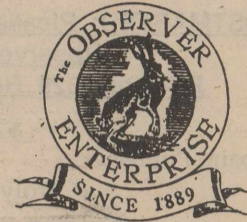


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Hutchison discusses issues during visit

United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison was in Bronte Tuesday afternoon at City Hall to visit with constituents during a whirlwind visit to our part of the state.

The Senator arrived on time to address the fifteen people present. She was introduced by Martin Lee, Mayor of Bronte. In his comments, he pointed out that she is the first woman to serve as a United States Senator from Texas. He also mentioned that her great-great-grandfather was among those who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and that Senator Hutchison was a major force in stopping the push for a state income tax.

Senator Hutchison's first comments to the group stressed her goal to try to cut taxes as much as possible for the working middle class. She mentioned that most people pay out 40% of their income in taxes and that that is just too much. A few of the projects she is working on and has worked on are: doing away with the penalty many people have to pay when they marry and it pushes them into a higher tax bracket; a retirement system for full time homemakers; and eliminating capital gains taxes when a citizen sells their home.

An overhaul of the current tax code is also scheduled. She agrees that the current taxing system is entirely too complicated. The legislators

are looking at two different systems for possible implementation around the year 2000 - a consumption tax on all purchases or a flat tax. These would replace the present Internal Revenue Service code. She also said that she and others are trying to bring common sense into legislation such as the Endangered Species Act.

Following these comments, Senator Hutchison asked the listeners if they had any questions or concerns in which she might be able to help. One of the questions asked of the Senator had to do with legislation over credit unions. She replied that the credit union members needed to remain within a narrow common bond. When asked if the majority of U. S. citizens wanted to change the current income tax system, she advised that from what she's heard, the answer is a resounding "Yes".

She went on to explain after questions regarding a consumption tax that it is similar to a sales tax and citizens would not be taxed on savings or earnings. One listener questioned whether the legislators should be putting tax reform at the top of their agenda over the problems of fraud and waste in government programs. Senator Hutchison replied that they are always concerned with waste, etc., in government programs. She stressed that she is a "smaller government, lower taxes per-

son." The Senate, according to Senator Hutchison, has tried to force change in government agencies and make government smaller and more efficient by reducing funding to numerous government agencies and programs. However, change is slow because President Clinton is often opposed to their proposed measures.

Following a comment on safety in schools, Senator Hutchison mentioned that she is whole-heartedly in favor of control for local schools resting in the hands of local government. She also mentioned, following a related question, that she is concerned about over-consolidation in the banking industry and is behind the new trend of smaller banks opening throughout the state.

Angel Tree

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

Christmas lighting contest detailed

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

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

Only 2 Christmas drawings left

There are only two drawings remaining in the Bronte Merchants Association Christmas program. These are set for Saturday, December 13, and Saturday, December 20. They will both be held in the parking lot of First National Bank of Bronte at 3 pm and you must be



United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison talks with Martin Lee, Mayor of Bronte, during her visit to Bronte Tuesday afternoon, December 9.

present to win.

In order to qualify, you must make a purchase of at least \$3 and then your name will go into the drawing for several nice prizes and gift certificates. Participating merchants have holiday signs posted.

Everyone will have a fresh chance to win each week because the tickets from purchases for that week will be the only ones in the drawing. Don't forget to shop at every merchant each week to increase your chances to win.

ELC begins between Bronte and Winters

On December 9, all calls between Bronte and Winters will be local calls for GTE customers in the Winters and Bronte telephone service areas.

Bryan's Barn

Bryan's Barn is once again lighting up the area just west of Robert Lee on Messbox Creek. We have had several calls from out-of-town concerning directions; so here goes: As you travel northwest through Robert Lee on Hwy. 208 toward Colorado City, turn left or southwest on FM 1904 and follow the lights. It's as easy as that.

The Barn is open every night in December from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Drive on out and take a look at this inspiring display.

RL Baptist to present Christmas musicals

The Robert Lee Baptist Church choirs will be presenting their Christmas musicals. The adult choir will present "In All His Glory" Sunday morning, December 14, at 11 am. The children's choir will present "Wise Guys and Starry Skies" Wednesday evening, December 17, at 6:30 pm.

The public is invited to attend both of these performances.

Bishop Pfiefer to conduct RL mass

Bishop Michael Pfiefer will be celebrating mass in Robert Lee Saturday, December 13, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The mass will be at 6 pm with a reception following.

O/E Christmas Greetings

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

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

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



Santa Claus paid an early visit to the Storytime children at the Coke County Library Tuesday morning, December 9.

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Obituaries

Coalson

Ray Coalson, 93, of Bronte, died Wednesday, December 3, 1997, in a Winters hospital. Funeral services were held at 11 am Saturday, December 6, 1997, at the Bronte Church of Christ with Brother John Driggers officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery

New voter certificates mailed

Registered voters need to watch their mailboxes for more than Christmas cards this month. The new voter registration certificates for 1998-99 are being mailed by the Coke County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office this week.

The new cards are pale blue and white, and will replace the old orange and white cards. Voters need to check the information on the certificates for accuracy, then sign the front. Both the physical and mailing addresses need to be checked carefully, as well as precinct number and correct spelling of the voter's name and birthdate.

