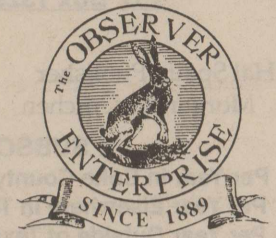


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Ballots set for May 5 local governing board elections

Coke County voters will go to the polls May 5 to fill vacancies on a number of local governing boards. Wednesday, March 21, at 5 pm was the last opportunity to file for a place on the ballot.

Three candidates will vie for two - 3 year terms on the Bronte Independent School

(Fishy) plans progress in West Coke County

by Joan Davis

Although the weather has been cold and wet for fishermen, it has always been a good time in March and April for striper fishing. West Coke County initiated the Lake Spence Striper Contest this month to challenge area fishermen by offering a \$2,000 cash prize to the person who can break R. L. Flanagan's lake record. He is the current record holder with a monster 35 lb. 2 oz. striper taken on April 21, 1988.

A community fish fry and dance will be held on Saturday, April 21, to coincide with the record catch. A great group of sponsors kicked in \$100 each to put up the prize money for the contest.

Prices for the fish plates and the dance will be offered as a combo for \$6.00. The West Coke County Community Development, organizers of the feed, first thought to hold the meal and entertainment outdoors. With the unstable weather trend the last couple of weeks, plans now are to move into the large rec hall at the park in Robert Lee. The meal will be served from 5:00 until 7:00 pm with the dancing (or listening) to follow. No tickets will be sold, and everyone is welcome.

Organizers are pleased to announce the acquisition of Bobby Roundtree and the Good Ol' Boys Western Swing Band to play for the event.

District Board of Trustees. Incumbent Terry Charles will be challenged by Doug Hoyt, and Joe Sefcik.

Three people have filed for the two - 3 year openings on the Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees. They include incumbent Darrel Pitcock, Bill Burns and Mark Riley.

Both the cities of Robert Lee and Bronte will be electing new city council members. Robert Lee has three council positions open. Incumbents Nita Stovall-Duncan, Johnny Carver, and Kenneth Green will face challenger Jim Reeves. Bronte has two council positions open. Gerald Sandusky has filed for re-election, along with newcomer Marty Boyd. The city has the option of cancelling the election since there is not a contested race.

East Coke County Hospital District will have two openings filled by the upcoming election. Filing for these openings were incumbents Jessie Sims and Donnie Thompson, joined by Jan Magness.

West Coke County Hospital District will also have two openings filled by the election. Incumbents Doug Wilkes and Judy Williams have filed to retain their seats. WCCHD also has the option of cancelling the election.

Rabies clinic

The Coke County 4-H Clubs will be sponsoring a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, April 7, 2001. The clinic will be held at the south end of the show barn at Robert Lee Park from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Pets 4 months of age or older should be immunized. Pets should be vaccinated for rabies annually.

Daylight savings time returns

Daylight Savings Time will return to Coke County, and across the nation, Sunday, April 1 at 2:00 am. Most folks for the sake of convenience, will "spring forward" one hour on Saturday night.



David Hargrave, an Emergency Medical Technician, gave an educational presentation to Bronte's Early Childhood/Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade. (First Grade is not pictured.)

EMT gives presentation

On Tuesday, March 20, 2001, David Hargrave, an Emergency Medical Technician for Coke County, gave a very educational presentation to Bronte's early childhood/pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade classes. Mr. Hargrave explained to the children how important an EMT is to our community. He talked to the children about 911 and demonstrated many duties of an EMT. The children brought stuffed animals to school and many of those animals were treated for injuries such as head injuries, broken arms, burns and stopped breathing. The children told Mr. Hargrave the injury of their animal and he demonstrated how he would be able to help them. Using the stuffed animals, he was able to demonstrate such procedures as taking blood pressure, listening for a heart beat, CPR and treating injuries and other emergency medical procedures. The children were able to see the inside of an ambulance and the emergency lights on and hear the siren. After the presentation, some children said that when they grow up that they would like to be an Emergency Medical Technician. David Hargrave and other EMT's - You have made a positive impact on our students and community.

National flood insurance plan approved for county

Coke County has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the National Flood Insurance Program effective February 21, 2001.

Anyone constructing a residential structure outside of the city limits of Bronte or Robert Lee within Coke County should come by the Coke County Judge's office and obtain a Development Permit Application. There will be a \$20 permit fee. The application will be processed from the Judge's office. If the structure is close to a stream or lake, the Commissioners will examine site and make recommendations.

What does this mean to you? You will be eligible for flood insurance, up to the limits under the Emergency Phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before the coverage goes into effect. For single family homes, this limit is \$35,000 and \$10,000 for the contents. Renters can also protect their belongings through the content coverage. For commercial properties, this limit is \$100,000. After the initial Emergency Phase, higher limits of coverage will be available.

