and teachers a golden opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for school-age readers.

Don't miss the Scholastic Book Fair being held this week at Bronte School, Dec. 1 through Dec. 5. Admission is free. Call 473-2511 for more information.

Survivors include his wife, Ella Dee Wilson Varnadore of Houston; two sons, DeWayne Varnadore of Tyler and David Varnadore of Houston; a daughter, D'Ann Arnold of Houston; two brothers, H. C. Varnadore of Fort Smith, Ark., and J. Cue Varnadore of Seabrook; a sister, Lynn Doris Smith of Robert Lee; seven grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

ECC Amb. Service contributions noted

The East Coke County Ambulance Service reports the following contributions received in November, 1997:

Donations

Central Baptist Church WMA

Memorials

Valeria Parker
Jack & Earline Moore,

LeDrew & Bobbie Arrott

Lillie Richards

Jack & Earline Moore

Rudy Phillips

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Charles & Margaret

Timmons, Maude Collins,

Royce Dean Clark, and Bobby

& Thelma Duncan

Virginia Boatright

Bobby & Thelma Duncan,

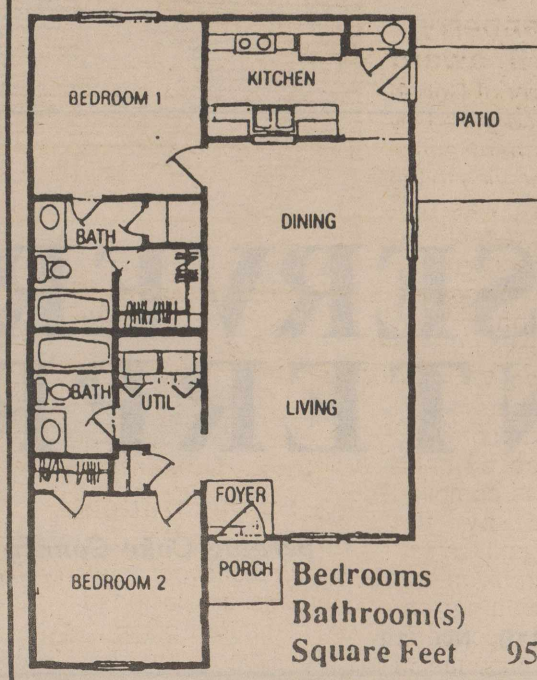
Oleta Braswell, Richard & Mary

Louise Way, LeDrew &

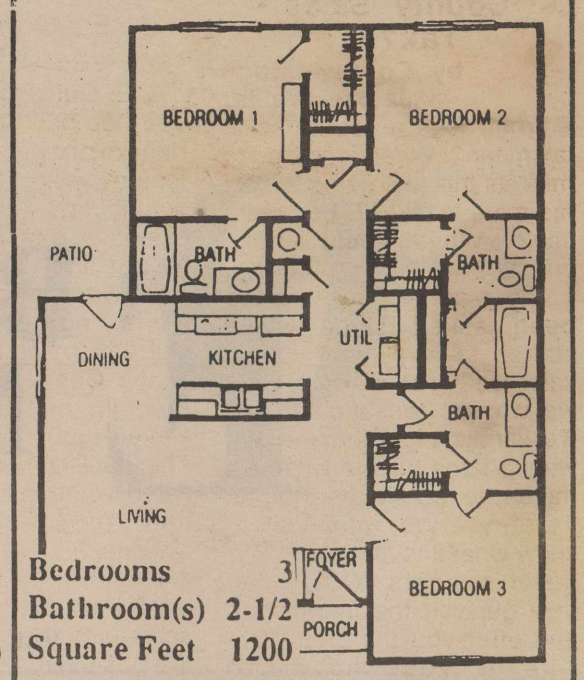
Bobbie Arrott, E. E. Brice,

Jack & Earline Moore, and

James & Novella Lee.



Bedrooms 2
Bathroom(s) 2
Square Feet 950



Bedrooms 3
Bathroom(s) 2-1/2
Square Feet 1200

Pictured above are the floor plans for the new two and three bedroom

apartments scheduled to be built to accommodate

the increased housing needs in Bronte.

