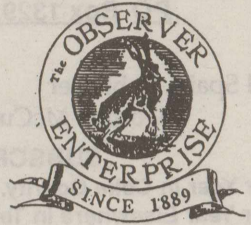


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## Fort Chadbourne Day activities begin today

Fort Chadbourne festivities will kick off today, Friday, June 25, with the Fort Chadbourne Softball Tournament beginning at 7:00 pm at the Bronte Baseball fields. The tournament will continue Saturday morning at 8:00 am and continue until finished. For more information or to participate contact Kenny White at 473-5307.

Registration for the Fishing Rodeo sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife will begin at 7:30 am Saturday at the Bronte Lake. Participants between the ages of 5 and 14 should bring their own equipment to the lake. Fishing gear including rod and reels will be given as prizes to top fishers.

In addition to the softball tournament continuation, the 3 on 3 Basketball tournament will kick off at 8:00 am on Saturday at the Bronte City Park. Those interested in helping or participating can contact Rocky Rawls at 473-7531.

The Fort Chadbourne Parade will start at 10:15 am at the Bronte Nursing Home and will go through town and end at the Bronte City Park. The Helmet Lady will ride in the parade and invites kids of all ages to ride with her. After the parade the Helmet Lady will give a presentation on Helmet Safety. Also partici-

pating in the parade will be San Angelo Outlaws Hockey Team Members, riding groups, the fire truck, etc. Anyone interested in riding in the parade should meet at the Nursing Home at 9:45 am.

Entertainment, booths, and games will get underway at 10:30 am. This year's event will feature a live remote by KRUN Radio all under the shade of the Bronte City Park. Be sure to bring lawn chairs to get a good spot for the entertainment which includes square dancers and a gospel quartet.

The Fort Chadbourne Artifacts display will also begin at 10:30 am at the Bronte Senior Citizen Center. In addition to the display, guided tours of Fort Chadbourne will begin at the Senior Citizens Center at 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

The afternoon will feature an Auction at the City Park at 12:00 pm. Some of the merchandise will include carpet cleaning, wheel alignments, green fees for area golf courses, movie tickets, and gift certificates for San Angelo, Ballinger, Bronte, Robert Lee, and Abilene merchants. This is only a partial list so be sure to come early and bring your lawn chairs to get a good seat for bidding.

Activities will continue in the

evening with the Ranch Rodeo at 7:00 pm at the Bronte Rodeo Arena and the Fort Chadbourne Dance and Dinner hosted by Garland and Lana Richards at 7:30 pm at Fort Chadbourne.

### Bronte Eastern Star installation held

At the regular meeting of the Bronte Eastern Star, Chapter #1048, an impressive installation of officers was held on June 14, 1999. Gayna Eldred was installed as Worthy Matron and E.E. (Buddy) Eldred was installed as Worthy Patron. Serving as Associate Matron and Associate Patron will be Earline Moore and Jack Moore. The Installing Officer was Ettie Hubbard with Nancy Bailey Allen serving as Installing Marshall.

Chapter #1048 is looking forward to the leadership of Gayna Eldred for the balance of 1999 and into the year 2000. The Bronte OES is assisting in plans for the veterans monument to be placed near the Bronte Masonic Lodge. The Bronte OES will be participating in Fort Chadbourne Day serving brownies and homemade ice cream. Plans are being made for other projects during the year. There were several OES member from other chapters who attended. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by everyone after the meeting.

### Antilley wins at Texas Hereford Field Day

Last week during the Texas Hereford Field Day at the W-4 Ranch in Morgan, Junior Hereford Association members participated for three days in various educational contests and activities. In the cattle classes, Clay Antilley had the fifth place Lightweight steer and the Champion Light Heavyweight steer which went on to be named third overall best steer of the show. In the team fitting contest where junior members fit their own cattle for the show, Clay placed fourth. In the Marketing Contest where members had to take a heifer before a panel of judges and describe her good points, discuss her pedigree and EPD's trying to get the judges to buy the



Gayna and E. E. (Buddy) Eldred were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of the Bronte Eastern Star, Chapter #1048, June 14, 1999.

heifer, Clay placed first. In the Junior Division All Around competition, Clay placed second.

### CNA classes to begin

CNA classes will begin in Bronte on July 5, 1999.

Any interested person should come in and fill out an application prior to July 5, 1999. Classes will consist of 75 hours of training. Students will be given the opportunity to work in the facility performing skills they have mastered in class.

We wish to encourage anyone who may be interested in attending the classes to contact Elizabeth Baird, RN Program Director or Marcy Holland, LVN S.D.C. at 900 S. State St., Bronte, Texas.

### 4-H Horsemanship clinic rescheduled

Due to rainy weather, the 4-H Horsemanship Clinic scheduled for June 21 has been postponed to July 6.

The clinic will be held at the Coke County Arena in Bronte Tuesday, July 6, at 6 pm.

