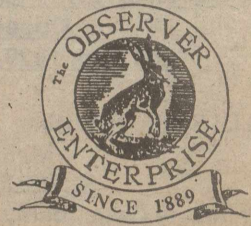


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## Jury finds Reyes guilty

Daniel Balderas Reyes was found guilty of murder last Thursday by a Coke County jury.

The eight man, four woman jury panel deliberated approximately 7 hours before finding the Tom Green County man guilty of the murder in the beating death of Ollie Green. The jury asked to have Reyes' testimony read back to them once before reaching the verdict.

After deliberating for another 2 hours during the punishment phase, the panel

### Robert Lee players named to All-District team

Despite the fact that Robert Lee's boys basketball team wasn't able to make the playoffs, several players were recognized for their outstanding efforts during the season.

Three Robert Lee team members were placed on the All-District first team. Rocky Coates, a 6'3" senior, Jerrod Pitcock, a 6' 2" senior, and Jerrod Copeland, 5' 7" senior, were all placed on the mythical team.

sentenced Reyes to a 50 year prison sentence.

This was the second trial for the 30 year old Reyes. A Tom Green County jury was unable to reach a verdict during the first trial in January, and a mistrial was declared. The trial was then moved to Coke County on a change of venue.

Reyes was charged with murder last summer after police found the man covered with blood outside the home of Green. Reyes contended that he had found Green lying on the ground outside his home and tried to help him. But several witnesses testified that they had heard no cries for help before spotting a man fitting the description of Reyes in the yard.

### Longhorns named to All District

Kale Beck and Keith Treadaway were named to the All District Basketball Team for District 26 A. Both Longhorns are seniors this year.

Senior Michael Blair, and Juniors Michael Martinez and Casey Gibbs were named to the Honorable Mention Team.



Casual water on the Mountain Creek Golf Course has been the rule rather than the exception this winter. County linksters, however, don't mind playing around the water hazards, because they know this will translate into some pretty plush greens and fairways a little later on in the spring. County ranchers and farmers can't hide their smiles, either, as this winter has proved to be one of the wettest on record.

### 4-H'ers win at San Antonio & Houston

Coke County 4-H members placed their livestock projects very well at San Antonio and Houston the past couple of weeks.

In San Antonio, Ashlee Millican placed her medium-heavy Finewool Cross 4th and her heavy Finewool 17th. At Houston, the largest stock show in the world, Ashlee had the first place medium-weight Finewool lamb, Shea Kelton placed seventh in the medium weight Limousin and Clay Antilley placed his light-weight Limousin eighth.

During these two shows, Coke County youth brought home over \$20,000 in out of county money.

### EMT training class to begin March 13

Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo, Area K Regional Advisory Council on Trauma, and the East Coke County Ambulance Service will sponsor an Emergency Medical Technician Basic Program in Bronte. The EMT-B program will begin Thursday, March 13, 1997, and last through July 1, 1997.

This program will include all necessary knowledge and

skills leading to Texas Department of Health certification. The program will be held in the Bronte First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 10 pm.

Enrollment is limited to the first twenty students. For more information, contact the Columbia EMS-LINE at (915) 947-6181.

### City of Bronte election

The City of Bronte began accepting applications on February 17 for a place on the ballot for the May 3 election. Two city council member positions will be filled.

The terms of Pete Percifull and Gerald Sandusky will be expiring.

Applications for a place on the ballot may be picked up at the City Hall during regular business hours. The last day to file for a position is March 19, 1997.

### New hours set for RL Landfill

The Robert Lee Landfill will be open Saturdays only from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. These hours are effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

### RL City Council Election

The City of Robert Lee began taking applications for a place on the May 3 ballot for three city council member positions February 17.

The terms of Beth Prather, Kim Hodge, and Kenneth Green will be expiring.

Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot may pick up an application at Robert Lee City Hall during regular business hours. The deadline to file for a position is March 19, 1997.

### Highway employees luncheon set

Retired highway employees are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 am on Monday, March 10, at Zentner's Daughters, on Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo.

The purpose of this luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to attend the luncheon.



Town & Country store manager Charlotte Crain (left) accepts the plaque from Miss Bronte's Angela Willberg as the Bronte Chamber's business of the year honoree at the annual COC banquet held Saturday evening, March 1.



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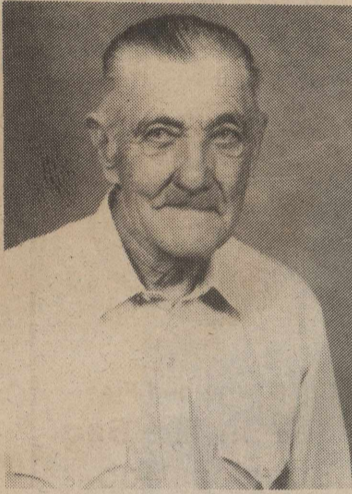
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**Obituaries**



**Parker**

Hallie Truman Parker, 91, of Bronte died Thursday, February 27, 1997, in Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service was held at 10 am Saturday, March 1, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte with Bro. Morris Johnson and Bro. R. W. Blackmon officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery with arrangements by Shaffer Funeral Home of Bronte.

Truman was born May 1, 1905, in Jackson, Mississippi, to Arthur and Minnie Lee Parker. He came to Texas with his family when he was eight years old. He lived and worked on various ranches in West and South Texas near the towns of Uvalde, Rocksprings, Georgetown, and on the Prude Ranch near Fort Davis.

Truman entered the Army during World War II at the age of 36 and served three years in the Pacific.

On October 27, 1945, Truman married Lela Sarah Warner in Bronte, Texas. Lela preceded him in death December 11, 1993. He farmed and ranched in the Bronte area for many years.

He became a member of the Kickapoo Baptist Church and was baptized in the Rock Water Hole on the Kickapoo Creek north of Bronte. This church later became Central Baptist Church. He has been a member of First Baptist Church since 1969.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Parker, and wife, Pam, of Bronte; a daughter, Ida Lee Ellis, and husband, Dale, of Ballinger; a sister, Floy Lee Nunley, and husband, Kay, of San Antonio; four grandchildren, DeAnn Grigg, and husband, Bill, of Ackerly, Michele Parker of Whitney, Danielle Parker of Bronte, and an adopted grandson, Aaron

Vickers of Copperas Cove; and two great-grandchildren, Chloe and Beau Grigg of Ackerly.

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**Lee**

Douglas Dwain Lee, 71, of Galveston, passed away Saturday, March 1, 1997, at his residence in Galveston.

Memorial service was at 2:30 pm Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Bill Zambon officiating.

Visitation was from 5 pm to 8 pm Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at Malloy & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Lee was born September 11, 1925, in Bronte, Texas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Following serving in the Coast Guard, Mr. Lee began his banking career at W. L. Moody Bank and was employed for over twenty years. He retired in 1989 as President of the Bank of Galveston after twenty-five years of service. Following retirement, he continued to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors at Bank of Galveston. A resident of Galveston for over fifty years, he was a past member of the Propeller Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy P. "Sissy" Lee, and parents, Lenard L. Lee and Imola M. Lee.

Mr. Lee is survived by daughters, Robin E. Lee of Galveston, Misty Lee Mathews and husband, Darren R. Mathews of Galveston; a son, George D. Lee, and his wife, Janet Lee of Houston; a sister, Lou Nell Jones of San Angelo; grandchildren, Colin D. Lee, Sara L. Mathews, and Nicholas "Pee Wee" Mathews; uncles, Joe Lee of Galveston and James Lee of Bronte; cousins, Dorothy Pruitt and Kenneth Scott; one niece; one nephew; and other relatives.

Honorary pallbearers were the Board of Directors at Bank of Galveston, Melvin and Velma Mallicote, Gilton Fontenot, Johnny Bember, Ray Bember, Laverne Freudensprung, Annie Evans, and Laina Sanders.

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to Hospice of Galveston County, particularly Jan Knapp, R.N.

Memorials may be sent to the Handicapped and

Retarded Citizen's Association of Galveston County or to the Hospice of Galveston County.

