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## \$150 Shopping spree to be awarded today in Bronte

Area merchants in Bronte have combined forces to create a shopping spree, which will be awarded by chance to some lucky blood donor this Friday, July 14. United Blood Services is holding a blood drive from 10 am-1 pm this Friday at the First National Bank of Bronte, 102 W. Main. As a reward, and an enticement for donors, five merchants agreed to offer credit to shop at their stores. The following merchants are participating: La Salsa Restaurant, Hall's Super Save, Hometown Hardware, Main Street Market, and Main Street Hair Salon.

The drive itself is being coordinated by Gwen and Larry Dyess who are managing the appointment schedule for the blood drive. Walk-ins

are welcome, but appointments are best to minimize waiting. Gwen and Larry can be reached at 473-4014. Sign-ups should be made as soon as possible.

The drawing for the winner of the shopping spree will take place immediately after the blood drive ends on Friday, just in time to spend for the weekend.

United Blood Services is the community blood provider for Bronte, Texas and serves patients in hospitals in your area and surrounding counties. The United Blood Services network is one of the nation's oldest and largest non-profit blood service organizations and is a founding member of America's Blood Centers and the Association of American Blood Banks.



**4th of July Luncheon!** More than 60 people gathered at the small Recreation Center in Robert Lee for a 4th of July Luncheon, Monday, July 3. Coke County Seniors and other guests were treated to homemade ice cream, watermelon and finger foods as well as, some live entertainment. The event was a joint effort between Coke County employees and Robert Lee Care Center.

### Central Baptist to host fellowship

Central Baptist Church continues its summer program with a watermelon and salad fellowship Sunday night at 6 pm.

"Everyone is welcome", states pastor Tim White. "The church is supplying several big, cold, sweet watermelons and the attendees are requested to bring their favorite cold salad. I'm almost certain we will have cantaloupe and other melons.

The August Fellowship will be a Hamburger/Hotdog fellowship, Sunday August 13 at 6 pm. The community is invited to all Summer Program fellowships. For more information, contact Central Baptist Church, Bronte at 473-4811.

### RLISD physicals scheduled

All Robert Lee students, grades 7-12, who will be participating in any athletics for RLHS must have a physical each year. Students may obtain their physical on July 22 at the school free of charge.

If you are unable to attend that day, you still are required to have a physical, but it will be at your own expense. You must complete paperwork you received in

the mail before you will be allowed to receive a physical. If you are new to the district or did not receive information in the mail you may pick up forms at the school administration office or call Coach Gartman at 453-4629.

Times for physicals are as follows: 7th grade, 8:45-9:15; 8th grade, 9:15-9:45; 9th grade, 9:45-10:15; 10th grade, 10:15-10:45; 11th & 12th grades, 10:45-11:15. For conflicts of time or information contact Coach Gartman.

### Area 4-H Camp slated

Join 4-H members from Jones, Coke, Sterling, Fisher, Shackelford and Nolan Counties on July 27-28, 2006 at the Presbyterian Encampment near Buffalo Gap for two fun-filled days of games and leadership activities.

The camp is for 4-H'ers 3rd grade through 8th grade (completed) Example - you have finished 3rd grade and going into 4th.

If you participated in the fund raiser the price will be reduced. Please call the Extension office as soon as possible to sign-up and to get the cost of registration. Also they will need your t-shirt size for the camp t-shirt. If

you have any questions please call the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

### Bronte athletic physicals set

Bronte athletics will have their physicals on July 22, 2006 at the middle gym at Bronte High School. The boys will have their physicals at 1:00 pm and the girls at 2:30 pm.

Junior high girls, high school boys and girls should receive forms in the mail. The 7th grade boys need to pick up forms in the Superintendent's office.

### RLBC to hold Vacation Bible School

Early VBS Registration will be held at RLBC on Sunday, July 16th at 9:45 and immediately following the morning worship service at Noon. VBS is scheduled for Monday-Friday, July 17-21, 9 am - 11:30 am, for students who have completed Pre-K through 6th Grades.

### Silver Reunion scheduled

It is that time again for gathering together with all our Silver friends. The festivities will begin at 4 pm on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at the Large Coke County Rec. Hall. The meal will be

catered by Cindy's about 6 pm. It was decided to get together on Saturday instead of Sunday where all could come, relax, and enjoy without having to hurry home for work the next day. If you are planning on coming please let us know so we can let everyone else know who are inquiring about attendance. Contacts: Jeanette Jacobs (325) 453-4652 and Beverly Bell (325) 453-2744.

### Home delivery participants needed

Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Centers have openings for participants in the home delivery meal program. In order to keep this program, more participation is needed. The meals are provided at lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

For enrollment in Robert Lee, please call 453-2314 or 453-4780. In Bronte, the number to contact is 473-6471. Please help spread the word to anyone age sixty or over that could use this service. We don't want to lose the privilege of this wonderful program due to lack of participation.

### BHS Class of '56 50th Reunion

The 1956 Bronte High School graduates will begin a 50th two-day

reunion on Fri., July 21 at 7 pm with dinner at Zentners' Daughter's Steakhouse in San Angelo.