### RL Mini Flag Camp scheduled

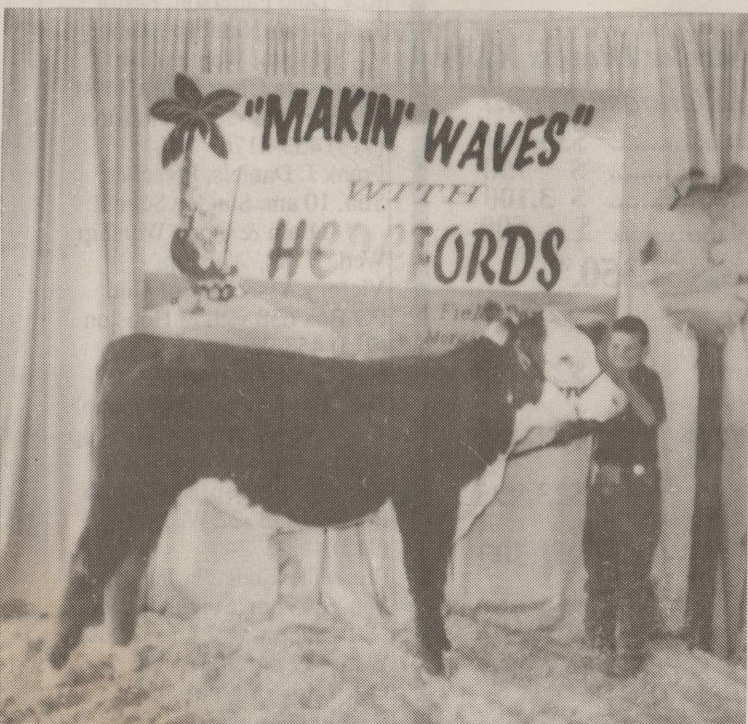
The Robert Lee Color Guard is holding a mini flag camp for ages 8 and up June 28 through July 3 at the Robert Lee Band Hall.

If anyone is interested in becoming a color guard member, this is the chance to get a head start. On July 3, parents will be able to see just what their child has learned throughout the week.

All proceeds from the mini camp will go to help the color guard raise money for camp and uniforms. Contact Mr. Ratliff at 453-2989 for entry fees and additional information.

### New name chosen for Bronte Nursing Home

During the recent contest held in search of a new name for the Bronte Nursing Home, the winning name chosen was BRONTE HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER. Winning the \$50 savings bond for submitting the chosen name was Lisa Thralls.



Clay Antilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Antilley of Robert Lee, placed second in the Junior Division All Around competition at the Texas Hereford Field Day.





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**Obituaries**

**Caston**  
 Robert Carlton Caston, 63, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 15, 1999, after a long bout with cancer. He passed away peacefully at his residence surrounded by his family members and friends.

Born in Artesia, NM, on August 20, 1935, seventh of eight children to Joseph and Bessie Caston. At age two he moved with his family to Wildcat Community near Robert Lee. After serving two years with the U.S. Army in Korea, he married Leta Bert Davis of Roscoe on April 14, 1961. He was a member of Pecan Baptist Church.

A longtime resident of Robert Lee, Carlton worked in the land and water conservation industry for over 40 years. He began with J.D. Harmon, Inc. and was made a partner in 1974. He 1988 he purchased the business and changed the name to The Caston Company. They worked throughout west Texas and extensively in the Garden City and St. Lawrence areas.

He is survived by his wife Leta Bert Caston; son Marty Joe Caston and his wife Cindy; daughter, Kimberly "Kim" and her husband Mike Stephens; five grandchildren, Adam, Ginny and Charissa Caston, Tim and Courtney Stephens; four brothers, Henry Caston, and his wife, Inez, Clem Caston, Lowell Caston and his wife Johnnie, and J.C. Caston and his wife, Bea; three sisters, Mary Harmon and her husband, J.D., Betty Lou Harp and her husband, J.B., and Evelyn Cople and her husband, Boyd; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Services were Friday, June 18, 1999, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with the burial following at the Robert Lee

Cemetery, Reverend Rogers and Daniels officiating. Pallbearers were nephews, Danny Joe Harp, Chris Harp, Michael Gossett, Justin Caston, Derek Caston and Gregg Caston. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to be sent to the West Coke County EMS in Robert Lee.

*"We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." 1 Th 4:14*

**Ft. Chadbourne Foundation to host activities during Ft. Chadbourne Day**

Beginning at 9 am the Fort Chadbourne site will be open to the public for tours and just hangin' around. During the day the public will be defended from periodic attacks by Indians and wild desperadoes by the Infantry, Cavalry Dragoons and an assortment of Texas Volunteers. A few replica buffalo will be stalked and shot at to demonstrate the science of black-powder shooting and buffalo windage. The Fort Chadbourne Suttlers Store Silent Auction and Dutchman's Kitchen Bean and Cornbread Supper will commence at 7 pm. Terry Sneed and Up the Creek will provide music for dancin' on the parade ground from 9 pm to midnight. Donations benefiting the Fort Chadbourne Foundation will be accepted.

**Hickman reunion slated**

On July 3 and 4 the annual Ed and Malindy Hickman family reunion will be held at the Bronte Recreation Center. Everyone is invited.


**SHAMROCK CLINIC OF ROBERT LEE**

**NOTIFICATION OF HOUR CHANGES**

Effective Monday, June 14, 1999, the Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee will be changing their hours of operation to:

Monday, Tuesday,  
 Wednesday, & Thursday  
 8 am to 6:30 pm

Please call 453-4516 for an appointment..

  
**SHANNON HEALTH SYSTEM**

**RL welcomes new pastor**

The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee received its newly appointed pastor on June 13. The Rev. Jim Reeves comes to Robert Lee from the Waco area where he served two churches. Rev. Reeves has been in the ministry for 9 years, seven of which were served in the Waco area.

Born in Lubbock, Texas, he grew up moving a great deal, living in much of the United States. He graduated from Lubbock Cooper High School in 1965 and attended South Plains College, West Texas State University, the University of Tulsa Law School and several other universities. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Education.

Having taught school for eighteen years, Rev. Reeves entered into the ministry in 1991, and attended the Course of Study School at Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas. Rev. Reeves has also served as regional director for the Easter Seal Society of Texas and the Arthritis Foundation, and as a development director for Success Motivation International in Waco.

