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Early voting continues in BISD May 4 election

Early voting will continue through Tuesday, April 30, in the Superintendent's office at Bronte ISD for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees election.

The May 4 elections have been cancelled by all but one of the local entities due to unopposed races. These include East Coke County Hospital District, West Coke County Hospital District, the cities of Bronte and Robert Lee, and the Robert Lee Independent School District.

Two 3 year terms will be on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. These offices are currently held by Jolene Henderson and David Scott. David Scott has filed for re-election. Past board member, Kendall Gibbs, will be on the ballot, along with Paul Williams.

East Coke County Hospital District has three 2 year terms expiring. These terms are currently held by Larry Robinson, Leon Brooks and Ed Cumbie. Incumbent Ed Cumbie will retain his seat and be joined on the Board by Billy Joe Luckett and Mark Duncan.

West Coke County Hospital District has three 2 year terms expiring - those held by Winton Milliff, Linda Burns and Patty Byrne. Joan Cantrell was the only person to file for an office.

The city of Robert Lee had two council seats and the mayor's office coming open. Currently, Garland Davis is mayor and the council seats are held by Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland. All incumbents filed to retain their offices.

The 2 year terms of Bronte Mayor Martin Lee and Aldermen Frances Williams, Leslie Rolls and George Snapp are expiring. Leslie Rolls has filed to retain his council seat. Charles Sonnenberg filed for the seat being vacated by George Snapp, and Martin Lee will serve another term as mayor.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees

has two 3 year terms and one 1 year unexpired term becoming vacant. These offices are currently held by Jim Gray, Mark Riley and Jess Williamson. Mark Riley and Jim Gray have filed to retain their seats on the Board.

Robert Lee Downtown Association news

The Downtown Association met Thursday, April 18 at the Coke County library to discuss the Street Affair. The date of October 5 was set after some discussion. Based on the success of last year's Street Affair, it is hoped this year's Affair will be even better due to advance publicity. Some really exciting events were discussed.

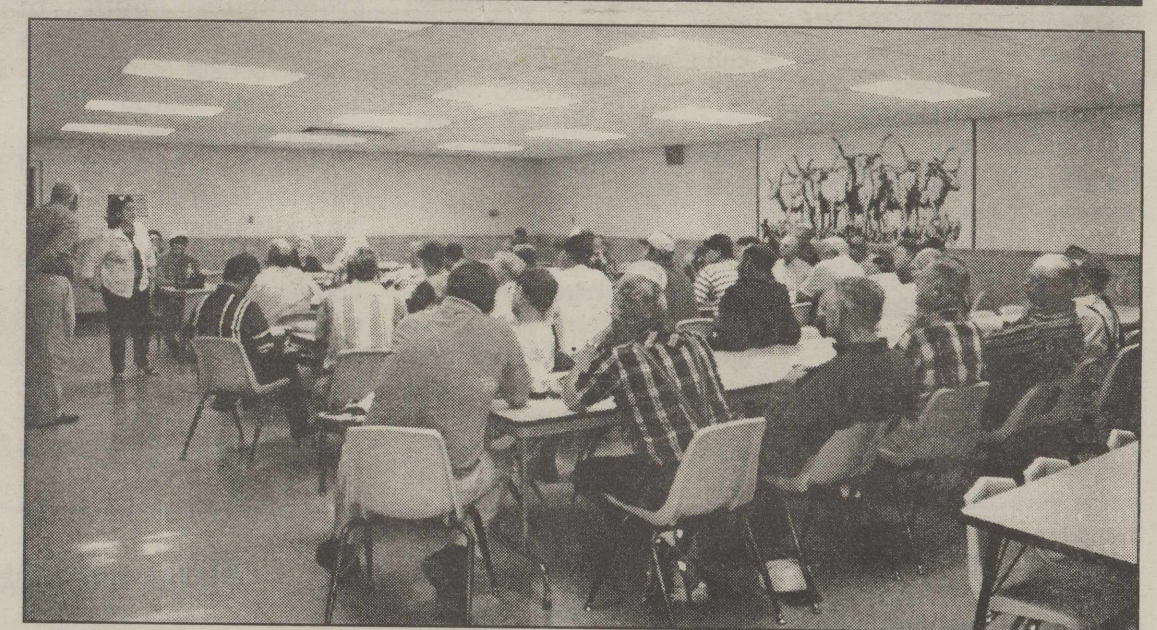
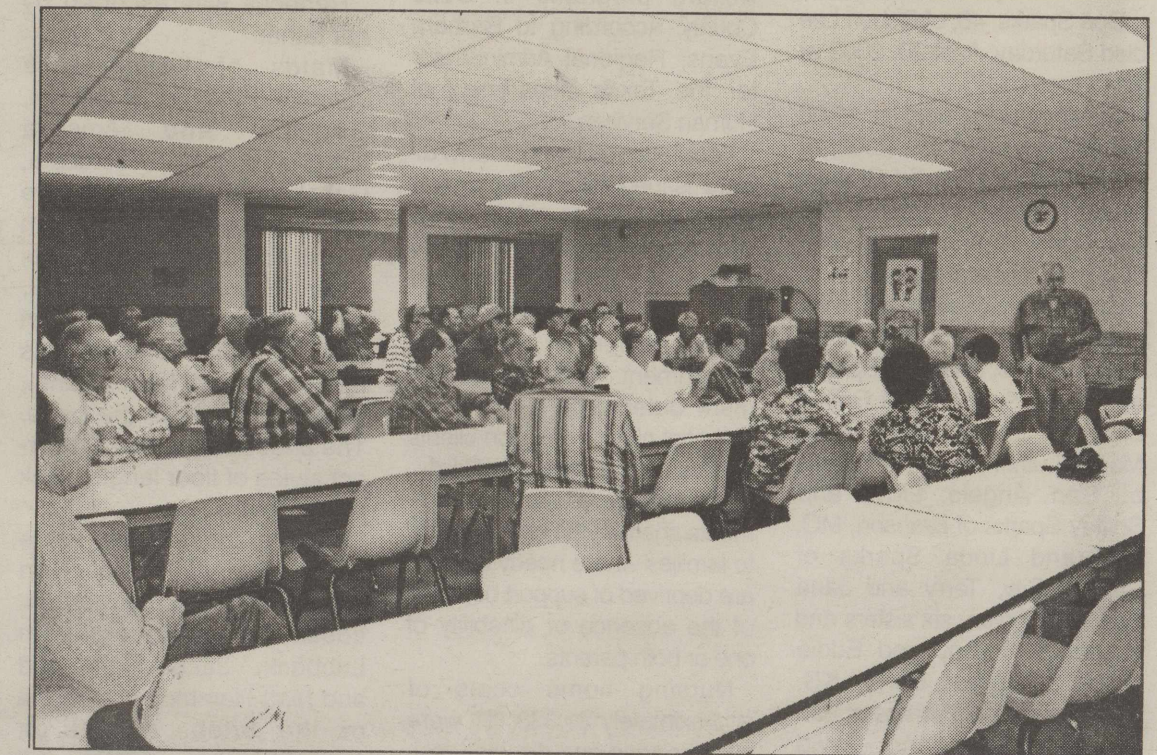
Several people stepped forward to volunteer to chair some of the events. Volunteers are still needed, however, to make the event run smoothly. Volunteers can call 453-2495 or 453-2169.

This event will feature local artisans. There are many talented people in this area and this event is intended to be their showcase. Local artisans will have first preference. Details of the booth arrangements are being worked out and phone numbers will be available soon for registration.

May 1 is last day to report small grain acreage

The Coke County FSA Office wishes to remind producers that May 1st, 2002, is the final day to report native pasture and all small grain crops such as oats, rye, wheat, and triticale for grain. The actual planting date will need to be reported along with the acreage report. Any crop planted after this deadline must be reported within 15 days of planting date to avoid a late filing fee.

Crop acreage reporting is required to remain eligible for price support loans, loan deficiency payments, CRP cropping history, highly erodible land requirements, CRP annual rental payments, vegetables on AMTA contract acreage, non-insured assistance program (NAP), and



Bronte Mayor Martin Lee addresses the group of volunteers at a meeting Tuesday evening, April 23, in Bronte. The group has volunteered to help install a water line from new wells being drilled north of Oak Creek Lake to the transmission line for the city. Bronte has applied for a grant which will pay for the drilling and the materials for the water line only if the city has volunteers to provide the labor involved. City officials presented Cynthia Vallejos, STEP Grant representative, with the lists of volunteers. Vallejos indicated that actual construction would begin in mid-July. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer, city officials urge you to do so now. All help is needed including providing food, babysitting, and manual labor.

any other USDA program offered.

COC may accept a late-filed report of acreage certification which requires a field visit to verify acreage, evidence of crop, and crop use. A fee will be assessed based on the number of fields reported late. Fees are \$35.00 for the first plot, and \$15.00 for each additional field.

Note: When you sign the acreage report, you have agreed with all the information it contains. Please

review your report to ensure all fields have been included, crop shares are correct, and acreage is correct. If acreage is in error, you may have to pay for a late certification to correct the error, regardless of how it occurred.

Robert Lee/Silver Lions sell light bulbs

The Lions Club will be selling light bulbs door to door Monday and Tuesday evenings May 6 & 7. If you plan to be gone, feel free to drop by Rock Solid Communications, 803 Austin and pick some up.

National Day of Prayer slated for May 2nd

The Coke County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a noon-time observance of the National Day of Prayer, next Thursday, May 2, at 12:00 noon on the front steps of the Coke County Courthouse. The activities will include prayers, music, and a short message. Various pastors of Robert Lee will be involved in the activities, and everyone is invited to join in.