The celebration will continue on Saturday, July 22 at 9 am in Bronte with a tour of the Bronte School and Ft. Chadbourne. This will be followed by a catered lunch and festivities at the Bronte Housing Authority Recreation Center at noon. Parents, former teachers and friends are all invited to visit from 2 to 4 pm.

For more information, please call Jane Webb at 473-3421 or Pat Lee at 473-4881.

### 4-H Livestock Projects

Any 4-H member who wishes to show lambs or goats please contact the Extension office in Robert Lee at 453-2461 if you need assistance in selecting your projects. We are presently looking at several producers for selections.

### Ladies Water Aerobics set

Ladies water aerobics sessions are being held at the Coke County 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 set aside for water aerobics.



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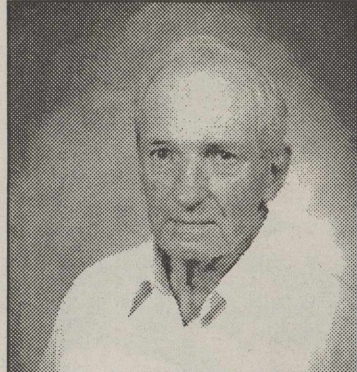
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**Obituaries**



**Hurley**

John Carlton "Bo" Hurley was called home to the Lord on July 7, 2006 at the age of 75 from his home in Robert Lee. John was born on May 4, 1931 in Robert Lee, Texas to Carl and Jessie Mae Hurley.

John retired from Sears in San Angelo after 31 years. During this time he also ran a vending machine route. After he retired he returned to Robert Lee and continued to work in his workshop on cabinets and metal buildings. John was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church where he served on the Building and Grounds Committee. He will be missed dearly by his family, friends, neighbors and the Co-Ed Sunday School Class.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Jessie Mae Hurley, his first wife Doris Davidson and his son, Robert Doty. He is survived by his wife, of thirty-five years, Bette Hurley, his children Kathy Maberry, Terry Hurley and wife Nicki, Garry Hurley, Angela Doty and Vicki Doty; brother Jerry Max Hurley and wife, Joyce of Las Vegas, Nevada and sister Jean Rymer and husband, James of Lubbock, Texas. He is also survived by ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 10, 2006, at 10 am, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial following in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Nelson Fredrickson, George Grim, Wes Washam, Sid Long, Roy Tinkler, Wayland Drennan, Curtis Walker, and Jimmy Sinclair. Honorary pallbearers were the rest of the members of the Co-ed Sunday School Class.

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**Williams**

We mourn the passing, but celebrate the life of our beloved father, grandfather, great-grand-

father, uncle and friend, Charles Curtis Williams, who went to be with the Lord on the morning of July 9th, 2006.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 10:00 am at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

"Charlie" was born on Oct. 3rd, 1923 in Miles, Texas. He was the youngest of eight children. In 1948, Charlie took Leneta Fay Hill to be his wife. They lived in San Angelo, Texas and together, they raised two children, Danny and Glenda Williams.

Charlie served proudly in the United States Army during WWII in Germany. He was a longstanding member of VFW Post #1815. Charlie worked as an auto body repairman until retiring in 1986.

Charlie loved dancing, football and rodeos, but most of all he loved his family. And his family loved him back ten fold.

Preceding Charlie in death was his wife of 38 years, Leneta Fay; a granddaughter, Larisa Ann Vordick; and Charlie's four sisters and three brothers.

Surviving Charlie is son, Charles "Danny" Williams, and wife, Mary, of Robert Lee, Texas; daughter, Glenda

Marie Williams of Eules, Texas; grandsons, Ricky Vordick and wife, Dana, of Brownwood, Texas; Dea Vordick and wife, Morgan of Grape Creek, Texas; Dale Vordick of San Angelo, Texas; and granddaughter, Heather Williams of Robert Lee, Texas. Charlie's lifeline is also carried on through his seven great-grandchildren, James, Larissa and Lea, Colby and Ian, Ryan and Natalie; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Charlie was fortunate to spend the last two years of his life at the Robert Lee Care Center where he was given gentle and kind attention by all who work there, and by the care providers of VistaCare Hospice.

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven, A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to break down and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance." Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

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**Sanders**

Jo "Sweet Pea" Roland Sanders, 68, died Thursday, July 6, 2006. Memorial services were held at 10 am Saturday in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Doyle Sanders of Bronte; son James Brunson of Segoville; daughter Suzanne Rogers of Austin; and sister Mary Lawhon of Bronte.

Memorials can be made to Vista Care Hospice.

**Ropings to be held in Eldorado**

The Top of the Divide County Roping will be held Saturday, July 15 at the Schleicher County



**Reception held!** Tad and Therese Emert hosted a reception at the Top of the Cactus in the historic Cactus Hotel the evening of June 17. Family and friends from Alpine, Dallas, Ft. Davis, Lubbock, Mertzon, Midland, Robert Lee, San Angelo, San Antonio, Sonora, Veribest, Waxahachie and Wichita Falls attended the reception given in honor of the marriage of Becca Emert and Kasey Wilson.

Becca and Kasey were married on December 17, 2005, in Georgia. Guests were able to enjoy a variety of sandwiches, fresh fruits and vegetables, punch, coffee, frosted pecans, mints and strawberry cake. The linen-covered tables and chairs were arranged around a parquet dance floor. A slide show of Becca and Kasey as they were growing up was played accompanied by a variety of music.

