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RLHS Choir to perform for open house

Downtown Robert Lee businesses have set Wednesday, December 3 for their annual open house activ-

RL Girls B'ball State Champions reunion slated

A few years ago, two coaches, fifteen girls, two managers, and two special ladies traveled to Austin. There they reached a goal that had been set for several years, and they made a dream come true.

Those few years have turned into twenty. So it's time for RL Girls Basketball State Champions, 1978, to get together and reminisce about those days. The date has been set for Saturday, November 29, 1997, at the Robert Lee School Cafeteria. All those interested are urged to come by from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information on the reunion, contact Cindy Riley at 453-2201.

ities. Ivey Motor Company will celebrate their 53rd Anniversary with open house activities planned from 11 am through 2 pm. The courthouse in Robert Lee will also host residents during the day

Lights are nearly on at Bryan's Barn

It's almost time to turn the lights on. Which lights, you ask? The six acres of Christmas lights at Bryan's Barn in Robert Lee. Yes, this is the same display which recently received statewide attention in the December issue of *Texas Highways* magazine.

If you haven't been to see the Bryan's display, plan to attend and bring your Christmas houseguests and let them enjoy the spectacle which is now known throughout the state. Bryan's Barn is on display every night in December, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. on Wednesday.

The highlight of the day will be the performance of the Robert Lee High School Choir at Robert Lee State Bank. They are scheduled at the bank from 10:15 until 10:30 that morning. The bank's holiday open house festivities are slated from 9 am to 3 pm.

Other activities are planned throughout the day; so make your plans to attend and get the holiday season started off right.

A Christmas Dream begins December 6

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



Robert Lee Mayor Kelly Nichols presents a certificate to Lucile and Wilson Bryan announcing the City Proclamation making December Wilson and Lucile Bryan Appreciation Month. Looking on are the Bryan's daughter Thelma Jo Hinnard (left) and granddaughter Cookie Burns.

Bryans honored with month PROCLAMATION APPRECIATION MONTH FOR WILSON & LUCILE BRYAN - BRYAN'S BARN To the Citizens of Robert Lee, Texas:

Robert Lee, Texas: WHEREAS, The City of Robert Lee wishes to express its recognition and appreciation to Wilson & Lucile Bryan for their dedication and community service and making our citiy a little brighter and better by giving of their time and talents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I,

meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Everyone is urged to attend.

Courthouse closing

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed next Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Christmas Drawings slated for Bronte

Only four 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 the windows starting November 24. You must register each week because the slips will be discarded following each week's drawing. A \$3.00 purchase is required in order to register, and you must be present at the time your name is drawn if you want to win.



Norma Allbright (left), Noah Pruitt, Jr., and Dorthy Pruitt stand beneath the Bronte sign they posted in the Sign Post Forest during their recent trip to Alaska.

Pruitts add sign to forest

On a recent trip to Alaska, Bronte natives left the mark of their home town in the popular Sign Post Forest, Watson Lake, Yukon Historical Mile 635, Alaska Highway.

The Sign Post Forest was started in 1942 by a homesick soldier with one past and three signs. Travelers around the world have added others each year, increasing the number to over 32,000 at the 1996 inventory.

Noah and Dorthy Pruitt of Bronte, Norma Allbright and Bea Nation of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, placed in the forest a sign from their hometown of Bronte.

They reported a very exciting trip with Fairbanks, Alaska, being their most northern point. City of Robert Lee, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of December Wilson & Lucile Bryan Appreciation Month in this City, and I call upon the citizens of this City to be present at all celebrations honoring Wilson & Lucile during this time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Robert Lee to be affixed this the 20th day of November, 1997.

Kelly S. Nichols, Mayor City of Robert Lee ATTEST:

Kay Torres City Secretary

CCJJCC meeting

The Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council will have a meeting Monday, December 1, at 6 pm. The The first drawing will be December 6 at the school following the Christmas program which starts at 5:00.

The second and third drawings will be December 13 and 20 at the bank parking lot at 3:00.

Everybody will have a fresh chance to win each week; so don't forget to shop at every merchant each week. The drawings will start over weekly; so you'll have a great chance to win.

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Death Notices-

Richards

Lillie Leona Richards, 90, of Blackwell died Sunday, November 16, 1997, in Bronte Nursing Home.

Service was held at 2 pm Wednesday, November 19, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church in Blackwell with burial in Blackwell

Recent

Commissioners'

Court actions told The meeting was opened with a pledge to the flag and prayer led by Pat Percifull.

The minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Affidavit with Cash of \$476,627.93 and other Assets of \$619,725.00 as of October, 31, 1997, was approved.

