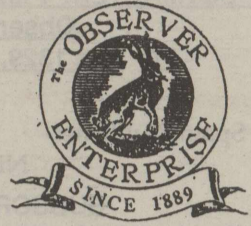


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## Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony slated for Saturday

The Veterans Memorial Committee reports that anticipation is high as we wind down to the time for the dedication ceremony. Formal dedication ceremonies will begin at the Bronte Depot this Saturday, December 4, with registration beginning at 10:15 am, and the program will begin at 11:00 am. Many people, far and near, want to come to see old friends as well as to honor our heroes. Several representatives of the VFW posts and American Legion in Runnels County who helped build the monument in Ballinger plan to be present. Three colonels of the Confederate AF, Charles White, Gene Balch, Buddy Clark, will drive a WWII ambulance down here to be on display. Garland Richards plans to bring Civil War uniforms, a cannon, rifle and other memorabilia from the Fort Chadbourne Foundation. We don't know how many of the invited officials will be able to come.

Bernice Pruitt has spent hours making the bunting and veil and other members of the Central Baptist Church are ready to put them up along with more red, white and blue decorations. Mildred Thomason has consented to

be in charge of the memorabilia displays in the historic depot. The Lions Club will put up many flags. The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will be ushers and park cars. Different organizations will be manning food booths. The Sorosis Study Club will be registering veterans and other guests. Upon registration the veterans whose names are on the monument will receive a collector's item to keep as a remembrance of the event. Ettie Hubbard will be on hand to fill out forms for veterans who haven't had the opportunity to sign up to get their names on the monument. They will also receive a collector's item.

A bank account will be set up for the upkeep of the monument and grounds and there will be more names added in the future when requested.

We are sorry that landscaping will have to be put off until the right season for planting.

For your convenience the Historic Depot will be open from 3-5 pm December 3 so you can bring memorabilia to be displayed. This will permit the Chairman to display it properly.

## Coke Comment

by Hal Spain, Publisher

The subject I want to comment about this week has to do with the war memorial dedication at Bronte this weekend, and the cooperation such an undertaking requires from both sides of the county. However, the way I want to delve into that subject is via high school football.

You may think that both of these topics are pretty far removed, and you are probably right, but let me see if I can tie them together for you. A few years ago, I remember traveling to Brownwood to a state quarterfinal football game in which Robert Lee was playing. Anyway, we got beat, but what stuck in my mind the most from that game was this: when the RL buses traveled through Bronte going to Brownwood, there was a large

group of Bronte football players and cheerleaders out in front of Hall's on Main Street, honking their horns and showing their support. I thought that was kind'a cool at the time, and wondered if the same kind of support would extend both ways when the time came.

Well, I am happy to report that it does. I have been surprised at the large contingent of RL fans that have followed Bronte's exciting playoff run this year. At both games played at Wylie and at San Angelo, I observed a big crowd of RL residents attending the playoff games and rooting for the Horns.

It took a while to happen, but I can assure you that the support does extend both di-

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Visit our area  
businesses during their  
**Holiday Open House**  
celebrations.



The museum will open to the public at 9 am December 4.

Bring your lawn chairs and be a part of this once in a lifetime event.

See you at the Historic Depot in Bronte for the dedication of Veterans Memorial of Coke County and surrounding area.

### WTU sets Customer Appreciation Days

WTU Robert Lee office invites you to Customer Appreciation Day, Friday, December 3 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The WTU Bronte office invites you to Customer Appreciation Day on Wednesday, December 8 from 11:00 to 2:00 pm.

Food, fun and 15% savings on all in stock appliances and electronics will greet customers in both locations on Appreciation Day.

### Christmas Greetings set for Dec. 24

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

Deadline for this year's greetings is December 21. They will be printed in the December 24 edition of the *Observer/Enterprise*. For more information or to place an ad, contact the Bronte office at 473-2001 or 453-2433 in Robert Lee.

### Christmas parade rescheduled

The Robert Lee Christmas parade, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, which was scheduled for Saturday has been rescheduled for Friday afternoon at 3:30, due to scheduling conflicts. The parade will begin in the High School parking lot and proceed downtown to the courthouse parking lot, where it will disband. Santa Claus will then be available for the children. All entries, including classic cars, horses, wagons, floats, tractors, etc., are welcome. For further information, call Jim Reeves at 453-2417.

### Bronte's Country Christmas set for Saturday, Dec. 4

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. Grinch will be at story time. A door prize will also be given away at story time. The Bronte PTO will be taking the pictures of the kids 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 be plenty of food and fun for everyone.

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

### Angel Tree project

Your opportunity to help make Christmas a little brighter for a child in our community is hanging on a tree at one of the following locations: Robert Lee State Bank, Bob Wrinkle's Ace Hardware, Molly B's, C & H Auto Parts, Especially For You, Frankie's Beauty Shop, Designs by Toni, and Coke County Pharmacy.

Look for the red and green angels and select one to fulfill the wishes and needs of a child.

Attach the Angel to your gift and return it to the same store where you picked it up. Gifts need to be under the trees by December 17.



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rections, both east and west. This weekend will be just one more example of this collaboration, as the veterans memorial is dedicated at the depot in Bronte. Dorthey Pruitt of Bronte and Ava Lou Davis of Robert Lee have been in charge of the "Reflections"

**RL Fall Clean-Up**

The Fall Clean-Up campaign for Robert Lee is underway. Sponsored by the City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services, the clean-up effort will allow residents of the city a chance to get rid of clutter around their homes and businesses.

City residents serviced on Tuesday will receive free curb side pick up on Saturday, December 4. City residents serviced on Friday will receive service on Saturday, December 11. Trucks will begin at 7:00 am.

All residents are asked to be available to assist loading items over 50 pounds. NO trailer loads, NO household trash, tires, batteries or chemicals will be accepted.

**Death Notices**

**Gregston**

John Christian Gregston, 79 of Robert Lee, died on Friday, November 26, 1999 in Robert Lee.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm on Monday, November 29, 1999 at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie "Babe" Gregston of Robert Lee; three sons, Noel Gregston and Darvin Gregston, both of Robert Lee, and Earl Gregston of Knickerbocker; three brothers Larry Gregston, B.E. "Dude" Gregston, and M.R. Gregston all of Carlsbad, NM; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

*In loving memory of*

**Katy Belle**

*our dear Sister, Aunt, and Great-Aunt.*

**We shall miss your cheerfulness, your ready laugh, and the sound of your voice. Farewell until we meet again.**

*Melvin, Naomi, Melanie, Zane, Jamien, Mike, Joni & Steven Ross*

**Annual Health Fair set for December 13**

The Coke County Extension Service will be hosting the annual Health Fair on Monday, December 13, 1999 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. The general public is invited to attend this health fair for information on various topics and also, to be tested free of charge for several important health areas.

The various booths with free testing includes: San Angelo Community Medical Center to test for cholesterol, flexibility, grip strength, and body fat analysis; North Runnels Home Health Agency for blood sugar; 55 plus - blood pressure. 911 will be offering a program for children at 1:00 pm at Robert Lee School. Vince and Larry will make special appearances throughout the day, as well as Ready Fox. Information booths will also be on hand with free bulletins and brochures. These will include: Texas Agricultural Extension Service with information on Indoor Tanning; Coke County Tax Office with Voter's registration, 911, American Heart Association, Future Homemakers of America, Area on Aging, American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Association, Rio Concho East, Family Hospice, Clay Lewis - Massage Therapy, Safe Kids Coalition, Child Find

**Speed limit reduced to 45 mph on S.H. 208**

The speed limit on S.H. 208 from 28th Street to F.M. 2105 will be reduced to 45 mph, beginning Tuesday, December 1, due to a construction project in this area.

