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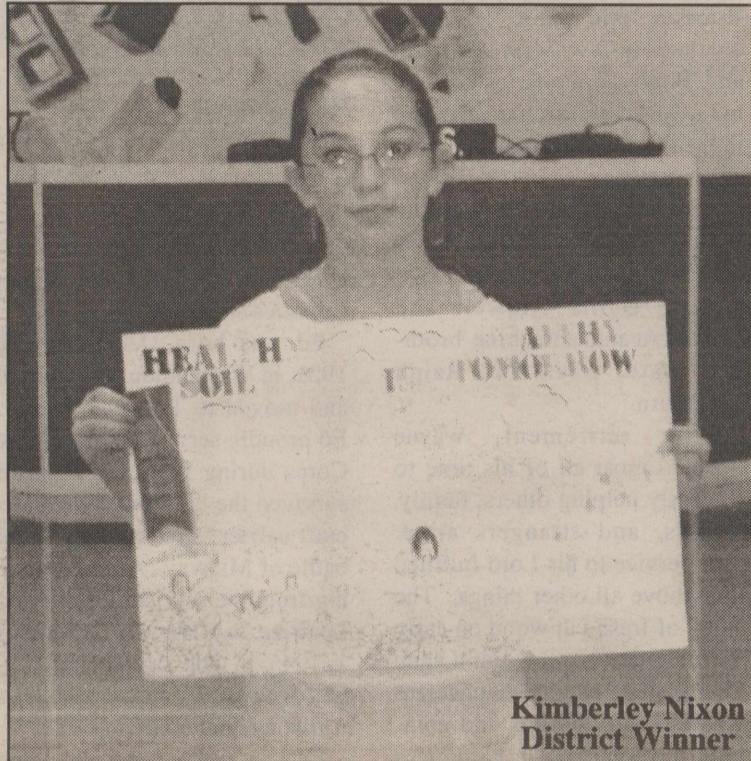
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Friday, April 1, 2005

Poster Contest winners announced

Kimberley Nixon of the Bronte 6th grade is the winner of the conservation poster contest for students in the 5th and 6th grades for 2004-2005. Mrs. Heather Lee is her Science teacher and Mrs. Charlotte Jackson is her homeroom teacher. The contest is sponsored by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. In addition to a ribbon and certificate, Kimberley received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and was honored at an awards banquet in Wall on March 24, 2005, where she received a beautiful Texas plaque. Kimberley is the daughter of Mr. Gary Nixon of Bronte.

Chase Harris, also of Mrs. Heather Lee and Mrs. Charlotte Jackson's Bronte 6th grade, was the district runner-up and the recipient of a \$50 savings bond. Chase is the son of Mr. and Mrs.



Kimberley Nixon
District Winner

Mike Harris of Bronte.

The top places in each class were: Bronte 5th Grade (Mrs.

Heather Lee); 1st - Jaylon Seales, 2nd - Maria Fuentez; Bronte 6th grade (Mrs. Heather Lee/Mrs. Charlotte Jackson);

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Sterling Commissioners change April court date

The Sterling County Commissioners Court will change their regular meeting date in April from Monday, April 11, to Wednesday, April 13.

Daylight Savings Time begins April 3

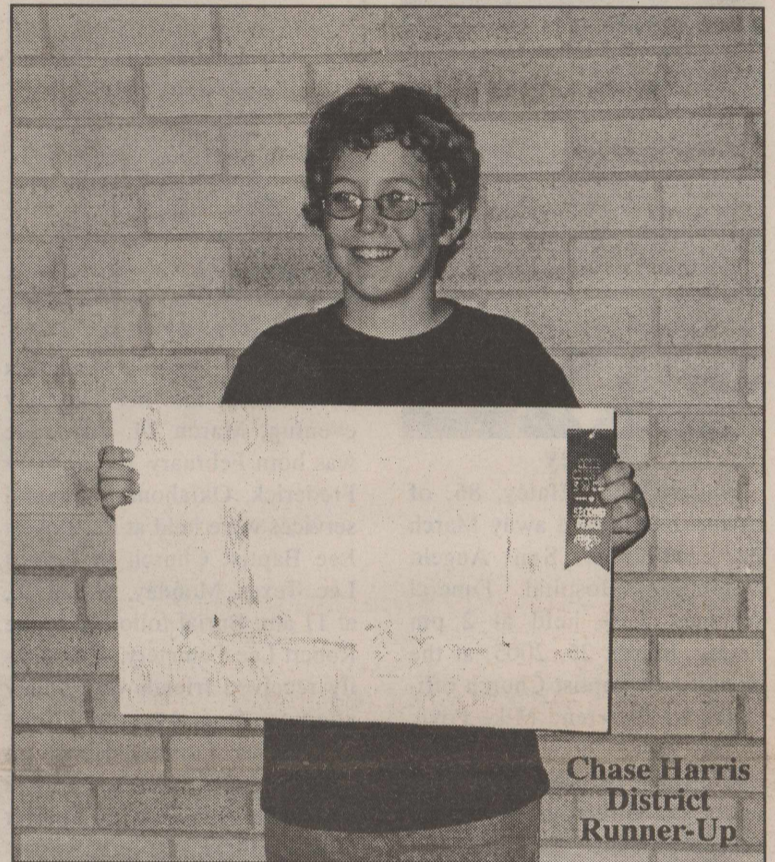
Daylight Savings Time will begin in most of the nation on Sunday, April 3, at 2 am. For convenience you may want to "Spring Forward" before bedtime on Saturday night.

Bronte UMW plans 2nd Annual Spring Fling

In a few days it will be Spring. The United Methodist Women of Bronte are getting spring flowers and vegetables ready to sell. The tomato plants, flowers, etc. will go on sale on the patio behind the Methodist Church. The hours will be from 3 pm to 6 pm Friday, April 1, and 8 am to 12 noon Saturday, April 2.

Last year, the ladies had flowers, vegetables, fertilizer, flower containers, garden tools, hanging baskets for sale. They also sold casseroles, pies, and cakes. This was a good way for local people to get their spring plants, as well as buy a home-cooked family meal. We also had master gardeners available to answer your questions.

If you have questions concern-



Chase Harris
District Runner-Up

ing the Spring Fling, call Glenda Draper at 473-2050, Nancy Adams at 473-7010, Joyce Bailey at 473-4951, Juanette Gentry at 473-9764 or Diane Lockett at 473-4821.

Spring turkey season opens April 2

Spring turkey season opens in Coke County on Saturday, April 2, and will run through May 8 with a "gobblers only" harvest. Bag limit on turkeys in the county is four for the entire year's seasons; check your remaining tags on your license for your own limit.

According to Game Warden James Allen, gobblers are plentiful in Coke County, and really, in the entire area. Pastures and water holes are in great shape and insects are hatching out for grazing.

Most spring turkey hunting rules are much the same as the fall season (except gobblers only). In addition to your Texas hunting license, you must have the turkey stamp endorsement for \$5. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Shooting off the roost is prohibited. A

gobbler must have one leg, including the spur, attached to the bird, or the carcass must have a patch of breast skin and breast feathers attached for proof of sex.

Pick up a free copy of the 2004-2005 TP&W Outdoor Annual for those rules and regulations and Happy Hunting!