The County Extension Reports were approved as presented.

The Sheriff's Report was not complete and will be presented at the next meeting.

The Court discussed County Sales Tax. They feel that the public needs to be totally informed regarding the issues and a public hearing will be scheduled in January. This sales tax would be used to reduce the property tax.

Judge Walker reported that she had visited with Wayne Calabrese and as soon as Wackenhut gets the figures together they will set up a meeting with the Court.

Approval was given for construction of lines in right-ofway on Mule Creek Road for GTE.

A rate increase for White Buffalo to complete sanitation Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Clyde "Junior" Richards of Madison, Wisconsin; two daughters, Dorothy Gaona of Eastland and Myrldeen Thompson of Blackwell; twelve grandchildren; twentyfour great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Methodist holiday activities slated

To celebrate the Christian New Year which begins on Sunday, November 7, First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will include a traditional Advent Wreath Service during its 11 am worship for the next five weeks, pastor Jim McWilliams announced this week.

Altar Choir director Ruby Jones has scheduled a choral Christmas Cantata called "A Christmas Gathering," which will be presented during morning worship Sunday, December 14. In the cantata, family Christmas traditions will be presented, a children's choir will sing with the Altar Choir, and traditional, as well as new Christmas carols will be performed. It will be a delightful and uplifting worship service for every family member. Rev. McWilliams will have a special time to visit with children who attend the cantata, as is his custom in every Sunday service each week.

At 7 pm Sunday, December 14, there will be a family Christmas Party in the church's fellowship hall. Christmas carols will be sund. an important visitor from the North Pole will present gifts to each child followed by fellowship over cookies, chips, dips, and other holiday cuisine.

The holiday celebrations will conclude with a family candlelight worship service on Christmas eve at 7 pm, as has been the church's tradition for over 20 years. In the thirty minute candlelight service, the Biblical Christmas story will be read with the congregation singing the traditional carol about that particular part of the story. Congregational singing will be accompanied by guitar.

Rev. Jim McWilliams and church members extend a warm welcome to all families of the community to visit any or all of our services and celebrations during the holiday season. A professionally staffed nursery for infant children through age 5 is provided during the 9:30 am Sunday school hour and the 11 am Sunday worship service.

The church is located at the corner of 9th Street and Chadbourne. For more information, please call the church, at 453-2417.

Personal

Recently Mrs. Bernie Mc-Carty and her aunt, Mrs. Lora Belle Brown, visited the state of Hawaii. The trip included tours of: Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Waikiki, Diamond Head Crater, Blow Hole, "From Here to Eternity Beach", Waimea Falls and cliff divers, the Dole Pineapple Plantation, tropical rain forests, celebrity homes (including where "Magnum PI" was filmed), and a trip to the Big Island of Hawaii for a tour of the City of Refuge, Black Sand Beach, and Volcanoes National Park. They also visited the Tropical Botanical Gardens and the south shore of Kauai.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Mc-Carty stayed in Waikiki with Mrs. McCarty's youngest daughter, Sallie, and her husband, Rodney Neely. Sallie and Rodney are both working in Honolulu as traveling nurses. The trip lasted from October 24 to November 3.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I enjoy the home town paper very much. So keep it coming.

> Annie Williams Midland, Texas



Those Bronte Elementary students attended the "A" Honor Roll Luncheon. Speaking at the luncheon was Rev. Marilyn Austin.

BISD "A" Honor Roll luncheon held

The Bronte "A" Honor Roll Luncheon for the second six weeks was recently held at the Homemaking Building. Students being honored were: Jessica Compton, Kailey Howell, Ariel Marrs, Britney McCutchen, Jesse Herold, Garrett Jackson, Ashley Mc-Cutchen, Cody Moore, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, and Jaylon Saunders. Speaker for the event was Reverend Marilyn Austin, pastor of the Bronte United Methodist Church. Her topic was "Discipline", and she talked to them about having mental discipline, physical discipline, and spiritual discipline. She emphasized the following points: Love God, Be a Friend, Cooperate, Show Respect, Always do your Best.

Others attending the luncheon were Marty Blair, Pat Lee, Kary Rawlings, Heather Lee, Vicki McCutchen, Rick Howell, and Alan Richey.

RL City Hall to close for holidays

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday the Robert Lee City Hall will be closed November 27 and 28. The Robert Lee Landfill will be closed Saturday, November 29. However, the trash service will run on Friday as scheduled. Happy Thanksgiving to All.

Give those on your list a community cookbook by West Coke County Community Development \$10.95 tax included Available in Robert Lee at Observer/Enterprise; Key Feed Store; Wrinkle's Ace Hardware; The Carousel; Molly B's; WTU; Joan Davis, Courthouse. In Bronte at

S & S Printing.