The construction involves rehabilitating the existing surface, expanding the highway to two lanes in both directions, and adding storm drains along the roadway.

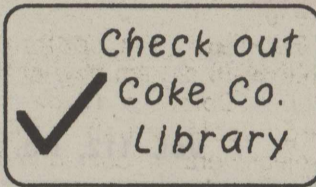
Reece Albert, Inc., has been contracted for the project which should be completed next fall.

Motorists are advised to reduce speed and drive with caution in the work zone area.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Patsy Rainwater-Maddux at 947-9205 at the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation.

and New Spirit Natural Inc.

Everyone is invited to attend this Health Fair and receive either free testing on various health areas or to gain information concerning numerous diseases, or to find out more about services offered in this area. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. For more information please contact the Coke County Extension Service at 453-2461.



**Open House set for Coke County Library**

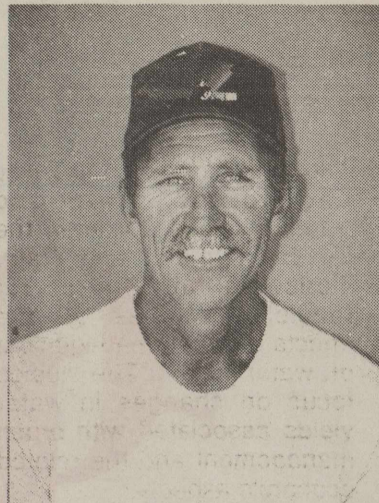
The Coke County Library will hold Open House on Friday, December 3, from 8-12. Library cards will be available to anyone who would like to give themselves a present for free. Everyone is welcome to just come in and say hello.

The Library has a supply of Christmas reading for the younger set. From the Biblical stories to the renditions by Barney and the Berenstein Bears, and The Night Before Christmas by Clement Moore, all make family read-aloud sessions for the Christmas season.

The Internet is available for anyone wishing a holiday recipe or decorating idea. Several Christmas cook books and decorating books are on hand as well.

A new shipment of books has arrived from the Big Country Library System. A new shipment of books-on-tape have arrived. Among the tape selections are: The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw; John Grisham's Runaway Jury; Lewis Grizzard's You Can't Put No Boogie-Woogie on the King of Rock and Roll; two Star Wars tapes; Miracle on the 17th Green by John Patterson; and Hank the Cowdog and The Case of the Black-Hooded Hangman.

Rumor has it that Santa Claus will visit the library on Tuesday, December 14. Everyone between the ages of three to five should be thinking of what they would like to ask Santa to bring.



Kyle Long

**TxDOT recognizes employee for years of service**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded a Service Award to Kyle Long of the Coke County Maintenance Section.

Long was recognized with a framed certificate for 15 years of service with the department. The San Angelo District employee is a crew chief for the Coke County Maintenance Section.

**Kickapoo water board sets election**

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 11, 2000, for the purpose of electing two directors. Directors filing for re-election to the board are Bob Ragsdale and L. W. Duncan. The election will be held in Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact President Gerald Sandusky by 5 pm on Wednesday, December 8, 1999.

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PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister  
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PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy  
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Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
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Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
(915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
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### Eight watershed studies slated for Texas

In its last session, the Texas Legislature provided appropriations through the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for feasibility studies on the effects of brush management on water yields. The studies focus on changes in water yields associated with brush management and the related economic aspects.

All or part of the Canadian River, Wichita River, Upper Colorado River, Middle Concho River, Edwards Aquifer, Pedernales River, Frio River and Nueces River watersheds will be involved in the feasibility study.

This is a cooperative, ecosystem level project that involves the Upper Colorado River Authority, and the Mitchell, Upper Colorado, Coke County, Runnels, Mustang, Howard, Midland, Nolan County, Glasscock County, North Concho River, and Central Colorado Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Also involved are the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES), Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), U.S. Department of Agricultural Natural Resource Conservation Service

### 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.

### E-Mail Ministry

First United Methodist Church is beginning a new aspect of its ministry with the introduction of an e-mail ministry, according to Rev. Jim Reeves, pastor. "The E-mail ministry will basically be a daily devotional, short Scripture reading and a thought for the day. Anyone who has e-mail capability is encouraged to send their e-mail address to the church and to become a part of this new ministry. According to Rev. Reeves, a daily devotional via E-mail has been going on with members of the church and other churches in the community for a few weeks and the effort is now to expand that effort.

Anyone wishing to be a part of this ministry, which is cross-denominational in scope is asked to send their E-mail address to jimr.com@juno.com.

### CORRECTION

We apologize for the black mark on the front page of last week's Observer/Enterprise. After the paper was printed, it was discovered that we had incorrectly listed the date many of the Robert Lee businesses had scheduled Open Houses. In order to avoid inconveniencing our readers, we blacked out the incorrect date.

(NRCS), Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The goal of the project is to increase the stream flow and water availability of the Upper Colorado River into Lake Spence and Lake Ivie for use as a supply of industrial, municipal and other water.

The first stage of the project, now in progress, is a planning assessment and feasibility study.

The objectives of this study are to:

Estimate the potential change in stream flow of the Upper Colorado River if a large-scale brush control project were conducted in the watershed;

Prioritize areas within this watershed relative to their estimated contribution to stream flow and accounting for the effect of brush management on other ecosystem services.

This is not a research project per se, but an application of existing technology to a current problem.

In addition to the technical aspects of this project, there will be an educational component that informs landowners and the general public about this study.

The project deals with the entire watershed and will consider the effect of brush management on a number of ecosystem services (uses such as wildlife habitat or livestock production).

In the planning phase, a simulation model known as the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) will be used to estimate the effect of brush control on surface runoff, percolation, and groundwater flow to total stream flow in the Upper Colorado River.

The objective of modeling, conducted by a team from the TAES, TAEX, TSSWCB and the NRCS, is to predict the effect of management decisions on water, sediment and nutrient yields on large river basins.

Existing and new data will be used to set the parameters of each mode. Soil type and digital elevation are currently available for each area, and satellite photography will be used to determine land use and cover classifications. NRCS personnel from Borden, Coke, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, and Sterling counties with cooperation from other agencies, will check the accuracy of the satellite

photographs against the actual land use and ground cover.

A prescription will be developed for the areas identified as having a high potential to increase water yield following brush control. This will allow cost/benefit estimates to be made in terms of dollars per acre-foot of additional water yields.

A final ranking of sites for brush control will incorporate other variables that affect the net impact of brush control on the total ecosystem, such as livestock production, wildlife, aesthetics and land values. Since this project involves private lands, public meetings will be conducted throughout this planning phase. Future meetings will inform landowners of the process that will be followed and to address any questions or concerns that they may have.

After the final plan is developed results will be presented at public meetings in the fall of 2000.

Because the objective of the project is to increase the stream flow from the Upper Colorado River, all stakeholders (private landowners, state agencies, environmental groups, and city government) will be involved to improve the health of the Upper Colorado River Watershed.

### Eubanks couple receives visitors

Sid and Ginger Eubanks of Natchitoches, La recently visited their parents, Sid and Johnnie Eubanks and Helen Murtishaw and other relatives.

They enjoy doing odd jobs around the place for their folks while visiting, and then go out to the place to watch the deer and turkeys late in the afternoon.

On Thanksgiving Day Sid spent the day with his mother and dad and his two brothers and their families.