Gospel singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, April 3rd, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come enjoy this fellowship time together.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be held at 7 pm Tuesday, April 5, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

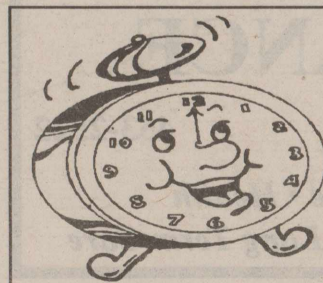
Red Hat Society to meet April 5

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11 am Tuesday, April 5, at the Red Barn Cafe in Bronte.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life.



Tessie McMullan, a senior at Tarleton State University, is shown goat tying at the Odessa College NIRA (National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association) rodeo held March 24-26, 2005. Tessie won the goat tying event and reserve in the breakaway roping events. She also earned the Girls' All-Around title for her weekend efforts. Tessie, the oldest daughter of David and Mary McMullan of Bronte, is a 2001 Bronte High School graduate. She is currently attending Tarleton State University on a rodeo scholarship where she is majoring in Finance. Tessie currently leads the Southwestern NIRA Region in goat tying, breakaway roping and in the all-around standings.



Spring Forward

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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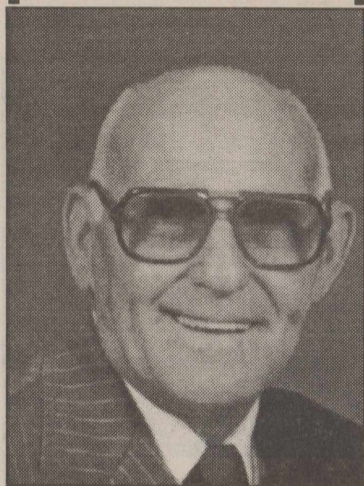
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Obituaries



Haley

Frederick Lee Haley, 86, of Robert Lee passed away March 22, 2005, at San Angelo Community Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 pm Friday, March 25, 2005, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church officiated by Reverend Mike Poye. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

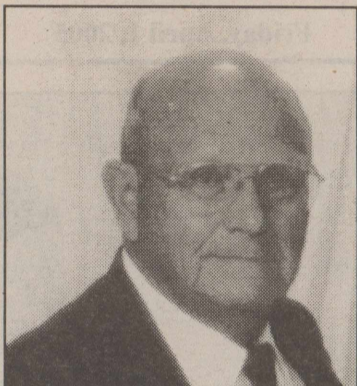
Mr. Haley was born June 30, 1918, to O. L. and Ollie Belle Haley in Oilton, Oklahoma, and married Margurette Virginia Rubottom on September 7, 1940. He was a longtime resident of Robert Lee and worked for Sun Oil Company for over 40 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Lloyd Haley.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Haley of Robert Lee; two sons, Jerry Haley & wife, Sandra of Lampasas and Doyle Haley & wife, Donna of Corinth, Texas; two sisters, Ida Mae McBride of Duncan, Oklahoma and Erma Lee Stoops of Casper, Wyoming; two grandchildren, Ladana Moore of Valera and Jason Haley of Ballinger; and two great grandchildren, Meagan Nicole

and Jeri Brynn Moore.

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Mashburn

Clarence "Wayne" Mashburn passed from this life Thursday evening, March 24, 2005. He was born February 10, 1931, in Frederick, Oklahoma. Funeral services were held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee, Texas, Monday, March 28, at 11 am. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. The family received friends on Sunday afternoon from 4 pm until 6 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Wayne was the youngest in his family of nine children. After graduating high school and attending Southeastern College he was called to duty and service in the United States Army 7th Cavalry. He was stationed in various locations in the South Pacific region as well as several of the Japanese islands during the Korean War. He returned from service, met and married his beloved wife, Dorene Harmon of Robert Lee, and lived happily with her for almost 51 years. Second only to his family and friends, Wayne loved to "build". A home builder by trade, he constructed hundreds of homes over his years as well as numerous churches, schools, and other commercial structures. He went on to take a position engineering the maintenance and operations for the State of Texas

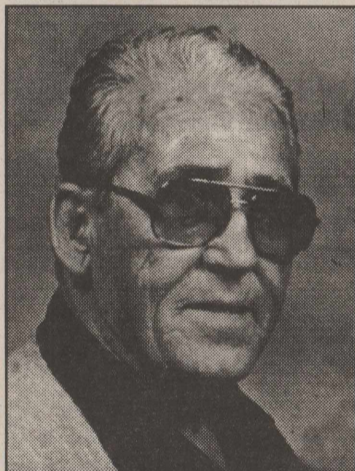
at the MHMR facility in Carlsbad, Texas, retiring in 1993.

Wayne is survived by his adoring wife, Dorene, two beloved children, Rena Johnson of Wall and Rick Mashburn of Salado, four precious grandchildren, Tony Mashburn of Salado, Paul Mashburn of Georgetown, Jessica Johnson and Brady Johnson of San Angelo, son-in-law Steve Johnson of San Angelo, daughter-in-law Cheri Mashburn of Salado, granddaughter-in-law Alex Mashburn of Salado, two sisters, Wanda Kaufman of Hutchinson, Kansas and Zelma Hollenbeck of Marlboro, New York, one brother, Fred Mashburn of Durant, Oklahoma, parents-in-law Floyd and Jessie Harmon, sisters-in-law, Lawana Perry, Jeffie Roberts, and Janie Harmon, brothers-in-law Jerry Harmon and Bobby Roberts, as well as many loved nieces, nephews and their children and many, many of his friends.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, Fred E. and Mary Ellen Young Mashburn, two sisters, Quilla Kidwell and Wilma Avant, and three brothers, Ward, Cecil and Ralph Mashburn.

After retirement, Wayne devoted most all of his time to tirelessly helping others, family, friends, and strangers alike. This service to his Lord fulfilled him above all other things. The smell of fresh cut wood on early morning dew always put a snap in his step, evoked a cheerful whistle from his lips and compelled a sparkle of happiness from his blue, blue eyes.

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Ehl

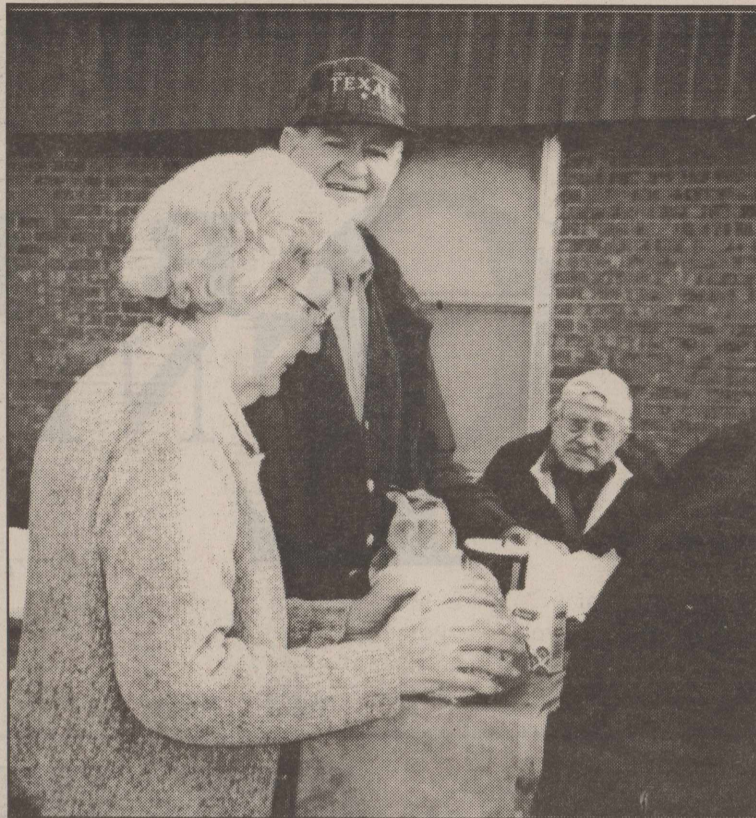
Beloved husband and father, Edward Dee "Ed" Ehl, 83, of Blackwell was called into the service of our Lord at 1 am

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Bronte Health & Rehab Center Happenings! Clemis Reed (from left), Royce Lee and Maynard Rogers prepare hamburgers February 15 when Bronte Health and Rehab Center residents honored the dietary staff members with a cookout.

