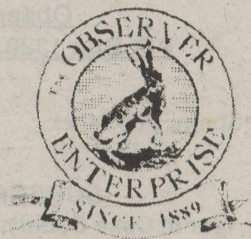


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## Lee Honored as Conservation Teacher of the Year

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District recognized Mrs. Patricia Lee as its Conservation Teacher of the Year for 2003. Mrs. Lee was honored recently at a banquet held in Wall, Texas.

Mrs. Lee and her husband of forty six years, Martin, have been residents of the Bronte community since birth. They have three children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They currently raise and market registered red Brangus cattle.

Mrs. Lee taught in the Bronte public school system for 25 years where 24 of those years were in the fifth grade. Her enthusiasm and dedication to her students is well known and widely respected.

Realizing how little the younger generation understood conservation, Mrs. Lee saw the importance of filling this void in her students' knowledge. Conservation became the most challenging unit Mrs. Lee taught. Twelve weeks were spent on the subject including textbook and activities. Her main objective was for her students to know the meaning of conservation, and how and why we use conservation methods to save or improve our land.

Mrs. Lee compares conservation to reading. "Reading

teaches students to be lifelong learners and conservation is a lifelong practice." Mrs. Lee found the district-sponsored workshops to be very helpful in the classroom.

Not only was Mrs. Lee exceptional in the area of conservation, but other areas as well. Mrs. Lee was selected by the faculty of Bronte ISD and honored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce as Teacher of the Year for 2001. Mrs. Lee was instrumental in implementing the "A" Honor Roll luncheon and ceremony to motivate and inspire more children to work harder. She also hosted a Mothers' Day tea for mothers of her students.

The Coke County district began its poster contest in 1990. During those years, Mrs. Lee's fifth grade students have produced the District Winner three times, the district runner-up four times and one second place winner in Area II. Mrs. Lee's class of 1999 won the outstanding class award.

Mrs. Lee is very active in community affairs. She and Martin have presented a Christian athlete scholarship for the last fifteen years. They are members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church where Mrs. Lee has served as organist for forty years.

Mrs. Lee retired in May 2003 and plans to travel with her husband, but #1 is spend-

ing as much time as possible with her grandchildren. She also plans to enjoy cooking, walking, reading, gardening and playing the piano and organ. The Coke County district is proud to honor Mrs. Patricia Lee as 2003 Conservation Teacher of the Year.

## Coke County author pens first novel

Robert Lee and Coke County author Karla Aldridge Hamrick has published her first novel entitled *From Captive To Captain*, a fictitious but historically accurate account of the life and times of Captain Gemes Blair. The book's main character was stationed at Fort Chadbourne in the mid 1800s before the Civil War. It tells the story of this army officer, his family, his assignment to Fort Chadbourne, and his interaction with a Comanche Indian chief while stationed at the fort.

Mrs. Hamrick has deep roots in Coke County. She graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1990. During high school, one of her poems was published in the National Beta Club Journal in 1988, when she was a sophomore. She won a national English award in 1989, along with other awards in journalism, and following high school, did research on post Cold War Germany in 1992. She also attended Angelo State University, where she earned a degree as a General Studies major, with concentrations in English, Government, and Psychology.

Her roots run deep in Coke County, with her lineage traced to pioneer families such as the Blairs and the Robertsons. She married Brian Hamrick in 1993, and they have two daughters, Hanna and Hunter.

Mrs. Hamrick has several book signings set for Coke County, including Wednesday, June 9, from 10 - 12 am at the This 'N That in Robert Lee; and that afternoon at the Coke County Library from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. She will also be at Main Street Market in Bronte on Thursday, June 10, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.



**2003 SWCD Conservation Teacher of the Year!** Mrs. Pat Lee was honored recently at a banquet in Wall, Texas, as the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District 2003 Conservation Teacher of the Year. Mike Arrott, Chairman of the SWCD Board of Directors, made the award presentation.

## Bluebonnet Brigade completes first year

The Coke County Bluebonnet Brigade, led by Chairman John Stephens, has finished up this initial year's activities with some good participation and hard work. The mission of this committee is to spread bluebonnets throughout the roadways of Coke County.

The group met three times during the month of May to harvest bluebonnet seed from this year's good crop and distribute the seed to other locations throughout the county. As a result of their efforts, the seed has been sown in the following areas: Robert Lee - 208 S. of Robert Lee; from Hwy. 2034 to the Sanco cutoff; from the west side of Marshall Millican's gate to Bayview Estates; Hwy. 2034 & Harmon Lane intersection; from Pecan Baptist Church to Wilbern Millican's gate; 208 North of Robert Lee; east of RL from the TxDOT office to Cumbie Ivey Sr.'s ranch gate; Sanco and the Sanco Cemetery; and various locations inside the city limits of Robert Lee. Major locations in Bronte were the Hwy 277 and 158 Y intersection and south of the Colorado River (south 277) from the rest stop up to the top of the hill.

An interesting fact involv-

ing the committee's work is that all the seed was harvested from private property. Many local residents called in to inform the committee where they could harvest bluebonnets on their property.

A list of committee members and cooperators would be too lengthy to print, but suffice to say that they know who they are, and their efforts are much appreciated. Special consideration goes to Douglas Roberts and TxDOT for their support and assistance.

Results of this year's seeding may not be known for several years, due to the unique characteristics of the bluebonnet seed, and rainfall patterns in the coming years. However, with a coordinated effort each year, the committee is hoping to spread the beautiful state flower to all parts of Coke County.

## Gospel singing set for Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, June 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

**50th Sanco  
Homecoming  
June 13, 2004**



**Book Signings Slated!** Coke County's newest author, Karla Hamrick, will be autographing her novel, "From Captive to Captain," at various locations in Coke County next week.



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**Obituaries**



**Macon**

Carrissa Joy "C. J." Macon was born on January 24, 1986, in Odessa, Texas and went to be with the Lord on May 26, 2004. C. J. was the proud daughter of William Harold Macon and Kimberley Jane Macon and was to be wed to Windy Keith Abbott on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

She was very fun loving and loved the outdoors. She was involved in many activities such as volleyball, tennis, track, band, hunting, and fishing. C. J. had many accomplishments, such as being a member of Bronte High School Volleyball 9th-12th, All-District Honorable Mention 12th, All-District Academic 12th, Bronte High School Tennis 10th-12th, Bronte High School Track 10th-12th, National Honor Society 12th, One Act Play 9th-10th, Member of Junior Chamber of Commerce, Drum Major, Band Sweetheart, and Outstanding Student of the Year Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

C. J. is survived by her parents, William and Kimberley Macon of Blackwell; fiancé, Windy Abbott of Sweetwater; her sisters, Cheryl Isbell and husband, Jeff of Valley View, Amanda Haney and husband, Rocky of Odessa, and Terrah Macon of Blackwell; her brother, William Macon of Blackwell; grandparents, Marilyn and Don Clarkston; nieces and nephews, Bailey Haney, Michael Haney, Zachary Isbell; and many other friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Arles Macon and her grandmothers, Gladys Macon and Patricia Dillon.

Services were Sunday, May 30, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas with Brother Morris Johnson and Brother Myron Halford officiating.

Pallbearers were the Bronte Volleyball team. Graveside services were at the Macon-U-Crazy Ranch following the church service. Services are under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family ask that memorials be made to C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship Fund held at the First National Bank in Bronte, Box C, Bronte, Texas 76933.

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**Arrott**

Marie Arrott, 99 years old, passed from this life on Monday, May 24, 2004, at her home.

Family visitation was held on Friday, May 28, 2004 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the funeral home.

A Celebration of Marie's Life was held at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 29, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church officiated by Kary Rawlings, Paul Evans, and Bill Fiero. A eulogy of Marie was given by Pete Percifull. Pallbearers were Marie's grandsons, James

Vaughn, Bruce Vaughn, Nick Arrott, Mike Arrott, Randy Crooks, Shane Webb, and Jay Henderson. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Marie's father, Nick was born in Sparta, TN. He came to Texas when he was 20 years old and settled in Christoval. He met and married Ina Holland on Valentines Day 1904.

To this union, nine children were born, Marie being the oldest. She was raised in San Angelo, going to school at Fort Concho.

Nick, her father, worked for the Orient Railroad until he was killed in a railroad incident in Sweetwater in 1922.

Marie went to school at Fort Concho, later graduating from high school in 1926. She worked for John Best Telephone Company until she married Clarence Arrott on December 9, 1928.