You can receive further information regarding this in the Judge's office.

Gospel singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, April 1st 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.

Pageant association to meet

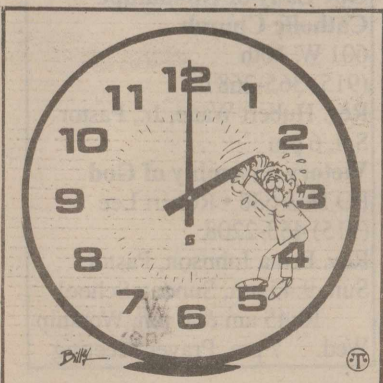
The Coke County Pageant Association will meet on Thursday, April 5 at Robert Lee City Hall at 7:00 pm. All interested area residents are encouraged to attend.

Roping Club slates practice sessions

The Coke County Roping Club will begin their roping season this Sunday, April 1, at the arena in Bronte. Practice sessions will be held every Sunday beginning at 2:00 pm, and each Wednesday from 7:00 until 10:00 pm. For more information contact Cindy Saunders at 473-2028.

Robert Lee singing

There will be a community gospel singing of all denominations at the Robert Lee Victory Assembly of God Church on March 31, 2 pm to 4 pm. J. D. Taylor of Blackwell will be conducting the singing and everyone is invited to attend.



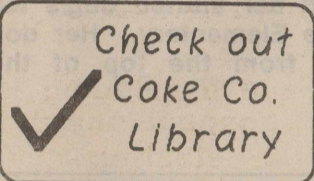
Weidenfeller - Scott exchange vows

Kay Weidenfeller of San Angelo and Mickey Scott of San Angelo were married on March 9, 2001 at Central Baptist Church in Bronte with Rev. R. W. Blackmon officiating. Kay is the daughter of Roger and Arlene Weidenfeller of Fredericksburg and Mickey is the son of Ken and Linda Scott of Odessa and Loretta Scott of Ft. Stockton.

Kay is employed by San Angelo ISD as a reading specialist and Mickey is owner of Tel Pro Communications. They took a wedding trip to New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. They will make their home in San Angelo.



Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Scott



National Library Week

National Library Week begins April 1st. The logo this year is "@your library." The logo reminds that the library is where the answers are, where the entertainment is, and where everyone is welcome. A friend of the library in Robert Lee says the library is the mind's gymnasium.

Other quotes made of libraries include one from John Goodman, "When I was young, we couldn't afford much but, my library card was my key to the world. Walter Cronkite said, "Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." Sidney Sheldon said, "Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of Life. Libraries change lives for the better."

This is the week to come to the library and get a library card. Library cards are free. Join the folks in Robert Lee, who know what libraries are all about - they checked out 6,532 books in 1999-2000. The library is open 52 weeks a year and that is an average of over 100 books a week.

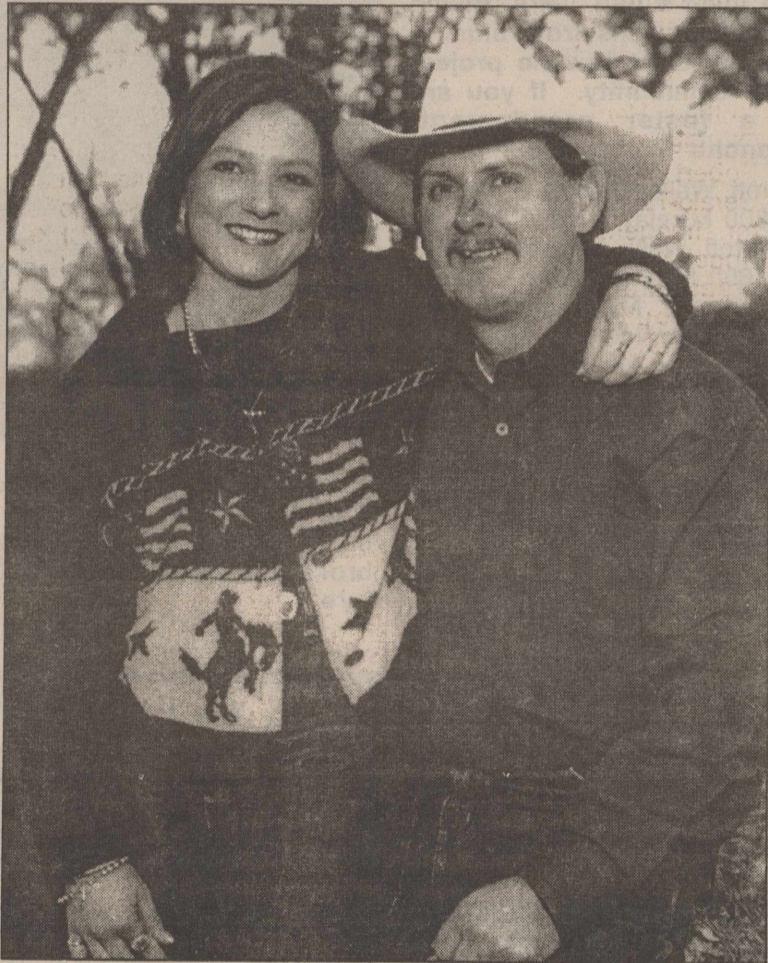
Some statistics from the American Library Association show that in a 1998 poll conducted by Gallup, it was found that nearly all respondents expect libraries to be needed in the future, despite the increased availability in information via computer.