I truly feel honored to have served as your County Judge for the past three years and would like to seek another term as County Judge. I feel the experiences and education I've acquired during my tenure would benefit the County. If you choose to elect me to another term, I pledge to you my continued dedication to the job and Coke County. I sincerely hope that I will continue to receive your support and prayers as I seek re-election as Coke County Judge. Jackie Walker **Coke County Judge**



Friends & Customers of Ivey Motor Company are cordially invited to our 53rd Anniversary Open House Wednesday, December 3 11 am - 2 pm

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Jackie Walker, PO Box 210, Robert Lee, TX 76945

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Wall hosts annual 4-H Food Show

Extension District 7's 4-H "Be Our Guest" food show as November 15 in St. Ambrose Parish Hall. More than 500 parents, 4-H leaders, and guests were present when 200 young chefs from 23 area counties plied their skills in a number of categories ranging from main dish to nutritious snacks and desserts.

Each 4-H member won their division in their home county's food show. The young gourmets were judged on their knowledge of nutrition, food preparation principle and the quality of their food entry.

Participating from Coke County were Monica Rodriiquez, Cara Eaton, Shannon Honse, and Chase Cullen. Chase placed 6th in the Intermediate Bread and Cereal category.



Top Ten Turkey Questions

From truly novice cooks with questions on thawing to seasoned pros wanting to perfect their carving skills, the experts at Butter Ball Turkey Talk Line are just in time for the holidays to answer your turkey needs, 1-800-323-4848. Last season, the talk line responded to 200,000 inquiries. Here are the top ten turkey questions and answers.

1. What is the best way to thaw a turkey? Refrigerator thawing is recommended. To thaw your turkey in the refrigerator, thaw breast side up. Allow at least one day of thawing for every four pounds of turkey. However, in short time, submerge the turkey in cool water. Cold water thawing can be done by placing the breast down, submerged entirely, change water every 30 minutes, estimate thawing time to be 30 minutes per pound of whole turkey. Thawing turkey at room temperature allows bacteria to



pated in the District 7 4-H Food Show held recently at Wall.

skin with oil to prevent drying of the skin and to enhance the golden color. Roasting guidelines include these times. Turkeys that weigh 10 to 22 pounds should cook 3 to 4 hours, 22 to 30 pounds should be cooked 4 to 6 hours. Start checking turkey one half hour before recommended time ends. Turkey is done when the meat thermometer reaches 175°F in the thickest part of the breast, just above the rib bones. Let turkey stand for 15 minutes before carving to allow juices to set.

4. Where does the meat thermometer go? The tip of any meat thermometer should be placed in the thigh muscle above the lower part of the thigh bone, but not touching the bone, and pointing toward the body.

5. How can leftover turkey be stored safely? Within two hours after roasting, remove stuffing from turkey and carve the meat off the bones, store in refrigerator. Separate turkey and stuffing when storing, use with three days. If you freeze leftovers, eat stuffing within a month and turkey within two months.

6. What is the proper way to stuff a turkey? Prepare stuffing just before placing in

it? Remove from plastic wrapper, remove neck and giblets. Drain juices and blot turkey

turkey's skin with oil, to pre-





form.

2. How do you recommend handling a turkey so it is safe to eat? Use good clean personal hygiene. Wash hands before handling raw turkey. Cook thawed turkey as soon as possible. Stuff turkey just before cooking, not the night before. Use cooking methods that allow the turkey to reach an internal temperature of 140°F in less than four hours. Avoid using low roasting temperature or partial cooking methods. Use a meat thermometer to determine turkey's doneness. Store turkey, stuffing, gravy, broth and other cooked foods properly within two hours after cooking.

3. What is the best way to roast a turkey? Preheat oven to 325°F. Place turkey breast side up in pan. Brush or rub

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

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RL Elementary posts awards All A Honor Roll **Third Grade**

Katie Bessent, Kelsey Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Casey Marie Nesbit, Sarah Philley, Brettnie Reed, and Becca Skinner. Fourth Grade

Tiffany Bagwell, Bridgett Barnett, Cara Eaton, Lance Millican, Raegan Ritchey, Cassidy Wink, Stephanie Trejo.

Fifth Grade

Kayli Dickey, Jake McCabe, Julie Riley, and Lindsey Roe. Sixth Grade

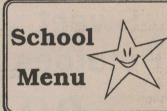
Brian Abalos, Phillip Arellano, Sean Barnett, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Jennifer Gil, Shannon Honse, Monica Rodriquez, Andrea Rusgrove, R. J. Service, Travis Taylor, and Rachel Wallace.