They lived on the Cederberry Ranch, NW of Orient, until 1932, where their two children were born. They moved to the Jeffers Ranch, SW of Bronte, enjoying Sunday School and Church at the Lometa school house. They later became members of the First United Methodist Church of Bronte.

In 1975, they moved to the Robert Hickman place and lived there until Clarence's death in 1991. Marie then moved to her apartment in town.

Marie continued to be active in her church, Home Demonstration Club and as secretary of the Farm Bureau office where she remained secretary for 40 years until her retirement in 1985.

She was a loving sister, mother, and grandmother to her family and was so proud of her great-great-grandchildren.

The yearly family Christmas time gathering was the highlight of her life. Marie always found time to send Birthday and Anniversary cards to her loved ones and friends.

She is survived by her son, LeDrew Arrott and wife, Bobbie; her daughter, Marlene

Vaughn and husband, Bobby, all of Bronte; seven grandchildren, James Vaughn and wife, Janel, Nick Arrott, Jolene Henderson and husband, Jay, Mike Arrott and wife, Andra, Kim Crooks and husband, Randy, Bruce Vaughn and wife, Marty, Alisa Webb and husband, Shane. She is also survived by her fifteen great grandchildren, Teresa, Russel and Shelbi, Joni and Brandon, Brittany, Nikki and Tim, Micah and Tim, Micah and Danny, Nicholas and Jodie, Chad and Jana, Courtney and Kale, Shaylon, Kala, Tanner, Joel and Cheyenne; seven great-great grandchildren, Shandee, Dalton, Kimberly, Saige, Mason, Payton, and Miles; and one brother, Ray Dewitt Hudgens and wife, Barbara of San Angelo; and one sister, Hazel LaMunyou of San Diego, California.

A special thanks to Dr. Carl Anderton, MD and staff, and also to Hospice of San Angelo and staff. Donations may be made to: First United Methodist Church, Bronte, Texas; Hospice of San Angelo, Cactus Hotel, 11th floor, PO Box 471, San Angelo, Tx 76902; or to the charity of your choice.

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**"The Rock"**

**begins June 9th**

Central Baptist Church youth group will be holding "The Rock", beginning on June 9th in the Central Baptist Fellowship Hall, 324 Franklin Street, Bronte. "The Rock" is a community youth worship service targeting 7th graders through college students. It will begin at 8:00 PM and be held every Wednesday night during the summer except July 21st. It will feature live praise music, games, skits, an exciting Bible lesson, and lots of unexpected fun.

"We will be playing worship music that is geared for the younger generation," says Youth Pastor Ryan White. "We will be looking for students that can play instruments and sing to join a worship band."

"This will be a non-denominational worship program for students of all churches. We are hoping that we attract many students that are not comfortable going to church anywhere. We want to offer them a non-threatening place to have fun and learn about God in a comfortable way for them."

Anyone interested in playing drums, guitar, singing, working on the sound crew or helping on "The Rock" or in any other way should contact Ryan White by phone at 473-4811, or on his cell phone at 669-4471.

**FUMC to hold**

**Vacation Bible School**

Find the extraordinary in the ordinary as you discover heroes at Hero Quest Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte, Sunday, June 13 through Wednesday, June 16, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, for preschool through 6th grade.

Each hero quest mission is filled with a powerful Bible story and mission story, fun crafts, games and music, and much more.

Come and discover the power! For information call the church office at 473-3281.

**Bronte water**

**restrictions lifted**

At the Bronte City Council meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2004, the City Council voted to lift water restrictions. The city asks that all residents continue to use water wisely. If you have any questions, call the City Hall at 325-473-3501.

**Churches of Coke County**

**Invite You to Worship**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson  
Bronte

(325) 473-3291  
Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
(325) 473-4811

Tim White, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wed. 7 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2360  
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331

Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth  
and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte

(325) 473-3281  
Rev. Carol Fiero  
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 Youth

**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2417  
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir  
**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
101 Houston • Robert Lee

(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296  
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel  
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am  
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270  
Tommy Williams, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
Wed. 7 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic**  
Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
(325) 365-2687  
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee  
on Sterling City Hwy  
(325) 453-2004

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
(325) 453-2724

Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2176  
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
Hwy 277 • Tennyson

Joe Hodges, Pastor  
(325) 468-0014  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2208  
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

**BRONTE SPRING  
CLEAN-UP  
MONDAY, JUNE 14th &  
THURSDAY, JUNE 17th  
NO TRASH COLLECTION SATURDAY  
Items must be placed curbside  
by 7 am on regular trash day.**

*Tree limbs must be bundled and in  
lengths of not more than 4 - 5 feet.*

**NO TIRES, BATTERIES, WET PAINT  
CANS, APPLIANCES CONTAINING  
FREON OR PURON, OR CHEMICALS  
TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP.**

**Contact the City Hall at 473-3501  
for more information.**





**Central Baptist honors BHS Seniors**

Central Baptist Church in Bronte honored Bronte High School Seniors and their families Sunday night, May 16th, with a Barbeque feast. The church served brisket, chicken and sausage, along with potatoes, beans, salad, and plenty of dessert.

"The seniors have worked hard to get where they are today," said Youth Pastor Ryan White. "They deserve this and much, much more. We just want them to know we love them and will be praying for them as they go to the next stages of their lives."

Twenty-four seniors attended with family members. Ryan White performed with his guitar, singing both songs that he wrote and other praise and worship songs. Gifts were given to the seniors, and door prizes were awarded to attendees.

"This is the second community event our church has held since I arrived," said Pastor Tim White. "We honored our school staff, teachers and personnel in March. Both of these were very successful, everyone enjoys them, and many tell us they really appreciate our efforts."

"Since I came here in December, our people have gone overboard to show the community our appreciation. They always go the extra mile to make everything very nice. We have a great bunch of people here."

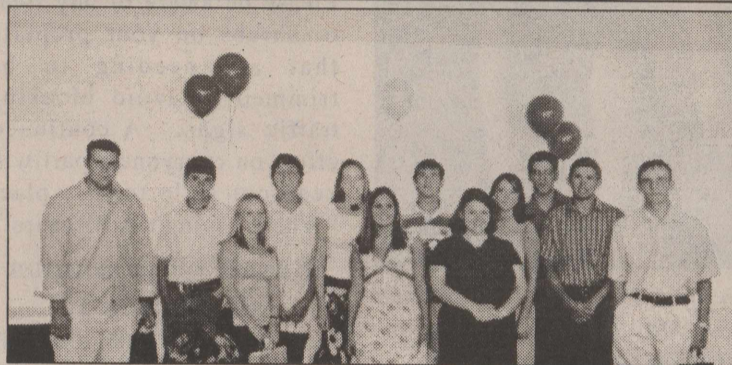
Central Baptist is planning to have at least two more community services later this year, focusing on city service personnel and our safety officers and volunteers.

**Bronte Spring Clean-Up slated**

The annual Spring Clean-Up has been set for the City of Bronte. Clean-up days have been set for Monday, June 14 and Thursday, June 17.

There will be no trash collection done on Saturday.

Residents can place their items curbside on their regular trash day. Items must be out by 7:00 am. Trucks will run as needed to ensure that all the items are picked up.



**BHS Seniors Honored!** *The Bronte High School Class of 2004 were recently honored at Central Baptist Church (top photo) and at First Baptist Church.*

Residents with normal Monday trash collection will be serviced on June 14th. Residents with normal Thursday trash collection will be serviced on June 17th.

The following items will not be picked up: batteries, tires, chemicals, wet paint cans, appliances containing freon or puron.

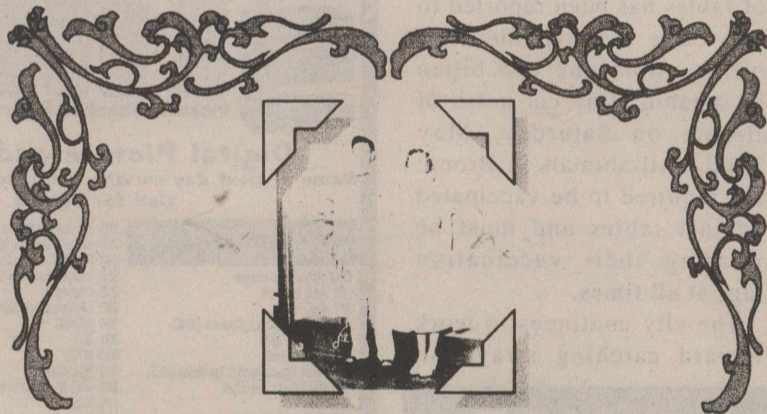
Tree limbs can be picked up if they are bundled in 4-5 ft. lengths.

