

THE OBSERVER/ ENTERPRISE



Serving Coke County

(USPS 467-480)
(ISSN 8750-197X)

Vol. 112, No. 45

Friday, June 9, 2000

Weekend rainfall totals as much as eight inches

Last weekend the skies opened up and poured bucketsful of water on previously parched Coke County. Some areas of the

Bronte students excel at state

Stephen Tomes and Amy Morgan performed their solos for judges at the state level over Memorial Day weekend.

Stephen Tomes, an 8th grader at BJHS, earned a "2", classified as "Excellent." Stephen participated in The Texas Federation of Music Clubs competition at middle school level at TCU in Fort Worth. TFMC is the statewide organization of private instructors. Stephen has been studying violin for 7 years. He receives private instruction from Paula Woyton, Master Violinist, of San Angelo.

Amy Morgan, a junior at BHS, performed her flute solo at the UIL Solo and Ensemble high school level competition at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Amy received a "1", classified as "Superior." The music department at Bronte can find no record of a BHS student receiving a "1" at State level solo and ensemble U.I.L. The competition encompassed 1A through 3A schools in Texas. Amy receives private instruction from Kathy McNelly of San Angelo. She has been studying under Miss McNelly for over 5 years.

Congratulations to these two fine young musicians. Their talent and dedication is to be commended.



Amy Morgan

county, after enduring five years of drought, received as much rainfall over the three day period as it seemed like they had gotten for the duration of the dry weather.

East Coke County was the big winner with this storm system, which was not like the usual thunderstorms which dump moisture and move on. This system hung around Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, depositing as much as 8.5 inches of rainfall in some areas.

Areas north of Bronte reported up to 5 inches of moisture, while other areas just south of the city recorded over 8 inches. County Sheriff Rick Styles, who lives just past

Tax Office Closing

The Coke County Tax Office will close at 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 15th to enable tax office personnel to attend the 46th Annual Tax Assessor-Collector educational seminar and ceremonies in Midland, Texas.

The tax office will return to its regular hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Friday, June 16th. Please remember that the tax office is open daily during lunch for your convenience.

First UMC to Hold Vacation Bible School

First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will hold its Vacation Bible School, "Club Can Do", this coming week, Monday, June 12th through Thursday, June 15th, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The VBS is open to all children, from pre-school through 6th grade. To register, call 453-2417.



Stephen Tomes

the river south of Bronte, reported 8.5 inches total.

As for West Coke County, some areas fared better than others. South of the city in the Valley View community recorded the highest figure on the west side with up to 4 inches total. The Silver area didn't get slighted this time, as they reported up to 2.5 inches. Areas near Lake Spence and westward received from less than an inch up to about 1.5 inches.

Wherever you live in Coke County, it was wonderful. Residents on the east side of the county were seeing stock tanks go dry they had never seen dry before. Now most of those tanks are running around and brim level full.

Due to the drought, many area livestock producers have had to sell their stock. The benefits to these livestock producers are enormous.

Another major source of income in Coke County, our wildlife, just got a new start last weekend, as deer, turkey, and quail numbers at least have a chance for normal populations for next season.

The only bad news we can report with this storm system is that it didn't raise the lake level at Oak Creek but about a foot. Spence had received its lifesaving runoff a couple of months ago, but Oak Creek is still waiting.

Sanco Homecoming slated

The 46th annual Homecoming will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2000, at Sanco. The program will begin at the tabernacle at 10 am and will feature singing and other special music, a devotional and other topics of interest.

A covered dish meal will follow at noon. Due to lack of sufficient funds, barbecue will not be provided by the association this year. Those who attend are invited to bring a main dish with their usual contributions of salads, desserts, etc. Iced tea will be served as usual.

Recent rains have brought the surrounding areas back to life. We are looking forward to visiting with all those we love and hope that the first homecoming of the new millennium will be one of the best homecomings ever.

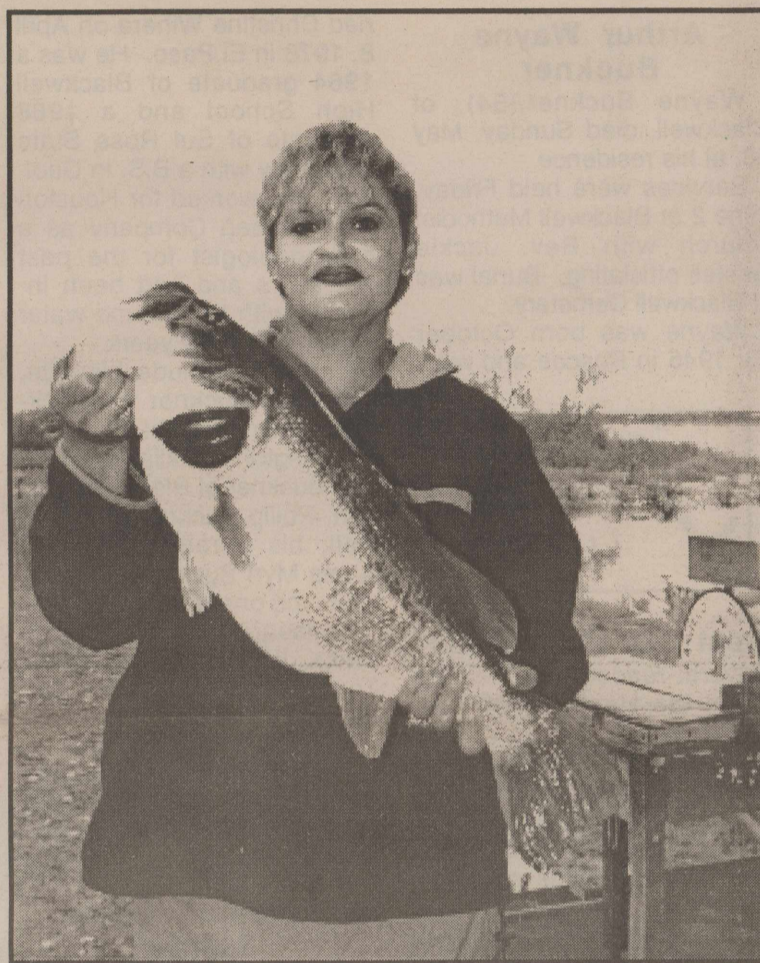


Photo by Russell Smith

Josie Dean of Robert Lee placed 12th in the KGKL Bass Tournament on Lake Ivie the weekend of June 3 and 4, 2000, with this 9 pound black bass.

Relay for Life

The San Angelo Relay for Life will be held from 6 pm Friday, June 9th until 6 pm Saturday, June 10th at San Angelo Stadium. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a combination of many things.

It is an outlet to honor and memorialize those with cancer. The Survivor Parade is a celebration of life. The opening lap of the relay begins at 5:45 pm on Friday, June 9th and is made up of cancer survivors only. ALL CANCER SURVIVORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. Later that evening at 10:00 pm is the Luminaria Ceremony. Thousands of hand-decorated luminaria bags are lit in honor or memory of those with cancer. It is a very special way to remember cancer survivors as well as those who have lost their battle. Luminaria bags can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone for a minimum donation of \$5 each.

All money raised from Relay for Life goes directly to the American Cancer Society benefiting Tom Green and the surrounding counties. The

American Cancer Society provides many valuable programs for cancer patients and their families including transportation, complimentary hotel rooms, support groups, medical equipment, education, research and much more! For more information on ACS services, call them at 944-2509.

Relay for Life promotes a great spirit of friendship and camaraderie. Again this year, a group from Robert Lee will be having a team. If you want to make a donation or purchase a luminaria, contact Cindy Bessent at 453-2393 or Dee Anna Harmon at 453-2804.

4-H Leadership Lab/Camp to be held

The District 7 4-H Leadership Lab/Camp will be held June 26-28 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Any 4-H member who is 13 years or older may attend this camp. Camp deadline is Monday, June 5. Also, if any 4-H member wants to run for a district office you must fill out the application form. Contact the extension office for more details.

THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE

Published Weekly Except Christmas
707 Austin (915) 453-2433

(USPS 467-480) (ISSN 8750-197X)
Periodical Rate Postage paid at Robert Lee, TX.

**POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to
Observer/Enterprise
PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, TX 76945.**

STAFF

Hal Spain, Publisher Melinda McCutchen, Editor
Nikki Digby

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Per Year in Coke County.....\$20.00
Per Year Elsewhere in Texas.....\$22.00
Per Year Outside of Texas.....\$25.00

Obituaries

Arthur Wayne Buckner

Wayne Buckner, (54), of Blackwell, died Sunday, May 28, at his residence.

Services were held Friday, June 2 at Blackwell Methodist Church with Rev. Jackie Gestes officiating. Burial was at Blackwell Cemetery.

Wayne was born October 13, 1945 in Roscoe and mar-

ried Christine Wihera on April 8, 1978 in El Paso. He was a 1964 graduate of Blackwell High School and a 1968 graduate of Sul Ross State University with a B.S. in Geology. He worked for Houston Well Screen Company as a hydrogeologist for the past ten years and had been involved with the ground water industry for thirty years.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Buckner of Blackwell; two daughters, Lisa Washington of Dallas and Katrina Buckner of Blackwell; one son, Philip Buckner of Blackwell; his parents, J.B. and Annie Myrl Buckner of Blackwell; and one grandson.

Pallbearers were Jim Bob Watts, Jim Watts, Jerry Watts, Tony Dove, W.O. Miller, and James Jones, Jr.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the hospice of one's choice.

45a-1tc

Vacation Bible School

Robert Lee Baptist Church invites all children ages 3 through grade 6 to join us on The Fantastic Good News Ocean Odyssey, Vacation Bible School. Get ready for an underwater experience that is too good to miss. Every day will include an exciting Worship Rally in the Worship Rally Submarine. Then kids will scuba dive through adventure-filled Bible stories, create wonderful ocean crafts, explore unique missions reefs, experience extraordinary Ocean Odyssey music, taste delicious snacks, and dive in creative recreation!

We are happy to offer this "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to every child in our community. Our focus will be "Diving into the Depths of God's Faithfulness."

The Fantastic Good News Ocean Odyssey will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church, 22 W. 11th Street, on June 26-30 from 9 am to 12 Noon.

AUTO-HOME-LIFE

HELPING YOU is what we do best.

Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau 453-4505



Texas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.
Texas Farm Bureau Underwriters
Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co.
Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co.

911 For Parents slated

Robert Lee ISD proudly presents Sanity-Saving Skills to Take The Stress Out of Discipline or 911 For Parents on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Diana Day, a national authority on child behavior will present a workshop to give parents the strategies and confidence needed to immediately improve children's motivation and behavior. Ms. Day has trained over one-half million educators and parents. She is looking forward to training teachers and parents in Coke County. For more information, please call Janet Wallace at 453-4555. Childcare will be provided for this session. To sign up for childcare, please call Janet Wallace or Judy Shook at 453-4555.

Fort Chadbourne Day

Fort Chadbourne Day is coming June 24th. Mark your calendar for June 24, 2000.

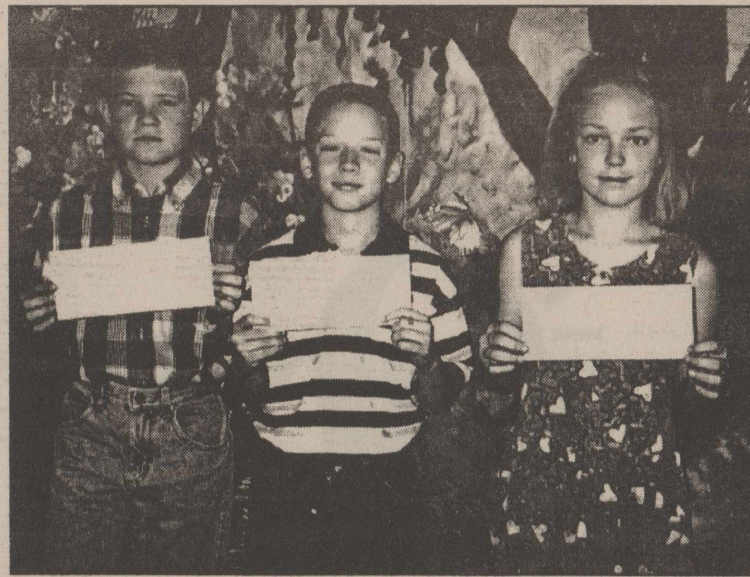
The annual Fort Chadbourne Day is sponsored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce and will be held Saturday, June 24, in Bronte, Texas.

This year's events promise something for everyone with a parade, auction, arts and crafts booths, music and live entertainment, a three on three basketball tournament and a softball tournament. Watch the paper for a schedule of events.

If you would like to make a donation for the auction or would like to reserve a booth space, please call Shalon's Floral at 473-5101 for a reservation form.

Clean-Up Month set for June

June has been designated as "Clean-Up Month" in the City of Bronte. Citizens are encouraged to clean out trash and unwanted items. Items will need to be placed at the usual garbage pick up point. If there is a question regarding what can be placed curbside for pick up, contact the City Hall at 473-3501. B.F.I. will pick up the items each Friday.



The AON Bike-A-Thon raised \$730.50 recently. Clayton Austin (from left) and Brody Dillard won \$20 gift certificates for the most miles ridden and Chelle Wright won a \$50 savings bond, donated by Robert Lee State Bank, for collecting the most money.

On Saturday, June 17th, B.F.I. will make a special pick up for tree limbs. The limbs will need to be cut in lengths that can be easily handled by one person.

City Wide Clean-Up

Schedule Changed

The Robert Lee City Wide Clean-Up schedule has been changed. The Tuesday route will be Saturday, June 10. The Friday Route will be Saturday, June 17. Call or drop by city hall for more information.

Alexander selected as delegate to pageant

The Miss Teenage Texas Selection Committee has selected Jennifer Alexander as Miss Teen Robert Lee, an official delegate to the 2000 Miss Teenage Texas Scholarship Pageant, July 7-9, at the Houston Marriott North at Greenspoint, Houston, Texas.

The pageant is the oldest teen pageant for young women in the state. Contestants are judged in the areas of Activities and Achievements, Personality, Poise and Appearance. There is no swimsuit or talent competition. Over \$15,000 in college scholarships and prizes will be awarded at the

pageant. Jennifer is a junior at Robert Lee High School. Her parents are Wayne and Beverly Alexander, grandparents are Eddie and Earlene Alexander.



Jennifer Alexander

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 & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 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. Waide Messer, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Victory Assembly of God
6th & Houston
(915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

New Life In Christ Church Revival

Friday and Saturday nights

7 pm

Old Bronte Theater

Brother Theodore Boone to preach

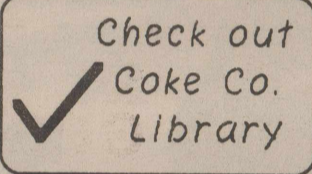
Thoughts on the Scripture

By Rev. Jim Reeves

I John 3:18 "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

That old saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words" can easily be changed to "An action is worth a thousand words." People judge us more by what we do than by what we say. Let us love one another by what we do, much more than by what we say.

May God bless each one of you.
Brother Jim



Beat the Heat, Read!

Several readers are wearing "Beat the Heat, Read!" buttons that they were given for being one of the first to sign in for the summer reading time. The program began June 6 and will go through July 28. Students can come any time to begin. There will be a drawing at the end of each week for stadium cups reading "Beat the Heat, Read". For every book returned, students are eligible that many times for the drawing. Return four books, sign-up for the drawing four times.

