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2nd Annual Fort Chadbourne Christmas Social set for Saturday

Fort Chadbourne Foundation will once again host an 1850's Christmas Social, on Saturday, December 15, from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no admission fee. The Fort will be aglow with lights and activities. Refreshments will be served by women dressed in 1850's attire, along with live reenactments of Christmas in an Officers' Quarters, cavalry, night time cannon fire, buggy rides, hay rides, and of course we can't forget Santa who will be arriving for the kids at 6 pm. The barracks has warm fires, and if it's a cold evening there are fire pits on the parade grounds for everyone to stay warm. There will be door prizes, and if you want to stock up on some goodies for Christmas, there will also be a bake sale.

The local kids' artwork will be on display, and winners of the coloring contest from each grade will be announced. There will be plenty of games, prizes, and refreshments for the children.

The Ice House Brass Quintet from San Angelo, who was a huge hit last year, will again be set up on the front porch playing period and Christmas music.

Everyone from Coke County and the surrounding area is invited to attend. There is no charge for this festive evening. Over 300 folks attended last year, and we hope this year even more will come and join us for this very unique and fun Frontier Christmas Social.

Fort Chadbourne is located 10 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277. For more information call (325) 743-2555.

Audubon Count set for Saturday

The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 15. Anyone who wishes to help with the count is asked to call 453-4488 or City Hall at 453-2831 for information. Caliche Loop Bird and Wildlife Association in Robert Lee assists the annual count. Any local assistance

will be appreciated.

Singing Winds to host tourney

There will be a 27 hole, two person golf tournament on December 15, at the Singing Winds Golf Course, Bronte, Texas.

For more information, please call (325) 473-2156.

Adopt-An-Angel Program underway

The Adopt-An-Angel Program sponsored by the Bronte Health and Rehab Center has begun. The Angel Tree is set up in the chapel at BHRC. If you would like to adopt an angel, go by Bronte Health and Rehab Center and pick an angel and bring back a gift wrapped package for that angel by Monday, December 17.

Windbreak Seedlings available

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Order your seedlings now through Monday, January 28, 2008. Delivery is set for February 7, 2008.

For more information and availability, contact the SWCD office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or come by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee.

Christmas Greetings set for December 21

It is time once again for Christmas greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas Greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 21 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Tuesday, December 18. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.

Old Santa is coming to town

Santa has been busy this time of year, and he couldn't make it last week for the Robert Lee Open House. He will be in Robert Lee on Wednesday, December 19, at 3 pm at the front door of the courthouse.

Santa Claus invites all his little friends to visit him with



Davis helps honor memory of soldiers from WWII! Ava Lou Davis of Robert Lee had the honor of placing a wreath on the monument at Angelo State University in San Angelo, in memory of 30 men killed during World War II. She was assisted by Commander of the Angelo State University AFROTC, Colonel Buck. Ava's brother, Frank Tubb, attended San Angelo College before enlisting in the Army Air Corps. He was killed while serving his country in WWII. A vigil ceremony was held Friday, November 7, 2007. Readings and changing of the guard were done at half-hour intervals. As the guards changed, a biography was read and then a single flower was placed on the memorial. An officer for the ROTC read a letter from Frank to Ava Lou. An opening exhibit for the men that made that supreme sacrifice was held at the West Texas Collection at Angelo State University.

their Christmas requests that afternoon. In case of bad weather, Santa will move into the courthouse.

RLVFD to host Silent Auction & Open House

By Mark Sides, Chief
We hope that you're planning to attend the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department silent auction fundraiser and open house on Monday, December 17, 2007, from 6:30 pm until 9 pm.

Items up for bids include gift cards from Academy Sports and Outdoors, and Big 5 Sporting Goods, a 5 gallon propane tank with free initial fill from Askins Propane, a copy of A Texas Christmas from This 'N That Shop, and a leather & vinyl overnight bag from Cole's Army Surplus.

Firefighters will be on hand to provide valuable information on fire safety and fire prevention.

Free public information items will include potholders, jar openers, and fire safety stickers for the kids. Custom made, reflective, 911 address signs will be available for order.

Hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, water, and soft drinks will be served during the open house.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the fire station on December 17.

Christmas activities set for Bronte

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 20 at 4 pm. The parade will begin at the nursing home and end at the school. Children can visit Santa at City Hall immediately following the parade.