Residents can call the City Hall (473-3501) if they have any questions regarding the Clean-Up.

**Harmon-Sparks reunion set**

The 65th Annual Harmon-Sparks Reunion will be held Saturday, June 5, 2004 in the large recreation center in Robert Lee. A covered dish lunch will be served about 12:30 pm and supper about 6:30 pm. The meat, drinks, bread, ice, paper goods, and plastic ware will be furnished.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to bring a dish and join this group at the meals or just come and visit. Visitation will begin around 11:00 am.



*Please join us at a reception to celebrate the*

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
of  
Bobby and Jeffie Roberts**

*Date: Sunday, June 6, 2004*

*Time: 1:30 to 4:00 pm*

*Place: Robert Lee Recreation Hall  
Robert Lee, Texas*

*Hosted by: Their Children and Families*

*No Gifts Please*

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Dasani Water**

**3 12 pk. 12 oz. cans / \$10**



Assorted

**Shurfine Soda**

**3 Liter Bottle \$ .79**





**Horns advanced to Regional Finals!** The Bronte Longhorns 4 x 100 meter relay team advanced to the Regional Finals at Abilene Christian University on May 1, 2004. Team members include (from left) Tyson Baker, Cody Lee, Logan Rawls and Jaylon Saunders.

**Red Hat**

**Mamas set meeting**

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11:00 on Tuesday, June 8, at Alejandro's in Ballinger. Ladies from Bronte and Robert Lee who want to car pool to Ballinger should meet at the bank parking lot in Bronte at 10:15 am. You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life.

**Lake pumps readied for switch-over**

Because of past sufficient rainfall, the City of Robert Lee has been using water from Mt. Creek Reservoir for the past 12 months. However, the level at the reservoir has become such that it is necessary to begin pumping water from Lake Spence into the City water system.

The pumps at Lake Spence are being readied for the switch-over and the City crew will be trying to make the change as smooth as possible, Danny Williams, City Water Superintendent reported.

Citizens are urged to continue voluntarily watering outdoors between the hours of 6:00 to 10:00 am and 6:00 to 10:00 pm to allow time for the water to collect in the tower for any emergency situation.

**Bronte Summer Ladies' Bible Study to begin June 9**

The summer ladies' Bible study will be On Mission With God: Living God's Purpose for His Glory by Henry Blackaby and Avery Willis. The study includes a workbook with a five-day study plan that should take 30-40 minutes of daily private study time. The eight weekly study sessions will

consist of discussion of the week's private study time, prayer, and viewing a video by the authors of the study.

The study will begin Wednesday, June 9, in First Baptist Church's library. The study will take place each Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:00.

For cost of workbooks that should be preordered, contact Susan Graves at 473-7521 or the church office at 473-2331.

**ASU Dean's List released**

The Dean's List for the 2004 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following:

**Bronte:** Katrina Lynn Buckner, marketing and management; Katy M. Johnson, business; Amy Christine Henry Morgan, music; Shelly Dawn Self, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Stephanie Nicole Shafer, pre-nursing; Jonathan Andrew Tomes, psychology; and Destiny S. White, interdisci-

plinary child development and learning

**Robert Lee:** Adam A. Cates, communication; Dana Holladay Felts, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Marcella Munoz, undeclared; Brittanie Allison Perez, psychology; Matthew Bryan Pitcock, management; and Sandra K. Sawyer, interdisciplinary child development and learning

**Rabies case confirmed in Bronte; awareness urged**

Residents in and around Bronte should be VERY cautious of any strange or unusual acting animal(s). ANOTHER confirmed case of rabies has been reported to the Coke County Sheriff's office. Someone was bitten by a rabid stray cat north of Bronte on Saturday, May 22nd. All animals in Bronte are required to be vaccinated against rabies and must be wearing their vaccination tags at all times.

The city continues to work toward catching stray and

wild animals for everyone's safety. If you need to report any suspicious acting and/or stray animals, please contact the Bronte City Hall at 473-3501, or Ron Dickey, Animal Control Officer, by pager at 277-5772. If you are not familiar with using a pager, you will need to punch in your phone number and the pound (#) sign after the voice prompt and series of beeps.

**Citizens can help control mosquitoes**

The City of Bronte is requesting that residents keep their property (yards & alleys) mowed. This will help control mosquitoes, as well as snakes, mice, stray animals, and other rodents. Please be aware of any trees or shrubs on your property that are needing to be trimmed to avoid blocking traffic signs. A continued effort on everyone's part will keep our little town a place "Where Living's A Pleasure!"

**Bronte class reunion slated July 10**

On July 10th, 2004, there will be a Bronte Class Reunion taking place at The Goodyear Proving Grounds Activity Building. This will be a class reunion for all the classes of 1960 through 1969.

If you are interested in coming, the visitation will begin at 7

pm and will last until everyone has left. You do not have to be a graduate of these classes to come. This is to the public and to anyone interested in seeing and reuniting with an old classmate or friend.

If you have any questions, give Jeanna Lee, Marilyn Bivins (both located in Bronte) or myself Gale Sartain (located in San Angelo) a call and we will be more than happy to answer your questions.

**RLISD board meets in special session**

A special board meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Pitcock.

Members present were Pitcock, Washam, Hill, and Supt. Wallace. Members absent were Ms. McCabe, Burns, Riley, and Gray.

The meeting was called to order by President Pitcock.

Early voting and May 15, 2004, general election tally sheets were viewed by members present. Supt. Wallace recorded number of votes on the Summary of Precinct Returns.

Ron Hill made a motion to accept election results as given by election judge, seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Ron Hill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Washam. All for. Meeting adjourned 7:07 pm.

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**Longs renew wedding vows**

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ivan Long renewed their wedding vows Monday, May 10, 2004 at the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee with Frank Daniels officiating.

Mrs. Long is the former Rebecca Barbara Cohen of Oppenheim, Germany. Her parents are Barbara Cohen of Mainz, Germany and Richard Cohen of New York, NY. Maternal grandmother is Jahanna Hager of Oppenheim, Germany.

Christopher is the son of Vicky Conner of Robert Lee and Richard Long of Sweetwater. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ivan Conner Sr. of Robert Lee. Paternal grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long of Robert Lee.

Becky was escorted to her groom by V.I. Conner Sr., grandfather of the groom. She chose for her gown a strapless white satin princess style formal with a chiffon overlay which was gathered to a split "V" at the side of the bodice and billowed over the skirt, ending just above the scalloped lace skirt hem. Further accents of her gown included tiny seed pearls embroidered on the bodice and skirt as well as on detached sleeves that peaked over the bride's hands. Becky carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, daisies, orchids, blue bonnets, baby's breath, and English ivy. For something old and borrowed she wore an antique pearl hat pin belonging to the groom's mother in her hair. Something new was her gown and pearl necklace and earrings. Her ensemble was completed with the "blue" carried out in her garter and accents in her bouquet.

Becky's attendants were Chrystal Long, sister of the groom, as maid of honor and Chelsea Conner, cousin of the groom, as flower girl. Crystal wore a princess style formal of dark royal blue with shimmering, metallic blue overlay and shawl. She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses, daisies, blue bonnets, orchids and baby's breath accented with English ivy, tulle, and ribbon streamers in varying shades of blue and white. Chelsea wore a tea-length, princess style dress of medium royal blue and a wrist corsage of white roses, daisies, and blue bonnets accented with tulle and varying shades of blue ribbon. Rosa Long, aunt of the groom, greeted and registered guests as they entered the church.

Christopher's attendants were Joshua Conner, cousin, as best man and J.P. Conner, cousin, as ring bearer. The groom and his attendants wore shirts in varying colors of blue under suits of black and dark blue. Guest were seated by Vic Conner and Kyle Long, both uncles of the

groom.

The church was decorated with hydrangeas in the chosen colors of blue and white with bows of tulle and varying shades of blue and white ribbon streamers. Pew bows of blue and white ribbon with tulle, blue bonnets, and English ivy served as further accents. The bride entered on a royal blue carpet runner that spanned the entire length of the church and ended at the alter table which was covered with a lace tablecloth made by the groom's great-grandmother, Rebecca Conner. The tablecloth had been a gift to the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V.I. Conner, at their wedding fifty-years ago. The altar table was further decorated with a blue under-lay under the lace table-cloth and accented with English ivy and bows of tulle and blue and white ribbons with streamers.