Dolores and Ray Seal, Kelly Millican and Sharon Pitcock assisted with the arrangements.

Arena in Eldorado. It is open to surrounding counties and the top 10 teams will go on to the Schleicher County Rodeo July 28-29. The books open at 7:30 am with the roping to begin at 9 am.

There will also be a benefit roping Sunday, July 16, also at

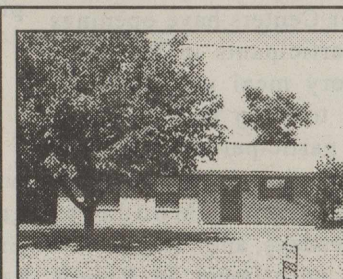
the Schleicher County Arena for Justin Whitten, who recently suffered a costly leg injury. The books open at 8 am and roping will begin at 9 am. There will also be barbecue served that day. For more information, please contact Clint Jackson at 325-853-3323 or 226-2895.

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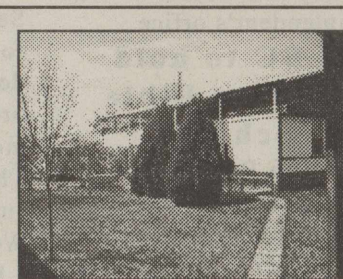
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Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
(325) 473-4811  
Tim White, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wed. 6 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
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(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. David Bailey, Pastor  
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



### County rainfall lags behind last year

by Hal Spain, Publisher  
Most of us don't need to be told that our rainfall totals for the first half of 2006 are off from last year. The accompanying graph from our rainfall data contributors from throughout the county provides the most accurate totals we can publish for Coke County.

The numbers are in, and they don't look good. A quick glance at the graph will show us that our rainfall totals for the first half of 2006 are from two to nearly ten inches off of last year's figures, depending on where you live. Probably the hardest hit area of the county is the Edith community, with only 6.55 inches of rainfall through June 2006 as compared to 16.25 inches through June of 2005.

The Valley View area of west Coke County is off 3 1/2 inches from last year, with the Divide area showing only a 2 inch deficit from last year at this time. However, their total for the first half of the year is only 7.56 inches, which is nothing to write home about.

The east side of the county has fared a little better, with totals for the first half from 7 1/2 to 9 1/2 inches, but these figures are also lagging behind last year's first half totals from four to six inches.

The good news is that cattle and goat prices are holding up pretty well so far, and our producers can reduce their herds without suffering a big monetary loss, for the most part. With hay prices at record levels, the cost of feeding livestock during this dry period seems to be a losing proposition.

It could be worse. My brother-in-law lives in Denton, Texas, and had about fifty cows on a couple of places at Sulphur Springs, which is east of Denton about 125 miles. That area of the state is supposed to receive about 40 inches of rainfall per year (twice as much as our normal rainfall), I would think. Last year when we were getting up to 40 inches of rain in Coke County, they should have been cutting hay to store for the winter. Instead, they were buying hay to feed during the summer and winter. And the dry weather has continued in that area this summer, also. My brother-in-law has recently sold 35 head, and conditions have not improved as yet.

As to wildlife, I have seen a few fawns here lately; so maybe we won't completely miss this year's deer crop. However, after a late start in pairing up, I have yet to see my first hatch of quail chicks, or turkey poults, for that matter. Mother Nature is going to have to hurry if we save this hunting season.

I have heard that the long

County Rainfall Totals				
	April	May	June	Total for Year
Edith Area • Dee & Dessie Kendall				
2005	2.0	5.7	2.2	16.25
2006	1.2	.70	.80	6.55
Valley View Area • Bobby and Jeffie Roberts				
2005	.04	4.33	.71	10.17
2006	.50	.46	1.80	6.48
Divide Area • Dolores McCabe Seal				
2005	.05	3.31	1.54	9.49
2006	.90	1.21	.48	7.56
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2005	.2	5.1	1.15	15.15
2006	1.3	1.4	2.3	9.30
Bob Blackwood • 4 miles E. of Robert Lee				
2005	1.04	3.25	2.07	12.20
2006	1.04	.36	.48	7.62
Bronte Area • Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg				
2005	.03	5.64	.85	13.00
2006	.84	1.62	3.13	9.60
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2005	.0	6.65	1.1	14.60
2006	1.2	.4	.6	7.80

term forecast for the fall and winter for our area is predicted to be wet. Maybe we can add a hurricane or two to the mix and get some more water at Spence and Oak Creek.

There will be a golf scramble beginning at 7 am, as well as a dance, featuring Muddy Creek, from 7 pm - 11 pm. All classmates, teachers, friends and family are invited to come out.

#### BHS Alumni Reunion set for July 29

A Bronte High School Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, at the Bronte Community Center.

