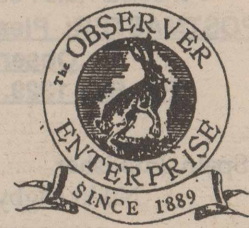


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Bryan's Barn to open season of lights

The unofficial opening of the holiday season would have to be the heralded lighting up of Bryan's Barn on Wednesday, December 1. Wilson and Lucile Bryan will be on hand greeting guests from literally everywhere from 6-10 pm each night through December 31. They will be assisted by various family members during the month to celebrate the season.

The glittering fantasyland will be enhanced this year by a 16 foot addition to the barn which is already filled up. Thousands, including guests and visitors in tour buses, will coverge on the barn and grounds to view the lights, displays, and decorations. Many individuals and families will visit several times during the month. They notice something each time they didn't notice before.

The wonderful glow a mile or so west of Robert Lee will be the destination of many starting December 1.

Robert Lee's annual.

Early Deadline

The *Observer/Enterprise* will be printed and mailed on Wednesday of next week due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Advertising and news deadline, as a result, will be advanced to Monday at 5:00 pm.

The *Observer/Enterprise* offices in Bronte and Robert Lee will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 & 26, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Downtown Christmas Open House has been set for Friday, December 3. Most businesses and public offices have participated in the past and expect to do so again. The open house includes lots of refreshments and visiting; some may set drawings for their customers. It has turned into a fun, all-day event.

The First United Methodist Church has planned a full schedule of events for Saturday, December 4. Watch for more details in the *Observer Enterprise*.

Community Thanksgiving services set

Bronte Community Thanksgiving service scheduled

A Community Thanksgiving Service for Bronte and the surrounding area will be held this Sunday, November 21, First Baptist Church, beginning at 7 pm.

Program personalities will include Marilyn Austin, C.B. Barbee, Ray Barnett, Martin and Susan DeLaGarza, Glenda Draper, John Driggers, Scott Griffin, Elmer Hurley, Morris Johnson, Pat Lee, Stover Taylor, Scott Venable, and the Youth Praise Team.

Included in the program will be congregational singing, special music, scripture reading, a children's time, a prayer time for rain, receiving of a benevolence offering, a

Community Chest report, a testimony of God's blessings, and a special Thanksgiving message. Morris Johnson, pastor of Bronte's First Baptist Church, will be bringing the Thanksgiving message entitled "Something to Think About." The offering taken during the service will be given to the Community Chest organization to help fund their benevolent work in the community.

Everyone is invited to attend this special time of worship and thanksgiving. Community churches are dismissing their services to participate. Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Community "ThanksLiving" set for Robert Lee

There will be a community-wide "ThanksLiving" service at 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 23, in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee. The community service, led by different pastors in the community, will be followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. Everyone in the community is invited to come and join in the unity of Christians giving thanks for the blessings of this season.

Hayrick Lodge to present awards

Hayrick Masonic Lodge #696 will be presenting 50 Year Awards to Prichard Brown, Eddie Paul Goode, R. D. Garrett, and the late Hugh (Bub) Lewis family. Presentation of the awards will begin at 2:00 pm at the

Football Play-Off Game!

BRONTE LONGHORNS

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Friday • November 19 • 7:30 pm
San Angelo Stadium • San Angelo



Masonic Lodge on November 20, 1999. Fellowship and refreshments will follow immediately after presentation. Friends and families are invited to attend this special occasion.

RL Food Baskets to be distributed

The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will be making and distributing food baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving and again at Christmas.

If you are a family or know of a family in need of one of these food baskets, please write the name of the family and an address where this can be delivered to them, and mail it to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 144, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, or call Carla Wojtek at 453-2911 between 8:30-5:00.

Major show entries due for 4-H

On Wednesday, November 24 at the courthouse from 4:30-5:30, 4-H members may enter the major stock shows that include Odessa, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo. Entries must be made before Thanksgiving to meet the deadline dates. If you need additional information, contact the County Extension office at 453-2461.

Poinsettia Sale

Anyone wanting to purchase poinsettia plants for the holidays needs to contact any 4-H member or the County Extension office. The Coke County 4-H Club will be taking orders for poinsettias until November 23. Each Poinsettia plant will have 5-6 blooms. Magic Farm Nursery will provide the plants for this fund raiser. Delivery of the plants is set for December 8.

Bronte's Country Christmas To Be Held

Bronte's Country Christmas Celebration will be more fun than ever this year. The day will start early with the dedication of the Veterans Memorial at the old depot on Saturday, Dec. 4. Registration starts at 10:15, and the Confederate Air Force Flyover will kick off the ceremonies at 11:00.

At 1:00, the children will begin their celebration by meeting at the gazebo. They're encouraged to dress up as any Looney Tune or Walt Disney movie character. They'll parade on the downtown sidewalks. Then they'll get to make Christmas cookies and tree ornaments. Then they'll have a special story time and get to have their pictures made with Santa. Pat Lee and friends will help Santa's elves.

From 6:00 to 8:00, there will be free hot chocolate and entertainment at the mini park. The youth of First Baptist Church will do a skit. Other churches will provide music and a live nativity scene. Everyone can drop off their ballots to vote for the favorite home and business decorations.

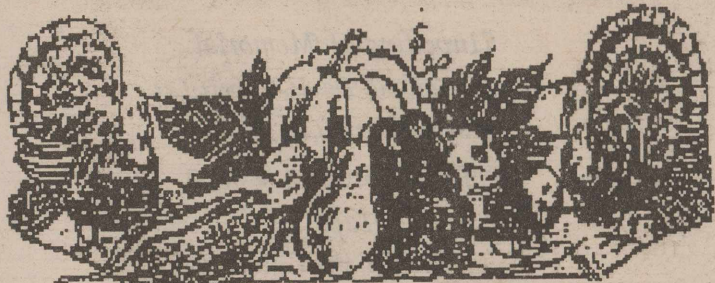
There will be open houses, food booths, and bake sales, so there will plenty of food and fun for everyone.

Any organization wanting to have a fundraising food booth needs to contact Marilyn Bivins at 473-6791.

Coke County Courthouse closing

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving



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Obituaries



Katy Belle Chambers

Katy Belle Chambers passed away on November 15, 1999, at her home at the age of 70 years.

Services were held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Burial followed at 4:00 pm in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Katy was born on August 5, 1929, at Orient to George Henry and Katy Derrick James. She was a homemaker and a member of the Tennyson Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Katy James; one brother, R. L. James; and two daughters, Georgene and Jimmie Delores.

Katie is survived by her husband, James Chambers of Tennyson; one son, John Chambers of Hawley; four daughters, Sandra Talton of Tennyson, Sheila Beauchamp of Bronte, JoNelle Black of San Angelo, and Patti Frazee of Bronte; three brothers, George Henry James of Spring Town, Melvin R. James of San Angelo, Clarence B. "Buck" James of San Angelo; two sisters, Dorothy Ellen McClure of Bronte and Hazel Irene Magness of Blackwell; seventeen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

"Only a Mother can share her love with all her children, yet give each child her undivided love."
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Rupert Louis Robbins

Rupert Louis Robbins (Uncle Rup) passed away at age 84 on November 10, 1999, in San Angelo.

Services were held at 2:00 pm. Friday, November 12,

1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte where he had been a long time member. Burial followed in Hayrick Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Rupert was born on September 18, 1915, at Ft. Chadbourne to L. C. (Bus) and Jettie Kirkland Robbins. At age 16, he went to Pecos County where he began his life as a cowboy. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and returned to his life as a cowboy in Coke County. He married Orene Thompson in 1983 and made their home in Bronte.

Rup was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Ollie Mae Cowley.

He is survived by his wife, Orene; two step-children, Pat Caudle of Heber Springs, Arkansas and Danny Walker of San Angelo. Also surviving are two brothers, Carroll Robbins of Bronte and Portis Robbins of San Angelo; three sisters, Annie Williams of Midland, Katherine Patterson of Bronte, and Maxine Allen of San Angelo; other survivors are two aunts, Ollie K. Hogue of Duncanville and Helen Kirkland of Bronte; and many nieces and nephews.

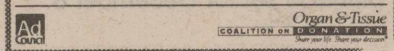
Cowboy Life

*I've met a heap o'cowboys
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I saw a million cattle,
and read a lot o'brands.
I've seen some hard old
winters,
when nearly all the cattle died.
I've rode some cuttin' horses
that could turn right out their
hides.
I ate my share o'beefsteak,
and drunk some whiskey too,
An'did a little dancin'
with nothin'else to do.
'Been bucked off old outlaws
that I couldn't start to ride.
Ah saw some fine old buddies
go over the Great Divide.
With friends and family now
I'm making my last stand,
An' hopin to be horseback
when I reach the Promise
Land.*

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Death Notices

Williamson

Marvin Clay Williamson, 58, of Dripping Springs died Tuesday, November 9, 1999, in an Austin hospital.