31B-1tc

**Lee**

A friend to all and a blessing to each life he touched, Troy Don Lee, 30, passed from our lives to join his precious Lord on Thursday, February 27, 1997.

Troy was born June 24, 1966 in San Angelo. He lived his childhood and each precious school year in Bronte, Texas. Troy was involved in school and church activities. Troy was loved by his entire community. He always had a smile on his face, a friendly manner and a love for the Lord, he shared everywhere he went.

Troy was raised by special parents, Wendell and Jeanna Lee, and together they created joyous, loving memories that will last for eternity. Troy also shared a lifetime of fun, adventure and brotherhood with his only sibling, Kerry Lee. As a son and brother, he will forever be missed.

On February 13, 1993, Troy married the love of his life, Stephanie Morris. Together God blessed them with two beautiful daughters, Bailey Ann, 3, and Skyler Dane, 1. The true love for his wife and daughters, was evident to all. His brightest smile came during precious moments spent with his three beautiful girls. Troy was a husband and father only God could make. As a friend, Troy defined loyalty, fun and caring. He will be thought of daily and missed truly.

Troy is survived by his wife, Stephanie, and two daughters, Bailey and Skyler, all of San Angelo; his parents, Jeanna and Wendell Lee of Bronte; a brother, Kerry Lee of Bronte; and his grandmothers, Zada Denman of San Angelo and Bertie Rue Lee of Ballinger.

Service was held at 3:00 pm Sunday, March 2, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with the Rev. Garry Bivins officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Robbie Cooper, T.J. Shields, Jeffery Morris, Tommy Morris, John Cervenka and Wayne Keele. Honorary pallbearers were Lane Coulter, Blane Braswell, Blake Braswell, and Mingo Patlan.

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**Screws completes basic training**

Army Pvt. John D. Screws has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Screws is the son of David E. Screws of Ozona, and Vicki L. Brothers of Robert Lee.

He is a 1995 graduate of Ozona High School, Texas.

**Death Notices**

**Dolan**

Linda Christine Dolan, age 52, of Hempstead, passed away February 7, 1997.

Services were held February 9, 1997 at 2:30 pm at Canon Funeral Home Chapel in Waller, Texas with Pastor Andy Qualls officiating. Interment followed at Salem Cemetery in Hempstead.

Linda is survived by her parents, Joe N. and Vivian Keel of San Angelo; son, Jason Groat and wife, Robbie of

Miles; daughter, Jena Qualls and husband Brad, of Hempstead; brothers, Sam Keel and wife, Judy and Joe David Keel and wife, Wynell; sister, Martha Releford and husband, James; grandchildren, Mandy, Randy, and Lindsey Qualls and Dryden Groat; grandmothers, Martha Griffin of Graham and Vivian King of Robert Lee, and numerous nieces and nephews.

**ECC EMS donations**

East Coke County Ambulance Service reports the following contributions received in February.

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- Carl Derrick**  
Billy & Charlotte Tounget.
- Henry Boatright**  
J.B. & Martha Arrott & family, Virginia Boatright.
- Vern Draper**  
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg, Royce & Jean Fancher, Wendell & Jeanna Lee, Ray & Brenda Barnett, Jimmy & Carolyn Lee, Directors, Officers & Employees of First National Bank in Bronte, Benny & Jackie Corley, Billy & Charlotte Tounget, Paul & Kay Gothard.
- Truman Parker**  
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg, Ray & Brenda Barnett, Wendell & Jenna Lee, Joni-Lynn Sportswear.

**Hardaway receives Best of Show**

Carol Hardaway of Robert Lee placed 1st in her division and won Best of Show at the Arts and Crafts division of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. Carol was among 1311 contestants in the show. Her counted cross stitch work placed first in the Counted Cross Stitch on Aida Cloth 9x12 up to 18x24 inches division. She also received Best of Show in the Adult Needlework division.

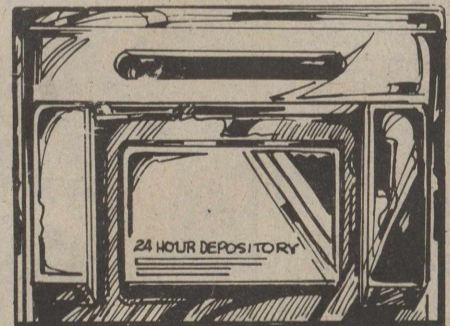
Carol stated, tongue in cheek, that she would not be entering any more works in the show, saying she preferred saving her eyesight for other things.

**Big Lake VFD**

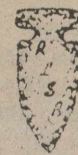
**to host festival**

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**Lucketts celebrate birthdays**

The month of February was a month for celebrating birthdays as Helen Murtishaw, Dewey Lockett, and Billy Joe Lockett were born in February.

It has been a family tradition for many years for the others to cook a big birthday dinner and cake or take everyone out to a special place to eat.

This year, Diane Lockett helped them celebrate by taking the group to Twin Mountain Steak House in San Angelo Saturday night. Joy and A. J. McDaniel joined them. The three honorees each received a small individual birthday cake with a lighted candle from the Steak House.

On Wednesday, their sister, Joy McDaniel of San Angelo, continued the celebration by taking everyone to Golden Corral for lunch. Diane came from work at GTE to join the celebration.

Those enjoying all this were Helen Murtishaw, Dewey Lockett, Billy Joe and Diane Lockett from Bronte and Joy and A. J. McDaniel of San Angelo.



Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Roe

**Lowry-Roe wed**

Michelle Mae Lowry, daughter of Wayman and Gayle Lowry of Ballinger, and T.J. Roe, son of Billy Jack and Kristy Roe of Robert Lee, were married at First Baptist Church in Ballinger, Texas, on February 14, 1997. The Reverend Jerry Howe officiated.

A Valentine theme of red and white roses and hearts decorated the church and fellowship hall for a reception following the ceremony.

Leslie Lowry, sister of the bride, served as Maid of

Honor. Attendants included Christa Gower, Velosta Pullin, Kassa Thomas, and Tiffany Anderson.

Marc Owen of Robert Lee served as Best Man, with Casey Antilley, Eric Torres, Warren Stoker and Wade Robertson as groomsmen.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Ballinger High School. The groom graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1996. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Ozona and reside in San Angelo where both are employed by Sitel, Inc.

**Roe feted with shower**

Mrs. T.J. Roe, nee Michelle Mae Lowry, was feted on Saturday morning with a bridal shower at the ranch home of Mrs. Bill Simpson of Robert Lee.

Brunch was served to a large group of guests from crystal and silver appointments. Pastries, quiches, fruit and other brunch foods included Orange Julius and coffee. The serving table was adorned with rose tiered candles and a silk rose centerpiece.

Special guests at the shower were the couple's family. Attending were the bride's mother, Gayle Lowry; her grandmother, Desmel Lowry; and her aunt, Miriam Pullin, all of Ballinger. The groom's grandmothers, Billie Strebeck of San Angelo and Inez Roe of Robert Lee were present, along with an aunt, Delores Roe, and his mother, Kristy Roe, both of Robert Lee.

The bride and family members were presented with corsages in spring colors.


Hostesses for the occasion were: Diann Simpson, Kei Antilley, Jackie Walker, Beverly Burdett, Debbie Smith, Donna Waldrop, Debbie McCabe, Kelly Millican, Sheryl Tavarez, Debbie Wilkes, Denise Roberts, and Gayle Sisemore.

The couple is living in San Angelo where T.J. is employed by Sitel, Inc.

**Personal**

Carolyn Kemp Marcato of Wilton, Connecticut, recently spent a few days visiting with her mother, Mrs. Cecil Kemp in Bronte. While here, they attended funeral services for Gladys Kemp Farmer at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger Monday, February 24. Mrs. Farmer was the sister of the late Cecil Kemp.

