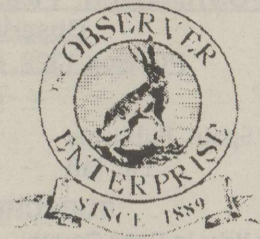


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Golf tournament to benefit Project Graduation 2004

There will be a 4 person select shot, 18 hole golf tournament to benefit Project Graduation 2004.

It will be held on Saturday, October 18, at the Mountain Creek Golf Course. Shotgun start time will be at 10:00 am. Special rules and regulations will apply. Have a good time while supporting Project Graduation!!

CC Retired Teachers to meet October 20

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, October 20, 2003. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Beef cattle parasitology seminar

A Beef Cattle Parasitology seminar will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21st at the Shed beginning at 6:00 pm. A hamburger meal will be provided and will be sponsored by Pioneer Vet Clinic and Ft. Dodge Laboratories.

The seminar will be approved for CEU's. Dr. Bill Clymer, Parasitologist with Ft. Dodge Laboratories, will present the program.

RSVP to the clinic, (325) 754-5487, by noon on Saturday, October 18, if you plan to attend.

Bronte Halloween plans told

The Bronte Schools and community encourage all the Bronte children to Trick or Treat for Halloween between the hours of 5 pm and 7 pm Thursday, October 30.

The Bronte Fire Department will blow the fire whistle at 5 pm as a signal to begin and again at 7 pm for the trick or treating to stop and to come to the Mini Park by City Hall for a special treat from the Chamber of Commerce!

Seniors plan upcoming dance

The Coke County Senior Citizens are sponsoring an upcoming dance at the rec hall in Robert Lee. All senior citizens are welcome to come and dance to the music of the Coy Moses Band. Dances will be held every third Thursday, beginning October 16, 2003.

A small fee will be charged in order to pay the band. Bring finger food such as

sandwiches, chips, cookies, etc. Bring a friend and enjoy a good night of music and dancing.

Sale & show of quilts, crafts, & baked goods set for Oct. 18

On Saturday, October 18, 2003 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, there will be a sale and show of quilts, crafts and baked goods. It will be held in the Lion's Club building in Wingate, Texas (Between Bronte & Abilene). For more information call 325/743-8588 or 325/743-6061.

Sterling County Hunter Appreciation dinner set for November 1

The Extension Program Council Executive Board of Texas Cooperative Extension in Sterling City is sponsoring their annual Hunter's Appreciation Dinner November 1, 2003, at the Sterling County Community Center beginning at 6:00 pm.

Dinner will be fajitas with all the trimmings and desserts made by ladies from local churches. The public is encouraged to attend. Sponsored hunters will eat free.

Contact Chad Coburn at 325-378-3181 for more information.

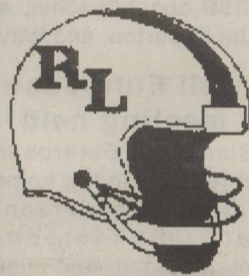
Big Spring arts & crafts festival

The 27th annual Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival will be held October 18th and 19th at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the foyer, concourse and main arena with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. There is no admission charge.

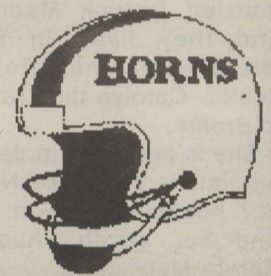
Vista Care sponsors support group

VistaCare and the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a bereavement support group for family and friends who have experienced the death of a loved one. These small support groups will be led by VistaCare staff: Jim Chaumont, Bereavement Coordinator; and Roger Roenfeldt, Chaplain. The first of five sessions will begin Monday, October 27 at 5:30

Coke County Football!



2003



ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Miles Bulldogs

7:30 pm

Friday, October 17

Miles

BRONTE LONGHORNS

vs.

Roby Lions

7:30 pm

Friday, October 17

Roby

Hunting & Fishing Guide slated

The 2003 Coke County Hunting & Fishing Guide is slated to be published in the October 24th edition of the Observer/Enterprise. The deadline for pictures and editorial copy is Friday, October 17.

Every effort will be made to contact advertisers prior to this deadline. However, if we miss you, please do not hesitate to call our office at 453-2433.

The annual Hunting & Fishing Guide has been recognized as one of the best publications of its type in the state. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of this annual guide to the hunting and fishing resources of Coke County.

Hunter Barbecue tickets available

Tickets are now available for the 15th Annual Hunters Barbecue, set for Saturday, November 1, 2003, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets for their hunters at the following locations in Robert

Lee: C&H Auto and Hardware, Key Feed Store, or Wink Insurance. Donations may also be mailed to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

For more information contact Robert Wink, Chairman, at 453-4551 (ofc) and 453-2003 (home). According to Wink, "our deer hunters bring a lot of dollars into the local economy, and we would like to express our appreciation to them for their continued support."

In addition, there is always a place for local folks to help with the appreciation barbecue, whether you want to volunteer as a cook, baker, server, ticket taker, or serve on the set-up or clean-up crews. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Robert Wink at the phone numbers above.

Desserts needed for Bronte Barbecue

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue in Bronte will be held this year on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Coordinator Kerry Hall would like to make an appeal to area cooks to provide a dessert for the benefit barbecue. If you would like to donate a dessert, please contact Kerry Hall at 473-2065.

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Obituaries

Macmanus

Carolyn Scott Macmanus, 69, of Bronte died October 13, 2003.

Carolyn was born to Clarence and Beulah Nardell on July 15, 1934 in LaPorte, Texas. She married Darwin Scott of Bronte and they had five boys, David Scott of Bronte, Richard Scott of Big Lake, Eugene Scott of Fernley, Nevada, Randy Scott of Bronte, and Tim Scott of Shep.

Darwin Scott preceded her in death in 1987 and she later married Patrick Macmanus and they lived in Biloxi, Mississippi until Patrick's death. Carolyn then returned to Bronte.

She is preceded in death by her father, Clarence Nardell, her husband, Darwin Scott, and her second husband, Patrick Macmanus.

Carolyn is survived by five sons, David Scott, Richard Scott, Eugene Scott, Randy Scott, and Tim Scott; her mother, Beulah Nardell of Waco; two brothers, Bobby Nardell of Tennessee and Jerry Nardell of Waco; twelve grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at the Bronte Church of Christ, officiated by John Driggers. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. A family visitation was held on Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Clint Scott, Dustin Scott, T.J. Scott, Arron Scott, Jerrimy Harrison, Rick

Sherwood, and Bradley Holmes.

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Phillips

Lorene Phillips, 87, of Bronte died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003, in a San Angelo Hospital. Funeral service was held at 2 pm Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Central Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Arbie Miller and wife, Betty Ann, of Wingate; one daughter, Barbara Renfro of Robert Lee; one brother, Henry "Hank" Price of Pottsboro, Texas; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Thurman

Bobbie Gayle Thurman, 48, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2003. Graveside services were Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Odessa.

Survivors include sons, Nathan Don Thurman of Sequin and Jarreth Lucas Thurman of Robert Lee; daughters, Stephanie Wyatt Thurman of Dallas and Amanda Nicole Thurman of Robert Lee; parents, John and Virginia Self of Odessa, and grandmother, Margaret Wyatt Speckles of Odessa.