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Death Notices

Sparks

Don Sparks, 46, of Robert Lee died Saturday, April 20, 2002 at his home.

Services were held at 10:00 am Monday, April 22, 2002, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Robin Sparks; three children, Justin Sparks, Shannon Sparks, and Kevin Sparks all of Robert Lee; four brothers and wives, Marion Luther and Mary Sparks of San Angelo, Lloyd and Shirley Sparks of Branson, MO, Ray and Linda Sparks of Sterling City, Terry and Jana Sparks of Bryan; six sisters and husbands, Peggy and Eddie Evans of Great Bend, KS, Shirley and Don Thomas of San Angelo, Louise and David Drennan of Fort Sumner, NM, Elwanda and the late Joey Jones of San Angelo, Pauline and Mitch Coty of Duncan, OK, and Ana and Gary Jones of Sterling City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

New Ladies Bible study scheduled in Bronte

A new ladies' Bible study will begin May 1 and conclude June 12. We will meet each Wednesday from 6 - 7 in the Bronte FBC library. We will study the Bible using Beth Moore's Living Free workbook series. In the study we will study principles that, if applied, will help us focus our lives with a steady Godward gaze. Workbooks must be pre-ordered by contacting Bronte FBC office, 473-2331, or Susan Graves, class facilitator. They will also give you the cost of the workbook, which can be paid at any time. Childcare will be provided if requested in advance. All ladies of the community are invited to attend.

WCCHD cancels election

The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors has voted to cancel the election scheduled for May 4, 2002. The action was taken at a regular board meeting on April 16, 2002. The reason for the cancellation is that one person filed for the election where 3 positions were to be available. Joan Cantrell filed and will be confirmed and placed in office during the first meeting of the board in May 2002.

Texas Department of Human Services news

The state spent a total of \$1,791,687 last year for major welfare programs in Coke County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$121,787 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$18,943. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$1,338,111 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$273,408 for Medicaid related services and \$39,438 for non-Medicaid related services," Ms. Evans said.

Hammond - Kendall exchange vows

Rebecca Ann Hammond and Justin Paul Kendall, both of Lubbock, Texas, were married Dec. 29th, 2001 at the Windsor Hotel in Americus, Georgia in a 5 pm candlelight ceremony.

Pastor Ronald Baxley of Amazing Grace Baptist Church officiated. A formal dinner reception followed in the Americus Sumter Room of the hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Marilyn Hammond of Leesburg, Georgia and the granddaughter of Willis Payne from Bronwood, Georgia and Faith and Ben Young of Albany, Georgia and the late L.G. Hammond of Americus, Georgia.

The bridegroom is the son of James and Cheryl Kendall of Robert Lee and the grandson of Clayton and Melba Perry of Lubbock and Mattie Lee Kendall and the late Faye Kendall of Robert Lee.

Rebecca chose a white matte satin gown from the Ginnis Collection by Montique. The bodice had a scoop neck, v shaped waistline and three quarter length

poet sleeves. The bodice was covered with corded lace with intricate cut out work, and adorned with seed pearls and iridescence. The backing of the dress was adorned with twenty satin buttons down the middle of the bodice. The soft net sleeves were appliqued with the cut out lace, and the sleeves were banded with satin where the sleeves flared to the wrist.

The full ball gown skirt had the same lace encircling the hem, and had a seven-foot detachable train edged in the same floral cut out lace and adorned with pearls and iridescence. The headpiece was a tiara of rhinestones and pearls attached to a fingertip veil of white tulle illusion scattered with pearls.

Rebecca was escorted by her father.

Maids of honor were Jennifer Kirkland of Atlanta, Georgia and Amanda Ammons of Valdosta, Georgia. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Hammond, sister in law of the bride of Moultrie, Georgia and Amie Kendall, sister of the groom of Robert Lee. Korrina Eubanks was the flower girl from Atlanta, Georgia cousin of the bride. The bridesmaids chose different styles of floor length black velvet gowns.

Justin's best men were Chad Helwig from San Angelo and Josh Freeman, cousin of the groom from Lubbock. Jacob Hammond and Matt Hammond, brothers of the bride, served as groomsmen, both of Leesburg, Georgia. Drew Cherry, cousin of the bride, was the usher from Leesburg, Georgia.

William Lindeman of Atlanta, Georgia designed the bridal bouquets.

The bride carried a cascade bouquet fashioned from mauve, cream, burgundy and white roses, with plunosus fern, gypsophila and sweet peas entwined with gold filigree. The bridesmaids



Mrs. Justin Paul Kendall

carried smaller cascades fashioned from burgundy, cream, and mauve roses, gypsophila and plunosus fern, adorned with burgundy ribbons.

Lynn Hammond of Atlanta, Georgia provided the photography.

Matthew Hammond of Leesburg, Georgia provided the wedding ceremony and reception music.

The four-tier wedding cake was white with intricate cording and flowers adorned with pearls and sat atop an antique silver pedestal topped with a dancing couple figurine. The groom's cake was German chocolate topped with frosted grapes. Mrs. Gail Lawrence of Dawson, Georgia provided the cakes.

The couple began the honeymoon with two nights at the 1906 Pathways Inn Bed and Breakfast in Americus, Georgia. They then proceeded to Panama City Beach, Florida for three nights and on to a cabin in the Smokey Mountains.

Rebecca is employed with

American Bank of Commerce as an Accounting Administrator. Justin is attending Texas Tech University majoring in Civil Engineering and will be employed with Texas Department of Transportation in the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall will reside in Lubbock, Texas.

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 • 6th & Houston
(915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

You are cordially invited
to join friends and family
in celebration of
R. M. "Murl" Andrews'
90th Birthday
Saturday, May 4, 2002
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bronte Housing Community Room
116 Northeast Railroad
Bronte, Texas
No Gifts Please.

RLISD plans Community Networking

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 pm in the high school library. Among items discussed was applying for a Community Networking Grant. District Technology Coordinator Jerry Horn explained that a grant of up to \$250,000 was available from the Texas Technology Infrastructure Fund Board. The purpose of the grant is to provide Internet connectivity to other governmental entities within the Robert Lee community, while being coordinated by the school district. Other entities that have expressed an interest in partnering with the school are Coke County, Coke County Library, City of Robert Lee, and Robert Lee Care Center. If the grant is approved, computers would be placed in the facilities of each entity that would be available for Internet use by citizens. The school would also be able to upgrade its computer labs and provide wireless Internet connections to the other community partners.

Trustees also approved the RLISD calendar for the 2002-2003 school year. According to the calendar, students will begin classes on August 19 and be dismissed for the Christmas break on December 20. They return to classes on January 2, Spring Break is March 10-14, and the last day of school is May 23 with high school graduation on Saturday, May 24.

In other action, the board approved a state waiver application for early dismissal days, reviewed Exit Level TAAS results for this spring and awarded a contract for Property Insurance by Key and Piskuran Agency of Arlington. Superintendent Weldon Koepf explained that Property Insurance rates have increased sharply and it is difficult to find companies to bid on school property coverage. RLISD accepted a prorated insurance bid until September 1 so that the district can then get into a cooperative that will provide less expensive rates.

Board members also discussed donating an old, unneeded bus to the Prison Work Camp at Carlsbad. In exchange for the bus, the prison would provide workers to do maintenance work during times when school is not in session.

Principals Janet Wallace and Lindsey Wallace gave their reports and Mr. Wallace gave the board an update on the search for a new high school principal. He stated that 38 applications had been received and that May 1 was the deadline for applying. He plans for the screening committee to interview the top candidates on May 6 and 7. The board set a special meeting on May 9 to hire the new principal and the regular



Regina Linette Clayton and Lynn Gregory Zaruba were engaged on August 14, 2001. The couple will be married at Belmore Baptist Church April 27, 2002, in San Angelo, Texas.

Parents of the engaged couple are Shirley Bilbrey of Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Manse Clayton of Ballinger, and Mrs. Shirley N. Zaruba and the late Mr. Donald Zaruba of San Angelo.

Miss Clayton is a 1995 graduate of Bronte High School and received her cosmetology license from Aladdin Beauty College. She is currently employed as a secretary at San Angelo State School.

Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of Central High School and received a masters degree in psychology from Angelo State University. He is currently employed as an Associate Clinical Psychologist at San Angelo State School.

May meeting will be May 16.

Superintendent Koepf reported on the Small Schools Coop and enrollment progress for the new state health insurance program for school employees. He also reported that the district's appeal of property values to the State Property Tax Division had been successful. The district was awarded local value. This will allow the district to receive the maximum state education aid to which it is entitled.

The board did not enter into executive session and the meeting was adjourned.

Caedmon's Call to perform at HSU in Abilene May 4

Caedmon's Call, a popular Christian band, will be in concert Saturday, May 4, 2002, 7:00 pm in Behrens Chapel Auditorium at

Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. This is the fourth time in the past several years that the band has performed in Abilene. Their ministry is directed especially to high school and university students. The concert this year is sponsored by KGNZ radio station, Tentmaker Music and Day Break Coffee Roasters in addition to Hardin Simmons University. Special guest artist will be Randall Goodgame. Lead singers with the band are Cliff and Danielle Young. Danielle is the granddaughter of Clark and Mary Frances Glenn of Bronte. Her parents are David and Denise Glenn of Houston.

Half truth is better than no politics.