At the center of the altar table sat the couple's unity candle which had been painted with blue roses and the bride and groom's names and the date, painted by the groom's mother. The candle was surrounded by tulle, English ivy, white roses, and varying shades of blue on a mirrored base and crystal candle holder. The floral arrangements and church decor was designed and completed by the groom's grandmother, Iris Conner.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the Robert Lee rec hall. Guests were served fruit, including chocolate covered strawberries prepared by the groom's aunt, Yvonne Conner, and nuts and mints as well as a bride and groom's cake. The bride's cake was a layered white cake in the shape of a heart and decorated with varying shades of blue flowers and white daisies and topped with intertwined glass hearts accented with lace ribbon and white daisies. The groom's cake was a single layer chocolate cake with chocolate frosting prepared by Brandi Sawyer, friend of the couple, and Chrystal Long, sister of the groom. The groom's cake

was decorated in a race track theme with miniature cars which were the groom's toys as a child. Guests were served punch from an antique crystal punch service belonging to the groom's grandmother, Iris Conner, and coffee from an antique silver coffee service also belonging to the groom's grandmother. Serving at the reception were Yvonne and Chelsea Conner, aunt and cousin of the groom, Rosa Long, aunt of the groom, and Brandi Sawyer, Linda Eaton, and Roy Tinkler.

Chris and Becky were initially married on February 14, 2003 in Oppenheim, Germany. Chris was soon deployed to serve in the U.S. Army at Bagdad, Iraq and remained there over a year. He only returned to his base station in Germany at the end of April. Chris and Becky were visiting in Robert Lee while on leave. The local ceremony renewing their vows was their gift to family, friends and loved ones unable to attend their initial ceremony in Germany and served as their re-dedication to one another in the presence of God. They have returned to their home in Wiesbaden, Germany where Chris is completing his tour of duty.

**Medina boxes receive overflow of donations**

It continues to amaze. The collection boxes for the Medina Children's Home continue to fill quickly after each time they are emptied. An overflow of donations seems to accumulate each time. How grateful the folks at Medina Children's Home are for the generosity of all who donate from this district. To quote the last communication from the Home's CEO, Mr. George Rose: "Your tremendous efforts in collecting 3500 pounds of clothing will help us care for our children and single-mother families. On behalf of all our children and mothers, 'Thank You!'" This generosity is appreciated.

A difficulty with this program seems to flow from a misunderstanding about what meets the needs of the Home.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ivan Long

They only collect clothes and the boxes are designed for that purpose. Hard goods like furniture, appliances, toys, etc. should not be dropped off. The effort has been made to communicate this with the installation of the sign which reads: "CLOTHES ONLY, Please No Dumping." Observation of this restriction will be appreciated.

**50th Sanco Homecoming set**

The 50th annual Homecoming for Sanco will be held on June 13th. 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. 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.

Cleanup for the 50th Homecoming in Sanco will be held on May 29, June 5th & 12th. Meet at the tabernacle at 9:30 am for the cleanup. Your help will be welcomed and appreciated.

**Youth Tennis Tournament slated**

A youth tennis tournament will be held in Menard on June 12th. Deadline for sign-up is June 9th.

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**Texas Police Chiefs Association Essay Contest!** Chase Roe (left) won 3rd place and Molly Burns took 2nd place in the Essay Contest sponsored by the Texas Police Chiefs Association. They each wrote on "Why I will say NO to Alcohol and Drugs!" Molly, daughter of Sid and Cookie Burns of Robert Lee, was presented a check for \$200. Chase, son of Kevin and Tammy Roe of Robert Lee, was presented a check for \$100.

**Mesquite Country Council seeks help**

The Mesquite Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (MCCADA) needs help. Because of the lack of funds after 9-11, the emphasis by the Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) is on "intervention", the treatment of those caught in the vices of addiction. Funds are limited for "prevention", and these funds have been the life-source for MCCADA.

"The Mesquite Council is one of the oldest CADA in the State, going back over 31 years," says Tim White, the Youth Program Counselor for MCCADA. "We have faithfully served these schools in Coke County very well, and have a great reputation with the staffs, teachers and students of both Robert Lee ISD and Bronte ISD.

"I hate to see these schools lose 'prevention' from MCCADA," White continues. "To me, focusing on intervention alone is a little dangerous. Preventing these students from experimenting with addictive substances is far better than waiting until they trip and fall."

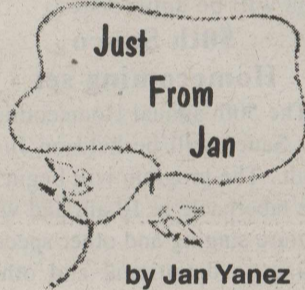
MCCADA is hoping companies, organizations, and even individuals who have benefited from our efforts in prevention can dig a little deeper in their pockets and make a contribution.

"We have faithfully served these communities, and we hope these communities can help us a little when times are tough," said White.

Mr. White took the position as Youth Program Coordinator when Dale Paterson resigned. He has been on the council since January.

The Mesquite Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse offices are located at 900 East 15th Street, Suite D, in Sweetwater. They can be reached at P. O. Box 302,

Sweetwater, TX 79556. The phone number is (325) 235-8955. It can also be reached toll free at 800-588-3967.



by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

**Diet & Exercise Myths Solved**

No matter what you eat, your body will always burn it for energy. If you eat more protein, it does not, for the most part, get stored as muscle--it gets used as fuel. If you eat more carbohydrate you will burn more carbohydrate and may end up with a little more stored glycogen than if you ate less carbohydrate and more fat. If you eat more fat, you burn more fat. Whether your body weight goes up or down depends on energy balance and not the ratio of fat to carbohydrate to protein in the diet. If you eat excess calories, your body will store some of the fat you eat as body fat. The body has little ability to store many calories as carbohydrate or protein, so these get burned for energy. Under most circumstances, it is primarily the dietary fat that gets stored as body fat. This is true whether your diet is 10, 30, 50 or 70% fat calories. Now, if you ate twice as many calories as you needed each day for several days and were eating a diet with only 10% fat and 80% carbohydrate, it is very clear that some carbohydrate would have to be converted to body fat (and some protein, too).

You hear people say, if you want to burn more fat, you should exercise at a lower intensity. This is a myth. The

absolute amount of fat burned increases with increasing exercise intensity (even though not as much as the amount of carbohydrate burned). So more intense exercise actually usually burns fat more rapidly than less intense exercise. Prolonged exercise will also help burn more fat because as stored carbohydrate is depleted, the fuel mix starts to gradually shift to more fat, a little more protein and a lot less carbohydrate (you can't burn what you don't have).

More intense exercise actually burns a little more fat and a lot more calories per minute than long, slow, distance exercise. But people simply cannot maintain a very fast pace for very long, and in the end it is the distance you travel that mostly determines the total calories burned. It should be noted however, that very long exercise bouts will significantly increase hunger and so the impact on body fat stores is often less than one would hope.

Conversely if one is very sedentary, just walking for several miles a day has little impact on appetite or hunger. It is generally the first 5-6 miles of walking or running per day that have the most impact on body fat stores. If you double your mileage from 6 to 12 miles a day it will probably have little impact on your body weight because it will probably make you hungrier. However, if a sedentary individual starts walking even 3 miles a day, this will likely produce a significant drop in body fat stores because it will have little or no impact on appetite or hunger. Obviously if you burn more calories and consume the same amount of calories, body fat stores must be used up for energy.

When you eat more carbohydrate you replenish your glycogen stores more quickly and you can also produce larger amounts of glycogen stored in the muscle. Depletion of glycogen stores can lead to reduced endurance.

The body can produce energy from carbohydrate more quickly than from fat. Those who eat a high-carbohydrate diet before an event and start with more glycogen can run faster or bike faster for a longer period of time without becoming exhausted. This is why a high-carbohydrate diet can enhance performance in endurance events.

The bottom line: So why should we recommend a diet with lots of high-fiber, high-carbohydrate foods for weight loss? Because these foods, which include fruits, vegetables and whole grains, usually provide more satiety per calorie than high-fat foods. That means people feel satisfied on fewer calories, so they eat fewer calories and reduce their body fat stores. Of course it is even better if they can walk 3 miles a day, on most days, too.

**RLVFD Memorials and Donations Memorials**

LaRue Harmon  
Mark, Cindy, Cooper, Julie Riley  
Jackie Walker

**The National Society of Collegiate Scholars!** Shelby Zane Roe of Robert Lee accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas Tech University. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes



first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service. "NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Shelby, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS Executive Director. "Shelby will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility." Shelby is the daughter of Kevin and Tammy Roe of Robert Lee.