Ginger went to San Angelo to her aunt and uncle's house, Joy and A. J. McDaniel, for dinner with other relatives.

Those who enjoyed turkey and dressing and all the trimmings were: Joy and A. J. McDaniel, Connie and Tim Bozarth and Riley, Darrell and Peggy Bozarth, Debbie and Scott Bayer and Aaron, Amanda, and Corey all of San Angelo, Glenda Plowman and Joshua and Matthew of Lubbock, Jim and Lois Dunklin of Robert Lee, Billy Joe and Diane Luckett, Joey and Dewey, and Helen Murthshaw all from Bronte.

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### Come Celebrate ...

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Your presence will make this birthday especially memorable.

No gifts please.



# Robert Lee School News

## RL Junior High travels to Sterling City for basketball tourney

### RL "A" girls vs. Bronte "A" girls

The first game of the tournament the Robert Lee A girls played against Bronte's A girls. Robert Lee lost by a score of 25-26.

Tyler Lott was the highpoint of that game with thirteen points, Lindsey Roe with four points, followed by Julie Riley, Jennifer Fluhmann, Monica Rodriguez, and Rachel Wallace each having two points.

The second game was Robert Lee and Sterling City. Robert Lee lost by a score of 11-18.

Tyler Lott was the highpoint of the second game also with four points, Rachel Wallace with three points, followed by Monica Rodriguez and Lindsey Roe each having two points.

### RL 8th grade boys vs. Garden City

The eighth grade boys lost the first game of the tournament by a score of 23-28.

Travis Taylor was the highpoint scorer for R L with eleven points, Cole Flanagan had six points, Brian Abalos had four points, and Phillip Arellano had two points.

The second game was against Bronte. The boys lost that game too by a score of 29-35.

Travis Taylor was the highpoint of the second game also with eleven points, Cole

Flanagan had ten points, Phillip Arellano had six points, and Chris Eubanks had two points.

## Robert Lee Junior High girls defeat Miles

### RL "A" team

On November 29 the Robert Lee girls A team defeated Miles by a score of 22-17. Tyler Lott led the game with sixteen points, followed by Lindsey Roe with three points, Julie Riley with two points, and Rachel Wallace with one point.

### RL "B" team

The Robert Lee girls B team also defeated Miles B team by a score of 16-15. Michelle Sanchez led the team with eight points, followed by Veronica Cerritos and Brittany Soliz with each having four points.

## Robert Lee Junior High boys lose against Miles

### RL 8th grade boys

On November 29 the eighth grade boys lost against the Bulldogs by a score of 28-40. Travis Taylor led the game with twenty-one points and Phillip Arellano had seven points.

### RL 7th grade boys

The seventh grade boys also lost against Miles by a score of 16-35. Ruben Torres led the team with six points, Jake McCabe and Cisco Moreno each had four points, followed by Logan Gaitan with two points.

## Robert Lee J H plays Garden City

### RL "A" girls

The A team girls basketball played Garden City on November 22. They lost by a score of 16-42.

Tyler Lott scored eight points, followed by Lindsey Roe and Rachel Wallace each scoring four points.

### RL "B" girls

The B team girls basketball also played Garden City on November 22. They won by a score of 12-6.

Veronica Cerritos was their highpoint shooter with eight points, followed by Michelle Sanchez and Alana Parker with two points each.

### RL 8th grade boys

On November 22 the eighth grade boys played Garden City. They lost by a score of 21-25.

## Robert Lee Christmas Program slated

On Monday, December 13, the Robert Lee ISD will present its Christmas program for the public. The program will take place at 6:30 pm in the school auditorium.

The first performing group will be the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in the musical "Santa's Stuck In The 50's." The next performing groups will be the third recorders, fourth recorders, fifth beginning band, sixth middle school band, and the Stompin' Steer Band.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Christmas.



Robert Lee High School Library Aide Cynthia Dillard presents Blake Millican with his award for guessing how much candy was in the bucket. The "candy guessing game" is part of the the Elementary Reading Program.

Travis Taylor was highpoint for R L with ten points, Brian Abalos had five points, Phillip Arellano had four points, and Cole Flanagan had two points.

### RL 7th grade boys

The seventh grade boys also played the Garden City Bearkats. They won by a score of 24-22.

Ruben Torres was the highpoint of the game with eleven points, Logan Gaitan had six points, Cisco Moreno had four points, Drew Shultz had two points, and Jake McCabe had one point.

### Millican wins candy

Reading is both an ordinary part of every day at Robert

Lee Elementary School and an extra special treat. One of the ways Mrs. Cynthia Dillard, RLHS Library Aide, finds to motivate the students is the "guessing game." Each time a student reads a book, and passes a test, he/she can guess how many candies Mrs. Dillard has in her container.

In October and November, Mrs. Dillard was a little tricky. She used a plastic container with a lid that the students could not see through. It didn't stop the students from reading and guessing. Blake Millican in Mrs. Duncan's second grade class was the winner of 343 pieces of a mixed variety of candies.

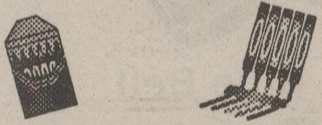
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## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

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- Tuesday, Dec. 7  
Orange Juice, Banana Nut Muffins, Cereal, Milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 8  
Orange Juice, French Toast, Syrup, Cereal, Milk
- Thursday, Dec. 9  
Orange Juice, Donut, Cereal, Milk
- Friday, Dec. 10  
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk

### Lunch

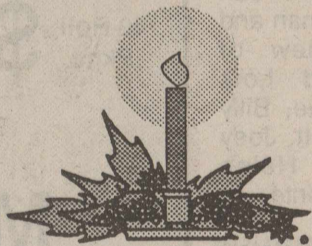
- Monday, Dec. 6  
Barbecue Meatballs, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Pears, Milk
- Tuesday, Dec. 7  
Chicken Strips, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Cinnamon Apples, Milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 8  
Vegetable Stew, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pickles, Peaches, Milk
- Thursday, Dec. 9  
Chili w/Crackers, Rice, Ranch Style Beans, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- Friday, Dec. 10  
Chick-fil-A, Pickles, Potato Patty, Fruit Cocktail, Chocolate Pudding, Milk



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**New policy protects property rights during conservation work on private land**

The USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), working with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), has revised its policy of reporting cultural resources encountered on private property during conservation work. Cultural Resources are a physical part of our heritage that provide historic information, concepts and views of past lives.

Under new policy guidelines, the NRCS (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) will only make a report of cultural resource findings to the SHPO if the landowner chooses to implement certain types of federally funded, cost-share conservation practices in an area where cultural resources could be disturbed.

The new guidelines came about as a result of concerns from the Association of Texas

**Christmas at Old Fort Concho illuminates the season**

The 18th annual Christmas at Old Fort Concho will take place December 3-5, 1999, and will bring a holiday mixture of the old and the new, with merchants and artisans, the Cowboy Campfire Concert, the ever-growing Winter Rendezvous and, a highlight this year, a dance featuring Asleep at the Wheel.

New this year, too, is the American Magic Lantern Theater, an authentic nineteenth century magic lantern show. This truly unique program lets participants step back in time and experience entertainment as our great-great-grandparents did.

There's always a place for the kids at the Fort, with unique fun and educational activities scheduled throughout the weekend. The Children's Area, North Pole Children's Workshop, Little Wranglers' Wild West Adventure, and Dream Catchers are all designed to give children opportunities to learn and play.

Revelers may enjoy the frontier fantasy land as they stroll through the Fort's original and refurbished buildings, the halls decked to represent Victorian, German, Mexican and Czech Christmases.

