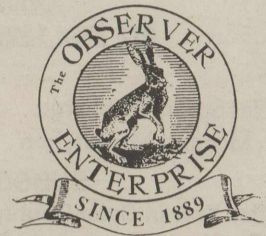


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62nd edition of the County Stock Show begins Jan. 18

Next week will be the 62nd edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year's show will feature more than 220 animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, more than 88 youth exhibitors from around the county.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous lifeskills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and

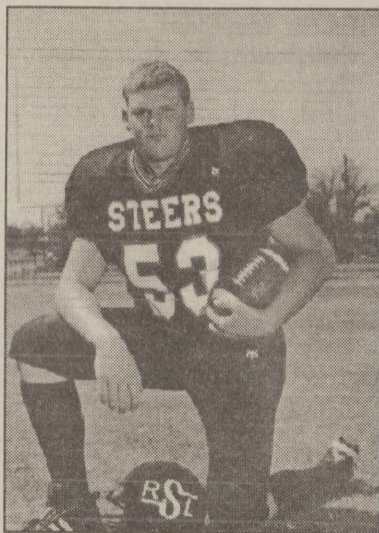
other areas. The total monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$120,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin Friday, January 18 at 5:30 pm with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Mike Harbour, lamb and goat producer from Eldorado, Tx. Saturday, January 19, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, judged by Chad Coburn, Sterling County Agent, followed by the Market Steer show at 11:00 am, judged by Chad Coburn.

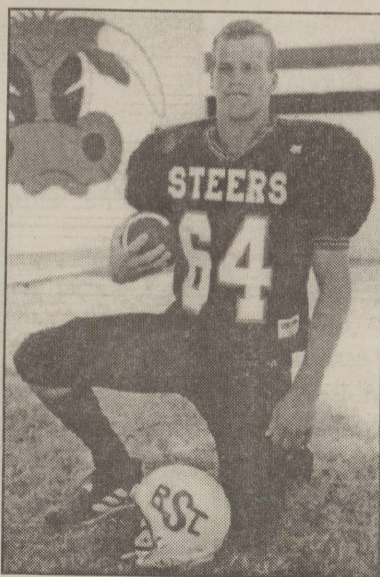
The Buyers appreciation BBQ will be served at 12:00 noon, and as always the BBQ will be prepared by Gaylon Pitcock, Wayland Drennan, Roy Tinkler and company. Following the BBQ, the premium sale will be held at 2:00 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the



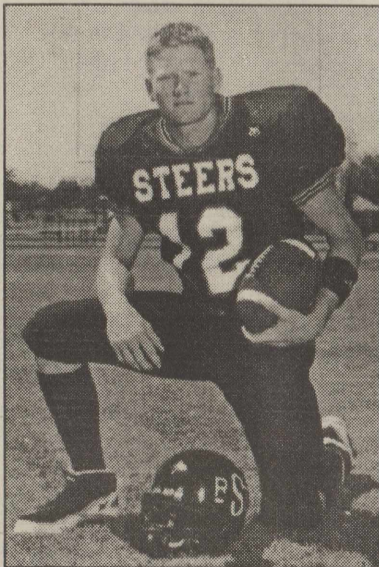
United States Congressman Charles Stenholm spoke to the Bronte Evening Lions Club Tuesday evening, January 8. Rep. Stenholm re-enforced his stand on the need to be conservative in both spending and taxation. He also discussed progress in the war against terror, the disappearance of the budget surplus, and Social Security.



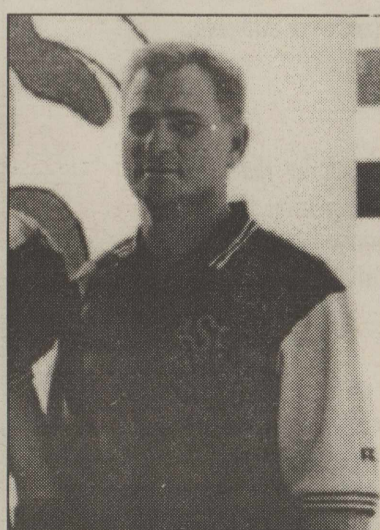
Cooper Riley



Trent McCabe



Colby Eubanks



Coach Ray Brown

Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association Directors, that include: Sharon Kelton, Shane Webb, Wayne Coalson, Todd Harrell, Rick Howell, David Jackson, Jerry T. Parker, David Scott, Joe Sefcik, Mike Cervenka, Corby Kelso, Doug Tounget, Robert Wink, Bill Hill, Mike McCabe, Teddy Millican, Wibby Millican, Joel Percifull, Darrel Pitcock, Mark Riley, and Ernest Ybarra.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show would like to invite everyone to come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

Steers named to All-District, All-West Texas football teams

by Joan Davis

Last month's 2001 Standard-Times All-West Texas Class 1A football team listed two Robert Lee Steers on its roster. Cooper Riley was chosen as an offensive lineman, and led the Steers in knockdown passes. He is a 6-3, 220 lb. junior and the Steers look forward to his senior athletic season. Cooper is the son of Mark and Cindy

Riley of Robert Lee. Trent McCabe, another anchor for the Steers, is a 6-3, 185 lb. defensive lineman, who regrettably, is a senior athlete. Trent also was named to the All Big Country team by the Abilene Reporter News. Trent was involved in 81 tackles during the season, with 20 being unassisted. He recorded two quarterback sacks and six hurries, eight tackles behind the line, and caused one fumble. He is the son of Melvin and Debbie McCabe of Robert Lee.

The Roscoe Plowboys gained the lion's share of the all-west Texas team following their high place finish in the state playoffs.

In the Class 1A All-District honors, the Robert Lee Steers' Coach Ray Brown was named Coach of the Year. Colby Eubanks, Robert Lee senior, was chosen Offensive Player of the Year in District 9-1A. Colby passed for 689 yards and 6 touchdowns, and added 404 yards and 8 touchdowns rushing. Stewart Millican was tapped as a kicker for the district as well as linebacker on the first team. Bret Ballew was selected as a defensive back on the first team, and Trent McCabe as a defensive end.

On the 9-1A 2nd offensive team, Taylor Clendennen was

selected at fullback. Sean Edging was named to the offensive line on that team.

On the defensive 2nd team, Anson Lott was named linebacker; Cooper Riley at end; and Colby Eubanks was selected as a back, punter, and the return specialist.

GED classes offered

Free classes will be offered to anyone interested in obtaining their GED. This is a wonderful opportunity for you. There must be 8 people registered to make the class.

Please call Gayle Bolding at 453-2508 or the Robert Lee School at 453-4555.