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- Hawley Fields**  
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- Carlton Fields**  
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**Sanco Spring**

On a Sunday afternoon of a balmy day in June,  
I remember how we stood where the  
clear, cold water flowed  
From the creek bank to a basin of sandstone.  
The years kept a-going and the  
spring it kept a-flowing,  
And the faces pictured in the  
water flowed away,  
That water with our faces  
pictured in it flowed away.  
Ulmer Bird

When the earliest settlers came to Sanco, there was a basin dug in red sandstone in Yellow Wolf Creek, opposite the later Baptist Church, dug by 'Indians', no telling how long ago.  
It was about two feet in diameter, with a trench draining it, about 50 feet long and a handspan deep and wide.  
Water from this basin was used by people camping on the creek bank at the Sanco Camp Meeting.

In later years the basin was obliterated by being covered with tons of gravel, caused by brush growing in the bed of the creek and changing course of the flow of the water.  
Still visible is the trail down the bank leading to the spring, worn deep enough to hide a man on a horse. Seepage from the spring is the only sign now.

**What would you say?**

Huge Live Oak,  
What would you say  
If I asked you what happened  
In your younger day?  
Would you tell me of people  
Who carved deep in your bark,  
The brave pioneers of yesteryear  
Who used you as a landmark?  
Sanco Spring  
What would you say  
If I asked you what happened  
In your younger day?  
Would you tell me of people  
Who wore out a trail  
To carry your cool, fresh water  
To their homes in a small wooden pail?  
Hayrick Mountain  
What would you say  
If I asked you what happened  
In your younger day?  
Would you tell me of people  
And of things that used to be,  
You who stood silent,  
Watched them move to Robert Lee?  
Future,  
What would you say  
If I asked you what happened  
In your younger day?  
Would you tell me of people  
Who will pass our way,  
Or of people who will settle down,  
In our county to stay?  
You're the only one  
From the East or the West to see  
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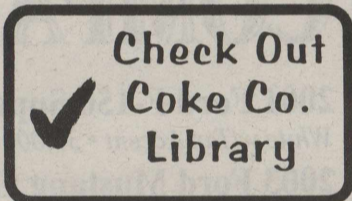
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**Look Who's New!**

**Hunter Adam Blair**

Beau and Natalie Blair of San Antonio are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hunter Adam. Hunter was born Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at 3:21 pm in Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. He weighed in at 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 19 inches long.  
Proud grandparents are Tommy and Jo Nell Blair of Robert Lee and Ray and Tami Hill of Snyder. Great grandparents are Joe and Nellie Ross; Lorene Blair and the late Ralph and Ruby Blair all of Robert Lee; Beverly Glasscock and the late Jack Hill and Eugene Glasscock of Snyder, Alma Shaffer and the late La Roy Shaffer of Vincent and Ethel Harmon and the late Alfred Harmon of Friendswood. Also welcoming Hunter are aunts Amanda Blair of Robert Lee and Camry Hill of Snyder and uncle Logan Hill also of Snyder.



The Coke County Library will be hosting local author Karla Hamrick for a book signing on Wednesday, June 9 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. From Captive to Captain is the first in a series planned by the author. The book centers around a family at Fort Chadbourne and their encounters with the Indians of the area, the weather, and the workings of a military post. Re-enactment pictures enhance the story and are of people readers in Coke County will recognize.  
Karla will be signing books at the This 'N That shop from 9:30 to 11:30 the morning of June 9. She will be at the Main Street Market in Bronte on June 10th for a signing.  
The Summer Reading Program is off to a good start. The prize of the week is a Sprint Zone Paddle Ball set. Readers can have one chance for each book returned during the summer for the prize of the week. All names will be saved for the grand prize drawing on July 30th. Treat-of-the-Week is available to summer readers of all ages.  
Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4;

Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the book drop on the porch of the library and to the Main Street Market in Bronte.



**Letters to the Editor**

Well - it's that time again and even though I retired from Robert Lee Post Office in 1987 - I will always love that town and the people who live there.  
I am still running the post office at Goodfellow Air Force Base and volunteering at Shannon Hospital.  
Keep sending your newsy paper. I read it from cover to cover and really look forward to receiving it each week. Wish I could help with your Bluebonnets because they were beautiful this year.  
Sincerely,  
Coe Lewis  
P.S. My son Clay is getting married at the Carlsbad Center on May 22nd.

**Ballinger soccer clinic slated**

Runnels County Soccer Association will be hosting The Challenger Sport British soccer clinic. The clinic will be at The Bonnie Clark Sports Complex in Ballinger. The clinic will be June 28 through July 2nd. The clinic will be for ages 4-5 years old, and 6-16 years old.  
For more information go to [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) and click onto Ballinger clinic dates and times.

**Scholarship awarded to Sterling City youth**

Cayla Millican, a 2004 graduate of Sterling City, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Ivey Motor Co., Inc., and Ford Motor Company. Millican's parents are Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City, and Cayla plans to study Dental Hygiene - Pre Dental at South Plains College (TX).  
The scholarship is one of 626 awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and the Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2004. The Built Ford Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program recently celebrated its seventh full year.  
621 scholarships are being awarded on behalf of individual participating Ford Dealers. Additionally, five \$1,000 national scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Division. The Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their past and future academic achievement. Built Ford Tough Trucks and Ford Motor Company Fund sponsor these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.  
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**Millican receives scholarship!** Billy Wayne Roe, owner of Ivey Motor Company, Inc., presents Cayla Millican with a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is sponsored by Ivey Motor Company, Inc., and Ford Motor Company. Cayla, a 2004 graduate of Sterling City High School, is the daughter of Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City.

proud to support FFA and the Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA Scholarship Program. For 55 years Ford has supported FFA, and for more than 50 years, people all over America have been putting Built Ford Tough Trucks to work. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. That's why Ford has increased the Built Ford Trucks/FFA Scholarship Fund each year since its inception. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way

of ensuring a successful future. FFA is a national youth organization of over 460,000 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with approximately 7,300 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) for more information.

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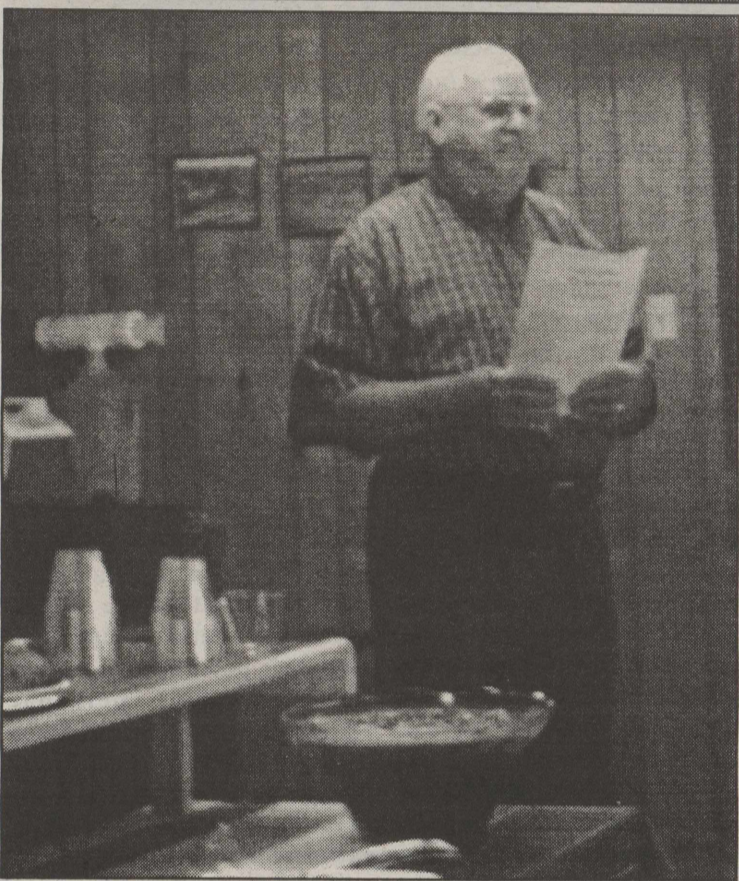
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**Mayor Davis retires.** Retiring Robert Lee Mayor Garland Davis (photo at left) was honored during a reception held Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at City Hall. At that time, Joe White (above photo, second from right) was sworn in as Robert Lee Mayor and Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland (above photo, from left) took the oath of office for City Council.



**Thompson receives Bronze Star**

[Editor's Note: The following is the narrative from the medal presentation in which SFC Thompson received the Bronze Star. SFC Thompson is the son of Bud and Marian Thompson of Robert Lee.]