ECC ambulance runs for September 2003

09-14-03 - 08:45 - medical transport
09-19-03 - 05:15 - medical transport
09-19-03 - 12:20 - medical transport
09-21-03 - 14:15 - trauma transport
09-24-03 - 17:50 - medivac
09-30-03 - 19:46 - trauma transport

Memorials

Red Koenig
Bronte ISD
Howard Boyd
Lois Wallace



Members of the Bronte High School classes of 1973-1977 got together during the 2003 BHS Homecoming weekend. Jimmy Rawlings had contacted a number of people to invite them for a visit at the park on what turned out to be a beautiful, early-fall afternoon. Some of those who turned out include (back row, from left) Shelley Cumbie, Arthur Martinez, Maria Thompson, Glenda Mills, Michelle Golson, Dawn Cumbie, Alan Barbee, (front row, from left) C. B. Barbee - retired BISD Superintendent, Sandra Stroebel, Leah Barbee, Jimmy Rawlings, Laura Glenn, Gerald Sandusky - retired BISD coach/teacher, and Valerie Hubbard. Also attending were Shalon Cooper, Randy Gibbs, Kim Caperton, and Wayne King - retired BISD teacher.

Blackwell Euterpean Club meeting held

The Blackwell Euterpean Club met recently in the home of Heather Sanderson. Heather Sanderson, President, presided, and business was discussed.

Cliffa Hogue and Brenda Smith were voted as new members.

Members present were

Dona Sanderson, Heather Sanderson, Sue Dean, Rosie TenEyck, Hulene Magness, Lillie Burwick, Sharon Taylor, Karen Saunders, Betty Cole, and Janet Lisso.

Secret Pals gifts were exchanged. New names were drawn for the ensuing year.

A dessert plate was enjoyed by all.

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Sun. 10 am Sunday School

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Wed. 7 pm

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601 W. 10th, Robert Lee

(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
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(325) 453-4645
Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Tennyson Baptist Church
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(325) 482-0663
Sun. 10:00 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
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(325) 453-2208
Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
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Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Bailey, Rogers wed in ceremony

Amy Janae Bailey and Todd Allen Rogers were united in marriage March 29, 2003, in the Courtyard of The Historic Stillwell House in downtown Tucson, Arizona. The ceremony was performed by Father Colum McCarthy. The music for the ceremony was performed by harpist Dr. Christine Vivona. The bride's father sang a solo in honor of the couple.

The reception began with appetizers served in the Cantina, followed by an elegant sit-down dinner in the historic house. The harpist played a mix of classical and jazz music during dinner. Dancing commenced in the Cantina immediately following.

The bride is the daughter of Patsy Pittman of Snyder, Texas, and Tom Bailey of Henderson, Nevada. She is the granddaughter of the late Oliver and Lillie Pittman of Bronte and the late Mancil and Leona Bailey of Lamesa. The groom's parents are Allen and Ellen Rogers of Granger, Indiana.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a white A-line dress with a halter neckline and an intricate beadwork design. She carried a bouquet of white, sierra and blush roses. She also carried her Grandmother Pittman's handkerchief in her hand.

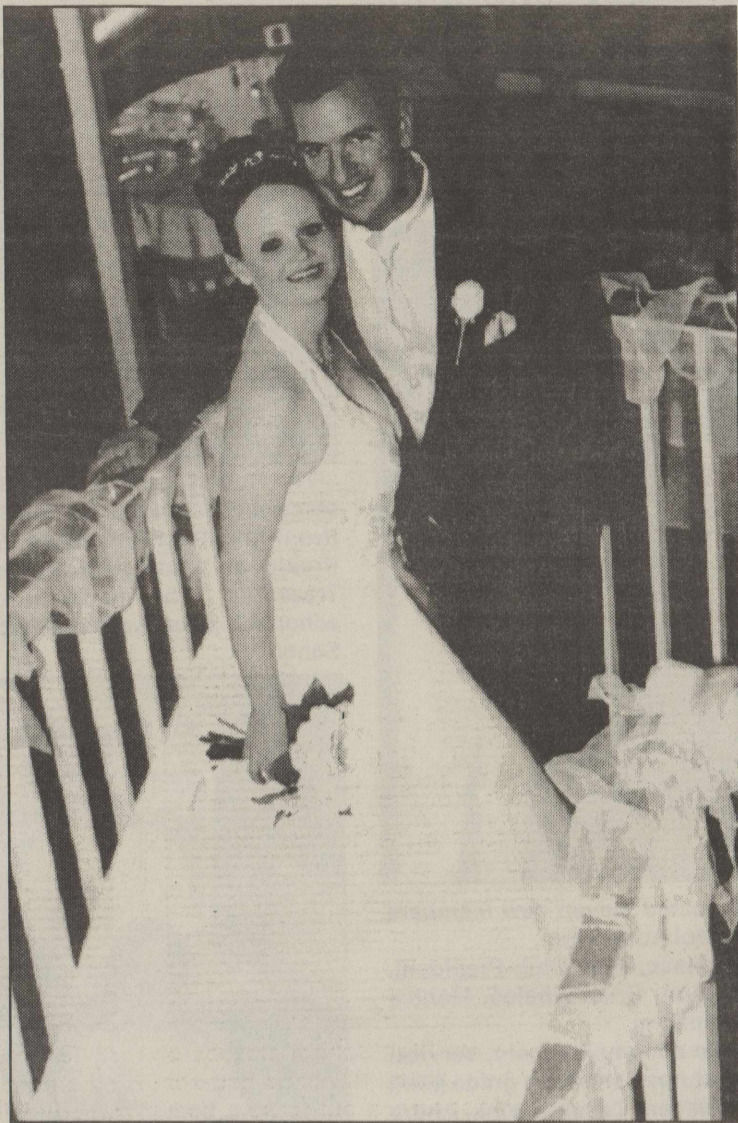
The maid of honor was Leni Brass of Dallas, Texas. The bridesmaid was Jennifer Glover of Tucson, Arizona. The ladies both wore satin strapless ball gowns in the shade of champagne with beaded shoes to match. The best man was Baron Bennett of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The bride is a graduate of Bronte High School and earned her degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She currently works at the University of Arizona in Residence Life. The groom has a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. He is employed by Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson, Arizona.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Waikiki, Hawaii, and make their home in Tucson.

Local judge attends seminar

Judge Joan Davis of Robert Lee was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held October 7-10, 2003 in Lubbock, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University - San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of six held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Juvenile Law, Civil versus Small Claims, Traffic Laws, Parks and Wildlife Laws, Commercial Drivers License, Property Code Issues, J.P. Office Procedure for Clerkless Courts, Bond Setting and Forfeiture, Mock Trial, New Technology and Financial Management.



Mr. and Mrs. Todd Allen Rogers

Mahurin and Martin exchange vows

Rachel Mahurin and Christopher Martin, both of Carlsbad, New Mexico, exchanged wedding vows at 1:30 pm on Sunday, October 12 at Sanco. The couple was married in the historic Methodist Church, which was dedicated in 1903. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Judge Joan Davis of Robert Lee.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Brenda Williams of Sweetwater and Sam and Donna French of Carlsbad, N.M.