Bluegrass music slated for Bronte

Bluegrass music is really catching on in Bronte. Start the New Year off right on January 12, 2002, 12 noon 'til 6 pm. Remember the 2nd Saturday in every month, everyone is invited to gather at the Community Center in the Coke County Park in Bronte to hear and/or participate in some great sounds of Bluegrass music.

For more information, call Ricky Rogers at 915-653-7030 in San Angelo or Jimmy Warren (home) 915-368-5558 or (cell) 915-553-6575 in Odessa.

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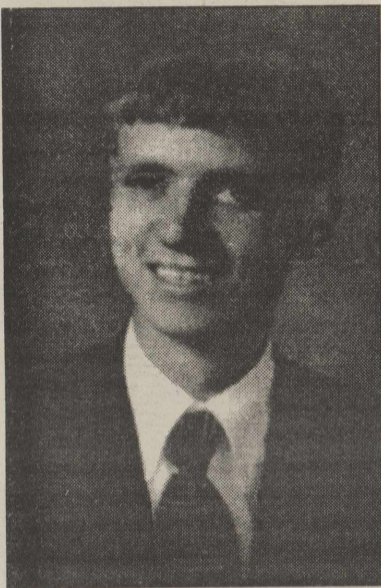
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Obituaries



Moore

Emmitt Ray Moore was born April 18, 1983 in Stanton, Texas blessing the family of Ray and Sara Moore and older sister, Heather. He was reared and educated in Midland, graduated from Midland High in 2001. While attending high school, he was a member of the school band. Emmitt was employed by Wellen Construction Company in Midland and was scheduled to enter the Army Reserves on January 4, 2002. He accepted Christ at the age of six and went home to be with his Lord on December 30, 2001.

Emmitt is survived by his parents; sister and brother-in-law, Heather and Wesley Kemp, all of Midland; paternal grandparents, Elton and Fredna Moore of Bronte, Texas; maternal grandparents, J.D. and Christine Williams of Midland; aunts and uncles, Kent and Melissa Moore of Snyder, Tx; Keith and Rhonda Greenwood of Midland, Tx; Steve and Margie Burg of Mesquite, Tx; Pervis and Donna Williams of Midland, Tx; and Wesley Williams also of Midland. Fifteen cousins and numerous great aunts and uncles and other relatives from around the country also survive him.

On January 3, 2002, funeral services were conducted at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel by Dr. Darrel Martin, pastor of Temple Baptist Church where Emmitt was a member since he accepted Christ. Interment was at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Shawn Sanders, Vick Hutchinson, Josh Patterson, Shilo Richardson, Brian Osha, David Wright and Wayne Ruddick. Honorary pallbear-

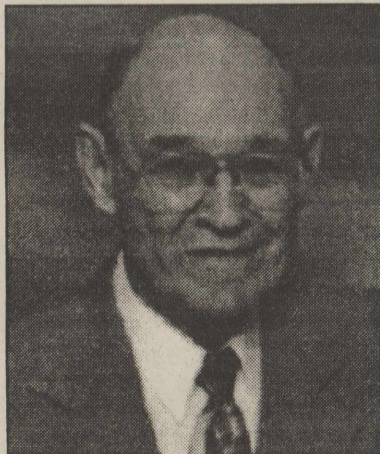
ers were Josh Johnson, Matt Horton and Rusty Whited.

All around Emmitt there was much love because Emmitt gave much love as he demonstrated in the following poem of salvation:

ARE YOU SAVED

I lived my life in total sin.
I didn't care about the end.
I didn't think about my behavior,
Until I found Jesus Christ as my savior.
Learning about how he died.
But knowing he is there all the time.
Hearing about Calvary and the cross,
Throwing sins away with just
Are we worth the greatest gift,
living life not too stiff.
It might have been in the past.
But how long will that last.
God is coming back you know.
And what do we have to show
But sit back and ask a question,
Before it's too late for a last confession.
Now think real hard from your heart.
Before it's ripped apart.
Don't wait for the end of days,
I'm just asking "Are You Saved?"

by Emmitt Moore
24-1tc



Kinsey

Funeral services for John W. "Wes" Kinsey, longtime Robert Lee resident, were held at 10:00 am Monday, January 7, 2002, at the Northside Church of Christ with Tommy Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mr. Kinsey, 85, died Friday, January 4, 2002, in the Robert Lee Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Born February 24, 1916, in King, Texas, Wesley married

Geraldine Davis on June 6, 1940, in Robert Lee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alma Meyer Kinsey and C.M. "Dick" Kinsey; two sisters, Cleone Fulford and Marylou Markham; three brothers, Edgar, David, and D.D. "Jr." Kinsey; and his daughter, Sonia Joydell Deen.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Kinsey of Robert Lee; one son, John Mitchell Kinsey of North Richland Hills; two daughters, Martha Kinsey Selzer of Dallas and Terri Kinsey Blair of Robert Lee; three brothers, Marvin Kinsey of Lewisville, Arvin Kinsey of Williston, North Dakota, Ellis Kinsey of Stephenville; thirteen grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Wesley will be greatly missed by his many friends and loving family.

Pallbearers were Bobby Hood, David Chesshir, Marty Caston, John L. Bruton, Bill Burns and Bill Blair.

Honorary pallbearers were J.D. Harmon, David Key and Gilbert Wallace.

Memorials may be sent to Vista Care Family Hospice, 940 Arroyo Dr., San Angelo, Texas 76903 or Robert Lee Care Center, P.O. Box 564, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

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Spiller

Ivy Lou Spiller died Sunday, January 6, 2002, in Georgetown, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte with Reverend R. W. Blackmon officiating, assisted by Reverend Morris Johnson. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Ivy was born in Crowell, Texas on April 4, 1915.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Travis "T.O." Spiller and her son, Bill Spiller.

She is survived by her sons, Donald Spiller and wife, Anita of Sonora and Eddy Spiller and wife, Sue of Taylor; she is also survived by Bill's wife Kay Turley and husband Jim of Granbury; six grandchildren, Decky Spiller and wife, Misti of Fredericksburg, April Murden

and husband, Blake of Washington, Kevin Spiller and wife, Sherri of Lubbock, Kelly Spiller and wife Jennifer of Del Rio, Lance Turley and wife, Dianne of Ohio, and Lisa Martalla and husband, Dave of Virginia; twelve great grandchildren; and one brother, L.D. Broadus and wife, Louise of Calvert.

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Death Notices

Coulter

Austin William Coulter, infant son of Layne and Regina Coulter of Jayton, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, in Lubbock. Graveside service was held at 2 pm Wednesday, Jan. 9 in Jayton Cemetery. Arrangements were by Campbell Funeral Home of Spur.

Survivors include his parents; sister, Sadie Hays; grandparents, Grady and Dian Coulter of Bronte and Vernetta Clark of Wilburton, OK; and great-grandmother, Mrs. Irma Blair of Robert Lee.