#### Bronte Senior Center memorials

Eula Maude McCutchen  
George & Joyce Snapp  
Dorothy Collins  
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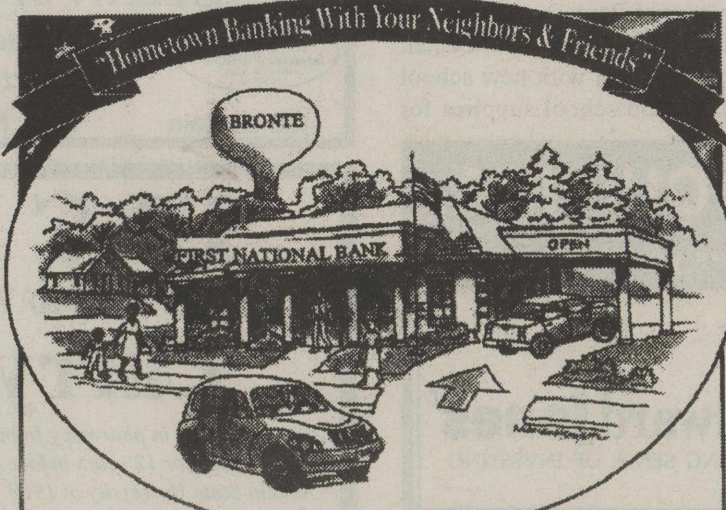
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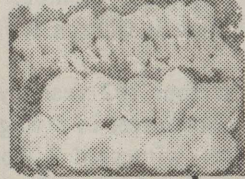
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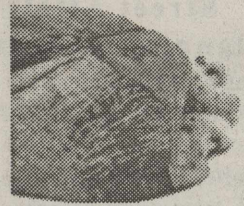
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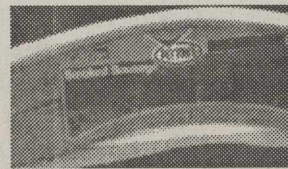
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### FSA Office Certifying Spring Crops

The Coke-Sterling FSA Office is in the process of completing final certification of all spring seeded crops. If you have not come by the office and certified your Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Hay, CRP or other spring seeded crops, time is running out. July 17, 2006 is the final date to have all these crops certified. Failure to get them certified by July 17 will cost the producer a late-filed fee.

Producers who enrolled in the farm crop program (DCP) must make sure all crops are certified and that all your cropland is certified. Even if nothing is planted on the acres you must certify the acres as fallow to stay in compliance for the DCP program.

Producers may come by the FSA office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.

### Street Affair planning underway

Calls for parade entries in the 2006 Robert Lee Street Affair, which will be held Saturday, October 7, are out. Creative, silly, commercial, cars, tractors, golf carts, floats, school, non-profit entries are all welcomed. Pets in costumes and their owners make a parade special. Entry forms are at City Hall.

Also, the Second Annual Bed Race will be featured. A bed race team consists of five people, minimum age of 14. One person rides, four people push the bed through a timed course. "Bed" must have a footboard, headboard, mattress, pillow and one bedcover. Four wheels, no mechanical or animal propulsion, sturdy enough to carry rider who must wear safety helmet. A number will be displayed on both sides of the bed. Commercial advertisements are allowed. Each team will appear in the parade at 11:00 a.m. just before the race. An entry fee of \$10.00 per team will be charged. Prizes for fastest, runner-up and Most Creative. Get the beds ready.

Rules and entry forms are at Robert Lee City Hall. Call Susan Wellborn at 325-378-3816 or email at wellborns25@aol.com.

Last year's race was a real thrill. Participants in these

events help create a special interest in the Street Affair and make the day exciting and fun for everyone.

The next Street Affair meeting will be held July 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Coke County Library.

### Centenarian is once again celebrating birthday

Mrs. Ella Pruitt is one of a very few centenarians who is celebrating her 102nd birthday and still lives in her own home, alone, in Bronte on Hwy. 277! She has been a member of Central Baptist Church for 80 years.

Ella, in your 102 years, you started your travel in a wagon from birth, witnessed 2 World Wars, dust bowl, great depression, unpaved roads, no railroads, no electricity, no air conditioning, man's travel to the moon, to the modern day push button technology.

You still enjoy breakfast every day of sausage, eggs and biscuits. That will start anyone's day!

Born on July 15, 1904, about 5 miles north of Bronte, the daughter of Joseph W.C. Warner and Esther Leona Herron Warner early day pioneers. Your family also included 2 brothers and 3 sisters who are all deceased. On Jan. 29, 1922, you married Noah Lafayette Pruitt. Noah died in 1983 after 61 years of marriage. They were parents of four children: Noah Pruitt Jr.-Bronte; Donald Francis Pruitt Fairfield deceased May 12, 2006; Kenneth Dwain Pruitt-Bronte; Maxine Pruitt Labenske-Bronte; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren-2 great-great-grandchildren; 3 daughter-in-laws and son-in-laws.

Granddaughters were here this week visiting and celebrating with the Centenarian honoring Ella with her favorite food "Hamburgers" on July 4. They included Suzanne Hooper-Littleton, Colorado; Dianne Pruitt-Aurora, Colorado;

Kenneth Dwain Bernice Pruitt-Bronte; Maxine and Billy Dan Labenske-Bronte; Pat Moore-Bronte; Joanne Rhodes-Aurora, Colorado. Other family members are expected to visit during this coming week.