One of the books available is Career Ideas for Kids Who Like Talking. Some of the careers talked about are air-traffic controller, flight attendant, hotel manager, law enforcement officer, minister, social worker, or sports professional. Each career is explored in depth. The articles give ideas to do now and tell about a real person in each career. There is also information about organizations to write to for more information.

Another book for summer reading is Bog Bodies: Mummies and Curious Corpses. This is not a book to be looked at alone. The book tells about mummies found as recently as 1991.

Even though June is listed as National Candy Month, the treat-of-the-week is bubble gum, and scratch-and-sniff stickers will be given to all readers. Come to "Beat the Heat, Read!" Projects, good books, treats, and a drawing every Friday are available for all students of Coke County. Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday 8-4; Thursday 1-5, and Friday, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duane Conger of Zephyr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 6, 2000 with a reception at the First Baptist Church, Zephyr, Texas fellowship hall.

Their daughter and her husband, Debbie and Pat Riley, and their three grandchildren, Amanda, Kyle and Deidre of Brownfield hosted the event. Friends and relatives joined from several Texas cities including Robert Lee, San Angelo, Llano, Anson, Dallas and Brownfield.

Conger and the former Edith Virginia Walker were married May 6, 1950 in San Angelo. The couple has lived in Lubbock, May and Zephyr during 50 years of marriage.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duane Conger

Commissioners Court Minutes told

Commissioners Court met in several sessions in the courthouse in Robert Lee. All members were present and Mary Grim, County Clerk.

The following business was conducted on May 22, 2000. The minutes for May 8, 2000, were approved and presented and bills were paid. The treasurer's affidavit was approved. Water aerobics for Monday and Thursday evenings for Robert Lee pool were approved. Pool certification for pool operators was approved. Communication matching grant for the Sheriff's office and a courthouse security system was tabled. A water sprinkler system was presented by Judge Walker. No action was taken. Bronte park requested that County employees and families be allowed to swim free. The court voted to leave the policy as is. Contracts with Allied Compliance Service and Commission on State Emergency Communications (911) were approved. A resolution for payment of medical claims was approved. The budget was amended \$250,000 for medical claims. May 30, 2000, was the date set for insurance proposals to be reviewed and awarded. Insurance proposals were heard from Paula Sweeten, Kathleen Miller and Mark White. Court was adjourned.

The following business was conducted on May 24, 2000. Insurance proposals were heard from Tommy and Don Morris, Rita Lawless, Bobby Zesch and Cy Griffin and Mark White. Court was adjourned. The following business was conducted on May 30, 2000. Austin McLaughlin presented an insurance proposal. Tommy and Don Morris and Bobby Zesch visited with the court regarding insurance. Court was adjourned. The following business was conducted on June 2, 2000. Tommy Morris Agency was approved as the insurance agent. Unicare 500 deductible was approved and the insurance and \$20,000 life insurance on each employee was approved. Court was adjourned. The following business was conducted on June 5, 2000. Tommy and Don Morris explained the insurance plan to Commissioners Court and the employees. Court approved

to enroll in the old plan with Unicare. The first budget amendment of \$209,545.92 for medical claims was approved. A motion to delete page 2 of the personnel policy regarding retirees was approved by the Court. The meeting was adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 12, 2000, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Courtroom. The public is invited.

Glenn named to Baylor Dean's List

Baylor University has released the Dean's Academic Honor List for the Spring 2000 Semester. Among those who earned a 4.0 GPA was Charlotte Glenn. Her name also appeared on the Dean's List for the previous semester.

Charlotte is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service organization, and plays violin in one of Baylor's two orchestras. She is a sophomore biology major and will be studying with a group of Baylor students in Guadalajara, Mexico, this summer.

Charlotte's parents are Doctors Victor and Liza Glenn of Dallas. Clark and Mary Frances Glenn of Bronte are her grandparents.

Look Who's New

Emily Hope McClellan was born on June 4, 2000 at 12:19 pm in the Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene, Texas. She weighed 5 pounds 8 1/2 ounces and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Emily's proud parents are Christa and Brent McClellan of Abilene. Grandparents are Darlene Gower of Ballinger, Eddie Gower of Ballinger, Rita McClellan of Abilene and Tommy McClellan of Ava, Missouri. Great-grandparents are Bessie Brice of Robert Lee and Jerri Dixon of San Angelo.

WCC EMS Memorials for May 2000

- Alta Bilbo
Elmer and Barbara Adkins
Mabel Walker
Elmer and Barbara Adkins
- Jimmie Lou Smith
Elmer and Barbara Adkins

East Coke County Ambulance Service Memorials

The East Coke County Ambulance Service reports contributions received in May, 2000:

- Jetty Hester
J.B. and Martha Arrott
- Ada Denton
Irmadine McKown

Join Us for Vacation Bible School

*A once-in-a-lifetime voyage on
The Fantastic Good News
Ocean Odyssey
Diving into the
Depths of God's Faithfulness*

Take the plunge into
adventure filled Bible Stories!
Create wonderful ocean crafts!
Experience extraordinary
Ocean Odyssey Music!
(ages 3 through 6th grade)

We'll embark on our ocean voyage:

Pre-Registration Dive In Day
June 21st • 6-8 pm

VBS Held June 26-30
9 am - Noon

Family Night
June 30th • 6:30 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
22 W. 11th Street • 453-2724



LONE STAR CARDS WELCOME **Super H IGA** LIMIT RIGHTS RESERVED

501 Commerce - Robert Lee, TX
Store Hrs: Mon.-Sat. 8-8 Sun. 8-6
SPECIALS GOOD 6/7 Thru 6/13

Farmland Family Pack
Pork Chops
Lb. **1.39**

California New Crop
Peaches
Lb. **.59**

Hot House
Tomatoes
Lb. **.79**

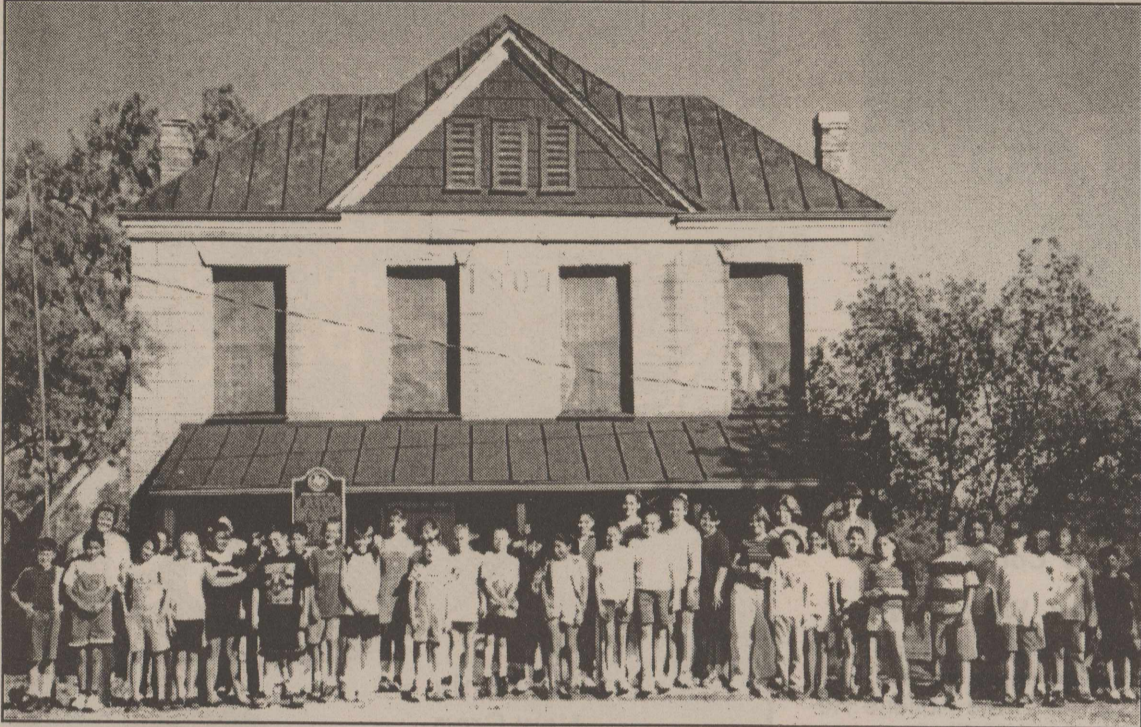
Nature's Finest
Salad
1 lb. bag **\$.99**

Cut or French Style Green Beans, Whole Kernel or Cream Corn or Sweet Peas
Del Monte Vegetables
5 11-15.25 oz cans for **/\$2**

Selected Varieties
Mrs. Baird's Bread
1.5 lb. loaf
BUY ONE • GET ONE FREE!