Zuniga

Mrs. Marcela Zuniga, 79, died in San Angelo Dec. 31, 2001. Funeral service was held Friday, Jan. 3, 2002 at Gutierrez Funeral Chapel in San Angelo, followed by burial in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Jane Foelker and husband, Dr. George A. Foelker Jr., of San Angelo; sons, Willie Zuniga and wife, Stephanie, of San Angelo, Leroy Zuniga and wife, Amy, of Grape Creek, Bobby Zuniga and wife, Tina, of Sonora and Alfred Garza and wife, Janie, of Lubbock. She is also survived by four sisters; two brothers; 11 grandchildren; and one special great-granddaughter, Erin.

Hunting season described as mediocre

General Hunting Season for 2001-2002 closed on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, after a mediocre deer and turkey harvest. Fewer hunters were in the field due to declining conditions and hunts were

slowed by rain, snow, and windy, cold weather.

Coke County hunters have a second chance to take home some venison. In the place of previous muzzle loader seasons, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has initiated a Special Late General Season which began Jan. 7, 2002, and will continue through Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002. Harvest will be limited to antlerless and spike bucks only. Check your tags to judge your limit.

Quail season remains open through Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002.

Fund established for Sparks family

The Coke County Alliance has established a fund at Robert Lee State Bank to assist with medical and related expenses for Don Sparks. Don has been hospitalized for over a week at Shannon.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so to the Don Sparks Family Fund at Robert Lee State Bank.

RL Little League

Robert Lee Little League needs new officers to manage this year's Little League program. These positions must be filled to abide by charter rules; otherwise, there will be no baseball in Robert Lee this year.

For more information, contact Jimmy Womack at 453-2573 or Joel Percifull at 453-4633.

Churches of Robert Lee

Invite You to Worship

- Emmanuel Pentecostal**
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
(915) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
- First United Methodist Church**
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
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm
- Pecan Baptist**
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645
Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
- Southside Church of Christ**
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176
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
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**
601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
- Victory Assembly of God**
PO Box 638 • Robert Lee
(915) 453-2208
Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

THE NOW BARE CROSS

I would like to tell the person or persons that took my flowers from my cross 9 1/2 miles from Robert Lee, on HWY 208. I PRAY that God will Bless you in abundance this New Year. Thanks to you it was a shock to see a once full of flowers cross now a lonely bare cross. It was sad to think that someone could have the heart to do this. May God Bless you.

What was once a place to remember with sadness, Is now a place to remember with tears, Because "THE NOW BARE CROSS."

For six years some people that passed by that cross, Would remember with Love and Admiration the man That died there. The flowers are a way of saying, "We will never forget you," now all we see, is "THE NOW BARE CROSS."

A tear is cried, a smile of joy is given, a thank you to God for letting me know the man that died there. I will always remember him, because he lives in My heart. Flowers will surround that bare cross again, But for now let it remain, "THE NOW BARE CROSS."

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Representatives from the Bronte 1A State Volleyball Team of 1991 were honored by UIL at the State Volleyball Tournament in November. Those attending were (from left) Alisa West, Darla West, Shay Burwick, Kristi Gilliam, Teresa Ogle, and Coach Connie Bozarth.

WTRC's annual telethon set for January 19

All across Coke County, volunteers will be among friends of West Texas Rehabilitation Center manning telephones for the Rehab phone bank on Saturday, January 19 during the Rehab's 32nd annual telethon.

In Robert Lee, the 64 Study Club, lead by Beth Prather and Leta Caston, will be set up at Ivey Motor Company from 6 pm to 10 pm. Donors may call 453-2715 to make a pledge or residents can make an advance donation prior to January 19.

In Bronte, volunteers Diane Luckett and Pat Martindale will be set up at the Bronte City Hall and will man the phones from 7 pm to 10 pm. Donors may call 473-3501 to make a pledge, or residents in the area can make an advance donation.

"We hope everyone will participate, either in advance or call during the telethon, so we can send a message of support to West Texas Rehab that serves many of our family and friends," says Mrs. Luckett.

The telethon will originate from Abilene Civic Center and will be carried live, via satellite, by 11 television stations across Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, including KLST-TV in San Angelo.

Country music singer Brad Paisley, who recently won an award from the Country Music Association, will be the telethon's featured entertainer. Peter Marshall and Charlie Chase will emcee the show, which will also include entertainment by Florence LaRue of the 5th Dimension, rising new talent Jay Michaels and long-time Rehab telethon

regulars Bill and Susan Hayes and Anacani.

"The telethon is a critical fund-raiser for Rehab because we count on it to launch the New Year in a good position to meet the needs of more than 21,000 patients who'll look to us for help in the next 12 months," said Gilliland. "That's why we're so grateful to local volunteers staffing telethon phone banks...why every advance gift and every pledge called in during the show are so deeply appreciated."

For more information call the Donor Relations Department at West Texas Rehab in San Angelo at 915-223-6300.

Filings are now complete in local primary elections

The filing period for Coke County government positions on the primary election ballot ended Wednesday, January 2, 2002. The only addition to last week's story is the addition of George T. Brickey as a candidate for the office of Coke County Judge (the filing deadline ended after we went to press with last week's issue.) According to county party chairs Patti Ivey (Democratic) and Kathy Pentecost (Republican), the list is now complete, and the following candidates have filed for these offices (all in the

Democratic Primary): County Judge - Jackie Walker, Roy Blair, and George T. Brickey; County Treasurer - Phelan Wrinkle; County Tax Assessor/Collector - Gayle Sisemore; County/District Clerk - Mary Grim; County Commissioner, Precinct #4 - George Snapp, David Rawlings, and William J. Thomas; Commissioner, Precinct #2 - Bill Wheat; County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1 - D. Joan Davis; and County Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2 - Jack G. Moore.

Primary election day is set for March 12, 2002, with the runoff primary election on April 9, 2002, if necessary.

4-H members place at Odessa

Last week, members of the Coke County 4-H program exhibited their animals at the Sand Hills Stock Show in Odessa. In the Hereford steer show, Julie Riley placed her light-heavyweight steer thirteenth and Clay Antilley placed his medium weight steer thirteenth. In the Finewool Lamb show, Cody Bridges placed twelfth in the light-heavyweight class and twentieth in the lightweight class. In the Market Goat show, Cody Denton placed his lightweight goat nineteenth.

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and Rudy Sanchez
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children in marriage on
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Dance from 8 pm to midnight (BYOB).

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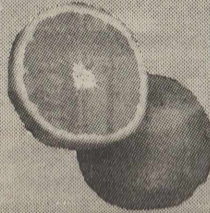
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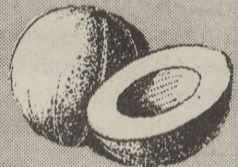
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee Elementary School Band (4th, 5th, and 6th grades) performed for the Robert Lee Care Center residents before Christmas.