Chris is the son of Lorri and

Jimmy Martin of San Angelo.

In keeping with the historic setting, Chris and Rachel spent their wedding night at the Fort Concho barracks reserved for special occasions.

It seemed fitting that the wedding marked the 100th marriage performed by Judge Davis in her 13-year tenure.

Bronte VFD runs for August 2003

- 09-07-03 - grass fire
- 09-13-03 - grass fire
- 09-20-03 - 20:30 - control burn
- 09-21-03 - 14:30 - motor vehicle accident

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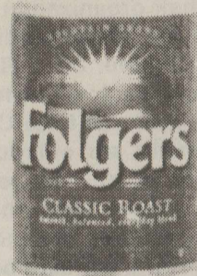
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee High School chapter of the National Beta Club inducted eleven new members into their organization September 29, 2003, in the Robert Lee High School Auditorium.

The candlelight induction ceremony was conducted by Rachel Wallace, Beta Club President. Lindsey Roe, Julie Riley, Tyler Lott, Brittany Soliz, Jessica Fluhmann, Brian Abalos, Monica Barrera, Monica Rodriguez, and Michele Sanchez assisted with the ceremony.

The National Beta Club criteria for membership includes scholastic accomplishment, service, leadership, and character. To become a member of Beta, students must have at least a grade point average of 90. The new Beta members are Wade Arledge, Jr., Kyla Millican, Cassidy Wink, Andra Braswell, Amanda Thurman, Carolina Vera, Cara Eaton, Stephanie Trejo, Lance Millican, Tina Arellano, Josh Alexander, and Bridgette Barnett.

Following the ceremony, a reception for the new members and their parents was held. Beta Club sponsors are Vicki Neace and Tammy Roe.

Steers vs: Roscoe

by Tom Sawyer
1st half

The Steers lost another hard fought battle last week against the Plowboy's. Roscoe had all their scoring in the first half with 3 rushing and 2 passing touchdowns, then capping it off with an interception returned for their final score. Roscoe 42-Steers 0.

2nd half

The third quarter went fast with no scoring. In the fourth quarter, the Steers, Cole Flanagan ran it in from four yards to score their only touchdown and also took it in for the two-point conversion. Roscoe 42-Steers 8.

The Steers fought really hard last week and continue to put forth a great effort. Everyone come out and see Robert Lee take it to Miles.

Robert Lee Project Graduation 2005

Robert Lee Project Graduation 2005 will be taking orders for basketball shirts. Shirts will be available in short or long sleeves. FMI contact Cindy Riley, Valarie Howard, Elena Sanchez or go by Cathy's to place your order.

AON to host supper

AON Service Club will be hosting their annual chicken spaghetti supper Friday, October 24, before the Sterling City/Robert Lee football game.

The supper will be held in the RLHS school cafeteria, 5:00-7:00. The proceeds from this supper will go to the Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarship fund. These scholarships will be awarded to seniors from RLHS during the spring semester.

Tickets are \$3.00 for children under 12, and \$5.00 for adults. Take-out will be available again this year. Please call Cathy at 453-2036 or see a member and have your food delivered to you at work or home.

AON has awarded 51 scholarships for \$20,450. This supper is the main fund-raiser for these scholarships. However, without community support these would not be possible. We invite you to come join us, eat a delicious



The Robert Lee High School chapter of the National Beta Club elected officers for the 2003-2004 school year. They include (from left) Rachel Wallace, President; Monica Rodriguez, Vice President; Lindsey Roe, Secretary; and Jessica Fluhmann, Treasurer. The purpose of the Beta Club is to promote scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at Robert Lee High School.



The Robert Lee High School Apparel/Nutrition class recently attended the Ben E. Keith Food Exposition in Abilene. The students learned about the food service industry, how food is marketed, who might use these products and career opportunities in the food industry. The students' favorite part of the expo was tasting the food the vendors had as samples. (They overall favorite was the chocolate covered strawberries!) They also were able to make their own garnishes taught by Executive Chef Jon Blaze. He then presented the teacher with the knives used in the carving process to give to each student. Shannon Honse, Clarissa Peel, Jennifer Fluhmann, Amber Perez, Rachel Wallace, and Erica Hayes are shown with their garnishes. Sheri Millican is the students' sponsor.

meal, fellowship with others, and help out a senior!

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 20

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

Wed., Oct. 22

Juice, pancake on stick, cereal, milk

Thurs., Oct. 23

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Friday, Oct. 24

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 20

Salisbury steak, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Oven baked chicken, creamed potatoes, English peas, sliced bread, pears, milk

Wed., Oct. 22

Tacos, cheese, salad, Spanish rice, ranch beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Thurs., Oct. 23

Chicken spaghetti, carrots, roll, pineapple, cookie, milk

Friday, Oct. 24

Hamburger, salad, pickles, tator tots, ice cream, milk

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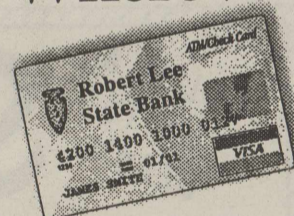
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August 29	Cross Plains	Here	8:00	18	20
September 5	Menard	There	8:00	8	37
** September 12	Garden City	Here	8:00	15	27
September 19	Christoval	There	8:00	6	33
September 26	Winters	Here	8:00	7	49
October 3	Open				
* October 10	Roscoe	There	7:30	0	42
* October 17	Miles	There	7:30		
* October 24	Sterling City	Here	7:30		
* October 31	Roby	There	7:30		
* November 7	Bronte	Here	7:30		