There will also be an auction and food booths at City Hall. If you or anyone you know is

interested in participating in the parade, please contact Tammy Hortenstine at 473-7052.

Also, the Chamber is sponsoring a Holiday "Shop at Home" campaign. When you purchase an item locally, you will enter your name in a drawing for a TV and other donated items. The drawing will be held at noon on Saturday, December 15 at City Hall. You must be present to win!

Reservations for County Rec Halls begins January 2

The Coke County Judge's Office will begin renting the Large Recreation Hall Buildings and Senior Citizen Buildings and Pavilions in Robert Lee and Bronte on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at 7 am, in the Judge's office in the Coke County Courthouse. If you have any questions, please call Lorrie Martin or Roy Blair at 325-453-2641.

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December 19, please call 453-2724. There are a few extra available.

Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation has been established by their family.

The Scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to the City Hall by January 11, 2008. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on January 16.

RL Bands to present concert

The Robert Lee High School Band, fourth grade recorder class, fifth and sixth grade band with the kindergarten, first grade, second grade and third grade classes will present a concert and play on December 20, beginning at 6:30 pm. Band Director Mike Brady will conduct the bands and Sterling Myers will conduct the elementary students.



'64 Study Club Drawing! The '64 Study Club held their raffle drawing for the painting by local artist Tom Orsak, during Robert Lee Christmas Open House festivities, Friday, December 7. The winner was U.S. Auto Max, out of Odessa, Texas, who donated the painting to Becky Percifull.

Death Notices

Smith

Raymond Eugene Smith, 67, of Robert Lee died Thursday, December 6, 2007, at Robert Lee Care Center. Viewing was all day Monday, December 10. Graveside service was at 10 am, Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

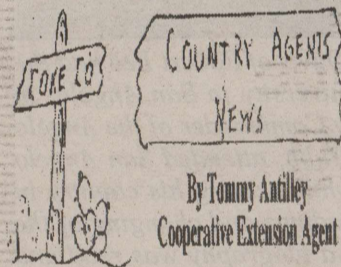
Survivors include his sons, Raymond L. Smith of San Angelo, Stephen Barnes of Florida, Allen Barnes of Houston, Gary Barnes of California; daughters, Oddetta Garcia of California and Kim Jacobs of Florida; his mother, Frances Eugenia Smith of Carlsbad, New Mexico; a brother, Rasler Wallace Smith of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and a sister, Angela Sparks of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

owned assets can stay intact. I know from personal experience that setting up a family partnership for land, livestock, equipment, vehicles, etc. allowed us to not have any type of estate tax burden when our Dad died.

This informative meeting could assist you in making sure that your wishes are set forth as you want them and not how the government decides. For any additional information, you can contact Tommy Antilley, Coke County Extension Agent at 453-2461.

RL Band

Calendars are here
 The Robert Lee Band/Community Calendars are here and will be delivered this week. If you missed ordering a calendar or have not gotten yours by



Estate Planning meeting scheduled
 The Coke County Cooperative Extension will host an Estate Planning meeting for Wednesday, December 19, beginning at 7 pm in the Robert Lee Rec Hall. With estate laws changing and future changes, it has become increasingly important that landowners and business owners set up their estates so that they can be held intact upon a death in the family without having to sell part of the assets to pay taxes.


There are several things that can be done to set up partnerships, corporations, gifts to children, etc. than can offset your total worth as far as the government is concerned for estate taxes. Bill Thompson, Extension Economist, will be on hand to present a program on how to set up your estate, wills and financial planning so that the integrity of the family

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 6th & Houston • Robert Lee
Wednesday, December 19
6 pm - 9 pm
We will be showing the
Christmas movie
"The Nativity Story" at 7 pm
Refreshments will be served and a gift
to all our special visitors
Victory Assembly wishes all of
Robert Lee a very Merry
Christmas!
See You There!
Pastor Irving Smith

Brady said, "These students have really worked hard and I think you will really enjoy watching and listening to these students perform." The kindergarten students will perform first, then Mrs. Myers will direct the first

through third grade in a Christmas play. The fourth grade will perform next, followed by the fifth and sixth grade and ending with the Stompin' Steer Band. Everyone should come out and support these fine students.