Graveside service was Thursday, at 2:30 pm in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include a brother, Marion Jay Williamson of Dripping Springs; and numerous nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Royal

Dwight Royal, 45, of San Angelo died November 8, 1999, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held November 11 at Park Heights Baptist Church in San Angelo. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Simpson Royal; his four sons, Brock, Brian, Brent, and Brodie, all of San Angelo; his parents, Lawrence and Betty Royal of Plainview; a brother, L.A. Royal and his wife, Karen, of Edmonson; and a sister, Judy Waller and her husband, R.W., of Hale Center. Also surviving are Barbara's parents, Glenn and Ruth Simpson of San Angelo.

Hinkle

Elijah Hinkle, 10, of Blackwell died Friday, November 12, 1999, in an Abilene hospital.

Service was at 2 pm Monday, November 15, at Blackwell Baptist Church with

burial in Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his mother, Lori Walker, a sister, Malinda Walker and stepfather, Tim Thompson, all of Blackwell; father, Russell Hinkle of Eagle Pass, N.M.; two stepbrothers, Caleb Thompson and Dylan Thompson, both of Brownfield; and his grandparents, Lewis and Viola Walker of Blackwell and Pat and Don Hinkle of Plains.

Hardin

Mrs. Agnes Lenora Hardin, age 72, of Burnet, passed away Monday, November 15, 1999.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning, November 18, 1999 at 10:00 am at the Chapel of Hills Baptist Church with Dr. Larry Howard officiating. Interment was in the Post Mountain Cemetery in Burnet under the direction of the Edgar Funeral Home, in Burnet, Texas.

Mrs. Hardin is survived by her husband, Bill Hardin of Burnet; one daughter, Linda Humphries and husband David of Burnet; one son, Phil Walker Hardin of Burnet; two sisters, Edna Russell of

Dripping Springs, and Edith Conger of Zephyr; one brother D. J. Walker of Robert Lee, Texas; three grandchildren, Todd, Cresta, and Stacy, numerous nieces and nephews.

Carlile

Edna May Carlile, 95, of Robert Lee died November 7, 1999, at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Memorial graveside services will be at 10:00 am Monday, November 22, 1999, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by dearest friends Johnnie and Sid Eubanks, Gladys Waldrop; four nieces and two nephews; and many close friends.

Robert Lee City Hall

Robert Lee City Hall will close for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26. The Landfill will be open Saturday, November 27 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Trash service will run as scheduled on Friday, November 26. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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Pledge

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(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher

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11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church

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(915) 453-2724

Bro. Miller Robinson, Int. Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Catholic Church**

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(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sat. 6 pm

Beal-Scarborough exchange vows

Bethany Janay Beal and William Craig Scarborough were joined in marriage on October 30, 1999. The candlelight ceremony was held in the First Christian Church of Odessa, Texas with Dr. David Mindel, Pastor, officiating.

Parents of the bride are Lynn and Robbie Beal of Odessa, Texas. Grandparents of the bride are Ruth Beal and Willis and Wanda Smith of Robert Lee. Parents of the groom are Billy and Tonya Scarborough of Dumas, Texas. Grandparents of the groom are James and Colleen Taylor and V.C. Scarborough of Dumas.

Attendants were Claire Ashton, Maid of Honor, of Austin, Texas, Amanda Beal and Ashley Beal, sisters of the bride, Odessa, Texas and Brandi Hanna of San Angelo, Texas. Best Man was Chris Scarborough, brother of the groom, Phoenix, Arizona, Tim Steckel and Shawn Chastain, of Lubbock, Colin Beal, brother of the bride, and Shawn Whitley, both of Odessa. Brittany and Taylor Burk, of Dumas, were flower girls.

The bride wore a formal gown of Italian satin trimmed with cutwork lace and seed pearls and a cathedral length train. She carried a bouquet of cascading cardinal roses and greenery. The groom wore a black, shawl collared tux with silver trim and silver vest and tie. The church was decorated with candles and roses.

Entries needed for the Christmas parade

According to the Rev. Jim Reeves, pastor of First United Methodist Church, entries are still needed for the Christmas parade to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 4, in Robert Lee. The Christmas parade is the kickoff for the "Celebrate Jesus" activities. Following the parade, there will be a worship service to celebrate the 2000th birthday of the Christ child. The worship service will symbolically unite Christians in this community with the Christians who will be worshipping in Bethlehem on the 4th. There will be refreshments served following the worship service and the afternoon will include a gospel singing featuring different groups and individuals.

Entries for the parade can include floats, tractors, classic cars, bicycles, horses and others. Santa Claus will also make an appearance during the parade. Anyone wishing to enter the parade may do so by calling the First UMC at 453-2417.



Mr. and Mrs. William Craig Scarborough

Music was provided by the Satin Strings orchestra ensemble of Permian High School and a solo performed by Craig Milliken and Steven Lopez of Austin. The bride is a 1997 graduate of Permian High School and attended Austin Community College. She is currently employed by Faith Home for At-Risk Children and Babies with HIV/AIDS of Austin, Texas. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Dumas High School and is currently employed by Shaggy's Caribbean Grill in Austin.

A wedding trip is planned for a later date. The couple will make their home in Austin, Texas.

Christmas in Miles

The fourth annual Christmas in Miles will be held Saturday, November 27 from 9 am to 6 pm and Sunday, November 28 from 12 pm to 4 pm at the Weatherby Hall in downtown Miles.

Arts and crafts, glassware, leathersgoods, wooden carvings, candles, wreaths, Christmas ornaments, food items, and baked goods are some of the items that will be available. Downtown businesses featuring clothes, crafts, jewelry, and antiques will also be open.

For more information contact Jane Jeschke at 468-3841 or Janice Burrus at 468-3673.

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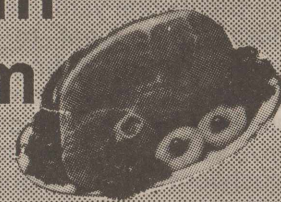
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Bronte School News

Horns tromp Bulldogs to advance in playoffs

The Bronte Longhorns opened the 1999 football playoffs with a 48-6 Bi-District win against the Ranger Bulldogs.

Bronte had twenty-two first downs, 424 rushing yards, 0 passing yards, 0 punt average, 2-2 fumbles, and 4-40 penalties. The Ranger Bulldogs had twelve first downs, 170 rushing yards, 34 passing yards, 6-25 punts average, 4-4 fumbles, and 4-20 penalties.

The Horns established themselves early by holding Ranger on their first offensive possession and after a great punt return, drove the ball for their first touchdown with 8:20 left in the first quarter. Ranger's next possession produced three first downs by ended with an interception on the Bronte one yard line. The Horns then went to work behind outstanding line blocking and great down field blocking by the wide-outs to drive 99 yards for their second touchdown of the night with both pat's, good making the score 14-0. The Bulldogs got on the board with twelve seconds to go in the half, making the half-time score 14-6.

Longhorn send off

The Bronte Longhorns will play their next play-off game Friday, November 19, at 7:30 at San Angelo Stadium. A send-off is planned for the football team. The send-off will begin at 4:15. The Longhorn bus will depart Bronte going down Main Street before turning at the light onto Highway 277. Fans are asked to meet downtown and on State Street for the send-off. Please join us to show your support for the Bronte Longhorns!

SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

- Monday, Nov. 22
Breakfast Pizza, Apple Juice, Teddy Grams, Milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 23
Cereal, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 24
Holiday
- Thursday, Nov. 25
Holiday
- Friday, Nov. 26
Holiday

Lunch

- Monday, Nov. 22
Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Apple Sauce, Rolls, Milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 23
Sloppy Joe's, Tator Tots, Ranch Style Beans, Bun, Brownies, Milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 24
Holiday
- Thursday, Nov. 25
Holiday
- Friday, Nov. 26
Holiday

The Horns completely dominated the second half of play with outstanding team defense, holding the Bulldogs to only three second half first downs, and scoring one defensive touchdown off of a fumble recovery in the endzone. The offense completed the story by scoring four second half touchdowns, making the final score Bronte 48 and Ranger 6.

The Horns will play for the Area Championship this Friday at 7:30 pm at the San Angelo stadium against the Menard Yellowjackets. Come out and support the Horns and enjoy some great football.

BISD Board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 11, 1999, at 7:00 pm. A walk through of the new facilities was held.

The Board heard the report of the Elementary Principal, Terry Marrs, and the secondary Principal, Rick Howell.

The Textbook Committee for 1999-2000 was approved.

Resolution was approved and votes cast for directors for the Coke County Appraisal District.

Discussion was held concerning Board of Trustees Operating Guidelines.

The lease of portable building to TYC and change to local policy for absences relating to extracurricular activities was approved.

The Board accepted the resignation of Glen Coles, Administrator at CCJJC and hired Byron Griffin as CCJJC Administrator.

The Superintendent, Alan Richey's, report included the following: Updates on the facilities, playground, and CCJJC. Mr. Richey presented the Texas Department of Health Report and it was reviewed. Dates for Open House and the Band Christmas Concert were discussed. Bus routes were also discussed.