Perfect Attendance Kindergarten

Emily Arellano, Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Cole Clifton, Dylan Deanda, Nathan Gregston, Tanner Hanigan, Garret Heard, Sarah Jones, Ivan Landeros, Nancy Landeros, Terry McDonald, Blake Millican, Jacob Moreno, Stetson Nesbit, Olivia Trejo, Jathan Williams, and Emilee Yanez.

First Grade

Kayla Cullen, Kaden Duncan, Morgan Hill, Caleb Millican, Dustin Moreno, Joshua Robertson, Michael Rodriquez, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Gaby Saucedo, Rebecka Saucedo, Cody Williamson, and Jimmy Womack.



Monday, Dec. 1 Cold Cereal, Milk Pizza, Milk

ner, Cameron Cullen, Brody Dillard, Joshua Gallegos, Cameron Hodge, Briana Longoria, Craig Mayfield, Melissa Martinez, Megan Percifull, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner, and Michael Smith. Third Grade

Clay Antilley, Tim Barnes, Nicole Barnett, Katie Bessent, Colton Cullen, Kelsey Duncan, Colton Holmes, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Jessica Long, Tony Munoz, Casey Nesbit, Johnathan Pagan, Sarah Philley, Randall Rainwater, Cody McCabe, Brettnie Reed, Rosa Rojas, Sergio Rocho, Beaumont Roe, Julianne Samaniego, Andrew Saucedo, Becca Skinner, Robin Taylor, Eleasar Vera, and Chelle Wright.

Fourth Grade

Tina Arellano, Tiffany Bagwell, Josh Conner, Cara Eaton, Shannon Martin, Olivia Martinez, Kyle Mayfield, Zack McBee, Vincent McClelland, Kayla Medrano, Kyla Millican, Heather Mitchel, Eric Ortega, Amanda Robinson, Vanessa Saucedo, Jennifer Smith, Brandon Soliz, Andy Trejo, Carolina Vera, and Cassidy Wink.

Fifth Grade

Kayli Dickey, Andy Mulkey, Yolanda Olguin, Julie Riley, Houston Roe, Michele Sanchez, Drew Schultz, Brittany Soliz, and Roben Torres. Sixth Grade

Brian Abalos, Phillip Arellano, Sean Barnett, Jennifer Dominguez, Shannon Honse, Melissa Long, Monica Rodriquez, Valerie Sanders, Travis Taylor, Rachel Wallace,

1. Molly Burns; 1. Cameron

1. Katie Bessent; 1. Cody

RLHS Honor Roll All "A"

12th Grade Tara Bruning, Brandy Cunningham, Rebecca Emert, Stacy Hendry, Chris Woods

11th Grade Holly Copeland, Kim Gloria, Chad Helwig

10th Grade

B. J. Bessent, Daniel Cates, Christian DeLos Santos, Dan McCown

9th Grade

Mary Arellano, Amber Freeman, Erin Millican 8th Grade

Bret Ballew, Adam Cates, Jamie Chesshir, Trichelle Gray, Jodee Helwig, Rachelle Mills, Bobbie Sparks **7th Grade**

Ashlee Millican, Stewart Millican, Jennifer Nesbitt, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Shelby Roe

"A-B"

12th Grade

Polo Arellano, Joey Barrett, Boxell, Dustin Eli Clendennen, Jimmy Gray, Eric Hill, Jessica Key, Josh Timm, **Chris Woods** 11th Grade

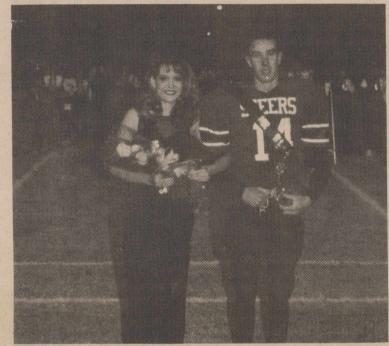
Angela Abalos, Jose Colon, Lori Eubanks, Justin Francis, Justin Kendall, Kyla Long, Whitney Montgomery, Relissa Sanders, Melissa Sanders, Ross Schultz, Will Simpson 10th Grade

Jeremy Eaton, Jonathan Gallegos, Coke Hendry, Macy Hill, Andrew McCabe, Kelli Osborn, Matthew Pitcock, Sammy Schiwart, Gina Torres 9th Grade

Robert Barrett, Curtis Bell, Tiffany Copeland, DeShira



Robert Lee's 1997 Homecoming King and Queen are Bree Bolding and Justin Brickey. Daryl Calder crowned the Queen with Kizzie Howell crowning the King. Members of the Homecoming Court were Jessica Key, Matthew Millican, Tracy Millican, Dustin Clendennen, Melissa Smith, Chris Torres, Holly Copeland, Chad Helwig, Kim Gloria, and Michael Munoz.