Merchants and Artisans buildings will open at 3:00 pm on Friday, Dec. 3, with the buildings and grounds remaining open until 9:00 pm. On Saturday, Dec. 4, the festivities begin at 10:00 am and will continue until 9:00 pm. The final day, Sunday, Dec. 5, begins with a Cowboy Campfire Breakfast at 9:00 am, with the merchants and artisans buildings opening at 10:00 am and closing at 5:00 pm.

Programs designed to celebrate the holiday season in its entirety can be enjoyed in the Fort Concho Chapel throughout the weekend, including a Hanukkah celebration, several gospel groups and Christmas caroling.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts and others for protecting the privacy of landowners who request technical assistance from NRCS in implementing conservation practices. The new rules have taken effect statewide.

"NRCS is aware of the concern about the federally mandated act to protect cultural sites. NRCS has been working with local soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) and the SHPO to resolve the private property rights concern," said John Burt, NRCS State Conservationist in Texas.

"Everyone worked together to broker this new policy that both protects cultural resources and private property rights," Burt said.

The potential impact to cultural resources is to be considered during the planning of conservation work, according to NRCS guidelines. If cultural resources are found in the area of a proposed conservation practice, and the practice involves ground disturbance which could adversely affect

the resource, other options will first be explored.

NRCS will work with the landowner to plan other practices which will not impact the cultural resource, or NRCS and the landowner will avoid the resource by moving the conservation practice. In these cases there is no requirement for NRCS to record or report the cultural resources, according to the guidelines.

Initial consideration of cultural resources during the planning process should result in practice choices and locations that will not impact cultural resources. NRCS employees are trained in natural resources planning, and regulations concerning cultural resources.

"NRCS will continue to operate under the state-level agreement between NRCS and the SHPO. NRCS is able to work with landowners to modify the design of a practice, change its location, or choose alternative practices that will protect cultural resources in their original location," Burt explained.

"As a federal agency we are mandated to protect cultural resources, however, we are sensitive to protecting the rights of private property owners. Activities involving cultural resources or archeological sites will not change the longstanding trust between NRCS, local SWCDs, and those we serve," Burt said.

Working with the 216 SWCDs in Texas, NRCS assists private landowners with planning and applying conservation practices on their land. Landowners with questions about the new cultural resources policy should contact their local NRCS field office.

**Look Who's New Margo Elizabeth Mendoza**

Margo Elizabeth Mendoza was born on November 16, 1999 at 1:51 pm at Shannon Hospital. Margo weighed nine pounds and twelve point five ounces.

The proud parents are Blanca Salazar and Ginner Mendoza. Tanner, seven, is the proud big brother.

Jose Salazar of Robert Lee is a grandparent and other grandparents are from El Salvador.

Josie Salazar, Lillian Guevara, Mary Tinkler all of Robert Lee, Veronica Saucedo of Virginia, and Michelle Bara of Dallas are proud aunts. George Mendoza of Robert Lee is a proud uncle.

**Bilbo family celebrate Thanksgiving**

Members of the Bilbo family gathered at the Bilbo home in Robert Lee on Thanksgiving Day for dinner and then Saturday after Thanksgiving for a backyard brunch.

Robbie Turner, sister of Alta Bilbo, was named birthday honoree on Saturday. On December 3, 1999, it will be Robbie's 90th birthday. She was born in Robert Lee in 1909 to W. H. and Elizabeth Bell. She was the youngest of ten daughters and one son.

Attending one of the celebrations or both were: Alta Bilbo, Robbie Turner of San Angelo, Alta Bell and Lamar Kay of Alpine, Jan and Bobby Hungate, Kara and Kayce of Waco, Mark and Judy Kay, Nicholas and Larissa of Andrews, Bob and Jamie Boren of Robert Lee, Kathy Alexander, Jamie Jo and Joe Bob of Midland, Miranda Wauson of Austin, Bebo Boren of Lubbock, John Boren and Sloan of Snyder, Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield of Grove, Ok, Janet Rathmell of Mertzon, Sandy and Jill Evans, Ashley and Trace of Arlington, Billy Havins, Zachary and Will of Round Rock, Rebecca and Mike Levesque, Sarah, Christopher, and Lucas of San Angelo, Bill and Mary Denman of Baird, Robert McGuire of Robert Lee, and Sam Byrum of Snyder.

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**Chamber and Extension Service to co-sponsor New West Texas Farm & Ranch Show**

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the Taylor County Extension Service are proud to announce that they will be co-sponsoring the West Texas Farm & Ranch Show at the Taylor County Fairgrounds on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 22 & 23, 2000. The show will be locally owned and operated.

Champion Farm & Ranch Shows canceled the Big Country Farm & Ranch Show that has been held in Abilene for the past six years. A group of local citizens interested in agriculture met to discuss the viability of continuing the show on a locally operated basis and came to the conclusion that there is still enough interest to continue a farm and ranch show in Abilene.

The name has been changed to the "West Texas Farm & Ranch Show" and will be locally owned and operated. Other major changes in the show will include the utilization of the coliseum and the newly remodeled display buildings to house the show as well as outside booths lining the walkway between the two buildings.

While some things have changed, some things have not. The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association will continue to hold their annual meeting during the show and the Taylor County Extension Service will conduct training courses during the show. The Abilene Reporter-News will once again be printing the Show Program as part of their Sunday, February 20 edition.

Show times will be from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 22 and from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 23. Monday, February 21 is the

set-up day from 12:00 noon until 7:00 pm.

Booth reservations are now being accepted. Exhibitor agreements/booth reservation forms may be obtained by calling the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at 915-677-7241 or may be picked up at the Chamber office at 174 Cypress, Suite 200. Booth reservation forms are also available at the Taylor County Extension Service office at the Taylor County Fairgrounds or by calling 915-672-6048.

**Disability programs detailed**

Most of us don't want to think about the prospect of becoming disabled and not being able to support our families or ourselves. However, the fact is a 20-year-old worker has about a 3-in-10 chance of becoming disabled before reaching retirement age.

Where can you go when the unthinkable happens? The Social Security Administration (SSA) may be able to assist you. SSA makes disability payments under two programs:

Social Security Disability Insurance for workers (and their children) who have Social security coverage; and Supplemental Security Income for people with little or no income and resources.

In order to medically qualify for benefits, a disabled adult must have a physical and/or mental problem that keeps them from working for at least 12 months or is expected to result in death.

If you think you may be eligible for payments, call us at 1-800-772-1213 to file a claim or contact your local Social Security office.

To get copies of our booklets, Disability Benefits (SSA Pub. No. 05-10029) or Supplemental Security Income (SSA Pub. No. 05-11000), call our toll-free number listed above.



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# Bronte School News

## Championship hopes end for Longhorns

The Bronte Longhorns traveled to Abilene last Friday night to meet the Paducah Dragons in the regional semifinal football game for Region II. After a hard fought game the Horns ended their season with a 24-14 loss.

The first half scoring belonged to the Dragons as they produced two long scoring drives, one resulting in a field goal and the other a touchdown taking a 10-0 lead at the half. The Longhorns came back on their first possession of the second half driving 75 yards for a touchdown on a 32 pass from Brandon Gibbs to Zeb Speary, making the score 10-7. Paducah answered with two fourth quarter scores to go up 24-7. The Horns used the same pass catch combination to score their final touchdown, making the final score 24-14.

## Christmas Concert slated

December 13 at 6:00 pm Bronte ISD has scheduled the Annual Band Christmas Concert featuring the Jr High & High School bands.

