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## Coke County receives much-needed rainfall

By Hal Spain, Publisher

Following a wet spring, the month of June has been quite a bit different from last year. County rainfall totals for last June totalled from 12 to 20 inches, which put approximately eleven feet of water in Spence, and raised the elevation of Oak Creek about eight feet.

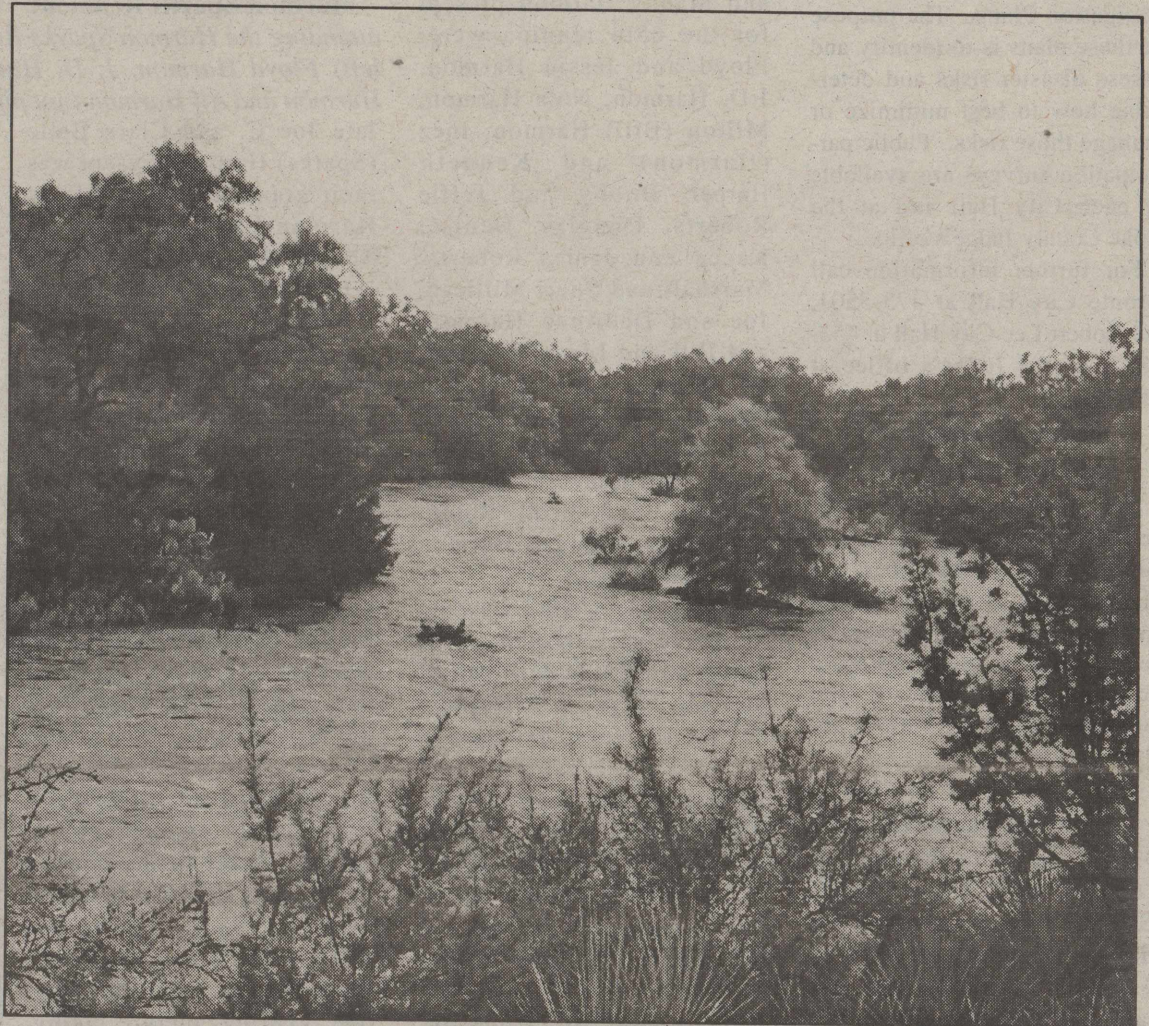
This year's June, up until last week, has been rather disappointing, with below average rainfall totals for most of the county. However, Mother Nature is trying to make up for lost time in the final days of this month.

The east side of the county saw most of the precipitation, beginning last weekend, with Bronte receiving 1.2 inches last Friday night and several other smaller rains which totalled somewhere near 1/2 inch each, adding to the total. Also, Postmaster Ray Barnett reported another .7 inch from Monday night and early Tuesday morning in the city proper. Some areas of east Coke County have received from four to five inches total, over the past two weekends.

Oak Creek got a good 2.5 inches last weekend, and added to the total with another .6 inch on Monday night, June 28. The bad news, if there is any, is that runoff was minimal with these storms, and the lake level has not risen significantly.

The west side of the county missed most of last weekend's rainfall, but did receive a heavy dose early Tuesday. The east side of Lake Spence received 2.7 inches over the weekend, and another 2.6 inches early Tuesday morning. The Bayview area west of the lake got more than 4 inches early Tuesday morning. However, runoff into Lake Spence, like Oak Creek Lake, is expected to be minimal. Dolores McCabe Seale reported that they received 3.02 inches on the divide toward Water Valley. In Robert Lee, Joe Ash reported that he poured out 1.45 inches at his house from the storm early Tuesday.

As of Tuesday afternoon prior to press time, the skies were threatening again, with some chances for rainfall all week long.



**Needed rain falls in Coke County!** Mess Box Creek is on the rise early Tuesday morning following heavy rains. Unfortunately, neither Lake Spence nor Oak Creek Lake benefited from the rise which flows into the Colorado River and eventually into Lake Ivie.

that Coke County definitely needs an Assisted Living Facility or an equivalent form of care available to county residents.

The Board of Directors had indicated that to move forward with the project at least 15 definite commitments to be put on a waiting list would be needed. No commitments were made the weekend of the Open House.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 22. The main topic of discussion was the Assisted Living Project. Feedback from Roger and Della Alexander indicated a strong interest from the public for the need for additional elder care in the community. The decision was made by the Board of Directors to move forward slowly with minor renovations to the West side of the hospital building. This will give those who attended the Open House an opportunity to consider the information packet for Assisted Living and make decisions.

The Board of Directors will continue to look at additional alternative uses of this building space.

Anyone who was not able to attend the Open House, but

would be interested in seeing the Show Room, may come by the Robert Lee Care Center administration office between 8:00 am - Noon or 1:00 - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday for a tour.

### Gospel singing set for Sunday

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

### City Halls, courthouse to observe holiday

The Robert Lee and Bronte City Halls and the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the July 4th holiday. Have a safe July 4th weekend.

### FSA taking spring seeded reports

Acreage reports for all hay type crops, CRP, grass (not intended for NAP), Cotton and Gain Sorghum is underway. All spring seeded crops must be certified by July 15, 2004. This is a must for DCP, NAP, CCC Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments,

including Wool & Mohair LDP's. Producers requesting benefits under the aforementioned programs must visit the county office, report acreage and provide actual planting dates of each crop. Failure to complete that requirement will result in either late file fees, loss of benefits or repayments.