The Board initiatives

included the tennis courts and use of the old gym.

Bills were paid, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 9, 1999, at 7:30 pm.

Lady Horns Area game against Briscoe Fort Elliott

The Lady Horns played their Area game against Briscoe Fort Elliott at Knox City, on Tuesday November 9. Horns lost in two games with scores of 9-15 and 1-15.

Kala had 5 kills; Lacy 5 assists; Brooke 1 kill; Jade 3 assists; Tasha 1 kill; Lauren 2 blocks; Stormy 1 kill; and Britni 1 block. The Lady Horns had a season record of 9-13.

Parent Involvement Day

Friday, November 12, 1999, had been designated as Parent Involvement Day and there were definitely some involved parents that day. The cafeteria served around 100 parents, grandparents, and friends, who had come to eat lunch with their child. The cafeteria ladies served up some wonderful chicken fajitas, along with refried beans, Spanish rice, and ice cream for dessert. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare for this day, and a special thank you to the family and friends who made it such a great day for their kids at Bronte Elementary.

Christmas lighting/decorating contest slated for December 4

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the Christmas decorating contest. Please note that this year the Chamber is asking everyone to decorate early so judging can be done on Saturday, December 4 for "Country Christmas in Bronte."

Prize for best home is a \$50.00 gift certificate, and the second place home is a \$25.00 gift certificate. Best



Morgan Crooks gives candy to Randon Eubanks during the Halloween festivities at Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

business is a \$25.00 gift certificate.

The voting ballots will be on the back of the "Country Christmas in Bronte" mailout flier that will be mailed out the week before. You will be the judges.

Be sure to take the time to ride around and pick out your favorite home and business decorations, then on Saturday, December 4, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, drop your ballot off at the Bronte mini park and have a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy some entertainment.

Remember to decorate early and watch your mail for your "Country Christmas in Bronte" flier for schedule of events, merchant ads & specials, voting ballot and much more!

Desserts needed for CCJJC

Desserts are needed for the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center's Thanksgiving Dinner. This is our 5th year that volunteers have provided pies, cakes or cookies. This request comes from the Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council. The young men at the facility know

that these desserts are provided by the community.

A table will be set up in the reception area of the facility Wednesday, November 24, to receive the desserts.

We will also have several men volunteers from the community to carve the Thanksgiving turkeys that same afternoon.

Bronte OES holds meeting

Bronte Chapter #1048 Order of the Eastern Star held its regular meeting on November 11, 1999. There were 14 officers and 8 members present.

A very impressive program honoring the Charter Members was given by Worthy Matron, Gayna Eldred.

Those Charter Members present were: Dorothy Ruth Collins, Sybil Henry, J. T. Henry, Dorthey Fay Pruitt and Noah Pruitt Jr..

Delicious refreshments provided by Mary Belle and Harley Hilliard and Mildred Thomason were enjoyed by all after the meeting.

The Chapter will participate in Christmas in Bronte on December 4 by having a bake sale and selling beans and cornbread.

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September 3	Menard	There	8:00	6	7
September 10	Rankin	Here	8:00	21	6
September 17	Roby	There	8:00	41	6
September 24	Robert Lee	Here	8:00	35	0
October 1	Sterling City	Here	8:00	19	3
October 8	Santa Anna	There	7:30	28	0
October 15	Cross Plains	Here	7:30	38	0
October 22	Eden	There	7:30	27	33
October 29	Baird	There	7:30	27	30
November 5	Miles	Here	7:30	21	7
November 13	Ranger	Playoff	7:30	48	6



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Robert Lee School News



New Members of the Robert Lee High School Beta Club include (back row, from left) Bobbie Sparks, Rachelle Mills, Amy Riley, Jodee Helwig, Colby Eubanks, Jamie Chesshir, Bret Ballew, Shanna Wojtek, Adam Cates, (front row, from left) Whitney Millican, Jennifer Alexander, Melissa Landeros, Trichelle Gray, and Kizre Matthews.

Robert Lee High School Beta Club inducts new members

The Robert Lee High School chapter of the National Beta Club inducted fourteen new members into their organization on November 11, 1999, in the Robert Lee High School Auditorium.

The candlelight induction ceremony was conducted by Beta Club President Joel Gallegos. The following students assisted with the ceremony: Melanie Johnson, Christian De Los Santos, Macy Hill, Matthew Pitcock, Jamie Luna, Andrew McCabe, Daniel Cates, James Gallegos, and Dan McCown.

The National Beta Club criteria for membership includes scholastic accomplishment, service, leadership, and character. To become a member of Beta, students must have at least a grade point average of 90 and

have high recommendations from faculty. The new Beta Club members who met these criteria are Jennifer Alexander, Bret Ballew, Adam Cates, Jamie Chesshir, Colby Eubanks, Trichelle Gray, Jodee Helwig, Melissa Landeros, Kizre Matthews, Whitney Millican, Rachelle Mills, Amy Riley, Bobbie Sparks, and Shanna Wojtek.

Following the ceremony, a reception for the new members and their parents was held.

Junior High travels to Sterling City 8th Grade boys

The 8th grade junior high boys traveled to Sterling City for a basketball game. The Dogies lost by a score of 25-53 against the Sterling City Eagles.

Travis Taylor was the highpoint shooter for RL with 15 points; followed by Cole Flanagan with 4 points; and Josh Alexander, Brian Abalos, and Phillip Arellano having 2 points each.

RL 7th Grade Boys

The 7th grade junior high boys also lost by a score of 6-25. Cisco Moreno was the highpoint with 4 points and Jake McCabe with 2 points.

RLJH A Team girls

The Junior high girls A team lost against the Sterling City A team girls by a score of 14-30. Lindsey Roe was high point of the game for RL with 4 points; followed by Tyler Lott, Julie Riley, Shannon Honse, Jennifer Fluhmann, and Rachel Wallace with 2 each.

RLJH B Team girls

The Junior high B team girls won their game by a score of 14-2. Stacey Denton was the high point with a total of 8 points and Michelle Sanchez had a total of 6 points.

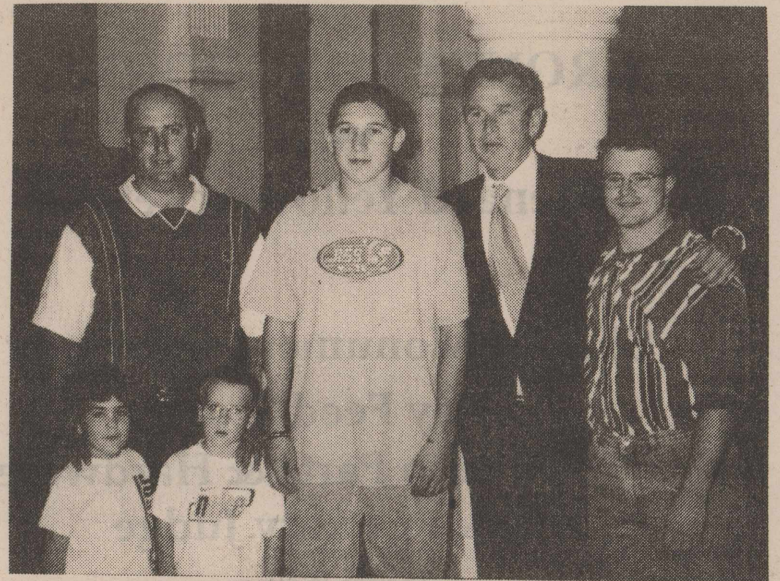
Gallegos competes at State event

Joel Gallegos may not have come home from the 1999 State Cross Country Meet with a top ten finish or even run his best time of the year, but he did come home with a very special memory.

On Friday night before the race, a trip to the state's capitol turned out to be quite memorable. We were leaving the capitol at the same time as Governor George Bush was leaving. He stopped and shook our hands and was cordial enough to take a picture and wished Joel good luck at the cross country meet. He was very friendly and made a big impression on



Officers of the Robert Lee High School Beta Club include Vice President Dan McCown, President Joel Gallegos, Secretary Daniel Cates, and Treasurer James Gallegos.



The following Robert Lee residents met Governor George W. Bush (second from right) while in Austin for the State Cross Country meet. They include (from left) Frankie Gartman, Jordan and Justin, Joel Gallegos, and Daniel Cates.

Joel and Daniel Cates, who went with Joel to support him at the meet.

On Saturday afternoon Joel competed against 112 other

class IA boys in the State Cross Country Meet. He finished 60th and completed a very successful senior cross country season. Great job Joel!!