It is with the utmost honor and privilege that I recommend SFC Philip Thompson for the Bronze Star Medal. He has been the cornerstone for the 3-101st Maintenance Support Team. SFC Thompson constantly ensures that the maintenance support system works through his selfless service and dedication to 3-101st AVN REGT and the United States Army. Our mission could not have been a complete success without his leadership.

SFC Thompson's impeccable leadership performance proved unwavering throughout the execution of combat efforts during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SFC Thompson stepped up to take the role as platoon leader for Armament Platoon, C Company 8-101st AVN REGT due to the acting platoon leader's non-deployable status. Being placed in this position just prior to combat operations, SFC Thompson quickly prepared his platoon for movement. His leadership and accountability resulted in the

platoon's safe and efficient performance during staging and convoy operations.

SFC Thompson directly impacted combat success when he and his platoon were assigned by the 101st aviation brigade commander to complete the enormous task of staging and loading ammunition for all attack aircraft. SFC Thompson eagerly tackled this complex logistical and leadership challenge. SFC Thompson was undermanned and without adequate vehicle support during the load-out execution due to early convoy departures. Nonetheless, two days later all 72 aircraft were loaded to specification without accident or incident. This task involved loading 10,500 rounds of 30mm, 2281 rockets and 672 Hellfire missiles. Safe and efficient completion of this Brigade level task is a clear indicator of the motivation that SFC Thompson instills in his soldiers and NCOs.

At the onset of combat operations, SFC Thompson became the NCOIC of an AVIM Maintenance Support Team (MST) augmenting 3-101st Aviation Battalion. Led by SFC Thompson, the 20-soldier MST eagerly jumped into combat maintenance operations and played a critical role in raising 3-101st AVN REGT's

Operational Readiness from 37% to 83% in 48 hours during early combat missions. Additionally, SFC Thompson performed armament technical inspection duties, which greatly increased 3-101st Aviation Regiment's overall maintenance abilities. Throughout the initial attack missions, the MST continued seamless support with overwhelming success, providing critical maintenance, supply, transportation, and security assets.

Throughout multiple battalion jumps, SFC Thompson's Maintenance Support Team overcame every maintenance and logistical challenge. The MST's support for 3-101st AVN REGT, which spanned every day of combat operation, proved to be a critical factor to the battalion's impressive combat readiness. Additionally, SFC Thompson played the critical role of liaison between 3-101st AVN REGT and the AVIM, ensuring the proper maintenance support was always on hand. By the end of the exhausting operation, the MST soldiers' morale was at an all-time high and 3-101st clearly displayed new respect and gratitude for the 8-101st MST.

SFC Thompson is a steadfast individual who will not bend the rules and always ensures that aircraft maintenance is never questioned within 3-101st Aviation Regiment. I recommend SFC Thompson for the Bronze Star Medal without reservation. He is definitely a contributing factor in the success of our mission. His efforts and dedication to the mission ensured that the coalition forces were successful in Iraq, and made the AH-64 Apache a life saving asset.



**Thompson Honored!** Sergeant First Class Philip Thompson received the Bronze Star for his efforts in the 3-101st Maintenance Support Team and the United States Army.

For meritorious service while serving as a Maintenance Support Team Noncommissioned Officer in charge from 19 March 2003 to 30 June 2003 in Iraq. Sergeant First Class Thompson's actions during operation Iraqi Freedom contributed enormously to the success of the division's operations as the screaming eagles liberated three major cities and cleared south Baghdad, Mosul, and Haditha, covering over 1200

kilometers in the course of the campaign. Sergeant First Class Thompson's professionalism and commitment to excellence reflect great credit on him, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and the United States Army.

DAVID H. PETRAEUS  
MG, US ARMY  
COMMANDING  
(Commander of the 101st Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom)

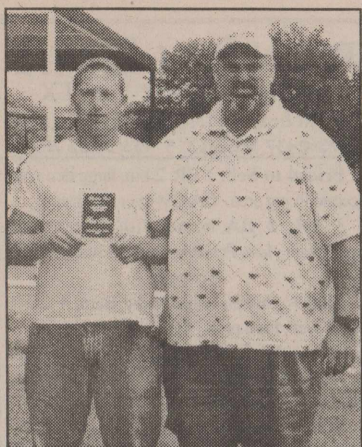
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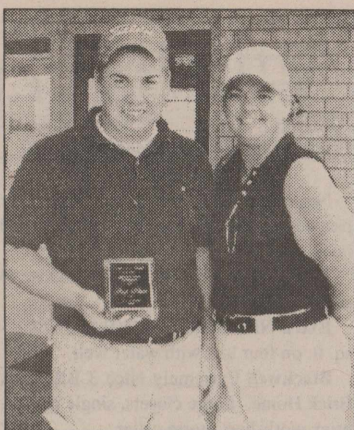
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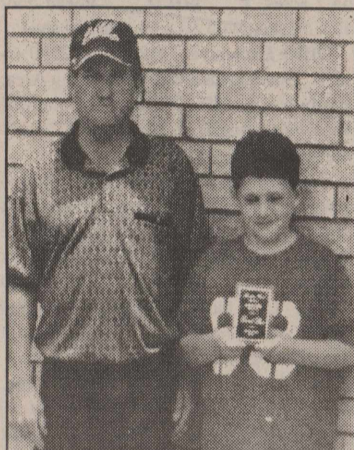
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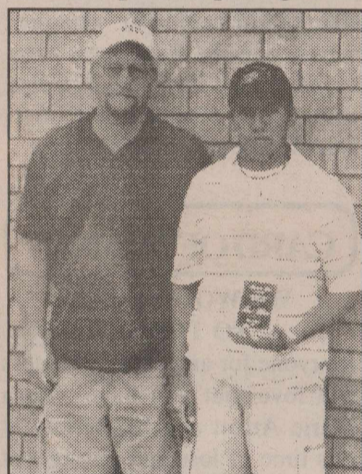


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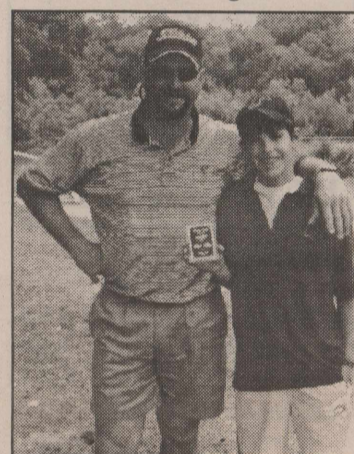


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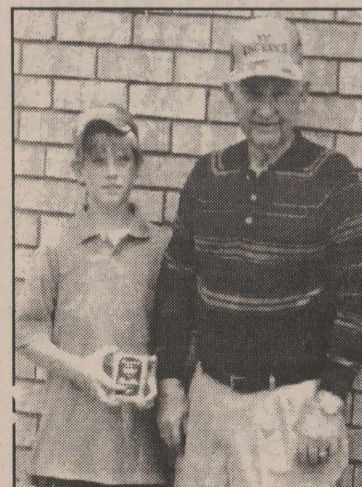
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**Adult/Child golf  
tournament results  
posted**

Mountain Creek Golf Club held their annual Adult/Child Golf Tournament May 15, 2004. Nineteen teams participated in the annual event. These included: Don and Cameron Hodge, Stephen Myers and Dawson Brisbin, the Gavits, Ken and Austin Brackeen, Fred and Logan Philley, Tim and Nick Edwards, Donna Watkins and Johnathon Pagan, Tom and Trey Sawyer, Bartas, Garzas, Allen and Will Parker, Salomon and Omar Saucedo, Ricky and Mason Ross, Becky and Megan Ross, Bruce and Whitney Myrick, J. D. and Vincent McClelland, Loretta and Cody Bridges, Buck and Kaden Duncan, and Tim and Logan Philley.

**RLBC to celebrate  
100th Anniversary**

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary beginning on July 17 at 3 pm with visitation and reminiscing, followed by a home cooked meal of ham and all the trimmings at 6 pm. It will continue on July 18th at 10:30 with the praise and worship



**Fred and Logan Philley**  
3rd Place • 72 • First Flight

service. Sunday School will not be held. For more information contact the church at 453-2724.

**Bronte Health & Rehab honors volunteers**

In honor of National Volunteer Week, Bronte Health & Rehab Center held a luncheon Sunday, April 25, 2004, for all their volunteers in appreciation for their hard work. Brisket, beans, potato salad, and cobbler were served in the beautiful courtyard area.

Not only were BHRC volunteers present, but also those from the West Coke County EMS, East Coke County Ambulance Service, and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

Ed Cumbie, ECCHD Board President, welcomed the crowd of thirty-seven people. Rev. Carol Fiero, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Bronte, spoke on the true meaning of being a volunteer. BHRC Activity Director Kendal Johnston gave out awards to each of the groups and individuals.