Rev. Reeves currently serves as the state chair of the Texas Church and Community Conferences, an organization which serves to strengthen the role of the small membership churches in the state of Texas. In this capacity, he has conducted numerous workshops and conferences on church growth and development, the importance of the small membership church and creating new outreach ministries. He has also served on several committees of the Central Texas Conference and looks forward to serving in similar capacities now that he is in the Southwest Texas Conference. He has participated in several civic organizations, including Toastmas-

ters International. He is married with three daughters. His wife Sandra is an elementary special education teacher. His oldest daughter is married and lives in Waco. His middle daughter is currently attending McLennan County Community College in Waco, and his youngest daughter is a sophomore in high school.

**BHRC July 4th celebration slated**

Bronte Health and Rehab Center extends a cordial invitation to the public to join the residents and staff at the center on Saturday, July 3, at 7 pm for ice cream, an auction and fireworks. Auction items may be donated and left with the Activity Director, Mary Beth Drennan, at the center. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Activity Department in purchase of supplies, decorations, gifts, etc, for the coming year. They welcome any and all items, whether large or small, for the auction. George Snapp, BHRC Auxiliary President, is in charge of soliciting donations and ordering fireworks for the big "blowout". Be sure to come out and join the festivities, visit with your friends, and see a really spectacular fireworks display courtesy of the generous citizens and businesses of Bronte.

**BHS Reunion slated**

The classes of 1961-1967 will be celebrating their joint class reunions at the Goodyear Activity Building, 18 miles south of Bronte on US 277, Saturday, July 10.

The meal is at 6:30 pm. Reservations should be made by calling Jeanna Lee at 473-3811 or 473-3021. The deadline for reservations is July 1.

Anyone wanting to come visit is welcome to stop by at 7:00 pm.

Several former teachers are expected to come.

**Fund established to help former Muleshoe teacher**

A fund has been established at Muleshoe State Bank for a former longtime Muleshoe English teacher who needs a liver transplant.

Johanna Wrinkle, wife of Roy Wrinkle, now living in Victoria, Texas, has been placed on the waiting list for a liver.

The transplant is necessary because of the progression of Hepatitis C, which she contracted via blood transfusions more than 20 years ago.

The waiting period for the surgery varies, depending on the availability of a matching organ. Preliminary tests and paper work have been completed, according to local organizers of the aid drive. Securing a replacement liver could take as long as one year.

Once everything is ready, the surgery is to be performed within a matter of hours at Hermann Hospital in the Texas Medical Center at Houston.

The American Liver Foundation encourages prospective liver transplantees and their families to seek financial aid from their "extended families."

The patient receives 100 percent of donated funds.

Expenses for the surgery and the first year of follow-up care are estimated at \$314,000. Most of that amount will be covered by insurance.

**Churches of Robert Lee**  
 Invite You to Worship

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 609 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 (915) 453-2360  
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First United Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 (915) 453-2417  
 Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 (915) 453-2619 or 453-2270  
 Tommy Williams, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
 Wed. 7 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy  
 (915) 453-4645  
 Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am, Worship

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 (915) 453-2176  
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Victory Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
 (915) 453-2208  
 Rev. Loyd Thurman, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (915) 453-2724  
 Bro. Miller Robinson, Int. Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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**Moore, Denman exchange vows**

Alexa Ginett Moore and Cody Joe Denman were united in marriage May 6, 1999. Pastor Eddie Sparks of Bronte officiated the wedding at the West Texas Ranch for Christ, Blackwell.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Anolagay Barefoot of Bronte. The groom is the son of Glenda and Leon Puckett of North Richland Hills, Texas and Tim and Erica Denman of San Angelo.

Maid of Honor was Vanessa Sparks of Bronte. The bride's attendant was Anessa Moore of New York.

Best man was James Denman of Austin.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Bronte High School. She is the teacher for the 2 & 3 year old class at the Lakeview Private Christian Day School in Rowlett, Texas.

The groom graduated from Central High School in 1997 and received an Associate of Arts degree in Golf Course Management from Western Texas College in May, 1999. He is 2nd assistant to the superintendent at Water View Golf Course in Rowlett.

The couple will reside in Garland.

**Coke Co. Court Dispositions**

The following are a list of Coke County Court Dispositions for June 14, 1999.

The State of Texas vs. James Christopher Keller. Charge: Possession of Marijuana. Plea: Fine \$160, Restitution \$140, Court Costs, \$184.25, Deferred Adjudication.

The State of Texas vs. Lee Carl Slocum III. Charge: Criminal Trespass. Plea: Fine \$100, Court Costs \$184.25.

The State of Texas vs. Kerry Ashworth Driskill. Charge: Driving While Intoxicated 1st. Plea: Fine \$600, Court Costs \$184.25, Jail Time 10 days, Probated 24 months, DWI school.

Coke County Court Dispositions for June 15, 1999.

The State of Texas vs. Rhonda Charan Fawcett. Charge: Possession of Marijuana. Plea: Fine \$300, Court Costs \$209.25, Jail Time 10 days, Probated 24 mo., Drug Offenders Program.

Coke County Dispositions for June 17, 1999.

The State of Texas vs. James Leroy Walker. Charge: Assault/Family Violence. Plea: 21 days Jail Time, Court Costs \$184.25.

Coke County Court Dispositions for June 22, 1999.

The State of Texas vs. Lora Leah Hinson. Charge: Criminal Trespass. Plea: Fine \$100, Court Costs \$184.25.

The State of Texas vs. Valerie Rios. Charge: Theft: Property by Check. Plea: Fine \$50, Restitution \$65, Court Costs \$160.