Annually, FSA performs spot checks on crop reports and allows a tolerance of the greater of 1 acre or 5%, not to exceed 50 acres.

The county office is now involved in using new digital images for acreage. It will take the office 4 to 5 months of effort to get things ready to use. We will be working on this every day. It will be a great help if producers will take the time to make an appointment for conducting FSA business.

For more information regarding FSA programs, contact the Coke-Sterling FSA office at (325) 453-2751.

### Fireworks prohibited

The cities of Bronte and Robert Lee would like to remind residents that the discharge of fireworks are banned within the city limits. Violators will be prosecuted.

## BHRC to host fireworks display

Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary is hosting the annual fireworks display Sunday, July 4th. The Auxiliary will also have a bake sale/auction prior to the fireworks-hopefully around 8:15 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the fireworks. Come early and help support the Auxiliary by buying wonderful tasting desserts to take home with you!

The Auxiliary strives to help the residents of the center, but they can only do this with your help! All of the proceeds raised from the bake sale/auction will directly benefit the residents of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

The Auxiliary has recently purchased two "low beds" for

the residents at the center. "Low beds" are designed to protect the residents from injury; and at the same time can be raised so that the nurses can care more effectively for the residents.

The Auxiliary has also purchased equipment for the MSE room. The MSE room is a multi-sensory room that helps to stimulate the residents. Visitors who have seen the MSE room find it fascinating. The Bronte Health and Rehab Center is currently the only center with this facility. The Auxiliary also helped with the Magnolia Ball for the residents by providing refreshments; and they helped with the Easter egg hunt held in April of this year.

## Assisted Living need confirmed

On June 19th and 20th, the WCCHD held an open house to showcase a room designed to be an Assisted Living Facility apartment. Robert Lee Care Center employees, Roger Alexander, Administrator, and

Della Alexander, Business Office Manager, hosted the Open House for the Board of Directors. More than 70 persons, mostly local, attended the Open House. The unanimous opinion of those attending was



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**Hazard Mitigation  
Planning**

The cities of Bronte and Robert Lee and Coke County are currently working on Hazard Mitigation Plans. The purpose of these plans is to identify and assess disaster risks and determine how to best minimize or manage those risks. Public participation surveys are available at each City Hall and at the Coke County Judge's office.

For further information call Bronte City Hall at 473-3501, the Robert Lee City Hall at 453-2831, or the Judge's office at 453-2641.

**Ross Round-up  
set for Saturday**

The Ross Round-up will be held Saturday, July 3, at the large Rec Hall in the Robert Lee Park. All descendants of Roy and May Ross and their families need to make a special effort to be there. Friends of the families, and other kinfolk are also urged to come.

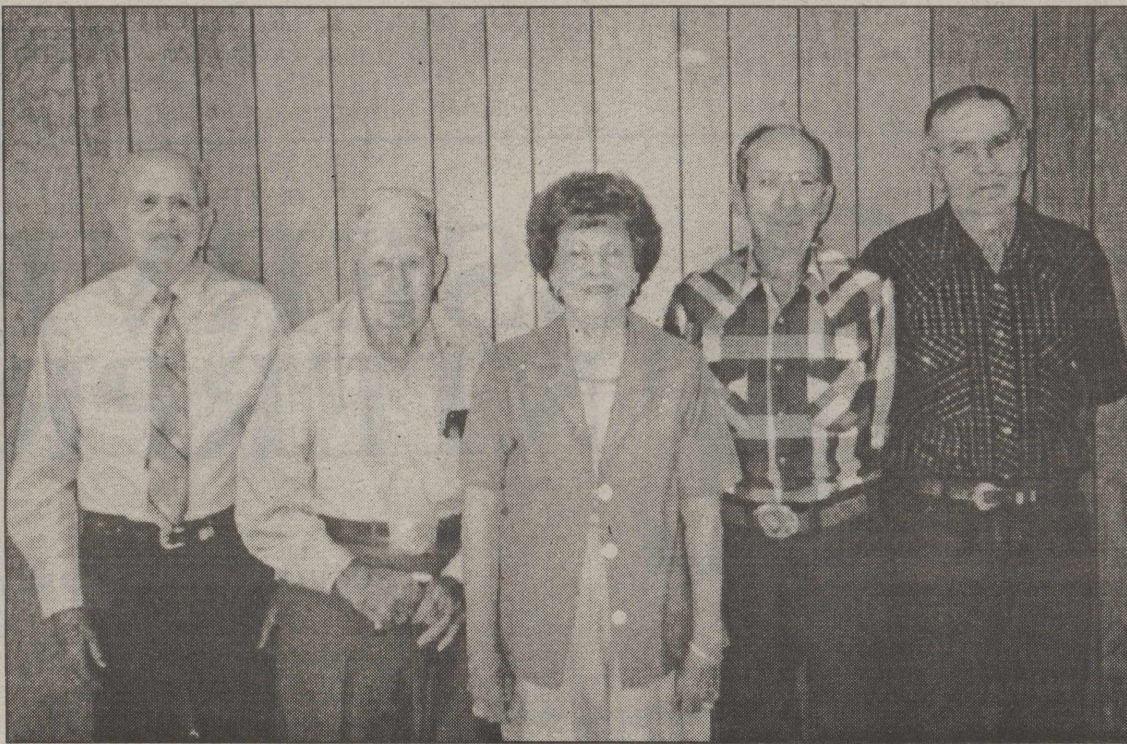
**Harmon - Sparks  
reunion held**

The families of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon and the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks gathered Saturday, June 5, 2004, for their 65th annual reunion. There were 72 relatives and friends of the family present.

The late Thomas (T.R.) Harmon was the son of the Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon. The late

Amanda Elvira (Mandy Sparks) Harmon was the daughter of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks. The family of T.R. and Mandy Harmon present for the 65th reunion were: Floyd and Jessie Harmon, J.D. Harmon, Nola Harmon, Milton (Bill) Harmon, Inez (Harmon) and Kenneth Harper, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts, Marshall and Sheri Millican, Joe and DeeAnna Harmon, and Bill and Linda Burns all of Robert Lee. Randle Harmon, Wayne and Dorene Mashburn, Rena Johnson, Jason Harmon, Jackie and Darlene Boyd, Brint, Robin, Brynson and Logan Harmon all of San Angelo.

Also present were Lawana M. Perry of Carlsbad; Troy, Susan and Cayla Millican of Sterling City; Jerry Harmon of Weatherford; James and Blanche Harmon of Benbrook; David and Sharon Rohmfeld of Rowena; Todd, Judy, Travis and Blake Holle, Fred, Debra, Brooke, Clint, and Gina Wilde all of Ballinger; Jim and Sheila Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; Doug Burns of Alpine; Clint Harmon and Stormy Senger of Midland; Mandy Box of Deer Park; Ron Harmon of Ft. Worth and Joe and Julia Ann Harmon of Southlake. Other descendants of the



**Harmon/Sparks Reunion!** Children of the late T. R. and Amanda Harmon of Robert Lee attending the Harmon/Sparks Reunion in Robert Lee on Saturday, June 5, 2004, include (from left) Floyd Harmon, J. D. Harmon, Inez Harmon Harper, Milton "Bill" Harmon, Randle Harmon and Alf Harmon (not pictured).

years, of Robert Lee.