The residents and volunteers enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

**Foreign investors must report U.S. holdings**

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

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Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) Reports with the Farm Service Agency County office in which the land is located. Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

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Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

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**National Volunteer Week! Rev. Carol Fiero (top photo) and Ed Cumbie, East Coke County Hospital District President of the Board of Directors (bottom photo), spoke at a luncheon held April 25 by the Bronte Health & Rehab Center honoring their volunteers.**

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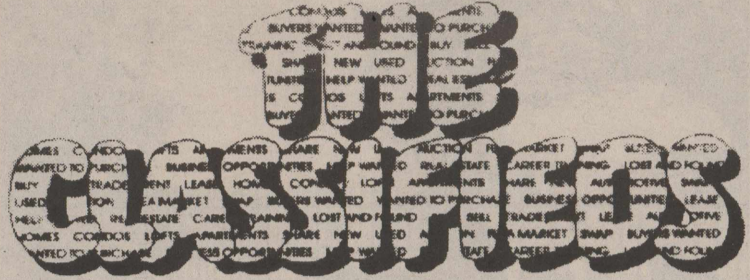
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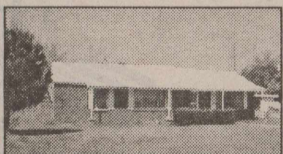


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 425 Driftwood Rd. 5 miles west of Robert Lee on Hwy. 158. Craftsman radial arm saw, ceiling fans, light fixtures, dining chairs, toys, kitchen items, all size clothes, flower arrangements, wreaths & crosses, baby swing, baby car seat, exercise equipment. Too much to list. Saturday, June 5th, 8:00 - 2:00.  
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**CARD OF THANKS**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK** everyone for any act of kindness and love that you have shown Marie Arrott and her family at this time of loss and throughout the years. Thanks for the beautiful cards, flowers, phone calls, food and to our church family and friends for the bountiful lunch prepared for us. Thank you, Pastor Carol Fiero for your love and prayers, for Rev. Kary Rawlings, Bill Fiero and Paul Evans for their service of celebration of Marie's life.  
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**NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**

Robert Lee ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for meeting its obligations for providing property casualty coverage. Copies of the "Request for Proposal" (RFP) will be available on or after June 4, 2004 from the Robert Lee ISD Business Office, whose address and phone numbers are listed elsewhere in this RFP. The RFP will also serve as notice to the current carrier(s) as intent of Robert Lee ISD's desire to terminate its current agreement(s) upon its anniversary date. Information provided in these specifications is to be used only for preparing a proposal detailing the coverages specified. It is further expected that each proposer will read these specifications with care, for failure to meet every one or a combination of specified conditions may invalidate the proposal. The Robert Lee ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or any portion thereof, to negotiate with the provider, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the school district.

Proposers are requested to submit quotations on the basis of these specifications. Alternative quotations (for coverage on a basis different than that requested in these specifications) will receive consideration providing such alternatives are clearly explained. Any exceptions to coverages requested herein must be clearly noted in writing and be included as a part of the proposal.

The Robert Lee ISD believes that the date contained in these specifications is sufficient for preparation of proposals. The information is believed to be accurate and is based upon the latest available information, but it is not to be considered in any way as a warranty. Sealed proposals (two copies) will be received no later than 3:00 pm, Wednesday, July 19, 2004. Proposals must be clearly marked and should be addressed to:

Lindsey Wallace  
Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Lee ISD  
1323 Hamilton  
Robert Lee, Tx 76945-9501  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 368**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DANGEROUS BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; AMENDING ORDINANCES AND CODES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO RECORD OWNERS AND PERSONS WITH INTERESTS IN DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR HEARINGS TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF THIS ORDINANCE; REQUIRING THE OWNER(S) AND PERSONS WITH

INTERESTS IN DANGEROUS BUILDINGS TO REPAIR, REMOVE, OR DEMOLISH SUCH BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR REPAIR AND DEMOLITION; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF EXPENSES FOR REPAIR AND/OR DEMOLITION; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Section 15. Open Meeting. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2004

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 25th day of May 2004.

THE CITY OF BRONTE

Martin Lee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pat Martindale,

City Secretary

45-1tc

**Tourism Roundup and Summit set June 15**

The Texas Midwest Community Network and the Texas Forts Trail are co-sponsoring a Tourism Roundup and Chamber of Commerce Summit on June 15, 2004 at the Grace Cultural Center, 102 Cypress Street in Abilene.

The summit is to offer the following: identify how a community can benefit from tourism; learn successful chamber of commerce practices; discover what is already happening to help regional tourism; and find out how to cash in on the tourism industry.

Topics include "Dollars and Sense of Tourism" - Building tourism venues to enhance local economies; "Cultural & Heritage Tourism" - How our lifestyle and history appeals to visitors. Breakout sessions include information on the Importance of Friendly Customer Service, Museum Resources for Funding and Support; Basic Design for Exhibits; Community Outreach and Community Buy-in and Participation in Travel Shows.

For cost and more information, call 325-676-0329, or 453-2495 in Robert Lee.

**Texas Folklife Festival slated for June**

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The Festival runs 5-11 p.m., Thursday, June 10, and Friday, June 11; noon-11 p.m., Saturday, June 12; and noon- 9 p.m., Sunday, June 13.

Group and other discounts are also available. To order advance tickets (May 1-June 1) visit [www.texasfolklife.org](http://www.texasfolklife.org), or write to Texas Folklife Festival, 801 S. Bowie St., San Antonio, Texas, 78205-3296, or for more information call 210-458-2390.

**Battleship TEXAS**

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

In 1998, the blockbuster film, Saving Private Ryan, brought the grim realism and horror of World War II to movie screens around the world. It was the first time many Americans had seen in explicit detail the trauma, violence and bloodshed experienced by their fathers and grandfathers. The film forever etched the dramatic tale of the Greatest Generation on our collective conscience. This year marks the 60th anniversary of D-Day, offering the perfect opportunity to commemorate the heroes of the war and Texas' role in it.

**D-DAY**

The invasion of Normandy, arguably the most significant battle of World War II, began on the evening of June 5, 1944. More than 150,000 men, a fleet of 5,000 ships and landing craft, 50,000 vehicles, and 11,000 planes sat in southern England, poised to attack secretly across the English Channel along the coast of France. Five beaches, code-named Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword, were selected as invasion sites for the largest amphibious landing in history.

In the early morning of June 6, thousands of Allied paratroopers landed behind enemy lines, securing key roads and bridges on the flanks of the invasion area. As the sun rose on the Normandy coastline, the soldiers began their invasion, traveling to the beaches in small landing craft lowered from the decks of larger ships anchored in the Channel. The attack on four of the beaches went according to plan, but the battle at Omaha Beach proved to be one of the fiercest battles of the war. Of the more than 9,000 Allied casualties on D-Day, Omaha accounted for nearly one-third. The invasion was directed by Texas-born General Dwight D. Eisenhower, as Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force.

Ultimately, Allied soldiers would secure the beach and fight their way inland. The victory was a dazzling display of military strategy and logistical planning that heralded the demise of Nazi tyranny. The battle at Normandy will forever embody the heroism, bravery and sacri-

fice of our soldiers.

**USS TEXAS**

Among the ships to support the Normandy invasion was the Battleship TEXAS. The vessel is the only surviving battleship to serve in World War I and World War II and it has proudly rested at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte since 1948.

TEXAS was christened on May 18, 1912, the second battleship to be named for the Lone Star State. The launch was caught on motion-picture, in what was believed to be the first such ceremony to be filmed: The TEXAS served in the Atlantic Fleet during World War I and was present at the surrender of the German Imperial Fleet in 1918. After modernization in 1927 it would serve as the flagship for the commander in chief of the U.S. Fleet. In the early 1940s it accompanied Allied landings in North Africa, and on D-Day it was the flagship for the bombardment group supporting the Allied landings on Omaha Beach. After being damaged by German shore guns, the ship was repaired and continued its support of the war efforts, supporting landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The ship was retired in 1946 after more than 34 years of naval service. It became the nation's first memorial battleship and a national historic landmark.