Following the concert, an open house of the new facilities will be held and refreshments will be served in the Commons Area.

Everyone is invited and will find the evening enjoyable and worthwhile.

## SCHOOL MENU

### Breakfast

**Monday, Dec. 6**  
Cereal, Apple Sauce, Pop Tart, Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 7**  
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancake, Milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**  
French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

**Thursday, Dec. 9**  
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Toast, Milk

**Friday, Dec. 10**  
Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Dec. 6**  
Pizza, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Brownie, Milk

**Tuesday, Dec. 7**  
Fish Stix, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Apple Sauce, Rolls, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**  
King Ranch Chicken, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, Pink Panther Cake, Milk

**Thursday, Dec. 9**  
Meat Loaf, Garden New Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Jello, Milk

**Friday, Dec. 10**  
Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Pork & Beans, Bun, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk

The Longhorns can be proud of their season and they can take their accomplishments with them forever. They also know their success is related to the support they received from the great fans that followed them throughout the year. Congratulations Longhorns on a great season.

## UIL news

A practice UIL Math/Science contest for High School & Junior High took place on the Central High School campus Saturday, November 13. Students attending were: Logan Acker, eighth grade, Number sense, Mathematics, Brandon Poehls, tenth grade, Science, Jade Richards, eleventh grade, number sense, mathematics, science, Elizabeth Morgan, eleventh grade, number sense, mathematics, science, Andy Blair, twelfth grade, science, Cara Sefcik, eleventh grade, mathematics, science, Christine Galvan, tenth grade, mathematics, science, Joe'l Sefcik, ninth grade, mathematics, science, Lindsay Springer, ninth grade, calculator, science, Garrett Jackson, seventh grade, mathematics, science, Ashley McCutchen, seventh grade, number sense, calculator, mathematics, science, Amy Morgan, tenth grade, mathematics, science, Justin Frazee, seventh grade, number sense, calculator, and Justin Moore, eighth grade, science.

The Junior High students competed against all classifications from 1A-5A. They gained valuable experience in taking the math/science practice tests for UIL. In small high schools-1A, 2A, 3A- our science team was seventh overall, and our Math team was sixth overall.

Jade Richards tied for first place in Science and took the top Biology award. She also placed fifth in both Number Sense and mathematics.

Cara Sefcik placed first in mathematics and sixth place in science.

Amy Morgan tied for fifth place in mathematics and seventh place in science.

Joe'l Sefcik placed seventh in calculator and eighth in science.

Brandon Poehls placed ninth in science.

## Bronte J H girls vs. Garden City 7th grade girls

The seventh grade girls played Garden City on November 29. They lost by a score of 6-15.

Ryan Martinez scored the six points for the seventh grade.

## 8th grade girls

On November 29 the eighth grade girls also played Garden City. They lost by a score of 11-34.

Kanah Coalson led the team with four points, followed by Kendra Graves, Melissa Flores, and Britney McCutchen with two points each. Brittany Eldred had one point.

## Bronte J H travels to Sterling City for tourney

Bronte tied for third overall in the Sterling City "A" tournament. Their first game they played Robert Lee. Bronte won by a score of 25-21.

Ashley Denton led the scoring with thirteen points, Britney McCutchen had five points, Kanah Coalson had four points, and Kailey Howell had two points.

During game two Bronte played Garden City. They lost by a score of 7-27.

Ashley Denton had four points, followed by Brittany Eldred with two points, and Kanah Coalson had one point.

## Bronte J H vs. Sterling City

**Bronte B**  
On November 22 Bronte B team played Sterling City B team. They lost by a score of 4-18.

Ryan Martinez and Monica De la Garza each scored two points.

**Bronte A**  
Bronte A team also played Sterling City A team on November 22. They lost by a score of 18-28.

Ashley Denton led the Ladies with eight points, Kailey Howell had four points, Brittany Eldred, Britney McCutchen, and Kanah Coalson each had two points.

## Bronte JV girls vs. Water Valley

The JV girls played Water Valley recently. They lost by a score of 16-33.

Britni Adams led the Lady Horns with six points, followed



Bronte Elementary Principal Terry Marrs (back row, left) and Brian Arrott (back row, right), BHS Special Education teacher, joined the Bronte Elementary "A" students for their celebratory luncheon. Students attending the honor roll luncheon included Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, Rebekah Beauchamp, Jonathan Marrs, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Lauhren White, Garrett Acker, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, and Cheyenne Webb.

by Heather Richey and Lindsay Springer each with three points. Kelly Cooper and Stormy White each had two points.

Britni Adams led in rebounding with eight and Kelly Cooper had four steals.

## "A" honor roll luncheon recently held for Bronte Elementary

The "A" honor roll luncheon for Bronte Elementary was recently held at the Homemaking Building. Fifteen students were honored for achieving this goal the second six weeks.

They were: Emily Austin,

Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, Rebekah Beauchamp, Jonathan Marrs, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls, Lauhren White, Garrett Acker, Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders, and Cheyenne Webb.

Brian Arrott, high school Special Education teacher was the guest speaker. He had them do an activity where they had to focus on a specific goal. This was to illustrate his talk about setting goals and staying focused on those goals. Others attending the luncheon were Terry Marrs, Marty Blair, Pat Lee, and Mary Lawhon.

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**Red Ribbon week slated for Dec. 6-10**

The Teen Leadership class and the Student Council of Bronte High School are organizing the annual drug awareness week known as Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is a nation wide program designed to educate students of all ages about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and violence. This is an important program because it targets students K-12 and encourages students to be drug free.

Students often do not realize how much danger is involved in the use of drugs and alcohol, and the goal of this program is to teach all students that drugs and alcohol are a dead end. Throughout the week, students will be involved in

**Local students included in Who's Who**

A total of thirty-one students from this area are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99.

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

The 33rd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

Local students selected include:

Robert Lee students are Mary Arellano, Cody Blair, Jamie Chesshir, Christian De Los Santos, Joel Gallegos, Chad Helwig, Kelley Long, Rachelle Mills, Jami Patterson, Amy Riley, Bobbie Sparks, Shanna Wojtek, Bret Ballew, Deric Brothers, Taylor Clendennen, Amber Freeman, Trichelle Gray, Jodee Helwig, Trenton McCabe, Kelli Osborn, Matthew Pitcock, Sammy Schiwart, Dee Van Huss.

Bronte students are Tony Blackstock, Tamara Sedden, Teresa McMullan, and Zeb Speary.

Blackwell students are Douglas Hughey, Clint Morgan, Scotty Killough, and Keshia Stidham.

several different activities that are used to encourage students to be drug free.

The Teen Leadership class is also sponsoring a business competition so that the community may be involved in the activities. Businesses are encouraged to decorate a portion of their windows in support of Red Ribbon Week and its drug-free theme. Displays will be judged and the winning business will receive a catered lunch by Teen Leadership. The activities are as follows:

Red Ribbon Week is set for December 6-10. On Monday there will be a relay against Drugs. Junior High and High School: Relay races and Elementary will have a drug free pledge balloon send-off.

Tuesday is the shoot out drugs. The Junior High and High School will meet and greet some of the San Angelo Outlaw hockey players. The Elementary will have a poster and jingle contest.

Wednesday is swing for the right thing. The Junior High and High School will have a swing dance competition.

On Thursday is drugs are a low life. Junior High and High School will have a limbo competition and the Elementary will have a kickball tournament.

Friday will be blackout drugs and the Junior High and High School will have a blackout presentation. The winners of the elementary contests will be announced.