City of Bronte to build housing units

A Housing Finance Corporation has been created by the Bronte City Council through a program made available by the Texas Housing Finance Corporation Act, Chapter 394, Texas Local Government Code.

Bronte is working with a corporation for the filing of the necessary documents and the construction of at least 24 two and three bedroom units. The units will be built on location with slab foundations, lumber construction, and brick veneer.

These units will be strictly rental for all income levels or status.

Personal

Guests for the long holiday weekend with Joan Davis in Robert Lee were Mike and Cynthia Davis and Nadine Davis, all of Abilene; Dubb and Billie Wallace of Fort Worth; Jim Wallace and son Ty of Buda; and Larry Reed and twin sons Chase and Dane of Comanche, Oklahoma.

The family enjoyed ample holiday food, TV football, and deer hunting. They harvested three bucks including a fine, heavy 10-pointer with a 17 1/2 inch spread.

The City Council is very pleased about this project. Additional rental property has been needed the last few years due to getting the Juvenile Justice Center and other things where there has been an increased need for housing.

Construction is expected to begin in February or March, 1998.

Personal

Kim and Hal Spain of Robert Lee hosted Hal's children over the Thanksgiving holidays. Christi Lynn had flown in from New York City, and Wade Spain drove down from Lubbock.

Christi is the proverbial "starving" actress who waits tables in Brooklyn. She is just getting a start in "the big apple", and has appeared in two off-Broadway productions. Wade is a senior business management major at Texas Tech, where he works parttime at a Lubbock lawfirm.

CC Sheriff's Department busy over holidays

On October 28, 1997, Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Sailer stopped a vehicle at the intersection of Hwy 158 and FM 2034 that was involved in a burglary at Water Valley High School. Further investigation showed that the suspects were involved with up to three burglaries in Tom Green County, two in Sterling County, and up to four burglaries in Howard County. Law officers from numerous counties have been in contact with the Coke County Sheriff's Office and the two suspects that were arrested may be involved with burglaries in approximately twenty-one counties.

The Sheriff's Department also recovered two stolen vehicles over the holiday weekend. One vehicle was stolen in Tom Green County and the other was stolen in Ballinger.

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To the Voters of West Coke County - - -

**I am a candidate for re-election as
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influence and support in the March 10,
1998, Democratic Primary.**

**Thank you,
Joan Davis**

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Joan Davis, PO Box 396, Robert Lee, TX 76945

County Sales Tax???

by County Judge Jackie Walker

What does a county sales tax mean? What does it do to me? Is this just going to cost me more in taxes? Do I get a say? When would it take effect?

These are all questions I've been asked since we've started talking about county sales tax. That is exactly what we wanted (questions), and we want you to ask more. We want a large turnout when we have the public hearing in January. We want you to know what it is all about. The commissioners' Court can only get you the information and offer you the chance to vote -- **you have to decide.**

A county sales tax means that anything that is taxable under the sales tax law and is sold in the county, the county would collect 1/2%. This does not include the vehicles you buy -- that is a different tax. Robert Lee currently pays 7.25%, and Bronte pays 7.75%.

The sales tax was allowed to the counties to help reduce the property tax. The first year this goes into effect the state will estimate the amount the county will collect, and this is the amount the county will have to reduce your property taxes. The amount you save or it cost you is going to depend on how much money you spend on sales tax items and how large your property tax is. I'm not going to try to tell you it will make you pay less, as it affects all differently. It was set up to do that. I'm sure, we do help Tom Green County lower their taxes with all that Coke County spends there. Maybe we could get some help from somewhere else.

Yes, you do get a say and hopefully everyone will take advantage of this opportunity. This would be put on the ballot for you to vote on. At this time the court has not definitely decided to put it on the ballot. They want to hear what you have to say about it. So, once again you have a chance to stop it from even getting on the ballot, or to have it put on the ballot, whichever you want. If the court decides to move forward with this, it would be voted on. If passed, it would be effective October 1, 1998.

