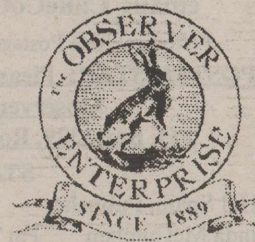


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Sanco

Homecoming set

Sanco's 52nd Homecoming is set for June 11 at the Sanco Tabernacle with the program beginning at 10 am.

There will be a covered dish lunch following the program at noon. Bring your meat, veggies, salad, or desserts. Iced tea and paper goods will be furnished.

June 3 and 10 have been designated as the days to get everything in order for the Homecoming. There is always lots of mowing, raking, and cleaning to be done. Come and help if you can. Your help will be appreciated.

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 12 and Thursday, June 15.

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.

Residents with normal Monday trash collection will be serviced on June 12. Residents with normal Thursday trash collection will be serviced on June 15.

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.

Basketball camp set

The Robert Lee Basketball Camp will be held Tuesday, June 13, through Friday, June 16 at the Robert Lee High School gym.

Camp time will be from 9 am - 12:30 pm each day. The camp is for ages 8-13. A camp t-shirt and ball will be included in the cost of the camp. Contact Wayne Alexander for registration, cost of camp and more information at 453-9313.

County Wide Fish Fry slated

A County Wide Fish Fry, benefiting the Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth Group Summer Camp is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, from 5 pm until it's gone! It will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall with Paul and Sid Burns cooking. Come and eat or carry out or take local delivery.

For ticket cost and other information call 453-2724 or e-mail church@wtxs.net.

Vision Plan

Ratification set

The ratification of the Bronte Vision Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, at 6 pm in the Bronte ISD Library. Everyone who would like to view the plan is invited to attend.

15th annual Coke County Rodeo set for June 17

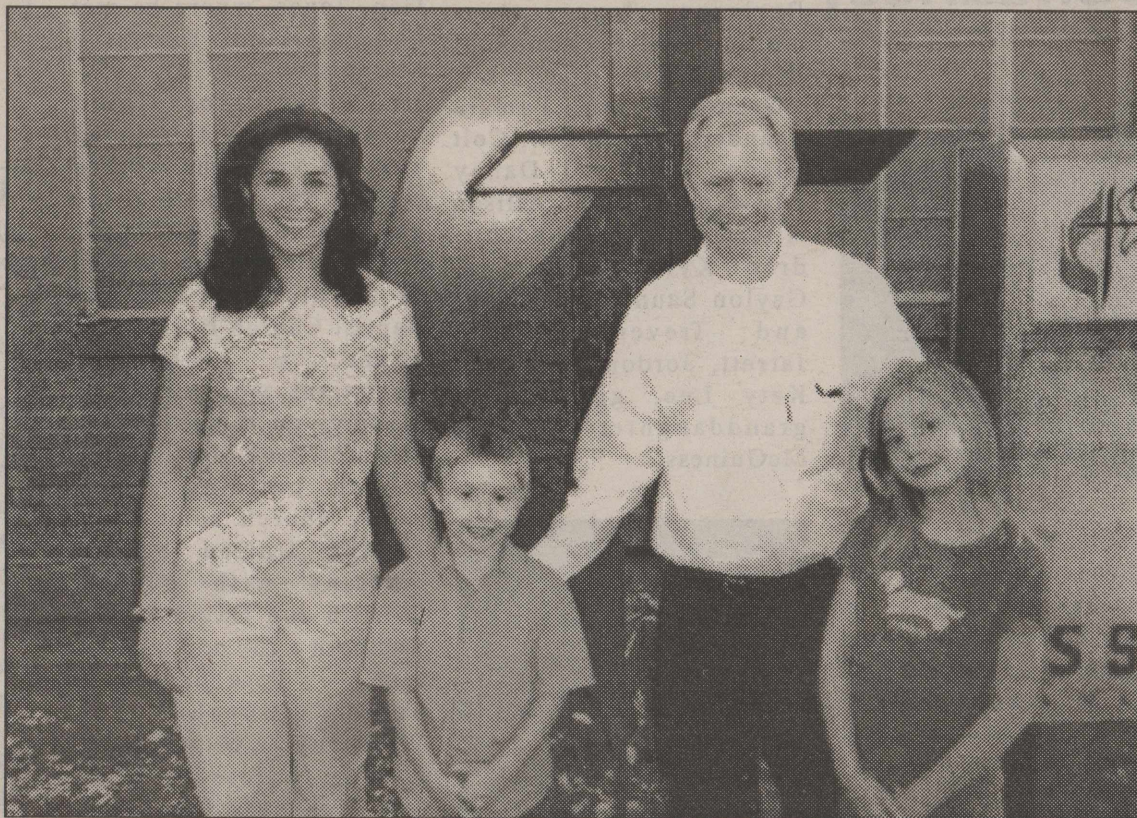
The 15th annual Coke County Rodeo has been set for Saturday, June 17, 2006, at the County Arena in Bronte. This year's edition will begin at 5:00 pm, with approximately sixteen area ranches vying for cash awards and buckles.

In addition, the Bronte Evening Lions Club will be manning the concession stand, with an array of barbecue plates, sandwiches, and all the trimmings. Texas Rain will be headlining the dance, which will immediately follow the rodeo.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 17, and plan to come out and enjoy the rodeo action, concessions, and dance, which benefit the youth of Coke County with college scholarship funding.

2nd annual Relay for Life set for June 16 at Bronte

Following a very successful inaugural Relay for Life last year, the 2nd annual Relay is set for Friday, June 16, beginning at 5:00 pm, at the Bronte Track Field. The first lap of the relay is dedicated to cancer survivors; so if you are a cancer survivor, you have a special invitation to walk, run, or stroll around the track in the Survivor's Victory Lap.



Bronte FUMC Welcomes New Pastor! *The Bronte First United Methodist Church welcomes their new pastor, David Bailey. David brings along his family, which includes wife, Elizabeth, daughter, Aubree, who is 8 and son, Everett, who is 5. David is a 1985 graduate of Central High School in San Angelo. He worked in the retail music business for 21 years before changing careers. David served as Pulpit Supply Pastor at Veribest United Methodist Church from August 1, 2005 until this appointment.*

Coke County team members will be enjoying games, food, music, and camaraderie while camping out on the surrounding grounds. Luminarias are still available by contacting Glenda Draper at 473-2050. For other information about the upcoming relay, contact Julie Springer at 473-7018.