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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

Dale Patterson, 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. David Bailey, Pastor
 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. George Bradley, 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

St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

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

Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685

Portis Ribble, Minister
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 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) 453-2482

Jim Dominey, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724

Jason Martin, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Box-Robbins united in marriage

Ginger Box of Bonham, Texas, and Luke Robbins of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, were united in marriage on December 8, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Paul Evans of Boerne, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roe Minge of Bonham and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Robbins of Bronte.

The flower girl was Rachael Box, daughter of the bride, of Bonham, who was attired in a floor-length ivory dress, trimmed in chocolate brown rosettes.

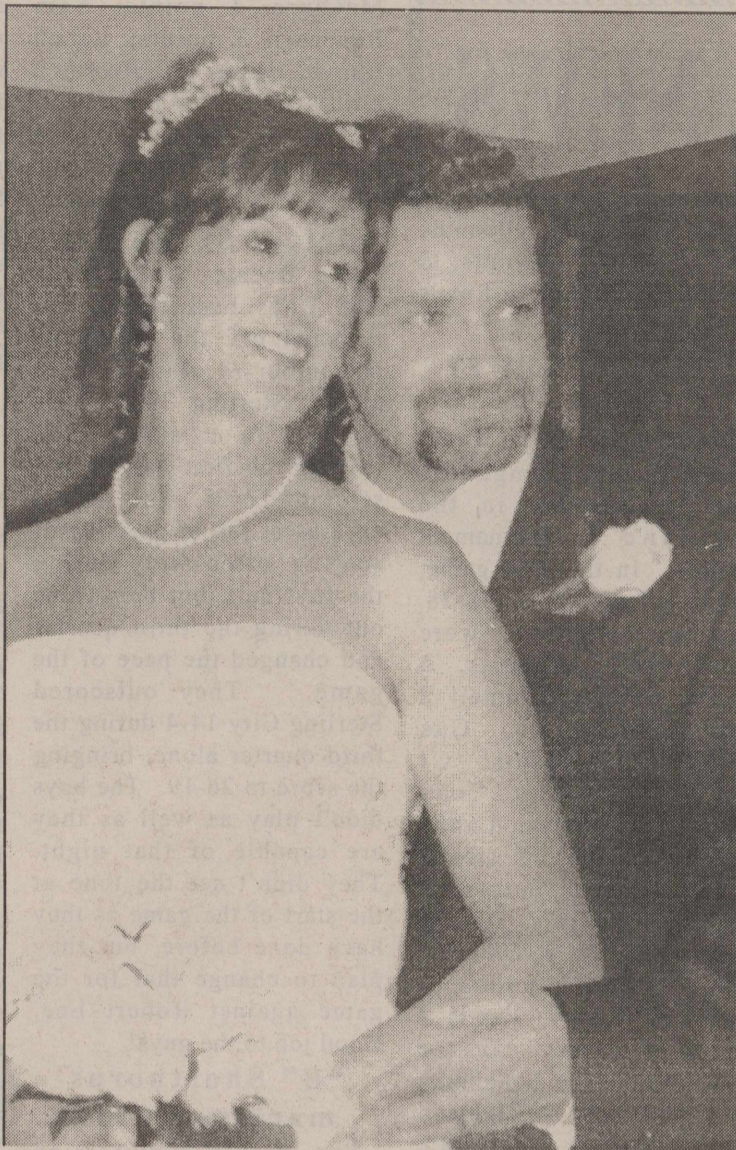
Attending the groom as best man was Mark Phillips of Iowa Park, Texas. Serving as ring bearer was Garrett Box, son of the bride, of Bonham, who was dressed in a chocolate brown suit.

Ushers included Steve Robbins, cousin of the groom, of Midland, Texas, and Wayne Keele, brother-in-law of the groom, of Snyder, Texas.

The bride wore a floor-length ivory satin gown adorned with crystal beading flowing across the bodice. Her accessories were the pearls her mother-in-law wore in her wedding and pearl earrings. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of Emma Pink and Virginia White roses.