If corrections are needed, the corrected information can be entered on the back of the certificate. The voter must then sign the back of the card and return it to the Coke County Tax Office, P.O. Box 169, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945, or drop it by the tax office in the courthouse.

Please call the tax office if you do not receive a new certificate, if you have questions, or if you need information on how to register to vote. The number is 453-2614.

with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mr. Coalson was born July 30, 1904, in Bronte. He was a lifetime resident of Bronte. He was a stock farmer and a member of the Bronte Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bernice Scott Coalson in 1973, and a son, Delbert Coalson in 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Odella Coalson of Bronte, a son, Cecil Coalson of Bronte, three grandchildren, Sherrie and husband, Greg Enis of Weatherford, Texas; Beckie and her husband, Glen Davis of College Station, Texas; and Wayne and wife, Shaye Coalson of Bronte; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Bill and wife, Lavern Coalson of Potosi, Texas; and a daughter-in-law, Charlotte and her husband, Floyd Blackburn of Bronte.

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Collins graduates from training

Army Pvt. Daniel H. Collins 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.

Collins is the son of Terah L. Collins of Bronte, and Donald J. Collins, Jr. of San Angelo. He is a 1997 graduate of Bronte High School.

County delegates attend convention

Three voting delegates from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 64th Annual Texas Farm Bureau convention November 30 through December 3 in Arlington, Texas. They were Robert M. Brown of Bronte, and Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Speakers featured at the convention included Gov. George W. Bush and Ron Wilson, Kansas farm boy and former staff member of the U. S. Senate Agriculture Committee. Also addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFB president; David R. Krebs of Portland, TFB secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

A statewide candidate forum for the offices of Lt. Governor, Agriculture Commissioner, State Comptroller, and Land Commissioner was held Monday afternoon. Each candidate was given the opportunity to express his views on specific agricultural issues and the role of government.

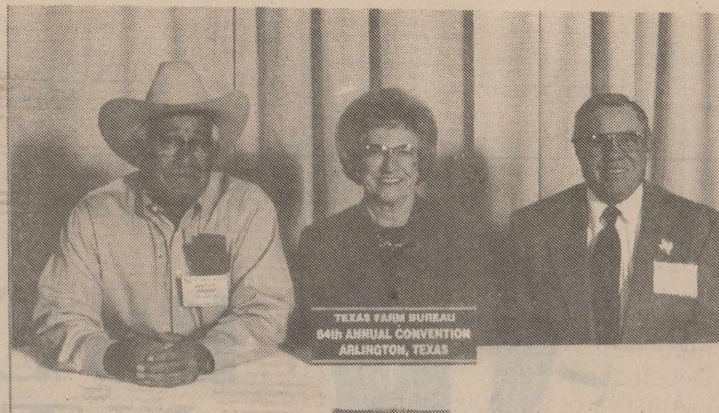
The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Bob Stallman of Columbus.

This year's youth winners were Brenda Schumann of Bellville, Miss Farm Bureau; Cheyenne Rushing of Lampasas, Talent Find winner; and Lucas Price of Burnet, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding

Correction

In the death notice for Morris G. Varnadore that ran in last week's *Observer/Enterprise*, two relatives were left out of the list of survivors. They were his sister, Nita Scott of Grass Valley, California, and his sister-in-law, Bobbie Varnadore of Blackwell, Texas.



Attending the 64th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention from Coke County were (from left) Robert M. Brown, Jeffie Roberts, and Bobby Roberts.

Young Farmer/Rancher of 1996" was Tim Addison of Plains in Yoakum County.

Recent Commissioners Court actions told

The Coke County Commissioners met Monday, December 8, 1997. The meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag and the prayer led by Judge Walker.

The minutes were approved with corrections.

The library position applicants were reviewed. There were five applicants and Ms. Beth Prather was hired. Ms. Prather is a certified librarian and will be retiring from the San Angelo Independent School District. She will begin work January 5, 1998.

No further news was reported on the Wackenhut expansion.

Rules were reviewed and approved for the Coke County Swimming Pools and Recreation Halls. This was done to bring both facilities under the same rules. Renting of the Recreation Halls began at 8 am December 5 through the County Judge's office.

The Sheriff's report was approved.

The Trapper's report was approved.

The Appraisal Board was presented as elected - Andra Arrott, Kim Hodge, Sid McGinnis, Teddy Millican, and Mark Riley.

Private road work was approved in Precinct 3 for Felix Dozier.

The bills were paid and the meeting was adjourned.

ECCHD employs administrators

The East Coke County Hospital District has announced that it has entered into an agreement with Ross and Gerraine Burrows to become administrators of Bronte Nursing Home. They will begin their duties December 17, 1997.

Mr. Burrows has had extensive experience in the health care field, having served in various positions in nursing homes and hospitals in Texas and Oklahoma. He also served as surveyor for the Texas Department of Health.

Mrs. Burrows was also employed as Financial Manager/Assistant Administrator. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma and is a registered nurse. Mrs. Burrows has worked in various capacities in hospitals and nursing homes as well as having been an EMT. Presently, she is employed by a home health agency.