G. K. Chesterton

Friends of the Pool Need HELP!!
 We're having a Bake Sale at 9:00 on Saturday, May 4th, at First National Bank in Bronte Parking lot.
PLEASE DONATE
 Cakes, Pies, Candy, Cookies, or Money.
 All Proceeds go to renovate the Bronte Pool.
Questions? Call 473-2911 or 473-2691.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



These ten Robert Lee High School students were chosen by the faculty to participate in the Celebration of Educational Excellence April 10 at Angelo State University. This program is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency and is designed to recognize outstanding performance in one of the core curriculum areas. Attending were (front row, from left) Lindsey Roe, Ashlee Millican, Shelby Roe, Bobbie Sparks, (back row, from left) Amie Kendall, Robert Sailer, Jake McCabe, Alan Roe, Rachele Mills, and (not pictured) Jamie Chesshir.

RL elementary to hold registration

Robert Lee Elementary School will hold its PreKindergarten and Kindergarten Registration for the 2002-2003 school year from 9:00 to 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 7. All parents are urged to attend.

There are no PreK or Kindergarten activities scheduled for children that day. Parents will need to bring the child's legal birth certificate, social security card and immunization record. The immunization record must be validated by a physician or public health personnel. Children must be five years old before September 1, 2002, to be eligible for Kindergarten. Children must be four years old before September 1, 2002, to be eligible for PreKindergarten. For more information, call 453-4555.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday April 29

Orange juice/apple juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, April 30

Orange juice/apple juice, donut, cereal, milk

Wednesday, May 1

Orange juice/apple juice, pancake w/sausage, cereal, milk

Thursday, May 2

Orange juice/apple juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Friday, May 3

Orange juice/apple juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 29

Chicken O's, macaroni & cheese, green beans, rolls, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, April 30

Frito pie, cheese, crackers, corn, fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday, May 1

Grilled cheese sandwich, hash browns, pickles, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

Thursday, May 2

Fajitas, salad, cheese, refried beans, peaches, milk

Friday, May 3

Barbecue on bun, pickles, chili beans, tator tots, pears, milk

Robert Lee school information

On Friday, April 26, students and staff members will enjoy a holiday. This was scheduled on the school calendar as a Bad Weather Day, but it did not have to be used for that purpose.

On Friday, May 3, and Friday, May 10, Robert Lee ISD will dismiss school at 12:30 pm. Buses will run at that time. Parents who provide transportation for their children need to be at the school at 12:30 pm to facilitate the early dismissal process.

Please take note of these important dates. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 453-4555.

Director's Choice Music Festival

On Saturday, April 13th, the Robert Lee High School

Band combined music with fun by competing at the Director's Choice Music Festival followed by an afternoon of fun at Six Flags. In their final competition of the year, the Steer Band received a Division One Superior rating and was chosen as the Outstanding Band of the Day in Class 1A. The final performance of the year will be the annual Spring Concert on May 2nd at 7:00 pm at the high school auditorium.

Sandy Lake Fun Fest

On Friday, April 19th, the Robert Lee 5th & 6th grade combined band went on their much awaited performance/fun trip to Sandy Lake Amusement Park in Dallas. The band competed at the Sandy Lake Funfest Music Festival, then spent a fun-filled afternoon enjoying carnival rides and other fun games. The band followed the footsteps of the high school band by receiving a Division I rating. The final performance of the year will be May 2nd at 7:00 pm at the high school auditorium.

Robert Lee band Spring Concert

The Robert Lee band will hold their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 2nd, at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium. The high school band and the 5th & 6th grade combined band will be performing.



This year's UIL team competed in the following contests: Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics, Computer Applications, Prose and Poetry. The participating students included: Bobbie Sparks, Matt Millegan, Travis Taylor, Phillip Arellano, Lindsey Roe, Nicole Sanchez and Michelle Sanchez. Jerry Horn and Kathy McCown were sponsors who took students to contests in Brownwood, Abilene Wylie, and the District meet in Ranger. Bobbie Sparks advanced to the Regional competition in Calculator. Lindsey Roe lettered in Number Sense by earning points at the District meet. The Number Sense team of Bobbie Sparks, Travis Taylor, Phillip Arellano, and Lindsey Roe placed 3rd at the District meet. Senior Matt Millegan competed in Computer Applications (his first UIL meet since living in Texas). Nicole Sanchez and Michelle Sanchez competed in the Prose and Poetry events.

Robert Lee varsity track results

The Robert Lee varsity boys track team participated in the Regional Qualifiers meet at Wall on the 19th. The results were as follows:
 Discus - 4th - Charles Abalos - 150' 11"
 Pole vault - 2nd - Stewart Millican - 12' 6", 3rd - Travis Pitcock - 12'
 Shot put - 6th - Cooper Riley - 44' 7"
 800 M run - 3rd - J. J. Reyes - 2:05.75
 110 M hurdles - 3rd - Anson Lott - 15.81
 1600 M relay - 3rd - Cole Flanagan, Taylor Clendennen, Colby Eubanks, J. J. Reyes - 3:39.9

Robert Lee School Awards Fifth Six Weeks Perfect Attendance

Pre-K - Mrs. Treadaway
 Bridger Netting, Ricky Williams

Kindergarten - Mrs. Gibbs

Bianca Huapilla, Ciera Millican, Eric Wells, Taylor Sheldon, Morgan Sturgeon, Kyle Lockhart, Will Howard, Charissa Caston, Alexis Mendoz, Jacob Torres, Sydney Sheldon

First grade - Mrs. Payne & Mrs. Duncan

Zach Skinner, Jonah Saucedo, Zachary Sanchez, Justin Gartman, Kevin Saucedo, Dereck Lockhart, Jordan Gartman, Josh

Barnes, Grady Barnett, Vincent Batten, Dusty Howard, Makenna Netting, Ashlie Wheat

Second grade - Mrs. Horn

Matthew Corona, Kimberly Roach, Chad Martin, Samantha Fernandez, Raquel Rojas, Diana Vera

Third grade - Mrs. Askins & Mrs. Devoll

Gregory Gonzales, Garrett Rogers, Megan Sturgeon, Paul Pineda, Logan Philley, Joe Estrada, Amanda Mendoza, Jared Long, Sarah Walker, Diego Saucedo, J.P. Conner, Connie Saucedo, Luke Sheldon, Haden Dillard, Cody Taylor

Fourth grade - Mrs.

Bessent & Mrs. Roberts

Nancy Landeros, Briana Brisbin, Miguel Perez, Emilee Yanez, Terry McDonald, Sarah Jones, Justina Gloria, Erika Sheldon, Olivia Trejo, Cayetano Carrera

Fifth grade - Mrs. Byrne

Jodi Sheldon, Norma Rojas, Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Cody Williamson, Jasmine Gloria, Olga Perez, Caleb Millican, Jimmy Womack

Sixth grade - Mrs. Burns & Mrs. McCabe

Anna Rojas, Chelsea Conner, Jesse Braswell, Melissa Martinez, Kasie Skinner, Chase Roe, Andrea Pineda, Taylor Percifull, Brody Dillard, Cody Denton

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Honor Roll

Third grade - Mrs. Askin & Mrs. Devoll

Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard, Robbie Gonzales, Kacee Roberts, Paul Pineda, Travis Sailer, Luke Sheldon, Megan Sturgeon, Cody Taylor, Diego Saucedo

Fourth grade - Mrs. Bessent & Mrs. Roberts

Cayetano Carrera, Emilee Yanez, Sarah Jones

Fifth grade - Mrs. Byrne

Kimberly Cardenas, Jasmine Gloria, Kaden Duncan, Holly Austin, Mason Ross, Michael Rodriguez

Sixth grade - Mrs. Burns & Mrs. McCabe

Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Briana Longoria, Cody Denton, Ashley Hopson, Ronald Shaw, Taylor Percifull, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner, Cameron Hodge, Allison Millican

"A" Honor Roll

Seventh grade

Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Brian Eubanks, Nicole Fields, Cody McCabe, Becca Skinner

Eighth grade

Tiffany Bagwell, Andra Braswell, Cara Eaton, Kayla Medrano, Cassidy Wink

Ninth grade

Wade Arledge, Stacey Denton, Kayli Dickey, Jake McCabe, Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Brittany Soliz

Tenth grade

Felipe Arellano, Chris Eubanks, Jessica Fluhmann

Eleventh grade

Alice Beach, Kindra Matthews, Ashlee Millican, Shelby Roe, Robert Sailer, Rebecca Welch

Twelfth grade

Jennifer Alexander, Bret Ballew, Trichelle Gray, Jodee Helwig, Whitney Millican, Rachelle Mills, Bobbie Sparks, Shanna Wojtek

A/B Honor Roll

Seventh grade

Tasha Aguirre, Nicole Barnett, Jordan Brown, Dixie Johnson, Kori Logan, Casey Nesbit, Sarah Phillee, Brettie Reed, Rosalinda Rojas, Rebecca Skinner, Robin Taylor, Eleasar Vera

Eighth grade

Tina Arellano, Bridgette Barnett, Olivia Martinez, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Amanda Thurman, Stephanie Trejo, Caroline Vera

Ninth grade

Alana Parker, Michele Sanchez, Ciara Watson

Tenth grade

Josh Alexander, Monica Barrera, Jennifer Fluhmann, Shannon Honse, Tim Messer, Amber Perez, Andrea Rusgrove, R. J. Service, Travis Taylor, Rachel Wallace

Eleventh grade

Amber Brosh, Sean Edging, Amie Kendall, Jennifer Nesbit, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Nicole Sanchez

Twelfth grade

Charles Abalos, Adam Cates, Jesus Cerritos, Jamie Chesshir, Taylor Clendennen, Melissa Landeros, Kelley Long, Trent McCabe, Matthew Millegan, Sammy Minjarez, J. J. Reyes, Amy Riley, Saloman Saucedo