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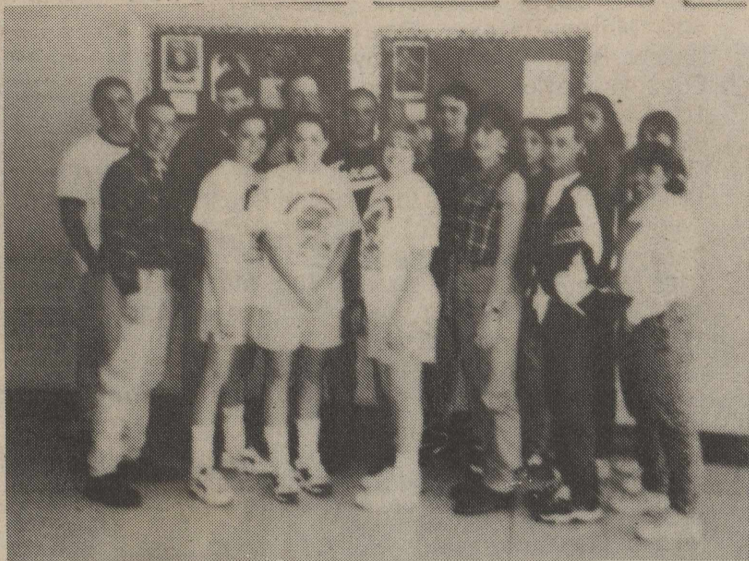
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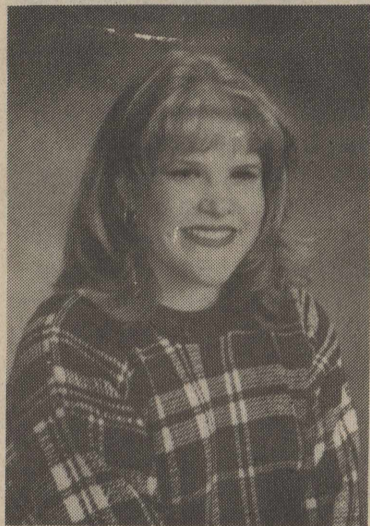








Robert Lee FHA members recently attended the Region II conference in Arlington, Texas.



Stacy Hendry



Kannan Millican

### RL FHA attends conference

The Robert Lee Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region II Conference in Arlington, Texas February 28 - March 1, 1997. Eighteen chapter members, two sponsors and approximately 1000 other delegates attended the two day conference. Kannan Millican, Region II National Officer Candidate, performed her duties as an officer at this meeting. Her duties throughout the year included helping to develop the theme, "Unlock the Possibilities With FHA/HERO" which was carried out throughout workshops and general sessions. Some of the issues that were addressed at the meeting were family ties, teen pregnancy, drunk driving, depression, and self-esteem. Kannan Millican, Stacy Hendry, and their advisor, Sheri Milligan presented a workshop on FHA/HERO in the community.

Stacy Hendry ran for regional office and was elected as Region II Vice-President of Recreation. Her duties will begin in June when she attends a week of intense leadership training in Austin. Here, they will plan next years regional meeting.

STAR events (Students Taking Action For Recognition) are competitive events for members. Chad Helwig competed in the job interview and won first place. He will be competing at the state level in Dallas, April 17. The parliamentary procedure team, composed of Jerrod Pitcock, Starsky Oleksiuk, Relissa Sanders, Clara Gil, Tonya Gardner, Joey Barrett, Justin Francis, and Dustin Clendenen, won fourth place, which is first alternate to state.

Kannan Millican was also selected by the regional officers to be on the state nominating committee as her final duty as a regional officer. This committee will place the state

officers in the offices which they think will be best suited to them and that will best represent our state organization.

Rachel Shook, Jason Tavaréz, and Joey Barrett met and helped the keynote speaker, Chad Foster. Chad developed and marketed a unique product made from recycled tires - the soft, safe playground surface used at McDonald's restaurants and other locations throughout the country. Chad wrote the book, "Teenagers - Preparing for the Real World" which these students have been using in the home economics class. All members attending received an autographed copy of his book. These three students each received a personalized autographed book from Chad himself.

Jeremy Eaton served on the connection team which publishes a newsletter at the conference. Amanda Cunningham, Rachel Shook, Jennifer Scott, and Joe Gonzales served as ushers at the Leadership session. Cathy Hendry also helped as a driver and sponsor.

Through this organization and meetings held such as this members gain many leadership and life skills that are beneficial in every aspect of life.

### RL School Board Minutes

The Robert Lee ISD School Board met in regular session on February 25, 1997 at 6:30 pm in the high school library. Six members were present and several guests were also present. The following business was conducted.

\*Minutes of prior meeting and bills were approved.

\*During the open forum, Sheri Millican, Kannan Millican, and Stacy Hendry presented an update on FHA activities and regional FHA meetings. Elementary teachers presented the faculty views on hiring an elementary

principal.

\*The school insurance package bid from Wink Insurance of Robert Lee was accepted.

\*Early dismissal days on March 25 and 26, 1997 at 12:30 pm were approved in order for Robert Lee to host the elementary UIL District Academic Meet on those days.

\*A recommendation from the District Site-Based Decision Making Committee to change the cheerleader election procedures was approved.

\*A school board election was ordered for May 3, 1997 for the election of three board positions.

\*Textbook titles for adoption for the school year 1997-98 were approved.

\*Update 53 of TASB school board policy was approved with the exception of FM (Local) concerning cheerleader elections.

\*A recommendation from Supt. Hood to follow the school attorney's advice concerning a confrontation between a fan and coach was accepted.

\*A new administrative appraisal instrument was presented to the board for further study and consideration by Supt. Hood.

\*Roof replacement quotes for old gym were discussed. Three quotes were pre-

sented. Board approved the quote from Harrison Roofing in San Angelo.

\*The board went into executive session for discussion of personnel.

After executive session -

\*Supt. Hood recommended that High School Principal Cliff Gardner's contract be renewed for 1997-98 school year. The board approved his recommendation.

\*The board also approved Supt. Hood's recommendation to renew Athletic Director and Head Coach Ed Poehls' contract for 1997-98.

\*The board also renewed Counselor Melba Mauldin's contract for 1997-98 following Supt. Hood's recommendation.

\*Mr. Gardner and Mr. Hood gave their reports for February.

\*The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be March 20, 1997 at 6:30 pm in the High School Library. The public is invited to attend.

### RL Golfers win

Robert Lee's high school golf teams traveled to Forsan to play in an invitational meet held there Monday, March 3. Both the boys and girls "A" teams won with the "B" teams placing respectably among some tough competition. Teams competing in the meet

included such schools as Coahoma, Stanton and Midland Trinity, among others.

The "A" boys took first place with a 332. Jason Tavaréz shot a 79, Fred Wojtek an 83, B.J. Bessent 83, Daryl Calder 87, and Rocky Coates 90.

The "B" boys took 8th place with a 393. Jeremy Eaton shot an 89, Justin Francis 99, Eli Boxell 101, Gilbert Torres 104 and Bobby Longoria 105.

Robert Lee's "A" girls team shot a 406. Melissa Smith was named first medalist and shot an 80 for RL. Meagan Hill was second medalist with a 101 and Kizzie Howell shot a 106 for 3rd medalist. Other "A" team members included Tracy Millican with a 119 and Brandi Brosh with a 121.

The "B" girls shot 529 in the meet. Bree Bolding led the way for the "B" girls with a 115. Macy Hill shot 132, Ashley Townsend 143, and Becca Emert 139.

### Personal

Mrs. Clare LaFountain of Tanglewood, Massachusetts is visiting in Robert Lee with her son, Ed LaFountain. She escaped the harsh winter weather by arriving in mid-February and will stay until the first week of April. She had been here before and is enjoying the Senior Citizens gatherings, the weather, and meeting new people.

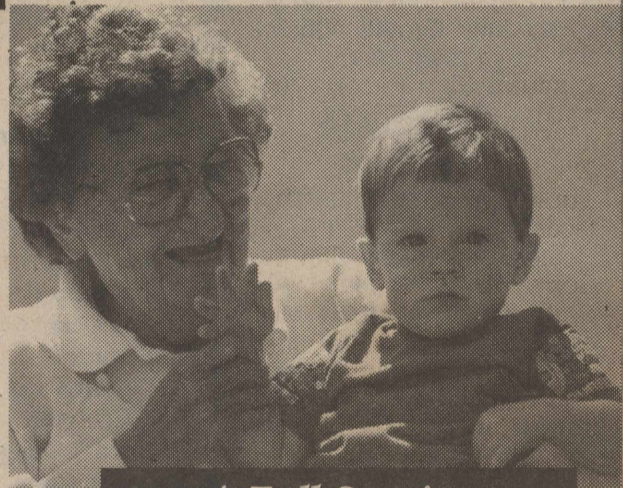
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**Awards presented at Br. Elementary assembly**

The following students were awarded certificates for the 4th Six Weeks at an Awards Assembly held Wednesday, February 26, 1997.