RLHS Choir to sing for Santa

Santa will make a special stop in Robert Lee on Tuesday, December 16, to find out those last-minute gift wishes from area youngsters. Santa has made plans to be at the front of the courthouse in Robert Lee at 4:00 pm.

Just prior to Santa's visit, the Robert Lee High School Choir will perform a selection of numbers for the public. Bring your children and let them talk to Santa, and enjoy the presentation by the Robert Lee High School Choir.

You are invited to attend our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24th 6:00 to 6:30 pm A special service that will prepare your hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas. Please come as you are, bring all your family and friends - services will conclude at 6:30 pm - in time for any special get-togethers you have planned! The Lord's Supper will be observed.

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We are pleased to announce Benjamin W. Clayton is now associated with our firm, effective December 1, 1997. Mr. Clayton will be in our Bronte office Tuesdays & Thursdays.

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Clayton now associated with law firm

The law firm of Massey, Balentine, Edwards, & Psencik, P.C. is pleased to announce that Benjamin W. Clayton has become associated with the firm, effective December 1, 1997.

A native of Runnels County, Mr. Clayton graduated at the top of his class at Ballinger High School in 1989. He received his BA in 1993 from Texas A&M as a member of the University Honors Program. At A&M, Benjamin was a four-term officer of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and was inducted into the Order of Omega National Society.

Mr. Clayton earned his J.D. from Texas Tech School of Law in May and passed the July bar exam. He made the Dean's List three semesters and was an active member of the Texas Aggie Bar Association.

The youngest of four, Benjamin is the son of F. E. and Jane Clayton of Talpa. Benjamin joins his brother, Bryan, as recent additions to the local bar. Bryan Clayton has served as the First Assistant District Attorney in San Angelo since January.

Mr. Clayton will be in the firm's Bronte office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Food for the Needy

West Coke County Community Development is once again delivering food for the needy just prior to Christmas.

Baskets and boxes are located in all Robert Lee grocery stores to accept your donations of canned goods and non-perishable items. For those who would like to make cash contributions, an account has been established at Robert Lee State Bank for this purpose. Donations must be received by Monday, December 22, at 3:00 pm to assist in this year's effort.

If you know of deserving families in the area, please contact the County Judge's Office in Robert Lee at 453-2641.

Sunny Notes for Coke County Seniors Quilt Drawing

The Bronte Senior Center and "The Quilters" have a beautiful quilt to be given away December 20 on the First National Bank parking lot. The quilt is on display at the bank. Chances for the quilt drawing are on sale and you do not need to be present to win. Proceeds will go to the Center and the Quilters for supplies.

Menu

Monday, December 15
Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Mixed Peaches, Pears, & Apricots
Wednesday, December 17

BBQ Beef Sandwich, Tator Tots, Orange Juice, Bun, Carrot Raisin Salad, Spice Cake

Friday, December 19
Fried Fish, Baked Potato, Peas and Carrots, Wheat Bread, Sour Cream, Peaches, Chocolate Cake



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Muirhead, Jr. of Eastland are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathy Jo Muirhead, to Shawn Christopher Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown of Kansas City, Missouri.

Kathy Jo is a graduate of Eastland High School and Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, and enjoys teaching first grade for the Crowley Independent School District in Fort Worth, Texas.

Shawn is a graduate of Central High School in San Angelo, Texas, and is a Religious Education major at Howard Payne. He is currently a youth minister at First Baptist Church in Bronte and will be studying Marriage and Family Counseling at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in January.

The couple plan to be married at 2 pm December 20, 1997, at First Baptist Church in Eastland. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Webb, Anderson engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Webb, Jr. of Bronte are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lana Shari Webb of San Angelo, to Christopher Warner Anderson, also of San Angelo, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Steele of Lewisville and Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Anderson of San Angelo.

Lana is a graduate of Bronte High School and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Angelo State University. She is employed by San Angelo Radiologists, P.A. Chris is a

graduate of Eastwood High School in El Paso and is currently pursuing a degree in education/psychology from Angelo State University. He is employed by the San Angelo Independent School District.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 4 pm Saturday, January 31, 1998, at Park Heights Baptist Church in San Angelo.

Open house slated at Br City Hall

The City of Bronte will have an "Open House" on Wednesday, December 17, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Bronte City Hall.

Citizens are invited to come by for a visit and refreshments.