Study the issue, ask questions, and please let us know what you think. We are here to do what you want.

Personal

Turner and Eyvonne Lee, of Bronte, were hosts for Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 27, 1997. Visitors in their home were Bill and Shelia Hilliard and Rachel Johnson, all of Ballinger; Eric Hilliard of Seguin; Gladys and Loyd Keese, Jon and Kim Lee, and Jeffrey and Shane Jones, all of Maverick; Jeff, Kim, and Kolby Lee and Chris Keller, all of Bronte; Barbara Brock of Norton; Doyle and Mary Joe Thompson of Arlington; and Sandra, Crissy, Jennifer, and Kayla Scaramuzzo and guest, Donna Hankins, all of Clyde.

J. E. Quisenberry receives NWS award

J. E. Quisenberry of Robert Lee has been recognized by the National Weather Service for forty years of service to the community. J. E. was presented a plaque recently to honor his years of service.

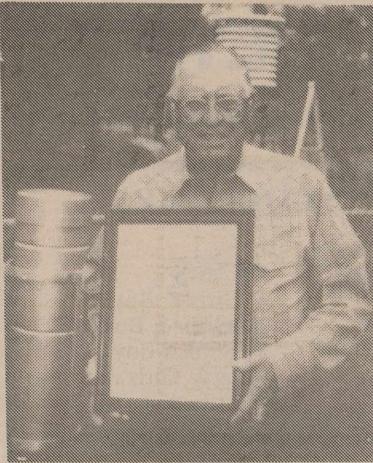
In a letter to the newspaper, it is noted that: "Mr. Quisenberry is a valuable part of the Cooperative Weather Program that numbers nearly eleven thousand nationwide. The date collected by dedicated volunteers is compiled and processed by the National Climatic Data Center, where it is then archived and published. The weather observations taken by cooperative observers are important in helping solve some of the everyday problems of industry, commerce, and agriculture."

"We, at the National Weather Service, are very proud of the Cooperative Weather Program and grateful to Mr. Quisenberry and all of the dedicated volunteers who give some of their time every day to make the program work."

Thanksgiving gathering held

The family of the late Marvin and Johnnie Turner gathered at their farmhouse in Norton, Texas, on Sunday, November 30, 1997, to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Thirty-four people enjoyed a great meal and many hours of visiting.

Those attending were Billy Ren, Becky, Nathan, and Brandon Lee, and guest, Rachel Wilson, all of Ft. Worth; Sandra, Crissy, Jennifer, and Kayla Scaramuzzo of Clyde; Sandy Taylor of Abilene; Barbara Brock of Norton; Sue Ann Keller, Randall Underwood and guest, Nancy Shilling, all of Dallas; Jeff, Kim, and Kolby Lee, Turner and Eyvonne Lee, and Chris Keller, all of Bronte; Jon and Kim Lee, and Jeffrey and Shane Jones of Maverick; Mannie, Kathy, Ashley, and Chelsea Turner of Hennessey, Oklahoma; Marva Jean Underwood of Winters; Katie Turner of Kingfisher, Oklahoma; Billy and Shirley Turner of Dover, Oklahoma; and Dean and Clara Lee Pitchford of Hennessey, Oklahoma.



J. E. Quisenberry Local students named to Who's Who

A total of twenty-seven area students are included in the 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97% are college bound.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Area students selected include:

Bronte

Cara Barnett, David Scott, Miranda Scott, Keith Treadaway, Holly McDuffie, Dustin Scott, and Jason Silva.

Robert Lee

B. J. Bessent, Daryl Calder, Dustin Clendennen, Rebecca Emert, Rissa Gregston, Meagan Hill, Chad Leugers, Chris Woods, Eli Boxell, Daniel Cates, Brandy Cunningham, Lori Eubanks, Chad Helwig, Jessica Key, and Jerrod Pitcock.

Blackwell

Carye Adkins, Julie Dolan, B. J. Marshall, Jacob Beck, and Kallie Lisso.