**Robert Lee Baptist  
Church Briefs**

Youth group will hold a fundraiser car wash to benefit Youth Camp on Saturday, July 3rd at Cindy's Grocery & BBQ on Hwy. 208 in Robert Lee, beginning at 9 am. Youth camp will be July 12-16 in Brownwood.

Deacon sponsored picnic in the park on Sunday, July 4th at 4 pm, Robert Lee County Park, regular evening services canceled.

100th Anniversary Celebration, July 17 & 18.

For more information on any event, please call 453-2724.

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

**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  
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**Millican - Moore exchange vows**

Kannan Yvonne Millican and Aaron Joseph Moore were happily united in marriage on February 21, 2004 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee with Bobby Cox officiating the ceremony.

Kannan is the daughter of Marshall and Sheri Millican of Robert Lee, the granddaughter of Winnie Pitcock and the late Teddy Pitcock of Robert Lee, Lawana Perry of Carlsbad and Elton Millican of Grape Creek. She is also the great-granddaughter of Floyd and Jessie Harmon, also of Robert Lee. She is a 1997 graduate of Robert Lee High School and a 2001 graduate of Tarleton State University where she majored in Interdisciplinary Business with an emphasis in Real Estate. She is now employed by Kenmark Homes in Aledo.

Aaron is the son of Kim and Carol Moore of Denver City, Texas. He is the grandson of Joe and Jean Woods of Lubbock and Gary and Darlene Moore of San Angelo. He is a 1997 graduate of Denver City High School and a graduate of the Johnson County Fire Academy and is currently employed by the City of Flower Mound as a firefighter.

The bride was given away by her parents and escorted by her father. She wore a strapless beaded and sequined princess style dress. The skirt had multiple layers of tulle with pearl beads and sequins sporadically placed throughout the entire skirt and train. Her veil was a three-layered piece with a pearl and rhinestone tiara. The bride carried a solid red bouquet with Gerber daisies, roses, and lilies. Her something old was a pair of diamond stud earrings given her Grandma Winnie by her Grandpa Teddy. Her something new was her wedding gown. For something borrowed was a silver bracelet borrowed from her "honorary grandma" Yvonne Devoll. Her something blue was a fringe and bead filled garter, designed by Kannan and hand sewn by her college roommate and friend Misty Floyd. Her shoes for the evening were her red "Fat Baby" boots by Ariat.

The Maid of Honor was Andrea Dickerson, sorority sister and college friend of Fort Worth. The Matron of Honor was Ashley Herchmen, sorority sister and college friend of Waco. Bridesmaids were Stacy Jones, sorority sister and college friend of Fort Worth, Jill Carwright, sorority sister and college roommate of Fort Worth, Lindsey Tinsley, sorority sister and roommate of Houston, Stacy Hendry, childhood friend of Lubbock. Man of Honor who also stood on her side was her little brother, Stewart Millican of Stephenville. The bridesmaids all wore long red spaghetti strapped A-lined dresses with beaded empire waistlines. They carried white fresh flowers of lilies, roses, and Gerber daisies. The Man of Honor wore a black tuxedo with a black shirt and a red tie. The flower girl, Jessica Gaines of Dripping Springs, cousin of the bride, wore a full-length red and white stain dress.



**Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Moore**

The Best Man was Nick Boyd, high school friend of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Brent Bruton, high school friend and roommate of Lometa, Justin Stinson, college friend and roommate of Maypearl, Joey Isbell, college friend and roommate of Innis, Nicky Anchor, high school friend of Lubbock, and Daniel Harrington, cousin of the groom of Big Spring. Lady of Honor, who also stood on his side, was Stephanie Dudley-Womack, college friend of New Braunfels. The groom wore a long western cut black tuxedo; white shirt, silver vest and silver tie. The groomsmen wore the same black tuxedo with red vest and red tie. The Lady of Honor wore a long black halter-top dress with red trim, and carried a single red rose.

Ushers for the evening were Ronnie McCarroll, Steve Beagle, and Chance Nelms, all of the Flower Mound Fire Department. The men wore their Class A uniforms. Honorary guests were other members of the Flower Mound Fire Department, also wearing their Class A uniforms.

The church was decorated beautifully by Cathy Hendry and Kim Philly. Used in the foyer of the church was a registration table donated to the Baptist church by the bride's great aunts, Melva Winkler, Annice Walker, and Uncle Douglas Gartman, in loving memory of her grandpa, Teddy Pitcock. The table held a large floral arrangement of fresh red flowers. Helping with the registration table was Megan Percifull of Robert Lee, and Courtney Cloud of Dallas. The pews in the sanctuary were decorated with rustic candleholders, fresh ivy and red bows. The railing was covered in fresh ivy and small white candles. One large red candle on each side of the railing was lit in remembrance of the bride's grandpa, Teddy Pitcock, and cousin, Sara Pitcock, and in remembrance of the groom's aunt and uncle Jerry and Kathy White. Sister of the groom, Juniper Moore, and cousin of the bride, Cayla Millican, lighted all the candles. The stage included a rustic arch

decorated with ivy and red flowers. The unity candle and two white candlesticks were set to the side. The parents of the couple lighted the candles. These were later used during the ceremony to light the unity candle by the couple.

The reception was held following the ceremony at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall, which was transformed into an elegant room with tulle, lights, curtains, and fresh flowers. The bride's table was decorated with a white tablecloth, fresh ivy, and fresh flowers. The bride's cake was five layers and made by Kannan's Aunt Sharon Pitcock. As the backdrop an old wind-owed door, furnished by Robert and Marsha Wink, was also decorated with tulle, lights and greenery. The groom's table was decorated with a hunting-fishing theme and various pies were served. The couple was taken by the Robert Lee fire engine to the reception, driven by Rick Drennan. The attendants and guests all enjoyed brisket prepared by the bride's dad and Uncle Gaylon Pitcock. All the side dishes were served and prepared by many aunts and friends. After the dinner everyone enjoyed dancing and music played by Texas Country band, The Rusty Nails.

The rehearsal was held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church on February 20th with a rehearsal dinner following at the church fellowship hall. The fajita dinner was prepared by Mejour Que Nada and was given by the groom's parents, Kim and Carol Moore. The dinner was decorated with the fireman's theme, including hats, fire trucks and hot fireman suckers.

The couple enjoyed their honeymoon in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and are now residing in Aledo, Texas.

**Personal**

Sheila (Roberts) Farrar of Houston spent the week with her parents Bobby and Jeffie Roberts following Bobby's recent back surgery. Other overnight visitors were Bobby and Jeffie's granddaughters, Crystal Hammerton of Stephenville and Lauren Hammerton of Houston.

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**Robert Lee Basketball Camp!** A Basketball Camp was held in Robert Lee June 7-11, 2004. The students were given instruction in the game's fundamentals and participated in different contests throughout the week. Each camper received a water bottle, a basketball and a t-shirt for their participation in the camp.

Ball handling trophy winners (above photo) include (top row, from left) Kimberly Roach, Kasie Roberts, Chad Martin, Zachary Sanchez, (bottom row, from left) Zach Skinner, Will Howard, Makenna Netting, and Bianca Huapilla.