Selected Varieties of Blue Bell
Ice Cream
2 1/2 Gallon Rounds for **\$6.50**

Robert Lee School News



Fourth and Fifth Graders from Robert Lee Elementary, along with their teachers Cindy Bessent and Denise Roberts, enjoyed a tour of the Coke County Museum conducted by Jeffie Roberts.

Six Flags Theme Parks Sponsor Read to Succeed

Each school year, the Six Flags Theme Parks sponsor a READ TO SUCCEED program in Robert Lee Elementary School. Students read to become members of the 600-Minute Reading Club. To become members of the 600-Minute Reading Club, students must complete a minimum of 600 minutes, or ten hours, of recreational reading. This reading can be in the form of reading to oneself, reading to another person, or being read to by others. The emphasis of this program is to encourage students to read. The rewards are several: improved reading skills, time spent with family members reading to the student or listening to the student read, improved record keeping skills as students must document reading time, and diligence. This past school year, 78 students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade qualified for the 600-Minute Reading Club in Robert Lee Elementary School. Each student received a ticket to Six Flags as a much deserved reward.

Read to Succeed 600 Minute Reading Club

Kindergarten
Chad Martin, Janzen Digby, Cooper Chambers, Jessica Elliot, Diana Vera and Luisa Carrera

First Grade
Callie Chambers, Haden Dillard, J.P. Conner, Diego Saucedo, Kacee Roberts, Meagan Ross, Heidi Austin, Logan Philley, Tanner Brickley and Cody Taylor

Second Grade
Emily Arellano, Cayetano Carrero, Sarah Coppedge, Justina Gloria, Tanner Hanigan, Stetson Nesbit, Olivia Trejo, Jathan Williams, Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Dylan Deanda, Sara Jones, Terry McDonald, Blake Millican and Emilee Yanez

Third Grade

Kaden Duncan, Cody Williamson, Holly Austin, Morgan Hill, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez and Mason Ross

Fourth Grade

Eddie May, Chase Roe, Brody Dillard, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Ashley Hopson, Briana Longoria, Melissa Martinez, Kasie Skinner and Cody Denton

Fifth Grade

Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Cara Cavness, Kelsy Duncan, Colton Holmes, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Casey Nesbit, Johnathan Pagan, Sarah Philley, Brettie Reed, Ashleigh Rogers, Julianne Samaniego, Becca Skinner, Robin Taylor, Eleasar Vera and Chelle Wright

Sixth Grade

Bridgette Barnett, Cassidy

Wink, Kayla Medrano, Lewis Hearn, Branden Phillips, Andra Braswell, Kyla Millican, Carolina Vera, Vanessa Saucedo, Clayton Austin, Tina Arellano, Tiffany Bagwell and Analy Gallegos

Robert Lee Elementary Sixth Six Weeks Honor Roll

Third Grade - Mrs. Devoll and Mrs. McCown -
Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Jasmine Gloria, Cori Torres, Morgan Hill, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Holly Austin.

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Bessent -

Kasie Skinner, Chase Roe, Allison Millican, Briana

Longoria, Sterlin Ebenstein, Brody Dillard, Cody Denton, Molly Burns.

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Roberts -
Kelsy Duncan, Brian Eubanks, Dixie Johnson, Casey Nesbit, Becca Skinner, Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Cody McCabe, Kevin Honse, Sarah Philley, Brettie Reed, Ashleigh Rogers.

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe -

Bridgette Barnett, Kayla Medrano, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink, Andra Braswell, Tiffany Bagwell, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Amanda Robinson, Vanessa Saucedo, Stephanie Trejo.

Robert Lee Elementary Accelerated Reader Honor Roll Sixth Six Weeks

Second Grade -
Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Dylan Deanda, Sarah Jones, Nancy Landeros, Terry McDonald, Blake Millican, Emilee Yanez, Emily Arellano, Cayetano Carrera, Sarah Coppedge, Justina Gloria, Tanner Hanigan, Jacob Moreno, Stetson Nesbit, Olivia Trejo, Jathan Williams.

Third Grade -

Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Jasmine Gloria, Norma Rojas, Gaby Saucedo, Cori Torres, Cody Williamson, Jimmy Womack, Holly Austin, Morgan Hill, Caleb Millican, Arrin Minjarez, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez, Mason Ross, Dustin Moreno, Rebecka Saucedo, Megan Robinson.

Fifth Grade -

Kelsy Duncan, Colton Holmes, Casey Nesbit, Rosa Rojas, Becca Skinner, Eleasar Vera, Sarah Philley, Brettie Reed, Sergio Rocha, Nicole

Barnett, Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Cara Cavness, Kevin Honse, Jessica Long, Cody McCabe, Tony Munoz, Ashleigh Rogers, Chelsey Rowoldt.

Sixth Grade -

Tina Arellano, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Shannon Martin, Amanda Robinson, Stephanie Trejo, Bridgette Barnett, Lewis Hearn, Kayla Medrano, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Branden Phillips, Chris Kuhl Torres, Carolina Vera, Cassidy Wink Andra Braswell.



Jordan Digby, daughter of Joe and Nikki Digby, placed 1st runner up during the Sweepstakes competition at the State Diamond Miss Pageant held in Abilene, Texas, on June 3. Jordan was also 2nd runner-up for the overall pageant competition. Proud grandparents and big brother are Mario and Sheryl Tavarez and Janzen Digby.

Robert Lee Care Center Memorials for May 2000

Mary Colvin
Jim and Reba Tabor

WINK INSURANCE AGENCY



Home • Auto
Life • Commercial

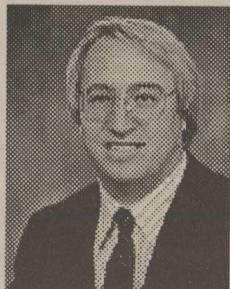
715 Austin • 453-4551

GMAC SMARTNOTES

8.00%
Yield to Maturity Due 6/15/15

- Interest Paid Quarterly
- Callable beginning 06/15/03 @ 100
- A²/A-rated by Standard & Poor's

* Yield effective 06/06/00, subject to availability. Yield and market value may fluctuate if sold prior to maturity.



Call or stop by today.
Jimmy Newsom
719 Strong Avenue
Ballinger, Texas 76821
(915) 365-2505
www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Edward Jones[®]

Serving Individual Investors Since 1871

ATM Pulse Cards

Now is the time
to sign up!



ROBERT LEE STATE BANK

pulse

5771010000000310

MoneyMaker

Key To Convenience
24 Hours A Day



Robert Lee State Bank

Member FDIC

621 Austin Street
Robert Lee, Texas

Phone 453-2545
Tele-Bank 453-2585

Science Fair

Bronte Elementary held its first Science Fair on Tuesday, May 23. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade participated. Kindergarten's project involved a garden and each child planted different seeds and compared the results. In first grade through sixth grade a total of 71 projects were displayed in the school cafeteria. Kindergarten through second grade projects were noncompetitive, but the displays were viewed by local judges and students were interviewed by the judges. Displays from grades three, four, five, and six were judged and students were interviewed. These students competed for first, second, and third place in each grade level.