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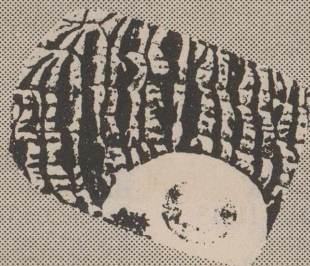
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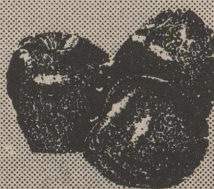
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

1997-98 Bronte Basketball Schedule High School

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE	TEAMS
Dec. 4, 5, 6	Ballinger Tournament Wall JV Tournament Colorado City Freshman Tournament			V Girls & Boys JV Girls & Boys Freshman Boys
Dec. 9	Highland	4:00	There	JV & V Girls & Boys
Dec. 11, 12, 13	Robert Lee Tournament Rotan Tournament Novice Tournament			V Boys V Girls JV Boys
Dec. 12	Miles	5:00	Here	JV Girls & Boys
Dec. 15	Lohn	4:00	Here	JV & V Girls & Boys
Dec. 19	Eden	4:00	Here	JV Girls & Boys
	Loraine	6:30	Here	V Girls & Boys
Jan. 2	Roby	4:00	Here	JV & V Girls & Boys
Jan. 6	Blackwell	4:00	Here	JV & V Girls & Boys
Jan. 8, 9, 10	Christoval Tournament			V Girls & Boys
Jan. 10	Bronte JV Tournament			JV Girls & Boys
Jan. 12	Wall	6:30	Here	Freshman Boys
Jan. 13	Miles	4:00	Here	JV & V Girls & Boys
Jan. 16	Open			
Jan. 20	Eden	5:00	There	JV & V Girls & Boys
Jan. 23	Water Valley *	4:00	Here	JV & V Girls & Boys
Jan. 27	Robert Lee *	4:00	There	JV & V Girls & Boys
Jan. 30	Sterling City *	4:00	There	JV & V Girls & Boys
Feb. 2	Wall	6:30	Here	Freshman Boys
Feb. 3	Water Valley *	4:00	There	JV & V Girls & Boys
Feb. 6	Robert Lee *	4:00	Here	JV & V Girls & Boys
Feb. 10	Sterling City *	4:00	Here	JV & V Girls & Boys

* District Games

Junior High

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE	TEAMS
Dec. 8	Blackwell	5:00	Here	A Girls & Boys
Dec. 11, 13	Bronte JH Tournament			A Girls & Boys
Jan. 8	Robert Lee	5:00	There	A & B Girls & Boys
Jan. 12	Sterling City	5:00	There	A & B Girls & Boys
Jan. 19	Water Valley	5:00	There	A & B Girls & Boys
Jan. 22, 24	Water Valley "A" Tournament			A Girls & Boys
Jan. 26	Garden City	5:00	There	A & B Girls & Boys
Jan. 31	Robert Lee "B" Tournament			B Girls & Boys
Feb. 2	Open			
Feb. 9	Robert Lee	5:00	Here	A & B Girls & Boys

Longhorns post B'ball results

Bronte High School Longhorns defeated Highland with a score of 62-40. The stats were Michael Martinez with 7 points and 5 assists, Casey Gibbs with 10 points and 8 assists, and Michael Sallee with 12 points and 5 rebounds. Scott Graves shot for 6 points and had 3 steals. Rodney Adams put in 19 points and had 12 rebounds and 4 steals. Trey Holland scored 2 points, Dustin Holland had 4 points and 6 rebounds, and Zeb Speary added 2 points.

The Longhorns lost to Merkel with a score of 35-77. Michael Martinez scored 3 points, Michael Sallee 3 points, and Scott Graves 9 points. High scorer Rodney Adams put in 17 points with 7 rebounds and 3 assists, with Dustin Scott adding 3 points.

The Varsity Longhorns defeated Blackwell with a score of 45-39. Michael Martinez scored 7 points with 6 assists, Casey Gibbs scored 7 points, Michael Sallee scored 5 points with 12 rebounds, and Scott Graves scored 5 points with 4 assists. Rodney Adams scored 7 points with 7 rebounds, Dustin Scott scored 7 points, Dustin Holland scored 1 point, and Jerrod McClure scored 3 points.