The church was decorated with Christmas greens and magnolia and pink poinsettias throughout the sanctuary and foyer. Christmas greenery accessorised the double candelabras and unity candelabra. The groom's niece, McKenna Keele, lit the candles during the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held. The bride's table was set with a silver punch bowl and candlesticks and crystal appointment. The three cakes were accented with Pink Emma Roses and Christmas greens. The groom's sister, Stefanie Keele, and aunt, Linda



Mr. and Mrs. Luke Robbins

Watson, served the bride's table. The groom's table was set in ivory and chocolate brown with silver serving pieces. The chocolate two-layer cake was accented with the groom's initials and Christmas greens. The groom's aunt, Carolyn Robbins, and cousin, Sherry Jackson, served the table. Nephews of the groom, Marshall and Grayson Keele, handed out gifts from the bride and groom, along with going away bubbles.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Electra ISD in Electra, Texas. She earned her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Midwestern State University in 1996 and her master's degree in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, in 2005. She is currently employed by Bonham ISD in Bonham.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Bronte ISD in Bronte, and received an associate's degree from Clarendon College in Agriculture. He also attended Midwestern State University. He is currently employed by the Titus County Appraisal District in Mt. Pleasant.

After a wedding trip to St. Thomas, the couple will make their home in Mt. Pleasant.

Wildcat Taxidermy hosts drawing
Wildcat Taxidermy in Robert Lee hosted a Christmas Open House drawing. Julien Torres won a paper towel holder, while Maudie Conley won a "God Bless Texas" metal art piece and Ashley Sawyer took home a mesquite cross.

Deadline is Tuesday at 2 pm

Fort Chadbourne Christmas Social
December 15th, 2007
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

BISD Board meeting date changed

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees regular December board meeting will be moved from Thursday, December 13, 2007, to Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 8 pm.

Ag Building Dedication slated

Bronte ISD will hold a dedication ceremony for the new JT Henry Agriculture building on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 11 am.

Bronte ISD Update

By Michael Bohensky
On Monday, December 17, Bronte ISD and the United Blood Services will host a blood drive to benefit the Chris Brown family. Chris Brown, a student at Bronte High School, is still in ICU at Shannon Hospital and every blood donation will help offset the medical expenses for the family. The blood-drive will take place in the old gymnasium at Bronte ISD from 3 pm to 6 pm. Please call Shalon's Floral at 473-5101 to schedule an appointment.

Bronte ISD wants to let everyone know that the

Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 13 has been moved to Tuesday, December 18 at 8 pm. This meeting will take place after the Christmas Band Program, which will start at 6:30 pm in the school auditorium. The public is invited to attend the Christmas Program. Also, earlier that day Bronte ISD will make a dedication to JT Henry at the new Agricultural and Vocational building. This is a come-and-go event and the public is invited to attend. The dedication will take place at the new Agriculture and Vocational building at 11 am on Tuesday, December 18.

And last but not least, the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, along with Bronte ISD, will host a Christmas Parade starting at 4 pm on Thursday, December 20. The parade will start at the football stadium and continue downtown.

Longhorns beat Yellowjackets in close one

The Bronte Longhorn basketball team defeated the Menard Yellowjackets by a score of 36-32. Scoring for Bronte were Brett Wills 4 points, 12 rebounds; Paul McConnell 6 points, 5 rebounds; CJ McClure 1 point; Sam Rawlings 3 points; Lahne Burns 5 points; Rob Rosson 2 points; Dakota

Rawls 9 points, 5 rebounds; Heath Richey 3 points, 6 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls 3 points, 5 assists.

Longhorns place second in Highland Tourney

The Bronte Longhorns came out second in the Highland Tournament recently. In the first game, Bronte defeated Trent 58-28. Scoring for Bronte were Brett Wills 2 points, 5 assists; Paul McConnell 8 points, 3 steals; Gus Saunders 2 points; CJ McClure 2 points; Cody Wallace 2 points; Lahne Burns 14 points, 3 steals; Rob Rosson 3 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals; Dakota Rawls 10 points, 9 rebounds; Heath Richey 6 points, 4 steals and Kerwin Rawls 9 points, 4 assists. In the second game, the Longhorns came out on top of Highland 45-40. Scoring for Bronte were Brett Wills 6 points; Paul McConnell 2 points; Gus Saunders 5 points; CJ McClure 4 points; Sam Rawlings 3 points; Rob Rosson 2 points; Dakota Rawls 13 points, 5 rebounds; Heath Richey 5 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls 10 points. In the championship game, Bronte lost to Roscoe 38-42. Scoring for Bronte were Brett Wills 2 points; Paul McConnell 2 points; Gus Saunders 2 points; CJ

McClure 4 points; Sam Rawlings 3 points; Lahne Burns 2 points; Rob Rosson 2 points; Dakota Rawls 12 points, 6 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls 9 points.