Tanya Gardner and Eli Boxell are this year's Mr. and Miss. Robert Lee High School. These honors were announced during the 1997 Homecoming game.





B. J. Hall is proud of this buck he took at Wingate during the youth hunting weekend before the start of the regular season. B. J.'s parents are Kerry and Donna Hall of Bronte.

Bronte Elementary posts awards for second six weeks

The following students were awarded certificates for the 2nd Six Weeks of 1997-98 School year at an awards assembly held Wednesday, November 12.

PPCD/Pre K Awards Perfect Attendance

Terron Charles, Taylor Cooper, Peyton Eubanks, Maria Fuentez, Benito (Benny Jr.) Fuentez, Joshua Hargrave, Cheyenne Hunter, Caleb Magness, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, Jonathan Reyes, Heath Richey, Macy Rosenquist, Justin Saldana, and Nicholas Shults.

Star of the Month

Brittani Harris, Dakota Rawls, and Justin Saldana.

Kindergarten Awards Reading (Books Read)

Krista Moore - 18; Nathan Fidler - 20; Emilie Miminez -



Breakfast Monday, Dec. 1

Cereal, Apple Juice, Teddy Grahams, Milk Tuesday, Dec. 2 Sausage, Orange Juice, Pancakes, Milk Wednesday, Dec. 3 Breakfast Burrito, Hash Browns, Grape Juice, Milk Thursday, Dec. 4 Scrambled Eggs, Red Grapes, Biscuit, Milk

21; Samantha Gonzales - 20: Ali Tounget - 17; Chloe Grigg -21; Kasey Glover - 18; Emily Fiveash - 19; Crawford James - 21; Kimberly Womack - 20; Haydan White - 17; Jackson Rowan - 20; Desiree Puentez - 23: Louie Martinez - 19; Katy Myers - 17; Skyler York - 16. **Extra Effort Awards**

Jackson Rowan, Kimberly Womack.

Teamwork Awards

Kasey Glover, Crawford James.

Letter Recognition (letters A - J)

Kasey Glover, Ali Tounget, Jackson Rowan, Katy Myers, Louie Martinez, Desiree Puentez, Nathan Fidler, Chloe Grigg, Emily Fiveash, Emilie Jiminez, Kimberly Womack, and Crawford James.

Super Citizens

Kimberly Womack, Ali Tounget, Krista Moore, Jackson Rowan, Louie Martinez, Samantha Glover, Emilie Jiminez, Crawford James, and Chloe Grigg.

Perfect Attendance Nathan Fidler, Emily Jiminez, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Krista Moore, Katy Myers, Jackson Rowan, Haydan White, and Kimberly Womack.

Star of the Month September - Jackson Rowan; October - Crawford James.

First Grade Awards Perfect Attendance

D. J. Acevedo, Israel Cecilio, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Cory Glover, Chase Hoyt, Ty Mackey, Samuel Rawlings, Ashley Royall, Jeremy Sanchez, Jessica Grasch, Dakota Gaylor.

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Cory Glover - 22; Sterling Jackson - 22; Ariel Coalson -23; Haleigh - 23; Ty Mackey -24; Prescilla - 25; Jessi England - 27; Taylor Fields -27

Citizenship Awards

Kayla Carper, Israel Cecilio, Callan Clark, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Victoria Gonzales, Samuel Rawlings, and Nicole Reed.

Second Grade

All A's Emily Austin, Casey Harris, and Gus Saunders.

Good Handwriting

Angela Arant, Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, Lora Martinez.

Super Citizens

Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, Lora Martinez. **Perfect Attendance**

Angela Arant, John Basquez, Chris Brown, Chris Guzman, Matthew Luna, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, Anthony Vivian, Lora Martinez.

E. B. S. Participants

Angelo Arant, Emily Austin, John Basquez, Everick Boalts, Chris Brown, Estephanie Flores, Chris Guzman, Casey Harris, Kyler Matthew Luna, Lee, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, Anthony Vivian, Lora Martinez. Total Points -587. Books Read - 208. New Student - Amberly

Stout.

Third Grade All A's

Rebekah Beauchamp, Jonathan Marrs, Logan Rawls, Philip Rawlings.

Citizenship

Patty Galvan **Addition Wizards**

Joe Boalts, Hazen Jones, Morgan Fields, Shane Jones, Jonathan Marrs, Candice Reynolds, Logan Rawls, Philip Rawlings. Handwriting

Rebekah Beauchamp, Shane Jones.