Sunday morning, March 27, 2005, at his home. Ed had been a resident of Coke and Nolan Counties since 1977.

Ed was born December 31, 1921, in Washington, Oklahoma, and moved to Texas as a child. Ed proudly served in the Marine Corps during World War II and survived the bombing of the aircraft carrier Saratoga during the battle of Midway. After separating from the service, Ed married Leatrice Joy Harvey December 1, 1945, in Odessa and later graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1955.

Ed was a retired machinist and had been instrumental in the design and implementation of numerous industrial processes.

Four children were born to Ed and Joy, Donald Ehl and wife, Carol of Longview, Texas, Connie Willis and husband, Bob of Venus, Texas, Kathie

Whitworth and husband, Richard of Blackwell, and Stephen Ehl and wife, Michelle, also of Blackwell. Ed and Joy also opened their hearts and adopted three of their grandchildren, Rebecca Ehl of Blackwell, Monica Joy Schramm of Phoenix, AZ, and Christopher Lee of Fort Hood, Texas.

Ed was a Master Mason in the Bronte Masonic Lodge.

Ed Ehl is survived by his loving wife, Joy of Blackwell, their children, nineteen grandchildren, and twenty great grandchildren.

Graveside services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Bronte and were held at 2 pm Tuesday on the 29th of March in the Fort Chadbourne Cemetery officiated by Reverend John Curry. Honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren.

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Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Larry Tienen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
Rev. Richard Easterling, 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
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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McMullan earns national award

Lillian McMullan, a junior at Bronte High School, was recently selected as the Professional's Choice Air Ride February 2005 Female Student Athlete of the Month by the National High School Rodeo Association. The Professional's Choice Air Ride Athlete Of The Month recognition program is designed to recognize exemplary National High School Rodeo Association members who are well-rounded students and are active in their communities.

"Professional's Choice is very honored to be involved with the outstanding young people of the National High School Rodeo Association as a national sponsor, and to have the opportunity to make this valuable Athlete of the Month recognition program available to deserving young people across the U.S., Canada and Australia, like Lillian McMullan," explains Barbara Gallagher, Marketing Manager for Professional's Choice Sports Medicine Products.

Monthly male and female winners will receive a new Professional's Choice scientifically- tested Air Ride~ western show saddle pad and will be featured in the NHSRA Times, the official publication of the National High School Rodeo Association and on the NHSRA's official website at www.nhsra.org. From the monthly winners, both a male and female national winner for the year will be selected and awarded \$1,000 scholarships at the annual National High School Finals Rodeo slated for July 18-24, 2005, in Gillette, Wyoming. Monthly male and female Professional's Choice Air Ride Athlete of the Month winners are selected based on academic and leadership qualities. These qualities include involvement in extra-curricular activities, volunteerism, five and ten year goals, as well as other related accomplishments. In addition, each applicant is required to write an essay and submit a letter of recommendation.

Diabetes Extravaganza set April 9th

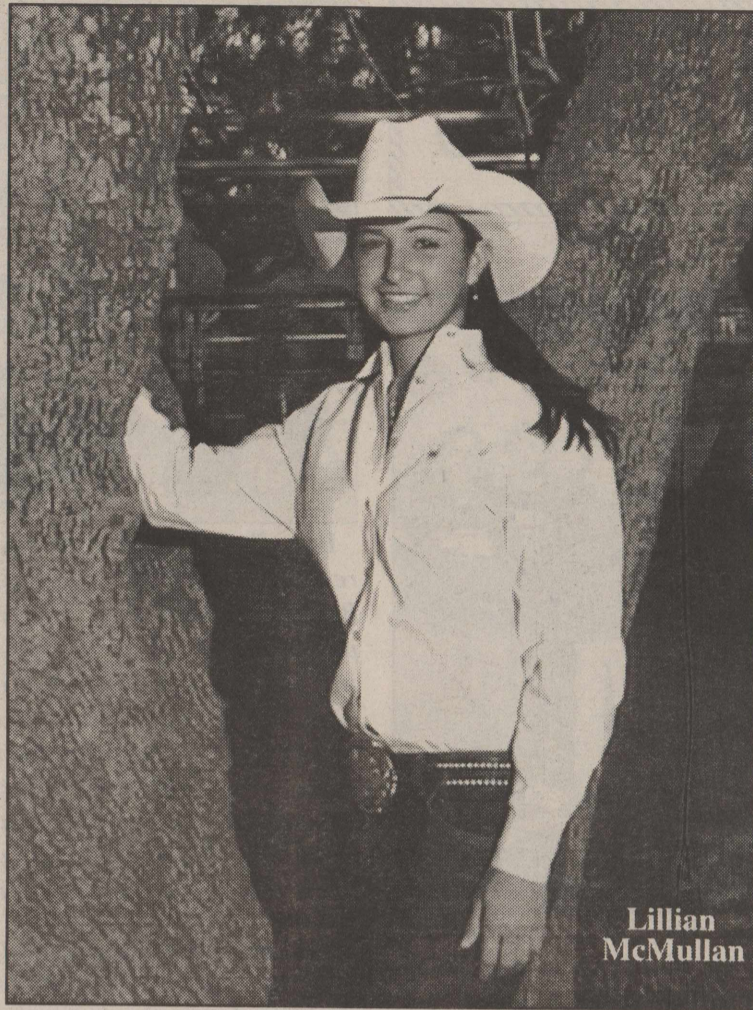
Mark your calendars early! Tamara Hargett, RD, LD, CDE and The Juvenile Diabetes Support Group personally invite you to attend the Diabetes Extravaganza. This is a special event designed for adults and children on insulin.

The extravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2005, from 9 am - 12 noon at the PaulAnn Baptist Church, 2531 Smith Blvd. in San Angelo. RSVP 325-481-2381.

Fort Chadbourne needs buttons

Fort Chadbourne is in need of 1" or larger buttons, (2 or 4 hole) for Fort Chadbourne Days 2005. In the 1850s, a button yoyo (a large button on a string) was a favorite toy of all the children. These yoyos will be handed out on "School Day".

School Day is slated for Friday, May 20, this year. Average attendance has been 1000 -1200 students for the last



Lillian McMullan

couple of years so the need for lots of buttons is great.

Hometown Hardware is the button drop off place or come and visit the Fort. For more information, call the fort at 743-2555.

RL Baptist to host Care Center services

The Robert Lee Baptist Church will host the praise and worship services on Sunday, April 3, at the Robert Lee Care Center. Everyone is welcome to join in the service at 3:30 pm at the Care Center.

Ladies' Bible Study begins April 7

A different Bible study, open to all ladies of the area, will be offered at First Baptist Church of Bronte.

The study is a Beth Moore study, A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place. It is an in-depth study of the Old Testament tabernacle.

During the study, God's persistent desire to dwell among His people and God's invitation for us to pass through the distant courts of our relationship with Him and to enter the intimacy of the holy of holies will be explored.