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- Monday, Nov. 22**
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 23**
Orange Juice, Pancake wrapped around Sausage, Milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 24**
Holiday
- Thursday, Nov. 25**
Holiday
- Friday, Nov. 26**
Holiday
- Lunch**
- Monday, Nov. 22**
Frito Pie, Corn, Tator Tots, Spiced Apples, Milk
- Tuesday, Nov. 23**
Corn dog w/mustard, Potato Patty, Fruit, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, Nov. 24**
Holiday
- Thursday, Nov. 25**
Holiday
- Friday, Nov. 26**
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8th Grade
Chris Eubanks

9th Grade
Amber Brosh, Misti Brothers, Ashlee Millican, Travis Pitcock, Shelby Roe

10th Grade
Jennifer Alexander, Jamie Chesshir, Trichelle Gray, Jodee Helwig, Bobbie Sparks

11th Grade
Mary Arellano, Lane Fenton, Amber Freeman, James Gallegos, Erin Millican

12th Grade
B. J. Bessent, Daniel Cates, Christian De Los Santos, Joel Gallegos, Macy Hill, Dan McCown, Matthew Pitcock, Ashley Townsend, Joseph Wink

Robert Lee "A/B" honor roll 2nd six weeks

7th grade
Wade Arledge, Stacey Denton, Alana Parker, Michelle Sanchez

8th grade
Brian Abalos, Josh Alexander, Phillip Arellano, Monica Barrera, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Tyler Lott, Travis Taylor, Rachel Wallace

9th grade
Alice Beach, Adam Caston, April Cowart, Sean Edging, Amie Kendall, Anson Lott, Kindra Matthews, Christina Middleton, Stewart Millican, Joanna Pedersen, J.J. Reyes, Cooper Riley, Robert Sailer, Nicole Sanchez, Rebecca Welch

10th grade
Charles Abalos, Joe Arledge, Bret Ballew, Adam Cates, Amanda Kuhl, Melissa Landeros, Whitney Millican, Rachelle Mills, Amy Riley, Shanna Wojtek

11th grade
Garrett Brown, Tiffany Copeland, DeShira Dickey, Justin Fluhmann, Lewis Samaniego, Dixie Simpson, Matthew Tinkler, Dee Van Huss.

12th grade
GiGi Barnett, Shyla Cole, Jeremy Eaton, Coke Hendry, Melanie Johnson, Jamie Luna, Andrew McCabe, Cecelia Ortega, Jodi Patterson, Gina Torres, Jennifer Woods

Robert Lee Elementary Perfect Attendance Second six weeks

PreK Mrs. Treadaway
Dawson Brisbin, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Makenna Netting, Zachary Skinner

Kindergarten Mrs. Bagwell and Mrs. Gibbs
Linsey Arellano, Grady Barnett, Beecana Bower, Jessica Elliott, Janzen Digby, Kimberly Roach, Raquel Rojas, Diana Vera

First Grade Mrs. Drennan and Mrs. Payne
Foster Allen, Ginny Caston, J. P. Conner, Matthew Corona, Jake Cotter, Haden Dillard, Amanda Mendoza, Logan Philley, Paul Pineda, Kacey Roberts, Garrett Rogers, Meagan Ross, Joshua Rowoldt, Anita Saucedo, Diego Saucedo, Cody Taylor

Second Grade Mrs.

Duncan and Mrs. Horn
Breana Anderson, Emily Arellano, Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Cayetano Carrera, Dylan Deanda, Tanner Hanigan, Sarah Jones, Ivan Landeros, Nancy Landeros, Blake Millican, Jacob Moreno, Stetson Nesbit, Colton Reed, Olivia Trejo, Jathan Williams

Third Grade Mrs. Devoll and Mrs. McCown
Garrett Blair, Jasmine Gloria, Kaden Duncan, Chris Ford, Morgan Hill, Caleb Millican, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Rebecka Saucedo, Jimmy Womack

Fourth Grade Mrs. Bessent
Chelsea Conner, Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Joshua Gallegos, Cameron Hodge, Briana Longoria, Melissa Martinez, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

Fifth Grade Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Roberts
Jaden Alexander, Clay Antilley, Jordan Brown, Kelsy Duncan, Colton Holmes, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Tony Munoz, Casey Nesbit, Johnathan Pagan, Will Parker, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Sergio Rocha, Rosa Rojas, Chelsey Rowoldt, Julianne Samaniego, Becca Skinner, Eleasar Vera, Chelle Wright

Sixth grade Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe
Tina Arellano, Tiffany Bagwell, Josh Conner, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Lewis Hearn, Olivia Martinez, Kayla Medrano, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Amanda Robinson, Vanessa Saucedo, Carolina Vera

Robert Lee Elementary Honor roll

2nd six weeks

Third grade Mrs. Devoll and Mrs. McCown
Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Chris Ford, Jasmine Gloria, Cori Torres, Morgan Hill, Caleb Millican, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross

Fourth grade Mrs. Bessent
Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner, Brody Dillard, Sterlin Ebenstein, Ashley Hopson

Fifth grade Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Roberts
Kelsy Duncan, Casey Nesbit, Becca Skinner, Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Cody McCabe, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Ashleigh Rogers

Sixth grade Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe
Tiffany Bagwell, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Shannon Martin, Amanda Robinson, Vanessa Saucedo, Stephanie Trejo, Bridgette Barnett, Kayla Medrano, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink

Sorosis Club meeting held

Peggy Hembree was hostess for members of the Sorosis Study Club of Bronte when they met in her home November 11, 1999.

As a prelude to the meeting, members viewed articles for the silent auction and noted their bids. Taking part in the auction were Fredna Moore, Dorris Sonnenberg, Mary Glenn, guest Sherry Soele, Diane Luckett, Janet Wommack, Dorthey Pruitt, Jean Fancher, Mildred Thomason, Peggy Hembree, Earlene Moore, Swan Archinal and Mary Frances Glenn.

In the business meeting, plans were made for the December 9 Christmas party to be held at The Shed; it was agreed that the club would sell brownies and other sweets at the Christmas in Old Bronte Celebration December 4.

The Club also agreed to participate in the dedication ceremonies for the War Memorial to be held at 10:00 am on December 4.

President Wommack noted that club members bring Christmas gifts for the Bronte Health and Rehab Center each year to their November meeting.

Dorthey Pruitt gave an interesting history of the movement to erect an area wide war memorial to those who served in the various armed services of our country.

A delicious dessert plate was served by the hostess.

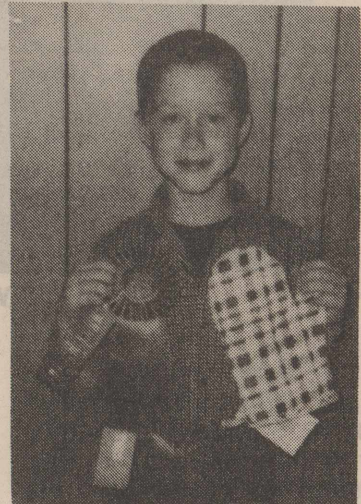


The twelve Coke County 4-H members who participated in the County Food Show included Katie Bessent, Sam Rawlings, Casey Marie Nesbit, Allison Millican, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Cassidy Wink, Kelsy Duncan, Analy Gallegos, Emilee Yanez, Michele Sanchez, and Nicole Sanchez.

64 Study Club

Members of the 64 Study Club met November 9 for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. The Robert Lee Recreation Hall was beautifully decorated with fresh mums and carried out a Thanksgiving theme. Turkey, ham, dressing, with all the trimmings was served to approximately fifty-five members and guests.

Rob Sarback, LPT, Toastmaster, was speaker for the evening. He presented an uplifting program on looking for and expecting the best.



Sam Rawlings

During a brief business meeting members were reminded to sign up to help at Bryan's Barn. We will host the November birthday party for the Robert Lee Care Center residents. At the December meeting each member is ask to bring a small gift to be delivered to the Girls Home in San Angelo.

4-H Food Show results told

The Coke County 4-H Food Show was recently held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Twelve 4-H members presented their culinary skills.

Best of Show went to Sam Rawlings with his Fried Chicken. Junior winners

were: Fruits & Vegetables - 1st. Katie Bessent: Main Dish - 1st. Sam Rawlings, 2nd. Casey Marie Nebsbit, 3rd. Allison Millican, and 4th. Sarah Philley; Nutritious Snacks - 1st. Brettne Reed, 2nd. Cassidy Wink, 3rd. Kelsy Duncan, and 4th Analy Gallegos; Clover - 1st Emilee Yanez.

Intermediate Division winner was: Fruits & Vegetables - 1st. Michele Sanchez.

Senior Division winner was: Fruits & Vegetables - 1st. Nicole Sanchez.

Those 4-H members receiving a first place will advance to the District Food Show in Abilene on November 20.

