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Darby gets nod in runoff

Challenger Drew Darby upended incumbent Scott Campbell in Tuesday's runoff election for state representative for District 72, which includes Tom Green, Mitchell, Scurry, and Coke Counties. Darby garnered a total of 5,723 votes over the district, while Campbell captured a total of 3,780 votes. Although Darby drew approximately 60% of the votes throughout the district, he was narrowly defeated in Coke County by a vote of 63 to 62. Darby will face a Libertarian candidate in the general election, but he is relatively assured the post, considering that no Libertarian has been elected to a state office. Jeri Slone, a Democratic candidate who has lost twice to Campbell, is not expected to run against Darby.

In other statewide runoff races, county Republicans selected Criminal Appeals Judge Place 8 Charles Holcomb over Terry Keel by a 64 to 12 margin. Bill Davidson got the nod from county voters over Will Wilson by a close 42 to 40 margin in the runoff for Justice, 3rd Court of Criminal Appeals District, Place 3.

In the statewide Democratic runoff elections, county voters split evenly between U.S. Senator candidates Gene Kelly and Barbara Ann Radnofsky, with 15 votes each. In the Lieutenant Governor's runoff, Benjamin Z. Grant was favored by county voters over Maria Luisa Alvarado

by a 26 to 4 vote margin. Statewide totals were unavailable at presstime.

BHRC Easter Egg hunt slated

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center, the BHRC Auxiliary, and the residents of BHRC have planned an Easter Egg hunt on Friday, April 14 at 3:00 pm. All children, kindergarten and younger are invited to participate in the hunt.

If you have any Easter candy and/or plastic eggs that you would like to donate for this event, please take them to the Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

Holy Week Services slated

Robert Lee United Methodist Church will have Easter services on Holy Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. and on Good Friday, April 14 at 7 pm. Also, the Robert Lee community of churches will celebrate Easter morning at the Amphitheatre, 7 am for Sunrise services and later Sunday Services at individual churches.

The First United Methodist Church in Bronte will host evening services at 7 pm on Holy Thursday, April 13, and Good Friday, April 14. Easter Sunday Service will be April 16 at 11 am.

Journey to the Cross scheduled

The First United Methodist church of Bronte is inviting the community to join the Journey to the Cross on Good Friday, April 14, at 10 am. All participants are asked to meet at the intersection of Highway 277 and Wilkins Road, just before the Colorado River bridge (approximately 2 miles south

of Bronte).

There will be a short message followed by the journey back to The First United Methodist Church in Bronte. A short message and light lunch will follow.

Ft. Chadbourne Easter Sunrise Service scheduled

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Fort Chadbourne on Sunday, April 16, at 6:30 am. Fort Chadbourne is located 12 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277.

Good Friday service set at RLBC

On Friday, April 14th, Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold a "Good Friday" service beginning at 7 pm. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. The Lord's Supper will be observed.

Bronte FBC to host adult rally

Bronte's First Baptist Church will be hosting an area-wide Senior Adult Rally on Monday, April 17. The rally is sponsored by the Rannels Baptist Association.

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will feature the southern gospel and country gospel sounds of Guy and Joann Fredieu. Guy and Joann are from San Angelo and spend as much of their retirement time as possible in singing for groups both large and small. Guy is retired from many years of working for Verizon.

Prior to the evening's program, a fellowship meal will be served in the church's fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, but an approximate head count would be appreciated. You may call 473-2331, 473-5661, or email fbcbronte@juno.com. The musical program will feature both old and new songs. Several door prizes will also be awarded during the program. Everyone is invited to attend, regardless of age or church affiliation.

Business Luncheon slated for April 20

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce and the Bronte Economic Development Board would like to invite all of the businesses in Bronte to a Business Luncheon, Thursday, April 20, from



County Easter Egg Hunt! These are just a few of the many Coke County children who enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Courthouse lawn Monday, April 10, 2006. For more cute pics and a list of the sponsors, see page 12 of this issue.

11:30am - 1:00 pm at the Bronte Housing Authority Community Room.

Upcoming events and opportunities will be discussed. Input on how the chamber can promote your business and the community is requested.

Lunch will be provided. Please make a reservation (so we know how much food to prepare) by calling Misti at 473-3541 or 473-3263.

Retired Teachers meeting set

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 17, 2006. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the Methodist Church in Bronte.

Robert Lee "City-Wide Spring Clean-Up"

The "City-wide Spring Clean-Up" event is scheduled for the third and fourth Saturdays of April. As always it is sponsored by the City of Robert Lee and Trashaway services. This clean-up allows residents of the city, a chance to get rid of clutter from around their homes and businesses.

Residents with a Tuesday

trash pick-up will be serviced on Saturday, April 15. Residents with a Friday trash pick-up will be serviced on Saturday, April 22. Trucks will begin at 7 am.

Residents are encouraged to haul brush, tree limbs, shingles, bricks, and lumber materials to the City Landfill on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Residents with a water bill will receive free disposal at the landfill on April 15 & 22. Brush placed at curbside MUST be bundled and in lengths of not more than 4 - 5 feet.

Trashaway personnel will not pick up appliances, loads stacked on trailers, or household trash, tires, batteries, chemicals or wet paint.

Due to the fact that appliances can not be landfilled at San Angelo, they will not be picked up curbside. On April 29th a roll-off will be available at the Wastewater Plant from 8:00-12:00 noon for a free disposal to City residents.

Please be available to help load anything over 50 pounds. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 453-2831.



Lee Couple Honored at Chamber Banquet! Longtime Bronte Mayor Martin Lee and his wife, Patricia, were recognized for their many years of service to the Bronte community at the annual Bronte Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday evening, April 8, 2006.

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Obituaries



Zant

Joe Zant succumbed after a courageous battle with cancer at his home on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, surrounded by his entire family and many friends. Josiah Clifton Zant, Jr. was born in Stamford, Texas on November 4, 1929, the son of Josiah Clifton Zant, Sr. and Margaret Virginia Trammell Zant. Services will be held at First United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 6, at 2 pm with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Joe spent his early childhood on the family ranch near Aspermont, Texas, moving to Odessa in 1935. He graduated from Odessa High School, attended Odessa College the first year that it had a building, and graduated from Sul Ross State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Range Animal Husbandry.

Joe was a realtor and appraiser and co-owner of Zant and Associates. He was actively involved in the Odessa Board of Realtors, served as President, and was recently recognized as an Honorary Life Member.

Joe followed his father as a member of the Odessa College Board of Trustees, serving 28 years in every area of leadership on the Board. Education was one of his passions, and another was serving the youth of our community through the Odessa Optimist Club, which he joined in 1967. His service to the Optimist Club extended beyond the Odessa community, when he became Governor of the North Texas District for the 1987-88 year.

Community service played an important role in Joe's life. He also served on the Boards of the Odessa Boys Club and the YMCA. He was a past member of the Odessa Rotary Club, earned his "Thanks Badge" from the Girl Scouts, became a Master Gardener, and received his 25-year pin from the Masonic Lodge.

Joe grew up at First United Methodist Church and when the call went out to start a new Methodist church in Odessa, he became a charter member of St.

Luke's United Methodist Church, where his membership most recently resided.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Ray Ann Caudle Zant. Also surviving are first wife, Juanita Gholson Zant, and their children: Clif Zant and his wife Lindsay, Cathy Hoggard and her husband Johnny, Jerry Zant and his wife Heidi, and Laura Zant. Joe and Ray Ann raised three daughters: Shannon Myers, Sharo Lopez, and Sherea Hill and her husband Tom, all of whom are surviving. Also surviving is his sister, Celia Bowden and husband J.J., 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and loving friends.

Pallbearers include Scott Bowden, Kent Bowden, Van Bowden, Jason Holloman, Nick Brown and Tom Hill. Honorary pallbearers are Robert Norwood, James Morgan, Foy Bates, Reed Berlin, Don Mouser, Wayne Darville, and Dave Paterno.

Joe requested that in lieu of flowers, he would appreciate memorial donations to the Scholarship Funds of Odessa College or the Odessa Optimist Club.

Services are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Please sign the guest book at mem.com.

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Caperton

R.T. Caperton, 87, a longtime resident of Bronte, Texas, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2006, at his home.

R.T. was born to E.L. (Emmit) and Lillian Coleman Caperton on March 30, 1919 near Cedar Mountain, three miles southwest of Bronte. The family moved to Clyde, Texas for a short time but returned to Bronte where R.T. began the first grade.

In 1936, he received his diploma from Bronte High School. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Animal Husbandry and Agriculture. Due to the looming threat of war, the A&M class of 1941 was the first and only class to be commissioned into the military service prior to receiving diplomas. He went immediately into the service and was stationed with the Remount Depot at Fort Reno, Oklahoma until he went overseas.