Our very capable and enthusiastic judges were Karen McBride, Jacque Herold, Julie Springer, John Driggers, Jimmy Lee, Alan Richey, Rick Howell, Terry Marrs, Sherri Marrs, Sarah Marrs, and Frances Williams. The judges were very impressed with the thought and thoroughness of the displays. Their only request was that the science fair become an annual event for Bronte Elementary.

Students returned to school Tuesday evening to explain their projects to parents and to discover which displays received awards.

The top three science fair displays for third grade were third place-Matthew Allen with "Can a Plant Have Too Much Fertilizer?", second place went to D.J. Acevedo with "Density of Oil", and first place was awarded to Jessi England and Ariel Coalson for their project "Cleaning Pennies".

Fourth grade awards were third place-Terrah Macon and Estephania Flores for "Does Sugar Prolong the Life of Cut Flowers?", second place went to Savannah Martinez and Emily Austin for "How Substances Eat Up Egg Shells", and first place went to Cody Wallace for "Hot and Cold Air".

Fifth grade awards went to: Lahren White third place for "Cabbage Chemistry", Hazen Coffey received second place for "Racing to Beat the Game", and first place went to Philip Rawlings for his project "Keep Hot."

The third place award in sixth grade went to Garrett Acker for "Hair Seed", second place went to Lillian McMullan for "Feeding Plants Different Liquids", and first place was

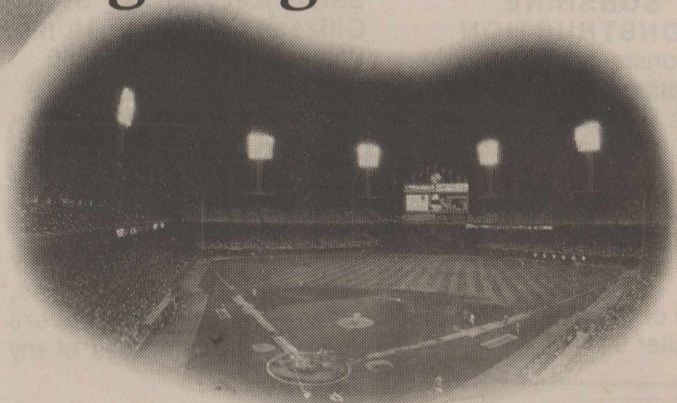
Bronte School News



On Sunday, May 21, First Baptist Church in Bronte recognized local high school and college graduates. The graduates were presented with a gift, followed by a special time of prayer for the graduates. The seniors honored included (back row, from left) Jake Graves, Wes Howell, Andy Blair, (middle row, from left) Jerrod McClure, Nick Casares, Blake McKee, Lance Owens, Donnie Jackson, (front row, from left) Jessica Martinez, Mario Minjarez, Chris Keeney, Sam Sanchez, Jennifer Sturgill, and Jessica Sturgill.



From your local little league to the Big leagues...



Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives are Lighting up America.

Whether you run a major league business or one day hope to, Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives are committed to providing customers large and small with state-of-the-art technology and personalized service. At affordable rates.

And we do more. We back our service with a one-of-a-kind reputation for integrity, accountability, innovation and community commitment.


After all, we're an alliance of local, consumer-owned electric utilities across the country.

That's why millions of businesses and homes across America already count on Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives for power.

When it comes to meeting the needs of America's businesses, you could say we're in a league of our own.



Concho Valley Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative  www.touchstoneenergy.com

awarded to Cheyenne Webb for her project "Fungus Among Us."

Bronte's P.T.O. served refreshments for the crowd. The event was a huge success and the cafeteria was filled with people!

"IT'S A GUY THING"

"I heard you." Translated: "I haven't the foggiest clue what you just said, and am hoping desperately that I can fake it well enough so that you don't spend the next 3 days yelling at me."

GLENN-BIVINS INSURANCE
 See us for your auto insurance.
 123 W. Main Bronte 473-6791

Sweetwater Lions
Ranch
Round-Up
 June 16 & 17, 2000
 Nolan County
 Coliseum
 Sweetwater, Texas
Good Refreshments, Big Shows!
 Entries accepted,
 Guests appreciated
 For more information call
 Miss Kay at
 235-5488



**BUY IT.
SELL IT.
FIND IT.**

CLASSIFIED.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

Classified Advertising must be paid in advance.

1st. Insertion...
20¢ Per Word (\$3.00 Minimum)

2nd and Subsequent Insertions...
16¢ Per Word (\$2.50 Minimum)

Additional 50¢ charged for Blind Ads

Legal Notices...
25¢ Per Word

ADVERTISING DEADLINE
Tuesdays at 5 pm

FOR SALE

SAVE THOUSANDS
A-1 Homes Buying Power. 5 bdr w/over 30 cabinets, 2 year warranty. \$399 mth. W.A.C. 360 mth. 9.5% \$2,500 dwn. Call Eddie 653-1152 or 800-626-9978.
45a-1tc

FOR SALE BY OWNER
3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat and air, 2 big lots, fire-place. 805 West 11th, Robert Lee. Call 453-4630 for more information.
42a-tnc

TOWN VIEW ESTATES
Beautiful 3 Bedroom Brick Home with Fireplace. Double car Garage & Acreage! \$80's!!!

EDGE OF ROBERT LEE
3 Bedroom Home with central heat & air. Covered patio in Backyard with Hot Tub! \$30's!!!

HIGH ON A HILL NEAR BRONTE!
Huge Rock 3 Bedroom Home, perfect for Entertaining! 180+ Acres with Nice Barn & Pens. Excellent Hunting!

LOCATED ON JEFFERSON STREET!
Bronte, Texas! This 3 Bedroom Home is just right for First time Home Buyer or Investor! \$30's!!!
230+ ACRES ON RIVER!
Barn, Pens, & Cabin!
300+ ACRES BETWEEN BRONTE & Robert Lee! Excellent Hunting!!!

Other Listings Available Concho Realty

5 E. 6th St.
Robert Lee, TX 76945

Contact
Joe Ash 453-2554
Marshall Millican 453-9002
453-5005 Robert Lee
653-4535 San Angelo

TOO CUTE TO MISS
Adorable dollhouse with guest house, greenhouse, garden area. Vaulted ceiling and beautifully constructed deck and much more. Can be seen by appointment or Open House scheduled for June 24 and 25th. Associates in Real Estate, 453-2726.
45a-2tp

\$12,995 SINGLEWIDE
with Air and Skylight. Call Big Red A-1 Homes. 653-1152 or 800-626-9978.
45a-1tc

HANDY MAN SPECIAL
\$1500 A-1 Homes. 653-1152.
45a-1tc

REPO DOUBLEWIDE
A-1 Homes, 653-1152.
45a-1tc

CUTE 2/2
Set up in Park. 653-1152, A-1 Homes.
45a-1tc

WANT TO EARN EXTRA MONEY
have fun and be your own boss? Call to find out more about being an Avon Representative. Selling Avon is easy to learn and I will personally train you and help you get started. Call today! 453-4607.
45a-4tc

FOUND
Gray Poodle/Cocker Spaniel cross. 453-2776.
45a-1tc

REGISTERED BLACK & WHITE
Paint Horses for sale. Call 453-2305.
44a-tnc

FOR SALE
Large Round Bales Cane Hay. Weigh approximately 1,400 lbs. 453-2796.
42a-tnc

4 BDR W/KNOTTY PINE
For lease/purchase. Affordable. Robert Lee. Call 655-9141.
43a-tnc

BY OWNER
In Edith Estates brick house - Living room, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, den with fireplace, screened back porch, ceiling fans in all rooms. New central air and heat. Recently remodeled. 30 X 36 metal building in back. Call 453-2305 or 453-2398.
44a-tnc

OFERTA POR TIEMPO
Limitado Casa DE 3 Recamaras 2 Banos, Estufa Regrig Lavatrastes. Lavadora Secadora Efrain Puente. A-1 Homes 653-1152.
45a-1tc

OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN
4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 2 story home w/acreage.
LISTED BELOW

appraised value, brick home w/rental property.
BRICK HOME
Excellent condition, close to school. Call for prices and for appointment.