Children from the Robert Lee Headstart program visited Robert Lee Care Center where they sang Christmas carols to the residents.

Lady Steers basketball result

On December 20th, the Lady Steers connected on 56 points to defeat Irion County by a score of 56-16. Jodee Helwig led the scoring with 21 points. Whitney Millican was close behind with 19, Shanna Wojtek had 7, Rachelle Mills 4, Kizre Matthews 3 and Krystal Soliz 2.

The Sterling City Tournament was held December 27-29. The 1st round went to Robert Lee with a score of 45 and Klondike 32. Helwig led with 20, Millican 8, Wojtek 6, Alexander 4, Matthews 3, Soliz and Kuhl 2 each.

In the semi-final game, Robert Lee topped Garden City 43-27. Helwig led again

with 20, Wojtek 9, Soliz 4, Alexander, Kizre Matthews, Millican and Sparks had 2 each. Another 2 was scored but not named.

The Championship final was Robert Lee 65, Sterling City 49. Millican led the scoring with 28, Helwig 22, Alexander 6, Kizre Matthews 5, Kindra Matthews, Wojtek each had 2.

Jodee Helwig was selected as the tournament's MVP and Whitney Millican was named to the All-Tournament Team.

December 31st, Robert Lee won a close game over Christoval by a score of 56-52. Millican led with 16 and Helwig was close behind with 14. Wojtek 8, Alexander and Kuhl 6, Kizre Matthews 4, Kindra Matthews 2.

On January 4th, the Lady Steers won their first district game against Miles by a score of 49-34. Millican led with 23, Helwig and Wojtek 12 each and Kuhl 2.

The Lady Steers have a 16-1 record. The next game will be a non-district game at Eden on January 11th. They will be at Roby on the 15th and in Bronte on the 17th.

RL JV results

On January 4th, the JV girls took the game at Miles by a score of 29-21. Individual scoring is as follows: Christina Middleton led with 6, Julie Riley and Jessica Fluhmann each had 4, Tyler Lott 3, Brittany Soliz, Alana Parker, Kayli Dickey, Veronica Cerritos, Nicole Sanchez, Michele Sanchez each had 2.

The first game in the Bronte JV tournament was a nail biter as the RLJV took the win in overtime against Irion County by a score of 40-39. Individual scoring is as follows: Tyler Lott led with 13, Amie Kendall 9, Christina Middleton 8, Rachel Wallace 7, Monica Rodriguez 2 and Brittany Soliz 1.

The RLJV took 1st place in the Bronte JV tournament as they defeated Roscoe 29-19. Individual scoring is as follows: Amie Kendall led with 10, Christina Middleton and Tyler

Lott each had 6, Kayli Dickey, Jessica Fluhmann, and Nicole Sanchez each had 2 with Monica Rodriguez 1.

Steers basketball results

The first game of the tournament went to the Steers as they defeated Klondike by a score of 54-26. Individual scoring is as follows: Riley led with 18, Pitcock 14, Gallegos 8, Eubanks 6, Millican 4, and Clendennen and Reyes had 2 each.

In the second game it was Robert Lee 54 - Garden City 37. Individual scoring is as follows: Gallegos 12, Pitcock and Millican 10, Minjarez 9, Riley 8, and Eubanks 5.

The third game was a very close game as Robert Lee was defeated by Forsan 54-56. Individual scoring is as follows: Riley led with 22, Pitcock 12, Millican 10, Gallegos, 5, Minjarez 4, and Eubanks 1.

On the 31st, Robert Lee was defeated at Christoval by a score of 68-63. Individual scoring is as follows: Riley led with 17, Pitcock 15, Minjarez 12, Eubanks 7, and Gallegos and Millican had 6 each.

On January 4th, the Steers travelled to Miles and defeated them by a score of 57 to 42. Individual scoring is as follows: Pitcock led with 19, Riley 17, Eubanks 8, Millican 7, Minjarez 4, and Gallegos 2.

RLISD approves reports

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm. Superintendent Weldon Koepf presented the Annual Performance Report which showed that the district is doing very well academically. Student TAAS test scores continued to be above the 90th percentile during the 2000-2001 school year. End-of-course test scores in Algebra, Biology, and English also increased dramatically. College admissions test scores also

increased, as did the number of students taking those tests. Copies of the report will be available for public viewing in the RLISD superintendent's office, principal's offices, counselor's office, campus libraries, and the Coke County Library.

The independent auditor, Debbie Piper of the firm of Stovall, Grandey, and Whatley also presented the annual financial report for 2000-2001. The report revealed a "clean audit" and was approved by the board. A copy of the report will now go to the Texas Education Agency.

In other action, board members approved a bid from Ben Bessent Chevrolet for the purchase of a suburban. The vehicle will be used to transport small student groups to activities and district personnel to training sessions. Trustees also approved an administrative plan to encourage the hiring of educational aides who wish to become certified teachers.

Principals Janet Wallace and Lindsey Wallace reported on recent student activities and that attendance has been good. Mrs. Wallace reported on a new program which will allow 2nd graders to take state-developed tests by computer.

Supt. Koepf reported that the administration and staff were recommending that RLISD remain a part of the Small Schools Special Education Cooperative for 2002-2003. There had been some discussion of withdrawing

from the cooperative to join another. Koepf also reported that the recent school auction was very successful in disposing of unneeded equipment and freeing up storage space.

After the reports, the board set its next regular meeting for January 24 and then adjourned.

RLBC to host blood drive

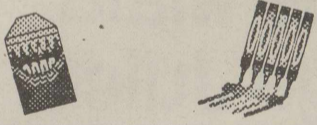
United Blood Services will be at Robert Lee Baptist Church Tuesday, January 15 from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The drive will be located in the fellowship hall. Please call Becky Ross at 453-2724 for an appointment.

"January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month" said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. "I encourage every eligible donor in Robert Lee to make the effort to donate."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You also need proof of identification and know the names of any medications you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. Your help is needed. Please try to make an appointment so that you may get in and out in a timely manner.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 14

Orange juice/apple juice, donut, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Orange juice/apple juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Orange juice/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Thursday, Jan. 17

Orange juice/apple juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Friday, Jan. 18

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Monday, Jan. 14

Beef, bean, cheese burrito, salad, French fries, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Rib-B-Que, corn, broccoli, sliced bread, applesauce, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 16

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Thursday, Jan. 17

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Kandace Arrott's 4th grade Bronte Elementary class made a very mature decision this Christmas season. In lieu of exchanging gifts among themselves, they chose to give to someone who might not receive as much this Christmas. Students brought pocket change to class and placed it in a jar. After four days, the students counted the money and to their surprise, it totaled \$100.13. The students "adopted" a five year old boy and a three year old girl to buy Christmas presents for. They also did not want the children's Mom to feel left out so they purchased a sweater and bracelet for her. To their surprise, the family came to school on December 20 and the students were able to watch the children's excitement as they opened their gifts. Mrs. Arrott found it very rewarding to have her students experience the real meaning of Christmas.