Hickman reunion slated

The annual Hickman reunion will be held Friday and Saturday, June 23-24, 2006, at the Bronte Community Center. A bar-b-que and covered dish luncheon will begin around 1 pm. All friends and relatives are invited.

Vacation Bible School set

Adventures of the Treasure Seekers is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School, set for June 26-30 at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Activities will be held from 1:00 until 3:00 pm each day, and all area Pre-K students through 6th graders are invited to attend.

Anyone wishing to assist or for more information you may contact Glenda Mathers Taylor at 453-

2539, or Jeanette Jacobs at the church at 453-2417.

Summer Bash softball tourney

The second annual Summer Bash softball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, in Robert Lee at the Coke County Park. Last year, nine teams participated in a rousing day of softball, food, visiting, and cheering. The park was the place to be that day. This year, rosters will be required before the tournament starts to keep the playing level. For information call Brandi Ramon at 453-2831.

This year promises to be another Saturday to celebrate the Fourth of July a little early. Saturday evening Driftwood will play in the amphitheater. Some special events are being planned to entertain young and old alike.

Ladies Water Aerobics set

Ladies water aerobics sessions are being held at the Coke County Park swimming pool in Robert Lee on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 pm - 7 pm. Ladies of the county are encouraged to take

advantage of this time for aerobics.

RLBC to host blood drive

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, June 13, from 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call 453-2724 to schedule an appointment.

Game Night set

Youth Game Night, Friday, June 16 from 7-11 pm in the Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided.

Watermelon/Ice Cream Supper set

On Monday, July 3, 2006, the Senior Center in Robert Lee will be the site for an ice cream and watermelon supper, beginning at 6:00 pm. Sandwiches and chips will also be available. The event is, once more, potluck to make having these celebrations possible.

This event is not limited to those attending meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. All Seniors and their families are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Karla Hamrick at 453-4780 or Susan Millegan at 453-4790 or to the center at 453-2314.

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Obituaries



Glenn

Bobbie Jean Glenn died Wednesday, May 31, 2006, in an Amarillo hospital. A memorial service was held Saturday morning at 11:00 am at Brentwood Chapel, 4100 S. Georgia St., with the Rev. Mike Nuthman of Paramount Terrace Christian Church officiating.

Mrs. Glenn was born in Coleman, Texas on November 8, 1926. She graduated from Bronte High School.

She owned and operated Jack B. Quick Grocery Store in Amarillo for more than 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by son James Mason Glenn in 2004, son-in-law Charlie Alford in 2003, her parents Robert G. and Vera Forman. Robert died March 3, 1991, Vera died May 1974, brother Lonnie Forman May 2004.

Survivors include a daughter Elaine Alford of

Amarillo, brother Jim Forman and wife Laura of Burleson, Texas, step-mother Willie Forman of Bronte, Texas.

Grandchildren, Pamela Saunders, Molly Lee, Colt Glenn, Amy and Danny Clawson and Allison Alford. Great-grandchildren Kyla McGuiness, Gaylon Saunders, Amanda and Trever Clawson, Jarrett, Jordon, Jody and Katy Lee, great-great-granddaughter Aambree McGuiness.

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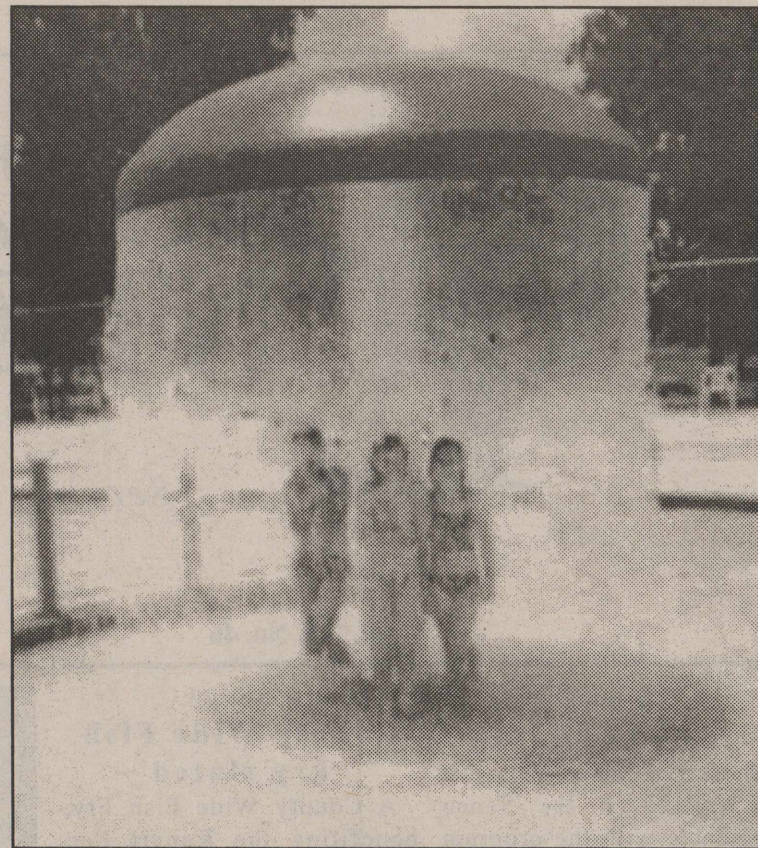
Prentice

Floyd W. "Pete" Prentice, went to be with his Lord, June 2, 2006. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 5, 2006 at the Robert Lee

Baptist Church in Robert Lee with burial following in the Robert Lee Cemetery with the Reverend Roy Epperson officiating. Visitation was Sunday with a family visitation from 4 pm - 5 p.m. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Pete was born March 20, 1928 in Levelland, Texas to Bradley and Gladys Prentice. At a very young age he moved with his family to Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, where he lived until 1945. His family then moved to Buffalo Gap, Texas, where he met and married Emmalee Marquis on July 15, 1950. He worked for Union Texas Petroleum, retiring after 38 years, he worked most of those years at the gas plant in Silver, Texas.