Free Throw trophy winners (photo below) include (top row, from left) James Roberts, Shelby Davis, Skyler Rainwater, Briana Brisbin, (bottom row, from left) Dawson Brisbin, Justin Gartman, Jordan Gartman and Bianca Huapilla.



**Waste and wastewater survey published**

Compiled by Beth Prather  
A water and wastewater survey for 2004 was covered in the Texas Town and City magazine put out by the Texas Municipal League.

Out of fifty-eight cities between the populations of 1,236 to 984, forty-three had sewer rates higher than Robert Lee's \$13.10 per 10,000 gallons. The highest rate was in Riesel (not listed in the Texas Almanac) at \$46.50 per 10,000 gallons and the lowest was at Gruver at \$6.00 per 10,000 gallons.

Twenty-one cities of the 58 cities shown were between \$20.00 and \$46.00 per 10,000 gallons. Sterling City is listed as having a \$10.00 charge for \$10,000 gallons; Bronte at \$7.00; Tye at \$13.70 and Cross Plains at \$15.00 per 10,000 gallons for sewer service.

There were fifty-nine cities between the populations of 1,231 down to 950 listed in the water rates section. Forty-eight cities were shown to be higher than Robert Lee's \$22.05 per 10,000 gallons with an 8,000 gallon average use. The highest

water rate within these cities is Knox City at \$86.60 with 450 meters and an average use shown to be zero.

Wortham showed a \$67.99 fee for 10,000 gallons of water with 547 meters and an average use of 4,775 gallons per month. Fourteen of the cities in this category had rates of \$40.00 plus; eight cities were between \$50 and \$60 per 10,000 gallons of water.

The lowest rate is White Deer at \$19.00 per 10,000 gallons with 535 customers and an average use of 4,606 gallons per month. Sterling City showed a charge of \$24.50 with 465 customers and an average use of 7,500 per month. Bronte has a charge of \$26.00 with 514 meters. Tye showed a \$51.85 charge with 570 meters and an average use of 5,983. Gruver showed a \$18.75 charge with 541 meters and an average use of 18,000 gallons. Cross Plains charged \$44.50 with 575 meters and an average use of 6,000 gallons.

In commercial rates Robert Lee shows an \$88.05 charge for 50,000 gallons. Sudan showed \$401.00 for 50,000 and Maud showed \$24.50 for 50,000. Twenty-one cities charge between \$100 and \$184; ten cities charge between \$200 and \$300 for 50,000 gallons. Bronte has a charge of \$101.75; Sterling City \$104.50; Cross Plains \$184.50 and O'Donnell charges \$51.80 for commercial water.

The highest average water rates are in cities between 20,000 and 40,000 at \$33.97 with 7,778 meters and an average use of 9,747 gallons. The lowest average on water rates is in cities of more than 500,000 at \$23.75, with 221,441 meters and an average use of 8,584 gallons per month. Highest sewer rates are in cities over 500,000 at \$37.42 and the lowest sewer rates are in towns of 2,000 or less at \$20.43.

The average rates in towns of 2,000 or less is \$37.71 for 10,000 gallons with 586 meters and 7,167 average use. Sewer rates show an average of \$20.43 and an average of 408 meters.

**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 (Bronte) or myself Gale Sartain (San Angelo) a call and we will be more than happy to answer your questions.



**More Basketball Camp Winners!** Hot Shot trophy winners (top photo) include (top row, from left) Dawson Brisbin, Justin Gartman, Jordan Gartman, Briana Brisbin, Skyler Rainwater, (bottom row, from left) Zach Skinner, Will Howard, James Roberts, and Bianca Huapilla.

Lay up trophy winners (bottom photo) include (top row, from left) Dawson Brisbin, Shelby Davis, Skyler Rainwater, Briana Brisbin, (bottom row, from left) Zach Skinner, Justin Gartman, Jordan Gartman, and Bianca Huapilla.



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**County swimming pools announce upcoming schedules**

Both the Bronte and Robert Lee swimming pools are open daily from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm during the summer. In addition, both pools have recently announced upcoming dates for Ladies and Teen Nights at the pools.

At the Bronte pool, Ladies Night is each Monday and Friday from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. Teen Night is each Wednesday from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

At the Robert Lee pool, Ladies Nights are Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Teen Nights are July 21 and August 4 from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Another Teen Night has been planned for August 14 after the football scrimmage with May.

Local residents and guests are invited to come out and support the local pools and have fun in the sun this summer.

**Alexander, Baker named Good Citizen award winners by DAR**

The Pocahontas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Good Citizen awards to graduating high school seniors from 19 area schools. The awards were based on leadership, patriotism, citizenship, and service to the school.

Winners included Josh Alexander of Robert Lee and Tyson Baker of Bronte.

**Marrs, Wallace receive Excellence in History awards**

Ariel Marrs of Bronte and Rachel Wallace have been presented Excellence in History awards from the Pocahontas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The DAR annually presents these awards to high school seniors from 19 area schools. The award is based on the highest grades for all social studies taken in high school.

**Local students named award winners**

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Lindsey and Chase Roe have been named a United States Award Winners. Lindsey has been named winner in Cheerleading and Mathematics and Chase in Mathematics.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Lindsey and Chase who attend Robert Lee High School will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens,

Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Parents of Lindsey and Chase are Kevin and Tammy Roe of Robert Lee and grandparents are Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe, also of Robert Lee.

**BISD board meets for Public Hearing**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met Thursday, June 24, 2004 at 6:30 pm for the Public Hearing on Expenditures of Federal Funds for 2004-2005. The meeting was followed by a budget workshop. Those present were Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, Gary Acker, Gina McCutchen, Nancy Cooper, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Board members, David Scott and Bobby Frazee were absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Wayne Coalson.

The board discussed the Federal Expenditures for the 2004-2005 year. The 2003-2004 budget was reviewed and the 2004-2005 budget was discussed.

The next regular board meeting will be August 12, 2004, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:15 pm.

**RLHS reunion scheduled**

A reunion of classes graduating from Robert Lee High School from 1950 to 1970 is planned for August 7th and 8th in San Angelo. Anyone attending these classes at any time, attending any other class or just wanting to join the group are invited.

The afternoon and evening are planned with many fun remembrances, with a breakfast on Sunday morning. Several individual classes have planned activities on Friday evening and Saturday morning for reunions.

Classmate have registered from as far away as Washington and Florida. For more information contact Fran Lomas at 325-453-2894 or flomas@wcc.net. Deadline for registering is July 23rd.

**Texas Tech awards degrees**

Spring 2004 commencement at Texas Tech University saw approximately 2,330 students awarded degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place May 15 in the United Spirit Arena on the Lubbock Campus.

Robert Lee graduates were: Benjamin Joseph Bessent, Bachelor of Business Administration and Jerrod Daryl



**Coke County Old Jail Tour!** Jeffie Roberts conducted a tour of the old Coke County Jail in Robert Lee (above photo) for Bronte Elementary 2nd graders on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. The students were accompanied by their teacher Terri Rawls and by Gloria Allen.

The students also were shown through the Coke County Courthouse (photo below), Robert Lee City Hall, Coke County Library, Observer/Enterprise, Robert Lee State Bank, and the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau office.

Copeland, Master of Science.