The 11 week course includes five lessons per week. The lessons will take about 30 minutes daily to complete. The group will meet weekly to view a video by Beth Moore and discuss the previous week's lessons.

The class meetings will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 pm in the church library beginning

Thursday, April 7. Childcare will be provided if requested in advance.

To order a workbook or to get more information, please call the church office at 473-2331 or class facilitator Susan Graves at 473-7521.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor and Friends,

The Ballinger VFW Post needs names and addresses of Active Military personnel and their dependents. We have a few but I know that there are many more that have not responded.

We sent 10 phone cards to overseas military people last month and have 18 addresses to send to this month, we hope, with the help of people in the public, we can phone cards every month.

We also need names and addresses of families of military personnel. We want to treat them with a dinner soon and need to know approximately how many to prepare for. If any of you know of a family that has a family member in the military, please urge them to respond. We still have drop cans at Walmart, Shopping Basket and the Dollar Store or mail them to VFW at 605 Crosson Ave., Ballinger, Texas, 76821 or call 365-2607.

Thank you, James Fowler



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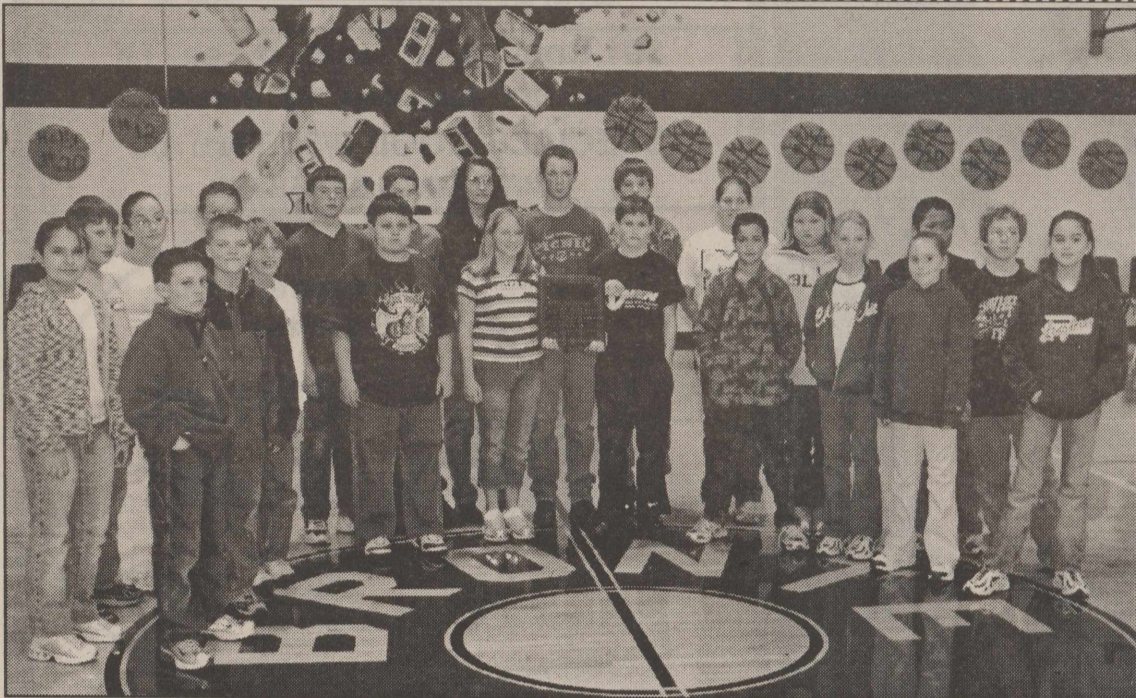
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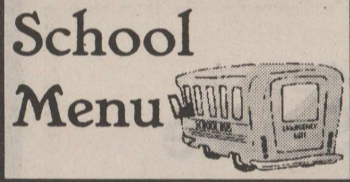
Poster Contest Class Winners! Mrs. Heather Lee's Bronte 6th grade class won the Outstanding Class award for the third straight year in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest. A rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year was presented to the class with the most outstanding posters.

Rawls named to All West Texas Basketball Team

Logan Rawls, a sophomore from Bronte, has recently been named to the San Angelo Standard Times All West Texas Basketball Team. He had previously appeared on the All Region II Basketball Team, and was named the offensive MVP of District 12-A, Div. II.

Bronte JH girls track results

The Bronte JH girls track team placed as Team Champions in the Highland Jr. Hornet Relays. Individual results follow:



Breakfast

Monday, April 4

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, April 5

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Wed., April 6

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Thurs., April 7

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Friday, April 8

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 4

Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, pineapple orange salad, chips, milk

Tuesday, April 5

Meat & bean chalupas, lettuce & tomato, Rosie applesauce, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, milk

Wed., April 6

Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

Thurs., April 7

Chicken & rice wrap, refried beans, Mexicali corn, fruit cup, picante sauce, milk

Friday, April 8

Sub sandwiches, turkey & cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, carrot sticks, bun, brownie, milk

Long jump - 1st - Hannah Holland

Triple jump - 1st (Meet Record) - Hannah Holland; 2nd - Chelsea Cook

High jump - 1st - Chelsea Cook; 5th - Ariel Coalson

Pole vault - 1st (tie) - Chelsea Meek

Shot put - 3rd - Chloe Grigg

400 m relay - 1st - Coalson, Holland, Royall, Cook

800 m run - 1st - Jessi England; 3rd - Stephanie Frasier

100 m hurdles - 4th - Ashley Fisher; 6th - Katie Aguirre

100 m dash - 4th - Hannah Holland

800 m relay - 4th - Royall, Grigg, Meek, Frasier

The remainder of the meet was cancelled due to bad weather.

The Bronte JH girls track team were also Team Champions in their own Shorthorn Relays. Individual results follow:

Long jump - 1st - Hannah Holland

Shot put - 6th - Johnnye Michael

Triple jump - 1st - Hannah Holland

High jump - 5th - Ariel Coalson

Pole vault - 1st (tie) - Chelsea Meek; 5th - Ashley Royall

400 m relay - 5th - Coffey, Royall, Brannon, Grigg

800 m run - 2nd - Jessi England; 5th - Stephanie Frasier

100 m hurdles - 4th - Ashley Fisher; 5th - Katie Aguirre

100 m dash - 2nd - Hannah Holland; 5th - Ariel Coalson

800 m relay - 4th - Royall, Coffey, Meek, Frasier

400 m dash - 3rd - Ariel Coalson; 5th - Krista Moore

300 m hurdles - 4th - Katie Aguirre; 5th - Ashley Fisher; 6th - Stephanie Frasier

200 m dash - 1st - Hannah Holland

1600 m run - 1st - Chelsea Meek; 4th - Shelbi Waller

1600 m relay - 2nd - Coalson, England, Royall, Holland

The JH girls placed 2nd in the

Water Valley Jr. Wildcat Relays. Individual results follow:

Discus - 6th - Chloe Grigg

Pole Vault - 1st - Chelsea Meek

Shot put - 3rd - Chloe Grigg

High jump - 4th - Chelsea Cook; 5th - Ariel Coalson

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800 m run - 1st - Jessi England

100 m dash - 1st - Hannah Holland

800 m relay - 3rd - Royall, Coffey, Brannon, Frasier

400 m dash - 2nd - Jessi England

200 m dash - 1st - Chelsea Cook

1600 m run - 3rd - Chelsea Meek

1600 m relay - 1st - Coalson, England, Cook, Holland

Retired Teachers meet at Bronte

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association convened Monday, March 21, 2005. The noon luncheon was held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Beth Prather, president, presided at the business meeting. Reports were heard from Nina Brewer on community service and Paul Gothard on the current Texas Legislative session. Paul urged members to contact Representative Campbell and Senator Duncan by mail, telephone, or e-mail. TRTA needs support on adequate funding of TRS-Care health insurance, as well as strengthening of the TRS pension fund. Paul suggested that members be positive as they make these contacts.