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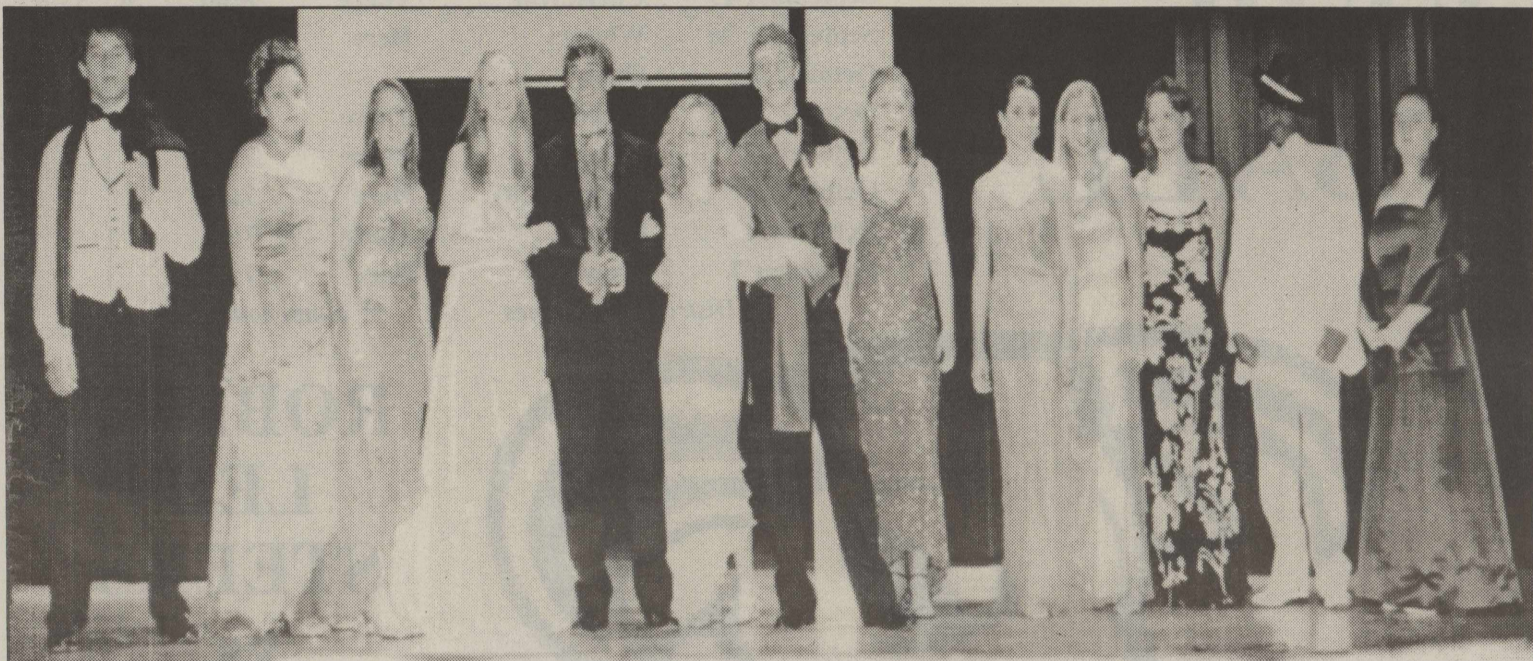
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#61, Coach Koffa, Vincent McCallan, Jerry #64
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



The Bronte High School Tech Prep group presented a prom fashion show Wednesday, October 8, 2003, in the auditorium during the tutorials period. The group consists of Ashley Denton, Corin Garcia, and Britney McCutchen. The presentation included women's and men's formal wear from Korona's in San Angelo. Participating in the fashion show were Bronte High School students (from left) Cory Cooper, Salena Soto, Ashley Denton, Britney McCutchen, Tyson Baker,

Corin Garcia, Brandon Hall, Rebecca Rawlings, Lillian McMullan, Cheyenne Webb, Monica Whipple, Tyrell Betts, and Diane Womack.

The organizers were assisted by Patty from Korona Formals.

Johnson 11 kills, 2 assists, 2 aces, 1 block; Katie Cooper 9 kills, 2 assists, 1 ace; Nicole Stewart 1 kill, 2 aces; Megan Gibbs 1 kill, and Crystal Waller 1 kill.

Lady S'horns take wins

The Bronte Lady Shorthorns were back in action on the road this week. After an open date, lots of fundamental work, and some much needed rest, the Shorthorns were firing. Both the "A" volleyball team and the "B" volleyball team were victorious over the Sterling City team.

Several players impacted the games with their positive attitudes and willingness to go to the floor if needed. Clutch plays included superb serving by Stephanie Flores, Nicole Reed, Samantha Swagerty, and Crystal Minjarez. Casey Harris, Ariel Coalson, Lora Martinez, Terrah Macon, and Johnnye Michael all had kills that came at crucial times to uplift the game.

Defensive efforts by Jessi England, Brittany Sarratt, Savannah Martinez, and Emily Austin kept the Lady Eagles from challenging the victory.

Longhorns hold on for victory

The Bronte Longhorns opened District play Friday night with a 22-16 victory over the Sterling City Eagles. The win makes Bronte 5-1 overall and 1-0 in District.

Bronte held the highly touted backfield of Sterling City to 22 yards on 27 attempts. The Eagles' only success was in the air, where they threw for 159 yards and two touchdowns. Defense was led by Justin Moore and Garrett Jackson with five tackles each and Cody Lee with four tackles.

Offensively, Bronte grinded out 16 first downs and 189 yards rushing on 50 attempts. Garrett Fiveash led the way with 118 yards on 32 attempts.

Bronte next travels to Roby to take on the Lions.

Shorthorns defeat Sterling City, 14-0

The Bronte Shorthorns defeated Sterling City, 14-0, and started off with a bang. On the second play of the game, Kyle Nealy picked off a Sterling City pass and six plays later, he took it in for the first score. Bret Wills made it 8-0 on the two point conversion.

Sterling City made a run for the end zone late in the second quarter, only to have another pass intercepted by Nealy to stop the drive.

Neither team could move the ball in the 2nd half until the 4th quarter when Cody Wallace and C. J. McClure opened a big hole for Brett Wills to take the ball 47 yards for the last score of the game.

Both the Shorthorn offense and defense did a great job. The Shorthorns play Roby October 16 at 5 pm in Bronte.

Lady Horns split matches

The Bronte varsity volleyball team took on Miles October 11th but lost with scores of 23-25, 25-23, 20-25, 25-17, and 13-15. Individual stats: McCutchen 31 assists, 6 kills, 1 block; Howell 18 kills, 3 blocks; Coalson 9 kills, 2 aces; Garcia 4 kills; Rawlings 3 kills; Webb 1 kill, 1 assist, and Johnson 1 kill.

The Bronte Varsity won against Veribest with scores of 25-23, 26-24, 22-25, and 25-20. Stats: Britney McCutchen 43 assists, 6 kills; Kanah Coalson 21 kills, 1 ace, 1 assist; Kailey Howell 17

kills, 1 block; Logan Acker 2 aces; Rebecca Rawlings 3 kills; Cheyenne Webb 1 kill; and Corin Garcia 4 kills.

JV Ladies post wins

The Bronte JV volleyball team took their victory against Miles with scores of 16-25, 20-25, 25-19, 26-24, 15-6. Individual stats: Macon 8 assists, 4 aces, 1 kill; Cooper 8 kills, 2 assists, 1 ace; Gibbs 3 kills, 3 aces, 1 block; Stewart 1 kill; and Basquez 1 kill, 1 block and 2 aces.

The JV took another victory against Veribest with scores of 25-13, 25-11, 26-24. Individual stats: Desi Mirelez 15 assists, 2 kills, 1 ace; Calli

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, October 20

Cereal, Orange Half, Toast, Jelly, Milk

Tuesday, October 21

Sausage Rolls, Juice, Milk

Wednesday, October 22

French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk

Thursday, October 23

Sausage, Juice, Biscuit, Milk

Friday, October 24

Donut, Juice, Teddy Grams, Milk

Lunch

Monday, October 20

Barbequed Sausage Links, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Sliced Peaches, Roll, Milk

Tuesday, October 21

Frito Pie, Chili & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Corn Chips, Milk, Jello

Wednesday, October 22

Sliced Roast Beef w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Milk, Spice Cake

Thursday, October 23

Spaghetti, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Bread Sticks, Milk

Friday, October 24

Chick-Fil-Lay Sandwich, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Bun, Milk, Cinnamon Rolls

Pep Rally to be held downtown

The Bronte High School cheerleaders encourage everyone in Bronte to come cheer on the Bronte Longhorns as they prepare for the second district game against the Roby Lions at a downtown pep rally Friday, October 19, at 3:10 pm.