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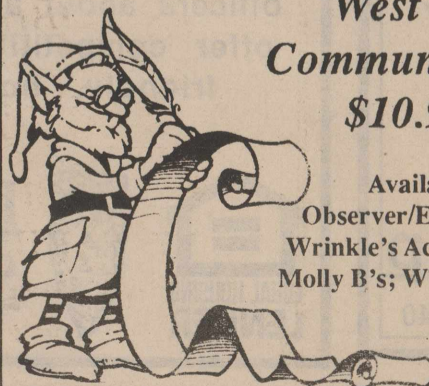
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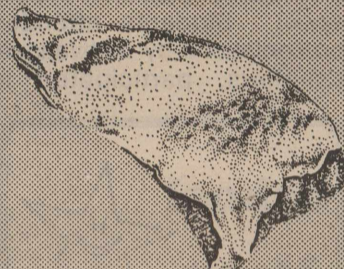
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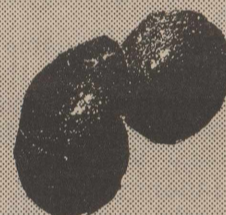
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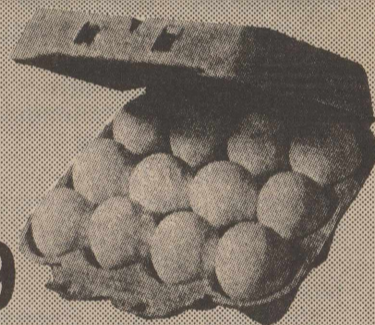
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

FFA members attend Convention

By Tara Bruning

From November 13-15, Tara Bruning, Ross Schultz, Amber Freeman and Erin Millican of the Robert Lee FFA Chapter attended the 70th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The theme for this year was "FFA-Building the Future." The convention is designed to offer experiences to help "Build the Future" for members at the National FFA Convention. This three-day event is the largest annual student convention in the country, which attracted over 48,000 students, teachers, and guests this year. The convention combines premier leadership, personal growth and career success training in a unique educational experience. Students attended presentations by motivational speakers, participated in

workshops, visited the career show, and met people from all 50 states including Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

The FFA and agricultural education continue to offer young people science-based classroom experiences, entrepreneurial skills, career options and positive leadership growth opportunities. Students are able to experience all these aspects at the National FFA Convention. More than 350 companies and universities participate in the FFA National Agricultural Career

RLJH Boys win a couple at S. City

Both the RLJH "A" and "B" boys took wins at Sterling City on Monday night, December 8.

The "B" boys scored 35 of 47 total points in the first half to defeat SC by a score of 47-16. Travis Pitcock won high scoring honors with 14, followed closely by Stewart Millican with 12, and Ty Gardner with 11. Jaziel Gallegos totalled 6, with Justin Dickey and Cooper Riley each contributing 2 points in the win.

In the "A" game, Brady Bolding posted the most buckets with 13 points, and Colby Eubanks followed closely with 10. Taylor Clendennen and Casey Eubanks each assisted the effort with 5 points each.

RLJH Girls win two at Sterling City

The RLJH Girls "A" & "B" teams both ended up in the win column against Sterling City on Monday, December 8.

The "A" Girls pounced on SC by a final score of 36-4, with Jodee Helwig and Whitney Millican tying for high point honors with 14 apiece. Shanna Wojtek assisted the team effort with 4, and Trichelle Gray and Kizre Matthews each had 2.

The "B" Girls also came out on top by a score of 22-13. High point for the night was Mia Lopez with 10. Kindra Matthews had 4, Krystal Soliz and Christina Middleton each had 3, and April Cowart 2 in the win.

Show, where students can learn about potential careers and the educational requirements for work in the business, science and technology of agriculture. The students also attended 40 workshops on professions ranging from communications to international opportunities. Few other students have the opportunity to gain this much exposure to careers in high school.

In addition to the regular convention activities, the students also attended the American Royal Stock Show and Rodeo, concerts and dances each night. On one night, the members in attendance from Texas got together and had a Texas Party where they met people from all areas of Texas.

The National FFA Convention is truly the experience of a lifetime for all those who attend. The things learned at the convention will benefit these members and their chapter for many years to come.

Personal

Jim and Sheila (Roberts) Farrar and Crystal and Lauren Hammerton of Houston spent the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of her parents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. Others joining them in the Roberts' home for Thanksgiving dinner were Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Douglas, Denise, Kacee, and James Roberts, and Marshall, Sheri, and Stewart Millican, all of Robert Lee; Kannan Millican of Stephenville; Howard and Lawana Perry of Carlsbad; Wayne and Dorene Mashburn of San Angelo; and Troy, Susan, and Cayla Millican of Sterling City.

RL Elem. to perform musical

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

On Thursday, December 18, the Christmas Music and Concert will be presented at the auditorium at 7:00 pm.



These Robert Lee FFA members attended the 70th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, November 13-15. Attending were (from left) Erin Millican, Amber Freeman, Ross Schultz, and Tara Bruning.

SA AA to offer educational sessions

The San Angelo branch of the Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will offer a series of family caregiver education sessions. This series of topics is designed to help caregivers gain information, practical and coping skills for the day to day task of living with and caring for an Alzheimer's patient.

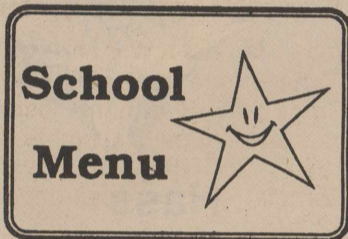
The session on "Family Coping Mechanisms" will be offered in San Angelo Thursday, December 11, at the Houston Harte University Center at ASU, room 203. There is no charge for this event. Presenter will be Ervilene Kuhlmann, Bereavement Counselor from Hospice of San Angelo. The session will begin at 6 pm.