While still at Fort Reno, R.T. married the love of his life, Zelma Pauline Slaughter of Robert Lee, Texas on June 18, 1942. Zelma passed away in 2001 after 59 years of marriage.

R.T. was in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations in charge of 250-500 men issuing pack animals to the Allied Forces, receiving a commendation for delivering animals into the battle zone. He made numerous reconnaissance mis-

sions throughout the area and flew over 1,000 miles into southeast China, crossing the Himalayas over 25 times.

Although he traveled throughout the area including India and Pakistan, he spent most of his time in the jungles of Burma supporting the United States and British effort to complete the Lido Road from Casy Ming, China to Lasio, Burma. The road, which was completed before he left, was crucial as an alternate to the Burma Road being held by the Japanese,

R.T. was discharged from active service in 1946 as a Major of the US Army. He remained in the reserves for another ten years.

Following the war, R.T. was a Chevrolet and Cadillac dealer in Bronte, Sterling City, and Coleman, Texas. In later years, he was Area Manager for National Farm Life Insurance Co. of Fort Worth. He was very committed to community service and played an active role in each place that he lived. He was a lifetime member of Lions International, a charter member of the Bronte Lions Club and was awarded a Certificate of Membership for 50 years service in 1997. He was an active member of the American Legion, Association of Former A&M Students and the West Texas A&M Club.

R.T. served as Mayor of Bronte, on the City Councils of Bronte and Sterling City, as a member of the Bronte School Board, and as President of the Coleman Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bronte and served in many areas of church leadership.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, his parents, a sister, Savannah Ruth Belcher, and two brothers, Emmit Durwood and Leslie Dean Caperton.

Survivors include his son, Randy Caperton of College Station, Texas; two daughters, Jacque Caperton Miller of Bronte, Texas and Kim Caperton of Austin, Texas; one grandson, Chance Henderson of Dallas, Texas; a brother, Matthew Caperton of San Angelo, Texas; and sister-in-law, Maxine Percifull of Bronte, Texas. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews all of whom thought Uncle R.T. hung the moon and knew that his door was always open.

A family visitation was held from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, April 11, at the Funeral Home. Services were held on Wednesday, April 12, at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Billy Jack Gentry, Pete Percifull, Larry Robinson, Jim Turner, Alonzo Robbins, Joe Draper, Tommy Hickman, and Martin Lee.

Honorary Pallbearers were Royce Fancher, E.F. (Tuny) Glenn, Frank Sayner, Jay Crouch, Royce Lee, Ed Cumbie, Irving Cumbie, and Cary Wright.

R.T. was a man of his time and of the red West Texas clay. He sat tall in the saddle, was a straight shooter, and could tell a story with the best of them. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family requests that memorials be made to First United Methodist Church of

Bronte Memorial Fund and to Hospice of San Angelo.

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Ivey

Earl Hammonds Ivey, 84, died April 9, 2006, in a local hospital. Visitation was held from 6 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, April 12, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee. Graveside service was held at 10 am, Thursday, April 13, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

"H", as he was known to his family and friends, was born June 2, 1921, in Bronte, Texas, to Earl Oscar and Bessie Hammonds Ivey.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; two sons, Roy Ivey of San Angelo and Dennis Ivey of Robert Lee; daughter, Susan Fortenberry of Houston; and grandson, Robert Acton of Fort Worth.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jimmy Dean Ivey; granddaughter, Robin Acton; grandson, Casey Acton; his parents; brother, Glenn Ivey; and two sisters, Helen Glenn and Ora Myrtle Ivey.

"H" was one of the best examples of the "greatest generation," forged in the fires of the Great Depression and World War II. His life was marked throughout by service to his country and his love of his family and friends. "H" was best known for his big smile and quiet strength.

When he graduated from Bronte High School, he had to make his own way in life. He worked at various jobs including the Civilian Conservation Corps, a Depression-era program that built many public facilities. "H" helped in the park areas of Lake Brownwood. He also worked as a carpenter, electrician's helper, plumber's helper and as a farmer.

When World War II broke out, "H" joined the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the USS Idaho, a battleship bound for the Pacific Theater of Operations. As a fire-control technician, he directed the warship's 14-inch guns at enemy emplacements. He watched through his binoculars as the Marines raised the American Flag on Iwo Jima. He also watched a kamikaze suicide plane evade anti-aircraft fire and crash into the side of his ship.

After the war, "H" worked in California before returning to

Texas. He settled in Robert Lee to raise his family with Anne and to begin his career as a respected auto mechanic for his uncle's Ford dealership, Ivey Motor Company.

In 1966, he opened his own business, a Mobil service station that he operated for many years. After that, he worked for Coke County in road maintenance and for the Housing and Urban Development Public Housing Authority in Robert Lee.

Besides his career, "H" also gave of himself extensively in public service. He was the fire chief of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, vice-president of the Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees, president of the Robert Lee Cemetery Association, committee member of Troop 461 of the Boy Scouts of America and held leadership positions in the Hayrick Masonic Lodge.

We know there is a special place in Heaven for this tired, old mechanic. He never sought the spotlight but did good work throughout his life with humility and a heart of gold.

The world is a poorer place without "H", and he will be missed by all who knew and love him.

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Wood

Frances Mae Hoelscher Wood, 76, of Eden, Texas died Thursday, March 30, 2006, at her resident.

Rosary services were held at 6:00 pm on Sunday April 2, 2006, at Lange Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, April 3, 2006, at 10:00 am at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger with Fr. Hugh Wade and Fr. Ramana co-celebrating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery

Survivors include her husband, Gail Wood of Eden; son, Benny Hoelscher and wife, Odessa of Eden; daughters, Belinda Felihkatubbe and husband, Glen of Grape Creek, Lola Quirino and husband, Ernest of Ballinger, Karen Richey and husband, Alan of Bronte and Sharon Bredemeyer and husband, Malcolm of Winters, twin sister, Fae Kohutek; brothers, H.W., Rector, Chester, Johnny, and Dan Jacoby; 16 grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

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 Tianen
 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) 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) 453-2004
 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

Tennysen Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennysen
 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



Network Luncheon Held! Texas Midwest Community Network, a 25 county consortium to further the economic development of the area, held one of four network lunches in Robert Lee April 6, 2006. Approximately 40 people from Bronte, Robert Lee, Colorado City, Ballinger and San Angelo attended the event. Nicki Harle, Director of TMCN, discussed the HOG Rally and TMCN Day in Austin in February. She will compile a list of suggestions for legislative consideration. Ms. Harle pointed out that education of legislators on rural issues is crucial.

Trail dedication set for April 19 at Lake Spence

A dedication ceremony is scheduled April 19 at 10 a.m. at E.V. Spence Reservoir near Robert Lee to honor the builders of the new Sumac Nature and Birding Trail.

The 3/8-mile long trail was designed and constructed in a joint effort with the Wilderness Camp unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice based out of Carlsbad, Texas, a division that is headquartered out of the Colorado City TDCJ unit. It is located just off the access road for the District's Wildcat Creek recreation area at Spence Reservoir. A small gravel parking area and permit box marks the trail head, not far from the Spence dam. The entrance road is well marked with signage less than one-half mile past the Wildcat Park entrance on Old FM 2034.

"We had some input from birders to design the trail, but it would never have happened without the Wilderness Camp," said Spence Reservoir Superintendent Doug Frey. "Officer Jaime Regino (the on-site supervisor) and the inmates were great. They went far above and beyond even what we had designed."

"We want to officially dedicate the trail and use the opportunity to thank everyone responsible for executing the plans and completing the trail including Warden J.V. Young of the Wallace-Ware TDCJ complex at Colorado City, Regional Director Rodney Cooper, Captain John Atkinson, Lieutenant Gerald Parnell, Officer Regino and all the men who worked so hard," Frey said.

They chose to name the trail for a common native shrub named Little Leaf Sumac. The Indians used its berries to make a scent neutralizer and the birds and deer love it. For both reasons, anywhere it is in abundance is a good place for observing wildlife.

The rock-lined trail is wide, dirt filled and beautiful with gentle winding slopes for easy access. It has a high overlook for wildlife and low areas for birders. Where it passes over a hill near the Spence Dam, the trail was pounded through solid rock with jackhammers and hand tools. It has water-control features to prevent erosion and traverses an old stock tank dam. CRMWD provided permit boxes, signs, and landscaping timbers

for erosion control and walk bridges, as well as materials for four stone benches just off the trail in good wildlife and bird observation areas.

"The trail is short, but you can't see far ahead or behind, even in winter," Frey said. "Someone at one bench observation area will seem almost totally isolated from the trail and other areas when the vegetation greens up in spring."