Wear maroon and bring your school spirit to support our Longhorn team. The pep rally will be held in front of the local businesses on Main Street in Bronte.

At 4:10 pm, the cheerleaders are having "Honk-Off" for the team as they leave town to travel to Roby. Park on the side of the road to honk as our team leaves town.

Longhorn Radio 88.5 is up and broadcasting

Bronte High School students are now "on the air" with the newest radio station in Bronte - Longhorn Radio 88.5 FM. Though the low wattage FM station can only be heard about 3 miles out of Bronte, the multi media class is excited about recording and broadcasting on the air waves.

Music will be played twenty-four hours a day, and there are live announcements at 12 noon every day. The home football and volleyball games will be broadcast live. If you cannot make the games, don't forget to tune into Longhorn Radio 88.5.

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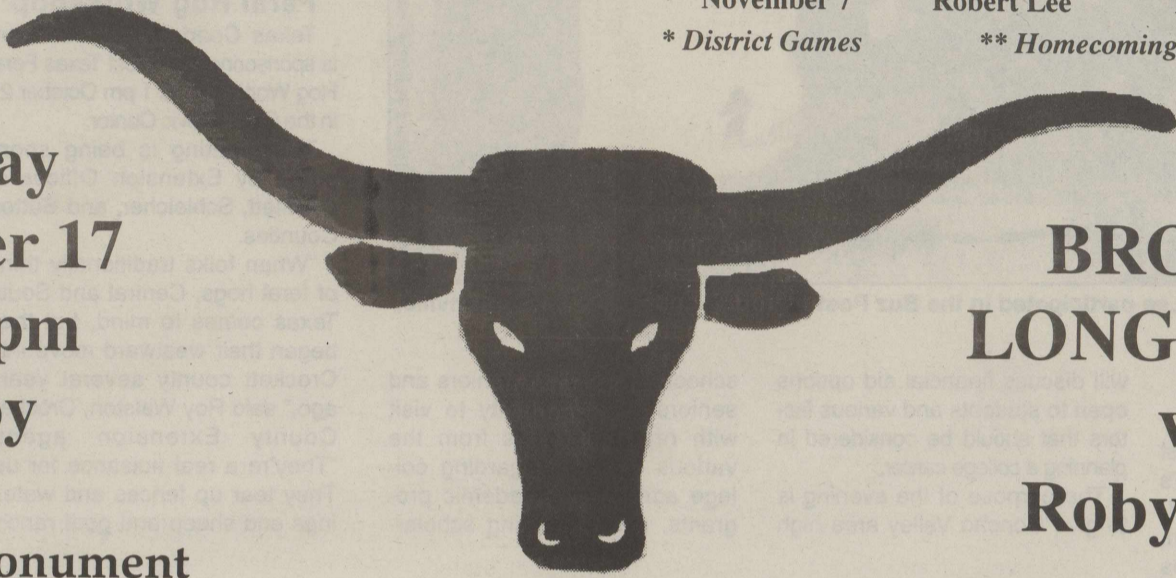
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* October 24	Miles	Here	7:30
* October 31	Roscoe	Here	7:30
* November 7	Robert Lee	There	7:30
* District Games	** Homecoming		



Friday
October 17
7:30 pm
Roby

BRONTE
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VS.
Roby Lions

Shaffer Monument

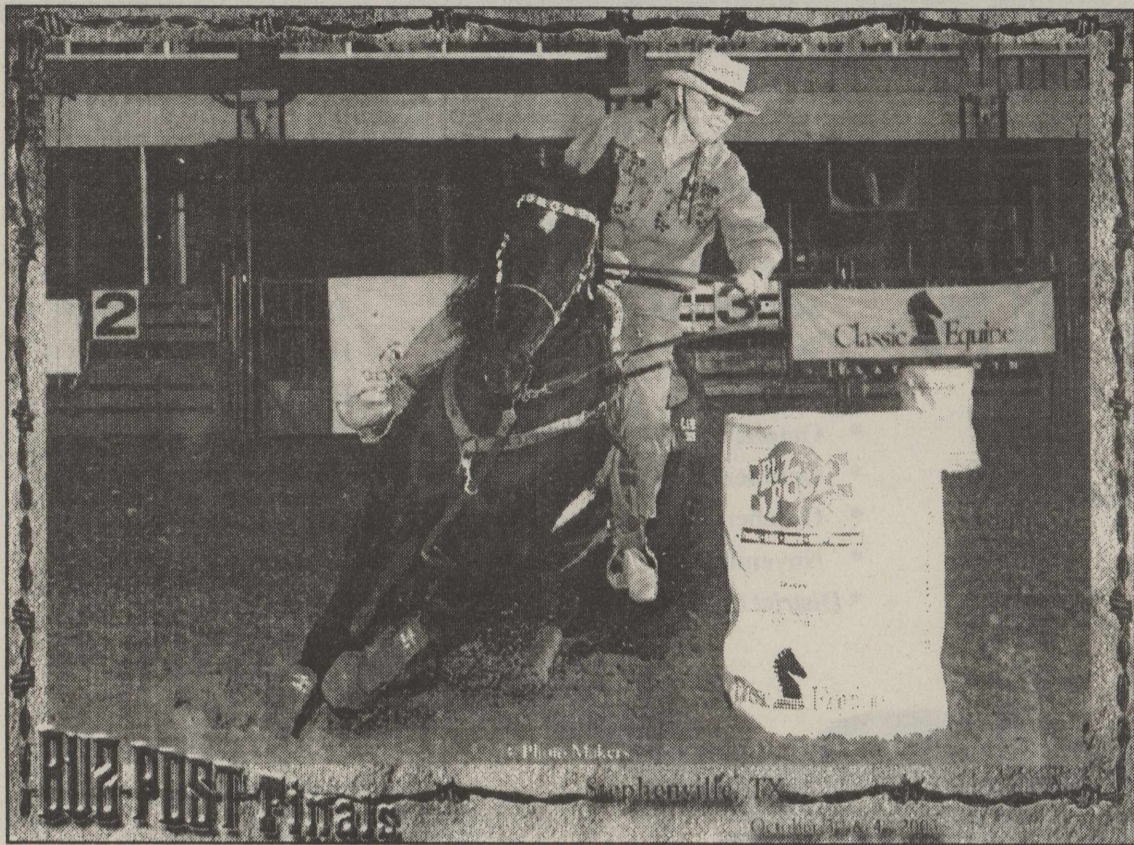
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Dorothea Wright of Robert Lee participated in the Buz Post Barrel Racing Finals in Stephenville, Texas, October 3 and 4, 2003.

WTRC needs quilting friends stitching

An important element of West Texas Rehabilitation Center's annual telethon on January 17, 2004 is the quilt/afghan auction, which features handmade items donated by individuals and quilting clubs throughout West Texas.

Each year, these handcrafted gifts raise about \$25,000-all of which goes directly into rehabilitation treatment programs for children and adults who are trying to stitch together the pieces of lives which have been ripped apart by illness or injury.