**Kindergarten**

Knows All Letters - Israel Cecilio; Perfect Attendance - Ariel Coalson, Kendra Fuentez, Cory Glover, Ty Mackey, Nicole Reed, and Jeremy Sanchez; Citizenship & Super Citizens - Cory Glover, Jessi England, Prescilla Lara, Nicole Reed, Sam Rawlings, Ashley Fisher, Ariel Coalson, and Callan Clark; Reading Awards - Maranda Alix, Haleigh Bryant, Israel Cecilio, Callan Clark, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Ashley Fisher, Kendra Fuentez, Cory Glover, Chase Hoyt, Prescilla Lara, Ty Mackey, Sam Rawlings, Nicole Reed, Ashley Royall, and Jeremy Sanchez; New Student Award - Maranda Alix.

**First Grade**

Perfect Attendance - Angela Arant, John Basquez, Estephanie Flores, and Savannah Martinez; Citizenship Award - John Basquez, Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, and Gus Saunders; Responsibility Award - Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, and Gus Saunders; Math Whiz - Estephanie Flores; Reading Award - Savannah Martinez; Time Management Award - Gus Saunders and Lora Martinez; Handwriting Award - Everick Boalts and Kyler Lee; Electronic Bookshelf Reading Award - Angela Arant, John Basquez, Everick Boalts, Chris Brown, Kayla Carper, Estephanie Flores, Christopher Guzman, Casey Harris, Jessica Davis, Kyler Lee, Matthew Luna, Lora Martinez, Savannah Martinez, Pedro Rodriguez, Gus Saunders, Zachary Shephard, and Anthony Vivian.

**Second Grade**

Good Handwriting Awards - Philip Rawlings, Ashley Turner, and Rebekah Beauchamp; Math Wizards (Addition) - Joe Boalts, Cassandra Catano, and Shane Jones; Perfect Attendance Awards - Patty Galvan, Mason Jackson, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Justin Taylor, Ashley Turner, Jeremy Uber, and Rebekah Beauchamp; Electronic Bookshelf Participants - Cassandra Catano, Katie Cooper, Mason Jackson, Shane Jones, Alonzo Martinez, Logan Rawls, Philip Rawlings, Justin Taylor, Ashley Turner, Jeremy Uber, Jamie Vivian, Rebekah Beauchamp, Joe Boalts, and Patty Galvan; Computer Whiz Awards - Justin Taylor, Logan Rawls, Philip Rawlings, Alonzo Martinez, Shane Jones, and Katie Cooper.

**Third Grade**

Good Citizenship Awards - Riley Coalson, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, and Cheyenne Webb; Spelling Award - Bailey Saunders; Perfect Attendance Awards - Sarah Basquez, Lindsey Butler, Riley Coalson, Matthew Compton, Megan Gibbs, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders,

and Zach White; Addition Wizards - Rosie Lara and Meagan Rosenquist; Handwriting Awards - Sarah Basquez and Shayla Daniel; Electronic Bookshelf Participants - Sarah Basquez 51 points, Lindsey Butler 5, Riley Coalson 3, Matthew Compton 12, Megan Gibbs 5, Christan Kelly 32, Rosie Lara 11, C. T. Lloyd 18, Lillian McMullan 58, Rebecca Rawlings 49, Meagan Rosenquist 25, Bailey Saunders 5, and Jaylon Saunders 10; Excellence in Computers Awards - Lindsey Butler, Sarah Basquez, Matthew Compton, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, and Zach White.

**Fourth Grade - Mrs. Blair**

Electronic Bookshelf Participants - Kinlee Hoyt 22 points, Christy Casares 14, Cory Cooper 36, Micah Duke 16, Iliana Green 50, Romana Hoover 87, Garrett Jackson 61, Ashleigh Kelly 32, Ryan Martinez 10, Cody Moore 27, Terence Scott 22, Stephen Tomes 21, and Ashley Wilcox 15; Math Wizards (Multiplication) - Iliana Green, Romana Hoover, and Ashleigh Kelly; Citizenship Awards - Romana Hoover and Ryan Martinez; Perfect Attendance Awards - Kinlee Hoyt, Iliana Green, Romana Hoover, Garrett Jackson, and Cody Moore; Computer Awards - Kinlee Hoyt, Iliana Green, Garrett Jackson, Cody Moore, Cory Cooper, Ashleigh Kelly, and Stephen Tomes.

**Fourth Grade - Mrs. Garmon**

Super Citizenship Award - Calli Johnson; Perfect Attendance Awards - Nicholas Flores, Justin Frazee, Jesse Herold, Calli Johnson, Monica DeLaGarza, and Jeremy Compton; Science Awards - Jeremy Compton, Jesse Herold, and Tana White; Computer Awards - Jeremy Compton, Blaine Dyess, Vanessa Lange, Jesse Herold, Calli Johnson, and Ashley McCutchen; Reading Award - Justin Frazee; Electronic Bookshelf Participants - Salena Soto 5 points, Vanessa Lange 5, Jeffrey Jones 16, Monica DeLaGarza 22, Blaine Dyess 27, Jesse Herold 41, Tana White 43, Jeremy Compton 43, Nicholas Flores 53, Ashley McCutchen 61, Calli Johnson 64, and Justin Frazee 66.

**Fifth Grade**

Perfect Attendance Awards - Eddy Arant, Tyson Baker, Kanah Coalson, Josh Eubanks, Roy Lee Flores, Richard Hoover, Joseph Israel, Cody Lee, Casey McKee, Justin Moore, Natalee Reed, Jesse Rodriguez, Chase Williams, and Diane Womack; Computer Awards (Excellence in Computer Awards) - Britney McCutchen and Chase Williams; Top 5 Master Blaster Awards - Jesse Rodriguez, Josh Eubanks, Justin Moore, and Casey McKee; Reading Awards - Tyson Baker, Jessica Compton and Britney McCutchen; Spelling Awards - Jessica Compton and Britney McCutchen; Citizenship Awards - Natalee Reed and Tanner Corder.

**Sixth Grade**

Citizenship Awards - Heather Richey, Jenna

Herold, Joel Webb, Cody Blaylock, and Amanda Cox; Most Improved - Lyndon Butler; Perfect Attendance Awards - Barbie Arant, Cody Blaylock, Lyndon Butler, James Graves, Jenna Herold, Kevin Huddleston, Kyla McGinnis, Heather Richey, Jo'el Sefcik, Jonathan Tomes, Joel Webb, and Lindsey Williams.

**Tourney results posted**

A two-person 27-Hole Select Shot Tournament was held at Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte Saturday, March 1, 1997.

The winners in the Championship Flight were: 1st place, Ryan Heller and David Dickerson, 89; 2nd place, Wade Hartman and Memo Valdez, 93; and 3rd place, McQueen and Hanshaw, 97.

First Flight winners were: 1st place, Norman Weatherford and Bob Brasher, 100; 2nd place, Ben Greene and Chris Rodriguez, 101; and 3rd place, Don Hodge and Jessie Flores, 102.