Rev. Larry Tianen asked members to participate in the "Relay for Life" run to be held in June in Bronte. You can do this by joining a team, contributing to this cancer funding project, and by pub-



Benefit Tourney! A benefit basketball tournament was recently held at Bronte High School. Twelve teams from Bronte, Robert Lee, San Angelo, Ballinger, and Clyde participated in the all day tournament. Many volunteers including referees, concession stand workers, gate keepers, bookkeepers, clock keepers, hospitality hostesses, and clean up crew worked together to make the event possible. The tournament benefited the summer missionary trip to Germany for Monica DelaGarza and Ryan Martinez. The top two girls' teams and top two boys' teams received T-shirts.

President Beth announced that the April meeting is the deadline for books or money contributions to the 'books for Robert Lee and Bronte schools' project.

There will be a district meeting May 2 in Early. The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

Members attending the meeting were: C.B. Barbee, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, Jamie Boren, Nina Brewer, Jean Fancher, Janice Foshee, Judy Gibbs, Mary Frances Glenn, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, J.T. Henry, Sybil Henry, Mimzi Horn, Sue Lawhon, Bette McCutchen, Ida Lou Oliphant, Mary Patterson, Beth Prather, Gerald Sandusky, Sue Spiller, Jo Ellen Tianen, Larry Tianen, Brenda Wilke, Lee Wommack. Guests were: Norma Barker, Joy Buoy and Taun Buoy of Anchorage, Alaska, Rick Howell, Terry Marrs, and Alan Richey.

BHS class of '55 plans 50th reunion

A 50th reunion is being planned for the Bronte High School Class of 1955. June 4, 2005, has been set to gather in San Angelo with more details to be finalized.

If anyone has an address or phone number for Alma Pearl Evett and Murlene Markham, please contact R.J. Millican, 325/692-8306, C.B. (Buck)

James, 325/653-6927, or Harold McCutchen, 325/473-5201. It is hoped that many can attend.

Discover ASU schedule set for Spring

Angelo State University's Admissions Office will host four Saturday sessions of "Discover ASU" this spring to allow high school seniors and others considering college careers to get a closer look at what ASU has to offer in the way of programs, scholarships, housing, financial aid and extracurricular activities.

Discover ASU programs are scheduled for April 9 and April 23 on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo. Each program will begin with registration at 8:30 am, followed at 9:15 am with a welcome from ASU President James Hindman and an overview of the university. Tours and a special program will follow the opening session. The university will provide a complimentary lunch for students and their families.

The sessions are planned for the Center for Human Performance, 2050 S. Johnson St.

For more information on Discover ASU, which was previously known as "College Days," contact the ASU Admissions Office at (325) 942-2058 or visit the university Web site at www.angelo.edu.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLJH girls track results

Results from the Bronte Junior High Track Meet held on March 10th.

Pole vault - 1st Lacie Sheridan; 3rd - Holly Austin; 4th - Taylor Foster.

Discus - 2nd Arrin Minjarez; 5th - Sarah Jones
1600m - 3rd Nancy Landeros

800m - 3rd Jodi Foster
2400m - 3rd Nancy Landeros

400m relay - 3rd Nancy Landeros, Molli Hinderliter, Erika Sheldon, and Martika Ybarra

100m - 4th Martika Ybarra
400m run - 4th Molli Hinderliter

Shot put - 4th Sarah Jones
1600m relay - 6th Emilee Yanez, Olga Perez, Molli Hinderliter, and Martika Ybarra

Results from the Water Valley Track Meet held on March 22nd.

Pole vault - 2nd Lacie Sheridan; 3rd (tie) - Holly Austin & Taylor Foster

100m - 2nd Martika Ybarra
Shot put - 4th Arrin Minjarez

1600m - 4th Nancy Landeros
400m relay - 4th Nancy Landeros, Emilee Yanez, Molli Hinderliter, and Martika Ybarra

400m - 5th Molli Hinderliter

1600m relay - 6th Martika Ybarra, Emilee Yanez, Jodi Sheldon, and Molli Hinderliter

RLHS boys golf results

Results from the March 22nd Forsan Tournament at Comanche Trails GC in Big Spring.

Team standings:

1st - Robert Lee Orange - 327; 2nd - Sterling City -



Breakfast

Monday, April 4
Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, April 5
Juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Wed., April 6
Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Thurs., April 7
Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Friday, April 8
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 4
Bean chalupas, cheese, salad, tamale, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday, April 5
Steakfingers, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, peaches, milk

Wed., April 6
Corn dog, pork & beans, tator tots, fresh fruit, milk

Thurs., April 7
Chili, baked potatoes, broccoli & cheese, pears, milk

Friday, April 8
Chicken patty on bun, pickles, chips, pineapple, milk

333; 4th - Bronte - 355; 5th - Robert Lee Black - 355 - (Ten team field)

Individuals of RL Orange team - 1st - Cody Bridges - 80; 1st - Taylor Percifull - 80; 3rd - Jonathan Pagan - 82; 4th - Cameron Hodge - 85; 5th - Omar Saucedo - 87

Individuals of RL Black team - 1st - Brody Dillard - 88; 2nd - Clay Antilley - 89; 3rd - Branden Phillips - 93; 4th - Brandon Soliz - 99

Bridges & Percifull tied for 2nd medalist in tournament.

RL girls golf results

Results from the Forsan Invitational Golf Tournament held on March 22, 2005.

Team standings:

1st - Robert Lee "A" - 375; 2nd - Robert Lee "B" - 442

Medalist standings:

1st - Julie Riley - 91; 2nd - Kyla Millican - 94 & Lindsey Roe 94

Top 7 Medalists:

1st - Julie Riley - 91; (tie) 2nd - Kyla Millican & Lindsey Roe - 94; 4th - Kelsy Duncan - 96; 5th - Cara Eaton - 97; 6th - Ashley James - 100; 7th - Sarah Philley - 103

Robert Lee "A" members: Julie Riley, Lindsey Roe, Cara Eaton, Kyla Millican, and Kelsy Duncan

Robert Lee "B" members: Ashley James, Becca Skinner, Sarah Philley, Jaden Alexander, and Brettne Reed

RL board meets in regular session

On Tuesday, the 22nd day of March 2005, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Riley.

Members present: Pres. Riley, Reed, Roe, Washam, Hill, Sawyer, and Supt. Wallace. Members absent were Ms. McCabe.

Ron Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2005 board meeting as read, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the bills as listed, seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Ron Hill made a motion to approve RLISD Campus/District Improvement Plan, seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Kevin Roe made a motion to certify unopposed candidates: elected Tod Reed and Irma Torres, seconded by Ron Hill. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to cancel the May 7, 2005 Election, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Ron Hill made a motion to remove "baccalaureate" from FM Local, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the SHAC (School Health Advisory Council) revised list, seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a

motion to approve Early Release Day set for Thursday, May 12, 2005, seconded by Ron Hill. All for.

RLISD Stipend Scale was discussed.

Class size and enrollment numbers were reviewed.

Ron Hill made a motion to approve the RLISD AEIS Report, seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Discussion on construction of weight room facility.