**Free Christmas concert and party**

A free Christmas concert and party for children of all ages is set for Saturday, December 4, 1999 at the Abilene Civic Center at 10:00 am to 12 pm.

Maestro Shinik Hahm will be conducting the Philharmonic Orchestra. Special guests will be the Abilene Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

The Abilene Philharmonic Community Outreach Committee's objective is to provide an awareness of the orchestra; to promote a love for music and have something special at Christmas for children.

There will also be pictures with Santa, refreshments, singing Christmas carols and fun with Patches the clown.

For more information call 915-677-6710.

**Parents can help kids stay alcohol-free**

Parents who want to prevent their children from drinking might well ask the question: "So many of their friends are using alcohol. Will what I say to them make a difference?"

The answer is yes. Research indicates that little or no use of alcohol is strongly associated with young people who perceive that their parents will be upset if they use alcohol. What's more, parents can teach responsible decision-making around alcohol through the most powerful means available: by example.

The following strategies can help parents communicate with their kids to promote clear no-use standards about drinking:

Clarify your own standards. Kay Provine, who helped develop a Hazelden parenting skills program called "Roots & Wings: Raising Resilient Children," stresses this point. "Until the parents have really given it some thought and are clear about their own standards on alcohol use or non-use, it's difficult for them to communicate with any credibility," said Provine. Pious suggestions that parents "talk to their kids" can miss the point unless they know what to say.

When it comes to kids under age 21, parents can set clear, firm standards. Those standards should reflect religious beliefs, personal values and family health issues. If parents are inconsistent with their message, they open up the possibility for kids to create their own standards.

Young people might object to a no-use standard by asking, "If it's not good for kids to drink, then why is it okay for anyone to drink?" Our answer can be simple: Adults can do many things that young people can't do, such as buying homes, voting, and driving cars. Drinking alcohol belongs on this list.

Communicate with attention. Parents can take advantage of "teachable moments"- times when children are perplexed about real-life situations regarding alcohol use. At these moments parents need to talk and listen to their kids with quiet, undivided attention.

Explain the risks. It's

essential to provide young people with two key facts. One, alcohol is a drug and it's potentially addicting. Two, underage drinking is illegal. Both are powerful arguments for abstinence.

The many potential negative consequences should also be pointed out. Discuss the strong correlation between underage drinking and fatal automobile accidents, teen pregnancy, crime and poor academic performance.

However, what really sinks in for young kids is how alcohol will hurt them today. So tell how alcohol impairs coordination and judgment; that it may lead to serious injury, that it will make them sick the next day. Tell them that drinking will impede athletic performance. Tell them the human brain is in peak development at their young age and that heavy drinking can hinder intellectual development.

Teach kids how to manage moods. When asked about why kids drink, parents often name external forces: lax supervision at school; families who let children take unreasonable risks with alcohol; peer pressure. But according to David J. Wilmes, author of "Parenting for Prevention", those external factors may be overrated. Kids themselves often name internal factors- the desire to experiment with something new, to take risks, and to "see how I'd feel."

By helping kids learn to manage moods, parents prevent dangerous risk-taking. One option is to explain a three step procedure for handling feelings.

First, name the feeling- "worry," "stress", or "boredom."

Second, decide ahead of time what to do when your child has an unpleasant feeling. Help kids create a list of enjoyable activities, such as jogging, calling a friend, and reading, to defuse feelings without drinking.

Third, practice refusing alcohol. Instead of offering vague advice to "just say no,"

do some role playing. Parents can pretend they're someone who offers their kids a drink, then ask the kids how they'd respond. Help them decide exactly what to do and say.

When parents guide their kids through this cycle of naming, deciding and practicing, they give them a powerful tool for managing moods- and staying clean and sober.

**Arrott inducted in the Golden Key National Honor Society at A&M**

Among the 1999 inductees of the Golden Key National Honor Society at Texas A&M University is senior Nicholas Edward Arrott II.

The Golden Key National Honor Society is an internationally recognized academic honor society dedicated to excellence. Selection of nominees is limited to the top 15% of university juniors and seniors who show exemplary scholastic achievement and leadership. Membership is by invitation only to those students who earn this outstanding academic distinction.

Arrott, a 1996 graduate of Bronte High School, was recognized at the Society's annual induction ceremony held on November 3 in Rudder Auditorium on the campus of Texas A&M. He is the son of Nick Arrott and Susan Williams, both of Bronte.

**District 8-A Volleyball All-District**

Those named recently to the all-district volleyball team for the Lady Horns were Kala Arrott, Brooke McCutchen and Jade Richards. The honorable mention team members for the Horns were Laura Williams, Natasha Reed, and Lacy Schoenfeld.

The district 8-A volleyball academic all-district team members were Britni Adams, Brooke McCutchen, Natasha Reed, Jade Richards, Lacy Schoenfeld, Cara Sefcik, and Stormy White.

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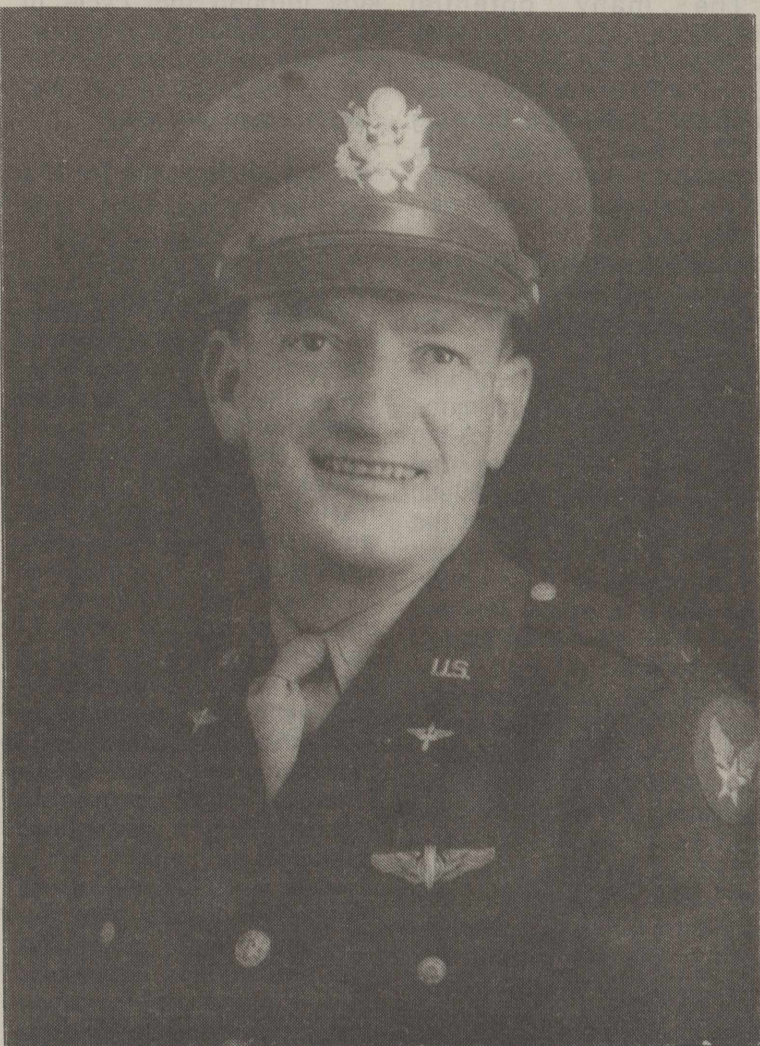
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# Reflections of the Past



Lt. Verdon T. Allen

**Lt. Verdon T. Allen, missing since Aug. 20, 1944, must be considered as dead, says U.S. War Department**

(Article taken from the Robert Lee Observer)

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen of Sanco have been informed by the War Department that their son, First Lt. Verdon T. Allen, missing on a bombing raid over Toulon, France since Aug. 20, 1944, must now be considered dead.