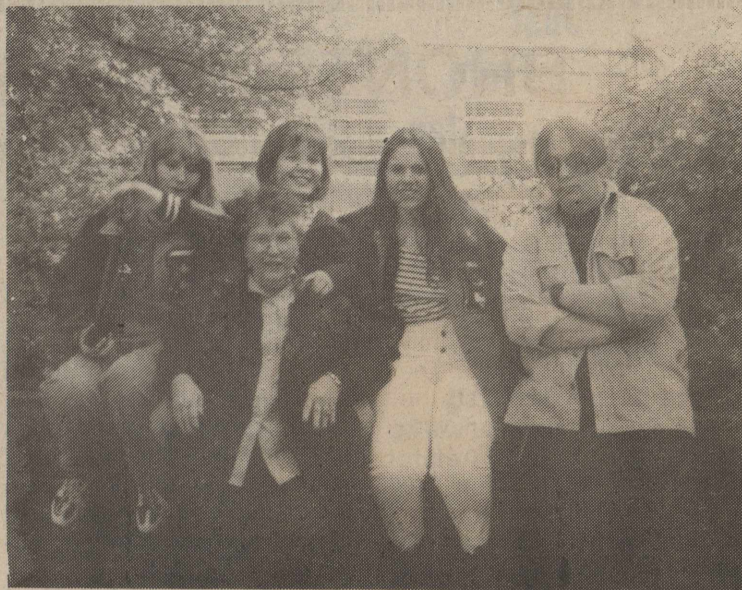
Winners in the Second Flight were: 1st place, Jim Harris and Mike Verfurth, 103; 2nd place, Steve Ebenstein and Cecil Walston, 104; and 3rd place, Joe Clouse and Jenkins, 109.

**Lions offer summer camp**

As the school year begins to wind down, parents begin to search for summertime activities for their children. The choices for parents with handicapped children, however, are more sparse. But thanks to the Lions Clubs of Texas, children with physical disabilities have the opportunity to do things other children can only dream of - they can go to summer camp. The Lions offer special camping programs for children with diabetes as well.

For children with visual, hearing or physical disabilities ages seven through sixteen, the Texas Lions Camp will offer five sessions this summer. Potential campers must have an IQ of 70 or above and have some self-help skills in the areas of dressing, eating, toileting and bathing. A wide variety of activities such as swimming, riding horses, camping out overnight, arts and crafts and field sports can be adapted when necessary to allow every child to participate. Activities are supervised by a trained staff at a ratio of one counselor to every three campers, so children enjoy fun and recreation in a safe environment. One and two week sessions are available to suit individual needs of campers.

The Texas Lions Camp also offers a specially designed summer camping session for diabetic children ages nine through fifteen. Recreational activities make camp life fun, while a medical team supervised by Dr. Steve Ponder of Scott and White Hospital joins the Camp staff to help the children learn to control their diabetes. Individualized attention in health care encourages good control of diabetes while children learn to eat



The Bronte TAFE chapter took its annual trip to the state convention Friday, February 28, 1997. Those in attendance were (from left) Brandi Smith - Jr., April Holdway - Jr., Wanda Brewer - sponsor, Felicia Beam - Sr., and Jason Silva - Soph. This year the conference was held in San Antonio and the members took advantage of every opportunity. On Friday, after attending a day full of sessions, the group enjoyed a festive meal at The Magic Time Machine. The members attended the second day of meetings on Saturday. Afterwards, they took advantage of the San Antonio atmosphere and went to the Tower and toured the surrounding area. Everyone had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year.

properly, monitor their blood sugar and give their own insulin injections. "Diabetic children must learn to take proper care of themselves and take an active role in controlling their disease," says Stephen Mabry, Executive Director. Parents also receive instruction so they can assist and encourage their children upon their return home.

The Texas Lions Camp has provided over 40,000 children with various physical disabilities or diabetes an opportunity to learn from and enjoy the outdoors since it began in 1953. The Camp is a non-profit organization funded by Lions and private donations which allows all children to attend at no cost to the family.

Further information and

camper applications can be obtained by calling local Lions Club member Roger Alexander at 453-2511 or 453-2191, or the Texas Lions Camp at PO Box 247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247 or call 210-896-8500 V/TDD.

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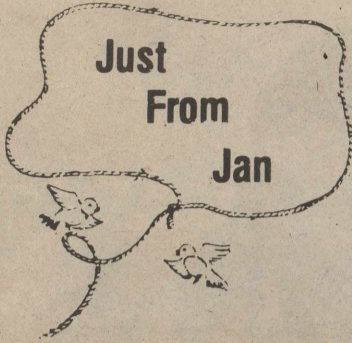


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by Jan Yanez  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

**Hints worth remembering**

The next few weeks I will be giving you some helpful household hints that are worth remembering.

\*Keep a toothbrush around the kitchen sink - you will find it useful in cleaning rotary beaters, graters, choppers, and similar kitchen utensils.

\*When your hands are badly stained from gardening, add a teaspoon of sugar to the soapy lather you wash them in.

\*Use paper cups as handy containers for your "drippings" in the refrigerator as they take up little room and can be thrown away.

\*Before emptying the bag of your vacuum cleaner, sprinkle water on the newspaper into which it is emptied, and there will be no scattering of dust.

\*To whiten laces, wash them in sour milk.

**WCCNH implements Eden Alternative**

West Coke County Nursing Home is embarking on a project to help improve the life of all residents in the facility. Studies have shown that the three main plagues in nursing homes and long term care facilities are loneliness, boredom, and helplessness. Nursing home professionals have become very good at treating medical problems, but the above three plagues do not have a medical base, so the professionals are sometimes at a loss as to what to do. A way to treat these plagues has been developed and is called The Eden Alternative.

The idea is to build a human habitat that has more species than just humans in it. These species include children, plants, birds, animals, and gardens. The team of caregivers at West Coke County Nursing Home have committed to helping our residents with the above three plagues by doing all they can to embrace The Eden Alternative concept. These concepts will increase companionship, caring, variety, and spontaneity in the facility.

If you or a group you are involved with are interested in more information, seeing what we are doing, or want to help with this project, just contact Roger Alexander, administrator, 453-2511.

**Personal**

Sue Franklin of Austin spent last week in the Lake Spence home of her mother, Frances Lindsey. They were joined over the weekend by Sue's brother, Edwin, and his son, Sterling, of Amarillo.

A graduate of RLHS and ASU, Sue is a registered nurse at an Austin hospital.

\*To remove burned-on starch from your iron, sprinkle salt on a sheet of waxed paper and slide the iron back and forth several times. Then polish it with silver polish until roughness or stain is removed.

\*Dip a new broom in hot salt water before using. This will toughen the bristles and make it last longer.

\*Try waxing your ashtrays. Ashes won't cling, odors won't linger and they can be wiped clean with a paper towel or disposable tissue. This saves daily washing.

\*Plant a few sprigs of dill near your tomato plants to prevent tomato worms on your plants.

\*Marigolds will prevent rodents.

\*Spray garbage sacks with ammonia to prevent dogs from tearing the bags before pick up.

\*You can clean darkened aluminum pans easily by boiling them in two teaspoons of cream of tartar mixed in a quart of water. Ten minutes will do it.

\*Fresh lemon juice will take away onion scent from hands.

\*Wash old powder puffs in soapy water, rinse well and dry

**WCC EMS Memorials**

The following memorials and donations and memorials were made to West Coke County Nursing Home during the month of February.

**Perry Post**  
64 Study Club, George & Thelma Lomas, Juanice Jameson, Carroll & Amanda Wilkes.

**Richard Boone**  
Curtis & Anniece Walker, George & Thelma Lomas.

**Winnie Palmer**  
Curtis & Anniece Walker.

**Marjorie Harwell**  
George & Thelma Lomas.

**Jerry Herring**  
George & Thelma Lomas.

**Arch Mathers**  
Juanice Jameson.

**Frances Greathouse**  
George & Thelma Lomas.

**C.J. Baker**  
George & Thelma Lomas.

**Dalton Millican**  
Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Higgins, Juanice Jameson, Carroll & Amanda Wilkes.

**Opal Baker**  
Juanice Jameson.

**Charlene Blair**  
Juanice Jameson.

**Winnie Palmer**  
Juanice Jameson.

**Cornie Jameson**  
Juanice Jameson, Carroll & Amanda Wilkes.

**Jesus Rocha**  
Juanice Jameson.

**Donation**  
Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Harmon.

Memorials were made to West Coke County Nursing Home in memory of **Dalton Millican & Sandra Cantrell.**

thoroughly. Then use them for polishing silverware, copper and brass.

\*Soak colored cottons overnight in strong salt water and they will not fade.