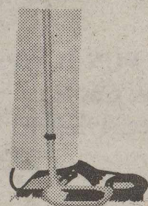
Also 2,126 students qualified for the Honors List, which is comprised of the President's List and Dean's List. Texas Tech sophomore Shelby Zane Roe of Robert Lee qualified for the President's List.

**Bronte Volunteer Fire Department runs for May**

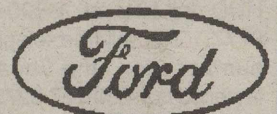
- 05/02 - 17:00 - vehicle fire
- 05/28 - 23:00 - motor vehicle accident
- 05/29 - 15:00 - gas leak
- 05/30 - 20:30 - assisted EMS



**IVEY MOTOR COMPANY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY GOLF TOURNAMENT**



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ENTRY FEE: FREE

**RULES:**

1. Play 18 holes Sunday, July 4, 2004, or Monday, July 5, 2004. Final tee off time is 1 pm on Monday.
2. Low ball Tournament
3. All score cards need to be in before 4 pm on Monday, July 5, 2004.
4. There will be a blind draw for partners on two man teams. Everyone must register before you tee off.

\$50 will be given for closest to pin on holes 8, 9, and 10.

Another \$50 for the longest drive on #6 in fairway.

**LET'S START A FIRE ANT CONTROL FUND!**

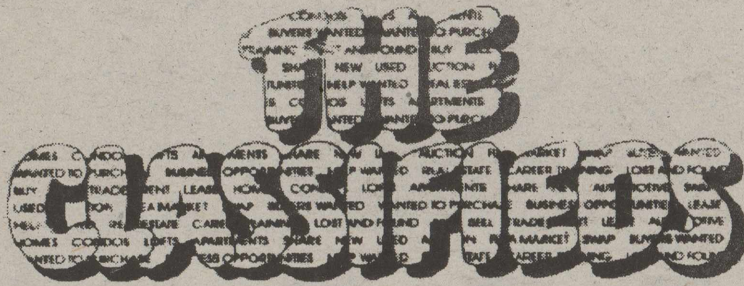
\$200 will be donated to Mountain Creek Golf Club in the name of the golfer with the lowest score posted to start a Fire Ant Control Fund.

There will be cash prizes to the 5 top teams.

- 1st \$200
- 2nd \$150
- 3rd \$100
- 4th \$50
- 5th \$50

Free entry fee does not exclude green fees and cart rental.





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 Rates when paid in advance.  
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 25¢ Per Word  
 A service charge will be  
 added to all ads which  
 must be billed.  
**ADVERTISING DEADLINE**  
 Tuesdays at 2 pm

**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:**  
 All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.  
 This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



**FOR SALE**

**COMPUTERS**  
 New and Used. Repairs, upgrades, internet service. Ed Martindale, 473-3004.

22-tnc

**FOR SALE**

3 BR trailer, 2 baths on corner lot. Cover over trailer with big porch. 949-7210.

46-4tp

**Political Calendar**  
**The Observer/Enterprise**

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

**COKE COUNTY SHERIFF**  
 Rick Styles  
**COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1**  
 Troy Gene Montgomery

**FOR SALE**

2 Bdrm mobile home, 56x14, good condition. Located in Cedar Cove Development, Robert Lee, Texas. Aprox. lot size 1/2 acre. Water. Call 432-362-6546.

48-4tp

**FOR SALE**

Solid wood bunk beds. Full size on bottom - twin on top. Mattresses in great shape included. \$400 obo. 473-6116.

49-1tp

**rsj Expressions**  
 "Quality Video, Affordable Price"  
 Weddings • Birthdays • Graduations • Anniversaries • Quinceaneras • Photo Montage  
 Home: 325.651.7968  
 Cell: 325.656.4050

Bob Frazer's 944-0010  
 473-6603



**Texas Best**  
 Deflooding & Carpet Cleaning

24 hr. Emergency Water Damage Service

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**  
 Furnished or unfurnished. Very clean 2 BR, 1 bath. Corner of 5th & Chadbourne, Robert Lee. Central heat and air. Evelyn Flanagan 453-4359.

47-tnc

**TAKING APPLICATIONS**  
 for one, two & three bedroom apartments. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.

29-EOW

**NICE! NEW! BRICK!**

3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths  
 2 bedroom 2 baths  
 Now Available!  
 Call: 915-473-3105  
 for information or  
 915-473-9548

**Santa Fe Crossing Duplexes**  
 320 SE Railroad  
 Bronte, Texas 76933  
 44-51tp

**FOR RENT**

1 bedroom/1 bath house in country near Bronte. \$300/mo. plus electric. \$200 deposit. 473-6021.

40-tnc

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**I AM NO LONGER**

associated with Main Street Hair Salon or Kathy (KC) La Fountain. Joy Parks 453-2860.

47-4tp

**ANYONE INTERESTED**

in a DVD or VHS copy of the Bronte High School Graduation and/or the Bronte Kindergarten Graduation, please call 325-656-4050.

45-6tc

**FIESTA FUN JUMPS**

Sports Arena & Castle  
 Jeff & Kim Lee, 473-2075

38-tnc

**PARKER PLUMBING**

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

34-tnc

**THE "BARBER" SHOP**

Debora England, 223 N Lombard, Bronte. 473-4026. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm.

33-tnc

**GARY'S BACKHOE, INC.**

For your backhoe, motorgrader, dozer and dump truck needs. Sand - Gravel. 450-2418 Gary Hubbard.

27-tnc

**HELP WANTED**

**UTILITY CONTRACTOR**  
 looking for year-round employees: High-voltage linemen, linemen helpers, heavy equipment mechanics, and CDL drivers. Work is located out of state. Need ambition! 800-669-5496.

49-1tp

**ASH-MILLICAN-CARSON REAL ESTATE**

453-5144 OFFICE • 5 E 6TH STREET • ROBERT LEE, TX  
 JOE ASH www.amcwesttexasranches.com MARSHALL MILLICAN  
 473-0164 MOBILE • 453-2554 HOME 473-0437 MOBILE • 453-9002 HOME