After retiring, he worked as a volunteer with the Baptist Church Builders of Texas, a group of Christians who by God's leading, go together each summer and build one church building for a needy church somewhere in the United States. Working with Clifton Griffith and David Strunk was both a joy and a privilege. Pete helped to build churches in Wyoming, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, and Texas. Pete also worked with the Texas Baptist Men Camp Builders, working in Baptist Encampments all over Texas. He loved doing this also, it was very exciting loading our travel trailer and heading down the road to another job. Pete loved to be working for the Glory of God.

He was a faithful member



Bronte Pool Mushroom! Looks like these three girls are enjoying one of the new installations, called the Mushroom, on opening day last week at the Bronte Pool.

of Robert Lee Baptist Church, serving as a deacon for many years. He was a Mason, belonging to Hayrick Lodge # 696.

Another joy of his life was camping with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Emmalee, of 56 years, daughters, Connie Prentice of Abilene, Susan Hanna and husband Gary of San Angelo, Son Richard Prentice and wife Bobbie of Drummond, Oklahoma and daughter Rhonda Marquis Jio and husband Henry of Wylie. Grandchildren, Justin Prentice of Drummond, Oklahoma, Ashley Marsh and husband Jeff of Enid, Oklahoma, Christopher Hanna and Chad Hanna of San Angelo. Great-grand-

son, Blaine Marsh of Enid Oklahoma. Sisters, Marilyn Allen and husband Wayne of Abilene, Irma Whorton of Prue, Oklahoma, brothers, Melvin and wife Velma of Buffalo Gap, Ross and wife Olabell of Roswell, New Mexico, Sister-in-laws Vivian Prentice of Rolla, Missouri, Louise Prentice of Abilene, Mavis Hundley and husband Lawrence of Abilene and Carolyn Marquis of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and numerous nieces and nephews, coworkers, and friends.

Special Thanks to Dr. Rahman and Vista Care for the care of our Husband, Daddy, and PaPa.

We will miss you, but we will be with you soon, tell everyone Hello. We love you!

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40!**



**Happy Birthday
Alisa Arrott
Webb!**

*Love, Jess, Zula,
Shawn and Brandy*

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Bronte
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Preacher John V. Driggers
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Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Larry Tianen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
Portis Ribble, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
Wed. 6 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting



Cleaning for Camp! Members of the Robert Lee Girl Scout Troop #194 spent Tuesday cleaning up for Robert Lee businesses to earn money for camp. The girls include (from left) Sydney Sheldon, Alexis Mendoza, Hanna Hamrick, Taylor Sheldon and Daria Tinkler.

Death Notices

Roberts

Lenn Roberts, 91, (formerly of Robert Lee) died Friday, May 26, 2006, in an Abilene Hospital. Services were held Monday, May 29, 2006, at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Faith in Abilene with burial in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Survivors include his son, Norman Roberts and wife, Hattie Jane, of Coahoma, Texas; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and a special nephew and his wife, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee.

DEan

(unusual capitalization is correct)

A. Z. "Bullcreek" DEan, 94, of Big Spring, formerly of Forsan and Robert Lee died Friday, May 26, 2006, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral Services were held at 2 pm, Monday, at Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee with Rev. Roy Epperson officiating. Burial was at Robert Lee Cemetery. The family received friends from 4 pm - 6 pm, Sunday, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He is survived by 2 daughters: Bettye J. Griffith and her husband Royce of Big Spring, and Barbara Tilley and her husband Marshall of Amarillo; 3 sons: Jerry DEan and his wife Pennie of Big Spring, Randy DEan and his wife Sydney of Perryton, and Ricky DEan and his wife Lana of Twenty-Nine Palms, CA; 2 sisters: Dorothy Robbins of Abilene and Ivy Reese of Washington; 10 grandchildren: Veanda Jones and her husband Bill, Rhonda Orr and her husband Dan, Annisa Dominguez and her

husband Anthony, Genifer Corley and her husband Alan, Tracey Smith and her husband Bob, Randall DEan, Holly Leal and her husband Mike, James Arthur Christopher DEan and his wife Mary, Jason "Jake" DEan and his wife Sarah, and Kelly Jo DEan; 12 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.

Coke County Food Pantry Memorials

Floyd Harmon
Nell Hines, Robert and Polly Large

Josh Hess
Fred and Mary Williams, Fred and Glenda Taylor

Marcela Blaylock
Nell Hines
Inez Roe
Nell Hines, Fred and Glenda Taylor, Joe and Marilyn White

Donations

Jeanne Galloway, Milburn Wink, Coke County Library Patrons, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McNabb, Inez and Kenneth Harper, North Side Church of Christ, Winnie Pitcock, Melva Winkler, Frances Lindsey, Robert Lee Baptist Church

Hayrick Masonic Lodge No. 696 Memorials

Lenn Roberts
Jessie Harmon, Lawana Perry, Dorene Mashburn, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Jim and Sheila Farrar, Lauren Hammerton, Ryan and Crystal Stanford, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts, Jerry and Janie Harmon

Floyd W. (Pete) Prentice
Lawana Perry and family, Dorene Mashburn and family, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts and family

Memorials and Donations may be mailed to Hayrick Lodge No. 696, PO Box 395, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

2006 BHS

Homecoming set

Mark your calendar for September 22-23, 2006. Plans are being made for an enjoyable homecoming for Bronte Exes. If you have postal/email addresses, pictures, time to help contact classmates and/or would help with the planning, call (325) 473-2284 or 473-2015. Look for details as plans are finalized and the September date approaches.



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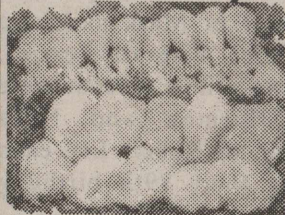
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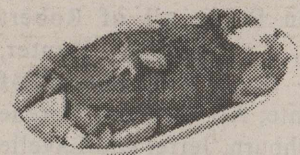
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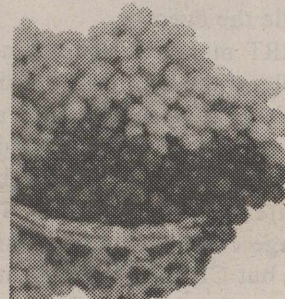
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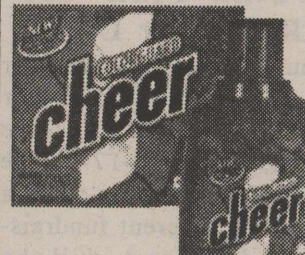
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\$17.89

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 3, 2006, for their 67th Annual Reunion. There were 70 relatives and friends of the family present.