\*To dry drip-dry garments faster and with fewer wrinkles, hang garment over the top of a dry cleaner's plastic bag.

\*If a cracked dish is boiled for 45 minutes in sweet milk, the crack will be so welded together that it will hardly be visible, and will be so strong it will stand the same usage as before.

**Morris, Moreno wed in ceremony**

Mr. Harry Keith Morris, Jr., past resident of Bronte and graduate of Bronte High School, class of 1968, and Miss Mixy Rebeca Moreno Olmedo of La Chorrera, Republic of Panama, were wed at 4 pm January 18, 1997, in the garden of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Panama, Republic of Panama.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alcides Lozano, pastor of the First Baptist Church of La Chorrera. Rev. Harry K. Morris, Sr., former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bronte and father of the groom, also participated in the ceremony. Mrs. Dannie Morris, mother of the groom, accompanied Mrs. Luisa Olmedo Moreno, mother of the bride, in the processional.

Miss Moreno, in an all white traditional wedding dress made by her mother, was accompanied by her father, Mr. Gumerindo Moreno De Leon, in the bridal entrance and was presented by him at the altar. Mr. Epimenides Perez Carvajal was best man, and Miss Aide Moreno, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

The altar was a raised platform in the garden surrounded by chairs and small tables for the wedding guests. Mrs. Becky Morris Gragg, sister of the groom, was in attendance as well as some 200 other friends of the couple and family members of the bride. Serving as witnesses for the signing of the civil marriage papers were Mr. Epimenides Perez Carvajal and Miss Jacinto Penalosa.

Mr. Abdiel Godard provided music for the occasion on the piano. Miss Diana Sanchez Quintero presented special music on the flute, accompanied by her brother Jorge Sanchez Q. Miss Cornelia Sanchez Quintero sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Mr. Godard. The reception was held in the same place and included special music, choruses, testimonies by friends of the couple, games, dinner served for all and a typical Panamanian folkloric dance presentation.

The groom, Keith Morris, has served for the past seven and a half years in Panama with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The couple plans to relocate to El Paso, Texas, where they will work with the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in the sale and distribution of Spanish language materials among the U. S. Hispanic market.



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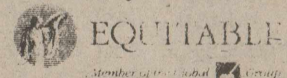
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(From left): Miss Bronte, Angela Willberg, presents Earlene Alexander with the plaque as Citizen of the Year in Bronte.

**Red Canyon hosts shoot**

Red Canyon Gun Club hosted a smallbore silhouette pistol match Sunday evening, March 2. Fifteen shooters waded through the mud after an all night rain to set up silhouettes after they had been shot down. Each relay sets targets for the relay following them.

**High Overall** - Richard Johnson of Robert Lee  
**2nd** - Al Leggett of Odessa  
**3rd** - Howard Droll of San Angelo

**Class Winners**

- AAA**  
 1st. Al Leggett, Odessa; 2nd. Howard Droll, San Angelo; 3rd. Phillip Stephens, Austin.
- AA**  
 1st. Ken Green, Robert Lee; 2nd. Doug Randel, Big Spring; 3rd. Linda Randel, Big Spring.
- A**  
 1st. Cecil Hogg, Junction; 2nd. Ray Atwater, Robert Lee; 3rd. Richard Seals, Robert Lee.
- B**  
 1st. Joyce Stephens, Austin; 2nd. Billy Luxton, Big

**Fire ant control plan announced**

Research and community-wide control programs are the cornerstones of a plan which joins together several leading state universities and state agencies with communities to lessen the sting of the red imported fire ant in Texas.

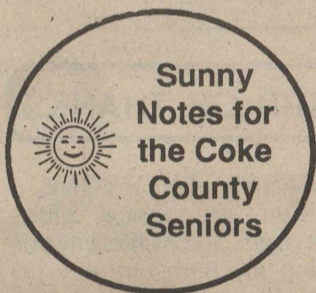
The proposal provides short-term relief as well as a commitment of developing a long-term solution to the problem which has plagued people, livestock, and pets in most of the state.

Texas officials will present the plan to the legislature during its current session. The proposal includes a \$2.7 million annual budget for the next six years.

This plan differs from past plans in that this is a coordinated effort among all major Texas organizations addressing the fire ant problem through research, educational and regulatory programs.

Spring.

Al Leggett earned a 10 in a row pin on chickens. Phil Stephens earned a 10 in a row pin on pigs. Bill McNutt and Cecil Hogg each earned a five in a row pin on chickens.



**Ballinger Home Health**  
 Patsy Cason with Ballinger Home Health will be at the Bronte Senior Center Friday, March 14, at 11 am to take blood pressures.

**911 Tips**

- Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- Stay calm.
- Speak clearly.
- Tell what help is needed.
- Follow the instructions the dispatcher gives you.

• Hang up when the dispatcher tells you.

**Menu**

**Monday, March 10**  
 Spanish Meat Balls, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings

**Wednesday, March 12**  
 Oven Broiled Pork Chops, Noodles, Carrots, Bread, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce

**Friday, March 14**  
 Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler

**Whiteside honored**

Louise Whiteside was honored with a surprise 80th birthday party Saturday, March 1 at the home of Dolores McCabe on the divide between Robert Lee and Water Valley.

The party was hosted by Louise's son and his wife, Bennie K. and Shirley Whiteside of Brandon, Mississippi. Also hosting the event were Sue and Glenn Crawford, Louise's niece and husband, of Lubbock.

Birthday cake and punch were served to 52 guests. Those in attendance came from San Angelo, Welch, Lubbock, Houston, Lamesa, Spearman, Midland, Mertzon, San Antonio, Sweetwater, Mason and Robert Lee.

Louise was very surprised by the party and pleased that so many of her friends and family were there to honor her on her 80th birthday.

**Spellbound**  
 I have a spelling checker, It came with my PC. It plainly marks four my revue Mistakes I cannot sea. I've run this poem threw it, I'm sure your please too no, Its letter perfect in it's weigh, My checker tolled me sew.

Ann Landers



Mr. and Mrs. John Carver have announced the engagement of their daughter, Krystal Gayle Carver of Robert Lee, to Airman Randy Murphy of San Antonio. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. David McKelroy of Robert Lee.

The approaching wedding will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

The bride-elect and bridegroom are both graduates of Robert Lee High School.

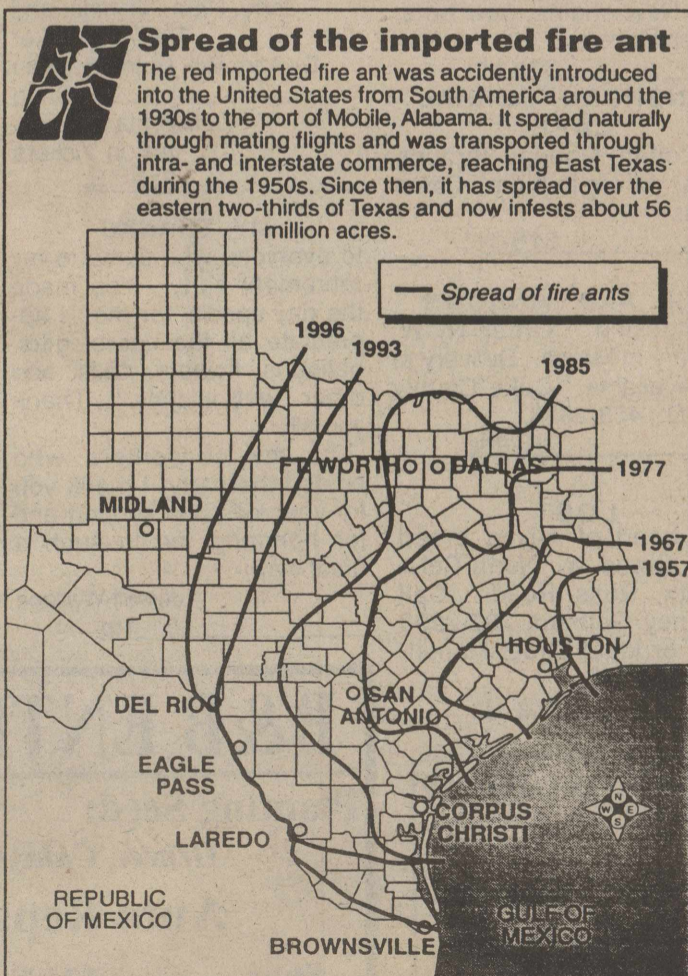
**RL Band news**

On Saturday, March 1, the fifth and sixth grade bands competed in the Bearcub Music Festival in Ballinger. The fifth grade band received a division two in Concert Band, and a division one in Sight Reading. The sixth grade band received a division one in Concert Band and a division one in Sight Reading. A division one rating is a superior rating and the very best that a band can achieve. These students and parents can be very proud.