Mr. and Mrs. Cody Denman

**Ballinger fireworks display to be held**

Ballinger's 10th annual Firework's Display and free watermelon feed will be held at the City Lake Park on Saturday, June 26, 1999.

The event is sponsored by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber officials will be on hand to sell barbecue burgers, chips and soft drinks beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by the serving of free watermelon slices at 8:00 pm.

The fireworks display will be one of the largest Ballinger has seen, with some of the largest shells available. The display is planned to begin promptly at 9:25 pm and last approximately 25 minutes. In the event of inclement weather, an alternate date of Sunday, June 27, at the same time and place has been set.

Please bring lawn chairs or blankets and join your neighbors and friends in an evening of fun.

For more information, you

may contact the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at (915) 365-2333 or 365-5611.

**Summer computer courses at Bronte ISD**

Basic computer applications will be offered at Bronte ISD this summer at the Elementary computer lab located on the back campus. The course of instruction will be conducted by George Tomes. The course will be two nights (Tuesday and Thursday) for two weeks and include Word Processing (June 29), Database (July 1), Spreadsheet (July 6) and Internet use (July 8). All classes will begin at 7 pm and end at 9 pm. Extra help is available after class for those who request it. This course is designed for the student that has never used a computer or is very limited in their applicable use.

The cost of the course is \$25 for all four nights. This course is free (and very highly encouraged) for all Bronte ISD employees.

**Bronte Project Graduation**

Bronte Project Graduation would like to thank the following people and businesses that helped make the overnight drug-free celebration a success.

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| El Rancho Restaurant                        | West Texas Utilities - Bronte                |
| First National Bank - Bronte                | Scott Wheeler - Allegiance Mortgage Group    |
| Jesse & Retha Higgins                       | Double Wheel Ranch                           |
| Hometown Hardware                           | Bret Bement - Wackenhut, Inc.                |
| Garland & Lana Richards                     | Hall's Grocery                               |
| Main Street Market                          | Glenn-Bivins Insurance                       |
| Margaret's Flower Shop                      | Charles & Doris Sonnenberg                   |
| Observer/Enterprise                         | Brendi & David Gentry                        |
| Karen Richey - Mary Kay Cosmetics           | James and Janel Vaughn                       |
| Town & Country Food Store - Bronte          | Kerwin & Rosie Denton                        |
| Stella Turner - C Kay Originals - Ballinger | Tony Barrett                                 |
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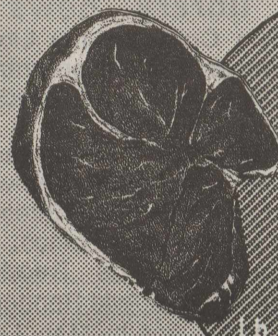


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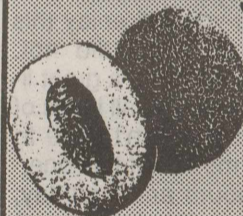
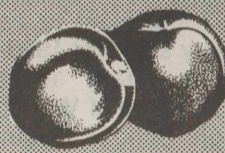
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**Bronte ISD**

**Trustees meet**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session, June 10, 1999, at 7:30 pm in the school library. David Scott was absent.

The principal's reports were given. Mr. Marrs, elementary principal, reported on summer school.

Discussion was held and motion passed to approve adding boys and girls cross country as a sport.

Motion was made and passed to accept the proposal from Texas Insurance Company for Student Accident Insurance for the 1999-2000 school year.

Motion was made and passed to accept the bid from Ivey Motor, Robert Lee, for the 1999 Ford Taurus.

Motion was made and passed to accept the proposal from Denton Welding for a new press box at the football field.

Motion was made and passed to accept the proposal from Kent DataComm for a telephone system.

Motion was made and passed to accept the proposal from Kent DataComm for a networking system.

Discussion was held concerning TV cabling. Action was tabled.

Motion was made and passed to accept the proposal from Garnite Roofing on the High School Wing to cover part of remodeled section.

The Agreement with Burl Lowery, CPA, for the 1998-99 Annual Audit was approved.

The Board discussed the salary scale for Bronte ISD employees. Motion was made and approved to accept the salary scale for 1999-2000.

The Board accepted the resignation of Wanda Brewer, High School Business and English teacher.

The Superintendent's report was given by Alan Richey and included updates on the facility, legislative action and budget items. The Board was also updated and discussed the Health Insurance Plan. Discussion was held concerning the playground renovation, basketball winches, and a new welder. The results from the Site Base/Board Retreat were discussed and reviewed.

The Board was informed that Alan Richey, Superintendent, was named as the Superintendent of the Year for the Education Service Center, Region XV.

The May 1999 bills were paid.

The Board was adjourned by the president at 11:59 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 8, 1999.

The Board of Trustees of the Bronte ISD met in Special Session on June 22, 1999, at 7:00 am in the library for the following reasons. Jeff Schoenfield and Kendall Gibbs were absent.

The Board of Trustees accepted the letter of resignation of Kendall Gibbs, Board President.

The Board appointed Terry Charles to replace the vacancy left by Kendall Gibbs' resignation.

Motion was made and passed to hire Brian Arrott as

Special Ed teacher.

Motion was made and passed to accept the resignation of Genni Colombo, Special Ed teacher.

The Board discussed other personnel vacancies and matters.

The Board was adjourned at 7:35 am.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 8, 1999.

**Coke County library news**

The Coke County Library summer reading program is heating up. Lots of students are adding their names and books read to the reading board. The treat-of-the-week and a good book or three are fun summer-time doings.