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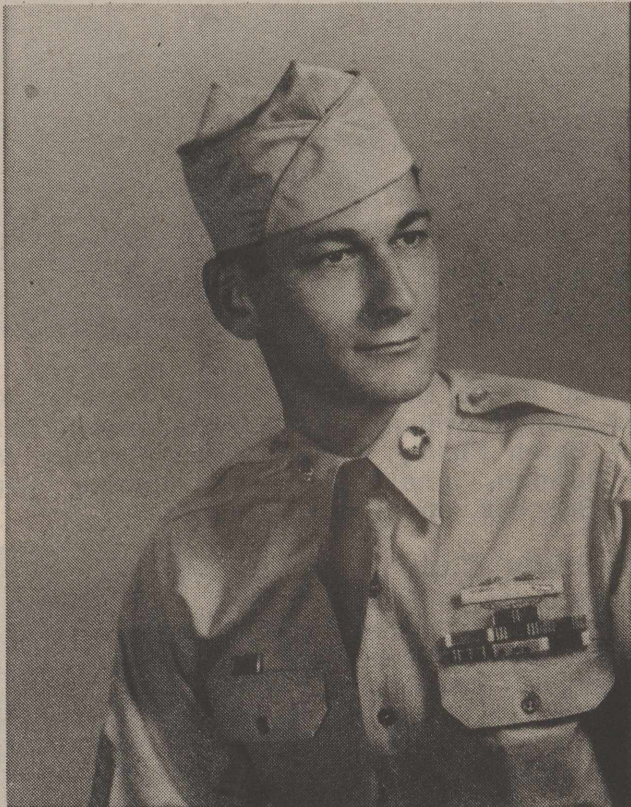
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Reflections of the Past



Sgt. J. W. Athey

J.W. Athey

J.W. Athey was born April 11, 1925, lived with his parents at Marie, TX and attended Bronte schools. He spent more of his life in the military than civilian life.

In October 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Army's 36th division and was soon shipped to Europe. J.W. was in heavy fighting in Italy, France and was wounded in Germany.

His mother, Ms. Lizzie Athey then of Dallas and relatives read from time to time about his activity through the I.N. News Service.

After WWII he went to Dallas and later re-enlisted and was sent to Japan in February. From Japan he was transferred to Korea.

Below is a newspaper account of Sgt. Athey's tank assault and rescue mission.

Dallas Tank Sergeant Leads Korean Assault
(Article taken from San Angelo Standard Times)

A Dallas sergeant commanded one of two tanks which smashed a North Korean road block and freed men in a trapped American unit on the Kum River front, it was reported Monday.

Maj. Gen. William Dean, commander of the 24th Infantry Division, himself-led the makeshift relief column which allowed survivors of the trapped 19th Battalion to escape, the International

News Service reported.

Two tanks, one commanded by Sgt. Athey, the other by Lt. Roland Richmond, Ft. Riley, Kansas, spearheaded the relief column which included four half-tracks, four jeeps and a truck with less than a platoon of infantrymen.

Gen. Dean's jeep led the way to within a mile of the southern roadblock. Heavy machine-gun fire forced him to halt and send the two tanks ahead, the INS reported.

The general ordered Lt. Richmond and Sgt. Athey to clear the roadblocks, consisting of burning vehicles piled in the road. Red machine-gun fire from 1,000 yards peppered the area.

Six times the tanks charged but they could not break through the flaming barrier.

Concussion grenades shook the tanks but did not stop them. Then wounded men from the trapped unit staggered and crawled around the roadblock. Gen. Dean's four half-tracks were knocked out, so the wounded were loaded aboard the tanks and taken to safety. The tanks made several trips and carried out about fifty men. A wounded colonel of the trapped 19th had one tank left, which he directed through the now-weakened road block. Limping, he led the rest of his outfit to safety.

Gen. Dean declared he was

extremely proud of his 24th division. Sgt. Athey is a 36th Division veteran of World War II who saw fighting in Italy, France and Germany. He was wounded in Germany, said his mother.

Sgt. Athey, 25, was reared in Bronte, Coke County, where he left high school to enter the Army early in World War II.

After the war he came to Dallas, where he was for a time and then re-enlisted for the service to his country, for "it was the right thing to do."

Returning back to Dallas after the Korean conflict, J.W. married Pat Huing July 1951.

He was assigned and stationed in Roswell, New Mexico from 1951-1954 as instructor of R.O.T.C. military science.

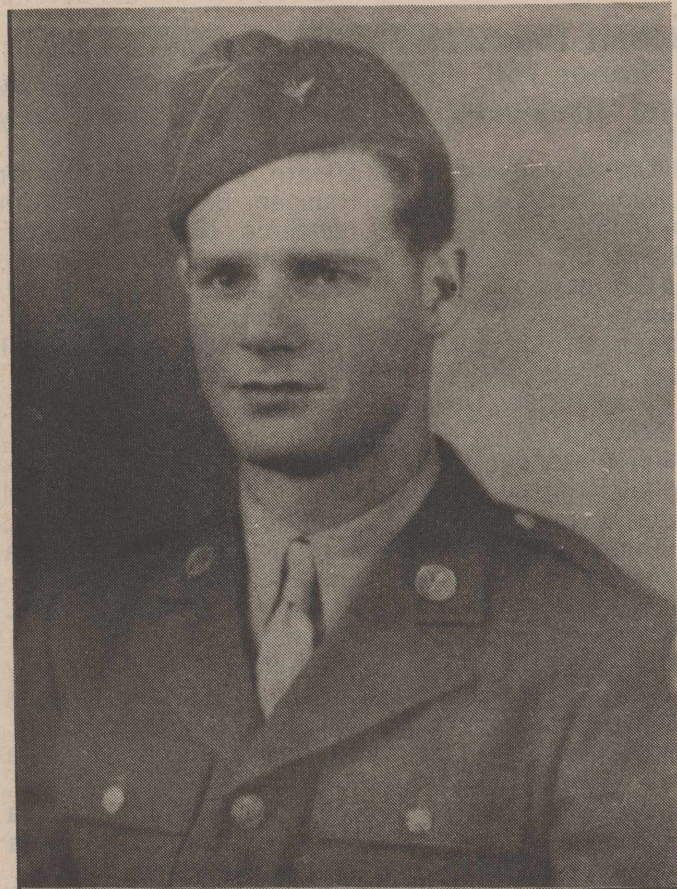
In 1954 J.W. was assigned back to Vilseck, Germany for three years, then re-assigned to Roswell as a military science instructor again.

In 1961 was again assigned to Butzbach, Germany.

He suffered a heart attack in his office at his desk and was transferred to Ft. Bliss, Texas and later given a medical discharge.

Five months later from his home in Roswell, New Mexico he again suffered a heart attack and died the next morning in a military hospital.

He was accorded a full



Technical Sgt. Jesse Harvey (Cotty) Hudman

military service funeral and was laid to rest in Roswell, New Mexico.

J.W. was always quiet about experiences, but always expressed his military service to his country "was the right thing to do."

At his death in 1965 he was survived by his wife Pat and four children of Roswell, New Mexico and his mother of San Antonio, Texas.

Everyone is a Hero by Lloyd Hudman

Jesse Harvey Hudman was born in Ft. Worth, TX on April 10, 1918. He was the fourth

of six children born to Jess and Carrie Hudman. They were: Ruby, James Wesley, Thora, Vernon and me, Lloyd.

My parents moved to Bronte in 1910 where our grandparents and other relatives lived. Ruby and Thora were born there; 1910 & 1913 respectively. They then moved to Ft. Worth, then to Mineral Wells where I was born. When our father died in 1926, we were separated and sent to live with various relatives. I came to Bronte at age four to live with my uncle Elmer. Jesse (hereafter called

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...Reflections

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Cotty) came to Bronte to live with Uncle Henry P. Hudman. Henry later became Deputy Sheriff of Bronte. Cotty lived in Bronte about ten years and attended school there until he was sixteen years old. Cotty then moved to New York to live with Ruby and other relatives. He finished school there and then married a beautiful girl, Florence Fowler. They had no children. I refused to go to New York with the others. I wanted to stay in Bronte where I knew everyone and had many friends. Besides, I visited there once at age eleven and it was way too big for me! I graduated from Bronte.

After graduation, during World War II, I went to New York where Cotty and I joined the Air Force together; same time, same day, September 15, 1942. We trained together at Randolph Field, and were able to be stationed together at all areas we were sent to.

Our brother J.W. joined the Seabees in 1943. He then transferred to the regular Navy. He served on L5T's in the Philippines and went on five major invasions in that area. He joined the Navy because he loved the water & the girls! But he soon learned that during war, there is not a girl in every port. Vernon was not able to enlist due to a medical problem. He always hated that because all men and boys wanted to join the service to fight for our country.

Cotty and I were sent to the Pacific where we first went to Oahu, Hawaii. In June, 1943, we joined the 7th Air Force, 42nd Bomb Squadron. He served as Tech Sgt., Flight Engineer on B24's. Our squadron was sent to a small island in the Ellis Island group, Funi Funi. Would you believe, soon after we got there, we ran into another Coke County resident, J.C. (aka Bula) Westbrook, my old high school football manager. Bula was in the Navy and attached to a ship Tender.

The three of us had several enjoyable evenings together.

Cotty and I were not allowed to serve on the same plane together. On December 20, 1943, our planes were sent out on a mission. There were many Japanese Zero's in the area, and I saw Cotty's plane shot down into the Pacific Ocean. There were no survivors of the crash. Japanese subs were also sighted in the area. I will never forget that date as it was my 20th birthday.