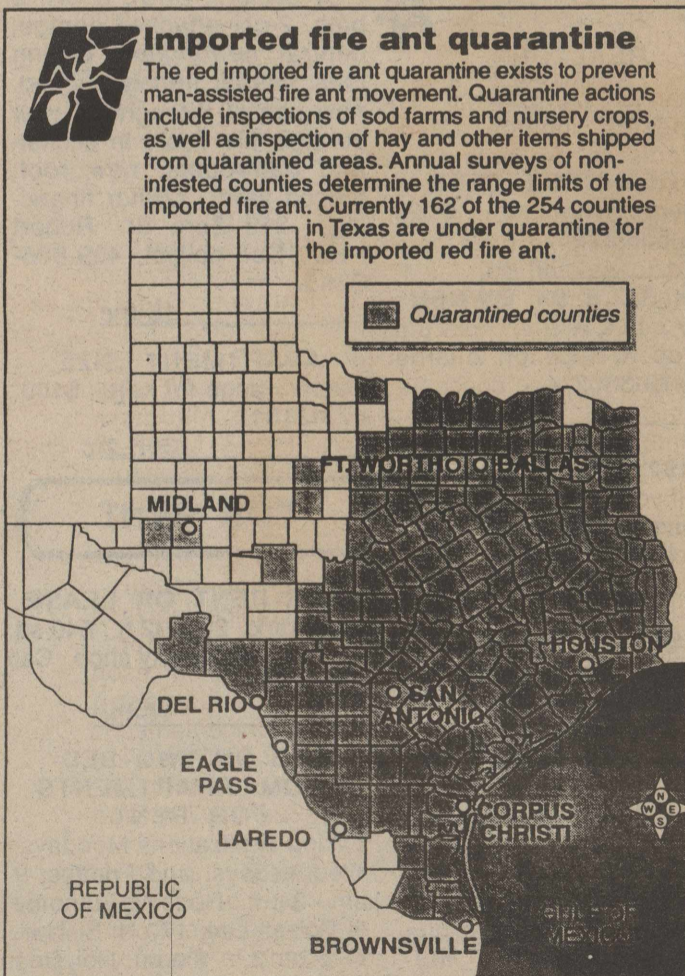
Several students also competed in solos and ensembles. Results are of those

events follow.

- Flute Solo**  
 April Cowart, 1; Nichole Sanchez, 1; Krystal Soliz, 1.
- Clarinet Solo**  
 Jennifer Gil, 1; Shannon Honse, 1; Monica Rodriguez, 1; Andrea Rusgrove, 2.
- Trumpet Solo**  
 Trichelle Gray, 1.
- Brass Trio**  
 Chris Eubanks, 1.
- Mixed Trio**  
 Stewart Millican, 1; Becky Leugers, 2.
- Woodwind Duet**  
 Moses Flores, 1; Amie Kendall, 2.
- Mixed Duet**  
 Amber Perez, 2.



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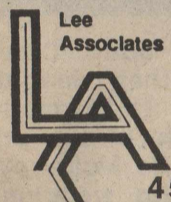
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31a-1tc

**MISSING**  
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**SPRING IS IN THE AIR!**  
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**CARD OF THANKS**

**THANKS EVERYONE**  
for their attendance, gifts, cards, calls, and all the ways of making my 80th birthday so special...and for Delores having it in her home. Thanks and God bless each of you.  
Louise Whiteside  
31-1tp

**THE FAMILY OF TRUMAN PARKER**  
wishes to express their deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness during the illness and loss of our loved one. The cards, prayers, flowers, food, and memorials will always be remembered.  
Sincerely,  
Jerry, Pam, Michele, and Danielle Parker  
DeAnn, Bill, Chloe & Beau Grigg  
Dale & Ida Lee Ellis  
Aaron Vickers  
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**MY THANKS**  
to everyone who came to my retirement party. You made the day special for me. I appreciate all the cards, gifts, balloons, flowers, calls, and other "well wishes." Thank you all!  
To my co-workers who hosted the party, I thank you for your love and support and for honoring me in such a great way.  
Jewell Wallace  
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**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**  
The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 3, 1997, Election. Two Directors will be elected for a term of two years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 17, 1997, and March 19, 1997. Applications and petitions may be obtained at West Coke County Nursing Home during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.

**INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOR**  
El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Deistrito Del Condado Oeste De Coke hacen saber que el dia 3 de Mayo, 1997 sera el dia finale para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada dos (2) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 17 de Febrero, 1997 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 9 am - 5 pm in el Hospital Deistrito del Condado Oeste de Coke los dias Lunes a Viernes. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Adminstrador Roger Alexander.  
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**NOTICE**  
Effective immediately, the Robert Lee landfill will open Saturdays only at 9 am and close at 12 noon. These hours will remain in effect until further notice.  
Kelly S. Nichols  
Mayor, City of Robert Lee  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ROBERT LEE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
The City of Robert Lee will hold a Public Hearing at 7 pm March 10, 1997, at the City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss.  
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cuss the citizen participation plan, the amount TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary at City Hall.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Kelly S. Nichols, Mayor  
City of Robert Lee

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### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PAUL G. VILLARET III

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Paul G. Villaret III, Deceased, were issued on November 26, 1996, in Cause No. 1499, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to the Estate's Independent Executrix, Amanda Louise Starck. All persons having claims against the Estate currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed to the Independent Executrix at 2806 Metz Drive, Midland, Texas 79705. Dated this the 4th day of March, 1997.

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### NOTICE

The Robert Lee ISD is accepting bids on one (1) 1997 19 passenger Carpenter Crown School Bus or equal. Bids are due by 4 pm, March 19, 1997. For specifications, please contact William Hood, Superintendent at 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas, (915) 453-4555.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Pittencrieff America, Inc., PO Box 6129, Abilene, Texas 79608, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Odom Lime Formation, Ft. Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit Lease, Well Number 8-26, which is a horizontal well. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles northeast of Bronte in the Fort Chadbourne Field, in Coke County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5147 to 6298 feet. The horizontal segment will extend 868 feet in a due south direction.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as

amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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### Burdens should be lifted on businesses

by John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts

Texas businesses are burdened by rules and regulations that are sometimes contradictory, often stifling, and always costly. It's time to lift that burden from their shoulders.

While many state regulations help protect the health and safety of Texans, others are outdated, time-consuming, unnecessary, and ill-suited to serving the interests of consumers or entrepreneurs. That new convenience store on the corner, for instance, may have to deal with eight different regulatory agencies. The lawn care service that drops by once a month could be answering to as many as five.

There's no doubt that this regulatory burden is a deterrent to economic development. As many as 88 state agencies regulate everything from alligator farming to new chemical plants, issuing more than 800 separate certifications, permits, licenses, and other pieces of paper to businesses that want to do business in the Lone Star State - and provide jobs for Texans.

One type of business is particularly prone to proliferating regulations - grocery stores. Texas has overseen many aspects of the retail grocery industry for decades, but the regulatory burden has grown in recent years. Grocers offer a wide range of products and services - from pharmaceuticals to beer, video arcades to pot roasts - and each is subject to a different regulation.

In fact, nine different state agencies regulate the grocery trade, requiring 17 separate licenses, an array of inspections, multiple permits that expire on different dates, require different fees, and call for as many as one dozen different forms that contain essentially the same information. Inspections by one agency may take place on Tuesday, while inspections by another occur on Wednesday, without anything even remotely resembling coordination. Standards and enforcement procedures are as varied as the state agencies involved.