### Letter to the Editor Need the town's help!!

As most of the community knows, Meghan Bohannon and her family have been through more than most of us in a lifetime. Meghan was playing outside, like any other child her age, and forgetting that she is not a monkey, but a little human being, she was climbing on her porch when she experienced a terrible fall.

When she fell, she bruised her lung and split open her kidney. Most people have two kidneys, but Meghan had a rough time when she was born and has lived with only one since then. Her grandma took her to the emergency room in San Angelo, and then from there they were sent to Cook's children's hospital. Meghan and her grandma spent 10 days there before they let her come home.

She lost a lot of blood and now has a blood clot the size of her fist on her kidney. In most cases, the injured kidney would have been removed, but not in Meghan's case, since she only has one. She is home now, under close supervision, hoping and praying that the blood clot will dissolve on its own.

There are many complications to her situation and she must return to Cook's hospital in 4 weeks, unless the clot ruptures or becomes irritated in some way, then she will return much sooner. As her friend, and Girl Scout leader, we are asking for the town's help to make things a little brighter and easier for her family.

We have set out donation boxes at the Courthouse, Church of Christ, City Hall, Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, and the Robert Lee Care Center. Let's fill them with new school clothes and school supplies for



**102nd Birthday!** Mrs. Ella Pruitt, of Bronte, will celebrate her 102nd birthday on July 15, 2006. Her family recently threw a birthday celebration for her.

the three children that are part of this family, so they too can experience the joys of starting the new school year with new stuff like most of our children do. We all know how the bills stack up when a family emergency happens!!

Our scheduled pick up date for these boxes will be August 7. Meghan wears a size 7 top and a size 5 in shorts. Her younger brother, Bubba, wears the same size, and the youngest, Reagan, wears a 4t.

Let's come together and make it happen!! For information on delivery locations or questions, please call Robin 453-4480 or Blanca 453-9872. God Bless You All!!

### Letter to the Editor

It was with great interest that I read your recent article about Corporal Cody Blaylock, who is serving with the United States Marine Corp at Camp Pendleton, California. I have known Cody since he was a first grader and indeed he has

grown into one of America's finest and I am proud of how he defended our great country during two tours of Iraq and in his current post as an instructor in urban combat. He is the epitome of what the Corp is all about, and I am proud to know him.

However, I must correct one statement in your article. In the interest of accuracy, I must point out to you and your readers that Cody is NOT the son of Melissa Blaylock. He is the son of Kathey Blaylock of San Angelo, and in addition, he has a brother, Jason Blaylock, also of San Angelo, both of whom I am proud to know.

Very truly yours,  
Laura Greene Velez  
San Angelo, Texas

Trivia question: "The Monastery of St. Clare near Brenham is famous for what?"

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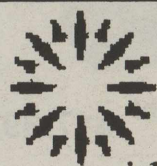
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Robert Lee School supplies list

- Pre-K**  
 1-box crayons (24 count)  
 4 glue sticks  
 4 pencils  
 2 sturdy folders with pockets  
 1 pkg. index cards  
 1 pkg. coffee filters  
 scissors  
 water colors  
 1 school box  
 2 large boxes kleenex  
 backpack  
 bottled drinking water (if desired)  
 extra clothing (including undergarments)  
**PLEASE LABEL CRAYONS, SCISSORS, PAINT, AND PENCILS**
- Kindergarten**  
 crayons (no more than 24)  
 1 bottle school glue (white)  
 2 glue sticks  
 6 regular pencils  
 1 spiral notebook-wide ruled  
 1 small school box  
 1 large box kleenex  
 2 sturdy, slick pocket folders (no brads)  
 1 pkg. assorted construction paper  
 towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)  
 backpack  
 1 change clothes for accidents  
 bottled drinking water (if desired)  
 1 large pink eraser  
 1 pkg. index cards  
 1 small box ziplock baggies (quart size)  
 1 bottle of 8 oz. hand sanitizer  
**PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING INITIAL EACH CRAYON**
- 1ST GRADE**  
 6 #2 pencils  
 2 large pink erasers  
 1 small supply box  
 5" Fiskar sharp scissors  
 1 box of 24 crayons  
 2 large Elmer's glue (not colored)  
 1 recipe box for index cards  
 Girls bring 1 box gallon size Ziploc baggies and boys bring quart size  
 1 pkg. mixed construction paper  
 3 sturdy, slick pocket folders (no brads)  
 1 pkg. index cards  
 1 ruler with inches and centimeters  
 2 pkgs. notebook paper-wide rule  
**PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING**
- 2ND GRADE**  
 1 pkg. wide ruled notebook paper  
 2 small spiral notebooks-wide ruled  
 6-#2 pencils  
 2 large pink pencil erasers  
 1 pkg. construction paper  
 3 boxes tissue  
 small supply box  
 scissors-sharp (Fiskar)  
 crayons  
 1 glue stick and liquid Elmer's glue  
 1 small box baggies-ziplock (quart)  
 1 each of red, blue, green, purple, yellow pocket folders w/brads  
 1 ruler (inches and centimeters)  
 1 box of map colors  
 1 bottle hand sanitizer