Frey complimented the inmates on their great interest and pride in the project. "Those guys hauled all the dirt and rocks used on the trail by wheelbarrow or by hand across the rough ground," Frey said. "They weren't looking for ways to lessen the work, but instead, kept making suggestions to improve the trail even though it meant more work for them. They transplanted native vegetation all along the trail and did a lot to enhance its usefulness and beauty. We are grateful for their work and I have only the highest compliments for inmates and their supervisors."

Captain John Atkinson, who supervises the Carlsbad Unit, agreed that the inmates were enthusiastic about the trail. "They came back talking about it every day and it was a source of pride for them," said Captain Atkinson. "They were enthusiastic about it. We didn't ask them to chisel the trail 18-inches down into bedrock on the hill to make it easier for walkers. They suggested it... and then they did it."

Captain Atkinson is a firm believer in the value of the prison workforce unit. It is a

motivating, positive experience for the inmates and its benefits to the community make it a win-win situation. "It is a privilege the inmates earn by behavior and they enjoy it. It puts the TDCJ in a good light and local communities benefit from the labor," he said.

The Sumac Nature Trail was largely finished late last fall but is being dedicated at the beginning of one of the best seasons for use. It will be open throughout the year for birding and nature observation, with the best opportunities likely in spring and fall when birds are migrating. Vehicle permits are required to use all District facilities. Daily passes are \$5 or annual permits can be purchased at a cost of \$60. Senior citizens are eligible for \$10 annual vehicle permits.

Mountain Creek Golf Club tournament

On April 22, 2006, there will be a three-person, 27-hole Select Shot. Tee time will be at 9:00 am. For costs and more information call the Mountain Creek Golf Club at 453-2317.

Runnels Baptist meeting slated

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet April 17 at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

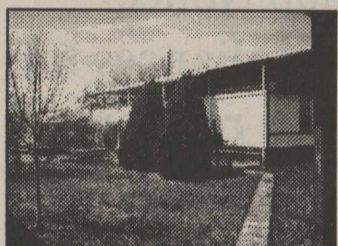
The Executive Board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 pm. The evening meal will be served at 6 pm and the Senior Adult Rally starts at 7 pm.

The public is invited to attend.

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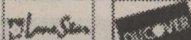
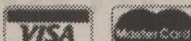


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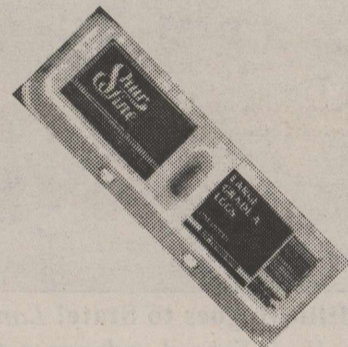
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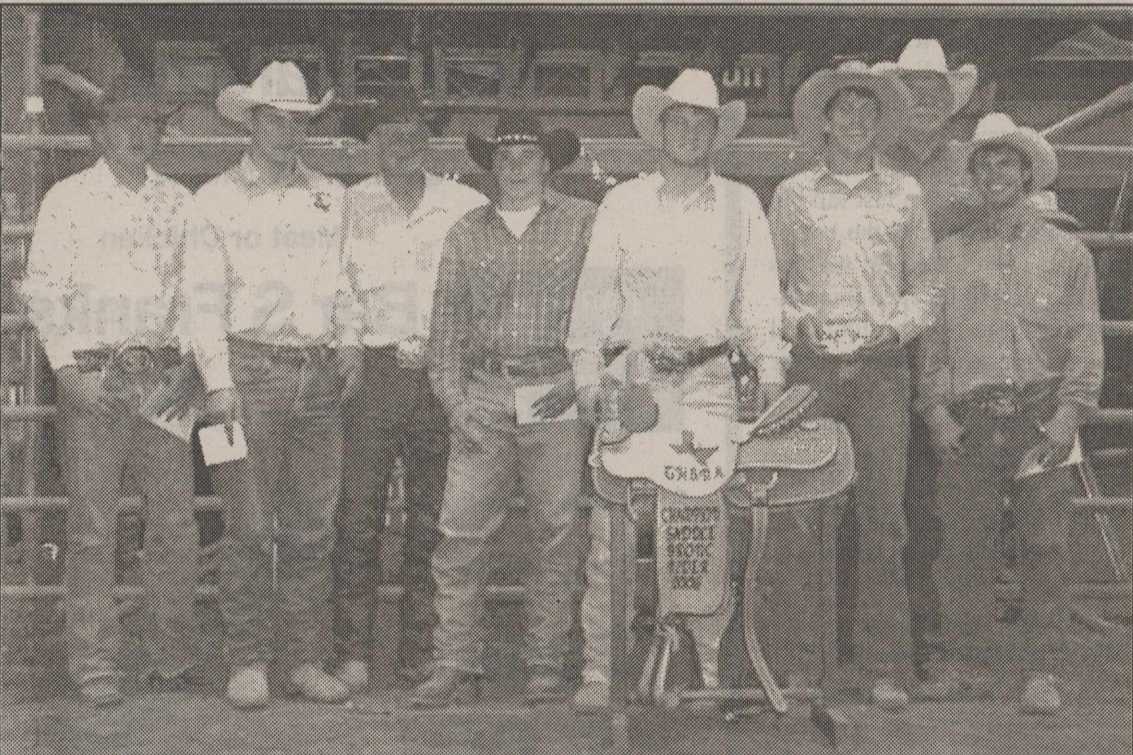
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Millican goes to State! Lance Millican (top photo, front, center), a senior at Robert Lee High School, advances to the Texas State High School Rodeo in the Tie-Down Calf Roping. He received a saddle for placing first in the Tie-Down Calf Roping in Region II. Cody McCabe (bottom photo, far left) will be advancing to the State Finals in Saddle Bronc, and also in boys' cutting and team roping. The state finals will be held in Abilene, Texas, June 11-17, 2006.

800 M relay-Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner, Olga Perez, Andrea Pineda, 7th, 2:08.56
 100 m dash, Cara Eaton, 8th, 14.34
 400 m run, Andrea Pineda, 8th, 1:13.29
 200 m dash, Brettanie Reed, 8th, 30.56
 400 m relay, Brettanie Reed, Meagan Percifull, Cara Eaton, Andrea Pineda, 3rd, 55:07
 High jump, Cara Eaton, 2nd, 5'02"
 Long jump, Brettanie Reed, 6th, 14'09"; Megan Percifull, 8th, 14'03"
 Discus, Becca Skinner, 2nd, 107' 1/2"
 Shot put, Arin Minajarez, 2nd, 30' 8 3/4"
 The girls team finished with 6th place.

Boys
 3200 m, Michael Rodriguez, 3rd, 12:23.93
 4x100 m relay, Kevin Honse, Cameron Hodge, Branden Soliz, Josh Gallegos, 1st, 44.62
 800 m run, Chris LaRue, 3rd, 2:13.64
 110 hurdles, Cameron Hodge, 2nd, 16.69
 100 m dash, Brandon Soliz, 4th, 12.22
 800 m relay, Brody Dillard, Chris Torres, Taylor Percifull, Chris LaRue, 3rd, 1:39.82
 400 m dash, Kevin Honse, 1st, 52.83
 300 hurdles, Chris LaRue, 4th, 44.16
 200 m dash, Josh Gallegos, 2nd, 24.13
 1600 m run, Chris Torres, 1st, 5:02.57
 600 m relay, Cameron Hodge, Josh Gallegos, Kevin Honse, Brandon Soliz, 1st, 3:34.71
 Shot put, Eleasar Vera, 6th, 39' 10 1/2"
 Discus, Eleasar Vera, 2nd, 115' 09"; Luke Thurman, 5th, 114' 01"
 Long jump, Josh Gallegos, 1st, 19' 11"; Cameron Hodge, 5th, 18' 10"
 High jump, Kevin Honse, 1st, 6'0"; Cameron Hodge, 2nd, 5' 8"; Josh Gallegos, 4th, 5' 8"
 Pole vault, Taylor Percifull, 1st; Chris Torres, 4th
 The boys team placed 1st.
 The JV boys also competed: Mason Ross, Branden Phillips, and Cody Denton.