The late Thomas (T.R.) Harmon was the son of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon. The late Amanda Elvira (Mandy Sparks) Harmon was the daughter of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks. The family of T.R. and Mandy Harmon present for the 67th reunion were:

J.D. Harmon, Nola Harmon, Milton (Bill) Harmon, Inez (Harmon) Harper, Lawana Perry, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts, Richard and Suzann Johnson, Bill and Linda Burns, Olean Stricklan and Jeremy and Aden Burns all of Robert Lee; Lee, Tammy, Hunter, and Zoey Hortenstine of Bronte; Alf Harmon, Dorene Mashburn, Jerrel and Lavelle Harmon, Brint and Brynson Harmon, Jason Harmon, Teresa Morgan, Jackie and Darlene Boyd all of San Angelo and Justin Grimes of Meridian, Mississippi.

Also present were Troy, Susan and Cayla Millican of Sterling City; Jerry and Janie Harmon of Weatherford; James and Blanche Harmon of Benbrook; Sharon Rohmfeld of Rowena; Judy, Travis and Blake Holle of Ballinger; Clint, Kelcie, and Shayla Harmon of Midland; Sheila Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston; Mandy Box of Deer Park; Jim and Sharon Eicke of Amarillo; Lisa Fite and MarKayla of Ferris; and Betsy Barton of Kerrville.

Another descendent of the late Joe C. and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon present was their granddaughter, Shirley Harmon-Lay of Midland. She is the daughter of the late George and Ruby Harmon.

Descendents of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks present were Murvil and Lois Hemphill and Estil and Olene Hemphill all of Gatesville; and Louise Drennan of Ballinger.

Friends of the family present were Mary Patterson and Pat (Wyanna Jones) Watson of Robert Lee; Nova Apgar of San Angelo; Mallori Mangus of Odessa; Alistair Laing of Houston; Mona Green of Lawton, OK; Wanda Gray of Ballinger; and Briana Brisbin and Emilee Yanez of Robert Lee.

The group enjoyed barbecue brisket and ribs cooked by Douglas Roberts and other delicious food brought by everyone. There was a lot of visiting, picture taking, domino and card playing,

swimming and golfing.

Jeffie Roberts welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She thanked everyone for helping make the reunion a great success as it is a TEAM effort. The group voted to continue to have the reunion on or nearest to the first Saturday in June which will be June 2,9, or 16, 2007.

The two youngest present were Zoey Hortenstine (15 month old daughter of Lee and Tammy (Harmon) Hortenstine of Bronte) and MarKayla Fite (18 month old daughter of Mark and Lisa (Harmon) Fite of Ferris). The two oldest present were J.D. Harmon and Nola Harmon of Robert Lee each having their 89th birthday later this year (2006).

The group was saddened by the loss of Floyd Harmon, age 93, on March 31, 2006.

CERT plans auction during Street Affair

The Citizens Emergency Rescue Team (CERT) is planning a professionally directed auction in connection with the Robert Lee Street Affair scheduled for Saturday, October 7 to raise funds for equipment and training. Oxley Auction Service will handle the event.

CERT members are asking people of the area to set aside any item that can be sold at auction to help with the fundraiser. No item is too small. No item is too large. No storage can be offered at this time but CERT is hoping that advanced notice will give everyone time to consider things they can donate.

The auction will not only raise funds for CERT, but will draw visitors to the Street Affair. The bigger the crowd, the better the booths will be and the more folks will be introduced to our town.

"Think Pink" for Relay for Life

Your support is needed for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Coke County, June 16-17. The "Think Pink" team is doing a couple of different fundraisers, and support will be greatly appreciated. The team be selling Satin Hands Peach Smoothie Sets and all

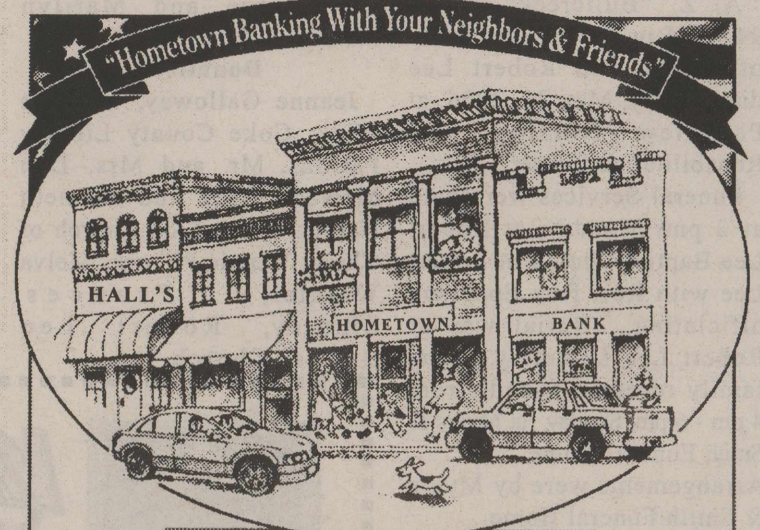


Harmon-Sparks Reunion held! Descendents of Thomas and Amanda Harmon present for the reunion included (top photo, left to right) Bill Harmon, Alf Harmon, Inez (Harmon) Harper and J.D. Harmon. Descendents of Mathew and Almeda Sparks present for the reunion include (bottom photo, left to right) Murvil and Lois Hemphill, Louise Drennan, Olene and Estil Hemphill.

profits will be donated to Relay for Life. They're also raffling a gift basket with \$350 of Mary Kay products, including a complete skin care system, spa set, pedicure set, sunscreen, and much much more. The basket may be viewed at Kickin' Up Roses in Robert Lee. The winner will be drawn the morning of the Relay, and need not be present to win. Satin Hands Sets and raffle tickets may be purchased at Kickin' Up Roses, Tiffany Roach, 453-2036 or by calling Tiffany Bruning 453-5321 or Tiffany Lange 473-2474 in Bronte.

Personal

home of her parents Bobby and Sheila (Roberts) Farrar, Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. Lauren Hammerton and They attended the Harmon-Alistair Laing of Houston Sparks Reunion June 3, were weekend visitors in the 2006.