1 pkg. of ruled 3x5 index cards  
**LABEL ALL ITEMS**

- 3RD GRADE**  
 2 pkgs. wide ruled notebook paper  
 #2 pencils-dozen  
 erasers  
 2 red pens or red pencils  
 pencil sharpener w/shavings holder  
 2 spiral notebooks-wide ruled  
 construction paper  
 Fiskar scissors  
 crayons  
 school glue and glue stick  
 map colors  
 ruler-centimeters and inches  
 ziplock bags-boys bring gallon size and girls bring quart size  
 3 boxes of tissues  
 pocket folders with brads-need red, blue, green, purple, yellow only  
 zip pouches  
 1 pkg. 3x5 notecards  
 1 bottle hand sanitizer  
**PLEASE NO TRAPPERS OR NOTEBOOKS**

- 4TH GRADE**  
 1 box Kleenex  
 12-#2 pencils  
 3 spiral notebooks (wide ruled)  
 2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (wide ruled)  
 1-3 ring notebook binder (large)  
 1 pkg. 3-ring colored subject dividers  
 1 zipper pouch for notebook  
 1-12" ruler  
 3-100 count zipper seal sandwich bags  
 colored map pencils  
 Elmer's glue and glue stick  
 yellow highlighter  
 1 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow pocket folder with brads  
 fiskar scissors  
 markers  
 1 pkg. colored construction paper  
 antibacterial hand sanitizer

- 5TH GRADE**  
 2 boxes of kleenex  
 fiskar scissors  
 Elmer's glue & glue stick  
 12-#2 pencils  
 1 zipper pouch for notebook  
 2 red pencils or pens  
 1 yellow highlighter  
 colored map pencils  
 markers  
 3 spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)  
 1 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow pocket folder with brads  
 1 large 3-ring notebook binder  
 1 pkg. subject dividers  
 2 pkgs. 3-ring notebook paper (wide rule)  
 12 inch ruler  
 1 pkg. mixed construction paper  
 antibacterial hand sanitizer
- 6TH GRADE**  
 loose-leaf notebook-3 ring binder



**Coke County 4-H Fashion Show!** The Coke County 4-H Fashion Show was recently held at the county courthouse. Those participating were Juniors: Single Garment-Kourtney Kelton; Dresses-Bianca Huapilla; Specialty-Marley Braswell and Sportswear-Charissa Caston. Intermediates: Sportswear-Ginny Caston and Dresses- Emilee Yanez. These 4-H members will advance to District competition July 25, 2006 in San Angelo.

- colored subject dividers  
 2 pkg. wide-ruled notebook paper  
 zipper pouch for pencils  
 12-#2 pencils  
 ruler  
 fiskar scissors (good quality)  
 rubber cement & glue stick  
 map colors  
 1 red, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow pocket folder with brads  
 yellow highlighter  
 2 boxes kleenex  
 protractor  
 3 spiral notebooks (wide ruled)  
 2 pens-black or blue  
 2 red pens or pencils  
 antibacterial-hand sanitizer

### RL athletes to play in All-Star games

Cara Eaton, a 2006 Robert Lee graduate, will play in the 6-man All-Star basketball game. She will play on the West team at 7 pm on Friday, July 14 at the Rip Griffin Center on the LCU campus in Lubbock. Brandon Soliz will represent Robert Lee in the All-Star football game also to be held in Lubbock. His game will be on Saturday, July 15 at 7:30 pm at

Lowry Field. Both athletes reported on Monday to Lubbock and have been preparing for their games with the other all-stars.

Along with Cara and Brandon, Josh Conner and Cassidy Wink will be representing RLHS in the All American Bowl games to be held in Garden City on July 21 and 22. Cara, Cassidy, and Brandon will be playing basketball on Friday and Josh in the football game on Saturday.

### RLISD School Board minutes

Be it remembered that on Thursday the 10th day of July 2006, a special meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 5:06 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members Present: Torres, Sawyer, Washam, Roe, Reed,

Duncan, Roberts  
 The board went into closed session at 5:08 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 5:24 pm.

Supt. Hood recommended for the administration to be removed from the state pay scale. Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept Supt. Hood's recommendation seconded by Tod Reed. Motion carried.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept Letter of Resignation from Kelly Beuschel seconded by Buck Duncan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.  
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Opportunity is sometimes hard to recognize if you're only looking for a lucky break.

Monta Crane  
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**Happy 80th Birthday Curtis Blair!!**  
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 Everyone is welcome to come by and bring notes of fond memories!







...More Classifieds

**NOTICES**

**ROBERT LEE ISD** is accepting bids on the following items: teachers supplies, janitorial supplies, maintenance supplies, computer supplies, food service supplies, dairy products, fuel supplies. Contact the superintendent's office at 325/453-4555 or 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX 76945 for further information.

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**4th of July bash huge success**

More than sixty people gathered in the small recreation center in Robert Lee on July 3 for a true tribute to our nation. No one left hungry. Homemade ice cream, watermelon, and finger foods kept the crowd satisfied while Cy Jenkins provided the entertainment, assisted by Hanna Hamrick.

Senior Citizens Director, Karla Hamrick, with a tremendous amount of help from her assistants, Susan Millegan and Marie Raney, organized the event. Mary Rodriguez, Activity Director for the Robert Lee Care Center, helped with the food and found the music for Mr. Jenkins. The new Care Center Administrator provided background information on many of our beloved, patriotic tunes.