RL District 15-A golf results
 The teams played at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene on April 4th & 10th. These are the final results of the 36 hole tournament. Individual & team results follows:

Boys
 1st) Robert Lee #1-329-339,=668; 2nd) Bronte #1-341-358=699; 3rd) Robert Lee #2-350-358=711
 Individual scorers: RL #1, Johnathan Pagan 79-80=159; Clay Antilley 87-85=172; Brandon Soliz 83-89=172; Taylor Percifull 92-91=183; Brody Dillard 80-85=165
 RL #2, Kevin Honse 174; Cameron Hodge 177; Mason Ross 174; Branden Phillips 188; Kadan Duncan 189
 Robert Lee #1 qualifies for the Regional Tournament held in Abilene on April 24 and 25.
 District Medalists-2. Johnathan Pagan
 All-District (Top Medalists)-Johnathan Pagan; Brody Dillard, Brandon

RLHS District track meet results
 The following results are from the District 15 1A meet in Water Valley on April 6, 2006.

Girls
 3200 m run-Jodi Sheldon, 4th, 15:26.84

School Menu

Breakfast
Monday, April 17
 Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
Tuesday, April 18
 Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
Wednesday, April 19
 Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Thursday, April 20
 Juice, muffins, cereal, milk
Friday, April 21
 Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch
Monday, April 17
 Rib B Que, mac & cheese, corn on cob, roll, pears, milk
Tuesday, April 18
 Corn dog, carrot sticks, pork & beans, tator tots, yogurt, milk
Wednesday, April 19
 Frito pie, cheese, salad, orange, cookie, milk
Thursday, April 20
 Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk
Friday, April 21
 Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, banana pudding, milk

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Soliz, Clay Antilley, Kevin Honse, Mason Ross

Girls

1st) Robert Lee #1, 382-388=770; 2nd) Robert Lee #2, 471-473=944; 3rd) Paint Rock 455-505=960

Individual scores: RL #1-Cara Eaton 93-94=187; Kyla Millican 97-95=192; Kelsy Duncan 83-92=175; Becca Skinner 109-107=216; Jaden Alexander 114-110=224

RL #2, Cassidy Wink 101-120=221; Kasie Skinner 116-115=231; Brettne Reed 114-120=234; Molly Burns 140-118=258

District Medalists: 1. Kelsy Duncan; 2. Cara Eaton; 3. Kyla Millican

All District (Top 10)-Kelsy Duncan, Cara Eaton, Kyla Millican, Becca Skinner, Jaden Alexander & Cassidy Wink.

Robert Lee Teams 1 & 2 qualify for Regional Tournament.



Look Who's New!



Koltun Blayke Cantrell

Koltun was born on February 26, 2006, at Shannon Hospital. He weighed 5 lbs. And 7 oz.

Koltun has an older brother named Cody and an older sister named Jasmine.

His parents are Stephen and Becky Cantrell of Robert Lee. His grandparents are Shell and Brenda Williams of Robert Lee and the late Mary Pazzuto of Abilene.

Spring Chicken Affair set April 23

For the 24th consecutive year, brightly colored tents will dot San Angelo's skyline, a couple of dozen fryers will bubble with the batter of 9,000 pieces of chicken and toe tappin' musical entertainment will fill the air.

The occasion is the annual Spring Chicken Affair set for 11 am, Sunday, April 23 on Knickerbocker Road behind San Angelo National Bank to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Tickets are available in advance at SANB, H-E-B and the Rehab Center. Tickets also will be available at the event.

For those who can't stay and enjoy the activities, take-out service will be available. Also, volunteers will deliver plates of food to homebound individuals within the San Angelo city limits who have no transportation or have physical limitations which prevent them from attending.

"In 23 years, the Spring Chicken Affair has raised more than \$500,000 for the Center, thanks to the generous support of sponsors, vendors and the thousands who attend each year," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "All of us at the Rehab are deeply grateful to everyone responsible and we invite the Center's friends from the Concho Valley to come join the fun as serving lines will be open until 2 pm."

Events such as the Spring Chicken Affair make it possible for the Center to serve all who seek its services, regardless of their financial circumstances. For more information about the event or Rehab services, call 325-223-6300.

RLSB fund established for Laura Bell

An account has been established at Robert Lee State Bank for Laura Bell. Laura has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Laura and her husband Doug Bell are the parents of Kegan Bell, a seven-year-old youngster who has been in remission from leukemia for a period of three years. This family has had a double dose of heartache from this disease, and they could use your help.

Laura will begin undergoing chemotherapy and radiation in the near future. Your sympathetic gestures in any form will certainly be appreciated.

If you would like to help with their ongoing expenses, you may donate to this fund at RLSB in the name of Laura Bell. For additional information, contact Katie Drennan at 453-2343.

Volunteer and Visions reception set April 22

A Volunteer and Visions reception will be held in the RLISD auditorium and cafeteria on Saturday evening, April 22, 2006, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, sponsored by the RLED4A and 4B corporations. Invitations have been mailed to church congregations, volunteer boards,



Daisy Girls Troop #192 visits RLCC! Robert Lee's Daisy Girls Troop #192 visited Robert Lee Care Center Tuesday, April 4, 2006. The young ladies (bottom photo) assisted residents in filling Easter Eggs. The Daisies recited the Daisy Pledge (top photo).



commissions, councils, directors and workers.

The speaker will be Nicki Harle, director of the Texas Midwest Community Network, who will speak to the crucial effect that active volunteering has on communities. Without the conscientious volunteers of the past, Robert Lee would have no golf course, no amphitheater, no baseball, 4-H, or scouting program, no cemeteries, no housing authority, no city park, no pavilion nor park playground, no fire department or emergency medical services, and past community leaders have provided an example for the continuing city stability in spite of outside circumstances which have brought about the decline of many rural towns.

Volunteers today continue to keep Robert Lee an active community. There are 32

agencies, programs, and activities that are volunteer-driven. More than one half of the population in Robert Lee is actively involved in church and volunteer endeavors. Only in a rural community do volunteers and donors provide services and family oriented activities

that do not require tax dollars. This is a vastly different process than what occurs in cities.

Brochures for distribution at the reception, as well as mailing labels, have been prepared by the RLISD technology students who stepped up to the challenge like community leaders of the future.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Lady Longhorns Take District Championship! *The Lady Horns earned 156 points and the District Championship at the District 15-A track meet, Thursday, April 6, in Water Valley. Eleven of the Ladies advance to the Area meet Thursday, April 13, in Bangs. The team includes (front row, from left) Sarah Basquez, Marcy McMorris, Lindsey Butler, Holly Huskerson, Hannah Holland, Katie Cooper, (back row, front left) Melissa Palmer, Casey Harris, Megan Gibbs, Jessi England, Savannah Martinez, Ariel Coalson, Cindy Barba, Emilie McMullan and Terrah Macon.*

Bronte girls finish 1st at District meet

The Bronte Lady Longhorns earned 156 points to finish first at the District 15-A track meet Thursday in Water Valley. The Lady Longhorns finished 48 points ahead of second place Water Valley. Leading the charge for the Longhorns were Katie Cooper and Holly Huskerson each with 21 points for the team. Bronte will advance eleven girls to the Area meet in eleven events, including

three relay teams. The Lady Longhorns earned gold medals in two events and finished second in eight events.

Earning Gold medals for the Lady Longhorns on Thursday-Pole vault-Katie Cooper 8'00.01, the 1600m relay team of Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Hannah Holland, Holly Huskerson 4:27.02.

Placing second for Bronte-100m dash-Sarah Basquez 13.13, 100m hurdles-Emilie McMullan 18.20, 300m low hurdles-Holly Huskerson 49.81, the 400m relay team of Katie Cooper, Marcy McMorris, Lindsey Butler, Sarah Basquez 52.58, the 800m relay team of Katie Cooper, Lindsey Butler, Hannah Holland, Sarah Basquez 1:54.00, Pole vault-Marcy McMorris 8'00.00, 800m run-Holly Huskerson 2:34.65, Triple jump-Hannah Holland 33'02.

Coming in the third for Bronte-Pole vault-Megan Gibbs 7'00, 800m run-Jessi England 2:37.87, 400m dash-Jessi England 1:05.70, 200m dash-Lindsey Butler 28.04.

Cindy Barba finished fourth in the 400m dash 1:08.04 earning a trip to the Area meet. The rest of Bronte's point performances saw Holland placing fifth in the Long jump. Cooper fifth in the High jump and sixth in the 200m dash, McMullan sixth in the

Triple jump and the 300m hurdles. Melissa Palmer fifth in the shot put and discus. Coalson fifth in the 400m dash. Savannah Martinez fifth in the 3200m run and 1600m run.

Longhorn Relay results

Katie Cooper earned 25 points for the varsity Lady Longhorns and set a new meet record in the pole vault, clearing 10.00 at the Longhorn Relays, Saturday, April 1st, 2006. The Lady Longhorns earned 87 team points to place 2nd out of 24 teams.

First place finishes-Pole vault-Katie Cooper 10.00; Second place-100m dash-Sarah Basquez 13.04, the 800m relay team of Katie Cooper, Lindsey Butler, Hannah Holland, Sarah Basquez 1:51.38, Triple jump-Hannah Holland 33'-13/4, Discus-Melissa Palmer 101'-6.