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Robert Lee Cemetery Memorials

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E.H. Ivey

Jessie Harmon, Lawana Perry, Dorene Mashburn, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Jerry and Janie Harmon

William Lloyd Sparks

Jessie Harmon, Lawana Perry, Dorene Mashburn, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Jerry and Janie Harmon

Floyd Harmon

Elmer and Barbara Adkins, David and Voleta Dixon, Barbara Billings, Calvin and JoAnn Motl, Samantha Robertson, Ray and Leta Aldridge, Earleen Jones, Curtis and Pat Rosinbaum, Marion and Mary Sparks, Eddie and Peggy Evans, Don and Shirley Thomas, Shirley Sparks, David and Louise Drennan, Wanda Jones, Gary and Ann Jones, Mitch and Pauline Coxey, Ray and Linda Sparks, Terry and Dana Sparks

Marcela Blaylock

Jessie Harmon, Lawana Perry, Dorene Mashburn, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Jerry and Janie Harmon

Inez Roe

Elmer and Barbara Adkins, Jessie Harmon, Lawana Perry, Dorene Mashburn, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Jerry and Janie Harmon

LeVerne Cole

Elmer and Barbara Adkins, Jessie Harmon, Lawana Perry, Dorene Mashburn, Jerry and Janie Harmon

Jim Tabor

Jessie Harmon, Lawana Perry, Dorene Mashburn, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Jerry and Janie Harmon

Memorials and donations may be mailed to Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association, 130 Buffalo Creek Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945

Check Out Coke County Library

The first prize in the Summer Fun Reading Program at the Coke County Library was Dusty Howard who chose the scrapbook as her prize.

Other prizes to be won this summer are the Spider Man Fishing Rod, a badminton set, a giant, huge orange Frisbee, some mini dolls, a kick board, a super sized bubble blower, and a bucket of Hot Wheel cars.

Drawings are on Fridays at 11:30 am. Three books a day, or twelve books a week can be checked out with one entry in the drawing for

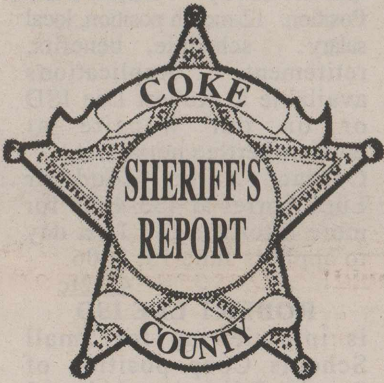
each book. The winner can pick a prize of her or his choice.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the book drop (be sure to put a piece of paper with name in book for drawing), the library, or the Main Street Market in Bronte.

Hammerton graduates from Klein Forest HS

Lauren Michelle Hammerton, daughter of Sheila (Roberts) and Jim Farrar of Houston and Bob Hammerton of San Angelo, graduated from Klein Forest High School in Houston May 27, 2006. Lauren was in the top 5% of her graduating class of 788 seniors and graduated Magna Cum Laude in the National Honor Society. She received a Scholarship from the Order of the Eastern Star.

Among those attending the graduation at the University of Houston were her grandparents Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, her uncle-Douglas Roberts and cousins-Kacee and James Roberts all of Robert Lee.



District Court Dispositions May 31, 2006

The State of Texas vs. Will Thomerson
Charge: Theft >\$1500 <\$20K
Plea: Guilty, Credit for time served 75 days, amount collected by the County \$0.00 amount spent by the County housing this inmate for 75 days \$2475.00

The State of Texas vs. Richard Donaldson
Charge: Possession of Controlled Substance
Plea: Guilty, 3 Years Deferred Adjudication, \$750.00 Fine, \$140.00 Restitution. Amount spent by County for housing this inmate for 1 day \$35.00

The State of Texas vs. Billy McQueen
Charge: Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More
Plea: Guilty, 8 Years Probation, \$1500.00 Fine, Amount spent by the County for housing this inmate for 11 days \$363.00

The State of Texas vs. Christopher Perdue
Charge: Possession of Controlled Substance
Plea: 4 Years Deferred Adjudication, \$750.00 Fine, \$140.00 Restitution. Amount spent by the County for housing this inmate for 10 days \$330.00

The State of Texas vs. Sommer Perdue
Charge: Possession of Controlled Substance
Plea: 4 Years Deferred Adjudication, \$750.00 Fine, \$140.00 Restitution. Amount spent by the County for housing this inmate for 10 days \$330.00

County Court Dispositions

The State of Texas vs. John Paul Vasquez
Charge: Violation of Protective Order
Plea: 30 Days Jail Credit
Amount spent by the County for housing this inmate for 30 days \$990.00

The State of Texas vs. Clinton Johnson
Charge: Failure to Identify
Plea: 30 Days Jail Credit, Amount spent by County for housing this inmate for 30 days \$990.00

The State vs. Thomas Aulmann
Charge: Theft by Check
Plea: 10 days jail credit, \$1.00 fine, \$261.00 Court Cost, \$86.33 Restitution, Amount spent by the County for housing this inmate for 10 days \$330.00

The State of Texas vs. Angela Arthur
Charge: Driving while license invalid
Plea: 6 Months deferred adjudication, \$400.00 Fine, \$249.00 Court Cost, 24 Hours Community Service. Amount Spent by County for housing this inmate for 1 day \$33.00

The State of Texas vs. William Burke IV
Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz
Plea: 6 Months Deferred Adjudication, \$400.00 Fine, \$249.00 Court Cost, 24 hours community service. Amount spent by county for housing this inmate \$33.00.

Total fines assessed by the county \$ 5530.00
Total spent by the county on jail bill \$ 5909.00

Eubanks Memorial Scholarship presented

Tina Arellano, a recent Robert Lee High School graduate, was presented with the Casey Eubanks Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 at the High School Awards Assembly.

SPC announces graduates

South Plains College recognized Adam Caston of Robert Lee at the 48th annual commencement on May 12 in Texan Dome.

"Commencement is the completion of one part of these student's lives," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "I anticipate the great things these students will accomplish in the future and we are proud of the class of 2006."

Caston earned an Associate of Applied Science in machinist trades and also



BH&RC Birthday Party! *Three Bronte Health and Rehab residents celebrated birthdays in April. They included George Hernandez (right) Bonnie Baker and Armenie Coalson. The residents celebrated with a party on April 28 with Coke Floats hosted by the Bronte Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star. Pat Lee played piano, while many sang old favorites. Worthy Matron, Sheri Miller, and other Eastern Star members, along with the much appreciated staff of the Rehab Center, prepared the goodies for approximately 60 residents and staff.*

certificates of proficiency in CNC programming and machinist trades.