Lady Longhorns post holiday basketball results

The Lady Horns hosted Sterling City on Dec. 20, and took a close win by a score of 44-43, with Natasha Reed making two of three foul shots at the end of the game to win it.

Individual scoring is as follows: B. McCutchen, 4 points, 2 rebounds; N. Reed, 3 points, 1 rebound, and 2 steals; C. Monsey, 3 points, 2 rebounds, and 7 steals; K.

Coalson, 5 points, 2 rebounds; S. White, 2 points, 1 rebound; K. Hilliard, 2 points, 2 rebounds; L. Williams, 10 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals; L. Springer, 5 points, 1 rebound; and H. Richey, 10 points, 12 rebounds, and 2 steals.

The Lady Longhorns defeated Grape Creek 42-35 to win the Miles Tournament Championship. Scoring for the Lady Longhorns were: Britney McCutchen, 6 points; Natasha Reed and Codi Monsey, 4 each; Stormy White, 3; Lauren Williams, 11; Lindsay Springer, 2; and Heather Richey, 12.

Junior Heather Richey was named tournament MVP. Seniors Codi Monsey and Lauren Williams were also named to the all-tournament team.

The Lady Longhorns defeated Veribest 62-37 and Ballinger JV 41-40 to reach the championship game. In the Veribest game victory, scoring was as follows: McCutchen and Reed, 7 each; Monsey, 4; White, 5; Hilliard, 2; Williams, 12; Springer, 7, and Richey 18.

In the Ballinger JV game victory, scoring was as follows: McCutchen 3; Reed 2; Monsey 5; Kanah Coalson 2; White 5; Williams 10; Springer 2; and Richey 12.

In the Bronte basketball tournament, the girls took the win in the first game from Eden, 50-31. Scoring were: McCutchen 7 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals, and 2 assists; Denton, 2 points, 2

steals, and 1 assist; Reed 2 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 assist; Monsey, 6 points, 4 rebounds, 8 steals, 2 assists; White, 4 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals, 1 assist; Hilliard, 4 rebounds, 1 assist; Williams, 16 points, 6 rebounds, 6 steals; Springer, 3 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Richey, 10 points, 11 rebounds, 6 steals, 1 assist, and 1 block. Kanah Coalson tore her ACL in this game and will be out for the remainder of the season.

In the second game, the Ladies defeated Loraine 62-15. Scoring were: McCutchen 9 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2 assists; Denton, 3 rebounds; Reed, 8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, and 1 assist; Monsey, 7 points, 9 steals, 5 assists; White, 4 points, 2 steals; Hilliard, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Williams, 11 points, 8 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 assist; Springer, 8 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals, 5 assists; Richey, 11 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal.

In the championship game, the Ladies defeated Irion County. Scoring were: McCutchen 9 points, 3 rebounds, 6 steals, 1 assist; Denton 2 points, 1 steal, 1 assist; Reed 8 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals; Monsey 10 points, 2 rebounds, 5 steals, 4 assists; White 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist; Hilliard 1 point, 1 rebound, 4 steals; Williams 7 points, 1 rebound, 8 steals, 2 assists, 1 block; Springer 6 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals; Richey 17 points, 10 rebounds, 8 steals, 2 assists, and 2 blocks.

The tournament results ended up with Bronte winning the tournament, Eden placing second, and Irion County in third place.

On December 31st, the Ladies traveled to Water Valley. Scoring were: McCutchen 1 steal, 1 assist; Reed 12 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 assist; Monsey 13 points, 3 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists, 4 blocks; Hilliard 4 rebounds, 1 steal; Williams 12 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal; Springer 5 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Richey 15 points, 11 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist, and 2 blocks.

The Ladies hosted Roby in their first district game of the season, and lost to the Lady Lions. Scoring for the Ladies were: McCutchen 6 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist; Denton 1 steal and 1 assist; Reed 11 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists; Monsey 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal; Hilliard 1 steal; Williams 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals,

1 assist; Springer 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist; and Richey 5 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals. The Lady Horns are now 12-4 for the season and 0-1 in district.

Bronte JV girls results told

On Dec. 14, the JV girls bested Sterling City, 32-22. Scoring were: Natalee Reed 2; Kailey Howell 10; Ashley Torres 5; Ryan Martinez and Monica DeLaGarza 2 each; Ashley Denton 8; and Jasmine Kresta 3. The girls made 9 of 22 free throws in the game.

On Dec. 20, the girls defeated Sterling City 31-27. Scoring were: Natalee Reed, Ashley Torres, and Monica DeLaGarza 2 each; Kailey Howell 4; and Ashley Denton was high scorer with 17. The girls made 8 of 14 free throws.

On Jan. 4, 2002, the JV girls defeated Roby 20-17, with scoring as follows: Kailey Howell 9; Natalee Reed 5; Ashley Torres 4; and Ryan Martinez 2. The girls made 2 of 5 free throws, and at this point were 1-0 in district.

On Jan. 5, in the Bronte JV tournament, the girls lost to Roscoe 28-15. Scoring were: Natalee Reed 6; Kailey Howell and Ashley Denton 4 each; and Ashley Torres 1. The girls played better defense the second half, but could not buy a basket - 1 of 5 free throws made.

In the consolation round of the tournament, the girls were defeated by Irion Co. 44-36. Scoring were: Ashley Denton 16; Kailey Howell 11; Natalee Reed 7; and Ashley Torres 2. Bronte made 7 of 12 free throws.

Runnels Baptist Association meeting slated

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, January 21, 2002 at Seventh Street Baptist Church, Ballinger.

The Executive Board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 pm. The evening meal will be served at 6:30 pm.

The public is invited to attend.

Horns named to all-district football team

The Bronte Longhorns placed several team members on the all-district football team. Nick Shaw was named as a lineman to both the first team offensive and defensive teams. Justin Moore made the 2nd team offensive team as running back and the defensive team as defensive end. Coby Carper and Joel Webb were also named to the 2nd team defensive team.

Bronte School news

Bronte High School will be offering the ACT on Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, June 8 for anyone interested. The Bronte High School test center code is 210860 and should be used when registering for the test. Contact Vicky McCutchen at 473-2521, ext. 122 for more information.