Future topics in the Family Education Series will include: Managing Difficult Behaviors, Validation Therapy, Legal & Financial Issues, and Legal Issues for Nursing Homes. The Chapter also has printed

materials on these issues, as well as many other subjects of concern to Alzheimer's families.

In addition to these Educational Series, the Chapter has developed a new support group in San Angelo. The group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Johnson Street Church of Christ at 2200 S. Johnson. This group will help people begin the process of coping with the disease and allow them to share their experience with others in similar situations.

For more information on any of these meetings or on any of their services, please call the Branch office at 653-1724.



Breakfast
Monday, Dec. 15th
 Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Cold Cereal, Milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 16th
 Orange Juice, Pancakes, Sausage, Milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 17th
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk.
Thursday, Dec. 18th
 Orange Juice, Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Milk.
Friday, Dec. 19th
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Milk.

Lunch
Monday, Dec. 15th
 Salisbury Steak, Cheesy Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Diced Peas, Milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 16th
 Tacos, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion, Chili Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 17th
 Beef & Macaroni, Corn, Peaches, Cake, White Bread, Milk.
Thursday, Dec. 18th
 Turkey w/gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Milk.
Friday, Dec. 19th
 Corndogs w/mustard, Tator Tots, Macaroni & Cheese, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

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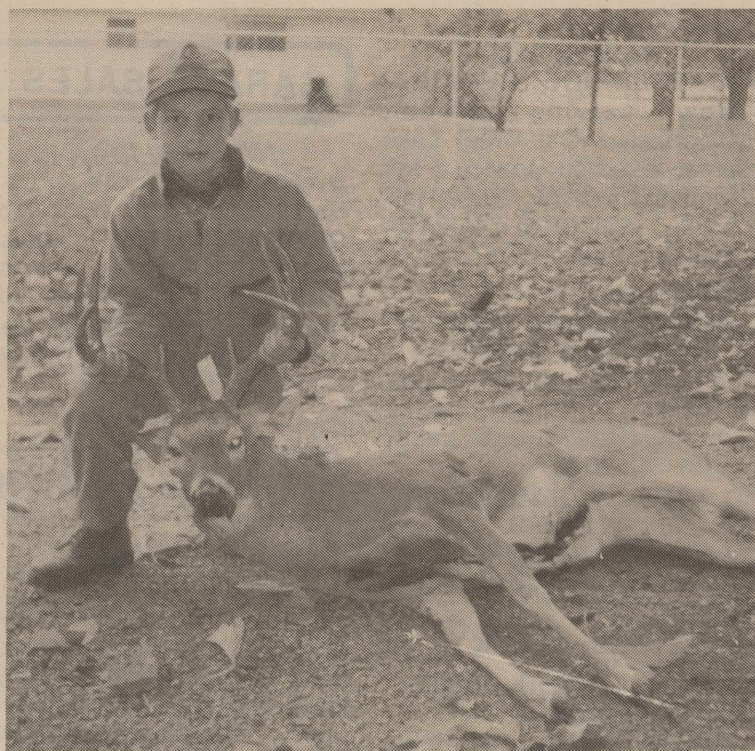


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Garrett Jackson, age 11 of Bronte, shot his first nine point buck November 9, 1997, west of San Angelo. Garrett is the son of David and Nancy Jackson.

Longhorns post b'ball scores

The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Miles Bulldogs 61-58. Rodney Adams was high scorer for the Horns with 14 points, 16 rebounds, and 6 assists. He was followed by Michael Sallee with 13 points and 8 rebounds; Michael Martinez with 12 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists; Scott Graves with 9 points and 5 rebounds; Rod Harrell with 9 points; and Dustin Scott and Zeb Speary with 2 each. Casey Gibbs contributed 3 steals and 4 assists.

The Longhorns participated in the Ballinger Tournament recently. In their first game, the Horns fell to the Ballinger Bearcats, 43-51. Casey Gibbs was high pointer with 15

points and 4 assists. Other Horns putting points on the board included Michael Sallee with 9 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 steals; Scott Graves with 6 points; Michael Martinez with 5 points and 5 assists; Rodney Adams with 4 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists; and Dustin Holland with 4 points.

Bronte defeated the Winters Blizzards 38-34 in overtime in Game 2. Michael Martinez took top honors with 14 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Rodney Adams added 13 points and 10 re-

BHS JV posts b'ball results

On Tuesday, December 2, Miles Junior Varsity defeated the Bronte JV, 22-37. Scoring for Bronte were Ricky Sanchez with 9, Jake Graves with 6, Randy Johnson with 5 and Harley Hall with 2.

The JV also participated in the Wall JV Tournament. In the Horns first game, they fell to Wall, 33-71. Randy Johnson was high pointer with 11, followed by Jerrod McClure with 9, Wes Howell with 7, and Jake Graves with 6.

In Game 2, Bronte fell to Miles, 38-48. Wes Howell, Jerrod McClure, and Price Moore tied for high scoring honors with 9 each. Others scoring included Ricky Sanchez and Jake Graves with 4 each, Randy Johnson with 2, and Josh Butts with 1.

Lady Horns play in b'ball tourney

The Lady Longhorns traveled to Ballinger to play in their tournament this past week.