Research shows that the highest achieving students attend schools with good library media centers. One other statistic shows that Americans check out an average of seven books a year. They spend \$23 a year in taxes for the public library - much less than the average cost of one hardcover book.

Coke County Library hours are: Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; Friday, 8-12. Story hour is Tuesday at 10 am. Head Start Time is Wednesday at 10 am.

Meeting slated as aid to rural economic development

The Concho Valley Council of Governments, in conjunc-



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry T. Parker of Bronte, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michele Lee, to Nathan Quinton Bearden of San Angelo. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Bearden Carter and the stepson of Lester Carter of San Angelo. The couple will exchange wedding vows June 2, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

tion with the Texas Department of Agriculture, is sponsoring a Telecommunications Infrastructure meeting as an aid to Rural Economic Development.

The meeting will be held on March 30, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the Texas A&M Experiment Station, 7887 US Hwy 87 N., San Angelo, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues of concern in the Concho Valley Region. The main counties to be addressed are Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green.

Issues to be discussed are:

1. Eliminating the long dis-

ance charge for all calls made from within the Concho Valley Region to any other portion of the Concho Valley

2. Internet service for rural and frontier areas

3. Faster internet service

4. Local contacts for telephone information

5. More wireless access in rural and frontier areas

6. 9-1-1 emergency calls go to the nearest dispatch

Presentations will be given by Darrell J. Guthrie, Director of Public Utility Commission, Bob Bates, Regional Manager of Verizon, Steve Price, Manager of Internet Sales at West Central Internet and Terry McBurney, Manager of Cellular One.

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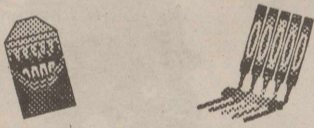
Longhorn JV track results

In the Sterling City relays, Bronte JV placed as follows:
 3200 M - 3rd - Chase Williams
 400 M relay - 2nd - Rodney McLain, Cody Lee, Tyson Baker, Garrett Fiveash
 100 M - 1st - Garrett Fiveash; 6th - Jeremy Sanchez
 400 M - 2nd - Cody Lee
 200 M - 5th - Charlie Bettis
 1600 M - 3rd - Kevin Huddleston; 4th - Chase Williams
 1600 M relay - 2nd - Garrett Fiveash, Tyson Baker, Rodney McLain, Cody Lee
 Shot put - 1st - Scott Snyder; 2nd - Jeremy Sanchez; 4th - Casey McKee
 Discus - 3rd - Scott Snyder; 4th - Jeremy Sanchez; 6th - Casey McKee
 Triple jump - 3rd - Garrett Fiveash; 5th - Joel Webb
 Long jump - 2nd - Charlie Bettis
 High jump - 1st - Cody Lee; 2nd - Charlie Bettis

Longhorn varsity track results

In the Sterling City relays, Bronte Longhorns placed as follows:
 110 M hurdles - 1st - Henry White
 100 M - 2nd - Jesse McClure
 400 M - 1st - Josh Schoenfield
 300 M hurdles - 2nd - Henry White
 200 M - 3rd - Jesse McClure
 1600 M relay - 2nd - Ryan McCorkle, Zeb Speary, Brandon Gibbs, Josh Schoenfield
 Shot put - 1st - Steve Eldred; 4th - Nick Shaw; 5th - Henry White

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, April 2
 Cereal, apple sauce, blueberry muffins, milk
Tuesday, April 3
 Sausage, grape juice, pancakes, milk
Wednesday, April 4
 Breakfast burrito, apple juice, cinnamon toast, milk
Thursday, April 5
 Scrambled eggs, hash-browns, biscuit, milk
Friday, April 6
 French toast sticks, mixed fruit, pop tart, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 2
 Fish sticks, blackeyed peas, macaroni & cheese, sliced peaches, rolls, milk
Tuesday, April 3
 Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, taco shells, milk, brownies
Wednesday, April 4
 Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, milk, peanut butter cookies
Thursday, April 5
 Lasagna, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, milk, jello
Friday, April 6
 Hot dogs, chili & cheese, tator tots, baked beans, bun, milk, rice krispie bars