"A" Shorthorns defeat SC Eagles

The Bronte Junior High "A" Boys basketball team finished off the night of December 3 with a win against Sterling City. They got off to a slow start, leaving the first half with a score of 12-15. They didn't do a great job of pressing or scoring offensively during the first half, but they came out during the third quarter and changed the pace of the game. They outscored Sterling City 14-4 during the third quarter alone, bringing the score to 26-19. The boys didn't play as well as they are capable of that night. They didn't set the tone at the start of the game as they have done before, but they plan to change that for the game against Robert Lee. Good job to the guys!

"B" Shorthorns mark two wins

The Bronte Junior High "B" boys basketball team was split into 2 separate teams for the December 3 games against Water Valley. The Shorthorns defeated Water Valley with scores of 25-10 and 13-9. They held off Water Valley once again with both groups. These groups

are gaining more experience with each game they play and that experience is showing on the court, especially for the first group of 7th graders that played. They gave full effort for the entire game. The second group of guys started off a little slow, but picked up the pace during the second half to clinch another victory. Very good job to both groups.

Lady Longhorns place in two tourneys

The Bronte Lady Longhorns competed in two tournaments this past weekend. The Varsity girls played in the Highland Tournament while the JV competed in the Sterling City Tournament. The Varsity girls finished with a Consolation trophy and the Junior Varsity placed second behind Christoval. The Varsity girls lost in overtime to Trent 36-33; won against Abilene Home School 60-21; and finished with a win against Aspermont 42-24. The JV girls won in their first round, beating Colorado City 35-29; won against Grape Creek 32-30; and then finished with a loss to Christoval 27-24.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 17
Cereal, Apple Sauce, Toast, Jelly, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 18
Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Assorted Juice, Syrup, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 19
French Toast Sticks, Assorted Juice, Syrup, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 20
Sausage Roll, Assorted Juice, Milk

Friday, Dec. 21
Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Assorted Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday, Dec. 17
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Sliced Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 18
Spud Day, Chili and Cheese, Baked Potato, Baby Carrots with Ranch, Fresh Fruit Cup, Texas Toast, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 19
Tacos with cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Rosie Apple Sauce, Taco Shells, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 20
Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit Cup, Garlic Toast, Milk

Friday, Dec. 21
Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Tator Tots, Ranch Style Beans, Assorted Fruit, Bun, Banana Pudding, Milk

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Basketball! *The Robert Lee Steers and Lady Steers Varsity basketball teams have done well recently at local tournaments. The Lady Steers (top photo) placed second at the Miles Tournament while the Steers placed second at the Miles Tournament and third at the Irion County Varsity Tournament.*



RLISD Board meeting held

Be it remembered that on Wednesday, the 5th day of December 2007, a special meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members present were K. Roe, W. Washam, T. Reed, J. Roberts, I. Torres, B. Ramon and T. Sawyer. No members were absent.

The meeting was called to

order by President Roe at 6 pm, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Irma Torres.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Tom Sawyer. All for.

A Public Hearing was held on the Application from Capricorn Ridge Wind II, LLC, for a Limitation to Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes as amended on September 4, 2007, and the Application from Goat Wind, LP, for Limitation on

Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes as amended on August 27, 2007. Dan Casey with Moak, Casey & Associates went over the Board Findings and Economic Impact with Attorneys Kevin O'Hanlon and Annabel Canchola presenting the Limitation Agreements for review.

Wes Washam made a motion to adopt Findings concerning the Application from Capricorn Ridge Wind II, LLC, for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes as amended on September 4, 2007; note date change on Application to read 5th of December 2007. Motion seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Supt. Hood made a recommendation to waive the job creation requirement set forth in Texas Tax Code 313.051(b) for Capricorn Ridge Wind II, LLC. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept Supt. Hood's recommendation seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion

seconded by Jeffie Roberts to approve Agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Capricorn Ridge Wind II, LLC. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to adopt Findings concerning the Application from Goat Wind, LP, for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes as amended on August 27, 2007. Motion seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

Supt. Hood made a recommendation to waive the job creation requirements set forth in Texas Tax Code 313.051(b) for Goat Wind, LP. Tod Reed made a motion to accept Supt. Hood's recommendation seconded by Brandi Ramon. All for.