The principals gave their respective reports.

Supt. Wallace gave his superintendent's report on district and office activities.

The board took a break at 9:00 pm, resumed at 9:10 pm.

Supt. Wallace made recommendation that the following personnel be employed for the 2005-2006 school year based on recommendations from the elementary and high school principals. Motion by Wes Washam, seconded by Tom Sawyer, to accept the recommendations by Elementary Principal Janet Wallace: Katie Drennan, Kellye Duncan, Lynn Payne, Linda Burns, Donna Poye, Patty Byrne, Denise Roberts, Kelli Crain; and High School Principal Jill Lankford: Wayne Alexander, Mitch Lee, Kevin James, Donna Williams, Kelly Beuschel, Celeste Service, Tammy Roe, Kerry Gartman, Frankie Gartman, Kathy McCown, Elena Sanchez, Jason Rich, Sheri Millican. Bobby Bolding, 2005-2006 employment agreement. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion seconded by Kevin Roe to accept the following elementary teacher to be employed for the 2005-2006 school year recommended by Elementary Principal Janet Wallace: Audrey Devoll. All for, except Mark Riley abstained. Motion carried.

Supt. Wallace made a recommendation to extend the two year contract for both high school and elementary principals through summer 2007. Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation, motion denied with lack of second.

The board entered into closed session at 9:17 pm. The board entered into open session at 10:35 pm.

Ron Hill made a motion to accept Supt. Wallace's recommendation to extend the two year contract for both high school and elementary principals through summer of 2007, seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Resignation of Jack Martin was read and accepted.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Wes

Washam, seconded by Kevin Roe. All for. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

RL Little League seeking donations.

Robert Lee Little League Baseball will be soliciting donations and sponsorships in Robert Lee for improvements to the field. FMI or to make a donation, call Frankie Gartman, 453-4629, Laura Bell, 453-4565, or Robin Munoz, 453-4480.

"Supersize Me"

[Editor's Note: The following article was written for an FCCCLA Star Event. The girls' project will be presented at the state contest April 6 at Corpus Christi, Texas.]

By: Dixie Johnson, Casey Nesbit & Erica O'Neil

Everything in America is bigger - our cars, houses, food, and even our people.

America is the fattest nation in the entire world, but are the fast food places like McDonald's, Burger King, and Wendy's the ones to blame or is it ourselves?

Next to smoking, obesity is the leading cause of premature death in Americans. This should tell us that we

need to start practicing better eating habits such as cutting down on the amount of food we eat and even supersizing can be done in moderation. Remember, bigger is not always better. Recently there have been lawsuits filed against fast food companies. But should they be blamed?

Fast food is good, but is it worth risking your health? One man by the name of Morgan Spurlock asked the question, "Is it dangerous to eat fast food from McDonalds for 30 days?"

To test this, for thirty days, he ate nothing but McDonalds for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, trying everything on the menu at least once. If Morgan was asked by the McDonald's employee to supersize, he had no choice, but to say yes. When he ate McDonald's food supersized or not, he had to consume every bite. Even if the Mckeedee's food caused the McStomach ache, the Mctummy and Mcgigles, he had to keep eating.

As the days in his research went on, he became addicted to the food and was depressed

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of Robert Lee, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on May 7, 2005 for voting in a general election to elect two board members to regular terms.

Location of polling place: Coke County Courthouse at 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Coke County Courthouse, Clerk's Office, 13 E. 7th Street between the hours of 8-12 am and 1-5 pm beginning on April 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Mary Grim, Box 150, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.

Terri Tedford
Administrator
Robert Lee Care Center
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A los votantes registrados del Robert Lee, Texas:

Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 am hasta las 7:00 pm. el 7 de Mayo de 2005 para votar en la eleccion para legir eleccion dos miembros (as) del consejo para termo regular.

Direccion de las casillas electorales: Condado de Coke a las 13 E. 7th Street en Robert Lee, Texas.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Condado de Coke en el Oficio de Secretaria a las 13 E. 7th Street en Robert Lee, Texas. Entre las 8-12 de la mañana y las 1-5 de la tarde empezando el 20 de Abril, 2005 y terminado el 3 de Mayo de 2005.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Mary Grim, Box 150, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sterling County Commissioners Court will accept sealed bids for sale of Used ambulance until 12:00 noon April 8, 2005. Bids will be opened during the regular term of Commissioners Court at 10:00 a.m. April 13, 2005. Bids should be sealed and clearly marked ambulance bid. Bids should be mailed or delivered to Sterling County Judge, P.O. Box 819, Sterling County Courthouse Sterling City, Texas 76951. For information call County Judge Office 325-378-3481. The Sterling County Commissioners court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids for any or all products and/or services covered in this bid request and to waive any informalities or defects in bids or to accept such bids as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Sterling County.

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Bilbo family gathers at Robert Lee

The family of Alley and Alta Bilbo celebrated Easter weekend at the homeplace in Robert Lee and the Boren place northwest of town.

Twenty-two family members

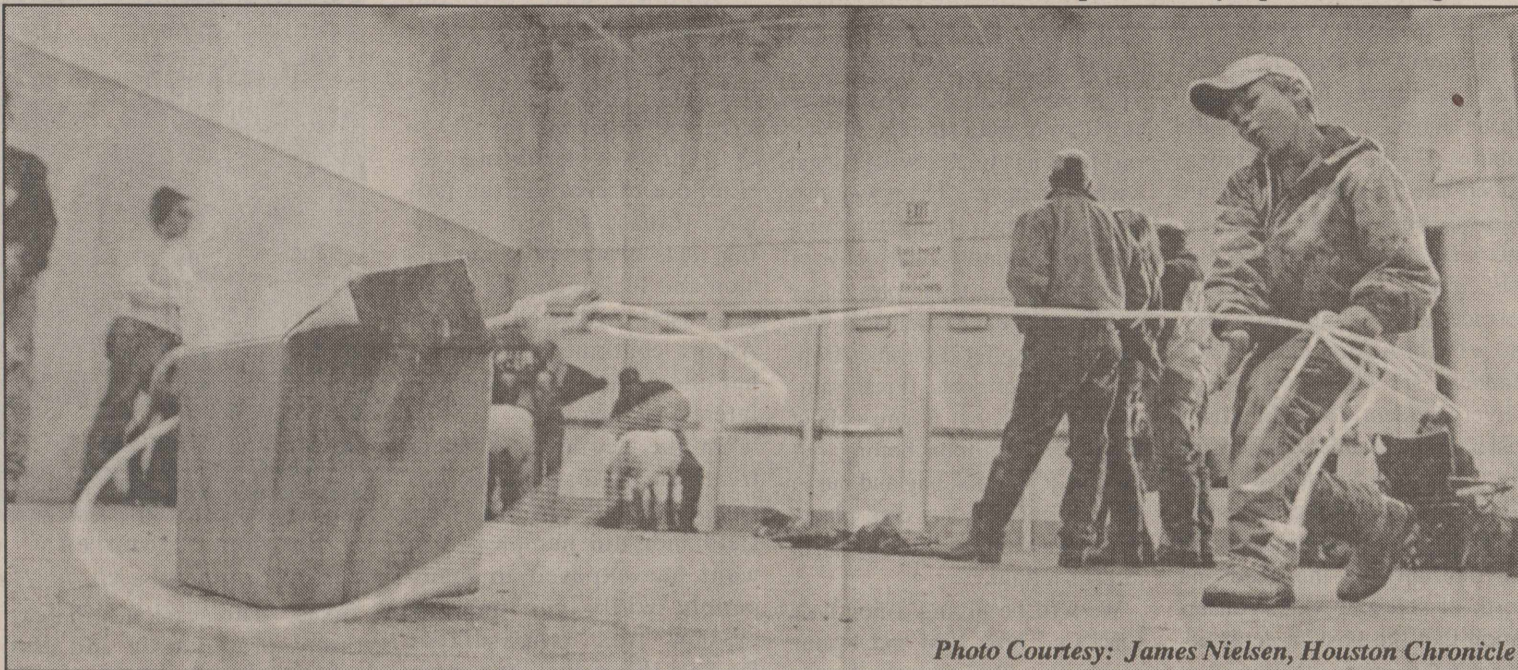


Photo Courtesy: James Nielsen, Houston Chronicle

Box Roping! Dawson Brisbin lassoes an ornery box that was on the loose recently in Reliant Center. When the 10-year-old Robert Lee student wasn't busy with his rope, he was showing his Southdown lamb at the Houston Livestock Show. Dawson is the son of Jeff and Jana Brisbin of Robert Lee.