**VISIT HISTORY**

After years of being moored off the Houston Ship Channel, the TEXAS was in need of repair. In 1990, after being fully restored it was permanently berthed at La Porte, where it is maintained by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The ship has provided students young and old with the oppor-



**Wins Again!** Ashley Sawyer competed at the West Texas Rabbit & Cavy Club double show May 15 in San Angelo. She won Best of Breed in show A with a Broken Sr. Doe Mini Lop and Best Opposite of Breed with a Broken Sr. Buck Mini Lop. In Show B, she won Best of Breed with a Solid Sr. Buck and Best Opposite of Breed with a Solid Sr. Doe. She also showed one of her New Zealand rabbits and took Best Opposite of Breed.

In the 2nd show, she went on to win 2nd runner up in show. Ashley's mother also showed and won Best of Breed Open with a Broken Sr. Buck Mini Lop in show A.

tunity to experience a part of our nation's history. TEXAS is open for tours at the San Jacinto Battleground Historic Site, located 22 miles east of downtown Houston.

This year, as we commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day and celebrate the opening of the National World War II memorial, let all Texans recall the bravery of the Greatest Generation, and how their sacrifice helped secure our freedom.

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By Evelyn McKinley

When talking about the First Homecoming that was held on Memorial Day, May 29, 1955, it was agreed that somebody ought to say something about the people who lived here in the early days and recall some of the things they did. In her talk on that occasion, Evelyn Bird McKinley said:

My father says that when my grandfather brought his family here in 1887 not many of the people whom most of us can remember were here then. Lum Lasswell's family lived up on Gobbler, and he helped Dad's folks move out. Perry Breedlove was here, and he married one of the Lasswell girls. Some people thought ranch hands had to be tough, but Mr. Breedlove was able to work for the HWX Ranch for 15 years without ever swearing an oath.

Joe Kirkendall was living on the J.B.B. Overall place and his brother Ben was also here. The Durhams had been here a few months.

During the next few years many other families came. The S.S. Craddocks, the Bud Ulmers, Grandpa William Scarborough, Frank Scarborough, the Ben Bilbos, the Wm. R. Preslars, Ed Laughlin, W.W. McCutchen, Jim Byrd, and Grandpa John H. Campbell, to mention some of them. These people worked together, fished together, played pranks on each other, but Sundays bright and early they took their families to Church even if it meant long drives in wagons.

The order in which they came isn't so clear, but Mr. Milt Tucker and Mr. A.K. Landers came early. The Sanco young people rode on horseback to Sunday Singings in the Landers home. Mr. Emile Menielle, Mr. R.L. Goss, Mr. John F. Cole, Mr. Jim Fletcher, Mr. Squire Byrne, Dave and Bud Martin, Mr. J.J. Austin, Uncle Jack and Tom Adkins, Mr. Jim Benningfield, and Uncle Cliff Creighton were definitely old timers. But no family wove itself more into the community than the family of Grandpa and Grandma Joe S. Gartman who lived here so long and so well.

Mr. Dod Daffern and Jim Robertson moved in near the Landers and Tuckers, and below Grandpa Gartman were Mr. J.B.B. Overall, Lee Hurley, Whitney Baze and Uncle Johnny Berrymann.

Henry Briscoe bought the old John J. Clark place. Mr. Ballard was up at the gap, and Mr. W.R. Walker and Mr. W.G. Jameson were just outside the community. In later years, Mr. Jameson loved to attend the meetings at Sanco and rejoiced in the good preaching we often had.

Mr. J.L. Carwile, Mr. J.L. Reid and Mr. Ike Devoll reared their families here. Mr. Joe Arledge and Mr. S.W. Lord came later.

In the autumn evenings Mother rocked me to sleep on the front porch as we listened to the old gin and waited for my dad to bring coal across the mountain from Blackwell for the gin, in the wagon. Mr. Wesley Meek, Mr. Jim Benningfield, and Rufe Smith, Jim Smith's brother, ran the gin at different times. On clear mornings we could often hear Mr. Cole and

Mr. Bilbo talking as they came around the hill on bales of cotton to the gin. Sometimes someone from up that road raced my daddy to the gin, but if our gate was open they really had to hurry. But when Mr. Cole started to town in that buggy, you really drove if you stayed in sight of him.

Like the village smithy, Uncle Sinc was blacksmith and he, too, went on Sunday to the church where he taught the girls and boys.

Later Uncle Bob Cosby built the present store building for a shop and garage in the days when garages were necessarily close together.

Grandpa Scarborough kept the first store, before my day, over where Grandpa Bird finally made his home. Later he lived in the little house across the road from Aunt Cora Creighton up here on the hill. The Durhams built their home at the point of Durham Peak. The first school house stood near their place. That was before the three-room school, we can first remember, and before the time of Miss Winifred Yates, Miss Kate Fenielle, Miss Nora Stevens, Miss Ruby Bell and Miss Mabel Conrad.

My parents and some of yours, educated as they were in the early one-teacher school seemed to acquire a great deal of knowledge and most of the skills and abilities we talk about in our universities today. Perhaps we should give no credit to the poor facilities, but rather to the people themselves who determined to use every opportunity at their command. In this age of high standards of living, expensive school plants and good church buildings we should use them as wisely and well as they used theirs. Rather than try to destroy, deflate, or besmear their high ideals we should try to be worthy of them.

Mr. J. L. Kimbell never passed our gate without my knowledge he had been there. We were candy partners, and the candy was always there whether anybody had been home or not.

Mrs. Jennie Anderson in her buggy on the way to town came by that way.

Sunday mornings, Grandma and Grandpa Bird came early for church and stopped their hack in front of our yard and fretted that we weren't ready.

The most cherished memories, perhaps, are of the late summer evenings when Mama's rose and honeysuckle were in bloom, and from all around we could hear the horse-drawn vehicles gathering in to the old brush arbor where the revivals were held. Some who passed our place were Uncle Smith and Aunt Julia Bird in their white topped hack; Walter and Phronia Scarborough; Boyd and Mattie Walls; Horace and Etta Baze; Uncle Frank and Aunt Neppie Scarborough; Ollie and Viola Scarborough; and sometimes Myrtle and Pearl Ross.

The arbor stood between where the churches now stand and the kerosene torch lanterns were the source of light. In the twilight this quiet little village echoed as we sang "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord", "What Can Wash Away My Sins?", "Amazing Grace",



**Summertime Fun - Swimming Pool & Snow Cones!** Derek Lockhart (left) and Ricky Williams took a break from the sun and fun to enjoy snowcones last weekend at the Robert Lee swimming pool. The Coke County Swimming Pool in Robert Lee was rumored to be in danger of not opening this summer due to low pool attendance last year. Reports from a recent commissioners court meeting said attendance at the pool last summer averaged approximately ten swimmers per day. New pool operators Kelly Millican and Linda Burns report an average of over seventy-one swimmers per day since the pool opened last week.

"Just As I Am". The glory of the Lord shone on the faces of those who walked closest with Him, and Aunt Neppie's shouting was so filled with the joy of the Lord that the Joy was contagious. The memories of those blessed times will strengthen and encourage our hearts as we recall the good, and the noble, and the true in the lives of those devoted Christians and others, like Mr. Carwile, more recently passed on.

Not all of them were soldiers of battle, but rather soldiers of the Cross, who fought the good

fight of faith. So this Memorial Day as across the nation we commemorate our soldiers and sailors dead, and resolve to live for God and Country with the same devotion that they died for it, let's also honor and revere the memory of these Christian warriors. With this thought, the Cemetery Association has been improving the cemetery and has invited us here. It is on occasions like this that faces of these loved ones seem to visit us once more. So it is with mixed emotions that we welcome you, their

sons and daughters back to your old home today - joy at having you here - sadness that a reunion can never be complete until the redeemed are gathered home.

Those who rest on the hillside are more in number than we who reside in these valleys. But somehow, when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise, I believe that old hillside will be the closest to Heaven of them all. "Lord, I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in" - Don't you?

## YOUR OPINION NEEDED

### Does Robert Lee Need An Assisted Living Facility?

Are you looking for the peace of mind that comes from knowing

- Three meals per day are prepared and served in a supervised setting
- Someone is available to offer assistance 24 hours a day
- Daily comings and goings are supervised

Do you or a loved one have a need for assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's) such as

- Meal preparation
- Bathing
- Dressing
- Mobility assistance

or do you experience

- Confusion
- Memory problems

The WCCHD Board of Directors is seeking the input of county and surrounding area residents on the value of opening an Assisted Living Facility in Robert Lee.

An Open House Preview of a room designed  
For Assisted Living will be held  
at 307 West 8th  
Use Robert Lee Care Center Main Entrance

Saturday, June 19th • 10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, June 20th • 2 pm to 5 pm

This open house will be used as a public fact gathering opportunity to see if there is a need for Assisted Living facilities in Coke County and if it would receive public support.