In Game 1, the Ladies lost to Eldorado, 44-52. Natasha Carper was high pointer for the Horns with 15 points. Others scoring were Brittany Barrett with 10, Courtney Arrott with 8, Bonnie DeLaughter with 6, Brandy Denton with 2, and Stacie McKee with 1.

In Game 2, the Ladies faced Ballinger and came away with a 48-44 win. High pointer Courtney Arrott put in 14 points, Bonnie DeLaughter shot for 12, Brittany Barrett had 7, Natasha Carper 5, Brandy Denton and Rolinda Sanchez each had 3, and Stacie McKee and Tessie McMullan each had 1.

The Ladies lost to Miles in Game 3, 34-36. Courtney was again high scorer with 15. Brittany Barrett added 6, Natasha Carper and Bonnie DeLaughter 4 each, Rolinda Sanchez 3, and Brooke McCutchen 2.

Winters blew by the Lady Horns in Game 4 with a score of 32-56. High pointer was Courtney Arrott with 9, Brittany Barrett put in 8, Brandy Denton added 4, Bonnie DeLaughter shot for 3, Brooke McCutchen, Stacie McKee, and Kayla Arrott each had 2, and Natasha Carper 1.

Bronte bands to present Christmas concert

The Bronte ISD music department will host the annual Longhorn Band Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 16, at 7 pm in the school auditorium.

The 4th grade recorder band will begin the concert with a few Christmas carol selections and then the 5th grade band will perform four pieces from their beginning band book. The New Bronte Junior High Band will be performing Jingle Bells, Little Drummer Boy, The Lion Sleeps Tonight (from "The Lion King"), and Ukranian Bell Carol. The High School Band will be performing a special Sousa March, Highlights from The Wizard of Oz, Aladdin, That Holiday Season, and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

There is no charge for the concert. Please come and do not forget to invite all your friends and relatives. This will be a very special night that will highlight everyone's Christmas Season.

BHS Freshmen play in CC tourney

The Bronte High School Freshmen Boys basketball team played in the Colorado City Tournament recently.

In Game 1 against Coahoma, the Horns were victorious by a score of 58-44. Henry White took high scoring honors with 13 points. Others scoring in Game 1 were Brandon Gibbs with 11, Jeremy Silva with 10, Tim Green with 8, Anthony Gibbs with 7, Ryan McCorkle with 5, and Josh Schoenfield with 4.

Bronte narrowly beat Colorado City, 37-35, in Game 2. Brandon Gibbs was high scorer with 13 points, followed by Henry White and Tim Green with 10 each, and Anthony Gibbs and Ryan McCorkle with 2 each.

The Horns lost a close one to San Angelo Glenn, 51-55, in Game 3. With 14 points, Tim Green took high scoring honors. Also scoring were Henry White and Josh Schoenfield with 10 each, Brandon Gibbs with 6, Jeremy Silva and Anthony Gibbs with 4 each, and Ryan McCorkle with 3.

In the final game to determine the 3rd place finisher, the Horns fell to San Angelo Lee by a score of 34-70. Tim Green put in 9 points, Brandon Gibbs 7, Jeremy Silva and Jesse McClure 2 each, and Ryan McCorkle 1.

Members of the Freshmen team include Josh Schoenfield, Ryan McCorkle, Brandon Gibbs, Tim Green, Henry White, Jeremy Silva, Anthony Gibbs, Jesse McClure, Eric Johnson, and Chris Hamm.

BJH Lady Shorthorns fall to Blackwell

The Bronte Junior High 8th Grade Lady Shorthorns lost a basketball game December 8, 1997, to the Blackwell Hornets. The final score was 12-27.

High scorer for the Horns was Stormy White with 5 points, Natasha Reed had 3, and Lauren Williams and Lacy Schoenfield each put in 2.

The girls play again Thursday, December 11, against Sterling City in the Bronte Tournament at 7:45 pm.

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Monday, Dec. 15

French Toast, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Pancake, Sausage on a Stick, Hash Browns, Apple Juice, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Scrambled Eggs w/Diced Ham, Grape Juice, Flour Tortilla, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 18

Cereal, Sliced Peaches, Pop Tart, Milk

Friday, Dec. 19

Student Holiday

Lunch

Monday, Dec. 15

Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Sliced Peaches, Rolls, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Nachos, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Nacho Chips, Milk, Chocolate Cake

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Turkey & Dressing w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Rolls, Milk, Pumpkin Pie w/Whipped Topping

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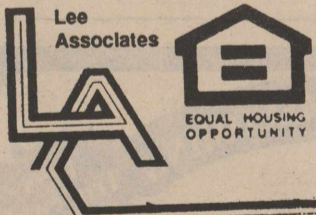
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THANKS TO EVERYONE for making "Country Christmas in Bronte" a great day! We appreciate everyone's help and participation.

Merry Christmas
Bronte Chamber Directors
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TSHL filing period announced

The filing period for Texans 60 years and older who want to run for the Seventh Texas Silver Haired Legislature (TSHL) begins January 1, 1998. Silver Haired legislators work with the Texas Legislature and state officials addressing issues that affect older Texans.