With Rehab 2004 only months away, WTRC is asking for its quilting friends to begin stitching together their quilts and afghans now - and let Rehab know about it. To get more information or to say "Yes, Rehab can count on me for a quilt or afghan," call the donor relations department at WTRC San Angelo at 325-223-6300.

The Rehab Center provides outpatient rehabilitation care to more than 20,000 patients each year through its facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. Top quality treatment services are provided to every patient regardless of their financial status-thanks to the generous support Rehab receives for such fundraising events as the annual telethon.

ASU to host Concho Valley College Night

Angelo State University will host Concho Valley College Night Monday, Oct. 20, to give students from the area an opportunity to visit with representatives from some 100 colleges and universities from throughout Texas.

Representatives from the various institutions of higher education as well as from different branches of the U.S. military will be available to provide information and to answer specific questions from high school students and their parents. Activities begin at 6:30 pm Oct. 20 with a financial aid/college planning workshop. The college visitation will follow 7-8:30 pm in the Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont on the ASU campus.

The financial aid/college planning workshop in Room 110-111 of the University Center will feature Jim Glossbrenner, high school relations coordinator for the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Association, and Lyn B. Wheeler, director of student financial services at ASU. They

will discuss financial aid options open to students and various factors that should be considered in planning a college career.

The purpose of the evening is to give Concho Valley area high

school sophomores, juniors and seniors an opportunity to visit with representatives from the various schools regarding college admission, academic programs, costs, housing scholar-

ships and other topics. College Night is designed to allow students and their parents to contact a maximum of Texas institutions of higher learning at a minimum of time and effort. The session also provides a way for students to narrow their collegiate options or to explore other educational possibilities.

This will mark the ninth year that ASU has hosted the event for the Concho Valley. Students seeking additional information or interested in attending the Concho Valley College Night may contact the ASU Office of Admissions at 942-2041, Ext. 230, or their high school counselors for more information.

Feral Hog Workshop

Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring the "West Texas Feral Hog Workshop" at 1 pm October 21 in the Ozona Civic Center.

The meeting is being sponsored by Extension Offices in Crockett, Schleicher, and Sutton Counties.

"When folks traditionally think of feral hogs, Central and South Texas comes to mind, but they began their westward move into Crockett county several years ago," said Roy Walston, Crockett County Extension agent. "They're a real nuisance for us. They tear up fences and waterings and sheep and goat ranch-

ers are scared to death of them and rightly so. Our purpose for having this meeting is to bring producers up-to-date on just where we are concerning this new problem."

"Feral hogs have been in West Texas for decades in some areas, but their range is rapidly expanding for several reasons. We plan to see how others are handling hogs to see if there is a possible balance of good and bad for West Texas ranchers, because it looks like they're here to stay."

After a 1 pm start, the program will be kicked off by Roy Walston explaining the Trans-Pecos Feral Hog Survey and the ramifications of its results.

Other topics and presenters include: "Feral Hog Biology", Rick Taylor, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, Uvalde; "Coping With Feral Hogs", Hoppy Turman, Texas Wildlife Services regional director, Fort Stockton, "Impact On Feral Hogs To Wildlife And Livestock", Cearley and "Feral Hog Disease Transmissions", Dr. Thurman Fancher, D.V.M., Texas Animal Health Commission, Lampasas.

The day will conclude with a 4:30-5 pm panel discussion featuring the program's speakers.

For more information, call Texas Cooperative Extension Office in Crockett County at 325-392-2721.

10:27 a.m. Saturday

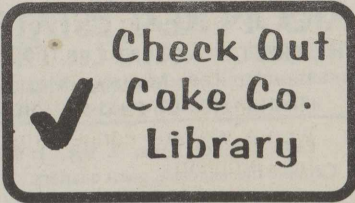


Planting the right tree in the right place.

The right landscaping requires careful planning. Trees and shrubs planted in the wrong place can cause power outages or other hazards. Make sure you plant trees that won't grow into overhead power lines. Keep shrubs at least 10 feet away from electrical equipment and call the local underground line locating service before you dig. Planning ahead helps keep your power flowing safely. **AEP is there, always working for you.**



For more information about electrical safety, visit aep.com. To locate an underground line call 1-800-245-4545.



The annual Trick or Treat Walk is set to take place Tuesday, October 28, 2003. All three to five year old children, their siblings and parents and caretakers are welcomed to join in the traditional event. This day is an exciting one for the Story Hour and Head Start children. Besides having an opportunity to wear Halloween costumes, the attention provided by the adults is priceless.

The parade will begin at the library at 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 28. This event usually takes about an hour to complete. Children save their treats until they get home so no one spoils his or her lunch. There will be about 25 children included in the Head Start and Story Hour programs.

Three magazine subscriptions are donated to the library each year and are available to check out. Parenting magazine, Highlights magazine (with short stories and projects for children), and the Smithsonian magazine are available.

Donations benefit Children's Home

Do you know those boxes behind the Southside Church of Christ? Those eight shiny boxes where you placed those clothes you accumulated when you finally cleaned out your closets? Those boxes are one of many collection points for Medina Children's Home which is located in Medina, Texas.

These boxes, however, are a major source of aid to the Home. At the last pickup, 5,530 pounds of clothing was

collected. That received a "WOW" from the staff at the Home. We are not sure it set any record, but it was a very large contribution of clothing; a contribution which you, many of our neighbors, made possible. So we are passing on the THANKS of the folks at the Home.

Medina Children's Home provides both temporary and permanent placements for children up to the age of 18. The Home also has a program to assist single Mothers and their children. Their budget is enhanced considerably by the collection of clothing. An estimated \$144,000 of the annual budget for the operation of the Home comes from the collection of clothes. So, neighbors, here's a pat-on-the-back, a high-five, and a great big thank you for all of you who have cleaned out your closets and given away those clothes. Your generosity is appreciated.

Report of the "Quilting Women"

by Ava Lou Davis

Listed below are some more stories and letters concerning some of the original "quilting women" of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church.

After I wrote about **Hattie Day**, several asked if she had a daughter. Wilson Bryan told me she had a daughter, and she married a Denman. Jamie Boren confirmed that information. Hattie had a daughter named Lorene, and she married Jimmy Denman.

Martha Iva Vestal was born August 15, 1901 in Robert Lee, Texas. Her parents were Stephen and Fannie Parker.

Iva Parker met Delbert Lee Vestal and later they married April 14, 1925 in Tom Green County, Texas. They repeated their marriage vows before a Justice of the Peace in San Angelo.

Iva and Delbert had one

daughter, Joan Elaine, born January 19, 1934.

Delbert Vestal had a blacksmith shop for several years in Robert Lee. Iva Vestal was active in church activities in the Methodist Church. She was a member of the WSCS (UMW) for 50 years. She was a Sunday School teacher in the Primary Department for seven years. She was also chairman of the Food Committee several years.

Delbert, Iva, and Joan moved to Ballinger, Texas April 1945.

Iva was active in quilting with her friends. She served in the Methodist Churches of Robert Lee and Ballinger.