There will be several meetings scheduled at Bronte High School during the month of January. The following is a schedule of these meetings. All parents of these students are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Vicky McCutchen at the school. Detailed letters were mailed to parents and included with report cards during the week of Jan. 7.

Senior Financial Aid meeting, Monday, January 14 at 6:30 pm in the library (parents and students need to attend)

Junior meeting - PSAT test results, Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 pm in the library.

Sophomore meeting - PLAN test results, Monday, January 28 at 7:00 pm in the library.

Check out the Bronte School Newspaper - "The Stampede" on the school website at www.netxv.net/WebXV/isd/bronteisd/ beginning Monday, January 14, 2002.

"The Stampede" focuses on current school activities and news; plus comics, movie reviews, horoscopes, and much more fun articles!

"The Stampede" will be updated on a monthly basis during the school year.

SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, Jan 14

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 15

French toast sticks, apple juice, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Sliced ham, grape juice, biscuit, milk

Thursday, Jan. 17

Donut, sliced orange, trail mix, milk

Friday, Jan. 18

HOLIDAY COKE COUNTY STOCK SHOW

Lunch

Monday, Jan. 14

Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, apple crisp, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, rolls, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, steamed broccoli, bread sticks, jello, milk

Thursday, Jan. 17

Frito pie, chili & cheese, tossed salad, pinto beans, corn chips, sugar cookies, milk

Friday, Jan. 18

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so very much for your love, prayers, cards, flowers and understanding in the loss of our grandson, Emmitt Ray Moore. He has left so many loving wonderful memories and we all miss him so very much. Please continue to pray for all his family.

Elton and Fredna Moore
24-1tc

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would like to thank everyone for your cards, food, flowers, calls and prayers during our time of need. We would especially like to thank all the nurses and aides at the Robert Lee Care Center for the care they gave to Wes. Your support has meant so much to our family.

The family of
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Personal

Visitors in the home of Bessie Brice for Christmas Day were Sherry and Skylar Denton of Killeen; Amy and Justin Gunn and Dennis and Joshua Ellis all of Austin; Pam, Eddie, Aaron, Sarah Kay Gandy and Shirley and Dany Strakos all of San Angelo; Judy and Harvey Snowden of Odessa; Darlene Gower of Ballinger and Timothy Kelly of Dubuque, Iowa. The day after Christmas, Bessie was visited by her sister Laverne Summers of Bryan; a niece Adrienne Fortune of Bryan and a great nephew Marty Baker of Christoval.

Coke County Food Pantry has busy year

The Coke County Food Pantry, Casa De Hope, continues to grow in its ministry to Coke County residents. The food pantry, sponsored by the Coke County Ministerial Alliance, saw great expansion in its work for 2001. Since becoming affiliated with the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank in May, the Coke County facility distributed 10,622 pounds of food, with approximately 16,000 pounds total for the year.

For the year 2001, the food pantry served 1,052 families with 2,415 people total. There were 708 children under the age of 12 who benefited from the food pantry.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the pantry distributed 45 food baskets complete with turkeys. For Christmas, 51 baskets were given out, each with a chicken.

The Coke County Food Pantry wishes to thank all those who supported its work in 2001 and reminds everyone that your continued donations of non-perishable food items and/or monetary support will ensure the pantry's ability to serve in 2002. Monetary donations may be made directly to the Coke County Food Pantry account at Robert Lee State Bank.

The Food Pantry hours are 3:00-5:30 pm each Thursday. Any organization wishing to have a program on the food pantry may contact Rev. Jim Reeves at 453-2417.

Bryan's Barn

A Fantasy land of Lights recently completed another successful year. Many people make an annual trip and enjoy the Christmas season by visiting The Barn.

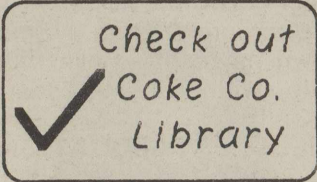
This year there were visitors from 9 countries including Korea, India, South Africa, El Salvador, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Ecuador, Germany and Mexico.

Visitors also registered from 31 states: Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Colorado, Wisconsin, Montana, Florida, Idaho, Nevada, Arkansas, Oregon, California, Oklahoma, Washington, Missouri, Virginia, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, S. Carolina, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, Nebraska, Kentucky and Georgia.

This year approximately 8000 registered in The Barn. The Bryan Family wishes to thank those involved in helping them this year by hanging lights, repairing lights, serving as hosts, and our Santa. We look forward to next season.

Personal

Visitors in the home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee during the holidays December 23, 2001 to January 5, 2002, were Sheila Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; Crystal Hammerton and Ryan Stanford of Stephenville; George (Buddy) Strickland of Glen Rose, former Robert Lee Band Director, Jeremy Strickland of Austin; Cal Bynum of Abilene; Jack and Darla Thomason, Jerry Thomason and Morris Smith, all of Diboll; and Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts all of Robert Lee.



Coke County Library news

The month of January is National Book Month. It is also National Book Blitz Month. Among about twenty-three other designations, it is also National Hobby Month, National Hot Tea Month and National Eye Care Month. National Book Month is a publishers celebration to promote authors and to encourage authors to promote their own materials by visiting libraries, book stores and appearing on television. Since the hot tea, hobby and eye care designations are in some ways related to reading, the Coke County Library invites all those who want a new hobby to join a host of patrons who regularly use the library to support their reading hobby. All readers will need to provide is hot tea.

There is no charge for a library card. There is no limit on the number of books a patron can check out. Books are checked out for two weeks. There is no over-due fine charged, but over-due fines are accepted and appreciated. Food for the Food Basket is acceptable as a fine payment and is appreciated there, too. The library also provides inter-library loan books, large print books, and audio books, along with the regular collection. The Internet is available to those interested and reference questions are welcomed and usually answered.

Notable events that have their day in January include World Literacy Day, National Apricot Day, Peculiar People's Day, Volunteer Fireman's Day, National Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friend Day, National Pharmacist Day, Blame Someone Else Day, Debt Day, National Dress Up Your Pet Day, National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day, Hat Day and National Strawberry Ice Cream Day and Junk-Food News Stories Day.

These events were culled from the AOL members web site and are not inclusive of the many listed.