**Bronte**  
**New Listing**, 3 BR, 1 BA home. Beautifully painted interior, ceramic tile and hardwood floors, 16 x 32 shed with pens  
**2 BR, 1 BA** Nice starter home, close to school, \$12,000  
**Extra Nice** 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, 1470 +/- sq. ft. on four lots with water well  
**Blackwell** Extremely Nice 3 BR 2 BA Brick Home. Large closets, single garage, brick workshop, storm cellar  
**Oak Creek Lake** 3 BR, 1 BA, Nice lake house, Possible owner finance  
**Robert Lee**  
**New Listing**, Beautiful Austin Stone home, 2556 sq. ft. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 Living Areas or 4th BR. Large attached single garage, 12 x 25 workshop with 1/2 bath, 14 x 25 partially enclosed carport, beautiful lawn w/sprinkler system.  
**On Lake Spence**, with scenic views from this two story 3 BR, 2 BA lake home with a 2 car garage.  
**Office Exclusive**, 3 BR, 3 BA, 2570 +/- sq. ft., Spacious Kitchen, Dining Area, Hardwood Floors, Beautiful Yard with Large Trees, Detached 17' x 17' finished game room  
**Country Living in the City** 8 acres 2 BR/2 BA brick home with fireplace, 2 car attached garage. Barn and large shop.  
**Watch the wildlife from the front porch**, 2 BR, 1 BA Brick veneer home with metal carport, \$20's  
**Priced to Sell**, 4 BR, 2 bath, large den with second living area. CA/CH over 2100 sq. ft.  
**3 BR, 2 BA** home with screened-in porch with view, Possible Owner Finance \$20's Acreage  
**1263 +/- Acres**, Large Metal Barn, 4 tanks, water well, wildlife food plots. Great Hunting  
**636 +/- Acres**, Rolling to mountainous area, 2 water wells, **SOLD** rural water available, good hunting  
**567 +/- Acres**, All pasture, good water well, nice hunting cabin, joins large ranch, excellent hunting  
**320 +/- AC.** Secluded, rolling terrain with hills and mountainous views, older rock home. Two water wells, crossed fenced. Good hunting.  
**314 +/- AC.** Live Oak trees on Yellow Wolf Creek, good water well, 230 ac. cultivation, good hunting.  
**200 +/- AC.** w/3 BR, 2 BA Brick home. 2 car garage, 40 x 40 all steel barn, good well, 87 ac. in cultivation. Great hunting.  
**147 +/- AC. MAKE OFFER!** All Pasture. Convenient to Robert Lee. Flat to rolling terrain. Good hunting.  
**130 +/- AC.** Convenient to Bronte. 3 BR, 2 BA home with 30x40 Shop.  
**93 +/- AC.** Highway frontage, water well, 81 ac. CRP income.  
**80 +/- Acres**, Very nice ranch style home with 3 BR, 2 BA 2 Living Areas. All Steel Horse and Cattle Pens. 3 Large Barns.  
**Other Listings Available**

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LICENSED ELECTRICIAN • INSURED & BONDABLE ANY TYPE OF JOB  
**TOMMY WILLIAMS**  
 ROBERT LEE, TX  
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 MOBILE: 325-277-7370

**ROBERT LEE ISD**

is accepting applications for the position of Special Education instructional paraprofessional in the elementary. Applications will be accepted until filled. Applications can be picked up in the Superintendent's office. Qualifications: Applicants must meet State and Federal requirements under NCLB. Must have completed two years of study at an institution of higher education, or obtain an associate's (or higher) degree (equivalent of 48 college hours); or met rigorous standards of quality through PAKS, or be able to demonstrate through a formal assessment, knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics (or, as appropriate, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness.) For more details call Janet Wallace at 453-4555.

48-2tc

**GARAGE SALES**

**HUGE YARD SALE**

Sat. & Sun. 9-? Piano, 2 antique dinettes, men & women's name brand suits, many nice clothes & shoes - some new! Hwy. 158 toward Sterling City, Edith Estates, follow signs!

49-1tp

**GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, 7:30 am - 3 pm SW Railroad, Bronte. Dining table-chairs, recliner, patio table, chairs, glass table top, bar stools, lots more.

49-1tp

**Concho Realty**  
 Office 653-4535  
 Home 453-4748  
  
 Becky Clendennen  
 Compare rent prices to the LOW, LOW Payment you may have if you BUY!!!  
  
**WORKSHOP, CARPORT & GARAGE!** 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, privacy fenced yard near RLSB! \$40's!

**POSSIBLE 4 BEDROOM BRICK HOME!** Fireplace in Living & Dining! Approx. 20'x40' Shop! Fenced Area for Horse! \$80's!  
  
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...More Classifieds

**CARD OF THANKS**

**THANKS TO ALL**

our friends and relatives for the visits, prayers, phone calls, flowers and cards following Bobby's recent back surgery.

Bobby and Jeffie Roberts  
49-1tp

**WE CANNOT FIND**

words to express our deepest heart felt emotions for our friends who in their caring ways filled our hearts with Love in the loss of Higgins.

Chrys Higgins, Janie Sue Bruton  
Lela Smith & Cora Terry  
& All relatives  
49-1tp

**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDER TO CHANGE  
ELECTION PRECINCT 4  
POLLING LOCATION**

On this the 24th day of May, 2004, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Coke County hereby orders that the Election Precinct 4 polling location be changed from The Old Depot located at 635 W. Main in Bronte, Texas to City Hall located at 114 S. Washington in Bronte, Texas.

Signed this the 24th day of May, 2004  
Roy Blair, County Judge  
49-1tc

**NOTICIO PUBLICO  
ORDEN PARA CAMBIAR  
LOCALIZION DE COMICIOS  
DE ELECCION DEL  
DISTRITO 4**

En este dia el 24 de Mayo, El Honorable Corte de Comisarios de Condado de Coke ordene el localizion de Comicios Eleccion del Distrito 4 cambie de localizion 635 W. Main en Bronte, Texas para el City Hall, localizion 114 W. Washington en Bronte, Texas.

Firmado este dia el 24 de Mayo, 2004  
Roy Blair, Juez del Condado  
49-1tc

**CITY OF BRONTE DRINKING  
WATER REPORT**

In accordance with U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) regulations, a Consumer Confidence Report (Drinking Water Quality) has been prepared for distribution to customers of the City of Bronte Water System. The report was mailed June 28. Copies are also available at the City Hall beginning June 28, 2004.

49-1tc

**CITY OF ROBERT LEE  
PUBLISHES WATER  
QUALITY REPORT**

In accordance with U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) regulations, a Consumer Confidence Report Drinking Water Quality Report has been prepared for distribution to customers of the Water System of the City of Robert Lee. The report was mailed on 6-29-04, 2004. Copies are available at City Hall.

49-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF ROBERT LEE  
TEXAS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM-  
TEXAS CAPITAL FUND**

The City of Robert Lee will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on July 12, 2004 at the City Hall in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Capital Fund (TCF) grant application. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the

citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, local economic development needs, the amount of TCDP-TCF funding available, all eligible TCDP-TCF activities, estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons, plans of the City to minimize displacement of persons and to assist persons actually displaced as a result of activities assisted with TCDP-TCF funds, if applicable, and the use of past TCDP-TCF funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this Texas Capital Fund application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Mayor  
City of Robert Lee  
49-1tc

**BRONTE ISD**

is accepting proposals for one inch polyurethane foam spray roofing or foam board roofing on approximately 13,134 square feet. For Specifications contact the Superintendent's Office, Bronte ISD 325-473-2511. Proposals are due July 8, 2004 at 2:00 pm in the Superintendent's Office, 210 South Jefferson, or FAX# 325-473-2313.

49-1tc

**RLISD IS ACCEPTING**

sealed Bids on a 1986 Ford F250 pick-up. Bids will be accepted until July 19th at 3:00 pm. Please see George Grim or call 453-4555. Send sealed bids to the Robert Lee ISD Superintendent's office at 1323 Hamilton, in Robert Lee, Texas 76945. The truck may be seen adjacent to the Robert Lee ISD maintenance building and press box.

48-3tc

**ROBERT LEE ISD**

currently has a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. In the near future, the School Board will appoint a trustee to serve until the next regular election. The qualifications for being on the School Board are living in the school district, and being a registered voter in the district.

If you meet the qualifications and would like to be considered for appointment, please contact M. Lindsey Wallace, Superintendent, Robert Lee ISD at 453-4555.