**Keeping Kids Reading: How to Raise Avid Readers in the Video Age** by Mary Leonhardt is in the library. She covers pre-school, elementary and teen-age years. One bit of advice for pre-school moms was to buy a child a book upon first entering the grocery store. She says a child with a book is better than a child grabbing for cookies or opening the cheese. Many parents will find they are doing the right thing; but there are some reassuring insights in this book.

The intrepid library patron review this week is of the book **A Live Coal in the Sea** by Madeleine L'Engle.

This author has written good books, but unfortunately this is not one of them. The book is about a girl who has had every opportunity that life can give, but because she finds out her father is illegitimate, she has to crash her life. Reality Check! If you are college age and find out your father is illegitimate, is it going to send you into depression? Not unless you are deficient mentally. And what college girl would really care if her grandmother had an affair? If you like psycho-babble with an R rating you will enjoy this book. I obviously did not. That is why we have a great library. You can find all kinds of books, and you don't have to agree with me about this one.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8 am-12 pm; Wednesday, 8 am-4 pm; Thursday, 1pm-5 pm; and Friday, 8 am-4 pm. Readers from Bronte can turn their books in to Main Street Market.

**City Hall report**

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 1999.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and bills were paid.

A resolution amending the 1998 TCDP Street Improvements Project Grant was approved, and an interlocal agreement between the City of Robert Lee and Coke County relating to the grant was also approved by the council.

The council also considered improvements to the fire and storm warning siren system and gave approval for installation.

Procedure for enforcing City Ordinances was reviewed by the council, and down-times at the water plant were reported.

The landfill will be closed on Saturday, July 3 and City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5. These closures are due to the July 4th holiday.

Water line replacement projects under the TCDP Improvement Grant are expected to begin this week in the area of Hamilton Street. There will be a possibility of temporary loss of water service in this area. Efforts will be made to keep interruption in the water service to a minimum.

Additional information will be provided as the "Grant Work" progresses.

**Skywarn News**

by Marian Thompson

At 10:30 pm Saturday night the National Weather Service informed the Volunteer Skywatchers, of a storm headed our way.

At 10:50 pm we were seeing light rain, with quite a lightning show.

By 11:10 pm we had heavy rain, thunder, lightning and wind gusts up to 35 MPH. At midnight we were advised of another storm cell 11 miles south of Robert Lee. We got more thunder and lightning and heavy rain. They advised of one more cell that would hit about 2 am, and there was no danger from this cell, so they called it a night.

The rain from Saturday night and early Sunday left 9 tenths in my rain gauge. Early Tuesday morning we got more rain which gave us 2 tenths of an inch of rain. Bronte rainfall amounts ranged from a total of 1 1/2 inches to almost 3 inches.



Krista Green and Chris Thomsen

**Children's workshop finale**

The First United Methodist Church in Bronte presented their Children's Workshop Musical last Friday, June 18. Those participating were: Kaitlyn Saunders, Justin Grant, Britney McCutchen, Cheyenne Webb, Zachary Burwick, Beau Grigg, Chloe Grigg, Caleb Magness, Bill Miller, Brittany Peables, Michael Peables, Lacey Saunders, Rikki Saunders, Justin Thompson and Pete Percifull. There were 91 attending the performance including the cast, workers, and families. "Out of the Garden" was written by Pastor Marilyn Farias Austin of Bronte's First United Methodist Church. Refreshments of homemade ice cream and cookies were served in the courtyard at the church following the program.

**Green, Thomsen announce engagement**

Kenneth and Donna Green are proud to announce the marriage of their granddaughter Krista Kaye Green to Chris Thomsen.

The wedding will be July 3, at 4:00 pm, at the Goodfellow Chapel. There will be a reception immediately following the wedding. All friends and family are invited.

**Ross Roundup slated**

The descendants of Roy and May Ross will hold their annual 'Ross Roundup' Saturday, June 26. The all-day event will be held at the new rec hall in the Robert Lee park.

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Donations: Robert Lee Stamp Club, Helen J. Roberts, United Methodist Women Bible Study, Audrey Devoll's 3rd grade class, customer donations by water bills.

### Texas Historical Commission announces heritage tourism grant recipients

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently awarded a \$5,000 Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant to The Concho Valley RC&D and The Fort Chadbourne Foundation for the Fort Chadbourne Signage and Brochure Project. The grants, created as part of the THC's Texas Travel Trails Program, call for heritage sites to work with the tourism industry to plan and execute the projects.

"The THC awarded a total of \$37,525 to nine organizations," reported Mario L. Sanchez, director of the

THC's Heritage Tourism Program. The THC's Heritage Committee reviewed, graded and selected the grant recipients.

The THC designed the grant program to help communities fund products that will enhance the visitor experience to cultural and historic sites and events in the Texas Forts Trail region.

"Communities and heritage and tourism organizations were eligible to receive grant money to be used for projects that promote this region as a heritage tourism destination," said Sanchez. "Projects could include interpretive exhibits, events highlighting historic sites, brochures that take travelers off the beaten path, and educational materials."

The Texas Travel Trails Program is a regional heritage tourism initiative providing training, education and technical and financial assistance to a targeted region. In 1998, the THC introduced the Texas Forts Trail in West Central Texas, one of the 10 Texas Travel Trails originally developed by the Texas Department of Transportation, as the pilot project for the program. The THC has a brochure available that highlights the Texas Forts Trail. To receive a free copy, call the San Angelo Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-375-1206.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

### BVFD golf tournament results

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Golf Tournament was held Saturday, June 19, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. Nineteen teams participated in the event, with some of the teams coming from as far away as Denton and Waco. There were 2 flights for the tournament, with prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place in each flight.