Third place-the 400m relay team of Katie Cooper, Marcy McMorris, Lindsey Butler, Sarah Basquez 52.84, 200m dash-Katie Cooper 28.95, 800m run-Jessi England 2:34.36, Fourth place-High jump-Katie Cooper 4'10, Pole vault-Marcy McMorris 8.00.

Fifth place-the 1600m relay team of Ariel Coalson, Jessi England, Hannah Holland, Cindy Barba 4:36.05, Sixth place-400m dash-Ariel Coalson



Lady Shorthorns Win District! *The Bronte Lady Shorthorns won a decisive district championship with an astounding 232 points. Out of 17 events, the Lady Shorthorns won 11 gold medals. Winning district was a culmination of a very gratifying and successful track season in which they won four of the five track meets in which they competed. Team members include Kendyl Adams, Katie Aguirre, Kaycee Baker, Cheyenne Boyd, Stacia Brannon, Samantha Coffey, Chelsea Cook, Ali Cortez, Emily Fiveash, Ali Franco, Stephanie Frasier, Kasey Glover, Chloe Grigg, Chelsea Meek, Krista Moore, Kim Nixon, Ashley Royall, Kelsey Sedden, Shandee Vaughn, Shelbi Waller, and Kim Womack.*

67.51, Long jump-Hannah Holland 15'-1 3/4, Pole vault-Megan Gibbs 6.00.

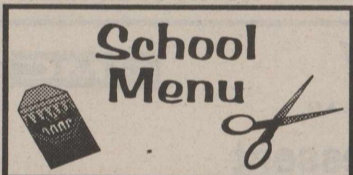
Bronte school district for Thursday, April 20, from 2:30-4:00 pm.

Bronte Elementary schedules

pre-registration
Bronte Elementary has scheduled pre-registration for the 2006-2007 Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities, Pre-K and Kindergarten for all students residing in the

In order to enroll you must bring the following documents with you: immunization record, social security card, birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e. utility bill, rent receipt, etc.).

If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please call the elementary office at 473-2251. Bronte ISD Daycare will be open for students enrolled in



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, April 17
Cereal, pineapple tidbits, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, April 18
Pancake and sausage on a stick, syrup, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 19
Grilled cheese sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, April 20
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Friday, April 21
Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 17
Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, Texas toast, peach cobbler, milk

Tuesday, April 18
Frito pie, chili & cheese, tossed salad, corn, assorted fruit, corn chips, chocolate cake, milk

Wednesday, April 19
Tacos with cheese, lettuce & tomato, spanish rice, pinto beans, taco shell, milk, apple crisp

Thursday, April 20
Pigs in a blanket, pork and beans, macaroni & cheese, sliced peaches, milk

Friday, April 21
Chick-Fil-Lay sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, curly fries, bun, juice bars, milk

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A fellowship meal will be served at 6 pm
Reservations are not necessary, but an approximate head count for the meal would be appreciated - call 473-2331, 473-5661 or email fbcbronte@juno.com
Come and enjoy the Southern Gospel and Country Gospel sounds of
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she accepted a position with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Lubbock. She has recently accepted a designing position with the TxDOT Dallas District Office and will transfer in August.

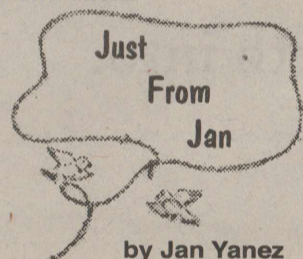
The family celebration was made even more special since Elizabeth's father, Manley Morgan, also graduated on December 17. He acquired a masters of science in Project Management from Regis University, Colorado via online studies.

Elizabeth attended elementary and junior high school in Miles, where she focused much of her time in band and UIL activities. Elizabeth was very active during her Bronte High School Longhorn days in UIL; One-Act Play, UIL Calculator, National Honor Society, Cross Country, and the Bronte Longhorn Band. She graduated valedictorian in 2001 from Bronte High School.

Morgan Graduates! Manley and Kathleen Morgan of Bronte are proud to announce the graduation of their eldest daughter, Elizabeth Kathleen Henry Morgan. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Robert and Elizabeth Henry of Bronte. Elizabeth graduated on December 17, 2005, from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She was an active member in the Civil Engineering Honor Society, Chi Epsilon. She earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a minor in Mathematics. In January,

Pre-K and their younger siblings. Days of operation will be Monday-Friday, 7:30 am- 4:00 pm, based on school calendar.

There is limited space available so call 473-2251 for information.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Sweet Easter Facts

Easter is the second most important candy eating occasion of the year for Americans, who consumed 7 billion pounds of candy in 2001, according to the National Confectioner's Association.

Americans spend nearly \$1.9 billion on Easter candy, while Halloween sales were nearly \$2 billion; Christmas, an estimated \$1.4 billion; and Valentine's Day, just over \$1 billion.

Ninety million chocolate Easter bunnies are produced each year. Chocolate bunnies should be eaten ears first, according to 76% of Americans. Five percent said bunnies should be eaten feet first, while 4% favored eating the tail first.

Adults prefer milk chocolate, to dark chocolate.

Millions of Peeps

Each Easter season, Americans buy more than 700 million Marshmallow Peeps, shaped like chicks, as well as Marshmallow Bunnies and Marshmallow Eggs, making them the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

As many as 4.2 million Marshmallow Peeps, bunnies, and other shapes can be made each day.

In 1953, it took 27 hours to create a Marshmallow Peep. Today it takes six minutes.

Yellow Peeps are the most popular, followed by pink, lavender, blue and white.

Jellybeans Could Circle the Globe

Americans consume 16 billion



McMullan goes to State! Lillian McMullan (second from left), a senior at Bronte High School, advances to the Texas State High School Rodeo in Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping and Goat Tying.

jellybeans at Easter, many of them hidden in baskets. If all the Easter jellybeans were lined end to end, they would circle the globe nearly three times.

Jellybeans did not become an Easter tradition until the 1930s. They were probably first made in America by Boston candy maker William Schrafft, who ran advertisements urging people to send jellybeans to soldiers fighting in the Civil War.

70% of kids aged 6-11 say they prefer to eat Easter jellybeans one at a time, while 23% report eating several at once. Boys were more apt to eat a handful than girls.

Children indicate their favorite Easter jellybean flavors are cherry, strawberry, grape, lime and blueberry.

Increasing Demand

Candy makers are offering more and more Easter products. In the early 1980s, M&M's became available in pastel spring colors. Reese's makes peanut butter eggs, and Smucker's produces jellybeans.

Some supermarkets have doubled the space allotted to Easter candy in the past few years as the market has increased.

Candy is a relatively recent Easter tradition. Chocolate

eggs, the most popular Easter candy, were first made in Europe in the early 1800s.

Older Traditions

Hot cross buns were among the earliest Easter treats, made by European monks and given to the poor during Lent.

Pretzels were originally associated with Easter. The twists of a pretzel were thought to resemble arms crossed in prayer.

Non-Candy Substitutes

For parents worried that their children might eat too much Easter candy, some experts suggest adding non-edible items to Easter baskets: crayons, movie passes, jump rope, baseball cards, kids' videos, stencils, markers, paperback books, chalk, Playdoh, stuffed animals or balls.

State Nature Tourism Seminar scheduled in Albany

A \$5 billion dollar industry in Texas alone, Nature Tourism is growing. Mark your calendar and plan to attend a full-day Nature Tourism Seminar & Tour titled "The Nature of Everything: Integrating Public Desire for Nature with Your Tourism Product." Sponsored by the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA), the Texas

Nature Tourism Council (TNTC) and Texas A&M Cooperative Extension (TCE), the workshop will be held on April 19, 2006 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Stasney's Cook Ranch in Abilene. Just \$35.00! Includes Lunch & Transportation from Abilene!

The workshop focuses on providing attendees useful market information for integrating the public's desire for nature related activities with existing or potential tourism products. Expert presenters from across Texas will provide market data, success stories and helpful planning resources.

Convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce, private landowners, business people, marketing organizations and anyone interested in increasing economic development through nature tourism are invited to attend and participate.

The workshop is being held at the same time as the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Travel Counselors Conference. Those attending the nature tourism workshop may also sign up to attend TxDOT's evening dinner after the workshop (additional fee required).

Please contact Jennifer Roush or Rose Koosman at the TTIA office for more details, to register or for answers to any questions, 512-476-4472, <http://www.ttia.org>.