Lee Associates
453-2995

BAIT, GRO., RV SPACES
MOBILE HOME SPACES. 305 CHEVY ENGINE. Nice inboard/outboard boat & trailer. Lodging for week-ends. 453-4616 or 473-8536.
40-tnc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT
2 Bdr. trailer w/addition. Very clean. CH/CA. 423 Chadbourne, Robert Lee \$300 mo. w/deposit \$200. Call 453-4359.
39a-1tnc

BRONTE MINI STORAGE
has storage buildings for rent. Call 473-2221 or 473-2140.
19b-tnc

MISC



Bob Fragee's 944-0010 473-6603
Texas Best
Deflooding & Carpet Cleaning
24 hr. Emergency Water Damage Service

BOARDING HORSES & Short Hauling. Call 453-2796 for J.F. If no answer, leave message.
10a-tnc

SUNSHINE CONSTRUCTION
New Construction, Additions, Renovations, and Home Repairs. Contact Don Parks @ 453-2860 or 656-2686 mobile.
34a-tnc

TREES TRIMMED
topped or removed. Call 453-9902 after 6 pm.
37a-tnc

RANCH FENCE BUILDING
and repair, chain-link also. Free estimates. Luis Charles, 473-3911 or 473-3655.
34b-tnc

PARKER PLUMBING
Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.
34b-tnc

COMPUTERS
Complete systems, repairs, upgrades, internet. Call Ed @ EMCO Computers. 473-3004.
32b-tnc

MOWERS REPAIRED
Mowers for sale. 305 E. 3rd., Robert Lee. 453-2363.
40-8tp

D & L DOZER SERVICE & CUSTOM FARMING
Larry Spivey, owner-operator. PO Box 160, Bronte, Texas. Phone (915) 282-3038.
45b-tnc

COOKWARE!
We stopped doing dinner parties! Have beautiful new 17-piece sets left! Have brilliant new 17-piece sets left! Heavy, brilliant surgical stainless steel! 100% waterless! Was \$1600, now \$395! Lifetime Warranty! 1-800-434-4628.
45a-1tp

THE "BARBER" SHOP
Debora England, 223 N. Lombard, Bronte. 473-4026. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9 am-5 pm, Saturday, 9 am-12 pm.
02b-tnc

DONNIE'S APPLIANCE & REFRIGERATION
Window Units serviced and repaired. Electrical Troubleshooting. Also rewires floor and table lamps. (915) 453-2188.
36a-tnc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, 8-?. 810 Hillcrest. Riding Lawn Mower, Toys, Clothes (Kids and Adults) and lots more!
45a-1tp

GARAGE SALE
1718 Austin - Robert Lee. Furniture, clothes, dishes, etc. 8 am - 2 pm, Saturday, June 10th.
45a-1tp

GARAGE SALE
1211 12th Street, Robert Lee. Saturday, 8 am - 12 pm.
45a-1tc

GARAGE SALE
Furniture, household goods, '50 PU, Misc. Storage #30, next to Ranchland. Saturday, 9-2 pm ONLY.
45a-1tp

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED
CNAs needed for all shifts. Full time and part time. Competitive pay. Contact Sarah Lee, DON, Senior Citizens Nursing Home, Winters. Phone 754-4566.
36b-tnc

CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to extend my deep appreciation to my family and friends for the flowers, cards, food and prayers during the recent loss of my father.
Noel Tinkler
45a-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
Thank you to all the good people of Coke County for the love, prayers, food and cards on behalf of our dad, granddad and beloved uncle. A special thanks to the First Baptist Church of Bronte. The family of Bob Coleman
45a-1tp

NOTICES

ORDINANCE #329
An ordinance amending ordinance #177 by adding thereto certain intersection at which stop signs will be placed.

Be it ordained by the city council of Bronte, Texas, that Section 8, Schedule 1 of Ordinance #177 is amended by adding thereto the following intersection: North Fayette at West Trammell, Facing North and South. Passed and Approved this 1st

Day of June, 2000.
Approved: Martin Lee, Mayor.
Attest: Pat Martindale, City Secretary.

45a-1tc
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION

Application and Preliminary Decision. West Texas Utilities Company, P.O. Box 660164 (N6ENV), Dallas, Texas 75266-1064, which operates the Oak Creek Power Station, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a major amendment to TPDES Permit No. 00997 to authorize an increase in effluent limitations for temperature at Outfall 001; an increase in effluent limitations for total suspended solids at Outfall 002; and a reduction in the monitoring frequency for oil and grease at Outfall 002. The current permit authorizes the discharge of once-through cooling water at a daily maximum flow not to exceed 60,000,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001, and low volume wastewater on a flow variable basis via Outfall 002. Issuance of this Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit will replace the existing TPDES Permit No. 00997 issued on July 23, 1999. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on January 10, 2000.

The facility is located adjacent to Oak Creek Reservoir, approximately ten miles north of the city of Bronte, Coke County, Texas. The effluent is discharged to Oak Creek Reservoir, thence to Oak Creek; thence to the Colorado River below E.V. Spence Reservoir in Segment No. 1426 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving waters have high aquatic life use for Oak Creek Reservoir. The designated uses for Segment No. 1426 are high aquatic life use, contact recreation and public water supply. No significant degradation of high quality receiving waters is anticipated.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, as contained in the technical summary and/or fact sheet, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Coke County Library, 706 Austin Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

Mailing Lists. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county. To get on a mailing list, send a request to the office of the Chief Clerk, at the address listed below.

Public Comment/Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a

public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

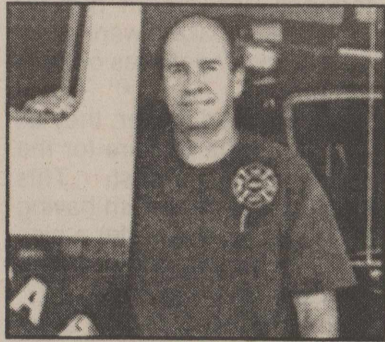
Opportunity for a contested case hearing. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. The mailing list will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

Executive Director Action. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

Information. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3027. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from West Texas Utilities Company at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Michelle Gregory with Central and South West Services, Inc. at (214) 777-2238.



**Ernest Burns
Burns voted
"Paramedic of the
Year"**

(Editor's Note: In last week's issue, the following story ran with the wrong picture. We are correcting that this week and apologize for the inadvertent mistake).

(The following article was taken from the City Voice employees magazine of the City of Odessa)

Ernest Burns was voted by his peers to represent the Odessa Fire Department as "Paramedic of the Year." He received his Paramedic certification in May 1990, and for the past 10 years, continues to set a higher standard for others to achieve.

He was also awarded this honor in 1997. Three years later, Ernest is still viewed by his peers to be a great paramedic, and someone they feel best represents the Odessa Fire Department. Ernest, since his hire date on October 17, 1988, has continued to display professionalism and compassion to those he has the opportunity to help. He represents the City of Odessa and the Fire Department very well not only with his Paramedic skills, but is equally competent in firefighting, technical rescue, and hazardous material responses.

Ernest was promoted to Firefighter/Engineer on December 24, 1999. His experience in all aspects of emergency responses has established Ernest as a valuable asset regardless of the nature of the incident. His high standards and positive attitude continue to be a great example for others to follow.

Ernest is a 1976 graduate of Robert Lee High School. He and his wife, Linda, have been married since July of 1985.

Ernest's parents are Inez Hamm and Paul Burns, both of Robert Lee.