attended Easter services at the Robert Lee Methodist Church.

Attending the gatherings on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or all three were: Alta Bell Kay of Alpine, Jan and Bobby Hungate, Kayce Hungate, and Macy Knight all of Waco, Mark and Judy Kay of Andrews, Nicholas Kay of Lubbock, Jamie Boren of Robert Lee, Kathy, Jamie Jo, and Joe Bob Alexander and Miranda Wauson all of Austin, Tom Boren of Lubbock, John Boren and Sloan of Snyder, Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield of Grove, OK, Janet Rathmell of Mertzon, Mary Evans of San Angelo, Allen Evans of Mineral Wells, Billy, Zachary and Will Havins and James Hughes of Pleasanton, Rebecca Levesque, Sarah, Christopher, Lucas, and Beth of San Angelo, Ava Lou Davis of Robert Lee, and Milburn Wink of Robert Lee.

... Supersize Me

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and exhausted when he wasn't eating. When his 30 days of research came to a close, it was concluded that the fast food was very life threatening. He gained 24 1/2 pounds, his liver turned to fat, his cholesterol shot up 65 points, his body fat went from 11% to 18% and he also doubled his risk for coronary heart disease.

This is a red flag to all Americans that fast food can be dangerous. Nutrition experts point out that fast food is often high in calories, sodium, fat, and cholesterol. This does not mean fast food is all bad, but it does mean you should fit fast food to compromise with a balanced, healthy diet.

Fast food is not only affecting Morgan Spurlock, but all Americans. One of the main focuses most fast food places have is on children. In 2001 McDonalds spent over 1.4 billion dollars in advertising, Hershey's candy spent over 200 million, but the vegetable and fruit companies put out a measly 2 million dollars. Children today see 10,000 advertisements for candy, soft drinks, and fast food per year on television. Fast food businesses are trying to lure in children with toys, happy meals, playgrounds, and cartoon characters.

You can probably remember a

fast food place by its jingle... "Ba ba ba pa ba...I'm loving it". Can you recognize whose fast food jingle this belongs to? McDonalds Or do you know who this one belongs to? "DQ that's what I like about Texas!" Dairy Queen

Why is fast food so popular? It is because it's convenient when we're on the go, it's predictable, and of course, it's fast.

As we enter the life of a teenager we become more and more conscious of our image. We look at magazines and watch TV, wishing we could look like the models and stars, and asking why we don't look just like them. Those images are not always a healthy reality. The reality actually is we can't always look like the people in the public eye that we constantly see, but we can choose to be fit and healthy.

Teens are most likely to go to a fast food restaurant because of the fast timing, and because it's cheaper. Lisa Ganju, Dr. of Gastroenterology and Hematology says that you are paying for the quality of food you are getting. Fast food is cheap because it is usually made with poor quality ingredients containing fatty meat, grease, and lots of cholesterol. Obviously paying a dollar for food is not paying for very much quality.

Most people who go to fast food restaurants do not make healthy choices, but due to the push to become healthier, Americans as well as fast food restaurants are becoming aware that better food selections are becoming a necessity. Now, for example, we have the option of French fries, a healthy salad or a baked potato, a cola or a healthy glass of milk. For dessert our choices are a fruit cup instead of ice cream. Of course, places like Subway pride themselves on being healthier, just look at Jarrod.

Fast food can be healthy if you choose the right kind. Subway offers a guide to their sandwiches. These other fast food places are also now offering nutrition guides that can help you make a wise and healthy choice. Some choose to lay off fast food, but sometimes you do not always have a choice.

When you hear "You deserve a break today" and see a

McDonald's or Dairy Queen, yeah it's okay to stop, but make wise decisions and when you hear "Would you like to super-size that?" What are You going to say?

USDA opens 2005 Conservation Security Program

Farmers and ranchers in the Middle Colorado-Elm and Upper Colorado watersheds covering part of Coke, Coleman, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Sterling, Taylor, and Tom Green counties in Texas are among those invited to participate in the first national sign-up of the historic new Conservation Security Program (CSP). USDA has also announced that producers in the 2004 CSP pilot sign-up program will also be included in this enrollment opportunity. The sign-up will be available from March 28 to May 27.

CSP, a part of the 2002 Farm Bill and administered by NRCS, is a voluntary program that supports ongoing stewardship of private, agricultural working lands and rewards those producers who are meeting the highest standards of conservation and environmental management on their operations.

"As President Bush has stated, those who depend on the land to make a living are the best stewards of the land," states Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns. "This is a unique program that offers payments for enhancing natural resources, rewards those farmers and ranchers who are model conservationists and provides incentives for other producers to meet those same high standards of environmental performance."

"CSP is a whole new direction in the history of USDA conservation programs," said Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist. "While conservation incentive programs and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers date back to the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s, CSP represents the first time agricultural producers are being paid not just to fix a problem but in recognition of their ongoing stewardship and to maintain and further enhance that conservation commitment."

Nationally, CSP is being made available on private agricultural

land in 220 watersheds, covering about 185 million acres, in every state and the Caribbean. The national \$202 million budget will allow NRCS to offer an estimated 12,000 to 14,000 contracts to eligible farmers and ranchers.

Producers with over 50 percent of their land inside the selected watershed boundaries have met the first criteria for program eligibility. Additional base-line eligibility requirements include:

*Following a nutrient, animal waste, grazing, residue and/or irrigation water management plan that promotes water and soil quality (where applicable in the operation).

*Keeping written records (at least two years of records are needed for eligibility).

*Considering wildlife habitat enhancements or other additional conservation measures.

Producers interested in participating will need to fill out a self-assessment workbook prior to sign-up to determine if their operations meet the requirements of the program. More information and the self-assessment workbook is available at local USDA Centers or www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/program/csp and at your local NRCS Field Office.

"All successful applications begin with demonstrated protection of soil and water quality," says Dr. Larry D. Butler. "However, most CSP participants will go beyond the minimum and work to further enhance soil and water, improve wildlife habitat, or conserve or produce on-farm energy."

Participating landowners will receive funding for practices primarily addressing water quality, soil quality and wildlife habitat. They will be participating on three different tiers reflecting both their documented historical conservation management and additionally planned enhancements.

While CSP is an achievement award for proactive farmers and ranchers, the practices implemented by producers in the selected watershed will significantly benefit the watershed and the people and resources downstream. Improved water quality and quantity, as well as enhanced air quality, are among the long-term environmental benefits achieved with conscientious resource management.