If you are a person 60 or older and a registered voter, you may file as a candidate for election to the TSHL during the period, January 1 through February 27, 1998. Terms are for two years. TSHL members must pay all of their own expenses.

Filing forms may be obtained from the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments located at 4850 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904, or by calling (915) 944-9666 or 1-800-728-2592.

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Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ross

Luna, Ross wed in ceremony

Regina Y. Luna, daughter of Jr. and Ruth Luna, was united in matrimony November 27, 1997, to Christopher J. Ross, son of Dennis and Roxie Ross.

Regina is a 1996 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is currently enrolled at American Commercial College.

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Scotts celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Scott celebrated their golden wedding anniversary November 27, 1997, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hines. The occasion was hosted by their children in attendance: Steve and Brenda Hines, and Merritt Scott, all of Bronte; DeWitt Scott of Grape Creek; and Ray and Viva Caldwell of Conroe.

Both were born and raised in Coke County and have

spent most of their lives here. Until recently, they owned a farm north of Bronte and operated Scott Butane Company for many years.

Joe Edward Scott of Bronte and Wilma Louise Roberts of Robert Lee were married November 15, 1947, in San Angelo.

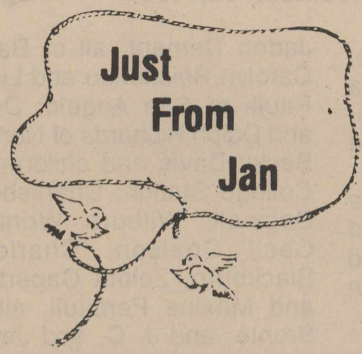
Helping celebrate the special occasion were many of their friends and family: Jim, Ethylan and Tommy Pate, Shorty, Lana, Caleb and Carrie Walls, Joel, Jamie and

Jaden Dement, all of Baird; Carolyn Reichenau and Linda Paulk of San Angelo; Doris and Dolph Richards of Norton; Becky Davis and children of College Station; Charlie Belle Bagwell, Wilburn Wrinkle, Cecil Coalson, Charlotte Blackburn, Zelma Caperton, and Maxine Percifull, all of Bronte; and J. C. and Jewel Wallace of Robert Lee.

Grandchildren of the couple in attendance were Tina Hines of Midland, Kyle and Koby Caldwell of Conroe, and Terence Scott of Bronte.

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**By The Box:
Choose Age-
Appropriate Toys
For Children**

As the holidays approach, a child development specialist at Texas A&M University asks shoppers to buy age-appropriate toys for children.

Parents should consider whether the toy is potentially dangerous to their child, or any child for that matter.

Parents should ask, "Would my child use this toy safely? Would another child pick this up and potentially harm themselves and my child with it?"

Parents also need to consider where children are developmentally. Parents should ask whether their children are emotionally and cognitively able to play with a particular toy.

It is so typical for a parent to say, "My child is above their age, my child is smarter than his age." That's great -- but the truth is most kids are at their expected age level. Advice to consumers is to follow the age range on the toy box.

Most kids are right in their range and those are generous age ranges on those toys. The manufacturer certainly wants to sell every toy they can, and they're going to give the earliest date they can possibly give and the latest date.

When age ranges are ignored, consequences can be serious. The thing we hear about most often are the small parts of a toy that get into a child's mouth who is at the stage where they taste everything and the child swallows the toy and the child chokes.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), almost two dozen children suffered toy-related deaths, and 150,000 children were treated in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries in 1995.

A clinical psychologist says experiencing continual defeat at the hands of a toy can be

Personal

Lonnie Rogers of Athens, Texas, and a former resident of Bronte, visited in the home of his cousin, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee.

Personal

The Thanksgiving holiday was filled with fun and good food for the Pearson Family. Craig and Carolyn, Chelsea and Clayton Pearson were home from Los Alamos, New Mexico; Greg, Lisa, Allan and Regan Pearson traveled from Livingston, Texas; Tracy, Jim, and Haley Grantham were here from Arlington, Texas; Dana, Chris and Brian Eubanks enjoyed all the out-of-towners along with her parents, Frank and Sharon Pearson.

by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

harmful for children who are beginning to develop a self concept. You don't want to keep a child from learning from defeat, but if they experience repeated defeat, it is typical for them to say, "I don't like it anyway." Or they may internalize it, "What's the matter with me that I can't do it? I'm not as good as someone else."

Parents also need to make sure toys are in line with what they teach their children about morals. There's been a movement in our country not to ever give boys guns or girls guns. But if a child wants to play with a gun, they'll pull out their index finger and shoot. I think we have to go back and take a look at the meaning behind that toy. If parents are not teaching something that they believe in, then they need to think twice before giving that toy.

The same is true concerning gender roles. Research has show that it is not harmful to give boys dolls and girls trucks and planes, but what is appropriate for a child must be determined by his/her parent.

Theoretically, toys have no gender but our gender roles shape the way we play with toys. So we as parents know what we think is appropriate, right, good. We put values on toys and then we select them.