The Junior Varsity Longhorns defeated Blackwell 40-26. Josh Schoenfield scored 11 points for high point honors. Wes Howell scored 5 points., Tim Green scored 6 points, Brandon Gibbs scored 5 points, Henry White scored 9 points, and Ricky Sanchez and Randy Johnson scored 2 points each.

The Freshman Longhorns

won their game over Wall, 70-22. Tim Green took high scoring honors with 18 points. Henry White was next high pointer with 16. Ryan McCorkle and Brandon Gibbs each added 10 points, Josh Schoenfield scored 7 points, Jeremy Silva scored 6 points and Anthony Gibbs scored 3 points.

BJH B'Ball results listed

On November 17, the Bronte Junior High Shorthorns 7th grade team lost to the Sterling City Eagles 18-8. Joel Webb scored 6 points and James Graves scored 2 points. Other 7th

grade team members include, Cody Blaylock, Lyndon Butler, Sampson Booker, Jonathan Tones, Kevin Huddleston, and Michael Johnson.

Bronte Junior High Shorthorns 8th grade team defeated the Sterling City Eagles 51-24. Lorenzo DeLaGarza scored 23 points, Steve Eldred scored 19, and Gene Butts scored 9. Other team members include Joey Rhodes, Cory English, Albert Sanchez, James Green, and Anthony Flores.

On Monday, November 24, the 7th grade team were defeated by the Garden City Bearkats 15-12. Lyndon

Butler scored 5 points, while Joel Webb scored 4, James Graves scored 2 points and Cody Blaylock scored 1.

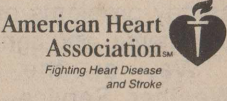
The 8th grade team lost to the Bearkats 30-28. Steve

Eldred scored 19 points, Lorenzo DeLaGarza scored 5 points, and Gene Butts scored 4.

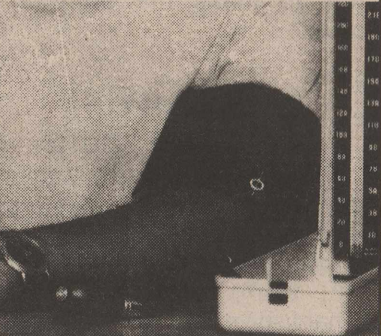
All District V'Ball selections told

The selections for the 1997 volleyball All district team include Bonnie DeLaughter and Brittany Barrett on the first team, Courtney Arrott and Nicole Butts on the second team and honorable mentions Stacie McKee, Sommer Beck, Tammy Lowe, and Kala Arrott.

The All District Academic team, requiring an 85% average or better, includes Sommer Beck, Yvette Bedell, Nicole Butts, Courtney Arrott, Cara Barnett, and Stacie McKee.



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Outdoor Education Fund off to great start

The Robert Lee Outdoor Education Fund is off to a great start. Members of the fourth grade classes have been selling cookies each Friday.

Along with the excitement of attending the H.E.B. camp in Leakey next May, the fourth graders are learning about raising money, making change, and working as a team. The cookie sales are good lessons in economics, as well as being a big hit at school.

With just four Fridays of sales, the Robert Lee Outdoor Education Fund is up to 588.00. The project goal is 2,000.00 to send the fourth grade class and sponsors to the educational camp next May.

RLJH "A" teams defeat Blackwell

The Robert Lee Junior High "A" teams, both boys and girls, visited the Blackwell basketball court on November 24, with both teams coming away with a win.

The "A" boys took a 32-26 win, with Brady Bolding nabbing the high point scorer title with 13, followed by Casey Eubanks with 9, Charles Abalos 4, and Taylor Clendennen, Nathan Mecher, and Colby Eubanks each contributing 2.

Robert Lee's "A" girls had a somewhat easier time of it, defeating Blackwell by a 28-18 mark. High point for the girls was Jodee Helwig with 10, followed closely by Whitney Millican with 8, Shanna Wojtek 6, and Melissa Landeros 4.