Like other Texas businesses, grocery stores deserve better than to be buried beneath a blizzard of endless paperwork.

I've proposed several specific actions to bring these businesses a measure of relief.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, for example, and the Texas Department of Health should consolidate and simplify their regulations covering retail fish dealers and food retailers. These two agencies have similar applications and inspections. Consolidating them would reduce the burden on grocers and improve compliance with laws to protect consumers.

What's more, transferring some current responsibilities of the Texas Department of Agriculture to other agencies or state-licensed private inspectors would cut the state bureaucracy and save taxpayers more than \$5 million over the next five years.

But retail grocery stores are just one example of Texas businesses that bend under the weight of the state's regulatory burden. That's why I recommend a comprehensive review of all state agency rules, regulations, and required paperwork. This review should include statewide hearings and public forums to give business owners and consumers across Texas the opportunity to air their concerns and help shape a new streamlined regulatory process. Obsolete or redundant rules should be done away with, and turn-around times for issuing permits should be reduced.

Even Washington has begun to address this challenge. The Paperwork Reduction Act, approved by Congress in 1995, has eliminated 16,000 pages of rules, some of which hadn't been reviewed in 40 years.

We should be able to do the same here in Texas.

### New pecan cultivar released

The 42 year wait is over - pecan lovers now have a new variety of their favorite nut. The Kanza was recently released by Texas' own pecan breeding program.

"People who appreciate good quality pecans, high in taste, perfect halves, will really enjoy the Kanza pecan," said Dr. Tommy Thompson, US Department of Agriculture pecan breeder.

Trees planted this year will begin bearing nuts in about five or six years.

Growers will find Kanza - with nuts maturing in early fall - is highly resistant to scab and therefore can be grown anywhere in the South's pecan growing area, said Thompson.

"We think it's going to be real valuable to the east where scab resistance is required," said Thompson. "It's also a good enough cultivar that it's going to be grown to the west."

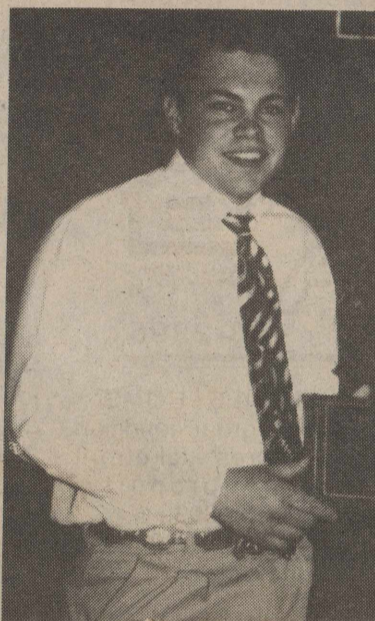
Pecan producers can rely on a simple guide for growing pecans - trees grown east of Interstate 35 must be genetically resistant to scab.

"It's a humid environment and, therefore, genetic resistance to scab is required," explained Thompson. "To the west it doesn't make any difference. It's dry enough that pecans never get this disease."

The Kanza was originally released as a pollinator for the



Kathy Howell (I) accepts the award from Miss Bronte, Angela Willberg, as Educator of the Year.



Students of the year as selected by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce were (from left): Shea Kelton and Felicia Beam.

Pawnee, another early market pecan.

Pawnee were released by

the breeding program in 1984. It is a high quality pecan which, like the Kanza, also matures in the first part of September.

"Pawnee has almost taken over all of the fruit stand market for early consumption in the October pecan market," said Thompson. "It is an excellent cultivar for growers who want to meet this early market."

The USDA pecan breeding operation is the only pecan breeding program in the world. It's located in the Brazos Valley near College Station, Thompson said, because that area has the best pecan growing soil in the world.

Kanza is the 22nd cultivar to be released by the pecan breeding program, but the cross that produced it was first made in 1955.

"This gives an idea of how long it takes to produce and improve a pecan cultivar," said Thompson.

The basic breeding program begins when a cross is made and then grown for 10 years. At the end of 10 years, graft wood is cut from suitable trees. This graft wood is then tested across the pecan belt for 15 years. Even after a total of 25 years it still remains a trial cultivar.

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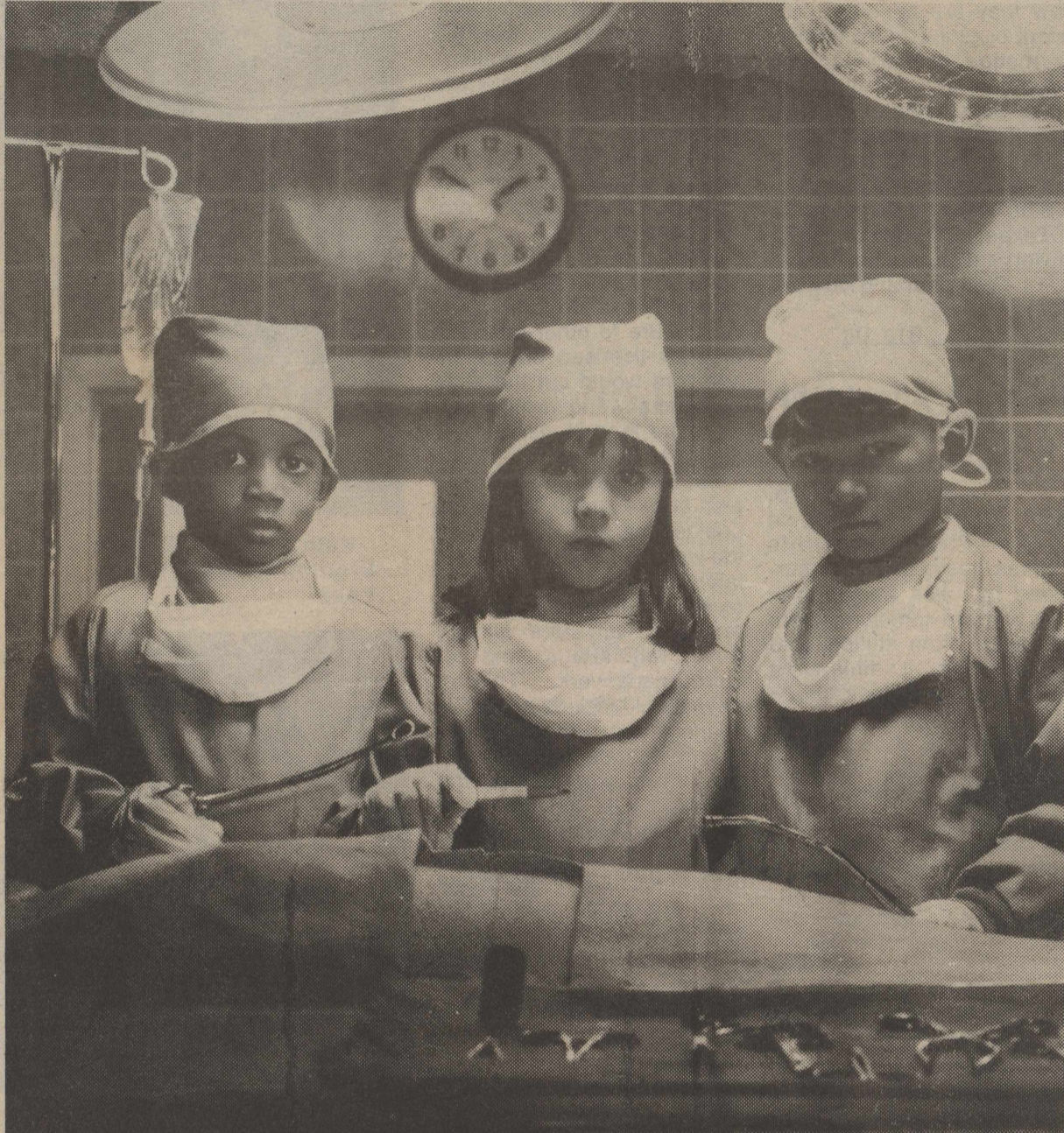
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