Irma Torres made a motion seconded by Brandi Ramon to approve Agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Goat Wind, LP. All for.

Next regular board meeting will be held Monday, December 17, 2007.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm.

RLJH

basketball results

The Robert Lee Lady Dogies "A" beat out Christoval 26-7. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kimberly Roach 8; Jordan Gartman 4; Rachel Rojas 4; Luisa Carrera 2; Linsey Vallery 4

and Meagan Ross 4. On December 10, the Bronte Junior High girls "A" team defeated the Lady Dogies "A" team by a score of 31-46. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kimberly Roach 5; Victoria Roe 2; Jordan Gartman 6; Rachel Rojas 4; Linsey Vallery 12 and Meagan Ross 2.

The Robert Lee Lady Dogies "B" team lost to Christoval 20-31. Scoring for the Lady Dogies were Dusty Howard 11; Diana Vera 4; Elizabeth Chancellor 1 and Ashlie Wheat 4. On December 10, they took on the Bronte Junior High Lady Shorthorns "B" team. The final score was 4-17 with Dusty Howard scoring the 4 points.

The Robert Lee Dogies beat out Christoval 31-6. Scoring for the Dogies were Gartman 5; Skinner 2; Sanchez 6; Henderson 4; Hinderliter 8 and Long 4. The Dogies were defeated by the Bronte Junior High Shorthorns 21-31. Scoring for Robert Lee were Gartman 5; Sanchez 7; Henderson 4; Hinderliter 3 and Long 2.

RL JV Girls win one, lose one

The Robert Lee High School Lady Steers JV team took a loss to Menard at the Sterling City JV Basketball tournament on December 7, 2007. The final score was Robert Lee 18, Menard 20. Scoring for the Lady Steers JV was Alexis Garren 5 and Skyler Rainwater 13. On the upside, the Lady Steers JV beat the Sterling City JV 36-12. Scoring for Robert Lee were Alexis Garren 4; Jodi Sheldon 17; Kacee Roberts 8 and Briana Brisbin 7.

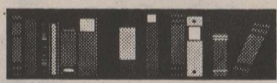
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Juice, Muffin, Cereal, Milk

Lunch

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- Wednesday, Dec. 19
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Jesus is God.

I and my father are one. • John 10:30
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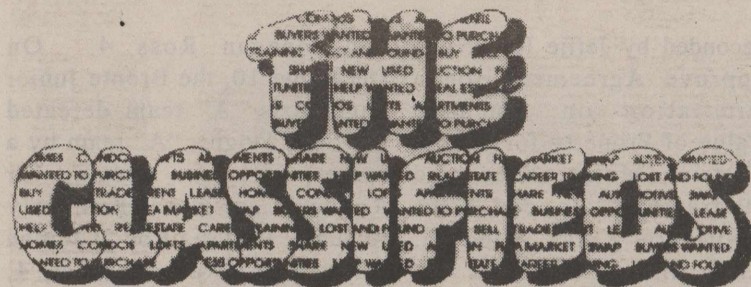
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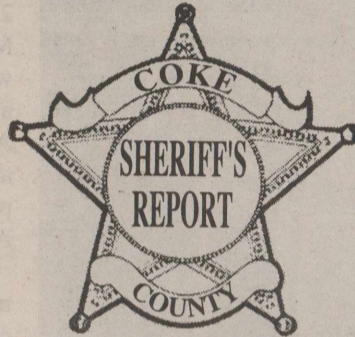
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Amaro, Alfredo, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving While License Invalid, 11-3-07;

Bishop, Bradley, Driving While License Invalid - Previous Conviction, 11-11-07;

Torres, Christopher Ray, Evading Arrest Detention, 11-16-07;

Lara, Lydia Rose, Evading Arrest and Detention, 11-16-07;

Moody, Janice, DWI 1st, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 11-18-07.

County Court Dispositions

Plea Hearing

11-9-07

The State of Texas vs. Tydee Beaver, Charge: Driving While License Invalid, Plea: 7 Days Jail Credit.

District Court Disposition

Plea Hearing

11-14-07

The State of Texas vs. Rhiannon Ramon, Charge: Graffiti - Motion to Revoke Probation, Plea: 200 Days State Jail.