48-2tc

**Grilling Outdoors Safely**

By Jan Yanez  
County Extension Agent

Outdoor grilling is a popular way to prepare food during warmer weather while enjoying the company of family and friends. However, grilling does "open the door" to foodborne illness if proper cleanliness and preparation measures are not followed. also, excessive smoke and charring may be unhealthy and should be avoided. To keep your cookout a fond memory rather than a regretful experience, follow these simple steps. Food Preparation:

\*Select fresh meat, poultry, or

seafood that is high quality for best cooking results.

\*Keep these perishable products at 40°F or colder until immediately before grilling. Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator or defrost in microwave and immediately place on grill.

\*Marinate foods in the refrigerator and discard leftover marinade.

\*Wash your hands before and after working with raw meat, poultry or seafood.

\*Wash your work surfaces and cutting boards with hot soapy water before and after preparing food. To sanitize use 1 tsp. Bleach per quart of water. If possible, use a separate cutting board for fresh produce and raw meat, poultry, or seafood.

\*When away from home, keep your meat and poultry away from other food in a separate cooler with ice.

\*After placing raw meat on the grill, wash utensils and platters with hot, soapy water before using them to serve cooked food.

\*Cook foods to an internal temperature that destroys harmful bacteria. Check the temperature by placing a thermometer in the center-most part of the meat, not touching the bone.

Internal temperatures for thorough cooking to prevent food-borne illness are:

Whole poultry 180°F; poultry

breasts 170°F; ground beef patties 160°F; ground poultry 165°F; beef, veal, or lamb steaks, roasts, or chops 145°F; all cuts of pork 160°F

\*Serve food immediately after grilling or keep at 140°F or above until served.

\*Place on a clean platter.

\*Discard any food left out longer than 2 hours or 1 hour if temperature is above 90°F.

**Grilling Tips**

To prevent heavy smoking or charring of food and less smoke in your eyes follow these tips:

\*Choose low-fat meats or trim excess fat before grilling.

\*Precook meat in the microwave or by boiling to release juices that may cause flare-ups. Do not interrupt cooking. Immediately transfer pre-cooked food to the grill to finish cooking and provide "cookout" flavor.

\*Avoid high-fat marinades or basting sauces.

\*Cover grill with aluminum foil. Punch holes between grids to remove juices.

\*To decrease heavy smoke from dripping fat, rearrange the food to another place on the grill, rotate the grill, or decrease the heat.

\*Cook meat until done but not charred. Remove charred or burned material from the food

and discard. Do not eat charred or burned pieces!

**Fireworks safety tips**

By Bud Thompson  
Robert Lee Fire Marshall

Fireworks are illegal within the city limits of Robert Lee.

If you are planning to set off fireworks, here are some safety tips.

If possible, leave fireworks to the professionals. Many organizations have free fireworks displays.

Child safety comes first, do not let children play with ignited fireworks. Read and follow instructions and warnings before igniting fireworks.

Check to be sure no one is in the way of shooting fireworks, including structures. Just because the rocket is supposed to go straight up, doesn't mean it cannot misfire.

Sparklers burn at such a high temperature they can quickly burn hands and clothing. You do not want to end up in the emergency room with a burned child.

Light your fireworks on a smooth flat surface out in the open and away from structures, dry grass or other flammable materials.

If you are at home, keep a hose close by, if at a picnic a bucket of water should be handy.

Never re-light any fireworks that have not fully functioned. Chances are it will go off in your hand.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that Bronte Independent School District, using construction manager-agent services for construction, will receive sealed, written bids in Bronte I.S.D.'s Cafeteria, 210 S. Jefferson, Bronte, Texas, until 4:00 pm C.D.T. on Thursday, July 22, 2004, for individual construction contracts encompassing (but not limited to) site work, concrete, masonry, structural steel, glue laminated wood beams, millwork, doors, windows, interior finishes, mechanical, and electrical work for construction of a new varsity gymnasium.

Any bid received after 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 22, 2004, will be returned unopened. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Bronte I.S.D. Cafeteria beginning at 4:00 p.m. C.D.T. on the same date that bids are received. The Owner or Construction Manager Agent will not be responsible for bids that are mis-sent, mis-delivered, misplaced, or received after the submission deadline.

All bids must generally comply with specifications, be submitted on the Bid Form included in the documents for each bid package submitted, and include bid security when required. Any bid received without proper bid security or on a form other than that provided in the documents will not be read and will be recorded as "non-responsive" without recourse.

For individual bid packages in excess of \$25,000.00 encompassing labor only or both material and labor shall include with bid form a Bid Bond or a certified cashiers check in the amount of 5% of bid guaranteeing that contractor will furnish Payment Bond and a Performance Bond of not less than one hundred (100) percent of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying the labor or furnishing the materials used on this project. Costs of all bonds shall be paid by each bidder.

**FAXED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

**MODIFICATIONS TO BID PACKAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!**

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, will be issued by the Architect beginning Wednesday, June 30, 2004, and may be examined at no cost during normal business hours at the following:

CADCO Architects - Engineers, Inc.  
2401 S. Willis, Suite 200  
Abilene, Texas 79605  
325.695.6281 fax.695.6291

Bronte I.S.D.  
Superintendent's Office  
210 S. Jefferson  
Bronte, Texas 78933  
325.473.2511

Concho Valley Plan Room  
818 N. Bell  
San Angelo, Texas 76905  
325.655.3539

Abilene AGC Plan Room  
1326 S. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Abilene, Texas 79602  
325.676.7447

Construction documents may be procured upon receipt by the architect at the above address of a \$150.00 refundable deposit plus contractor paid postage. Plan holders not returning construction documents within two weeks of bid date will forfeit their plan deposit.

Bronte I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the bid considered most advantageous to Bronte I.S.D. including consideration of amount bid and/or time to complete work. In addition to the selection criteria referenced in Texas Education Code section 44.031, the District may rank the proposals based on the following.

WEIGHT	CRITERIA
60%	Value of base proposal (Bid Price)
10%	Contractor's ability to meet the needs of the Owner
10%	Contractor's experience with same size and magnitude projects
20%	Contractor's past relations with the Owner and Construction Manager Agent



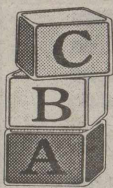
**Eastern Star officers installed**

Jeffie Roberts was installed as Worthy Matron of Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 Order of the Eastern Star for the eleventh time at their stated meeting June 10, 2004. She is also serving as Deputy Grand Matron, District V, Section I of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Other officers for 2004-2005 are Leonard Leverington-Worthy Patron, Jackie Walker-Associate Matron, Bobby Roberts-Associate Patron, Beverly Sinclair-Secretary, Reba Tabor-Treasurer, Gayna Eldred-Conductress, Melba Gray-Associate Conductress, E.E. (Buddy) Eldred-Chaplain, Nancy Allen-Marshal, Dessie Kendall-Organist, Tammy Roe-Adah, Dovie Cummins-Ruth, Dolores Roe-Esther, Mary Beth Drennan-Martha, Lois Leverington-Electa, James (Red) Stephens-Warder, and Kevin Roe-Sentinel.

Installing officers were Ettie Hubbard of Bronte-Installing Officer, Janey Lindsey of Rankin-Installing Marshal (Deputy Grand Matron, District V, Section II), Deborah McCullough of San Angelo-Installing Organist, Earline Moore of Bronte-Installing Chaplain and Lanette Fletcher of Bronte-Secretary of Pro-Tem.