SPC is a two-year community college in Levelland, Texas.

Robert Lee Junior High Awards Assembly held

Pledge

Emilee Yanez

Woodman of the World Life Insurance Society Award of Outstanding Proficiency in Social Studies

Stetson Nesbit

Junior High cheerleaders

Briana Brisbin, Olivia Trejo, Emilee Yanez, Amanda Mendoza, Kacee Roberts, Sarah Walker

Student Council Representatives

8th grade-Emilee Yanez

Top 10 scholars for 8th grade

Stetson Nesbit, Emily

Arellano, Sarah Jones, Emilee Yanez, Cayetano Carrera, Cody Brosh, Briana Brisbin, Devin Batten, Piedad Juarez, Molli Hinderliter

Top students in each course 7th grade

English

Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard

Texas History

Heidi Austin

Math

Haden Dillard, Diego Saucedo

Keyboarding

1st semester, Heidi Austin;

2nd semester, Chris Mims

Reading

K.W. Roe

Life Science

Heidi Austin, Kacee Roberts

Skills for Life

1st semester, Logan Philley;

2nd semester, Heidi Austin

Careers

1st semester, Cayetano

Carrera; 2nd semester, Sarah

Jones

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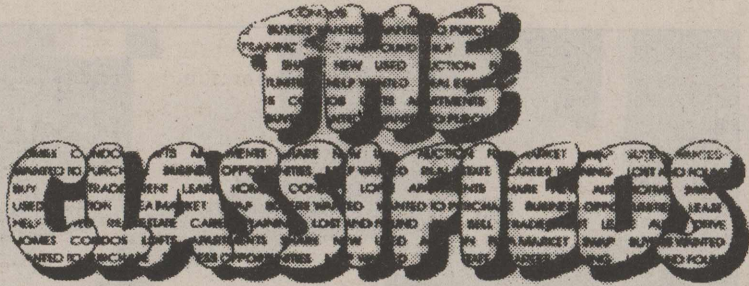
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Political Calendar

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COKE COUNTY JUDGE

Roy Blair
Hal Spain

COKE COUNTY TREASURER

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Andra Arrott

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2

Robert Feil

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

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In Christian Love
Reba & family of Jim Tabor

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.ESL
Jorge Rostro
8th grade

English
Emily Arellano, Emilee Yanez

US History
Stetson Nesbit

Math
Stetson Nesbit, Emily Arellano, Cayetona Carrera

Earth Science
Emily Arellano

Health
1st semester, Sarah Jones;
2nd semester, Cody Brosh

Intro. to Ag Science
Emilee Yanez, Briana Brisbin

Oral Reading
7th grade, Kacee Roberts-2nd place; 8th grade, Briana Brisbin-3rd place

Perfect Attendance
7th grade-Kacee Roberts

"A" Honor Roll all year
7th grade-Kacee Roberts

Valedictorian
Stetson Nesbit

Salutatorian
Emily Arellano

Commended TAKS
7th grade

Writing
Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard, Araceli King, Amanda Mendoza, Chris Mims, Skyler Rainwater, Sarah Walker

Reading
Araceli King, Daniel Nowlin, Skyler Rainwater, Luke Sheldon

Math
Angelica King, Araceli King, Skyler Rainwater, Luke Sheldon

8th grade

Reading
Devin Batten, Cayetano Carrera, Sarah Jones, Stetson Nesbit, K.W. Roe, Emilee Yanez

Math
Emily Arellano, Stetson Nesbit

Social Studies
Emily Arellano, Devin Batten, Tanner Hanigan, Stetson Nesbit

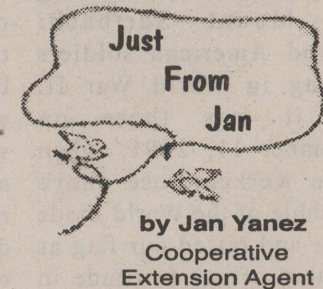
Science
Devin Batten

West Coke County Hospital District Update
The WCCHD Board of Directors met in regular session April 24, 2006. All members were present. Minutes and financial reports were addressed and approved. The state survey of the Care Center was addressed and the board members expressed concern about the results of the survey. The board was assured by the administrator that a plan of correction was already in place and everything was fine. New board members Mike Lomas, Pat Stephens, and Marilyn White, were sworn in by Coke Co. Clerk, Mary Grim, and officers were elected. Future agenda items were discussed, the next meeting date was set, and the meeting adjourned.

At a called meeting, May 4, 2006, the WCCHD Board of Directors voted unanimously to dismiss the administrator,

and hire Gayland Hurst to oversee the Care Center until an interim could be installed, up to a period of not more than 30 days. The Board met again in regular session May 22, 2006. All board members were present. Minutes and reports were read and approved. It was decided to make a complete renovation of the Care Center facility in order to assure quality care for the residents. The work is in progress, and we invite the public to come by and visit.

The WCCHD Board met again May 30 and 31 in order to conduct interviews with applicants for the administrator's position. These interviews resulted in the board's decision on June 5, at a called meeting, to hire Cy Jenkins as administrator of the WCCHD and Care Center. His qualifications are outstanding, and we are pleased to welcome Cy in this capacity. We are excited to have Cy, and his wife, Barbara, as a part of our community and look forward to working with him.



Selection and purchase of fruit
Summer is the time when so many fruits are in season. After months of only citrus fruits, apples and bananas being available, it is finally time for berries, grapes, cherries, melons, peaches and plums.

In general, when buying fresh fruit, select fruit that has a fresh appearance-not wrinkled or wilted-and has no bruises and few blemishes. Choose fruit that is normal in size. Unusually small fruit will have poor flavor and more waste; fruit that is too large may be coarse and not taste as good. Here are some specifics to look for when selecting fruit:

Berries should be firm, plump and full-colored.

Mature strawberries have hulls; other berries lose their hulls as they mature.
Grapes should be smooth, plump, and firmly attached to the stem. Grape bunches should be well formed.
Cherries should look fresh, be firm, and have good color.