Perfect Attendance

Katie Cooper, Mason Jackson, Jonathan Marrs, Alonzo Martinez, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Juston Taylor, Jeramy Uber, Jamie Vivian.

Electronic Bookshelf Shane Jones - 55 (points): Rebekah Beauchamp - 51; Alonzo Martinez - 46; Juston Taylor - 40; Jonathan Marrs -31; Hazen Jones - 20; Logan Rawls - 18; Morgan Fields -17; Philip Rawlings - 16; Katie Cooper - 10; Mason Jackson -9: Jamie vivian - 9; Jeramy Uber - 4; Candice Reynolds -3

Fourth Grade

All A's Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders. "A-B" Honor Roll

Sarah Basquez, Albert Bravo, Lindsey Butler, Megan Gibbs, Meagan Rosenquist, Cheyenne Webb, Zachary White, C. T. Lloyd. **Reading Awards** (top five readers)

1. Lillian McMullan - 187 (points) EBS; 2. Sarah Basquez - 62; 3. Megan Gibbs - 58; Rebecca Rawlings - 56; 5. Matthew Compton - 50.

Citizenship

Rawlings, Rebecca Cheyenne Webb.

Perfect Attendance

Sarah Basquez, B. J. Bilbrey, Riley Coalson, Megan Gibbs, Rosie Lara, C. T. Lloyd, Lillian McMullan, Curtis Moore, Rebecca Rawlings, Meagan Rosenquist, Bailey Saunders, Cheyenne Webb, Zach White.

Fifth Grade Perfect Attendance

Kinlee Alley, Jeremy Compton, Micah Duke, Justin Frazee, Jesse Herold, Romana Hoover, Garrett Jackson, Calli Johnson, Jeffrey Jones, Ashleigh Kelly, Cody Moore, Terence Scott, Salena Soto, Stephen Tomes.

Top Five Readers

Stephen Tomes - 88 (points); Jesse Herold - 76; Justin Frazee - 75; Ashley McCutchen - 71; Cody Moore - 71

Citizenship

Romana Hoover, Ashleigh Kelly.

"A" Honor Roll

Jesse Herold, Garrett Jackson, Ashley McCutchen, Cody Moore.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Kinlee Alley, Jeremy Compton, Cory Cooper, Monica DeLaGarza, Blaine Dyess, Nicholas Flores, Calli Johnson, Jeffrey Jones, Ashleigh Kelly, Stephen Tomes.

Math Wizard

Stephen Tomes (addition); Nicholas Flores (subtraction); Ryan Martinez (multiplication) Ashleigh Kelly (division). Spelling

Garrett Jackson, Ashley McCutchen.

Sixth Grade "A" Honor Roll

Kailey Howell, Britney McCutchen.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Kanah Coalson, Brandon Hall, Casey McKee, Natalee Reed.

Math Awards

Britney McCutchen, Joseph Israel.

Most Improved Math Student

Kanah Coalson.

Science Awards Casey McKee, Ariel Marrs. Social Studies

Kailey Howell.

Little Longhorn Award Kendra Graves.

Citizenship Award Melissa Flores.

Perfect Attendance Eddy Arant, D. J. Brittain, Kanah Coalson, Garrett Fiveash, Melissa Flores, Kendra Graves, Brandon Hall, Richard Hoover, Kailey Howell, Cody Lee, Britney

McCutchen, Casey McKee. All A's

Jessica Compton, Ariel Marrs

'A-B" Honor Roll

Tanner Corder, Ashley Denton, Brittany Eldred, Joseph Israel, Ashley Torres, Diane Womack. Outstanding Reading

Students

Casey McKee, Justin Moore.

English Britney McCutchen, Tanner

Corder. Spelling

Jessica Compton, Kailey Howell.

Social Studies Josh Eubanks. Little Longhorn Joseph Israel. Citizenship Gracie Garcia.



Friday, Dec. 5

French Toast Sticks, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Dec. 1

Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Rolls, Milk, Brownies Tuesday, Dec. 2

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Steamed Brocolli w/Cheese, Bread Sticks, Milk, Chocolate Chip Cookies Wednesday, Dec. 3

Soft Taco w/Cheese, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Jello w/Mixed Fruit Thursday, Dec. 4

Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Red Grapes, Macaroni & Cheese, Milk, Pink Panther Cake Friday, Dec. 5

Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Bun, Milk, Ice Cream Cups

Experiencing Books at Home

Ashley Fisher - 9; Victoria Gonzales - 9; Maranda Alix - 9; D. J. Acevedo - 11; Chase Hoyt - 11; Jeremy Sanchez -17; Samantha Jones - 19; Ashley Royall - 19; Kayla Carper - 19; Israel Cecilio - 21; Nicole Reed - 21; Callan Clark 22; Samuel Rawlings - 22;

In appreciation of our customers, please let us treat you to lunch!