RLJH Girls take two at home against Garden City

The Robert Lee Junior High girls basketball team took a couple of wins over Garden City on the home court on Monday, December 1.

In the "A" game, Whitney Millican and Jodee Helwig tied for high point with 14 each, followed by Shanna Wojtek and Melissa Landeros with 6 each. Final score was RL 40, Garden City 21.

In the "B" game, the home team defeated the visitors 29-12. Mia Lopez was high point for the RL "B's", with 14, followed by Misti Brothers and Krystal Soliz with 6 apiece, Amber Brosh 2, and Kindra Matthews 1.

RL Elem. Musical, Christmas Music set

The 4th, 5th, & 6th grade classes of Robert Lee ISD will perform the musical "Holly and Ivy League" on Tuesday, December 16, at 6:30 pm, at the school auditorium.

On Thursday, December 18, the Christmas Music and Concert will be presented at the auditorium at 7:30 pm.

Ever notice...that you can never make the right number of pancakes?

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Mr. George Brickley shared his personal collection of dinosaur bones, fossils, and gems with the Robert Lee 2nd Grade. The students found this presentation very interesting and educational.

To the Voters of Coke County:

I am a candidate for re-election as Coke County Treasurer. I would appreciate your vote in the March 10, 1998, Democratic Primary.

**Thank you,
Phelan Wrinkle**

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Phelan Wrinkle, PO Box 815, Robert Lee, TX 76945

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 8
Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Cold Cereal, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pocket, Cold Cereal, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 11
Orange Juice, Apple Fritters, Cold Cereal, Milk

Friday, Dec. 12
Orange Juice, Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Milk

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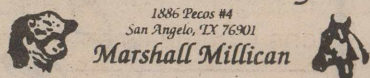
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**BJH Lady
Shorthorns B'Ball
scores told**

Bronte's 7th grade girls
gave a valiant effort against
Garden City on Monday
November 24. The game
ended in a disappointing 9-10
loss. After the Shorthorns
managed to catch up and
then push ahead by 3 early in
the 4th, Garden City com-
pleted 2 baskets to take the
lead. Melissa Walker gave the
Lady Shorthorns 7 points and
Heather Sturgill added 2
points after stealing the ball
and completing a lay up.

On Monday, December 1,
the 7th grade Lady
Shorthorns faced tough and
competitive Water Valley. The
game ended in the Wildcat fa-
vor 4-30. Kayla Hilliard and
Lindsey Williams each scored
2 points.

Bronte's 8th grade girls im-
proved their record to 2-0
against Garden City. The very
physical and brutal game
ended in favor of Bronte, 31-
20. After half-time with a
score of 7-11, the Lady
Shorthorns caught up and
broke loose in the 3rd quarter,
outscored Garden City 16 to
3. Natasha Reed scored 5
points and 2 free throws.
Lauren Williams followed
closely with 10 points, Lacy
Schoenfield and Chrissie
Counts both added 4 points,
while Kelly Cooper scored 1
point.

Bronte's 8th grade Lady
Shorthorns improved their
record to 3-0 against Water
Valley on Monday. A tough
first half ended 15-15 but the
Lady Shorthorns opened the
3rd Quarter outscoring the
Wildcats 10-4. Continuing on,
Bronte ended the game 33-
21. Lacy Schoenfield scored
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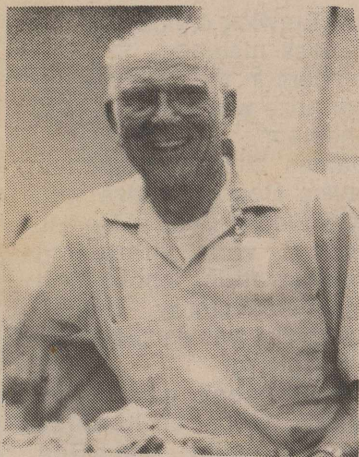
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Personal

Zola Hatley hosted Thanksgiving at her home in Robert Lee. Attending the festivities were Pat Gillit and husband Randy; Jane Wilson and husband Jim; and Mary Newman and children Leah and Michael.