Peaches should be firm but slightly soft near the seam. The background should be yellow or cream (not green) and there should be a red blush. Peaches should be allowed to finish ripening at room temperature for several days before refrigerating. Peaches that are deep reddish brown and beginning to shrivel are overripe and must be used immediately - they won't keep.

Nectarines should be bright, plump, and firm. Avoid dull, hard, or shriveled fruit. Let ripen at room temperature for two to three days.

Plums vary in color depending on the variety. Choose plums that are slightly soft, but still firm.
Apricots should be plump and golden yellow, not soft, wilted or shriveled.

Pears should be hard when purchased, then ripened at room temperature until firm (not hard, not soft). The color of the pears may be yellow, green, or red, depending on the variety.

Pineapples should be plump, fresh looking, and large, with a good fragrance. Leaves should be deep green and fresh. Don't bother pulling on a leaf to see how easily it comes out, this has nothing to do with ripeness. Avoid bruises, soft spots or decay at the base.

Cantaloupe should have thick "netting" which should stand out. Color underneath the netting should be golden, not green. There should be a delicate melon aroma. The spot where the melon has been attached to the vine should be indented.

Honeydew melons should be creamy white to pale yellow (not green) in color, with a distinct, pleasing fragrance and a slightly oily film on the rind.

Watermelons should have a yellow underside and a dull surface. Forget about "thumping" a watermelon; this won't tell you whether it is ripe. If you are buying a cut watermelon, you can see how ripe it is: avoid melons that have a hard, white streak in them and make sure the seeds are dark brown or black.
Some fresh fruits, apples and citrus in particular, are covered with a light coat of wax. These fruits naturally have a layer of protective wax. After the fruit is picked, it is thoroughly washed and the protective wax is lost. Without the layer of wax, the fruit will lose a lot of its juice and will become soft and begin to decay. Therefore, a thin layer of safe, edible wax is added to the fruit. It is not necessary to remove this wax before eating the fruit. Have you ever noticed white spots or a white film on fruit such as an apple? If the fruit is left wet for any period of time (you wash it, then let it drip dry, for example) the water reacts with the wax and turns it white. Perfectly harmless, even if it looks funny.
Fresh fruit will last longest if it is kept refrigerated after it is ripe. Most fresh fruits should be used within three to five days.

Watermelons should have a good to remember canned, frozen, or dried fruits.
Canned fruits are available packed in syrup, packed in fruit juice, packed in water, or sweetened with artificial sweeteners. The fruits in syrup have the most calories, those in water or with artificial sweetener the least. Because heat is used in the canning process, some of the vitamin C and the B vitamins are lost, and the taste and texture are slightly changed. If there is only you or just the two of you in your family, it may be better to buy the small, 8 ounce, 2 serving cans, so you don't have to worry about leftovers.
Many fruits are available frozen, either in syrup or plain. Frozen fruits taste closer to fresh, but the texture is changed by freezing.
Dried fruits, such as raisins, prunes, peaches, apricots, pears, or figs, will keep for six months in tightly closed containers in a cool, dry place. If you live where there is very high humidity you may want to keep your dried fruits in the refrigerator. You probably think of dried fruits for adding to baked goods or hot cereal, but they can be stewed to serve for breakfast or dessert or eaten as is as a snack. Keep in mind that dried fruits are high in calories and because they are sticky, can cause cavities if you don't brush your teeth after eating.

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 ★ **"Fuge Camp"** ★
 ★ **Coke County Wide Fish Fry** ★
 ★ **Benefiting the Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth Group Summer Camp** ★
 ★ **Fish Cookers - Paul & Sid Burns** ★
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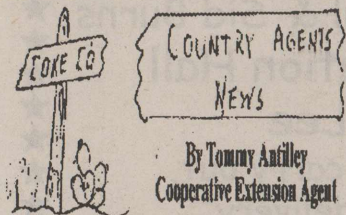
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The Texas Forts Trail Region is a regional tourism initiative developed by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) that positively impacts the local economy by increasing visitation to cultural and historical attractions.



Is Your Lawn Turning Yellow? It Could Be "Iron Chlorosis"!

Are the new leaves of your lawn grass turning yellow? If you look even closer, are the veins on these new leaves remaining green? It could be that your grass is suffering from iron chlorosis. Iron chlorosis occurs on sites during wet and cool conditions, on compacted sites, in soils with extreme pH levels (high or low), as well as with soils having excessive phosphorus levels.

Foliar applications of iron sulfate at the recommended labeled rates usually will provide a quick recovery. Unfortunately, these are very short-lived and repeat applications may be needed. Soil-applied iron products may or may not provide a response due to the fact that this iron supplement could be tied up in the soil. For the best results, use a chelated iron (plant available) formulation.

These may be more expensive, but will provide a longer lasting effect to your iron deficient turf. Examples of the chelating agents used today include EDDHA, HEDTA, EDTA, and DPTA. Chelating agents of EDDHA, DPTA, and HEDTA are most effective for alkaline soils. For less alkaline and slightly acid soils, EDTA would be effective. Other chelates for iron can be found in many of the natural organic fertilizers and composts. Always read the analysis on the label to find if iron (Fe) exists and what formulation it is in.

In addition to proper application of iron products to your lawn, always remember to avoid getting these products on sidewalks, patios, driveways, etc. Many of these products will leave stains that are difficult, if not impossible, to remove.

Chinch Bugs-Have You Found Them In Your Lawn?

Chinch bugs, although a very small insect pest, can infest a lawn in great numbers and cause serious damage if not controlled. St. Augustine grass is the primary victim, but chinch bugs have been known to affect other lawn grasses such as zoysia grass, centipede grass, and Bermuda grass.

These sap-sucking insects seem to prefer hot and dry areas of your lawn and may be a lawn problem from late spring through fall. The adults will be 1/6 to 1/5 of an inch long with black bodies and white wings--each wing having a triangular black mark. Each life cycle lasts 7 to 8 weeks and there can be up to 5 generations per year in Texas. Damage to St. Augustine begins with expanding, irregular patches of yellow-stunted grass that may become 'dead grass' if the population of feeding chinch bugs is above the 'threshold level.'