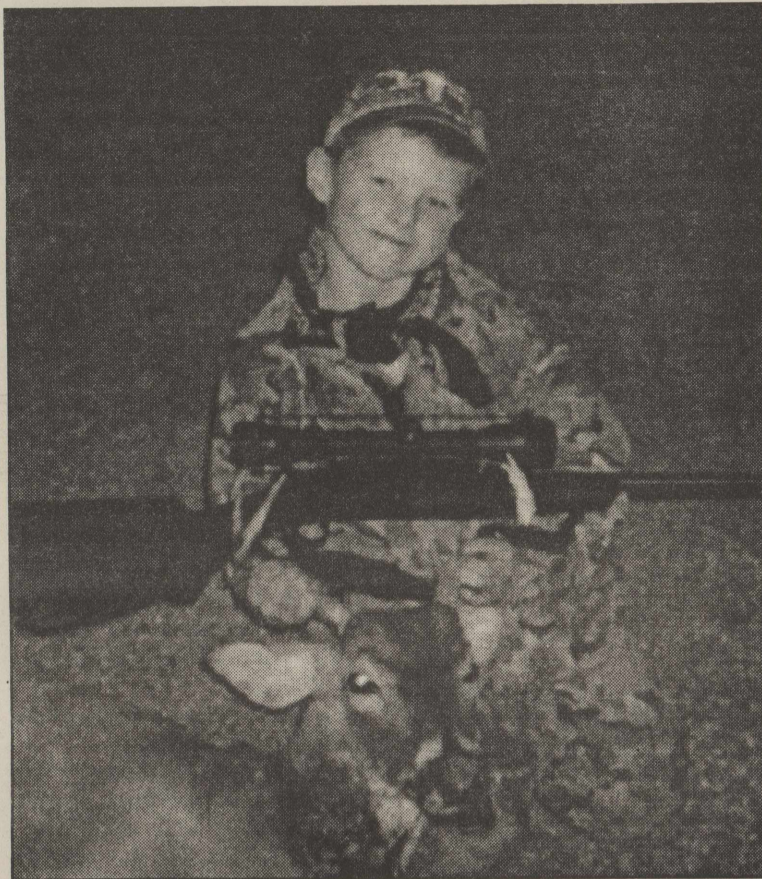
The library has received Zane Gray's large print edition The Call of the Canyon; Ann Rule's Every Breath You Take and Children's book Webster J. Duck.

Coke County Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at 10. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market.

Bronte JH girls results published

On January 7, the Bronte Junior High girls, both A and B teams, lost to Christoval. In the B game, Bronte lost 14-21. Scoring were: Katie Cooper 6; Melissa Palmer 4; Crystal Waller 2; Heather Mitchell and Patty Galvan 1 each.

In the A game, the final score was Bronte 23, Christoval 26. Scoring were: Rebecca Rawlings and Lilly McMullan, 6 each; Megan



Six year old Dawson Brisbin of Robert Lee took his first deer (an eight point buck) this past weekend, on the Joe and Dee Anna Harmon Ranch west of Robert Lee. The nice buck fell prey to Dawson's 223 from a distance of about 50 yards. Dawson is the son of Jeff and Jana Brisbin of Robert Lee.

Gibbs 5; Chris Kelly 4; and Sarah Basquez 2.

Bronte JH boys lose to Christoval

The Bronte Shorthorns traveled to Christoval Monday night for junior high basketball. The A team lost 51-39. The leading scorers for Bronte were Logan Rawls with 18; Riley Coalson 8; Zach White 6; Jaylon Saunders 4; and Garrett Acker 2. Reece Braswell and Jon Brannon came off the bench and played good defense. The A team is 3-3 on the year.

In B team action, Bronte fell a little short, 19-14. The Shorthorns played hard. Phillip Rawlings led the scoring with 8 points, while Jonathan Marrs had 4 points and Eric Hendrickson chipped in 2. Mason Jackson played good defense, helping a great team effort. Josh Scott, Tim Gilbreath, and Justin Taylor all helped coming off the bench. The B team is 3-3.

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson Secretary

The firemen met on January 7th for their first meeting of the year. Chief Rick Drennan presided over the 10 members and 2 guests present.

The minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as read.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson gave the monthly report. There were 2 regular meet-

ings, 1 training meeting, 3 fire calls (2 County and 1 City). These took 17 1/2 man hours, 2 truck hours, 13 1/2 truck miles one way. The calls involved 2 MVA's and 1 a landing zone for WCCEMS. There were 61 activity hours.

The MVA's were discussed. They also discussed tank truck 2, what it is costing to get it ready for service and what repairs need to be done to the other trucks.

Guest speaker was Roy Blair of the Lions Club.

The annual Pancake Supper will be held on February 1st, the night of the Robert Lee - Sterling City basketball game.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department should fill out a form at City Hall for retirement and insurance purposes.

The meetings are open meetings and visitors are welcome. For further information contact Fire Chief Rick Drennan, Fire Marshall Bud Thompson, City Secretary Kaye Torres, or any firemen.

The department meets the first and third Mondays of each month. The second Monday of each month is for training classes to become a Certified Fireman. Cadets are ages 16 to 18 years, must have parents consent and will receive fire and rescue training. The group will meet on January 14th for a work night.

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December Arrests/Charges files

Joseph Charlie Streetman, Possession of Marijuana, 12-02-01

Jerry Don Wofford, Manufacture/Deliver controlled substance - Bond forfeiture, 12-05-01

Douglas Daniels, Indecency with a child sexual contact, Motion to revoke probation, 12-06-01

Charles Pat McDaniel, Possession of Marijuana, 12-15-01

Robert Wayne McBride, Public intoxication, 12-21-01

Robert Dewayne West, Driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more, Evading arrest/Detention using vehicle, 12-21-01

Jose David Robles, Driving while intoxicated, 12-23-01

Steven Joseph Wigley, Possession of Marijuana, 12-24-01

Amanda Leigh Armiger, Possession of Marijuana, 12-24-01

Daniel Flores, Possession of Marijuana, 12-30-01

Georgina Garcia, Possession of Marijuana, 12-30-01

John Paul Murillo, Possession of Marijuana, 12-30-01

51st District Court Disposition

December 12, 2001

State of Texas vs: Richard Lorentz

Charge: Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, Motion to revoke probation

Plea: 300 days State jail, \$500 fine, \$978 restitution

51st District Court Disposition

December 19, 2001

State of Texas vs: Justin Richard Cox

Charge: Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Plea: 180 days State jail, \$138.50 restitution

Out of County Warrants

James Marshall Bilyeu, Theft, Liberty County Warrant, 12-12-01

Shaun Lee Payne, San Angelo Municipal Court, 8 x Capias Pro Fine, 12-18-01

Stephen Kling Lee, Theft by check, Travis County Warrant, Issuance of bad check x 3, Tom Green County, Failure to appear, Tom Green County, 12-15-01

John Edward Heldenbrand, Driving while license suspended x 2, Tom Green County Warrants, Driving while intoxicated, 2nd, Tom Green County Warrants, 12-21-01

Coke County Court Dispositions

December 29, 2001

The State of Texas vs: James Steven Clark
Charge: Assault causes bodily injury family member
Plea: Dismissed

The State of Texas vs: James Steven Clark
Charge: Terroristic threat, Charge changed to disorderly conduct
Plea: \$500 fine, \$255.25 court costs