**Arrests/Charges
Filed for May 2000**

Mauro Tyson Verastgui of Sterling City, Texas
Driving while license suspended 05-05-00
Arlie Randall Elliott of Robert Lee, Texas

Assault cases bodily injury-family member 05-08-00
Mario Escobedo of San Angelo, Texas

Driving while license suspended-forfeiture of bond 05-13-00

Israel Molina Fuentes of Wichita Falls, Texas

Driving while license suspended 05-13-00
Israel Avalos Rivera of Andrews, Texas

Possession of Marijuana 05-13-00

Daniel DeLaCerde
Assault causes bodily injury-family violence 05-16-00
William Claude Brooks of Bronte, Texas

Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more-Motion to revoke probation 05-18-00

William Claude Brooks of Bronte, Texas
Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more-forfeiture of bond
Rocky Wayne Rochelle of Abilene, Texas

Theft by check 05-21-00
William Chad Lane of Silver, Texas

Minor in possession of alcohol 3rd enhanced 05-25-00

Kyle Jay Weatherwax of Blackwell, Tx

Burglary of a habitation, burglary of building, criminal mischief 05-24-00

Joseph Lynn Shandley of Robert Lee Texas

Minor in possession of alcohol 05-27-00
Brad Luther Stowe of Boerne, Texas

Minor in consumption of alcohol 05-27-00
Christopher Lance Shandley of Pipe Creek, Texas

Making alcohol available to a minor 05-27-00

**51st District Court
Disposition
May 3, 2000**

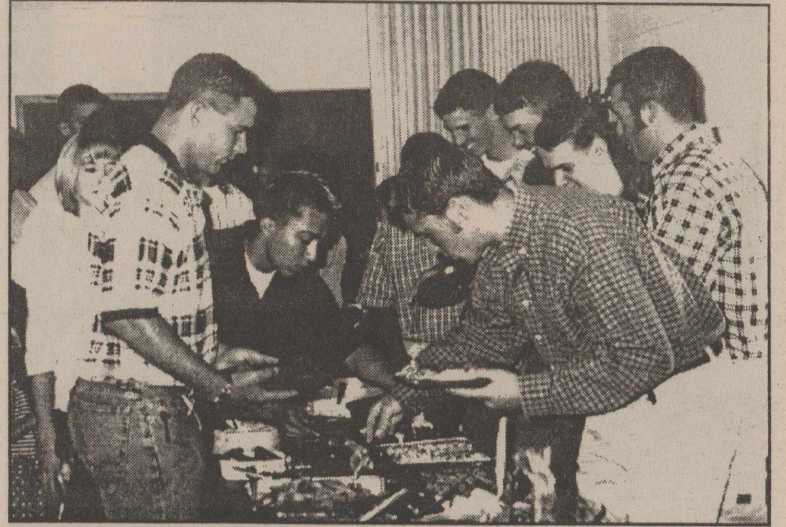
State of Texas vs: Edward G. Minjarez
Charge: Retaliation
Plea: 5 years I.D. Texas

...Thank you for caring so much and not treating us like paperwork, but like people."

GERMANIA
SINCE 1896

GERMANIA INSURANCE COMPANIES

CARWILE INSURANCE
453-2522



Following Senior Recognition Day at First Baptist Church in Bronte, the seniors and their parents were honored with a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall.

**Dept. of Criminal Justice
County Court
Disposition
May 18, 2000**

State of Texas vs: Edward G. Minjarez

Charge: Resisting arrest
Plea: 15 days county jail (Timed Served)

**Out of County
Warrants Served**

Rocky Wayne Rochelle of Abilene

Theft by check (Taylor Co. Warrant) 05-21-00

Johnny Allen Tonn

Boating while intoxicated 3rd or more-Motion to revoke probation (Brown Co. Warrant) 05-25-00

**51st District
Disposition
May 25, 2000**

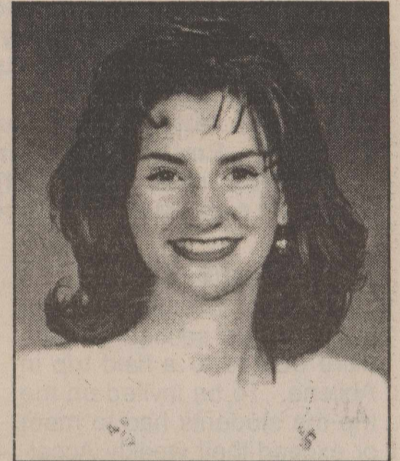
State of Texas vs: Larry Wayne Graves

Charge: Forgery
Plea: 548 days State Jail, restitution \$2,075

**Coke County Court
Disposition
May 26, 2000**

State of Texas Vs: Mario Escobedo

Charge: Driving while license suspended
Plea: 4 days jail time served, \$184.25 court costs



Shandi Dawn Davis, daughter of Henry E. and Connie Davis of Amarillo and granddaughter of Mildred (Millie) Davis of Robert Lee, received the Teacher of the Year award from Denton High School, Denton, Texas. Miss Davis has been teaching sophomore and senior English there for the past four years.

"IT'S A GUY THING"
"I can't find it."
Translated: It didn't fall into my outstretched hands, so I'm completely clueless."

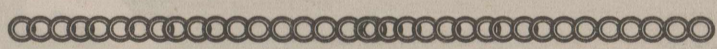
**IVEY MOTOR
COMPANY, INC.**

Hail Sale

- 1999 Mustang** \$14,995
Silver • 2 to Choose From .
- 1999 Taurus SE** \$12,995
2 to Choose From
- 1999 Windstar** \$17,995
Harvest Gold
- 1999 Town Car** \$25,995
20,000 Miles • White • Loaded
- 1999 Blk Mercury Cougar** \$14,995
Automatic
- 1999 Red Contour** \$10,995
18,000 Miles

Come by and see these and many more great buys!

453-2715



**Now Open!
JIMMY'S
AUTOMOTIVE & TIRE SHOP**

**New & Used Tires • Flats • Interstate Batteries
Oil & Filter Change & Lube • Wash & Wax**

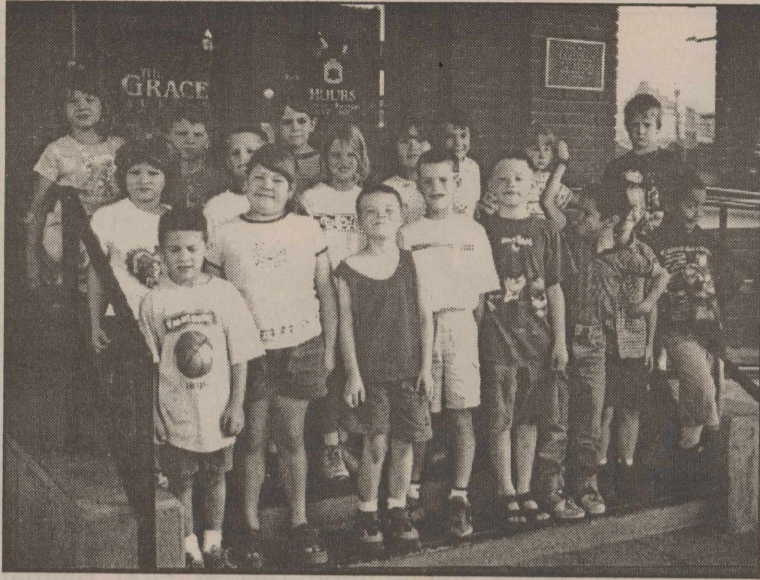
**121 W. 10th • Robert Lee, Texas
(Across from Bell's Auto Body Shop)**

For Appointment, Call: 453-9933 • 473-8650

**Monday - Friday • 8 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday • 8 am - 5 pm**

Jimmy & Staci Womack





First and second grade Accelerated Readers from Bronte Elementary School posed on the steps of Grace Museum in Abilene before beginning their tour. Students meeting their goal for the last semester of school included (front row, from left) Terron Charles, Cheyenne Hunter, Joshua Hargrave, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Arlis McMullan, Chase Harris, Justin Saldana, (middle row, from left) Peyton Eubanks, Kerwin Rawls, Ali Tounget, Emilie Jimenez, Kelsey Sedden, Reid Clark, (top row, from left) Kaycee Baker, Crawford James, Louie Martinez, and Tori Acevedo.