The group sang, clapped, and visited with smiles on their faces. This joint effort between Coke County employees and Robert Lee Care Center employees is an event to be repeated. Residents from the care center wore patriotic caps and enjoyed a change of scenery. The participants of the Senior Citizens' program were pleased to have the additional guests. The commissioners and judge's office should also be applauded for supporting the efforts of their employees in allowing these activities.

**Pageant Association receives donations**

The Coke County Pageant Association was recently benefitted by the 4th of July celebration held at the Amphitheatre in Robert Lee. Driftwood performed and their performance helped raise money for future events. Alaron, an oil company owned by Dale and Harvey Wojtek, agreed to help match some of the funds for the Pageant Association and ended up donating \$1,000. This will be welcome assistance to the Coke County Pageant Association.

**RLVFD notes**

By Mark Sides, acting Secretary/Treasurer

Meetings are scaled back from weekly to the first and third Mondays of each month. It is important for all fire department members to attend the first August meeting. Elections for officers and voting on amendments to the bylaws, will be held during the first meeting in August.

By vote during the July 24 meeting, the first meeting in August is rescheduled from

Monday, August 7 to Tuesday, August 8. This will allow department personnel attending classes on shift work during the regularly scheduled date to attend and vote.

The potential for wildfires is still very high despite some much needed rainfall in June. The Robert Lee VFD reminds all Coke County residents to continue to exercise caution when it comes to any potential for fire.

**Certification training for landowners**

Any landowner who will do their own brush management or any contractor who does brush management within Golden-Cheeked Warbler or Black-capped Vireo habitat as part of an EQIP or other Farm Bill contract with NRCS is required to take this training and become certified. It is NOT required that every brush management equipment operator become certified, except in the Leon River Restoration Project (Coryell and Hamilton counties). Everyone is welcome to attend and become certified, however.

Certification training will be conducted August 9th at the Boerne Community Center located at 820 Adler Road in Boerne, August 15th in Glen Rose at the Somerwell County Expo Center located at 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd., and August 22nd in Junction at the Coke Stevenson Memorial Center located at 440 U.S. Highway 83. The Texas Department of Agriculture will provide the Certification and 5 pesticide applicator CEUs will be offered.

The certification trainings will begin at 8:15 am and conclude at 4:15 pm. To attend this training, individuals must pre-register by contacting the county office in the location they wish to attend. The phone numbers are Kendall County Extension office at 830-249-9343, the Somervell County Extension office at 254-897-2809 or the Menard County Extension Office at 325-396-4787. The pre-registration fee will cover lunch and refreshments. Each participant will also receive a



**Seal receives award!** Mrs. Dolores Seal (right) of Robert Lee recently received her 35 year Length of Service Award from the Weather Forecast Office. Presenting the award is Eva Mullen, Coop Program Manager for the Weather Forecast Office - San Angelo.

training manual.

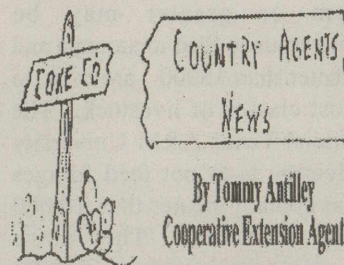
**Hickman reunion held in Bronte**

The Annual Hickman Reunion was held at the Bronte Recreation Hall June 23 and 24. On Friday evening there was a Hamburger and Dessert supper. The following morning a Hickman descendant, Frankie Beth Williams and her family hosted a breakfast in her home in Paint Creek. At noon the traditional barbecue and all the trimmings were served and also golf, music and swimming was enjoyed by all.

Those in attendance were as follows: Gina and H.L. Brooks of Midland, Buck, Kelly, Kelsy and Kaden Duncan of Robert Lee, Nancy Davee of Ozona, Kimberly Mauldin and Kyle Ellis of Brownwood, Tom, Amy and Collin of Okemah, Oklahoma, Dustin Ford of Midland, Willie (Aunt Bill) Forman of Bronte, Bill and Judy Herron, Roberta Herron, of Odessa, Austin Hickman of Monahans, David Hickman, Johnny Frank Hickman, Ky Hickman of Midland, Pete

Hickman, Terry Hickman and J.J. Hickman of Fort Stockton, Tommy and Janet Hickman of Bronte, W.L. and Mary Lee Holmes of Odessa, Leeann and daughter Marilee Lewis of Canton, Wayne and Marilyn Modgling of San Angelo, Dean Percifull of Robert Lee, Joel, Patty and Taylor of Robert Lee, Anthony Percifull of Midland, Pat and Megan Percifull of Robert Lee, Mike and Marla Percifull of San Angelo, Joe Percifull of Sonora, Jared Percifull and Chrissie of San Angelo, Gerald Sandusky of Bronte, Russell, Kristi and Hadlee Stalvey of Midland, Donnie and Dee Anna Thompson of Bronte, Jon Thompson and Kara Frances Thompson of San Angelo, John and Theresa Underwood of Midland, Laura Mauldin of Midland, Cheryl Carrasco and son Carlos of Henderson, NV., Gerald and Anne Hickman of Spring, Irwin Escue of San Angelo, Winnie Louise Smith of San Angelo, Raymond, Tammy, Katie and Haden Bannert of San Angelo, Monica, Austin and

Aaron of Many, Louisiana, Ida Lou Oliphant of Bronte, Frankie Williams of Robert Lee.