The State of Texas vs: Brady Wade Bolding
Charge: Theft, Motion to revoke probation
Amended conditions of probation, add 40 hours Community Service in 90 days

The State of Texas vs: Brady Wade Bolding

Charge: Driving while intoxicated

Plea: \$2,000 fine, \$235.25 court cost, DWI school, 180 days jail probated 24 months

The State of Texas vs: Rick Chastain Duerksen

Charge: Possession of marijuana

Plea: 12 months Deferred, \$300 fine, \$201.00 court costs, 30 hrs. Community Service, Drug Offender Course

The State of Texas vs: Benjamin James Marshall

Charge: Driving while intoxicated, 2nd

Plea: \$1,250 fine, \$236.00 court costs, DWI school, 180 days jail probated 24 months, 80 hrs. Community Service

The State of Texas vs: Corina Mendoza

Charge: Possession of marijuana

Plea: 12 mo. Deferred, \$400 fine, \$200.25 court cost, Restitution to DPS \$140.00

The State of Texas vs: Tracy Patton

Charge: Theft by check

Plea: \$100 fine, \$280.25 court cost, \$66.07 Restitution, 5 days jail probated 12 mo.

Bronte varsity boys post current results

In their first district game, the boys defeated Roby 59-40. Scoring were: Dalton Graves 10 points, 13 rebounds; Charlie Bettis 16 points, 4 assists; Joel Webb 13 points, 6 rebounds; BJ Hall 13 points, 7 rebounds, 6 steals; Cody Lee 4 points, 4 assists; and Tyson Baker 3 points.

Bronte defeated Sterling City 47-45. Scoring were: Charlie Bettis 23 points; Joel Webb 10 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists; Dalton Graves 8 points, 11 rebounds; BJ Hall 4 points; and Cody Lee 2 points, 6 assists.

In the Bronte tournament, Bronte defeated Eden 55-26. Scoring were: Dalton Graves 14 points, 10 rebounds; Charlie Bettis 14 points, 8 rebounds; BJ Hall 11 points, 4 assists; Joel Webb 5 points, 4 assists; James Graves 4 points, 5 rebounds; Jeremy Sanchez 3 points; Scott Snyder 2 points, 5 assists; and Tyson Baker 2 points.

Bronte defeated Loraine 64-21. Scoring were: Charlie Bettis 17 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals, 4 assists; Joel Webb 14 points; James Graves 9 points; Tyson Baker 6 points, 4 assists; Jeremy Sanchez 5 points; Dalton Graves 4 points; Cody Lee 4 points; BJ Hall 3 points, 5 assists; and Scott Snyder 2 points.

In the tournament championship, Irion County defeated Bronte, 62-39. Scoring were: Charlie Bettis 16 points; Dalton Graves 12 points; Joel Webb 5 points, 5 assists; Tyson Baker 4 points; Scott Snyder 2 points. Tournament results were 1st. Irion County; 2nd. Bronte; and 3rd. Loraine.

Bronte defeated Water Valley 39-33. Scoring were: Joel Webb 14 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals; Charlie Bettis 11 points, 10 rebounds; Dalton Graves 9 points, 10 rebounds; Scott Snyder 2 points, 6 rebounds; Tyson Baker 2 points; and Cody Lee 1 point, 3 steals.



Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan

Sinclair named to OES post

by Jeffie Roberts

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, appointed Beverly Sinclair of Robert Lee to serve as Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 Section 1 for 2001-2002. She was also assigned to make official visits to the 5 chapters in District 5 Section 2. Beverly was installed in Houston on October 20, 2001.

Mrs. Sinclair has planned and organized the "Spurs among the Roses" School of Instructions to be held in San Angelo January 16-17, 2002. The 14 chapters in District 5 Section 1 and 2 who will participate are Ballinger No. 266, Big Lake No. 752, Brady No. 167, Bronte No. 1048, Carlsbad No. 1092, Concho No. 826, Eldorado No. 140, Ft. McKavett No. 783, Ozona No. 287, Paint Rock No. 391, Robert Lee No. 187, San Angelo No. 10, Sonora No. 575, and Winters No. 80. Beverly is a member of Robert Lee Chapter No. 187.

Eastern Star Members from all over the State of Texas will be driving to San Angelo to attend this school. School Officers who will be teaching are Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, Worthy Grand Matron, of Duncanville; Mr. Harold Trammell, Worthy Grand Patron, of Colleyville, Mrs. Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, Grand Examiner, of Rio Hondo; Mrs. Janell Trees, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, of San Antonio; Mrs. Beverly Sinclair, Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 Section 1 and 2, of Robert Lee; and Mrs. Sandra Zipp, Humanitarian Chairman, District 5, of New Braunfels. The host chapters are preparing for 80-100 members.

The members of Texas combine their money to fund their Humanitarian and Education Projects. The previous years they have spent per year around \$54,000.00 - Benevolent Fund, \$23,500.00 - Education Fund, \$53,000.00 for ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) Scholarships for assisting students in Religious Training.

Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan, W.G.M., has chosen projects for 2001-2002: Dedicated Friends Committee to collect money to be used to train a dog to serve the hearing impaired - Texas Hearing & Service Dogs Corporation; Take Time for Others Committee "Take Time to Read Campaign", The Texas Eastern Stars and Texas Masons have joined hands in this campaign with special emphasis on



Beverly Sinclair has been appointed to serve as Deputy Grand Matron, District 5 Section 1, Order of the Eastern Star, for 2001-2002.

Texas Public School Week to be held March 4-8, 2002. The Eastern Star of Texas will expand the reading program so that our members also volunteer to read aloud at senior citizen residential centers and nursing homes in the local communities; and to spread Goodwill by exchange of knowledge and fraternal relations to other countries; Mrs. McMahan has chosen "Adopt A Country" program - the Phillipines has been adopted by Texas.

Many volunteer hours are spent by Eastern Star members at M.D. Anderson, local hospitals, nursing homes and other various community services.

"The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age."

Lucille Ball

Personal

The Floyd Harmon family had Christmas Dinner in the home of Wayne and Dorene Mashburn in San Angelo. Those present for the all day Christmas celebration were Floyd and Jessie Harmon, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Marshall, Sheri, and Stewart Millican all of Robert Lee; Howard and Lawana Perry of Carlsbad; Troy Millican of Sterling City; Jason Harmon of Bronte; Jerry and Janie Harmon of Weatherford; Rena, Jessica, and Brady Johnson, Rusty Meurer and Wayne and Dorene Mashburn all of San Angelo; Rick, Cheri, Tony and Paul Mashburn of Salado; Amy Daniel of Bellaire; Kannan Millican of Stephenville; Sheila Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; and Darwin and Joan Harmon of Big Spring.

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