Championship flight won by Stephen Lee and Sterling Abbott, second place was Jeremy Ellison and Justin Snyder, third was Don Hodge and Dwayne Vincent, fourth was Mackey Alred and Susie Alred.

First place in the first flight was Davis Corley and David Adams, second place was Terry Quisenberry and Jerry Kilaras, third place was Wesley Strength and Floyd Moore, fourth place was PeeWee Gehrels and Larry Robertson.

### Harmon-Sparks reunion held

The families of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon and the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks gathered Saturday, June 5, 1999, for their 60th annual reunion. The reunion was held in the Recreation Center in Robert Lee. There were 71 relatives and 3 friends present.

The late Thomas Rudolph (T.R.) Harmon was the son of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon. The late Amanda Elvira (Mandy) Sparks Harmon was the daughter of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks. The family of T.R. and Mandy Harmon present for the 60th reunion were Floyd and Jessie Harmon, J.D. and Mary Jo Harmon, Inez Harmon Hamm, Nola Harmon, Olean Poor, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacey and James Roberts, Marshall and Stewart Millican, Joe and DeeAnna Harmon, Bill and Linda Burns and Jeremy Burns, all of Robert Lee.

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Other descendants of the late Joe C. and Clara Bell (Sparks) Harmon present were daughter-in-law, Mrs. George (Ruby) Harmon and her daughter, Shirley Harmon-Lay, both of Midland; and son-in-law, D.R. (Darold) Nelson of Robert Lee.

The descendants of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks present were Howard and Wanda Sparks of Robert Lee.

Friends of the family present were Lee Hortenstine of Bronte; J.C. Wallace and Wilbern Millican of Robert Lee.

Plans are to continue hav-



The Harmon-Sparks 60th Reunion was held June 5, 1999. All seven surviving children of the late T. R. and Amanda Harmon attended. The Harmons had 11 children. Those attending included (standing, from left) Alf Harmon, Inez Harmon Hamm, Randle Harmon, Milton (Bill) Harmon, (seated, from left) Alfred Harmon, J. D. Harmon, and Floyd Harmon.

ing the reunion on the Saturday nearest to the first Sunday in June. A family cook book with family history is in the planning stage to be completed by June 2000.

Delicious food, visiting, picture taking, golfing, swimming, and dominoes were enjoyed by all. Cooler weather was enjoyed also.

### RLVFD News

by Marian Thompson

The Fire Department held its second meeting for June on the 19th. President Keith Eubanks presided. Ten members were present. The minutes and financial report were approved as read.

Chief Rick Drennan read a letter he received from the Forest Service, regarding Fireworks and Fire Safety. Communications Director Bud Thompson spoke of the calls we had this month, and explained about the call for help, when the linemen were trapped in their truck by a swarm of bees.

They discussed spot lights and flood lights to be put on the generators, equipment needed for the 6-by truck, which is now numbered truck 6. They also discussed the cost of a water tank for it, the plastic tanks that came with it are not practical for our area. They scheduled a work night for Wednesday, June 23. They adjourned, and worked the next hour or so on the pump and organized the station.

### June birthday party at BNH

Residents were treated to cake and punch at the monthly birthday party held on June 16 at Bronte Nursing Home. The event was sponsored by Bronte Chapter #1048 Order of the Eastern Star. Happy birthday was sung to Reginald Bennett, Johnnie Beaver, and Mozelle Smith. Piano selections were provided by Mary Belle Hilliard during the party.

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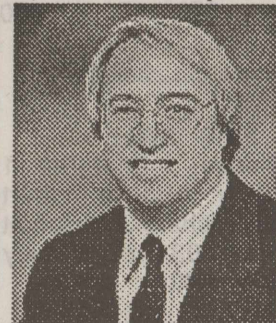
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their concern, love and support  
for all of us during Carlton's  
illness and his passing on to his  
heavenly father. Thank you so  
much for the prayers, beautiful  
flowers, wonderful food, donations,  
phone calls, cards and any other  
way you touched us. Thanks to  
Pat, Darrell, Jaylon and Carolyn.  
The music was beautiful. Thanks  
to Brother Frank Daniels and  
Reverend Jimmy Rogers. May the  
Lord be with each and every one  
of you. God bless you all.  
Leta, Marty, Cindy, Adam,  
Ginny, Charissa Caston and  
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**DEAR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY**

Thank you for all the prayers  
lifted up for Don during the  
past two years. The cards were  
so sweet and encouraging to  
our family.  
Thanks for the food and  
flowers that were taken to  
Doris and Louise after Don's  
passing. That was also a big  
source of encouragement in  
knowing that they were not  
alone at this time.  
Don was loved by many and  
it was evident the month of  
June. The graveside service  
was as sweet as the church  
services because you were  
there. God Bless You.  
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**CARD OF THANKS**

Your expressions of love,  
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light in our darkest sorrow  
over the loss of our brother  
Don. The visits, food and floral  
offerings were a great  
blessing. It meant so much to  
us to know that others cared.  
May God bless each and every  
one of you in a special way.  
Our thanks.

**In Memory of Don  
Hamilton**

*God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
so he put his arms around you  
and whispered "Come with  
me"  
with loving eyes we watched  
you  
and saw you fade away  
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we could not make you stay  
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God broke our hearts to prove  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of an Open Budget Hearing for East Coke County Hospital District for the fiscal year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

The hearing will be held Monday, June 28, 1999 at 6:30 pm in the nursing home board room.