> Chili Luncheon Friday, December 5th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

First National Bank in Bronte **Member FDIC**

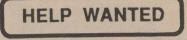
Christmas, 9 am - 5 pm Food & Craft Booths on Courthouse Lawn. Pictures with Santa will be available for minimal charge at 7th & Railroad Ave. FMI call Chamber at (915) 365-2333.

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I would like to announce that I am a candidate for **Coke County County/ District** Clerk. I will appreciate your support. **Sheryl Tavarez**

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Sheryl Tavarez, HC 61 Box 300, Robert Lee, TX 76945.





THE COKE COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

will soon have an opening for a part time manager. An application can be obtained from Joe Ash by calling 453-To request an 2554. application by mail, sent request to Box 330, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. To be considered, application must be received by Joe Ash no later than December 5, 1997. EOE.

17a-2tc ROBERT LEE ISD

is taking applications for Elementary Teacher's Aide (Pre-K-6) High School Diploma required. Deadline: December 8, 1997 Applications can be obtained or resumes received at the Robert Lee ISD Central Office at 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

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NOTICES

Public notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioners' court is taking applications for County Librarian. This is a part time position. For applications and further information, contact the Coke County Judge's Office. Applications will be accepted in the Judge's Office until 9 am Monday, December 8, 1997. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Shade trees available through foundation

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during October, 1997.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

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RLHS Spanish I & II students attended a Spanish/English workshop at the Prude Ranch in Fort Davis. Pictured are (front row, from left) Elena Sanchez, Erin Millican, Bree Bolding, Beth Heard, (back row, from left) Justin Francis, Eli Boxell, and Chris Torres.



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RLISD Board actions told

The Robert Lee ISD school board met in regular session November 20, 1997, at 6:30 pm in the High School Library. All members were present.

The following business was conducted:

 Minutes were approved and bills were paid.

 The 1997-98 District Improvement Plan was accepted as recommended by the District Site Based **Decision Making Committee.**

 Superintendent Hood dis-1996-97 the cussed Academic Excellence Indicator System with the board and public.

were tabled pending further study.

· Employment of an additional elementary teacher's aide was approved.

 Both principals gave their progress reports.

 Superintendent's report was given.

The next regular board meeting will be December 16, 1997, at 5:30 pm. The public is invited.

Lee Nault



RLHS Spanish classes attend seminar

The Robert Lee High School Spanish I & II students recently attended a Spanish/English workshop at the Prude Ranch in Fort Davis. Enjoying the workshop were Eli Boxell, Bree Bolding, Chris Torres, Justin Francis, Erin Millican, Beth Heard and Elena Sanchez. The students enjoyed a weekend full of fun and learning with students from both sides of the Rio Grande. Students had the opportunity to sharpen their language skills in the workshop. Sul Ross University's Spanish Club directed the activities. The group enjoyed a visit to McDonald's Observatory.

Blackwell CISD Honor Rolls

1st Grade All A's

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2nd Grade

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4th Grade

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Tiffany Coffey, Ambra Cole, Melenda Solis, Rosalinda Camarillo

6th Grade

Sharla Holland, Heather Jones, Melissa Pate, Kayla Saunders, Amber Williams, Angel Saavedra **7th Grade**

Chris Morgan, Lindy Wilson, Jenifer Breshers, John Allen Jones, Meghan McGhee, Kaitlyn Saunders

8th Grade Mindy Boyd

9th Grade

Katrina Buckner **10th Grade**

Leman Saunders 11th Grade

Justin Dove, Jimmy Holland,

12th Grade

Elizabeth Camarillo, B. J. Marshall, Kallie Lisso, Jimmy Loveday, Shawn Roberson, Joanie Ussery, Miranda Scott A-B

1st Grade

Jesus Barco, Geoffrey Ehl, Manuela Saavedra, Garrett Blair, Sherri Lantrip, Merella Solis, Caitlin Ware 2nd Grade

Danielle Breshers, Miranda Riney, Chad Holland, Jessica Matthews, Joshua McWhorter, Angelica Sims **3rd Grade**

Luke Calhoun, Daniel 10th Grade Jones, Sylvia Solis 4th Grade

Kelly Dove, Jessica Chavez, Steve Henderson, Luis Morales, Cody Morgan, Rikki Saunders, Felicia Murray 5th Grade