Accelerated Reader Honor Roll

(Students who reached their Reading Goal for the Six Weeks)

Second grade -

Mrs. Horn

Linsey Arellano, Beeanca Bower, Luisa Carrera, Matthew Corona, Samantha Fernandez, Chad Martin, Kimberly Roach, Brianna Robles, Rachel Rojas, Dylan Van Deventer, Diana Vera, Carrie Stewart

Third grade - Mrs. Askins & Mrs. Devoll

Heidi Austin, Tanner Brickey, Joe Estrada, Robbie Gonzales, Logan Phillee, Skyler Rainwater, Garrett Rogers, Megan Ross, Connie Saucedo, Luke Sheldon, Sarah Walker, Gregory Gonzales, J. P. Conner, Jake Cotter, Haden Dillard, Jared Long, Amanda Mendoza, Paul Pineda, Kacee Roberts, Travis Sailer, Megan Sturgeon, Cody Taylor, Troy Young

Fourth grade - Mrs. Bessent & Mrs. Roberts

Emily Arellano, Cody Brosh, Ivan Landeros, Terry McDonald, Devin Batten, Briana Brisbin, Cayetano Carrera, Justina Gloria, Tanner Hanigan, Mollie Hindliter, Sarah Jones, Blake Millican, Jacob Moreno, Miguel Perez, Rebecka Saucedo, Erika Sheldon, Emilee Yanez

Fifth grade - Mrs. Byrne

Holly Austin, Jennifer Barrett, Garrett Blair, Kimberly Cardenas, Kaden Duncan, Josh Gallegos, Jasmine Gloria, Morgan Hill, Caleb Millican, Arrin Minjarez, Dustin Moreno, Olga Perez, Amy Barnett, Michael Rodriguez, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Cori Torres, Cory Fields, Jodi Sheldon, Jimmy Womack

Sixth grade - Mrs. Burns & Mrs. McCabe

Jesse Braswell, Molly Burns, Chelsea Conner, Brody Dillard, Ashley Hopson, Chris LaRue, Allison Millican, Cody Denton, Briana Longoria, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Ronald Shaw, Kasie Skinner, Cameron Hodge, Melissa Martinez

"Wheels For Life"

Bike-A-Thon

The Robert Lee "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon, to be held May 4, 2002, from 9-11 am at Robert Lee State Bank, has been announced by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Coordinator for this year's event is Mrs. Gayle Bolding who encourages all residents and businesses to support this community effort.

The increase in the overall survival rate of children with cancer from 30% to 70% has been made possible through research. The funds from events like the Robert Lee Bike-A-Thon make that research possible. The citizens of Robert Lee work hand in hand with the researchers, technicians, and doctors at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to provide treatments and cures for child-



The Robert Lee High School Boys Golf Team placed third at the Regional Golf Tournament at the Maxwell Country Club in Abilene on Tuesday, April 23. Saloman Saucedo was a medalist at the meet and will advance to the state tournament. Team members include (from left) Josh Alexander, Evan Braswell, Stewart Millican, Saloman Saucedo, Omar Saucedo and Coach Alexander.



The Robert Lee High School Girls Golf Team placed third at the Regional Golf Tournament at the Maxwell Country Club in Abilene on Tuesday, April 23. Team members include (from left) Lindsey Roe, Shanna Wojtek, Whitney Millican, Amber Brosh, Julie Riley, and Coach Alexander.

ren with catastrophic diseases. Due to the overwhelming importance of the research conducted at the hospital, St. Jude freely shares its treatments and research findings with doctors and hospitals around the world including those in your state.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for catastrophic diseases of childhood. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). ALSAC covers all costs not covered by insurance for medical treatment rendered at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Families without insurance are never asked to pay. For more information, please call 453-2508.

Summer ACT exam

The next ACT Assessment will be administered nationwide

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ACT scores are acceptable by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used by colleges along with high school grade point average and other information in admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate-level courses. The test fee is \$24 (\$27 in Florida).

Students can register for the ACT by getting information from

their high school counselors or by registering online at ACT's website - www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Shorthorns finish third in district track

The Bronte Shorthorns finished up track season at the district track meet in Menard. Overall the boys finished third. In the 8th grade division, Jaylon Saunders placed first in the high jump and 400 M. dash, second in the 110 hurdles, and fourth in the long jump. Logan Rawls placed first in the 800 and fourth in the high jump. Reese Braswell finished second in the 800, and Curtis Moore took fourth in the 400 M. Zach White placed second in the discus. The mile relay team, consisting of Reese Braswell, Logan Rawls, Riley Coalson, and Jaylon Saunders ran their best time of the year, finishing third with a time of 4:16. CT Lloyd placed third in the 2400 M.

In the seventh grade, Eric Hendrickson placed first in the 400 M. and third in the discus and shot put. Philip Rawlings placed first in the 800 M., second in the triple jump, and third in the mile. Jonathan Marrs placed fourth in the 100 M., and Josh Scott finished fourth in the 400 M. and fifth in the mile.

Bronte JH district tennis results told

The 7th and 8th grade district tennis competition was held



Breakfast

Monday, April 29

Sausage rolls, orange juice, milk

Tuesday, April 30

Pancake and sausage on a stick, grape juice, milk

Wednesday, May 1

French toast sticks, apple juice, milk

Thursday, May 2

Cereal, diced peaches, trail mix, milk

Friday, May 3

Breakfast pizza, mixed fruit, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 29

Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet corn, rolls, chocolate pudding, milk

Tuesday, April 30

Cheese nacho's, refried beans, lettuce & tomato, tortilla chips, peanut butter cookies, milk

Wednesday, May 1

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, jello, milk

Thursday, May 2

Corn dog, baked beans, sliced apple, brownies, milk

Friday, May 3

Cheese burgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, bun, chocolate chip cookies, milk

April 20, 2002 at Angelo State University with the following results:

7th Grade Girls Doubles: 1st Round - Rathmell/Riddle (Miles) def Rebecca Beauchamp/Sara Adams (Bronte) 6-1, 6-1. Book/Tovar (Miles) def Nicole Stewart/Lauren White (Bronte) 6-4, 6-3.

7th Grade Boys Singles: 1st Round - Eric Hendrickson (Bronte) def J. Click (Eden) 6-0, 6-2. Finals - Hendrickson (Bronte) def Scott (Miles) 6-3, 6-2.

7th Grade Boys Doubles: 1st Round - T. Wadsworth/C. Capps (Eden) def Josh Scott/Linden McMullen (Bronte) 6-2, 6-3. 2nd Round - Wadsworth/Capps (Eden) def Phillip Rawlings/Jonathan Marrs (Bronte) 7-5, 6-4. Durbin/Torres (Miles) def Jonathan Ehl/Tim Gilbreath (Bronte) 6-2, 6-3. 3rd & 4th Place - Rawlings/Marrs (Bronte) def Ehl/Gilbreath (Bronte) 6-2, 6-1.

8th Grade Girls Singles: 2nd Round - L. Hill (Eden) def Christin Kelly (Bronte) 6-0, 6-4.

Girls Doubles: 1st Round - Hudson/Wells (Miles) def Rebecca Rawlings/Cheyenne Webb (Bronte) 6-2, 6-0.

8th Grade Girls Doubles: 2nd Round - Bailey Saunders/Lindsey Butler (Bronte) def Capps/Ramirez (Eden) 6-3, 6-2. 3rd Round - Probant/Hohensee (Miles) def Saunders/Butler (Bronte) 6-4, 6-0. 3rd & 4th. Mullins/Munoz (Eden) def Saunders/Butler (Bronte) 6-0, 6-0.

8th Grade Boys Singles: 1st Round - C. Rabon (Eden) def Reece Braswell (Bronte) 6-3, 6-2. B. Stewart (Eden) def Jaylon Saunders (Bronte) 6-2, 6-3.

8th Grade Boys Doubles: 1st Round - J. Rivera/J. Snead (Eden) def CT Lloyd/Jonathan Brannon (Bronte) 6-3, 6-4. 2nd Round - J. Harris/A. Llanas (Miles) def Zack White/BJ Bilbrey (Bronte) 6-1, 6-2. N. Havlack/T. Schwertner (Miles) def Garrett Acker/Curtis Moore (Bronte) 6-2, 6-3.

Bronte High School Honor Rolls posted

"A" Honor Roll

12

Mindy Boyd, Kelly Cooper, Katy Frazee, Christine Galvan, Nathan Gilbreath, Lacy Schoenfield, Natasha Reed, Stormy White

11

Khanni Beauchamp, Jenna

Herold, Joe'l Sefcik, Lindsay Springer, Jonathan Tomes, Lindsey Williams

10

Logan Acker, Corin Garcia, Kailey Howell, Ariel Marrs, Britney McCutchen, Casey McKee

9

Jasmine Kresta, Romana Hoover, Calli Johnson

8

Lillian McMullan, Rebecca Rawlings, Bailey Saunders, Jaylon Saunders

7

Eric Hendrickson, Philip Rawlings, Logan Rawls

"AB" Honor Roll

12

Britni Adams, Cassandra Casares, Chrissie Counts, Anthony Flores, Chrissie Israel, Maribel Maldonado, Morgan McCutchen, Codi Monsey, Amy Morgan, Brandon Poehls, Daisy Porter, Lauren Williams, Cody Sedden, Nick Shaw

11

Charlie Bettis, James Graves, Kayla Hilliard, Heather Richey, Ashley Riley, Joel Webb

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Kanah Coalson, Ashley Denton, Shawn Gilbreath, Kendra Graves, B. J. Hall, C. J. Macon, Jayci Malone, Natalee Reed, Melissa Walker, Diane Womack

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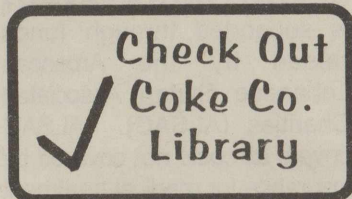
Sherman Griffin, Jesse Herold, Garrett Jackson, Ashleigh Kelly, Ashley McCutchen, Desiree Mirelez, Cody Moore, Salena Soto, Stephen Tomes

8

Garrett Acker, Reese Braswell, Lindsey Butler, Megan Gibbs, C. T. Lloyd, Cheyenne Webb, Zack White

7

Sarah Adams, Hazen Coffey, Katie Cooper, Johnathan Ehl, Justin Taylor, Crystal Wallar, Lahren White, Patty Galvan, Mason Jackson, Jonathan Marrs



The Coke County Library has received a \$2,500 grant from the Texas Book Festival fund. The grant was awarded based on a need to up-grade the non-fiction collection of the Library. The

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funds will be spent on reference sources and non-fiction informational reading.