RL JV Girls results announced

On Dec. 5, the RLJV girls defeated Miles JV 20-19. Scoring were Alexis Garren 3; Jodie Sheldon 6; Kacee Roberts 2; Skyler Rainwater 7; and Briana Brisbin 2.

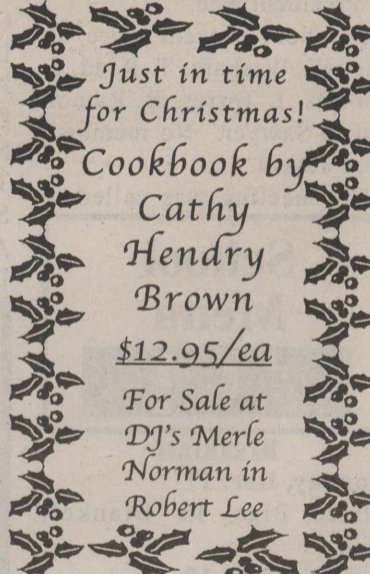
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Also on Dec. 7, the RLJV girls defeated Sterling City JV 36-14. Scoring were Garren 4; Sheldon 17; Roberts 8; and Brisbin 7.

On Dec. 9, the JV girls lost 16-33. Scoring were Percy 2; Garren 8; Rainwater 4; and Sheldon 2.

RLHS varsity girls tie for win at Miles tourney

On Dec. 4, the Robert Lee Varsity Girls lost a close one to Miles by a score of 53 - 55. Scoring for the girls were Kasie Skinner 9; Arrin Minjarez 14; Molli Hinderliter 7; Molly Burns 6; Megan Percifull 4; Sarah Walker 5; and Connie Saucedo 8.

On Dec. 6-8, the varsity girls competed in the Miles Tournament. After dropping their first game to Eden, the Lady Steers came back to win three in a row to tie for first place in the Miles Tournament. They came out with the second place trophy after the tie breaker (fewest points allowed) was decided. Arrin Minjarez and Megan Percifull were selected to the All-Tournament team. Results of the games are as follows.

On Thursday RL fell to Eden 25-29. Scoring were Olga Perez 3; Kasie Skinner 4; Molly Burns 2; Megan Percifull 2; Amanda Mendoza 7; Sarah Walker 3; and Connie Saucedo 2.

On Friday, RL defeated Bangs JV 42-32. Scoring were Skinner 4; Minjarez 20; Hinderliter 16; Percifull 8; Mendoza 3; and Walker 3.

On Saturday morning, RL defeated SA Cornerstone 59-56. Scoring were Perez 3; Skinner 2; Minjarez 25; Hinderliter 8; Percifull 4; Mendoza 5; and Walker 12.

On Saturday afternoon, RL defeated Miles 38-27. Scoring were Perez 5; Skinner 2; Minjarez 6; Hinderliter 8; Percifull 8; Mendoza 2; and Walker 7.

The RL Lady Steers will play Westbrook on Dec. 14 at Robert Lee.



RLHS Basketball! The Robert Lee High School Lady Steers JV teams placed second at the Robert Lee JV basketball tournament recently.