Lt. Allen was Bombardier on a B-26 Marauder plane with the 12th Air Force, stationed on Sardinia. All the officers went down with the plane, three enlisted men parachuted to safety. In a letter written by Sgt. Black, radio gunner on same plane with Allen, he stated he was one of three crew members who parachuted from the plane.

This is, in part, Sgt. Black's account of the mission: "While in the target area, the reassuring words 'Bombs Away,' had just been sounded over the interphone as the Marauder was participating in the attack on German beach defenses in Southern France, when two direct flak hits demolished the ship's nose and knocked out the left engine.

"This was Lt. Allen's 39th mission, most of which he was Squadron bombardier, his pilot being flight leader. They had worked and practiced together until they made an excellent bombing team.

"They would lead the whole group and upon their co-operation and skill would depend the success of the mission. I had the good fortune to be along on such missions when the results

were 100% destruction of the target and became the record at that time for the group.

"I know we contributed largely to the winning of the battle of Rome and the advance of our ground troops in Northern Italy, as well as to the invasion of southern France."

Lt. Allen entered the Air Corps in March 1943, received his commission in Nov. 1943 at Roswell, NM, went overseas April 1, 1944. He had to his credit the Air Medal, eleven Oak Leaf Clusters, E.A.M.E. ribbon with one bronze star, Presidential Citation for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as

bombardier of a B-26 type aircraft during an attack upon Valmontone Highway, Italy, May 25, 1944.

Lt. Allen's proficiency in combat reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service of the United States.

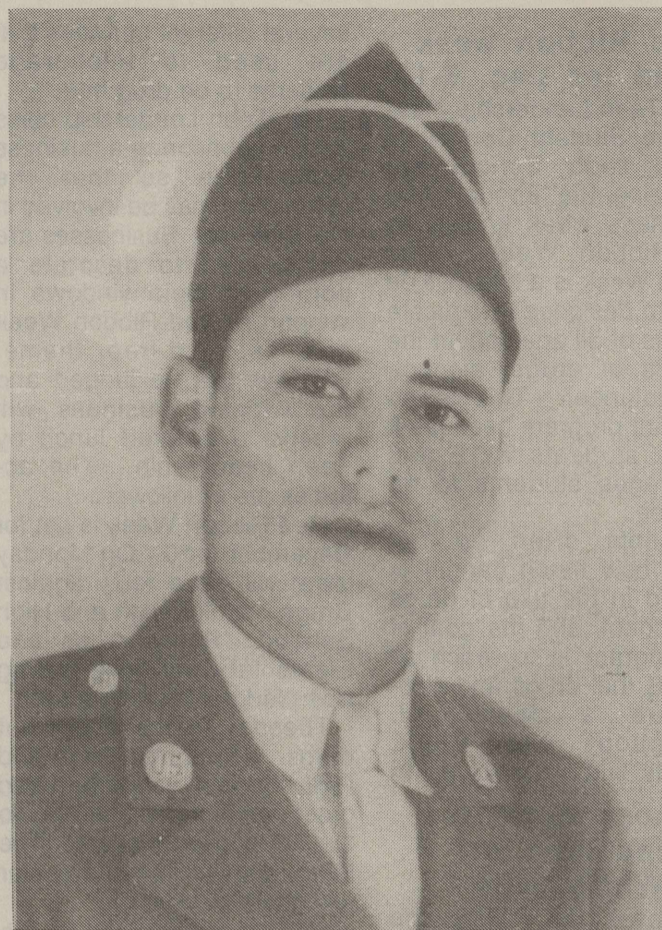
Before entering the Service, Allen was a brakeman for the Santa Fe railroad at Winslow, Ariz. His younger brother S-Sgt. Billie G. Allen is with the 9th Air Force still in Germany. He went overseas Oct. 1944. Mrs. R. W. Odom, Sanco, Mrs. E. Clegg, Calumet, Mass., Mrs. L. D. Evans, Winslow, Ariz., Mrs. Jerral E. Sanders, Highland, and Esther Louise Allen are his sisters; R.D. Allen, Vancourt and C. G. Allen, Winslow, Ariz. are brothers.

A letter received by the parents from Commanding Gen. H. H. Arnold, A. A. F. reads in part: "With greatest regret I have learned that an official determination has been made of the death of your son, First Lt. Verdon T. Allen, who has been missing in action since Aug. 20, 1944 in Europe. Information has reached me that Lt. Allen, a graduate of the Bombardier School at Roswell Army Air Field was a diligent and persevering airman, who discharged his assignments in a praiseworthy manner. He enjoyed the respect of those who knew him well, for his devotion to duty and force of character, and they share your sorrow in his passing. I hope that the memory of your son's contribution to our cause will help alleviate your grief. My heartfelt sympathy is offered to you and other members of the family."

**Bronte Soldier dies in action**

(Article was taken from Standard Times in 1944)

Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Samaniego of Bronte have been informed by the War



Pvt. Augustine Samaniego

Department that their son, Pvt. Augustine Samaniego, 19, was killed in action in Italy Oct. 10.

An infantryman, Pvt. Samaniego enlisted Nov. 9, 1943, and died while attacking an enemy machine gun nest. He farmed at Bronte before going into the service.

His family related he was K. I. A. He captured a nest of German soldiers. He died of his wounds before he could be evacuated by medics.

He enlisted Nov. 4, 1943 and died Oct. 1944. He was in North Africa in combat.

His mother confirmed he was buried in Florence, Italy and laid to rest in a Military Cemetery there.

Pvt. Samaniego received the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

**Memorial for A.J. Kunkle**

(Article from San Angelo

Standard Times)

Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Kunkel of Bronte received word that their son Seaman First Class A. J. Jr. is missing in action.

Seaman Kunkle was serving aboard a sub in the Pacific in 1944.

Kunkel enlisted a year ago following graduation from Bronte High School in 1943. He was eighteen years old.

Two brothers, James and Charles Kunkel, and a sister, Jo Ann live in Bronte. Another sister Mrs. Theodore Jones lives in Dallas. Two other brothers are in the armed forces. They are Elmo on the Italian front and Roland who is stationed in India.

**George Scott Legion Post chartered in '25, had 21 members**

(Article taken from Bronte Enterprise, Sept. 3, 1964)

The George Scott American (cont'd. next page)

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# ...Reflections

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Legion Post No. 394 of Bronte was chartered on Feb. 4, 1925. It was named after George Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Scott of Bronte. He was the first man from Bronte to give his life in service in World War I.

He was killed Oct. 8, 1919, in the Argonne Forest battle by a German sniper. Hubert A. Hayley, also of Bronte at that time, was the first person to reach him after he was hit. Hayley was present for the burial in Europe and also present at the services when his body was brought back to Lubbock in 1921. His father was publisher of the Bronte Enterprise during World War I.

The original post, as chartered, was composed of 21 veterans of World War I. McNeil Wylie, former Coke County judge, now of Lubbock, served as first commander of the post and the late Prat Williams was the first adjutant.

Due to limited number of veterans in this area, the post never became very large until the American Legion made eligible for membership veterans of World War II.

Probably it was at its height in membership in the early 1950s when almost 100 veterans were enrolled.