**Drought Conditions Bring Additional Worries for Cattle and Hay Producers**

Besides the effect of reduced production due to lack of moisture, drought also creates other negative aspects for cattle and hay producers. Warm-season annual grasses, such as forage sorghums, sorghum-sudan hybrids (haygrazer types), and the various millets can also accumulate nitrates to a level that is toxic to cattle during periods of dry weather. Typical nitrate accumulation occurs with excessive N fertilization followed by a period of drought, although toxic levels of nitrates have been

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### ...Drought

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observed in warm-season annual grasses with as little as 50 lbs of N/ac under drought conditions. While aboveground plant growth is reduced, nitrate uptake continues to occur and concentrates in the forage tissue. Ruminants are affected because microbes in the rumen are able to convert nitrate to nitrite. Nitrite is then absorbed into the bloodstream where it converts hemoglobin, which carries oxygen throughout the bloodstream, into methemoglobin, which does not carry oxygen. Cattle death is due to asphyxiation.

The total level of nitrate in forage will determine whether or not the forage is safe to feed. Remember: Nitrate levels in hay do not diminish with time! Nitrate levels, however, in silage, may be reduced by 50% or more, but may still be excessive for safe feeding. Only a forage analysis for NITRATE (currently \$5.00 at the Texas A&M University Soil Testing Lab) will determine whether or not the fresh forage, hay, or silage is safe to feed to livestock. Nitrate levels of 5000 ppm or greater may be dangerous to feed to animals and greater than 15000 are toxic to most classes of livestock. The official Texas A&M University advisory is to not feed forages that contain greater than 10,000 ppm nitrate. The more conservative number of 5000 ppm, however, may be a much safer number to use in actual practice.

Producers using warm-season annual forages or johnsongrass should have their hay crops tested prior to harvesting. Look at the forages carefully. If the forage to be harvested for hay has been under drought stress, there is a good likelihood that it is high in nitrates. If a good precipitation event occurs and plant growth is reinitiated (good green color, no droopy leaves), then the forage may be safe to feed, but a forage analysis for nitrate would still be advisable. **DO NOT HARVEST** the forage and then test! To do so could wind up costing you time, effort, and money and result in a hay crop that you will not be able to feed. Likewise, cattle should not be pastured on warm-season annual grasses or johnsongrass if conditions are such that nitrate levels could be elevated to a toxic level. Again, only a forage analysis can determine if the forage is safe to graze.

If nitrate toxicity is not enough to worry about, there is also the issue of prussic acid (hydrogen cyanide) poisoning. Forages belonging to the genus Sorghum can produce prussic acid following light frosts or drought. In well-cured hay crops, prussic acid is not a concern since volatilization of the compound into the atmosphere occurs during the field curing process. Cattle, however, may succumb to prussic acid poisoning while grazing if plants have been subjected to drought stress.

Again, do not turn cattle into pastures of drought-stressed sorghums or johnsongrass. Wait until better growing conditions before pasturing cattle on any stressed warm-season annual plant or johnsongrass. Millets, while still capable of accumulating nitrates to a toxic level, do not produce prussic acid.

As cattle producers, it is bad enough that dry weather conditions have reduced forage production, and in some cases, surface water supplies. Not paying attention to the weather conditions and the forages that can cause the death of animals due to nitrate accumulation and prussic acid poisoning, can only make matters worse.

#### Don't forget the mustard and onions!

According to legend, Babe Ruth, the Sultan of Swat, once downed 24 hot dogs between games of a double header. If that's true, the Babe would have felt right at home in Texas because when it comes to hot dogs, we don't hold back. In fact, in 2004, Minute Maid Park in Houston was the fifth leading major league ballpark with sales of 1.2 million hot dogs.

During that same year, of the top 10 hot dog-eating American cities, San Antonio and Corpus Christi were tied for fifth, Dallas and Fort Worth ranked seventh and Houston came in at ninth place.

There's nothing like the taste of a hot dog while watching your favorite baseball team in the great outdoors, unless it's a hot dog made right here in Texas.

#### Get a mouthful of this!

It's a popular and expected tradition on the ball field: a fielder without a mouthful of something is like a Texan without a corny dog at the State Fair. These days, baseball players are more likely to have their mouths full of sunflower seeds instead of tobacco.

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**Youth Mission Trip!** These youth from Bronte's First Baptist Church recently participated in a mission trip to Sidney, Texas, where they worked with the Sidney Baptist Church. The youth led in a day camp for children and youth rallies for teenagers. Leah Rosson and Youth Minister Myron Halford served as leaders and sponsors. The group made its report to First Baptist, Bronte on Sunday evening. Pastor Morris Johnson said that "the service was a moving experience of the working of God." The Acteens group who had gone to Brackettville the week before also made their report on Sunday evening. They and their sponsors (Joni Frasier and Ronda Sedden) told of leading in a Vacation Bible School for the children in that community. A Disciple Now weekend is being planned for the end of this month.

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