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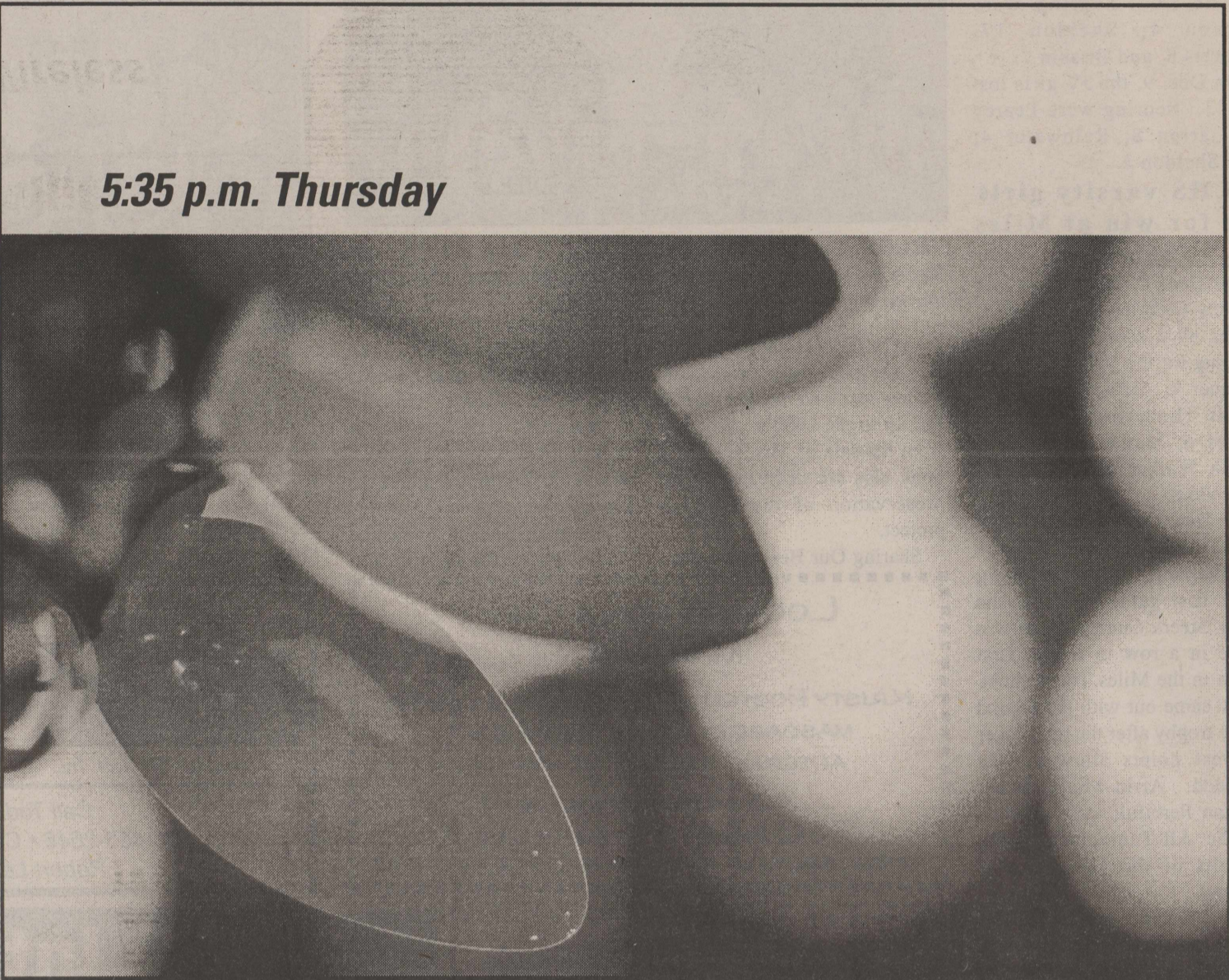
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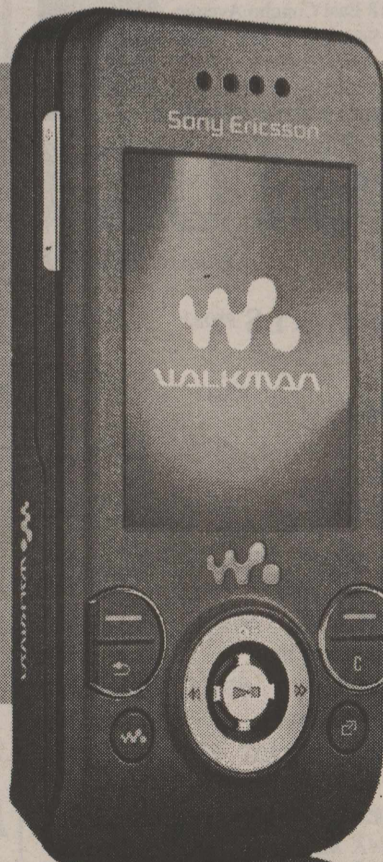
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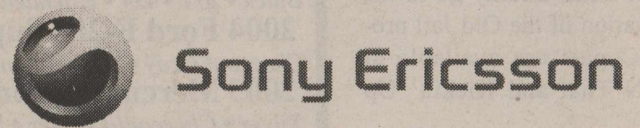
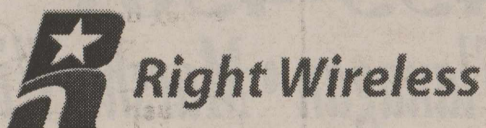
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