**Gun Club posts
pistol match winners**

Red Canyon Gun Club hosted a Pistol Match on Sunday, December 7. Richard Johnson of Robert Lee edged out Doug Randell of Big Spring for the high overall trophy in a very close match by 1 hit, with the final score 32 to 31. Good scores were turned in by all shooters, with only 1 or 2 points separating most of the winners in their class. Individual results are as follows:

Class A

1st. Richard Seals, Sterling City; 2nd. Tom Delaney, Odessa.

Class AA

1st. Doug Randell, Big

**Retreat is a
blessing**

By Anolagay S. Barefoot

Have you ever tried something new, been totally blessed by it, and wondered why you'd never tried it before? This was the question on the minds of several women at the close of the first annual Women's Retreat at the West Texas Ranch for Christ. Guest speakers, music, activities, small group sessions, good food, and making new friends were all a part of the retreat.

"The Fruit of the Spirit," as found in Galations 5: 22-23, was the focus of guest speaker Lola Scott and the small group sessions. Dale Moore shared her experiences as a missionary to Nigeria for 36 years. Inspirational music was provided by Selissa Hayes and Eddie Sparks. Hostess and coordinator for the women's retreat was Tammy Eoff.

Spring; 2nd. Gary Gulihun, McCamey; 3rd. Cecil Hogg, Junction.

Class AAA

1st. Al Leggett, Odessa; 2nd. Bill McNutt, Junction.

In addition, Clyde Howard of Odessa earned a 5-in-a-row on pigs. Ken Green of Robert Lee earned a 5-in-a-row on rams. Doug Randell earned a 5-in-a-row on turkeys.

Gun Club members are reminded that Jan. 1, 1998, the locks on the gates will be changed. Members must turn in their old keys when they pay their dues or pay a \$5.00 penalty.



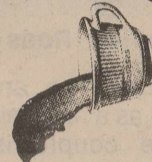
Adrian Barton

**Barton is member
of fair court**

Adrian Barton was runner-up for 1997 Kerr County Fair Queen recently in Kerrville, Texas. She is the 15 year old daughter of Clay and Betsy Barton of Kerrville and the granddaughter of Olean Poor and the late D. C. "Bud" Harmon. Mrs. Poor attended the Comfort Christmas parade in which Adrian rode a float along with the rest of the Kerr County Fair royalty.

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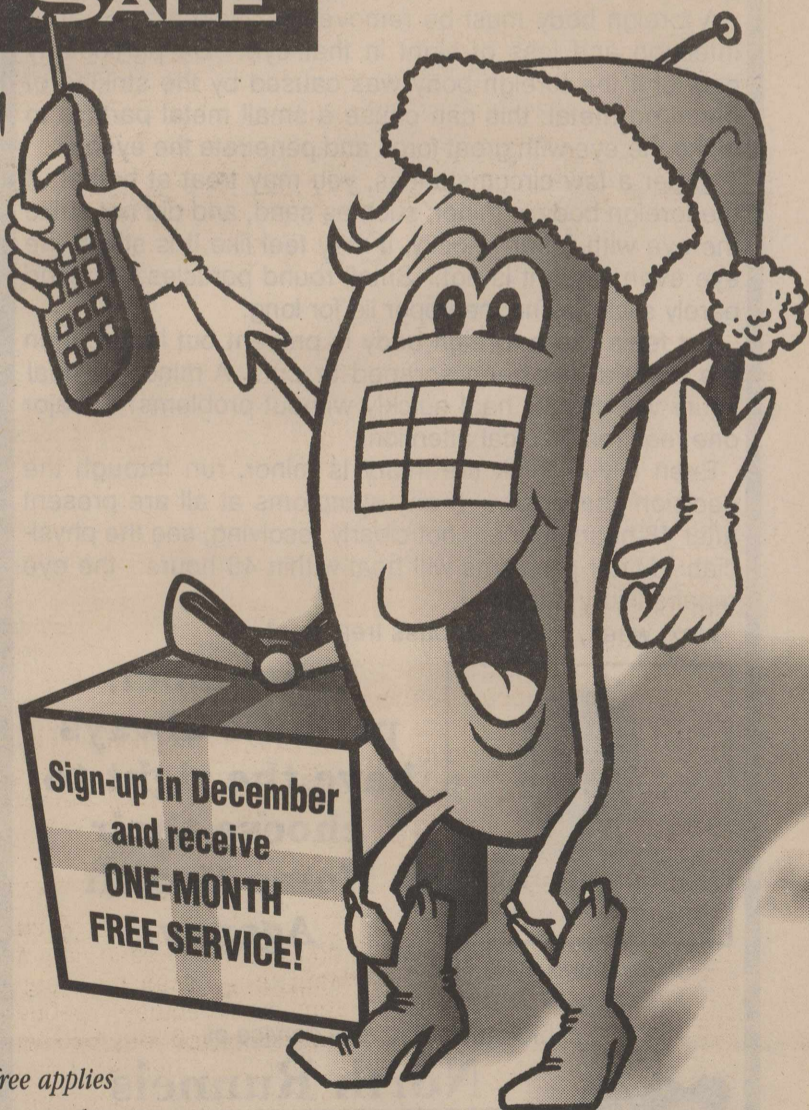


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