To know if chinch bugs are the critters causing damage to your lawn, hammer an empty coffee can (open at both ends) one-inch into the soil beneath stunted areas and add water. The chinch bugs should float to the top. Another method is to spray water mixed with a small amount of liquid dishwashing detergent onto the infected sites--the chinch bugs (and some other insects as well) should come to the top of the canopy. The best method is to just get on your hands and knees and search into the canopy of the lawn. To locate them, search sites that immediately border the infected areas. Once you have determined that chinch bugs are the culprits, use an insecticide for control and always remember to "read the label and follow label directions for application". Remember, diazinon and chlorpyrifos are no longer available--insecticides con-

taining bifenthrin, cyfluthrin, or permethrin seem to work well.

White Grubs - It's Time to Watch Out for These Pests!

Have you ever had areas in your lawn that die and turn straw-colored? Can these areas be lifted by hand or be rolled up from the ground like a carpet? If so, your lawn may have been damaged by white grubs.

White grubs have to be one of the scariest-looking creatures that you will find--they remind me of small alien creatures that you would see in the movies. While the beetle stage of their life cycle feed on ornamental plants, the larval stage that develops from the eggs laid in the soil is what causes the lawn damage. Larva is also referred to as the "white grub" stage of the May or June beetles. These root-feeding "grubs" are creamy-white and C-shaped with three pairs of legs, and their damage normally occurs during the summer and fall time period. They feed on grass root systems, and damaged areas begin as weakened or dying grass in irregular shapes. Eventually, if the population and damage is severe, these areas in your lawn will die. To locate these 'alien creatures', dig into the infected sites with a spade or shovel to a depth of at least 4 inches. Finding white grubs in numbers of 3 to 5 per square foot suggests insecticide treatment is needed. Products of choice are insecticides containing imidacloprid or halofenozide. If grub damage already exists, use products such as carbaryl or trichlorfon.

To learn more about "white grubs/chinch bugs" and recommended practices for control, go to the Aggie-Turf web site at <http://aggie-turf.tamu.edu> and click on "Turf Tips" for the supporting document.

Honor American Values on Flag Day

by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In the summer of 1776, George Washington approached his seamstress, Betsy Ross, with sketches that inspired the creation of the first American flag. Though this flag looked very different from the flag that proudly waves today, the ideals represented both then and now are what America stands for. Wherever our flag flies, it signals to lands far and wide that America remains the cradle of liberty.

Every year on June 14, we observe Flag Day, when Americans everywhere celebrate the history and symbolism of our national flag. On this day in 1777, the Second Continental Congress resolved that our new national flag would have "13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Today, in neighbor-

hoods across the country, Americans proudly pay their respects to Old Glory by hanging flags outside their homes and places of business.

The earliest Flag Day celebration took place in Hartford, Conn., in 1861 during the most divisive time in our history -- the Civil War. Even in this time of turmoil, our flag's unifying spirit persevered and reminded citizens that we were one nation under God. Over the latter half of the 19th century, the celebration of our flag grew in popularity, with mayors and governors issuing proclamations in their jurisdictions commemorating the event. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first nationwide proclamation of Flag Day.

Our flag has waved during defining moments of our nation's history. It was at Fort McHenry in 1814, when Francis Scott Key wrote our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." It was there at Iwo Jima, when the sight of Old Glory waving atop Mount Suribachi inspired American soldiers fighting in World War II. And it was there on September 11, 2001, when rescue workers rose above the rubble of the World Trade Center and raised our flag as a symbol of our fortitude in the aftermath of tragedy.

The flag that inspired Francis Scott Key still exists to this day. It currently hangs at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, where a significant restoration effort began in 1998 to save the original flag. It has aged, but it remains a beautiful sight to behold. I am delighted that visitors who come to Washington, D.C., have an opportunity to see one of our country's national treasures, one that has inspired so many over the past several hundred years.

When I see the American flag, I think of the sacrifices made for our country by previous generations and by the heroes of today. I think of our troops who have defended freedom across the globe, especially those currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The flag also stands as a reminder that one of my missions as a United States Senator -- and also as a citizen of this nation -- is to strive for a more perfect union.

On Flag Day, we celebrate much more than just a piece of cloth. Our flag is a symbol of the values our forefathers fought for and envisioned for our fledgling democracy. The red stripes stand for bravery and honesty, the white stripes for freedom for all, and the blue field for faith and loyalty. Throughout our history, men and women have defended those values both in war and peace. Whether they were

rich or poor, famous or anonymous, strong or weak, young or old, they were all American.

I have to admit, I always get catch in my throat when the original version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played: that I can sing it. I also admit I am always disappointed when someone performs a rendition of our national anthem that seems to feature the voice of the singer -- and excludes the people from participating. This month on Flag Day, encourage you to fly your flag outside your home in support of our troops and in support of the ideals Americans hold so dear.

Tourism Roundup

The Texas Forts Trail will host a one-day "Tourism Roundup" conference on Thursday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brownwood Depot in Brownwood, Texas.

The event is designed for community and business leaders who recognize the importance of tourism for rural Texas and understand the need to develop more tourism business and stronger chambers of commerce in the region. The conference will include panel discussions of community cook-offs, military affairs events and activities, heritage tourism and hunters' events. The final session will highlight resources available to communities within the region for tourism events and downtown and economic development. The Roundup is sponsored by the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Midwest Community Network.

For registration information contact the Texas Forts Trail Region office by phone (325) 676-1762 or by email tft@texasfortstrail.com.

7 Safe Cycling Tips

1. Always wear a helmet. Don't let the Texas summer heat tempt you to ride without full protection for your brain. Consider investing in a helmet with extra vents for air flow and cooling properties. Learn more about proper helmet fit.

2. Drink before you're thirsty. Dehydration is a leading cause of heat exhaustion. Keep hydrated to reduce your risk and improve your performance.

3. Always do an ABCD Quick Check before you ride. Checking the air pressure, tire condition, brakes, crank, chain and quick releases before you ride will reduce the likelihood of getting stuck on the side of the road with a mechanic problem. Nobody wants to fix a flat in the middle of nowhere with the Texas sun beating down on their neck. View the bicycle inspection checklist.

4. But just in case, learn how to fix a flat if you don't already know how!

5. Go with the flow! Ride the same direction with traffic and follow the other Texas Bicycle Laws.

6. Wear sunscreen and sunglasses to protect yourself from the sizzling summer rays.

7. When riding on trails, leave no trace; yield to pedestrian horses and slower moving traffic; and never scare animals.