One of the early undertakings of the Legion post was the construction of a park. The city furnished a plot of ground on Kickapoo Creek near the east edge of town and park facilities were erected by the Legion, then all W.W.I veterans.

When the W.W.II vets began returning to home, a permanent meeting place was needed and in 1944 a tract of land, near the park, was purchased. In 1947 a building was purchased from surplus quarters at Camp Barkley and moved to the present location.

On Memorial Day, 1953,

Mrs. George Scott of Lubbock presented the post with the flag which was used at her son's funeral. That same year the post also received a national flag and post colors of matching size from Scott's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watson of Lubbock.

In more recent years, the post again has declined in size as veterans moved away and became involved in other organizations.

## Post named after Landers

(Information was received for this article by Robbie Turner and Katherine Patterson)

by Ava Lou Davis

The Pammie Landers American Legion Post #381 in Robert Lee, Texas was named after a Coke County man, Pammie Landers who was killed in action in World War I.

Pammie was born in 1888, in Thrifty, Brown County Texas to A. K. and Catherine Landers. He was one of nine children. Later the Landers family moved to a 200 acre farm north of Robert Lee in the Friendship Community.

Pammie Landers was in the U.S. Army, 30th M. G. Bat, 35 division that was sent to France in 1917-1918. He was killed on Sept. 29, 1918, three days after armistice. Pammie was a courageous hero; he paid the supreme sacrifice. Pammie was buried somewhere in France, in a place called Ramagne, in a cemetery named Meuse - Argonne.

My dad, Arthur Tubb, was a good friend to Pammie Landers. They both went into training together in San Antonio, Texas in 1917.

After World War I, I am not sure of the date, was when the American Legion Post was formed here in Robert



These men are six of the surviving members of the George Scott post. They include (from left) Noah Pruitt, Jr., Billy Joe Luckett, Norman Kiker, E. F. Glenn, R. T. Caperton, and Royce Fancher (not pictured).

Lee. However my dad Arthur Tubb was instrumental in naming the local American Legion Post after Pammie Landers. My dad was very active in the American Legion Post always working to enlist new members. He served as adjutant for over 35 years.

The Pammie Landers Post was active for many years. The Post was re-activated after World War II. The mem-

bers needed a building; so the County Judge McNeil Wylie donated the land and the building that was moved from Camp Barkley near Abilene. The American Legion members built a large concrete slab in front of the building.

There were approximately fifty members in the Pammie Landers Post. Some members that I can remember

being active in the Pammie Landers Post were: Arthur Tubb, Eddie Patterson, Marcus Turner, J. C. Stickland, Freeman Clark, Lee Roland Latham, Doo Dad Davis, Chism Brown, O. B. Jacobs, Bub Lewis, Vincent Hanna, Bob Fields and many more.

The American Legion Post

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**18a-2tc**

**HELP WANTED**

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**19a-2tc**

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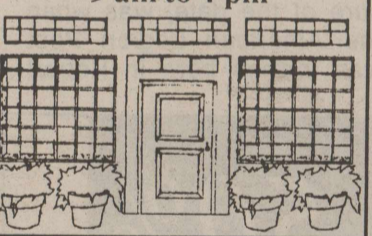
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**"THANK YOU" TO ALL**  
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Doug & Peg Robertson

PS- The cards are going in a "special" scrap book, which Doug has had since childhood.  
**19-1tp**

**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY**

On the 22nd day of November, 1999, I impounded the following estray:  
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**19a-2tc**

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## ...Reflections

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Pammie Landers

was very active in the community. The Post made it possible for hospital beds, wheel chairs, and crutches to be available to those that needed them. Bub Lewis was a veteran of World War II. He lost a leg while in battle, and having an amputated leg it was hard for him to find a job. The Pammie Landers Post members worked to help him get the job at the local post office as Postmaster where he served until he retired.

In 1949 my brother, Frank Tubb, was buried in the Fort Smith National Cemetery, in Ft. Smith, AK. The Pammie Landers Post provided money for my parents, Arthur and Mary Tubb, and I, so we could attend the funeral.

The Womans American Legion Auxiliary of the Pammie Landers Post was very active. We opened up a Teen Club for the local teenagers. Provided a place that they could come to and play games, such as volleyball, darts, and etc.

Some of the ladies in the Auxiliary were members of the Installation Team. Robbie Turner, Katherine Patterson, Dale (Cowley Stephenson) Fields, Gladys Strickland, including yours truly Ava Lou (Tubb Hanna) Davis and others. We had the only Installation Team in the state

of Texas. We were part of the 21st district in San Angelo. We were invited to Fredricksburg, Junction, Mason, Comfort, Kerville and San Angelo to install officers for their auxiliary. We wore white blouses, navy blue long skirts and red cummerbunds. It was a very beautiful ceremony.

In later years the building that housed the Pammie Landers Post was sold. After that meetings were held in the Coke County Recreational Center. The American Legion Pammie Landers Post #381 is still active today. Bob Large is the Commander and Kenneth Lackey is Secretary and adjutant. Hank Baker is still a member. Wilbern Millican is past Commander. Wilbern is a nephew to Pammie Landers. It is good to know after 81 years a man that gave his life in World War I is still remembered.

In memory of Pammie Z. Landers

### Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, December 5, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

### The Euterpean Club of Blackwell meets

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met in the ranch home of Tommie Lucas on November 18, at 3:30 pm.

Betty Cole gave an inspirational talk on being aware of the present moment and listening to your inner prompting.

The hostesses, Sue Dean and Tommie Lucas used a Thanksgiving theme in their

decorations and served a variety of delicious food.

We had two guests, Jo Scott and Jane Wheat. Members attending were: Margaret Battle, Mary Burnett, Lillie Burwick, Betty Cole, Sue Dean, Collene Fletcher, Mary Lee, Tommie Lucas, Hulene Magness, Karen McBride, Gypsy McMullin, Dona Sanderson, Margaret Stout, Sharon Taylor, Rosie Ten Eyck, Myrle Thompson, and Linda Watts.

### Lady Steers defeat Sterling City Eagles

The Robert Lee Lady Steers finally struck the win column by defeating Sterling City 38-30. Jodee Helwig led the Lady Steers with fourteen points. De Shira Dickey hit double figures, for the third game in a row, with ten points. Whitney Millican had eight points, Kizre Matthews and Shanna Wojtek added three points each.

Next week's action includes Christoval here at 4:00 (JV) and the varsity girls are entered in the Stanton Tournament December 9, 10, & 11 with the first opponent to be determined at a later date.

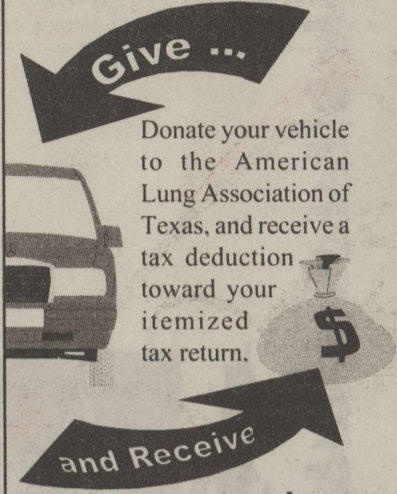
### Academic Excellence Indicator System report set to be discussed at the scheduled board meeting

The Robert Lee ISD school board will meet in regular session on December 14, 1999 at 6:30 pm in the High School library. A hearing for public discussion of the 1998-99 Academic Excellence Indicator System report will be combined with the regular scheduled board meeting.

On December 15, 1999, the report will be available for public review in each Administration office and each

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