Field Trip

Nineteen Bronte Elementary first and second graders were treated to a field trip in Abilene. To be invited on the trip the students had to meet or exceed their weekly Accelerated Reader reading goal for the fourth, fifth, and sixth six weeks. The bus arrived at Abilene's Grace Cultural Museum and the students toured four of the galleries before spending time in the hands-on Children's Museum. Before leaving the museum they toured the top floor of the museum. Next the group was treated to lunch and tokens at Mr. Gatti's. The day concluded with a stop at the public library for storytime. Students going on the trip were Tori Acevedo, Kaycee Baker, Terron Charles, Reid Clark, Peyton Eubanks, Joshua Hargrave, Chase Harris, Cheyenne Hunter, Arlis McMullan, Kerwin Rawls, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey, Justin Saldana, Kelsey Sedden, Ali Tounget, Emilie Jimenez, Crawford James, and Louie Martinez. Kasey Glover was also invited, but unable to attend due to an untimely outbreak of chicken pox.

RLVFD News

By Marian Thompson
Secretary

The firemen held their first meeting of June on the 5th. Eight members were present. There was no meeting mid May, as the members were attending the Incident Command School, which was held at the WCCEMS Building May 15, 16 and 17th. Chief Rick Drennan, reported the specifications as required by the state for new city pumper. The members held a long discussion, on what equipment is required, what we have, and what will need to be purchased. The city pumper (a 1963 truck) no longer meets State Requirements, which effects the Insurance Key Rate. It would require major repairs, just to pass inspection.

They discussed the need for a new roof on the old fire station building. It needs major repairs. There were 2

inches of water on the floor, after the recent rain.

In the month of May, they had 5 calls. Two were grass fires, 2 were smoke reports and one was a mutual aid call, for the Light Generator, for search and rescue, at Oak Creek Lake, which was canceled before they left town. The occupants of the cap-sized boat were found.

Fire danger is ever present, the heat from a range fire will dry green grass, and trees, and make its own fuel.

They discussed the fund raisers in progress, which are the 911 Address House Signs and the raffle of the hand-made quilt. You can contact any fireman for information on the 911 signs or raffle tickets.

A work night is planned for Wednesday, June 14. A training session is planned for June 19. Firemen, mark you calendars.

Brunson Family Reunion held

Another year, another family reunion of the descendants of Dave and Bessie Brunson. They all gathered at the Bronte Community Center, May 27, 28 and 29, 2000. Host and hostess this year were William Rance and Martha Brunson, Desiree, Donna and Bill Daugherty and Rance Brunson. There were 75 descendants with 11 guests present.

Families of Modena Brunson Wilkinson: Marion Jay and Pat Wilkinson of Dripping Springs; Debbie Rohan and children, Jan and Molly of Burney; Paulette Moezygamaba and Turner of Spicewood. Edith Brunson Vaughn: Bobby and Marlene Vaughn, James and Janel Vaughn, Jolene and Jay Henderson, Brittany Barrett, all of Bronte. Joni Barrett and 3 guests of Fort Worth; Russel Vaughn and Shelby Smith of Amarillo; Teresa and Stacy Ogle, Shandee and Dalton of Ballinger; Jackie Vaughn of Austin; Vick Watts from Sweetwater, Gayle and 2 children of Abilene; Kathi Vaughn and Harley Hall from Bronte. Ethel Brunson Cole: Ronnie and Joyce Cole from

Eagle Pass; Rhonda and Conrad Beinstingler and 6 children from Pasadena; Tara and David Gristof of Brndon; Tyler and Chelsea from Fort Worth; Nathan and Tara Green and Brianna of Olney; Shelia Cole and guest from San Angelo. Fate Brunson: Felma and Arleigh King of Austin; Jimmy Royce and Nancy Brunson from El Indio; Glenn and Suzanne Roger and Lindsey from Austin; James Richards and guest from Round Rock; Shauna McBee and twins from Brownwood; Mike and Julie Devin of Tulsa, OK. Hiedel Brunson: William Rance and Martha, Desiree of Bronte; Clifford and Nicole Redman, Micayla, Tyler and Slade of Snyder. Rance Brunson (last living child): Donna and Bill Daugherty of San Angelo; Mark Saunders and guest, Bailey, of Bronte.

Guests present were Snookie and Marvin Landers, Geneva Minnick, Marie Arrott, all of Bronte; Paula Rolls of San Angelo; Dorothy Hooks of Uvalde.

Everyone began to gather Friday afternoon, putting up tents, hooking up RV's and getting settled into the motel.

Saturday morning the good times began with a hardy breakfast followed by horse-shoe and washer pitching contests. Prizes of folding lounges, ice cream makers and ice tea makers were given for 1st and 2nd places of each contest.

After a good dinner, they all headed to the pasture for the skeet shoot contest. This contest was close with having to have a "shoot off" for a nice tool set for 1st place and a folding table for 2nd place.

Saturday night most of them attended the Jody Nix dance at the Pavilion where all enjoyed a good western dance. Everyone enjoyed themselves dancing, visiting and getting reacquainted with friends.

Needless to say, there were no early risers on Sunday morning but all were ready for a delicious meal at noon. Visiting, looking at scrap-books and old pictures were enjoyed by the adults while the kids went swimming following the meal.

The business meeting followed with Marion Jay and Pat Wilkinson hosting next year's reunion. Each family also signed up for their choice of

which meal they would prepare for the 3 days next year. The place where they will gather will be decided by Marions family. A letter will be sent to everyone early in the year, so vacation plans can be made.

The money making auction had many interesting crafts, canned goods, and precious keepsakes of ancestors, in which were hotly contested. They even had a "jokester" gift that brough laughs, along with a good sense of humor from the subject - it even sold for a price.

Monday morning everyone began to get their things together and prepare for the journey back home. All had a good time and are looking forward to next year for good meals, fellowship and games. They all hope that the ones who did not get to come this year can be there next year. They always have a great time.

Pizza kits available

Sunday, June 11, is the last day to order the Little Caesars Pizza Kits from the Robert Lee Baptist Church Pre-Teen Campers. For more information, call the Church office at 453-2724.

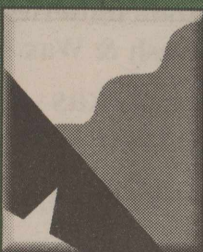
"LET'S GO FOR THE FREE STUFF!"

WHICH CELLULAR PROVIDER OFFERS MORE FREE SERVICES? THE FINAL ANSWER... TEXAS CELLULAR!

- FREE 2 MONTHS SERVICE
- FREE 1ST 2-INCOMING MINUTES
- FREE ACTIVATION
- FREE CALL WAITING
- FREE CALL FORWARDING
- FREE 3-WAY CALLING
- FREE DETAILED AIRTIME BILLING

Certain restrictions apply. See agent for details.

We Take Care Of Our Neighbors.



TEXAS CELLULAR®

A service of Taylor Telecommunications, Inc.

9796 N. I-20 • MERKEL, TX • 79536
915-928-3200

For More Information, Call Us at 800-424-7182 or Contact Your Local Texas Cellular Agent.

IN ROBERT LEE:
Rock Solid Communications
803 Austin
915-453-2380

IN SNYDER:
Permian Communications
2403 West 25th Street
915-573-2424

IN SWEETWATER:
Sierra Communications
1901 Bristol
915-235-4377