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 0.192 km to replace bridge and approaches on CR at Paint Creek covered by BR 97(164)OX in Coke County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm, July 6, 1999, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Donald Peterson, Area Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available

through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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## Ballinger Depot Daze set

When looking for something fun to do in Texas...mark your calendar for a visit to historic Ballinger, Texas, and "Depot Daze". The trade's day is scheduled for the last Saturday of May, June and September.

Display booths full of arts and crafts, commercial items, trader/flea market goods and food will be set up on the pecan tree shaded land adjacent to the railway in beautiful downtown Ballinger, directly behind the restored Santa Fe Depot.

The one-day event is sponsored these months by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. Remainder dates for shows for 1999 are June 26 and September 25.

For more information on this event call (915) 365-2333 or (915) 365-5611, www.ballingertx.org or e-mail the Chamber at ballingtx@aol.com.



by Jan Yanez  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

## Great grilling

Grilling is cooking made easy and healthy. Grilled foods require little additional fat for cooking, and they require minimal seasoning because they taste so good. Here are some tips for healthy grilling with great flavor.

- Choose low fat meats such as skinless chicken breasts, pork tenderloin, fish and shrimp.

- Marinades are a great way to enhance flavors, tenderize meats, and keep foods from drying out when grilling. They can be made with wine, vinegar, fruit juices or soy sauce.

- Soak dried herbs, fresh citrus peel and wood chips in water for 10 minutes and then add to coals. Add more every 15 minutes or so for a pleasant smoke flavor.

- Wrap fish in foil packets to retain natural flavors, keep it from falling apart and protect it from fire and smoke.

- Thread summer veggies such as eggplant, squash, bell peppers or cherry tomatoes on skewers and grill for a healthy side dish. Spray with a vegetable oil. Spray away from fire, and grill quickly until tender.

- Grilled fruits make a great dessert. Try bananas, pineapples, mangoes, or peaches. Fruit should be halved, pits removed, and placed on the grill pulp side down.

- Always boil marinades if you plan to serve them. This is important to reduce the possibility of food borne illness from touching raw meat and food.

High heat methods of cooking meat produce cancer-causing compounds that are deposited on the meat. When fat from meat drips onto hot coals, one type of risky substance is produced that deposits on meats. Another harmful compound is formed when the protein in meat is cooked quickly at high temperature.

While no one is about to suggest giving up the back-

yard barbecue, there are some things you can do to reduce the cancer risk associated with grilled meats.

- To reduce fat drippings, which cause flare-ups and charring, trim all visible fat from meat before cooking.

- Use a drip pan so that fat doesn't come in contact with the heat source.

- Marinating meats can limit the formation of one type of harmful substance.

- Before eating, cut away the charred parts because they contain the highest concentration of risky compounds.

- Don't make gravy from the meat drippings.

- If you like the flavor of grilled meats and eat them often, you can pre-cook them in the microwave and then put them on the grill for a brief time to add flavor.

## Real heroes deserve being remembered

The name of Frank Tubb is among the 29 names on the Angelo State University memorial to alumni killed in World War II.

Ava Lou Davis said it meant so much, finding that people cared about her brother and his comrades 54 years after their deaths off the coast of China.

Frank Tubb, her brother, was a graduate of Robert Lee High School, where he played football and excelled in track. He later attended San Angelo College, and, when World War II broke out, he joined the Army Air Corps and was assigned to the 345th Bomber Group.

A faded picture shows the young man, tall and thin, standing by his plane, smiling into the camera.

March 15, 1945, found him serving as tail gunner and radio operator for Bold Venture, a B-25 flying over the South China Sea near Hong Kong.

To make a long story short, the plane crashed on the side of a mountain just off the coast. The crew, including Frank, died.

Ava and her family didn't find out what happened to Frank's remains until four years later when he and two crewmates were placed in a group burial in Fort Smith National Cemetery in Arkansas. His parents, Mary and Arthur Tubb, and other family members attended the ceremony.



This faded picture shows Frank Tubb as a young man, tall and thin, standing by his plane and smiling into the camera.

The story doesn't end there.

Charles Gilmore, Bold Venture's co-pilot, wasn't aboard the plane the day it crashed. He was back at the base, in the sick bay.

Gilmore now lives in a suburb of Denver. Not long ago, he was contacted over the Internet by Ian Quinn, an airline pilot based in Hong Kong. Quinn, a member of the Hong Kong Historical Aircraft Association, regularly flies over the area where Bold Venture went down.

Quinn was writing a book that included information on the 345th Bomber Group. He knew the story of Bold Venture, but wasn't sure of the exact crash location. Gilmore sent him a photo of the site.

Using the photo as a guide, Quinn flew over the area in a helicopter and found the spot where Bold Venture went down. He found fragments of the plane still at the location.

On March 15 of this year, exactly 54 years after the crash, Quinn placed a wreath on the site in memory of the crew of Bold Venture.

"I was touched that, after all these 54 years, this man cared enough to put a wreath on the spot," Ava said.

"My mother kept saying there was no cross to mark their grave," Ava said. "She didn't know if they had been buried or left on the side of the mountain. My parents would be proud to know that 54 years later, some caring person placed a wreath where their son died."

"After all these years, someone still remembers. Someone cares. And that means so much."

(Editor's note: This article concerning a native Robert Lee serviceman who was killed during World War II appeared in a San Angelo Standard Times article honoring veterans on Memorial Day.)

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### RLISD board minutes told

The Robert Lee ISD school board met in regular session on June 10, 1999, with all members present. The following business was conducted.