Jesse Harvey (Cotty) Hudman was twenty-five years old and died for his country. Cotty was a kind, generous, witty, intelligent person and a favorite of all the Hudman clan.

Wes became an actor, and was in many western films & T.V. shows. He was best known for his commercial as the first Marlboro Man, sitting on his horse overlooking the Grand Canyon. Ruby became the first woman Vice President of American Home Products. Thora was a supervisor at AT&T in New York. Vernon became a Geologist and now lives in Houma, LA. I live in San Angelo, but will always be a "Good Ole Bronte Country Boy."

This article was supposed to be about my brother, Cotty, but how can I tell about only one hero when there were so many? The people that stayed at home and sacrificed so much. The ones that worked in factories to supply our armed forces with the much needed materials. Don't forget the ranchers and farmers that grew the food everyone needed.

I think everyone was a "Hero" in the World War II era.

Davis recovers from surgery

Mike Davis of Abilene underwent back surgery at San Angelo Community Medical Center Tuesday, November 9. He has returned home and is making a good recovery. Craig Davis, 16, accompanied his dad and stayed to drive him back home.

Mike is the son of Add Davis and Joan Davis, both of Robert Lee.

Sculptor donates piece in honor of father

(Editor's Note: The following article ran in *The Rockport Pilot*, Wednesday, August 4, 1999.)

The family of Atmar L. Atkinson and a crowd of more than 100 people were on hand for the official dedication and unveiling of the Rockport Center for the Arts' newest sculpture Saturday, July 31, 1999.

The artwork, "Man's Best Friend," was donated by artist Michael Atkinson in memory of his father, Atmar L. Atkinson. The elder Atkinson died on April 4, 1999.

In making the donation, Atkinson said the Center for the Arts held a special interest for his father after he retired here and it seemed appropriate to memorialize his memory with his association with the Art Center.

The sculpted piece features a young man sitting on a bench with two dogs. The dogs are very similar to the kind of dogs Evelyn Atkinson, Atmar's widow, owns.

Atkinson said, "Atmar always had a way with animals."

On Saturday, artist Steve Russell honored Atkinson by stating, "All the elements that go into making a good person, he had them."

With a lump in his throat, Russell added, "We're going to miss him."

Board association president Richard Dias added that it is an honor to be a part of the Center at the time of this special donation.

Michael Atkinson has been known for his watercolors and later moved into sculpting.

As a child, he admired sculpture and his interest was enhanced by his architectural training at Texas Tech University. During his Vietnam tour of duty as a Marine and in his later trips abroad, Atkinson gained a deep respect for sculpture in public places.

In 1985, after several years of establishing himself as a two-dimensional artist, Atkinson decided to plunge

into three-dimensional art. He enrolled in a sculpting class in Scottsdale, Arizona, and immediately began sculpting on his own.

His first piece, released from his "water bearer" series was entitled "Daughter of Acoma."

To develop his interest in the human form, he chose athletic figures for the theme of his next series. The life-size pieces portray athletes in a moment of reflection.

"Man's Best Friend" is only a step away from the theme.

The sculpted piece graces the front lawn of the Center on the harbor side.

(Evelyn Atkinson of Rockport is the sister of Mrs. Josephine Bird, widow of the late author and historian, Ulmer Bird. Mrs. Bird now resides in South Texas near her family.)

Commissioners Court Meets

The Commissioners Court met in regular session on November 8, 1999, in the Courtroom in Robert Lee. All members and Mary Grim, Clerk were present.

The following business was conducted:

The minutes were approved and bills were paid.

Mike Campbell, Program Services Director for MHMR addressed the Court on mental health peace officer certification. He encouraged the Sheriff's Department to send someone to a two day clinic to get the certification.

County Extension Agent Tommy Antilley presented the extension agents report and Sheriff Rick Styles reported that he would be sending someone to the MHMR clinic in December.

Ivey Motor Company was awarded the bid of \$19,125.00 for the Sheriff's vehicle.

The Court accepted order from District Judge Walther setting the salary for the Auditor and Assistant Auditor.

Kristy Roe, Tax A/C reported a 4.94% collection rate on the current taxes. She stated money was coming in steadily for this time of year.

Holidays for the year 2000 were approved.

Sealed bids on excess

County equipment were awarded. A total of \$3,355.00 was made. A list is available in the Clerk's office.

Votes for the Appraisal District Board will be cast for Luis Charles and Tim Millican.

The November 2 Constitutional Election returns were canvassed.

The next meeting will be November 22, 1999 at 9:00 am. The public is invited.

Omega Coterie Club News

The Omega Coterie Club of Blackwell met in the fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church on Wednesday, November 10. Shirley Walston, president, presided. The minutes were read and approved. The program for the day was making Thanksgiving pins for the residents the Bronte Health & Rehab Center. The members also learned how to make magnolia blossoms from balloons

Darris Hagler and Swan Archinal were hostesses. Sour cream pound cake, hot cinnamon apple cider and coffee were served. Darlene Long was a visitor and won the door prize. A former member, Pearl Chilcoat, and her daughter-in-law, Ann Chilcoat, made a surprise visit.

The next meeting will be a Christmas luncheon on December 8.

Look Who's New Jessica Michelle Wheat

Amy and Rickie Wheat of Robert Lee became the proud parents of their second daughter on November 3, 1999. Jessica Michelle was born at Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and measured 18 1/4 inches in length. Delighted with her new baby sister is Ashlie, 4 years old.

Jessica's grandparents are Tommy and Judy Shook of Robert Lee, Wally and Kay Johnson of Rankin, and Steve and Linda Cantrell of Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Mrs. Alma Cantrell of Robert Lee and Paul and Syree Johnson of San Angelo are the great-grandparents of the new baby.

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To the public and Tammy Smith, Pursuant to Section 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given of the sale of the contents of Unit 42 of the storage facility located at the southeast corner of Commerce (TX 158) and 6th Street in Robert Lee, TX. The storage is held in the name of Tammy Smith and the contents will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien. The sale will be conducted no sooner than 1 Dec 99.
17a-2tc

NO. 1561
Estate of James Henry Phillips deceased. In the County Court of Coke County, Texas
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Henry Phillips, Deceased, were issued on November 9, 1999, in Docket No. 1561, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to: Lorene Phillips.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Bronte, Coke County, Texas, the post office address is: c/o James A. Carter & Associates
515 W. Harris, Suite 100
San Angelo, Texas 76903

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 10th day of November, 1999.

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State Bar No. 03919000
Attorneys for the Estate
17a-1tc

Blackwell Honor Roll posted
Second 6 Weeks
A Honor Roll

2nd grade
Zac Burwick, Marissa Griffin, Dylan Keiner, Callen Ware, Travis White, Bill Miller, Stacie Murray, Kolten Pena, Lacey Saunders

3rd grade
Geoffrey Ehl, Darren Griffin, Jade Hughey, Kristin Hyde, Sherri Lantrip, Ashton Monroe, Katelynn Noble, Clay Stanford

4th grade
Serjio Gaitca, Clay Gestes, Elija Hinkle, Marcy McMorris, Samantha Morrow, Kali Pena,

Tyser Robertson
5th grade
Daniel Jones, Amanda McWhorter, Jarred Walker
6th grade
Philip Buckner, Chris Morgan, Jake Wilkinson
7th grade
Tiffany Coffey
8th grade
Sharla Holland, Heather Jones, Angel Saavedra, Kayla Saunders,
10th grade
Mindy Boyd
11th grade
Katrina Buckner, Gayna Cantrell, Katy Driver, Clint Morgan, Ashley Ragland, Latosha Roland
12th grade
Leticia Camarillo, Stephanie Cantrell, Tiffani Fagg, Julie Grimes, Gloria Solis

A-B Honor Roll
2nd grade
Brandon Harrell, Manuela Solis, Paul Thatcher

3rd grade
Hannah Holland, Caitlin Ware, Manuella Saavedra, Mirella Solis

4th grade
Danielle Breshers, Garritt Harris, Chad Holland, Josh McWhorter, Brittany Sarratt, Angelica Sims, Johnathan Williams

5th grade
Casey Hamilton, Kacey Lowrie, Sylvia Solis

6th grade
Jessica Chavez, Kelly Dove, Yadira Padilla, Rikki Saunders, Luis Morales

7th grade
Ambra Cole, Ashley Early, Lane Lowrie, Melenda Solis, Vanessa Lange, Monica Whipple

8th grade
Johnny Bryant, Ryan Ragland, Latisha Roland, Melissa Pate, Paul Rodriguez, Albert Solis, Justin Roland

9th grade
Chris Morgan, Kaitlyn Saunders, Jenifer Breshers

10th grade
Jamie Hodges, Amber Ray, Codi Monsey, Cody Blair, Tray Carter, Jessica McIntire

11th grade
Tanya Blackwell, Steven Hayes, Pascual Solis, Luis Solis

12th grade
Tony Dove, Doug Hughey, Scotty Killough, Leman Saunders, Jennifer Solis, Keshia Stidham, Adam Wilkinson

Blackwell boy dies in crash

Clayton Elijah Hinkle, 10, of Blackwell, died Friday, November 12, 1999, in a car-truck crash 8 miles north of Blackwell on Highway 70. He was airlifted from the scene, but was pronounced dead at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene shortly after noon.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman said the boy's mother, Valora Walker, attempted to pass a car-transport tractor trailer as the driver slowed to make a left hand turn. The car, struck on the passenger side, overturned and hit a tree. The accident occurred about 11:15 am as Ms. Walker started to Sweetwater.