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The First United Methodist Church of Bronte
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Journey to the Cross
April 14, 2006 at 10 am
Everyone is asked to meet at the intersection of Highway 277 and Wilkins Road (approx. 2 miles south of Bronte).
There will be a short message followed by the journey back to the First United Methodist Church where a light lunch will be served.

Tennyson Baptist Church presents
The Passion of the Christ
Good Friday, April 14, 2006 at 6 pm
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Special Easter Services to Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!
2 Sunrise Services
Mt. Margaret at 6:45 am with Pastor Joe Hodges and Tennyson Baptist Church at 6:45 am with Bro. Jeff Gibson
Free Breakfast will be served at approx. 8 am, following the Sunrise Services
There will also be a 10 am Morning Worship Service
Tennyson Baptist Church is located 18 miles north of San Angelo on Hwy 277 or 10 miles south of Bronte.



Winters hosting Mayfest Celebration

Are you interested in a fun day? Then come to the Mayfest Celebration in the Winters City Park complex on Saturday, May 6. The annual event is hosted by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. Festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the Arts & Crafts Show in the Community Center. Vendors will offer a variety of gifts, homemade crafts, food items, plants and much more. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy more vendors and entertainment in the park. An exciting assortment of children's games and activities will take place throughout the day. The ever-popular softball tournament will be in the nearby sports area with prizes awarded to the winning teams. Anyone interested in a vendor booth, providing entertainment or competing in the softball tournament is asked to call the Winters Chamber of Commerce at 325-754-5210 or e-mail at wacc@wtxs.net. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 1.

Bronte City Wide Garage Sale set

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6th at 8 am for Bronte's City Wide Garage Sale. If you want to have a garage sale, then call City Hall, 473-3501, and get your name on the list.

Maps will be provided on the day of sale at the First National Bank parking lot. This is a great time to clean out your closets, and clean the clutter from your house. Or it's a great time to buy the things you need at great prices!!

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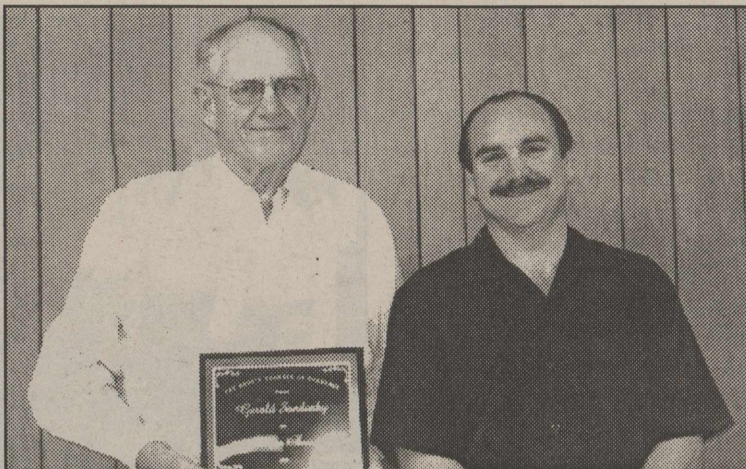
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Official call to the 2006 Spring Meeting of the Edwards Plateau Historical Assoc.

The spring meeting of the Edwards Plateau Historical Association will convene in Fort Chadbourne, Texas on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 10 am. Runnels County Historical Commission will host. Faith Grote of Llano



Gerald Sandusky was honored with the Pioneer Award (above photo). Rebecca Rawlings (top near right photo) was named Student of the Year and Teachers of the Year awards went to Freddie Matthews (far right photo) for Coke County Juvenile Justice Center and Terri Rawls, Bronte ISD. An update regarding the pool was given by various children of the community. Special guests, Jessie Gonzales and Drew Darby, were introduced. An auction was held benefiting the renovated pool and the STAR Program. The evening concluded with a final farewell to outgoing Mayor, Martin Lee.

is president of EPHA and David Allbright, Ballinger, is chairman of the Runnels Co. Historical Commission.

The Edwards Plateau Historical Association meets twice each year on the first

Saturday in May and October for presentation of research papers of area history. The papers must be researched and documented, and a copy given to the association to be published in "The Edwards Plateau

Annual Bronte Chamber of Commerce Fish Fry!

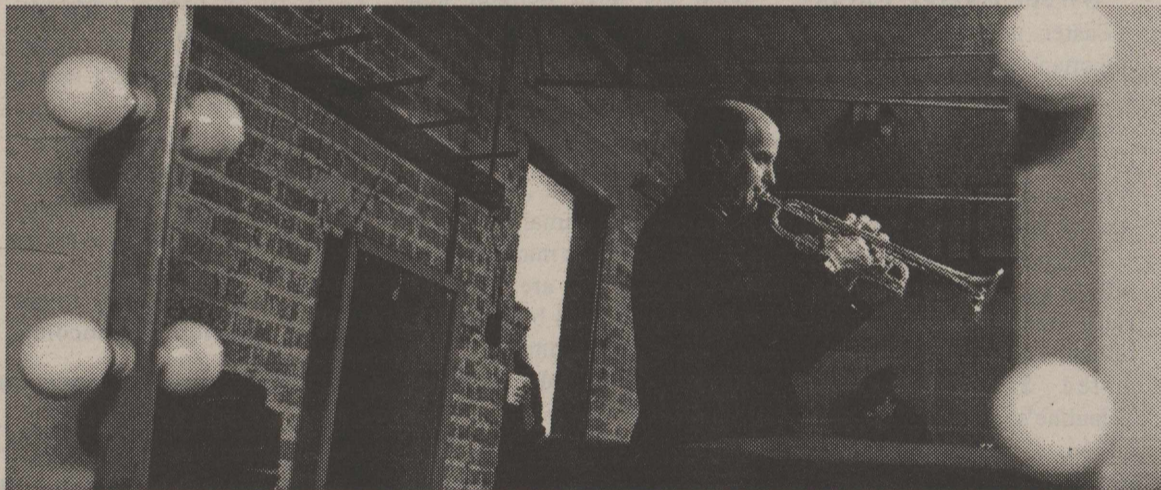
The Bronte Chamber of Commerce held its annual fish fry on Saturday, April 8th at 6 pm in the Community Center. The meal was followed by the presentation of awards by Michael Bohensky and Brett Bement. Winning Citizen of the Year was Friends of the Pool, accepted by Fran Crumpler, (far left photo).

Historian." Each edition of "The Historian" contains a collection of papers for the preceding five years.

At his spring's meeting, Garland Richards will present a

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- 22nd Annual Texas Wine & Food Festival, April 21st to 23rd
- 3rd Annual Texas Mesquite Art Festival, April 21st to 23rd
- 15th Annual ASU Ceramic Invitational, April 3rd to 30th
- Family Pops Concert, featuring Monica Mancini, April 22nd

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brief history of Ft. Chadbourne, Frances Bredemeyer-A Congregational History of Winters' Lutheran Church, and Elaine Coleman-History of the Truitt Community. The group will meet in the new barracks building at the fort. After a sack lunch and business meeting, a tour of the fort will be offered.

Anyone over the age of 16 may join Edwards Plateau Historical Association. Dues are \$6/yr or \$7.50/couple. Persons outside Edwards Plateau area may become non-voting members.

Counties included in Edwards Plateau are Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Mason, Llano, Burnet, Sutton, Kimble, Gillespie, Blanco, Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kerr, and Bandera.

The public is invited to the meeting and there is no charge. Those planning to attend should bring a sack lunch for the noon meal. Drinks will be furnished by the Runnels County Historical Commission.

Seating is limited, so if you plan to attend call by May 1, either David Allbright at 325-365-2894; Joyce Carberry at 325-754-1484; or write or call Betty Thomason, 104 Laurel Dr., Winters, TX 79567, phone 325-754-4592 or email bthomason1@worldnet.att.net.

Bluebonnet Brigade to assess seed availability

by Beth Prather

The bluebonnet season might have been a little disappointing in Coke County this year. While there are large patches all over the county, the lack of rain kept them from growing tall enough to make a statement from the roadsides.

The Wilson Bryan mini-park in Robert Lee is a huge exception to the picture. Somehow the bluebonnets that have planted themselves along the pathway and around the State of Texas rock outline grew tall and thick. The flowers in the mini-park are so thick that the fresh-flower smell rises from the pathway. No one has confessed to watering the plants.