She had a surprise visit from grandson Tommy Hatley of Conroe.

On January 3, 1998, Mrs. Hatley will be 92 years old and January 14, 1998, she would have been married 70 years.



Five volunteers carved fourteen Thanksgiving turkeys at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center last Wednesday in preparation for the residents' Thanksgiving dinner. Pictured are Elmer Hurley (top photo) and R. T. Caperton, Leslie Rolis, and Billy Joe Luckett (bottom photo, from left). The photos were taken by Pete Percifull. Desserts for the Thanksgiving dinner were furnished by generous volunteers in the community.

Christmas Services slated

The First Baptist Church in Bronte will be celebrating Christmas all month long. The church facilities have been decorated for the season and a special "Hanging of the Green" service was held Sunday night, November 30, as members of the church hung wreaths they had decorated. Each wreath conveys part of the meaning of Christmas in words and symbols. Those decorating the wreaths included the C. B. Barbee family, the Ray Barnett family, the Elmer Hurley family, the Elton Moore family, the Deanna Reed family, the George Snapp family, the Bruce Sonnenberg family, the High School Girls Sunday School Class (Jacque Herold, leader), the Girls in Action (Susan DeLaGarza, leader) and the Royal Ambassadors (Martin DeLaGarza, leader).

Each worship service in December will feature traditional Christmas music as well as special Christmas music presented by the church choir under the direction of music minister Dale Ellis. Pastor Morris Johnson will be presenting a series of Christmas messages entitled "What Keeps Us Going?" These messages are taken from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah and will touch on topics such as "The Comfort of God," "The Promise of God," "The Character of God," "The Greatness of God," and "The Mercy of God."

Sunday morning, December 14, will be the final service at the church for Shawn Brown. Shawn has served as youth minister at First Baptist for the last two and a half years. He will be graduating from Howard Payne University in Brownwood this semester. He will also be getting married to Kathy Jo Muirhead in Eastland on December 20.

Reynolds makes presentation

Holly Reynolds, PreKindergarten teacher at Bronte Elementary School, was one of eleven west Texas educators who made a brief presentation to U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley on Monday, November 17 in Abilene.

Reynolds spoke at the Education Summit titled "Listening and Learning Together", sponsored by U. S. Representative Charles Stenholm. The summit was held at the Abilene Civic Center. It began with a display for teachers to showcase projects and accomplishments, and was followed by a public forum in which eleven presenters, including Reynolds, offered brief overviews of their programs.

Riley accepted the invitation from Stenholm to visit the 17th Congressional District to learn more about what does and doesn't work in public schools.

Stenholm said that Secretary Riley was interested in rural schools. Stenholm stated, "We have a lot to be proud of here in rural Texas. Our educators are doing a tremendous job of preparing students for future careers and giving adults the tools they need to remain competitive in the job market. This is a golden opportunity for us to share some of our know-how with the secretary."

Mrs. Reynolds was chosen to speak at the summit because of Bronte's innovative early childhood program. In her speech she highlighted the advantages of education in rural communities like Bronte, including that "teachers have personal contact with parents".

About Bronte's integrated PreKindergarten and Prechool program for children with disabilities, Reynolds said, "By researching and consulting with teachers, parents, community members, and site-based committees, we have created a very special classroom setup designed to give 3-5 year old special needs students maximum learning time, and all four year old students a foundation for future learning."

Ortiz graduates from basic training

Rachael Ortiz graduated from basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on November 20. Out of the 270 members of her platoon, she was selected as the only member drill sergeant for that platoon group by their commanding drill sergeant.

During basic Rachael excelled as a top marksman in rifle target, grenade throwing, and fox-hole target shooting.

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Rachael was also made Pvt. First Class and received her stripes for her formal uniform and "mosquito wings" for her camouflage suit/cap.

She is now at Fort Sam Houston Army Base in San Antonio for AIT, and will be there for the next ten weeks. Thereafter they will designate her off-shore or stateside orders, where she will eventually start her field medic training and education.