- Minutes of previous meeting were approved.
  - Bills were paid.
  - Dianne Simpson was elected as delegate to the TASB State Convention in October.
  - The commissioner's recommended student performance domain for use in the evaluation of the principals and superintendent was approved.
  - A contract with Texas Educational Consultative Services for state compensatory purposes was approved.
  - Using the UIL guidelines for junior high athletics, the use of the sixth grade students for junior high football was granted.
  - The 1998-99 athletic budget was amended.
  - Salaries were approved for administration and auxiliary personnel. Mr. Hood was authorized to adjust the local salary schedule for the administration and auxiliary personnel.
  - A resignation from Steve Osborn was approved.
  - Health insurance will be opened for proposals.
  - The 1999 TAAS results were presented to the board.
  - The superintendent's report for June was given.
- The next regular board meeting will be July 8, 1999. The public is invited.

### Host families needed

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is seeking families in Abilene and surrounding areas to host high school exchange students for the coming school year. The exchange students, who are between 15 and 18 years old, speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses.

The students will arrive in early August 1999 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas. The students are from over 20 different countries, including Germany, France, Japan, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Italy, China, Poland, Czech Republic, and Romania.

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT). Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their own interests. For more information, call Jennifer Murphy, Exchange Program Coordinator, at (915) 795-1577 or the ERDT Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

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### Sweezy, Epperson exchange vows

Jill Sweezy of Ft. Worth and Stephen Epperson of Plano exchanged wedding vows Saturday, May 22, 1999, in the First United Methodist Church in Dayton. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sweezy of Dayton and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Epperson of Ballinger. The father of the groom performed the wedding ceremony assisted by Jim McConnell, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Dayton.

Two large baskets of beautiful pink roses formed the focal point for the ceremony in the sanctuary. As the ceremony began, the groom escorted his mother to the front of the sanctuary where she lit the groom's family candle. The bride's mother was escorted down the aisle by her son, Kevin Sweezy and she lit the bride's family candle. At this time, Corbett Post of Bryan, sang "Somewhere in the World" by Watson. He was accompanied by church pianist, John Vance, of Dayton, who also provided beautiful prelude music and music during the reception.

Soloist, Nikki Sipe, sister of the groom, performed "How Beautiful" by Paris before the wedding vows were exchanged. Nikki also sang "From This Moment" by Shania Twain as the couple were lighting their unity candle.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father as "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach was performed by the church organist, M.W. Ford, Jr. Her gown was an original Signature Design by Ginza Collection. The formal floor length gown of white Italian silk satin featured a lace-enhanced scoop neckline which was highlighted by seed pearls and sequins. The gown featured a Basque waist, also adorned with lace and seed pearls. The bride wore a tiered veil of white illusion enhanced by seed pearls, and Austrian crystals delicately attached to a matching headband. She carried a bouquet of Rosario tulips, ranunculus, sweet peas and pink astilbe.

Matron of honor was cousin of the bride, Jennifer Ferrell of Liberty Hill. Bridesmaids were Ronna Hardin, Henderson; Laura Martin, Dallas; and Kimberly delaHoussaye, cousin of the bride, Liberty. They wore A-line gowns of premiere rose lamour satin with scoop necklines and empire waists. The attendants carried bouquets of fresh pink roses and purple iris. The flower girl, Aileene delaHoussaye, was dressed

### Roberts family enjoys relative

Lauren Hammerton of Houston spent three weeks with her grandparents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts and her uncle and family, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts, all of Robert Lee.

### UMHB lists honor roll students

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor released the names of students listed on the Vice President's Honor Roll for Spring 1999. Michael Blair, son of Frank and Marty Blair, of Bronte was included.

in a white shunting empire waisted gown with a sash that complemented the bridesmaid's gowns. She carried an arrangement of pink roses.

The groom was attired in a black tux with white vest and tie. He wore a boutonniere of miniature pink roses. Best man was Stevie Oleksiuk of Robert Lee. Groomsmen were Jeff Dunham, Nacogdoches; Scotty Stevens, Mabank and Kevin Sweezy. The groomsmen wore black tuxes with gray and white pinstripe vests and ties. Their boutonnieres were of miniature pink roses. Cory Ferrell, the ring bearer, was a miniature version of the groom as he carried the rings on a pillow cross stitched with the bride and groom's names and their wedding date. The stitching was created by the bride.

The reception was in the fellowship hall of the church. Guests were served a variety of hors d'oeuvres while the wedding photographs were snapped. The bride's cake was a creation of three tiers separated by clear columns. Each tier was covered with fresh pink roses and tulips. A ceramic bride and groom decorated the top layer of the cake. On the groom's table was a basket of greenery accented with golf tees and golf balls. Two tin golf buckets held miniature chocolate golf balls and wooden tees which were imprinted with the names of the bride and groom



Mrs. Stephen Epperson

and their wedding date. The groom's chocolate cake was decorated with chocolate icing, melted chocolate and fresh cut strawberries.

Jill graduated from Dayton High School, Stephen F. Austin University and received her Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology from TCU in May of 1999. Stephen is a graduate of Robert Lee High School,

Robert Lee and Stephen F. Austin University with a degree in communication.

After a wedding trip to Florida and the Bahamas, Stephen and Jill will live in Plano.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner on Friday night in Dayton at the Audubon Lodge Bed and Breakfast. In June, a reception was given in Ballinger for the couple.

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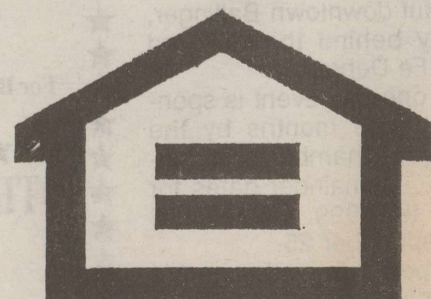
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