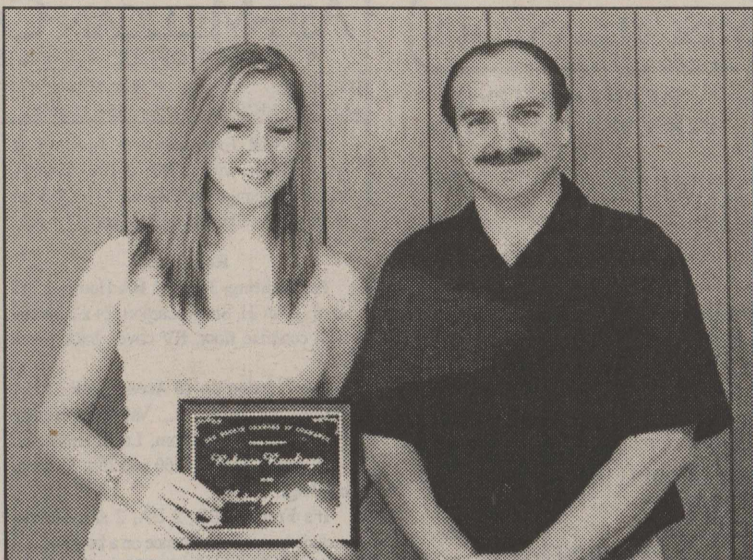
The Bluebonnet Brigade will have to assess the availability of seeds in the next couple of months. While the patches throughout the county are bigger due to the efforts of the group, the rains could cooperate to make the show really grand. Certainly in Coke County, the bluebonnets rival the Hill Country most of the seasons.

3rd Annual

Mesquite Show set

The Texas Mesquite Art Festival returning to Fort Concho in San Angelo, Texas, on April 21-23, 2006, promises to showcase the best mesquite artisans.

Roger Ellison, San Angelo Festival Director, said many juried artists from around the state and beyond will gather at Fort Concho for a three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite. "Besides seeing the absolute best of mes-



quite, visitors will enjoy one of the largest gatherings of mesquite artisans," Ellison said.

Art for All the Senses will be showcased April 20-24 in conjunction with the Texas Mesquite Art Festival through Sights, Tastes and Sounds of Texas. Other featured Art shows in San Angelo during the weekend will be the San Angelo National Ceramic Competition, San Angelo and the Texas Wine and Food Festival.

Hours for the Texas Mesquite Art Festival at Fort Concho are Friday, 4:00 pm-9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm and Sunday, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Items are available for purchase, with food and drink sold on the grounds. Free parking.

More information on the Texas Mesquite Art Festival and the Association is available by calling the Fest office toll free at 1-866-TEX-FEST (839-3378).

Coke County Relay for Life set June 16 & 17

Anyone interested in making donations, taking part on a team, or walking in the Survivors lap, please contact Judy Blair @ 453-2380.

We need team members from Robert Lee to support this County Relay!

H-E-B to award two full four year scholarships to contest winners

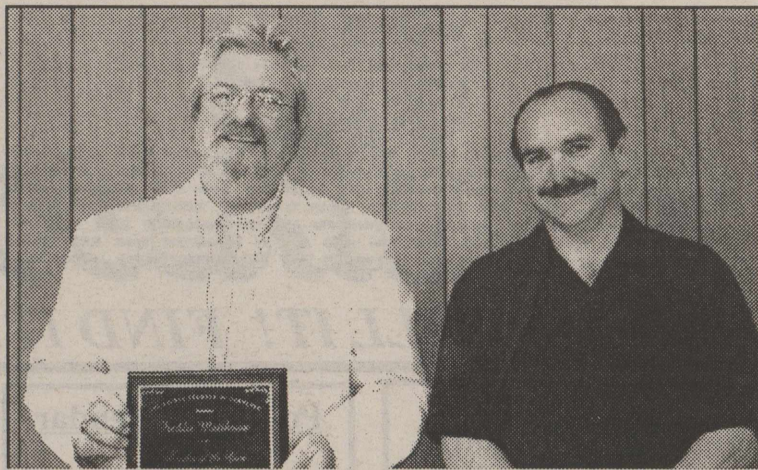
It's time to rev up the imagination and take pen to paper for the chance to win four years of FREE college tuition. Entry forms for the H-E-B Short Story Contest are now available at all H-E-B stores and on-line at heb.com. The state-wide contest is open to all Texas middle and high school students. Submission deadline is June 1, 2006.

The short story contest is one of many highlights in the H-E-B Read Write Connect campaign, a yearlong program designed to promote literacy and learning in Texas.

In July, 10 finalists will be named - one middle and high school finalist from each of the five regions around the state. Each of the 10 finalists will win a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. Then in August, two of the 10 finalists will be selected to receive the grand prize of four years of FREE college tuition to any Texas state university, underwritten by H-E-B. Additionally, the two grand prize winners will be published

in a promotion to appear in an upcoming edition of TEXAS MONTHLY.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor and To Whom it may Concern (this concerns us all):

As a fourth generation small rancher, I have listened to and read a great deal about an animal identification system or NAIS, over the past year or more, and I have heard how good it will be from our over-educated Ag leaders. People who, according to a doctor friend on the staff of a nearby university, are graduating with masters' and doctors' degrees in agriculture but still don't know which end of a cow gets up first. I don't expect that they have ever pulled a calf, doctored an ornery cow, built fence or hauled hay in the heat of the summer, or fed livestock in the cold of winter. But they are educated, so they decide our policies, write our programs, and tell us how to do our work.

They tell us animal ID is about disease control. Is it? We already have a state-wide and national emergency management plan in place. Already livestock cannot be moved across state lines or run through an auction without veterinarians and brand inspectors being there; their work alone provides an ample paperwork and brand trail sufficient enough to trace any cow anywhere.

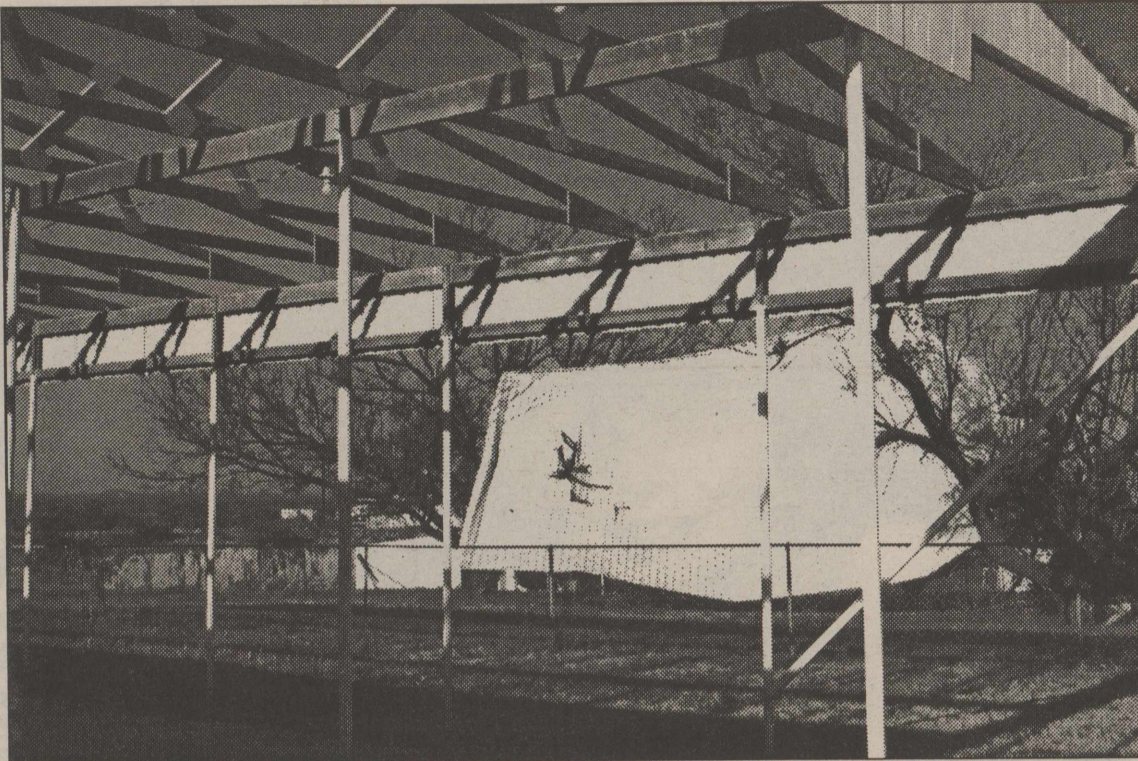
They tell us NAIS will help control BSE. Again, how? We never had BSE in this country until we imported it from Canada. A case of BSE was reportedly found in Texas; after testing and re-testing the cow with negative results, somehow they finally got a positive reading just in time for the Ninth Circuit to re-open the Canadian border for imports. Now that there is a growing awareness and opposition to NAIS, we co-incidentally have a new case of BSE reported in Alabama.

They claim the NAIS is voluntary, but it will become mandatory in my state on July 1, 2006, on which date all un-registered premises will be subject to fines. The USDA is already threatening to withhold money from any state that doesn't implement NAIS. In my state, failure to comply will result in fines up to \$1,000.00 per incident per day.