Rachael P. Ortiz

Martin and Angie Basquez recently visited Rachael at Fort Leonard Wood, and enjoyed their visit there very much. Rachael is a 1997 graduate of Sweetwater High School. She resided in Bronte and attended the First Baptist Church at Bronte.

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Counts couple host Thanksgiving guests

The home of J. Q. and Beatrice Counts was the scene of a family get-together over the Thanksgiving holidays. Three of their four children and most of their grandchildren were all home together for the first time since 1990. Days were too short for all of the visiting, hiking, joy riding, hunting, game playing, movie watching, cooking (minimal), and eating (lots and lots of eating)! Nights were too short for sleeping.

Those in attendance were children Ellen and Jerry Tolbert, El Paso; Jackie Williams, Las Cruces, NM; and John and Belynda Counts, Conroe. Grandchildren present were David Tolbert, Lubbock; Beth Franklin, North Charleston, SC; Shannon, Katrina, Jessica, Micah, and Rachel Williams, Las Cruces, NM; and Mark Williams, West Point, NY. Dale Chambers of Robert Lee joined the family for Thanksgiving dinner. Also here for the holidays were Monica Arras, El Paso; and Conrad Rodriguez, Las Cruces. Friends from Anthony, TX, Greg and Nina Evans, were here Thursday and Friday. Other visitors included Bobby Jean and Ralph Johnson, Eagle Lake, TX; and Joy and Darrell Engelbrecht, Weimar, TX.

Unable to attend the festivities were Robert and Barbara Counts of Mobile, AL; and Gary Williams, Las Cruces; grandchildren John Scott Tolbert, Germany; Charlie Franklin, North Charleston, SC; and Chad and Brad Counts, Conroe.

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the bride's son, escorted his mother down the aisle. Wedding attendants were Christina Gaddy, Jessica Carrigo, Shanda Gaddy, Ardena Armijo, Nathan Daniel, and Evan Daniel. Melanie Gaddy attended the guest book. Pianist Bonita Copeland provided musical accompaniment, with selections including "Somewhere in Time", "Lara's Theme", and "The Rose". Floral arrangements were by Molly B's.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Louise Gaddy of Roswell, New Mexico; Mrs. Kara Armijo, and children Ardena and Adam, of Seattle, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gaddy and daughters Christina and Shanda, of Artesia, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Lane Shandley and sons Lance, Joseph, and Landon, of Christoval; Andrew and Jessica Carrigo of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel and sons Nathan and Evan of Austin.

A reception immediately followed the wedding ceremony in the Robert Lee Baptist fellowship hall. The double-tiered wedding cake was made by Sharon Pitcock, and the groom's cake was provided by Doris Shandley, the groom's aunt. Kara Armijo, Gayle Shandley, and Peggy Daniel served at the reception.

Euterpean Club meets at Blackwell

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met November 20 in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church.

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Lillie Burwick conducted the business meeting. She led members in the club collect. Door prize was won by Dona Sanderson.

James McKee, Customer Service Representative with Taylor Electric Coop at Merkel, gave a very interesting demonstration about the danger of electricity. The fellowship hall was decorated for Thanksgiving.

The hostess was Linda Watts, with co-hostess Sharon Taylor and Bea Murray. Other members attending were: Hulene Magness, Mary Lee, Juanita McRory, Tommie Lucas, Geneva Zarafonitis, Sue Sweet, Betty Cole, Bobbie Varnadore, Rosie TenEyck, and Margaret Stout.

RLJH Boys win two against Garden City

The Robert Lee "A" and "B" boys basketball team took the Garden City Junior High team to task on Monday night, taking the visitors for a couple of hard-fought wins.

In the "A" game, the local triumphed in overtime, 27 - 25. Colby Eubanks was high scorer with 10, Brady Bolding had 6, Taylor Clendennen and Casey Eubanks each had 5, and Samuel Minjarez rounded out the scoring with 1 for the locals.

The "B" boys had an easier time with GC, taking the win 33 - 15. Jaziel Gallegos and Stewart Millican each scored 11, tying for high point, while Travis Pitcock had 6, and Ty Gardner put in a total of 5.

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