A Big Country Library Association resource person did an assessment last year of the non-fiction collection and it was based on this study that the grant was awarded. The funds also include an expenditure for a rolling cart and dolly.

The Texas Book Festival fund was established to acknowledge the importance of the state's public libraries. So far the awards have totaled 1.35 million dollars to more than 400 libraries in Texas.

The Texas Book Festival is held each November in Austin. First Lady Laura Bush will serve as the Festival's honorary chairman. For more information on the Festival visit www.Texasbookfestival.org.

The Story Hour graduation will be held Tuesday, April 30, at 10:00 am in the Bryan's mini-park gazebo.

The Coke County Library invites everyone who has been thinking about being a library user to come in during National Library Week, April 15 through April 20. The library provides the latest in popular reading. A recent donation from the County Extension Office provides the latest in health information. Tex Share cards are available which allows the holder to use any public library in the state of Texas. The library provides Inter Library Loan for any book not in the library and for any interest a patron might have. The library is connected to the Internet for research.

Obtaining a library card is free. Books are checked out for two weeks and may be renewed by phone. Library fines are accepted but not charged. Over-due books are received and returned to the shelves without penalty.

The library holds a good collection of large print books, audio books, and westerns. Regional books are being collected for those interested in local history. The library accepts and appreciates memorials. The library circulates more than 100 books a week. Celebrate National Library Week by becoming a library patron.

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

Sorosis Club news

by Swan Archinal

The Sorosis Club of Bronte met Thursday, April 11, with Ron Cooper in the Arts & Crafts building near the school. He told us how to screen paint and let each of us screen paint a t-shirt. He had designed a logo for our club and we put that on the shirt. We will wear them whenever we have a fund raising event or other public appearance. All of us were amazed at the procedure and appreciated Ron taking the time to show us the procedure. We were impressed with the equipment the school has for the classes to work with.

After the program we went to Pat Lee's home for the business meeting and refreshments.

Diane Luckett presided because Doris Sims, president, and Peggy Hembree, vice-president, were absent. We discussed the city-wide garage sale scheduled for May 4. We agreed to meet in the bank parking lot at 7:30 am with our items already priced. We voted to donate the proceeds to the swimming pool fund. We will give at least \$200 or more.

Marilyn Bivins said that Fort Chadbourne Days will be at the fort on June 22. We will participate with a silent auction.

We voted to give a \$200 scholarship to a Bronte senior. It will be presented by our president, Doris Sims.

Diane reminded us that we will assist with food and drinks for the workers on the water pipe for Bronte. She will let us know when this will start.

Members present were: Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jean Fancher, Mary Frances Glenn, Mary Glenn, Pat Lee, Diane Luckett, Fredna Moore, Lou Ann Peters, Janet Wommack and Swan Archinal. Joyce Huffman was a guest. Fredna Moore won the Chinese auction. It was a silver napkin holder with pretty napkins. Don't forget to give to the Bronte swimming pool fund.



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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Brush Appreciation Day set for May 9

The Texas Cooperative Extension-sponsored Brush Appreciation day May 9 at Aspermont, Texas, is set come rain or shine. The program will be an all-day affair covering three ranch stops along a 40-mile route. If it rains, the program will move to the Aspermont Community Center.

Registration starts at 9 am on the Snipes Ranch, north of Swenson. The program begins at 9:30 am with a pre-test and Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit (CEU) paperwork. A minimum of four CEUs will be offered.

The program's purpose, according to Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and program coordinator, is to bring a heightened perception or "appreciation" for the role brush plays on native rangeland.

"Our goal is to help landowners develop a 'Brush Sculpting' plan that best fits their individual livestock and wildlife needs," said Rollins. "As odd as it may sound to some traditional cattle ranchers, today's ranching economics usually dictate that you 'appreciate' the value of hunting leases. It's important that they develop an 'appreciation' of the role of brush for various game species. They also must learn how their current management impacts wildlife habitats.

"Three important landscape features for critters like quail and deer, are the density, diversity, and distribution of brush. A landowner or manager's goal should be to maximize a property's usable space for various wildlife species. The proper, planned use of brush control is a great way to maximize that usable space."

For further information contact Rebel Royall, Texas Cooperative Extension at 940-989-3510.

Caring for the home lawn

Site evaluation: Evaluate your lawn for high spots, low spots, and ruts made from equipment because these areas will most likely cause scalping. Take the time to level out the lawn surface with the addition of soil. To reduce rutting, lift the sod with a sharp spade and place topsoil underneath, then replace sod and keep that area moist for several days to a week to encourage a healthy root system developing. Is your lawn smooth enough to mow with a reel mower? Is it smooth enough to mow at the optimal mowing height for your grass variety without continual scalping damage? Scalping will most certainly put the grass at a competitive disadvantage and eventually lead to the decline of the lawn's quality.

Selecting the right mowing height: It is essential that you mow your particular grass variety at or near the optimal mowing

height because this will keep that grass the healthiest and most dense (highest number of shoots per unit area). High density means more soil surface shading, which severely restricts the germination of many annual grassy and broadleaf weeds. Maintaining a dense and healthy turf is the best weed control. Selecting the right mowing height also means selecting the right mower for the job. Do not put money into a high density Bermuda grass or zoysia grass hybrid variety and expect to mow it at 3 inches with a rotary mower and expect a high quality lawn. Many of the varieties available today require mowing height at or below 1 inch, which cannot be done effectively with a rotary mower.

Some general mowing height requirements of common grass species are given below in variety, the range of mowing height, and the optimal mowing height. Buffalo grass has a range to 2-4.5 inches and optimal height of 2.5 inches; Common Bermuda grass has a range to 1-2.5 inches and optimal height of 1.5; Hybrid Bermuda grass has a range of 0.75 to 2 inches and optimal height of 0.75 inches; St. Augustine grass has a range to 2.5 to 4 inches and optimal height of 2.5 inches.

How often do I mow?: This question deserves an "it depends" answer. You will have to play it by ear for every different season, weather, nutrient availability change, etc... The best rule to follow is NEVER TAKE MORE THAN 1/3 OF THE LEAF BLADE OFF AT ANY ONE TIME. If you have piles of clippings left after each mowing, then you are mowing to infrequently. For a good example, consider a farmer's hay field. They go out there and remove close to 80% of the leaf surface of those grass plants and subsequently the grass left after the hay is baled turns a golden tan color. This happens because the grass plants are not capable of recovering from that amount of stress for quite a while. The small amount of leaf surface left is not enough to maintain the physiological activities (photosynthesis) for plant energy. Grass plants have a "growing point" where all of the leaves originate - and that growing point is near the soil surface when the grass is mowed frequently. When people let their lawns get really "hairy", that growing point may be cut and removed with the rest of the clippings - this results in that plant's death. Frequent mowing, never removing more than 1/3 of the grass blade ensures that the growing point will stay near the soil surface, and the turf will stay healthier and denser.

Blade sharpening: Maintaining a sharp mower blade, whether rotary or reel, is essential in maintaining turf health. A smooth, clean cut not only looks better for the lawn, but it also

does much less damage to the grass plant. When you have a dull mower blade - you are "thrashing" or "beating" the tops of the grass blades off. This leaves a ragged top which becomes straw colored. This gives the lawn a "tannish" hue and leaves the grass wide open for insect and disease encroachment. These ragged tops are prime points of entry for many fungal pathogens (turf disease causers) and small turf insects.

Be sure to have your mower blade checked and sharpened frequently - at least once a year. You can adequately sharpen a rotary mower blade with a good bench grinder and a tub of cold water. Here are a few steps to take when sharpening. First of all - wear safety glasses when grinding. Try to keep the original angle on the mower blade by making smooth, quick swipes across the grinding wheel. Dip the blade in cold water after every few swipes across the grinding wheel so you don't lose "temper" in the steel. If you see blue in the blade where you are grinding - that means that the temper is lost in that area and that steel is now very soft - there will most likely be a chip there next time you check your blade. Be very careful with the sharpening process and use the cold water judiciously. After you are finished grinding the blade angle, test to see if the blade is properly balanced. Place the blade on a thin pole through the center hole of the blade. If it wants to fall to one side - that side is heavier. You will need to grind off some more steel on the heavy side to balance the blade. You don't need to grind more of the angle down - just grind a little steel off the back side or a corner of the blade. When you have the blade properly balanced - take a file and file off the burrs left behind by the grinder.

If you don't feel comfortable with grinding your own blades, check around for a service in your area that will do it for a few bucks.