The driver of the truck, Benny Northam, of Blackwell, was not injured. Ms. Walker was treated and released at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Elijah Hinkle was a 4th grader at Blackwell Elementary School.

BISD Pre-K second six weeks awards

Perfect attendance
Stetsen Emfinger, Clinton Head, Brayde Knight, Brenda Pena, Erika Puentez, and Thomas Reyes.

Kindergarten second six weeks awards

Perfect attendance
Katie Austin, Conner Clark, Creed Coalson, Dustin Minjares, Leticia Pena, Ashley Reyes, and Jonathan Reyes.

Super Citizens award

Madelyn Tounget, Austin Mertz, Kimberly Lee, Sara Lara, Brent Kelly, Mackenzie Gibbs, and Katie Austin.

First grade second six weeks awards

Perfect attendance
Victoria Acevedo, Terron Charles, Peyton Eubanks, Joshua Hargrave, Cheyenne Hunter, Arlis McMullan, Heath Richey, and Justin Saldana.

Super Citizen award

Terron Charles, Chase Harris, Meagan Martin, Arlis McMullan, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, and Kelsey Sedden.

Reading award

Victoria Acevedo, Terron Charles, Peyton Eubanks, Nathan Fidler, Brittani Harris, Chase Harris, Cheyenne Hunter, Arlis McMullan, Dakota Rawls, Kerwin Rawls, Heath Richey, Justin Saldana, and Kelsey Sedden.

Math award

Nathan Fidler, Arlis McMullan, Heath Richey, Kelsey Sedden, and Nicholas Shults.

Second grade second six weeks awards

All A's
Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Crawford James, Emilie Jimenez, Louie Martinez, Denver McCollough, Tyler Riney, Ali Tounget, and Kimberly Womack.

Super Citizens

Crawford James, Emilie Jimenez, Louie Martinez, Denver McCollough, Krista Moore, and Kimberly Womack.

Who met A.R. goals

Zachary Boyd, Samantha Coffey, Emily Fiveash, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Crawford James, Emilie Jimenez, Louie Martinez, Denver McCollough, Krista Moore, Ashley Royall, Ali Tounget, Haydan White, and Kimberly Womack.

Perfect attendance

Zachary Boyd, Samantha Coffey, Kasey Glover, Emilie Jimenez, Louie Martinez, Denver McCollough, Krista Moore, Ashley Royall, Ali Tounget, Haydan White, Kimberly Womack, and Austin Clayton.

Third grade second six weeks awards

All A's
Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, and Samuel Rawlings.

Super Citizenship award
Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, and Brittany Peables.

Handwriting award

Jessi England and Samuel Rawlings.

Addition Wizard

Brittany Peables and Jeremy Sanchez.

Accelerated reading award

Callan Clark, Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, and Samuel Rawlings.

Fourth grade second six weeks awards

All A's
Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, and Gus Saunders.

A-B honor roll

Casey Harris, Kyla Lee, Terrah Macon, Beth Sanchez, and Brett Wills.

Super citizenship

John Basquez, Zachary Bennett, Estephanie Flores, Chris Guzman, Terrah Macon, Gus Saunders, and Brett Wills.

Met A.R. goals

Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Kyler Lee, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, and Zachary Bennett.

Perfect attendance

Estephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Kyler Lee, Terrah Macon, Savannah Martinez, Miranda Parks, Beth Sanchez, Gus Saunders, and Brett Wills.

Fifth grade second six weeks awards

Perfect attendance
Sarah Adams, Rebekah Beauchamp, Hazen Coffey, Katie Cooper, Patty Galvan, Mason Jackson, Jonathan Marrs, Logan Rawls, Juston Taylor, Jeremy Uber, Crystal Wallar, and Lauhren White.

Super Citizens

Patty Galvan, Mason Jackson, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Juston Taylor, and Crystal Wallar.

"A" honor roll

Rebekah Beauchamp, Jonathan Marrs, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, and Lauhren White.

"A-B" honor roll

Sarah Adams, Eric Hendrickson, Mason Jackson, and Juston Taylor.

Retired Teachers meet at Bronte

Twenty-four members and four guests attended the noon luncheon meeting of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association. The meeting was held Monday, November 15, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Jack Brewer, program chairman, presented Beth Prather who told of her trip to Switzerland last summer. Beth traveled to Europe with her sister and brother-in-law. In her own delightful way, Beth told of their experiences as they traveled from city to city by train. She told of the ups and downs and ins and outs of European travel.

Janet Wommack, president, presided at the business meeting. C. B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, and Janet reported on the District XV Fall Conference they attended October 26 in Ballinger.

The next meeting will be January 17, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Attending the meeting were: C. B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Norma Barker, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, Jamie Boren, Celia Bowden, Jack Brewer, Marge Butler, Garland Davis, Jean Fancher, Harrell Foshee, Janice Foshee, Mary Frances Glenn, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, J. T. Henry, Sybil Henry, Mary Lawhon, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Gerald Sandusky, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack. The guests were: Marilyn Austin, Bob Boren, Bill Hood, and Terry Marrs.

Met A.R. goals

Rebekah Beauchamp, Patty Galvan, Jonathan Marrs, John Paul Martinez, Philip Rawlings, Juston Taylor, Crystal Wallar, and Lauhren White.

Sixth grade second six weeks awards

"A" honor roll
Garrett Acker, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Cheyenne Webb, and Jaylon Saunders.

Super Citizens

Sarah Basquez, Megan Gibbs, Lillian McMullan, Riley Coalson, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, and Cheyenne Webb.

Perfect attendance

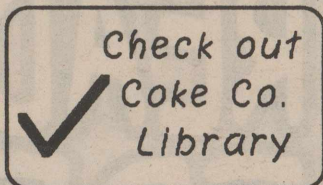
Garrett Acker, Sarah Basquez, Riley Coalson, Christan Kelly, Curtis Moore, Rebecca Rawlings, Rachele Ridgeway, and Bailey Saunders.

"A-B" honor roll

Sarah Basquez, Lindsey Butler, Riley Coalson, Megan Gibbs, C. T. Lloyd, Curtis Moore, and Zach White.

Met A.R. goals

Garrett Acker, Sarah Basquez, Riley Coalson, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Rachel Ridgeway, Bailey Saunders, Cheyenne Webb, and Zach White.



The Coke County Library has received several new books. Lindbergh, a Pulitzer Prize winning biography; Walter Benjamin at the Dairy Queen by Larry McMurtry is the author's reflections at sixty and beyond; Raising Raul by Maria Hinojosa; several westerns by Brand, Braun, Cole and Estleman. Also, a free copy of a 1999 Traveler's Guide and Road Atlas, including locations of a major hotel chain has arrived. The book appears very useful for traveling by car throughout the United States.

A Christmas video for children has won the Andrew Carnegie Medal this year. The title of the video is The First Christmas and is distributed by Vision Video. The magazine Video Librarian states, "This beautiful film should be seen year around." The video is narrated by Christopher Plummer.

The library will be closed November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving. There will be only two days next week to stock up on books. The library will be open Tuesday from 8-12 and Wednesday from 8-4.

Normal hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5 and Friday, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

It's a great time to have your soil tested

If your garden performed below expectations last year, or maybe things just didn't grow quite right, a few dollars invested in a soil test may be just the solution. A properly prepared and fertilized garden soil is the real key to successful gardening in most areas of Texas. You can't look at the soil, taste it, smell it, or feel it to tell whether your soil is low in nitrogen, high in phosphates, or maybe just right. One sure way to overcome the mystery, and avoid confusion when it comes time to purchase fertilizers, is to have your garden soil tested.

Why is it important to know how much phosphorus or nitrogen is in the soil, or what the pH of the soil is? The answer is simple. Vegetables don't do well in improperly fertilized soil, whether it be too fertile or not fertile enough.

The soil test report will tell you the level of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, and magnesium available to your garden plants. It will also indicate the pH (acidity or alkalinity) of your garden soil. For the most part, this is all you need to know to properly fertilize your garden soil, and ensure a bountiful harvest.

To take a soil sample, make a hole about a foot deep in the garden with a spade or sharpshooter. Throw out the first spade full of soil. Then, from the back of the hole, cut a slice of the soil 1/2 inch to 1 inch thick. Be sure the slice is at least six to seven inches in depth, with fairly even width and thickness. Then place the soil slice in a bucket or tub. Repeat this procedure

four to six times in different spots in the garden, depending primarily on the size of the garden. Thoroughly mix the composite of the soil, and mail it to the Soils Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M University. Soil testing is a service provided by the University; soil test kits, with instructions, are available from the Coke County Extension Office in the county courthouse.