... Contest Winners

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1st - Kimberley Nixon, 2nd - Chase Harris, 3rd - Kendyl Adams, 4th - Ally Franco; Robert Lee 5th Grade (Mrs. Patti Byrne); 1st - Kimberly Roach, 2nd - Diana Vera. Robert Lee 6th grade (Mrs. Celeste Service/Mrs. Denise Roberts); 1st - Heidi Austin, 2nd - Jorge Manuel, 3rd - Tanner Brickey.

Every student who submitted a poster received a certificate from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in appreciation for the thought, effort and publicity on the need and worth of soil and water conservation that the posters depicted. The posters were displayed at the Robert Lee State Bank and the First National Bank in Bronte.

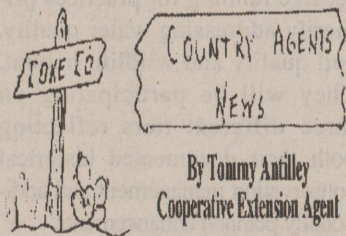
In 1995 an award was instituted as a result of the growing response from teachers and students. A rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year was presented to the class with the most outstanding posters. This Outstanding Class award went to Mrs. Heather Lee's Bronte 6th grade for the third straight year.

Three posters done by Kimberley Nixon, Chase Harris and Jorge Manuel were entered in the Texas Area II Contest which includes 52 counties.

Pupils could choose any phase of resource conservation that is part of the work of the local soil and water conservation district. The focus for 2004 was "The Living Soil." Without soil, nothing lives. All living things depend on the soil, but not all of them have the capacity to decide how they will treat the land that supports them. Healthy soils support healthy environments, and healthy environments support healthy life.

Response from teachers and students was excellent, and posters submitted were outstanding, both in art work and content. Each year choosing class winners and two overall becomes more and more difficult for the board of directors.

Contributions from the Kickapoo Creek Water Control and Improvement District, the First National Bank in Bronte, and the Robert Lee State Bank made the contest possible. Without their support and the enthusiastic participation by the schools, the contest could not have been successful.



Worm Sheep and Goats • Or Not?

Do you really know if your sheep and goats need de-worming? Most of us look for common signs of worm infestation or just worm them when they are in the pen. To really know if worming is necessary a fecal egg count needs to be taken.

On Wednesday, April 6, 2005, beginning at 9 am in the Robert Lee Rec. Hall, there will be a

Worm Lab. During this lab, Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep specialist, will be discussing de-worming strategies, various products to use, what's legal - what's not, etc. There will also be hands-on training whereby you will actually analyze your own animal fecal samples under a microscope. Participants will need to bring fecal samples from their sheep or goats. Fresh samples are best, but if you collect them the afternoon before, put them in a zip-lock bag and put in the refrigerator or a cool place. Don't lay them on the dash or in direct sunlight.

We will be giving 2 hours of CEU's - 1 hour IPM and 1 hour general. Taking actual egg counts can accurately determine if your flocks need worming. Worming at times with little or no infestation is not only unduly costly, but can eventually lead to worm resistance to products.

Bronte UMW plans 2nd Annual Spring Fling

In a few days it will be Spring. The United Methodist Women of Bronte are getting spring flowers and vegetables ready to sell. The tomato plants, flowers, etc. will go on sale on the patio behind the Methodist Church. The hours will be from 3 pm to 6 pm Friday, April 1, and 8 am to 12 noon Saturday, April 2.

Last year, the ladies had flowers, vegetables, fertilizer, flower containers, garden tools, hanging baskets for sale. They also sold casseroles, pies, and cakes. This was a good way for local people to get their spring plants, as well as buy a home-cooked family meal. We also had master gardeners available to answer your questions.

If you have questions concerning the Spring Fling, call Glenda Draper at 473-2050, Nancy Adams at 473-7010, Joyce Bailey at 473-4951, Juanette Gentry at 473-9764 or Diane Luckett at 473-4821.

Aurora Abalos Stephens - truly a Hero with Heart

[Editor's Note: The following article appeared previously in the Odessa American newspaper.]

On January 24, Aurora Stephens, a family care supervisor employed by Nurses Unlimited for more than six years, accepted the Heroes with Heart award from Gov. Rick Perry at the Capitol in Austin.

According to an article in the Texas Association of Home Care newsletter, Aurora was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2004. Because of Aurora's dedication to her clients, attendants and coworkers, she continued to work while undergoing extensive chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

The article, provided by her nominators, Terri Riley, R.N., chief operating officer for the Long Term Care Division of Nurses Unlimited, and Nadeen Whiteside, R.N., Director of Primary Home Care for Nurses Unlimited, reads as follows:

"Aurora's hair fell out almost immediately after beginning her treatment. Her nail beds turned black. Her eyes watered continuously to the point of irritating her skin, not to mention the fatigue, thrush, nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, depression and feelings of helplessness that followed. Still, Aurora continued to care for her clients, keeping their best interests at heart.

"In the beginning (of her treatment), Aurora was not physically able to work in the field, nor did her physician want her exposed to many people while her immune system was jeopardized. During this time, her main concern was, and still is, her clients, their attendants and her co-workers. Aurora is blessed with a gift of being a true caregiver. She is not accustomed to depending on others to care for her or on her co-workers to do her job.

"Aurora loves to cook. She may walk into a client's home with a slice of pie, cake or homemade flour tortillas stuffed with eggs, bacon and cheese or green chili chicken enchiladas. She brings these delicious items to different co-workers from time to time. She continued to do so while undergoing the last four weeks of radiation therapy. It is a humbling experience to hold out your hands while this precious, unselfish woman hands you a dish of her homemade green chili chicken enchiladas for Boss's Day.

"Nurses Unlimited is very fortunate to have someone like Aurora represent our agency. Aurora conveys genuine care and concern for our clients' overall well being. Aurora's self-less dedication, loyalty and ability to continue in spite of the difficulties she continues to face make Aurora Stephens a hero every day. She is truly a Hero with Heart."

At this time, Aurora has completed her treatment and is on the road to recovery, Nadeen Whiteside said.

Aurora is a 1972 graduate of RLHS. She is the daughter of the late Frank & Maggie Abalos of Robert Lee.

USDA Rural Development to hold forum on available programs

Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development, announced a series of forums to be conducted for rural communities throughout the state of Texas. The forum is free to the public and speakers will provide information to all interested individuals and entities about the various housing, community, and business and industry programs available through USDA Rural Development.

The forum for Coke, Irion, Runnels, Sterling and Tom Green Counties will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2005, 10 am, at the Ballinger Community Center, 200 Crosson Avenue, Ballinger,



Stephens Honored! Gov. Rick Perry presents Aurora Stephens with the Heroes with Heart award.

Texas. The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single and multi-family housing.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texans, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population," said Daniel.

Through the numerous programs offered by USDA, Rural Development is committed to enhance the quality of life in rural communities by improving the flow of capital to businesses and addressing the essential needs of housing, water, edu-

cation and health care. There is no cost to attend and interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations, please call USDA Rural Development in Abilene at (325) 690-6162, Ext. 4.

City-wide garage sale scheduled for May 7th

It's that time again! It's time for the annual Bronte City-Wide garage sale. The garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 8 am. So clean out those closets. Clear the clutter in your garage. And don't forget to call Pat or Kim at City Hall (473-6791) to get your name and address on the city-wide garage sale map to be distributed that Saturday.

And for those of you who are not having a garage sale, make sure to mark your calendars down for Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 8 am.

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