Gardening with allergies

If you are a member of your family are among the millions of Americans who suffer from plant allergies, but still love gardening, there are ways to lessen the amounts of pollen, fungus spores and other plant-based allergens in your home/garden environment. Take steps to create low-allergen plantings.

Allergies to Pollen: Pollen spores are one of the main sources of allergies, and are shed from male trees, weeds, ornamentals and grasses in your garden or neighborhood by the billions. There are two basic types of pollen: one is lightweight and depends on wind dispersal to travel to a receptive female plant of the same species, and the other is heavier, generally stickier, and relies on the visits of insects to the flowers for fertilization. These flowers are usually colorful and attractive to insects. Examples of trees depending on bees are ornamental and fruiting pears and peaches, red buds, and many flowers found in the garden. Still other plants are self-fertile and not much pollen transmission or exchange occurs at all.



Jerry McShan is happy to announce the engagement of he and Joan McShan's daughter, Sunny Gayle McShan, to Joseph Christopher Perry.

Sunny, who grew up in the San Angelo/Bronte area, graduated from Angelo State University in 1995. Joe, son of Alida Campbell and Bruce Perry, grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1995.

They now live in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Sunny is a nurse at Saint Francis Hospital and Joe is employed with Linco Electromatic, a manufacturer of pipeline instrumentation.

The couple will wed June 8, 2002, in Oklahoma City.

Clouds of pollen can swirl upwards on wind currents and drift for miles. Ragweed samples have been collected 400 miles out to sea and two miles high in the air. Chemical makeup differs among plants, causing stronger or weaker allergic reactions, and heavier pollen such as that of pines may fall straight down to the ground rather than drift extensively.

Although gardeners cannot stop all movement of pollen, it is possible to study the trees and ornamentals in the home landscape and select those with less potential to cause problems. Bermuda and Johnson grass are high on the list of offenders, as well as nearby unmowed pigweeds and ragweeds and their relatives. Thomas Ogren, in his recent book Allergy-free Gardening: The Revolutionary Guide to Healthy Landscaping, comments on the overuse of male trees and shrubs in the modern American landscape. These have been promoted as an improvement over the messiness of female trees which shed too many fruits or seeds and are more "litter-free." Some municipalities have even passed ordinances prohibiting the planting of female varieties, so that there

may actually be more pollen than before in our neighborhoods. Good examples of female plants suitable for Texas would be yaupon or Burford hollies and the Chinese pistache, which have clusters of beautiful berries in the fall. Ogren's book has detailed lists of suitable plants for low-allergen gardening.

Allergies to fungus: Take care to rake up and compost dead leaves lying under shrubs and use less bark mulch or chips which may harbor fungus. During wet springs clouds of spores can actually be seen rising like smoke from moldy twigs or fruit. Cut back or thin out hedges and trim lawns closely to reduce pollen and mold spores.

To lessen chances of allergic reactions, garden in the morning or late afternoon when pollen is higher in the sky, or on cloudy or cool days when it is not as prevalent. Use a mask when mowing, and change clothing and bathe after working outside. Use caution when sweeping or raking up oak catkins. At times when willows, cottonwoods or sycamores are noticeably shedding, stay inside out of the garden.

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Railroads and towns come together

by Don Masters

Much activity and excitement was occasioned by the coming of the railroad. The towns of Bronte and Fort Chadbourne were moved, land prices soared, new businesses were started and hope in general was more than high.

"March 1903 found a force of 50 teams and 150 men working north from San Angelo with 15 miles of grade completed. The name of the railroad changed from the Panhandle and Gulf Railway Company to the Kansas City Mexico and Orient Railway Company of Texas on September 16, 1905."

Old timers who have long since gone to that great big railroad station in the sky used to talk about the big schemes of the KC, Mex and Orient. Promoters sold big and small investors on the idea of tapping the riches of Orient through China. The plan was to build a railroad down to Presidio, Texas, drop down into Mexico and cross the Baja Peninsula to the Pacific Ocean. There the cargo-laden boxcars would be pushed onto ocean steamers that had railroad rails on deck. The ship would cross the Pacific, all the way up the Yangtze River to Shanghai where the boxcars would simply be rolled off the ocean steamer onto a railroad with the same gauge track as those in America.

The dream or scheme died a natural death when the railroad company was purchased in 1928 by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe.

Meanwhile...back at the turn of the century...when the original railway company, the Panhandle and Gulf, surveyed its way through Bronte, the surveyors found a thriving community on the banks of the west fork of the Kickapoo. Bronte had numerous business establishments: a hotel, restaurant, a four-stand gin, stable, Post Office and a blacksmith shop.

Old Bronte was located some half-mile southwest of its present location, a little west of the present school buildings and had been built there because of the availability of water from the West Kickapoo Creek.

When it was learned soon after 1900 that the railroad was planning to come through this section, talk began of moving the town to the railroad.

The move began in 1906.

The late Frank and Charlie Keeney used to like to tell of "The Moving Town". They said the stores were moved by means of old wooden rollers.

"They'd put the houses on these wooden rollers," Frank said. "Tie one end of a rope around a stake, and pull it forward 50 feet, then repeat the process until they got through."

"Bronte at that time was only farm land; and when we moved, we went right on selling goods all the way from the old location

to the new one."

The railroad crews were still working on the grade and building the foundation for the railroad bridge across the Colorado River, south of Bronte, the first time Melvin Lasswell got the railroad bug.

Said Melvin, "I guess I was four or five when the rail men were building the grade in and around the town. We could hear the pile driver a workin' along the river. It hit a lick with a loud thump about ever four or five minutes. I finally got my daddy to drive the wagon down to the north bank and let me watch. Couldn't see much. Just the team of horses pulling that great sledge up in the air till they let it go and down it'd come with a loud thump. Each time it thumped, the big pole would sink a little bit more."

"In much discussion with local residents, checking records, etc., it is the opinion of the Enterprise that trains did not come through Bronte until 1909. Records at the court house indicate that the first train through Fort Chadbourne, Bronte, and Tennyson was November 22, 1909."

"Yes sirree, my granddaddy turned the whole family out for that day," said Noah Pruitt, Jr.

"He said it was a bit on the chilly side. But he had grandmother bundle up my daddy and his brothers and sister and drove them down to where the station was going to be built."

"Most everybody for miles around was there. There was a bunch of men looking to win that \$5 prize money. Five dollars for the man who brought the most women, girls, and children in one wagon."

"But for granddaddy, he just had the family. He wasn't worried about them, too much (maybe he should a'been). He was worried about how the horses would act with all the excitement and whistle blowin'. So, he untied the team from the wagon and roped 'em to a tree."

"Well that was the wrong thing to do. When the train came in, the horses stood there as quite and peaceful, as you please. But the family? They got so excited and riled up, it was all granddaddy could do to keep them from grabbing the tongue of that wagon and running away with it."

That's the way grandson Noah recounts the story told by his grandfather. Now, Noah's father who was seven years old at the time, says he doesn't remember anything about hem trying to run away with the wagon. He figures that it was just a good story for a grandfather to tell his grandson. But Noah Junior, is steadfast in his belief that the story his granddaddy told him is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. NOTE: Whether the story is factual or figurative, it appears to give a sense of the excitement of the day.

Noah Senior remembers how he had "seen trains before in Ballinger," so he wasn't too excited or impressed by "just another train." But they did let school out for the event, and most busi-

nessmen and farmers felt that the coming of the railroad was a good sign of progress.

There is another person who is alive today that well remembers the day the train came to Bronte: eighty-seven-year-old Mrs. Bernice (Little) Lee.

As noted earlier, no one seems really to know when that first train came puffing through town, but records "indicate" it was November 22, 1909. Miss Bernice (Little) Lee recalls "I must have been about 16, and it was 1909 alright. But I recollect it was in the summertime. I remember all the ladies and us girls were decked out in our finest Sunday-go-to meeting clothes. Most of us wore bonnets. A few of the ladies had on hats with veils that covered their faces. You see, it was warm and real windy that day."

Mr. Will Hearrell...(he's dead now, you know)...well, Mr. Hearrell was bound and determined to win the \$5 bill. Now, \$5 wasn't a heap of money even by then (of course, it was worth more then than now) but even back then it wasn't even worth a man's full day of work. But

then...\$5 is \$5. So Mr. Hearrell was out to win that \$5 for having the wagon load of the most women, girls, and children.

But like I said it was warm and windy that day and nobody wanted to go bumping along a dirt road for the seventeen-mile-round trip from Maverick to Bronte. So we all rode buggies until we got just outside of Bronte; then we all climbed in the wagon for the final mile into town and the railroad siding."

Which is correct: May or November?

Miss Bernice Little was sixteen at the time so she can be forgiven if her thoughts were a little more centered on important things like hats, clothes and boys.

But in her words, "I can't rightly say it wasn't November, but if it was it was the warmest, windiest summer day you'll ever feel two days before Thanksgiving."

Another thing that might favor the month of May is an incident that sticks in Bernice's memory.

"It was July 4th picnic that same year. Everybody was turned out for the food, cold drinks and celebration of our

nation's birthday. I remember one of the local old men...who didn't have no kids of his own...made a hobby horse. You know, a wooden horse on wheels that he pulled behind an old, tired gray mule.

All the 'little' children get to ride for free!" he called out as we were finishing up eating. "All 'little' children can ride for free!" My girl friends dared me so I did. I lined up at the end. The ole man kept looking at me with an evil eye. He figured that he'd scare me off. Almost did, but I was always a bit stubborn. Besides, he said it himself. He said 'all little children, and I was one of the Little children: Bernice Little. And he did let me ride!"