(Written by Ava Davis with information submitted by Joan Vestal Koller.)

Odessa Thetford was the wife of J.T. Thetford. They lived in the Edith community. Odessa and J.T. operated the Edith Store on Hwy. 158. Their store was close to the Pecan Baptist Church. As I remember it was on a hill, and when you drove up in front of the store, there was a curved driveway.

I remember Odessa came to Sunday School and church at the Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

I am not sure how many children they had. I know they had two sons. Odessa was a beautiful woman and always had a smile on her face.

I remember stopping at their store several times. It was a treat to see J.T. and Odessa, they were such a friendly couple. Theirs was the only store on the highway that far out, besides the Sanco store.

Later there was a store at Silver.

J.T.'s family came to Coke County in 1920 and settled on the A.C. Gardner place between Robert Lee and Sterling City. J.T.'s father bought the old Edith Store from Jim Sparks. It also had the Edith Post Office inside.

Kids that attended grade school at Green Mountain rode the bus. They had to change buses at the Edith Store and Post Office when Odessa and J.T. operated it.

J.T. had one brother, Walter W. (Bud) and four sisters, Ollie Mae, Opal, Christine, and Virginia. According to Elmer Hurley, a nephew, Odessa's maiden name was Harmon, and she was from Graceland, Texas.

I always thought Odessa was one of the prettiest ladies I had ever seen, and she had a beautiful disposition to go with it.

Odessa passed away a few years ago and is buried in the Paint Creek Cemetery. The family asked me to sing a solo at her funeral. I was honored to do it for her.

(Some of the information is from the Coke County Historical Book, the rest is what I remember about her. Submitted by Ava Lou Davis.)

"Granny Lizzy" Phoebe Elizabeth Perry Davis Hester - 2nd wife of Joseph Franklin Hester, submitted by Madelle Moore Smith (granddaughter)

Dear Ava Lou,

Thanks so much for calling me about the quilt. It's exciting to learn that bit of history was found and in good

enough shape that it could be quilted. I'm surprised that my mother did not have a block in it, for she always did a lot of quilting when I was very young. I remember the quilting frames always hanging from the ceiling at our house. Mother's name was **Eva Peane Hester Moore**.

After I talked with you I started checking through my pictures and family history records and found some information about our Granny Lizzie who was a very loving and caring "Grandmother" to all of the Hester grandchildren. The following is the information that I found:

Phoebe Elizabeth (Lizzie) Perry Davis Hester - I couldn't find her birth date. She was married to a Mr. Davis, who passed away, and had two children, Brian and Dora Davis. Dora was 8 years old when she and my grandfather married on November 5, 1922. She had lived in New Mexico prior to coming to Robert Lee. I loved to go to Granny Lizzie's when I was small, because she always let me help her with the cooking and cleaning, making a fun game of it. The daughter, Dora, married Miller Montgomery at the Hester home in Robert Lee. I was her flower girl in 1930. "Granny Lizzie", as she was called by the Hester descendant grandchildren and great-grandchildren, died in June 1952. Her burial was in Rotan, Texas, where she resided with her daughter at the time of her death.

Sincerely,
Madelle Moore Smith

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Bronte Community Web Site

Bronte High School's 4th period Multimedia class has recently been working on updating Bronte's community website. Ariel Marrs, Andrea Sanchez, and Diane Womack have undertaken this task for their Tech Prep Project.

The website contains information about Bronte - from shopping locations to services offered to restaurants and members of community organizations.

Not sure when the bank closes? Check the bank page. Need to know what you want from Hidalgo's to dial in your order? Check the Hidalgo's page. Not aware of what special events are coming up in the community? Check the special events page. There is even a link to Bronte ISD's school website.

If you are in doubt about any aspect of the community, look to www.brontetxs.com for answers to your questions. If you have any information regarding the website, please contact Lisa Gibbs at Bronte High School, (325) 473-6018.

BISD trustees meet in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, October 9, 2003, 7:00 pm in the board room. David Scott, Gary Acker and Kendall Gibbs were absent from the meeting.

The minutes from the

previous meeting were read and approved.

The principals gave their reports to the board including current enrollment figures. Mr. Marrs, elementary, reported an enrollment of 190, Mr. Howell reported 91 in high school and 46 in junior high, and Mr. Bohensky reported 193 at CCJJC. Fifteen had enrolled at CCJJC on this day.

After discussion, it was decided by the board to continue playing eleven-man football.

The board passed a resolution to nominate Charles Sonnenberg and David Scott as candidates to serve on the Coke County Appraisal District. The Tax Roll for 2003 was reviewed and approved.

Approval was given by the board to enter into a WADA agreement with Austin ISD. The board approved by resolution an agreement with Lone Star Investment Pool to manage the WADA funds.

The board gave approval for local credit for two courses offered at CCJJC. These courses are Math skills and Academic Preparation.

The regular November board meeting was moved to November 17, 2003, 8:00 pm, in order for the board members to attend a Distance Learning Class for the Legislative Update Board Training at 6:00 pm on that date.

Alan Richey, Superintendent's report included the following items: CADCO estimates and recommendations on a new gym; an extension was approved for the ADA inspection on the new facilities; the house and lot located at 307 SW Railroad was purchased; and an update on the Energy Management Plan. The TEA Accountability Report will be discussed and reviewed at the next two board meetings.

Board Correspondence included an upcoming TASB Legal Seminar November 12 in Abilene.

Mr. Richey reported that Melenda Minjarez was hired as a janitor and Kerri Wallace was hired as a day care worker.

The bills for September 2003 were approved for payment.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 17, 2003, 8:00 pm.

BASB news

by Randy Springer

On Monday, October 13th, 2003, at 7:00 pm, the Bronte All Sports Booster Club met for their regular meeting (held every Monday night at 7:00 pm at the school library). Regular meetings are held on Monday nights during volleyball and football season, and it is never too late to become active in our kids' school athletic activities. We need your participa-

tion and there is something for everyone. Coach Rawls, Coach Fine, Coach "MAW" Bo, Coach Bedford, and Coach McCutchen are at every meeting reporting progress, injuries, and interests you won't hear anywhere else, and they have made themselves available for questions, even with their very busy schedules.

Saturday night is the Annual Fall Festival. Activities will begin following the varsity volleyball game vs. Santa Anna (at the time of this column, a start time had not been set), or about 5:00 pm with a Chili Supper followed by Festival activities about 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for each class in the Bronte School to have a fund-raiser as well as a BASB project. Please attend again this year.

So, that is what's happening with our kids this week and last:

The varsity football Longhorns played another outstanding defensive game and had enough offense to take a "big" win over their first district opponent, Sterling City, 22-16. Coach Rawls commented the kids played hard and are still improving which brings us to an important game with the 11th ranked Roby Lions in Roby this Friday night at 7:30 pm. (Wear something maroon and take your cowbell to Roby).

The junior high shorthorns played their most complete and best game of the year at Sterling City Thursday night, claiming a 14-0 win, evening their season mark at 2 & 2. They will play host to Roby this Thursday night with a 5:00 kick-off. Be sure you see this team once this season, and Thursday night at Longhorn Field would be a great time.