The law itself sounds simple and efficient. Bureaucrats love simple, efficient laws when they can make the rules and feed on the fines. Bureaucrats love their work. They have their jobs for life, can't be fired, and don't have to run for re-election. They are furnished with offices and vehicles, have health and accident benefits and a retirement plan, all at taxpayer expense. Their main purpose is to make up rules and regulations to harass the public and to seemingly try to justify their own existence in order to perpetuate themselves and their kind.

If we want to stop BSE and other animal disease, let's not create more expensive, dictatorial bureaucracy. Let's address the causes of animal disease, and let's prevent it before it gets here instead of having to deal with it after it is already here. Most animal disease comes from animals co-mingling in limited space in congested feedlots and packing places. It comes from cows being fed dead animal products. Cows are vegetarians, they weren't meant to be fed animal parts. Why don't we demand that feedlots and packers comply with the USDA's present health standards? Why don't we close our borders to beef imports in order to keep infected stock from coming into our country to begin with?

Bureaucrats and politicians claim that as a result of BSE the U.S. lost millions of dollars in exports to Japan. Who lost it? As a small producer, the price I got for my livestock never went up when we started exporting to Asia, and it didn't go down when we stopped. My product still brought in the \$.70 to #1.10 per lb. price range. I never saw the \$30 to \$40 per lb. that meat is said to bring in Asian countries. Who is getting it? Big packers' profits are in the millions of dollars. I'd like to just gross one million sometime, much less net it. Steve Kay in the Western Livestock Journal claims that the packers are going broke. So how come a small handful



Storm Damage! The metal roof covering a mobile home and driveway was a casualty of the winds that tore through our county Thursday, April 6, 2006. This damage occurred at the Edith Estates home of Randy and Cheryl Hines at about 3:30 pm. The Hines are from Odessa.

of them keep getting bigger and bigger, and are buying out all the competition? We may need the packer, but the packer is saying he does not need us small producers. Their margin of profit will go up when they can sell our best American beef to foreign markets for a huge profit and then import inferior and probably unclean meat from Canada, Mexico, or South America to sell to the American Consumer to make up for any domestic shortfall, and have it all stamped, "USDA Approved".

The paid executives of such organizations as NCBA (or in my opinion, National Cattleman's Beef PACKERS' Association), Farm Bureau, etc. who aren't out there actually raising the beef cattle for a living as we do, are all for NAIS. They don't have to worry about the cost. And who is going to foot the bill for the NAIS? It won't be the corporate operator. It will be the small producer, the same one who foots the bill for the Beef Check-off (you know, the cheap generic beef ads; the government has recently declared that the money from the check-off fees is tax money that they can do with as they please).

The cost of NAIS will be far more horrendous than you may imagine, as it always is with government programs. As the legislation in my state says, this is laying the groundwork; it is just the beginning steps of the program. And the cost will increase as time goes on. The small producer can't pass his increased cost on, but the packer can. The small producer will pay the cost, the consumer will pay higher prices for meat, Big Ag's margin of profit will go up, and the bureaucrats will pocket the rest.

Our forefathers left Europe and came to this country, fought and died to give us a life free from excessive taxation and tyrannical bureaucracy. Why should we go back and re-adopt similar policies? This animal ID system doesn't come from just our own government. It comes from mandates of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the European Union (EU), and the Office of International Epizootics (OIE) of the U.N. It is mandated by U.N. treaties on food (some of which were never ratified), through Homeland Security, to the USDA, the state, the county,

and the individual. As always, we are at the bottom. Is this the way a Republic is supposed to work, the government dictating policy whether we like it or not?

This proposed system is not about animal health. It is about power, big money, and the right to control you and your property through taxation, fines, redistribution, and confiscation. It's the age-old fight of all free men everywhere; the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of a normal American lifestyle. What I say may be scorned or laughed at, but the decision is up to you. Is your life so sweet, your security so important, and your perceived need for exports and for acceptance by the powers that be, so necessary as to be purchased at the price of slavery, destitution, and chains? As for me, I don't think so. You had better think about it now, because after it is done and your hands are tied and your land is no longer yours to control, it will be too late to resist. Remember the words of George Washington: Government at best is a very poor servant and at worst is a very fearful master.

James Pentecost

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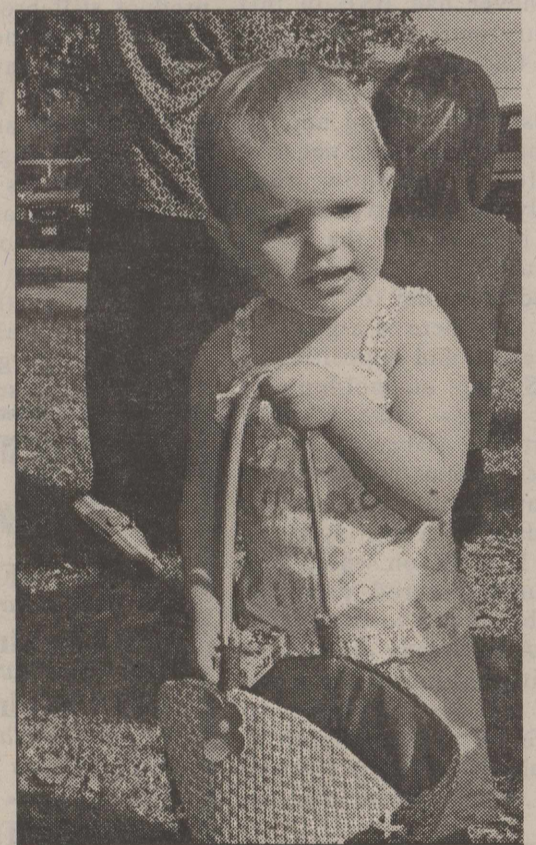
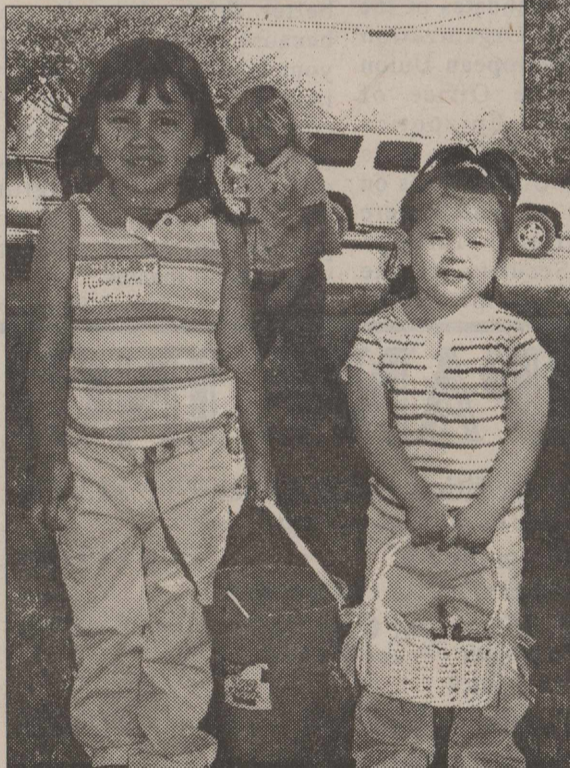
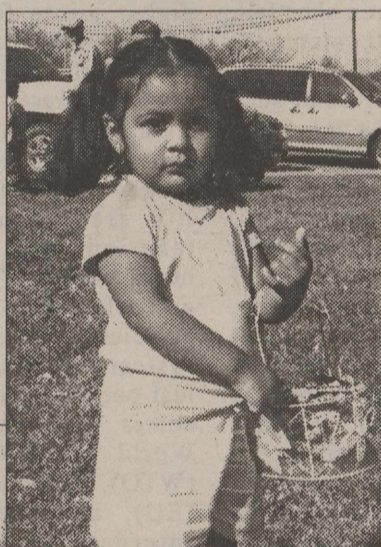
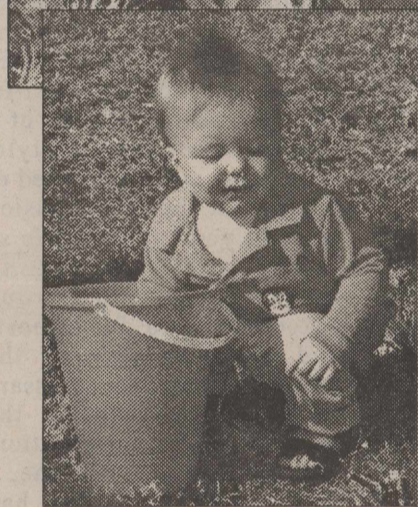
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