It was two years before the permanent station house was completed, the work of "Big" Jim Lammers. According to the railroad records, "When the station building was completed in 1911, Bronte had a population of 100. The stone for the building was donated by the citizens of the town."

Big Jim was a stone mason by trade, just like his father before

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im. Big Jim moved his family to Bronte in 1907. He had two boys, Vernon and Leslie and one girl, Nettie Lee. As reported in Bronte Enterprise, Vernon Lammers, (now deceased) said "the stone came from what is now the Taylor Emerson place, southeast of Bronte."

"Me and my brother, Vernon, watched daddy and my grandfather build the station houses for Bronte and Fort Chadbourne," recounts the last of the Lammers, Leslie, who is now 72 years old.

"Me and my brother used to go down and watch'em. But mostly, we'd just play around, till daddy'd run us off. But then there was one time...daddy was working-building on the depot at Fort Chadbourne. I'd ride the train--it didn't cost me nothing--I'd ride down to where daddy was working. Had an ole box-car depot up'er. And dad didn't know I was up'er. And I got in that boxcar depot, lay down and went to sleep and they locked me up in 'er...til the train come thru that night...I knocked on the door and they let me out and brought me back to Bronte. Everybody running on the railroad used to know me. I stayed with daddy in Mertzon while he was building that depot down there."

The latest (and for this report the final) chapter about Bronte and the railroads was published in Bronte Enterprise in 1977. Copying from the original letter and Ben Oglesby's draft of his editorial, the following saga unfold:

A few weekends ago we were going through a lot of old stuff that Pat told me we should get rid of, and I ran across a letter from Frank Eaton. The people who have lived here in Bronte for a long time remember Frank, but, even those who are relatively newcomers, may get somewhat of a charge from his letter back in 1955. That was 22 years ago and in retrospect we felt that this letter would no be consigned to the wastebasket. In background for newcomers: after Coke County was voted dry, people had to go all the way to Angelo for their "snake bite medicine." For those few who were not fortunate enough to own a car when their supply ran out, their only salvation was a pint of Vanilla Extract. Now Vanilla Extract may not sound too inviting for the up-towners, but when 'salvation' is 35 miles away, it does have its merits. One pint will take the sting of snake bite; two pints will insure you against future contamination--of any kind! It was during these time of snake prevention that Frank was his greatest at philosophizing and particularly his greatest at singing...usually late at night.

Frankly--we liked Frank. He was a character, all right, but his demise has in someway detracted from the earthiness and humanness of our town. Honestly, we wish it was possible that Frank Eaton could still be among us.

The letter is dated December 8th, 1955.

Dear Ben,
How are you? You might remember me and you might

not. It matters not, but I wish you would print this thing I am sending you. I was born in Bronte, and years ago (before you ever heard of the town, a lot of us used to go up to see the train come in). There was nothing else to do. This poem is just a bit of nostalgia on my part, but if you think of it...where would America be today, if there were no nostalgia?

I got permission from the author, who works for the El Paso Times, and am henceforth sending same to you.

Am enclosing a dime. Will you mail a copy to the author, Nat Campbell, if you print it.

Thank you and I remain,
Resp.
Frank R. Eaton

Watchin' The Train Come In

Did you ever live in a little town where the folks and all their kin would go to the de-pot every day to watch the train come in? The younger ones would all be there, and some of the older folks, just standin' 'round and gassin' and tellin' country jokes. Some would come a half an hour before 'she' ever showed; others would come a-tearin' up Just as the whistle blowed. Then she'd come a-rollin' in, after the whistle blew, with her big old smokestack puffin' and the bell a-ringin' too. The engineer up in the cab-lookin' mighty proud-would wink at some of the purty gals, and they'd snicker right out loud. The mail-man and the baggage-man would both be leanin' out to greet the folks at every town all along the route. The brakeman and the conductor, though, wouldn't have much to say. actin' awful busy-like to hurry to get away. The conductor had so much to do he'd hardly say a word till they was pullin' out, and then he'd holler "all aboard!"

Nearly all would stand around till she faded clear from view; then they'd all go back up town--there weren't nothing else to do.

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7. Mrs. Bernice (Little) Lee, longtime Bronte, Tx, housewife, born 1893.
8. Leslie Lammers, retired building contractor, son of the stone mason who built the depot, 423 S. Jefferson, born Sept. 10, 1906.

Robert Lee VFD News
By Marian Thompson
Secretary

Firemen met on April 3rd, for a work night, which was a productive evening. They met again on the 8th for a training class. On the 15th, they had the regularly scheduled meeting. 14 members and 1 visitor were present. President Larry Martin presided. The minutes were accepted as read. Dispatcher Bud Thompson reported only 1 call to date this month, which was a control burn. He reported that the sirens are now working. The group discussed public awareness of the siren. Many people are asking what are the signals.

Three long blasts of the siren, 15 to 30 seconds long, is the signal to take immediate shelter as a tomado has been spotted in our area. The firemen are also West Coke County Storm Spotters/Skywam Team. They were out on March 30th and saw the funnel clouds in Robert Lee and reported them to the National Weather Service. The radar did not show them. We, the residents of Robert Lee, saw them. Assistant Chief Keith



Robert Lee natives, Melanie Johnson and Beau Blair, were chosen as two of six campus favorites by the student body of Western Texas College in Snyder last week.

Melanie is the daughter of Dallas and Vallery Johnson and Beau is the son of Tommy and JoNell Blair. Each spring, nominations are held and the top male and female nominees are selected as campus favorites.

Following nominations, an election is held for two weeks after which the two nominees who receive the highest number of votes are named as Mr. and Miss WTC.

This announcement was made during the annual Spring Formal, held this year on Tuesday, April 23.

Eubanks took pictures of the tornado that was not on radar. When 3 long blasts of the sirens are heard, take shelter. We will sound one long blast of the siren to let you know when it is safe to come out. The fire department utilizes the sirens, (2) 15-20 seconds blasts is a call for firemen to assemble at the fire station, for a fire call, drill/meeting, or for any reason firemen are needed.

The second and fourth Monday is fire training, to become a certified fireman. Anyone interested in the department should stop by for a visit. For more information, contact Fire Chief Rick Drennan, Fire Marshal Bud Thompson, or any fireman. Cadets must be 16 to 18 years old and have parents consent to receive fire and rescue training.

Personal

Charlotte Glenn, a senior student at Baylor University, has been accepted to the Michael E. Debakey Summer Surgery Program at Baylor Medical School in Houston. This is a ten-week program beginning on June 7, 2002 and ending on August 2, 2002. She will receive a small stipend and housing will be provided.

Charlotte was one of twenty-five students that were accepted out of several hundred who applied to take part in the program. Her parents are Drs. Victor and Liza Glenn of DeSoto, Texas. Grandparents are Clark and Mary Frances Glenn of Bronte.

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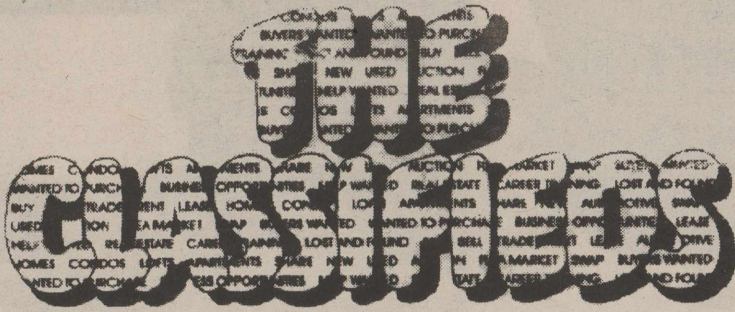
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DEAR FAMILY, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY

Words cannot express the gratitude that we as a family have felt during the last four months of Don's illness. The love and support that we have received from this community have touched us in an overwhelming way.

We thank each and every one of you for the donations, phone calls, cards, flowers and food sent during this time of need.

On several occasions we were told from the people out of town that they were amazed to see our community come together in such a loving, supportive way. We truly are blessed with a wonderful and kind community.

Once again you as a community have made this time easier to walk through with your loving thoughts and prayers.

May God Bless our community.

Robin Sparks & family

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to 42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Coke County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 22nd day of February 2002.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2000 census date. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the

four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Coke County, Texas.

Mary Grim
County Clerk
36-3tc

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Conforme a 42.035 Tejas Eleccion Codigo, la Corte de Comisario, Condado Coke, Tejas, avisa cambio en las fronteras politicas de condados segun se adopto por la corte de comisario y aprobado (pre-cleared) por Estado Unidos Ministerio Justicia el 22nd de Febrero 2002.

Los individuos interesados pueden repasar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del oficial Condado (County Clerk) durante horas de ofician regulares.

Los cambios en recintos de la eleccion del condado fueron hechos necesario por cambios de los recintos de comisiones del condado en conformidad con la constitucion de Estados Unidos y 42 U.S.C. 1973, tambien sabido como Derechos Al Voto, despues del desbloquear do los datos 2000 de censo. Cambios en eleccion recintos del condado fueron disenados para alcanzar el equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro recintos de la corte de las comisiones, y para asegurar los derechos al voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado Coke de Tejas.

Mary Grim
Oficial de Condado
(County Clerk)
36-3tc



Will Howard went to Odessa March 23 to participate in his first large ATA Karate Tournament. He won a trophy for first place in kicks and a medal for first place in sparring.

Will is the son of Valarie Howard of Robert Lee.