Nina Bivins, Bronte Foster Grandparent, listens to Creed Coalson read a story. As a foster grandparent, Mrs. Bivins comes to Bronte Elementary each day from 8 am to noon. She listens to children read, helps with math, and takes time to just talk to the kids and give them a hug. Mrs. Bivins said it really helped keep her four walls from closing in on her at home by giving her a worthwhile project that helps the children of our community. If you are interested in becoming a foster grandparent, contact Nina Bivins or Concho Valley Council of Governments.

Triple jump - 1st - Josh Schoenfield; 2nd - Jesse McClure
 High jump - 1st - Ryan McCorkle

Lady Longhorns track results

On the 23rd, the Bronte varsity girls entered the Sterling City relays and placed as follows:
 High jump - 2nd - Codi Monsey - 4' 10"; 3rd - Stormy White - 4' 8"
 Long jump - 2nd - Codi Monsey - 15' 7 3/4"; 3rd - Tasha Reed - 14' 7 3/4"
 Triple jump - 4th - Kala Arrott - 30' 6 1/2"; 5th - Stormy White - 30' 1"
 Shot put - 3rd - Lindsay Springer - 29' 5 3/4"
 400 M relay - 3rd - Reed, Ar-

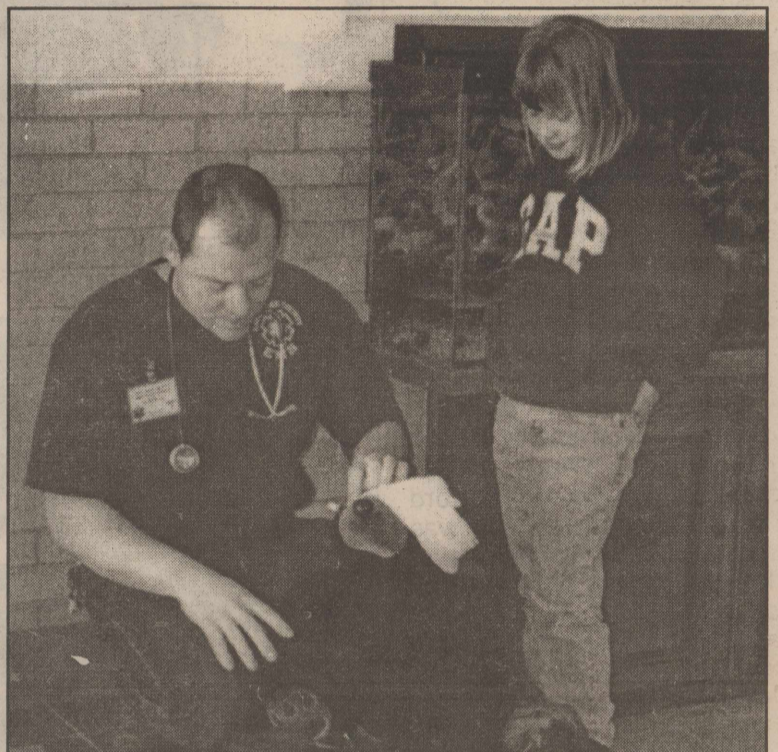
rott, White, Coalson - 53.89
 800 M relay - 3rd - Coalson, Arrott, White, Monsey - 1:54.9
 1600 M relay - 2nd - Reed, Britney, McCutchen, McCoulskey, Monsey - 4:27.7
 800 M - 4th - Crissie McCoulskey - 2:43.8
 100 M - 3rd - Monsey - 13.34
 100 M hurdles - 5th - Reed - 18.54
 400 M - 3rd - Williams - 68.06
 300 M hurdles - 5th - Richey - 58.61
 200 M - 3rd - White - 29.02
 1600 M - 3rd - Howell - 6:31.7

BISD board of trustees election

Bronte ISD had three people file for two full three year positions in the May 5th election: Terry Charles, incumbent, Doug Hoyt, and Joe Sefcik.



Kimberly Lee, Bronte 1st grader, listens as David Hargrave, local EMT, works on her stuffed dog's leg during a recent visit to Bronte Elementary. Her dog broke his leg when he fell from the top of the television.



Katie Austin brought her stuffed bear to Bronte EMT David Hargrave with an injury to its eye. The bear was climbing on the mirror when the mirror broke and the bear had a piece of glass stuck in his eye.

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