Vanessa Lange, Lane Lowrie, Shane Nichols, Salvador Sanchez, Tana White

6th Grade

Ryan Ragland, Latisha Roland, Justin Roland, Hilda Sims, Johnny Bryant, Amy Nichols

7th Grade None

8th Grade

Will Blaine, Cody Blair, Jennifer Dove, Cayla Henderson, Jamie Hodges, Kammie Lisso, Jessica McIntire, Codi Munsey, Jackie Murray, Christina Nichols, Justin Roberson 9th Grade

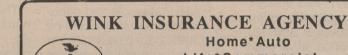
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Leticia Camarillo, Stephanie Cantrell, Jennifer Boyd, Julie Grimes, Keshia Stidham, Doug Hughey, Gloria Solis, Cristi Matthews, Adam Wilkinson

11th Grade

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More on "Depression" next week.

 The board used the Robert Lee ISD's 2246 votes available for the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors for Mark Riley, Tim Millican, and Kim Hodge (748.66 each).

· Permission to have the Junior/Senior Banquet and Prom in San Angelo at the Cactus Hotel was given.

• The 1997-98 local textbook committee was appointed.

· Local policies BBB and DPB were approved.

The 1996-97 Independent Audit Report prepared by Carol McDonald and Co. was accepted.

· Engagement of of Carol McDonald and Co. for 1997-98 audit was approved.

 Vantage Points for Update 57 were distributed.

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Page 8 **RLJH "B" runs wild**

over WV boys

The Robert Lee "B" boys dominated Water Valley on November 17 in a scoring fest for the Dogie boys. The final score was RL 52, WV 6.

Individual totals are as follows: Ty Gardner accounted for 13 points, making him high point scorer, followed closely by Stewart Millican with 12 and Travis Pitcock with 10. Jaziel Gallegos was close behind with 9, Cooper Riley accounted for 4 points, and Jason Dean and Justin Dickey each totaled 2.

Service offers seedlings

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are now available for order through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Landowners in Coke County are encouraged to purchase the one-year-old seedlings before preferred stock is sold out, says a Texas Forest Service official.

Each year thousands of regionally adapted seedlings are grown from seed by the **Texas Forest Service West** Texas Nursery in Lubbock. The agency's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at a price landowners can afford, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for windbreaks, says Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester, Lubbock

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, home-

steads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," Fewin explains. "They create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics." Available species for Coke County include afghan pine, austrian pine, pinyon pine, redcedar, american plum, aromatic sumac bur oak, catalpa, desert willow, green ash, hackberry, lacebark elm (first time offer), little walnut, mulberry, russian olive, and shumard oak.

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Friday, November 28, 1997 The Observer/Enterprise **RLJH "A"** Girls take victory from WV

The RL Jr. High Girls "A" team took a lopsided victory from Water Valley on Monday, November 17, with the final score RL 44, WV 12.

High point scorer for the home team was Whitney Millican with 15, followed closely by Jodee Helwig with 12. Melissa Landeros knocked down 6, Shanna Wojtek 5, Bobbie Sparks 3, Rachelle Mills 2, and Trichelle Gray had 1 to post the win over Water Valley.

RLJH "B" Girls fall to Water Valley

The "B" girls took it on the chin Monday night, November 17, in the home gym, falling to Water Valley 15-30. Mia Lopez topped the scoring for the home team with 7, Christina Middleton with 4, and Krystal Soliz and Kindra Matthews with 2 each.

Choir schedules performance

The Ballinger Community Choir Christmas program will be Tuesday, December 9, 1997, at the Carnegie Library beginning at 7:30 pm.

Traditional carols and popular music of the season will be featured. Dale Ellis is director of the group and Ida Lee Ellis is accompanist.

RL Reader awards listed

First Grade: Morgan Hill, Mason Ross, Kaden Duncan and Megan Robinson.

Second Grade : Molly Burns, Cameron Hodge, Bannon Roe, and Michael Smith.

Third Grade: Katie Bessent, Cody McCabe, Casey Marie Nesbit, and Becca Skinner.

Fourth Grade: Bridgette Barnett, Reagan Ritchey, Analy Gallegos, and Shannon Martin.

Fifth Grade: Brooks Arledge, Kayli Dickey, Jake McCabe and Ashley Womack. Sixth Grade: Monica Navarro and Rachel Wallace.

RL Jr. High "A" Boys down Water Valley

Colby Eubanks scored fourteen points to lead the Robert Lee Jr. High "A" Boys over Water Valley on Monday, November 17. The final score was RL 35, WV 16. Assisting in the effort were: Casey Eubanks 9, Taylor Clendennen and Bret Ballew with 4 each, and Trent McCabe and Brady Bolding, scoring two apiece.

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