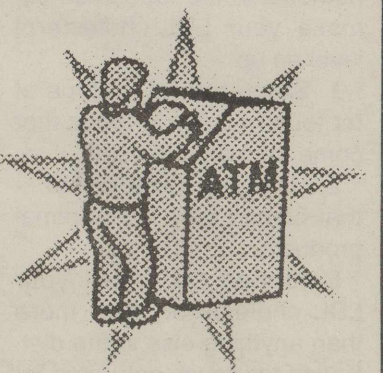
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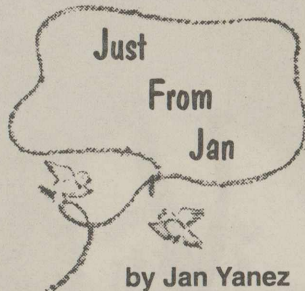
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- *Heredity
- *What you eat
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Heredity

Your genes influence how high your LDL cholesterol is by affecting how fast LDL is made and removed from the blood. High cholesterol often runs in families. Even if you do not have a specific genetic form of high cholesterol, genes still play a role in influencing your LDL cholesterol level. Your genes can give you cells that don't remove LDL cholesterol from your blood efficiently, or a liver that produces too much cholesterol as VLDL particles. Your genetic makeup can also result in too few HDL particles.

What you eat

Your body makes all the cholesterol it needs; in fact, it is not necessary to take in any additional cholesterol through food. Two main nutrients in the foods you eat make your LDL cholesterol level go up:

1. **Saturated fat** - a type of fat found mostly in foods that come from animals; and
2. **Dietary cholesterol** - that comes only from animal products.

Saturated fat raises your LDL cholesterol level more than anything else in the diet. Eating too much saturated fat and cholesterol is the main reason for high levels of cholesterol and a high rate of heart attacks in the United States. Reducing the amount of saturated fat and cholesterol you eat is a very important step in reducing your blood cholesterol levels.

Weight

Excess weight tends to increase your LDL cholesterol level. If you are overweight and have a high LDL cholesterol level, losing weight may help you lower it. Weight loss also helps to lower triglycerides and raise HDL "good" cholesterol.

Physical activity

Regular physical activity (exercise) may not only lower LDL cholesterol, but it may increase levels of desirable

HDL cholesterol.

Age and gender

Before menopause, women tend to have total cholesterol levels lower than those of men the same age. As women and men get older, their blood cholesterol levels naturally rise. After about age 50, women often have higher total cholesterol than men of the same age. Menopause is often associated with increased LDL cholesterol levels in women.

Alcohol

Alcohol intake increases HDL "good" cholesterol, but does not lower LDL "bad" cholesterol. Doctors don't know for certain whether alcohol also reduces the risk of heart disease. Drinking too much alcohol can damage the liver and the heart muscle, lead to high blood pressure, and raise triglycerides. Because of the risks, alcoholic beverages should not be used as a way to prevent heart disease.

Stress

Several studies have shown that stress over the long term raises blood cholesterol levels. One way that stress may do this is by affecting your habits, e.g., eating fatty, "comfort foods". The saturated fat and cholesterol in these foods contribute to higher blood cholesterol levels.

RL 5th & 6th grade band receives a Division 1

by Briana Longoria, Anna Rojas, Ashley Hopson

On Friday, April 19th, the Robert Lee fifth & sixth grade band traveled to Sandy Lake in Dallas to perform in the Sandy Lake Fun Festival. Twenty-nine bands competed in this 32nd annual festival. The Robert Lee band was the smallest band there, but their sound was "balanced, blended, and pleasing." When the results were announced, the band received a Division 1 rating. It was an emotional moment for both the band students and for their sponsors. Band director, Mr. Brad Roberts, praised the band for their excellent performance. When interviewed by these reporters, Mr. Roberts stated, "I felt they performed about as good as they could. They made incredible sounds up there on that stage. I'm very proud of these kids. The students at Robert Lee, all ages, make this job fun."

The group spent an enjoyable afternoon riding amusement rides and having fun. On the way home, the band stopped at McDonald's in Weatherford for supper.

This trip was funded by money raised by the 5th and 6th grade band classes. The band appreciated the support from Robert Lee citizens. Members of the 5th and 6th grade band are:

5th grade: Holly Austin, Amy Barnett, Jennifer Barrett, Garrett Blair, Kimberly Cardenas, Tiffany Coffee, Jasmine Gloria, Kaden Duncan, Cory Fields, Josh Gallegos, Caleb Millican, Arrin Minjarez, Dustin Moreno, Olga



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Perez, Vanessa Ramon, Michael Rodriguez, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Jodi Sheldon, Cori Torres, Cody Williamson, Jimmy Womack.

6th grade: Jesse Braswell, Molly Burns, Chelsea Conner, Cody Denton, Brody Dillard, Cameron Hodge, Ashley Hopson, Chris LaRue, Briana Longoria, Melissa Martinez, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas, Ronald Shaw, Kasie Skinner, Luke Thurman.

Out of the Ordinary

by Jane Austin Bruckner

(We are celebrating Women's History Month by featuring Robert Lee Mayor Garland Davis' Grandmother Martha. This story was written by his cousin Joydell Kinsey Deen for Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas, Eakin Press, 2002. Joydell, a loving mother, grandmother and a geriatric nurse, died last year before seeing it in print).

Grandma Matt

by Joydell Kinsey Deen

Grandma Martha Ellen Lewis Davis, called Matt, of medium height and sort of plump, would shake all over when she laughed, which caused her blue eyes to twinkle. She had snow white hair and wore it up, with a wave on the top. When she hugged me, she smelled of lilac and sunshine and starch.

My Grandma Matt was mother of ten children and "Matt" to twenty-four grandchildren. Besides all of the first cousins that lived in Robert Lee, Texas, we were kin to the Wallaces, Williams and Lewises, and they had large families. And we were often at Matt's house where a lavish amount of love and family togetherness seemed to flow from Matt.

Grandma Matt's mother lived with them and when we stayed the night, the lucky one got to sleep with Grandma Lewis in her soft, fluffy feather bed. The rest of us slept on pallets or the big black divan that opened out. There would often be three or four to a pallet. Grandma Matt never seemed to run out of quilts, pillows or patience for us.

Grandma Matt's breakfasts would wake us up before daylight with smells and sounds of coffee perking, bacon or sausage sizzling, and the wonderful smell of the big melt-in-the-mouth biscuits baking. We'd

hurry, sleepily, to the kitchen where all the grown-ups were talking, laughing and helping. We'd sit on the long bench or in our parents' laps. Grandma Matt would fix us children a cup of milk with a little coffee and sugar in it. There were crystal bottles with syrup, jams and honey... and a butter dish with real chummed butter.

She maintained a large vegetable garden, had peach and apricot trees. We ate the fresh vegetables and she canned the rest for winter. But she always had enough of canned vegetables, jams or eggs or butter to take to a neighbor's when we'd go visit. Further, she had lots of areas for growing flowers: roses, lilacs, crepe myrtles, phlox, petunias and zinnias. Her fresh cut flowers were arranged for home, with a big bouquet to take to church on Sunday mornings.

Grandma always included us children, when she was rolling pie crusts, shelling peas, gathering eggs, tasting fruit as she cut it up, cutting flowers and arranging them in vases. We would sit beside her while she did her tating or while she showed us how to sew on buttons or cut quilt blocks and stitch them together. And on hot summer days, she'd let us lay on the still wet, wooden porch floor after she scrubbed it. Now, that was cool!

Best of all was the music that was always there. Grandma Matt might be humming or whistling while she worked in the kitchen, or garden; nearly every Saturday night family and friends came to play guitars, fiddles, spoons, harmonicas, the saw, even a broom handle on a tub. Everyone would sing, including the children and Grandma Matt.

On Sunday mornings, the house would be clean and tidy; Sunday lunch was prepared before we left for church. Most of our family went to worship at the Church of Christ with the Williams, Wallaces and Lewises and Grandma's dear friends, the Keys, Lowrances and the Gunnels. Grandma taught us to sit up, listen to the sermon and to sing the songs and to know the Golden Rule. We nearly always had company for Sunday lunch often including the preacher and his family. Sunday lunch was often fried chicken, fresh vegetables in season and peach cobbler and corn bread.

When I was ten, Grandma

had been diagnosed with breast cancer and was treated in Houston with surgery and radiation. When she returned home and was confined to bed and needed care givers, we moved in with her and Grandpa to help take care of her. I really liked caring for her. She made me feel that what I was doing made her feel so much better. Perhaps that is why I chose geriatric nursing as my profession. I have found a lot of personal satisfaction caring for older people. When I care for older adults, I in some way am caring for my grandmother or someone else's grandmother.

Next read about Rancher Garland Richards' Grandmother Lucinda buying Fort Chadbourne.

Support critical for caregivers

"In sickness and in health, 'til death do us part," is a harsh reality for a spouse who must attach the role of caregiver to that of lifetime partner. Communication and support from family and friends can make the transition more manageable, said Dr. Nancy Wilson, an assistant professor of medicine at the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine.

"When one partner becomes chronically ill or disabled, the relationship between the couple changes. Knowing what to expect can help ease that change," Wilson said.

Wilson encourages the ill or disabled partner to offer praise and encouragement if the caregiving spouse makes mistakes while learning to drive, balancing the checkbook, cooking, or doing laundry. She said it is equally important that the caregiver expresses appreciation for contributions the ill partner is able to make.

If possible, the caregiver should encourage the ill or disabled spouse to continue lifelong interests, invite family members to share simple activities or talk about the day's events. Being around other people will help lessen feelings of isolation. Caregivers should "refuel" by pursuing their own activities, spending time with friends and family or participating in a support group.