If a soil sample is taken in late winter or very early spring, you should expect to get your results back within two to three weeks. If you wait until spring, then it may take considerably longer to get your results back. An adequate soil test, properly done and properly interpreted, will go a long way toward ensuring a bountiful harvest from this spring's garden.

Garden checklist for November and December:

Place orders for seeds now so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want.

Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.

Reduce the fertilization of indoor plants from late October to mid March. An exception would be plants in an atrium or a well lighted window.

Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.

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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Turkey Talk

Thanksgiving will soon be here and most of us are looking forward to that delicious traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The following tips will help you enjoy your Thanksgiving meal.

What's the best way to thaw a turkey?

Refrigerator thawing is recommended. However, if short on time, submerge the turkey in cold water. Thawing the turkey at room temperature allows bacterial growth and is not recommended.

Refrigerator Thawing

*Thaw breast side up in its unopened wrapper on a tray in the refrigerator.

*Allow at least one day of thawing for every four pounds of turkey.

Cold Water Thawing

*Cover the turkey (breast side down in its unopened wrapper) in cold water.

*Change the water every 30 minutes to keep surface cold.

*Estimate minimum thawing time to be 30 minutes per pound of whole turkey.

How do you recommend thawing a turkey so it's safe to eat?

*Thaw frozen turkey in the refrigerator or cold water.

*Keep thawed or fresh turkey in refrigerator.

*Thawed turkey may be kept in a refrigerator up to four days before cooking.

*Roast fresh turkeys as soon as possible, but no later than the "use by" date on the package.

*Combine stuffing ingredients and stuff turkey just before roasting.

What's the best way to roast a turkey?

*Place thawed or fresh turkey, breast up, on a flat rack in a shallow pan, 2" to 2 1/2" deep.

*If unstuffed, insert oven-safe meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh. If stuffed, place the tip of the meat thermometer inside the stuffed cavity of the turkey.

*Brush or rub skin with oil to prevent drying of the skin and to enhance the golden color.

*Place in a preheated 325°F oven.

*When the skin is a light golden color and the turkey is about two-thirds done, shield the breast loosely with a tent

of lightweight foil to prevent overcooking of the breast.

*Turkey is done when the meat thermometer reaches the following temperatures: 180°F deep in the thigh; also juice should be clear, not reddish pink when thigh muscle is pierced deeply; 160°F in the center of the stuffing, if the turkey is stuffed.

Where does the meat thermometer go?

*If stuffed, the tip of the thermometer should be placed inside the stuffed cavity of the turkey. If unstuffed, the tip of the meat thermometer should be placed in the thigh muscle just above and beyond the lower part of the thigh bone, but not touching the bone, and pointing toward the body.

*If using an oven-safe meat thermometer, insert the thermometer prior to placing the turkey in the oven and leave in while the turkey is roasting. Turn the thermometer so it can be read while turkeys is in the oven.

*If using an instant-read meat thermometer, do not leave the thermometer in the turkey during roasting.

How can leftover turkey be stored safely?

*Within two hours after roasting, remove stuffing from turkey and carve meat off bones, then store in refrigerator or freezer.

*Refrigerator Storage: Wrap turkey slices and stuffing separately and use within three days.

*Frozen Storage: Wrap in heavy foil, freezer wrap or place in freezer container or bags. For optimum flavor, use stuffing within one month and turkey in two months.

What's the proper way to stuff a turkey?

*Prepare stuffing just before placing in turkey.

*Place prepared stuffing in turkey just before roasting. Do not stuff the turkey the night before roasting.

*Stuff both neck and body cavities of completely thawed turkey, allowing 1/2 to 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound of turkey. Do not pack stuffing tightly in turkey.

Should I buy a fresh or frozen turkey?

*Selecting a fresh or frozen turkey is your choice.

Is it necessary to baste a turkey?

*No. Basting the skin during the roasting process isn't necessary. Pouring juices over the turkey's skin while it roasts won't make the meat juicier. The liquid penetrates only about 1/8" to 1/4" beneath the skin and most of the juice will run off into the pan. Opening the oven door periodically to baste a turkey can interrupt roasting and may possibly lengthen the roasting time.

*Before roasting, lightly coat the turkey's skin with oil,

shortening or vegetable cooking spray to prevent the skin from drying.

Communication problems identified

Five percent of children in this country have some form of speech, language or hearing problem. Early detection and treatment are essential.

"If your baby is not babbling or responding to voices at six months, the first step would be to have his or her hearing checked," said Dr. Ellen Friedman at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. Other developmental milestones that should be reached include:

From birth to 1 year, children should cry, laugh, or squeal, and imitate sounds their parents make.

Between 1 and 2 years, children should speak their first words, recognize their own name and understand names of common objects.

From age 2 to 3, children begin speaking simple sentences, increasing their vocabulary and making most speech sounds clearly.



Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunklin

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Dunklin celebrate 65th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Dunklin of Robert Lee celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Nov. 15, 1999, with a gift to their church and a dinner party at the Shed.

James A. Dunklin and Lois Stanhiser were married Nov. 15, 1934, in Roddy, Texas. The couple has one

daughter, Diane Luckett, of Bronte and 2 grandchildren.

Lois Dunklin retired from the Borger Police Dept. in 1973. Mr. Dunklin retired from Phillips Petroleum Co. in Dec. 1975, at which time the couple moved to Robert Lee.

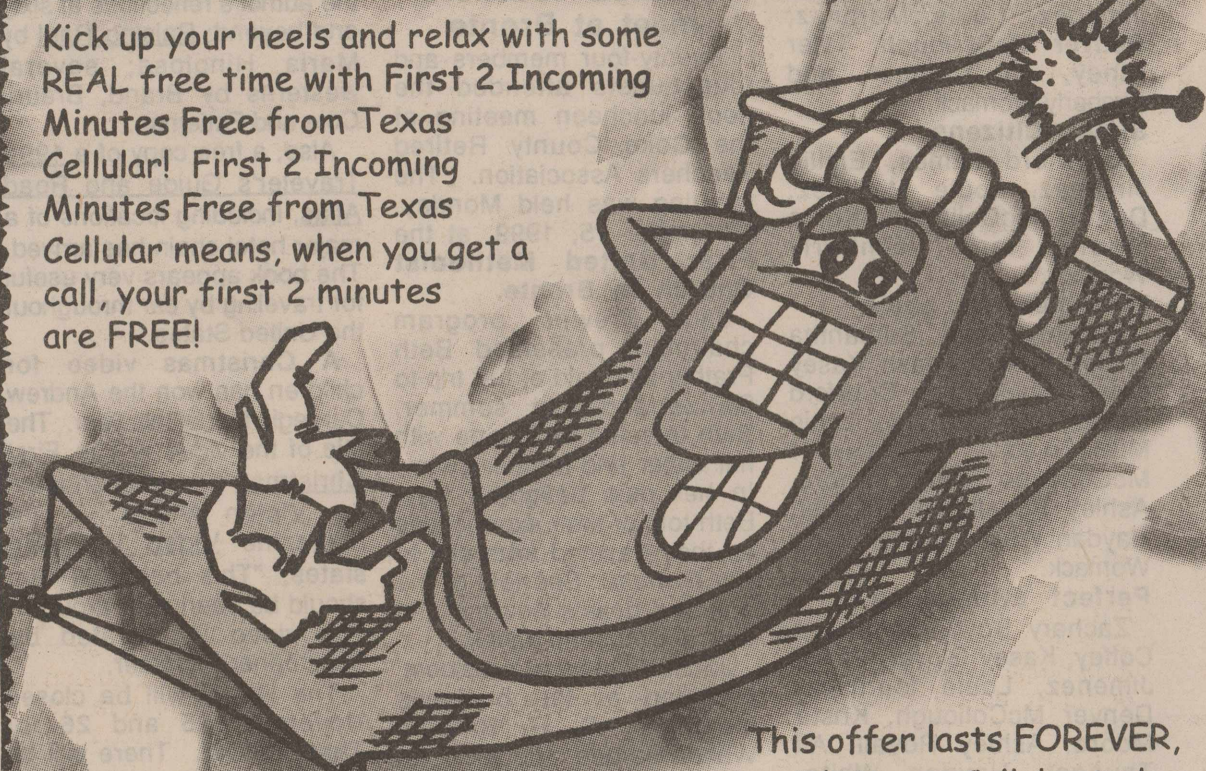
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Hosts for the celebration were the couple's daughter and family.

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Look Who's New Emma Claire Thomas

Emma Claire Thomas arrived Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. John and Erin Thomas of Abilene are the proud parents. She weighs 5.13 pounds and is 16 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Danny and Roenna Thomas of Sylvester, Texas, and Len and Brenda Garman of Torrance, California.