Following the meeting, delicious food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Visitors attending were Midge Gooch and Jimmy Sinclair of Robert Lee. Members present were from Bronte, San Angelo, Rankin and Robert Lee.



**Look Who's New!**

**Preston Blake Warren**

Preston arrived June 16, 2004 at 11:27 am. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Justin and Amanda Warren of Lubbock.

Preston was greeted at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock by his big sister Hallie, big brother Jayton, grandparents Robert and Gayla Sanders of Robert Lee and Scott and Tweedy Warren of Ballinger, Aunt Melissa Williams of San Angelo and Amber Warren of Ballinger.

Preston and his family will soon be moving to Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

**Check Out  
Coke Co.  
Library**

The Coke County Library Summer Fun Reading Program held a drawing for a slumber bag which was the prize of the week of July 25th. The winner was Dusty Howard who read and turned in a whole stack of books. For each book returned, readers can add their names for the weekly drawings during the summer.

Next week's prize is a set of four XL Water Blasters which are water guns in wild colors that have an extra jet pack water tank "to really soak your opponent."

The library appreciates the moms, dads, and baby-sitters who are bringing the children to the library for books this summer. The reading they do will have an effect on their progress in school. Recreational readers traditionally have the best grades.

Several new books on tape have been received. Some of the authors are Louis L'Amour, Jeffrey Archer, Lawrence Sanders, Elaine Coffman and R.J. Kiser. These are good for vacations or road trips during the summer. The tapes are in cassette form.

**Capitol  
Comments**

**More than a BBQ**

This Fourth of July weekend, thousands of Texans will gather with family and friends, fire up the grill, ice down some drinks and sit back and enjoy one of our nation's favorite holidays, Independence Day. In 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed, there were 2.5 million people living in the 13 colonies. Today, there are more than 293 million Americans inhabiting 50 states, who will celebrate the founding of our great nation. And the Declaration that secured our independence still stands as the foundation of our democracy.

This quintessentially American celebration gives each of us an opportunity to commemorate the birth of our country and reflect on the day when dedicated patriots founded a nation based on freedom. Marquis De Lafayette, the Frenchman who was so moved by the American quest for independence, he crossed the Atlantic to join our battle said it this way, "Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country."

For 228 years now, America has been synonymous with liberty. It is rooted in our heart and soul. It is woven into the fabric of our being. As a current television advertisement states, "Don't fence us in", is practical-

ly our national motto." We are the embodiment of freedom to people everywhere, which is why thousands of people still arrive from the far reaches of the globe on our shores each year. They come in search of a better life for their families and a greater hope for their future.

So, the Fourth of July is more than a birthday party - it is a celebration of our hard-fought freedom and our God-given right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is also a time to honor those who continue the battle against terror and oppression to keep our freedom secure.

Today we are engaged in a struggle as fierce and as vital as any our nation has faced in its short history. Today's war on terrorism is a fight for freedom.

American soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq face the modern threat of terrorism. But while the tactics are more violent, the motives more insidious and the means more destructive, this enemy shares the common goal of all enemies throughout history: destroying freedom. We must not - and we will not - let them win.

Last year, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld addressed our troops on the Fourth of July, saying, "You are the men and women who are fighting this new war. Your gallantry and courage in the face of evil has stirred the souls of all Americans. Day after day, week after week, they have seen your faces and read your stories. They have shared your sorrows and celebrated your victories. And in each one of you they see reflected their deeply-felt honor, pride and patriotism. Through your valor and sacrifice, our Republic has been strengthened and renewed."

I could not agree more. Our troops, many of whom call Texas home, face a difficult and challenging task, yet they do it with bravery and with honor. I have visited them in the battlefields and I have seen their commitment firsthand. They know the gravity of their mission and the importance of their success. These proud patriots serve with distinction and deserve our gratitude.

This year, remember that it's more than a backyard BBQ, red-white-and-blue streamers, downtown parade or fireworks display - the Fourth of July is a celebration of the freedoms afforded to us as citizens of the United States of America. This year, as you set out to enjoy your holiday take a moment to remember those who are sacrificing their personal safety, and even their lives, so that you may enjoy yours. God Bless America and Happy Fourth of July.

**35th Brice Reunion held**

102 people attended the annual Brice Reunion on June 19 & 20, 2004, held at the Winters Community Center. The first 18 years, the reunion was held at the Ballinger Park.

Everyone was happy to have Deena Burk, son, Jonathan and a friend, Emily Alvarez from Oceanside, CA for the first time at the family reunion.

Those attending were: Mary Snow of Carlsbad, NM; Mona Kirk-Vogel of Roswell, NM; Deena Burk & Jonathan of Oceanside, CA; Juanita Bradley, Earline Moore, & Joan Lightfoot of Bronte; W.A. & Dot Henley of Ingram; Marvin & Faye Henager, Eddie & Vickie Watts & Christopher, Gary & Melinda Brice & family, Amy Mudd, Janie Potts & boys of Belton; Kenneth & Cynthia Henager & girls of Moody; Billy Brice of Sweetwater; Gene Brice of Robert Lee; Horace & Odell McGinnis, Greg & Sherrie Johnson & family, Brandon McGinnis, Bodie & Kelly McGinnis, David & Scarlette Morgon & family of Mineral Wells; Loy Morris & Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Leon Brice & granddaughter Taylor Brice, Gloria Smith & Kelsey, Debbie & Eddy Parker & Ashley of Comanche; J.D. & Harriette Brice of Ennis; Iris Coffey of Port Lavaca; Teresa Long of Placedo; Joyce Weidner, Ben & Rita Blakeney, Leslie Brice,

Shirley Strokos, Sarah Gandy, Robert & Amanda Barron & family, Carolyn Weidner & daughter of San Angelo; David & Sonja Moore of Garland; Judy Snowden of Odessa; Stephen Blakeney of Pflugerville; Nita & Nikki Steven of Round Rock; Terry Sanders & Billy Michael, Bruce Sherrrod, Gaylon & Tina Mitchell & son of Abilene; Jim Bob & Cindi Webb and children of Cisco; Patsy Roberson & Vonda Grun & girls of Tuscola; and Anita Wood & Bob & Oleta Webb of Winters.

Visitors attending were Emily Alvarez of Oceanside, CA; Samantha Pate of Abilene; Laurin Curry of Belton; Travis Williams of Buffalo Gap; Bobbie Truelove & children of Abernathy and Johnny & Ann Walker of Winters.

**Personal**

Recent visitors in the home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee were Sheila (Roberts) and Jim Farrar, Lauren Hammerton of Houston, Crystal Hammerton and Ryan Stanford of Stephenville, Ann McClannahan and Willie Dee Anderson of Van, Joy and Johnnie Thompson of Ft. Worth. The group attended the Harmon-Sparks 65th Annual Reunion, June 5, 2004, and the 50th Wedding Anniversary reception of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, June 6, 2004.


**DPS holiday driving tips**

- \* Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.
- \* Have everyone in the vehicle buckle his or her seat belt.
- \* For long trips, have the car checked to make sure it is roadworthy.
- \* Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.
- \* Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.
- \* Be polite and courteous while driving-do not practice road rage behavior.

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