The varsity volleyball Lady Longhorns played another critical district match Saturday evening against Miles and lost in 5 games as their district record became 4-1 (beat Veribest Tuesday night) and are in sole possession of 2nd in the district race. The Lady Longhorns continue their crucial matches (as all will be in a very tough and tight district race) tonight (Tuesday) against Water Valley in Water Valley, Saturday against Santa Anna in Bronte, and next Tuesday in Sterling City. It's my opinion, for what it's worth, that no teams in the district will escape unscathed.

The Bronte JV Lady Longhorns continue to do very well.

The Junior High Lady Shorthorns, coached by Carol

LAP program sign-up

Coke and Sterling Counties have been approved for the LAP program. Both counties qualified for years 2001 and 2002. However, a producer is only eligible for payment in one year. In determining which year to sign up for, a producer would want to use the year in which he/she had the most livestock. The starting date to begin a livestock count in Coke County is May 1st of either year and the ending date is November 26th, of either year used. In Sterling County the beginning and ending dates are May 1st through November 25th.

Because LAP payments will be factored, no payments will be issued until after sign up has ended and Washington has determined the factor...The final date to sign up for the program is October 24th. There will be no late-filed applications allowed since all sign-up information will be forwarded to Washington as soon as sign up ends for the factor calculation.

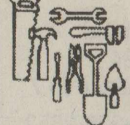
Time is running out for this sign up. Less than 20 producers from Coke County and Sterling have signed up for LAP. Producers need to make an appointment today and get this done. Don't wait until the last minute and then forget to sign up. For more information call us at (325) 453-2751 or come by the office.

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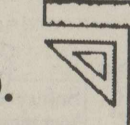


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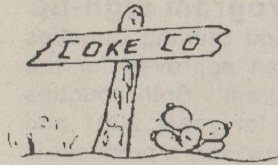
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By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Profit on beef cattle

How many beef producers would turn down a chance to increase the profit on their calves by investing two minutes of their time? If you are not castrating your calves at an early age and implanting them, you are losing money.

Numerous studies from leading universities for more than 20 years still point out that there is a definite advantage to castrating bull calves at an early age and using some form of growth implant. Recent studies by Oklahoma State shows that early castrated calves that have been implanted will gain about one-tenth of a pound a day more than intact bull calves. This doesn't sound like much, but figure it over the next 7-8 months you own that calf and you get from 20-30 pounds more per calf. With the cost of implant at about one dollar and castration cost just in a little labor, you can't afford not to perform these acts. There is no "wonder implant" and they all have one claim or another, but either Ralgro, Synovex C or other calhhood implants will give the same desired results.

In a study by Oklahoma State on several ranches, they have completed trials with calves that were castrated at 2-3 months of age, one group that was castrated and implanted and the last group left as intact bull calves. Weaning weights showed the castrated and implanted steers weaned at 474 pounds; the intact bulls weaned at 460 pounds and the castrated but not implanted weaned at 454. Even though the intact males weaned slightly higher than the castrated calves, castration at weaning of these bull calves caused a significant reduction in gain following weaning as compared to the other two groups.

Studies have also shown that the stress on early castration (at 2-3 months of age) is much less than castrating or even banding at weaning. Bulls that are castrated or banded at weaning had decreased daily gain for the first 50 days after castration while the early castrated calves began to gain more efficiently following weaning.

The bottom line is that if you can go ahead and castrate your calves and implant them at an early age when you need to be vaccinating them anyway, you will not only reduce stress of late castration but greatly increase their daily gain.

Researcher eyes composite vs. Suffolk rams

The term "composite" has been a buzzword in the cattle business for some time now. Many sheep producers don't realize there are composite breeds in the sheep world too.

Dr. Dan Waldron, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research geneticist, said a composite breed is a carefully planned crossing of two or more different purebreds done to enhance specific desirable traits. Subsequent offspring from these animals are interbred to produce a composite breed. This subsequent crossbreeding is the major difference between a composite and a crossbred animal. The Santa Gertrudis and Beefmaster cattle breeds are composites. The popular Hereford x Angus or

"black-baldie" is considered a crossbred.

Thanks to Waldron, the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at San Angelo is now beginning work with a composite terminal sire breed to be crossed with native Rambouillet ewes. His aim is to see how the composites compare with Suffolk rams, the sire of choice for most West Texas ranch crossbreeding programs.

"Many West Texas range sheep operations routinely use Suffolk rams as a terminal sires on their Rambouillet ewe flocks," said Waldron. "Their aim is to produce superior market lambs with the added benefit of hybrid vigor. A terminal cross is one where all the lambs are sold. None are kept for breeding purposes. Hybrid vigor occurs when two significantly different breeds are crossed. This cross usually results in an animal that is more vigorous and grows faster than the average of its purebred parents. Since all the lambs resulting from a terminal cross are sold at a young age, wool production is not a concern. Lamb survival, growth rate and carcass composition are the moneymaking traits the rancher is after."

Waldron said that West Texas producers have traditionally thought of the Suffolk as the breed of choice to cross with Rambouillet eyes for market lamb production. But, he's always been curious about how a good composite sire breed would compare under West Texas range conditions. Over the next two years he plans to find out.

"In 1980 the USDA's meat animal research center at Clay Center, Nebraska began developing a composite terminal sire breed," he said. "This composite was developed from Columbia rams bred to Hampshire x Suffolk ewes. The flock has been closed for several years meaning no outside animals have been introduced. This flock has been intensely selected and bred for growth rate and carcass quality, the prime traits of a good terminal sire."

"The Suffolk rams we're comparing the composites with came from area producers who have supplied rams to many ranches across the region for years."

"We have a group of uniform Rambouillet ewes on our range station near Barnhart. Four composite rams will be bred to half of that group of ewes. The other half will be bred to Suffolk bucks. This project has just started with the bucks being put with the ewes in October. The lambs will be born in March and April of 2004. We will wean those lambs in the summer, feed them all, measure their growth rate and finally slaughter them and measure their carcass traits."

"The most important factors in this study are: 1.) The number of lambs produced. Is lamb survival greater in one breed than in the other? 2.) The number of lambs weaned. Both lambs produced and weaned will be important to the producer's bottom line because he can't market what he doesn't have. 3.) Carcass traits; we'll follow these lambs through the feedlot to measure growth rate on through slaughter to test their



Taking over the Robert Lee High School pep rally last Friday, October 10, 2003, was a group that calls themselves the "Bubba Boosters". They led battle cries, cheers, chants and even the Bunny Hop. Cheerleaders include Josephina, Li'l Bertha, Margarita, Tootsie, and Barbie. Hopefully, they will make a return appearance.

carcass quality. Again, the bottom line says that the better quality animals will bring the producer the most money.

"We plan to follow this project through two lambing seasons. It should be interesting to see how

the composites stack up against our native Suffolks. Other breeds have been used here in the past with mixed results. To date, producers have always returned to their tried and true Suffolks. I'm excited to see how

these newcomers will fare on our harsh range conditions. If they do well, the term 'composite' may become as common in the sheep industry as it has in the cattle business."

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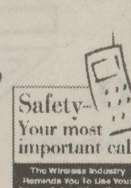
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