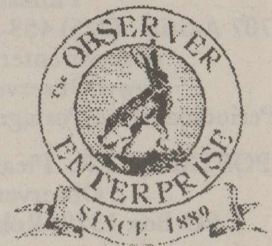


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Suspect arrested in murder of Robert Lee man

Jasmine Moreno of Robert Lee was arrested and booked in to the Runnels County Jail in Ballinger on Tuesday evening, June 26, 2018, for the murder of her husband, Cisco Moreno. However, she posted bond and was released the following day. Cisco Moreno was shot during a domestic dispute in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Golf Tournament set for July 8

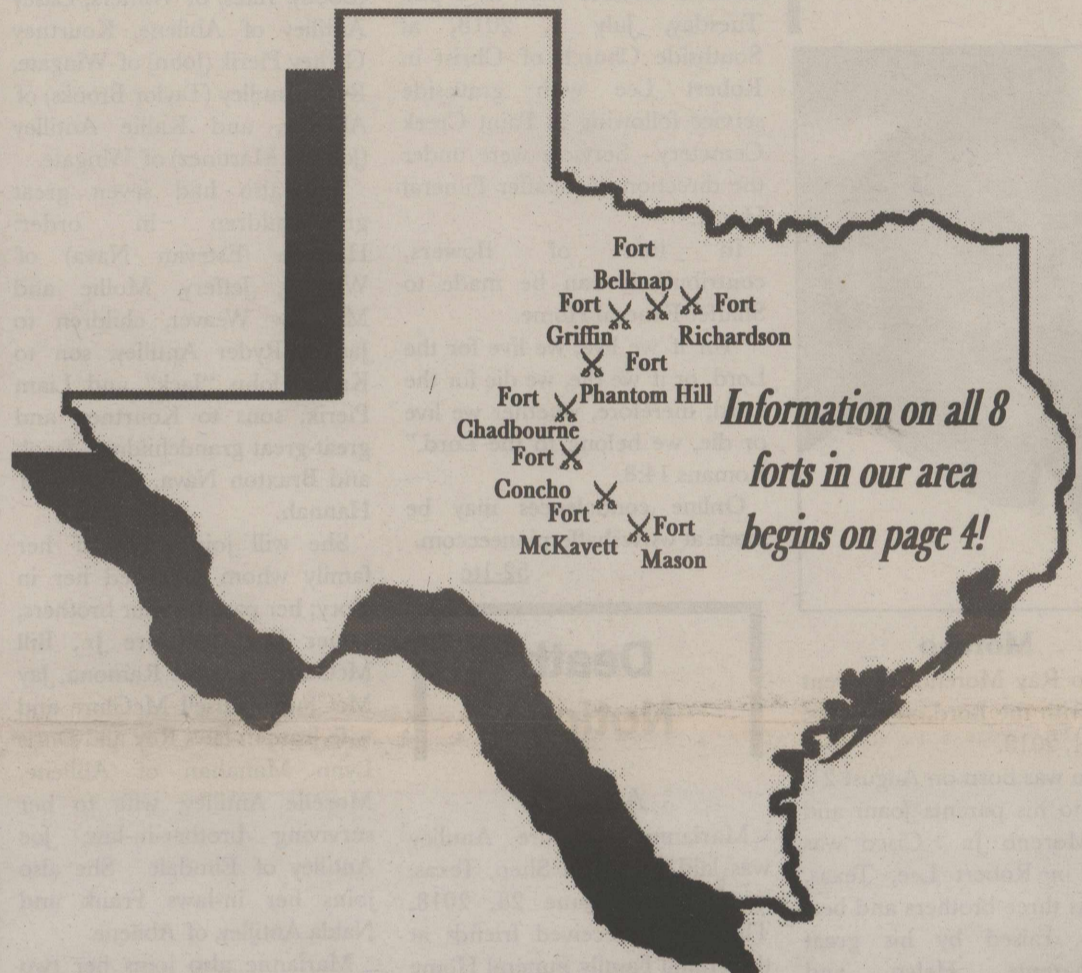
The Noel Percifull Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, July 8, beginning at 9 am. The tournament will be a 2 person, 18 holes, best ball.

For more information, contact the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at (325) 473-2156.

Retirement celebration for Jackie Walker slated

A retirement celebration in honor of Jackie Walker, Justice of the Peace, will be held Thursday, July 12 at 3 pm. The event will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse. All are invited to come and celebrate!

Explore our history with a visit to a Frontier Fort!



Information on all 8 forts in our area begins on page 4!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, July 9

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm,
Bronte Pool

Vacation Bible School, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm,
Robert Lee Baptist Church

Tuesday, July 10

Vacation Bible School, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm,
Robert Lee Baptist Church

Wednesday, July 11

Vacation Bible School, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm,
Robert Lee Baptist Church

Thursday, July 12

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm,
Bronte Pool

Vacation Bible School, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm,
Robert Lee Baptist Church

Friday, July 13

Vacation Bible School, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm,
Robert Lee Baptist Church

Junior Golf Clinic slated for Bronte

A free junior golf clinic for children ages 6 and up will be held from 9:30 am until 11 am on July 11, July 18, July 25, and August 1 at the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club. Food and drinks will be provided.

For more information, contact the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at (325) 473-2156.

RL Mini Cheer Camp slated for July 30 - August 3

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will host their annual Mini Cheer Camp July 30 through August 3. The camp will be held from 9 am until 11 am each day at the school tennis courts. Snacks will be available

for sale and students will need to bring a water bottle each day of camp. Also new Steer shirts will be for sale that week.

For more information, contact Maranda Hood by email at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

RLBC summer lunch delivery available

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be delivering lunches to children ages 4 - 18 at home within the city limits of Robert Lee. The lunches are delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday June 11 through August 10. There are no qualifications to be included, just forms for delivery. The forms may be picked up at the church, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

For more information, contact

the church at (325) 453-2724 or Erin Oleksiuk at (325) 656-9884.

Vacation Bible School set for RLBC

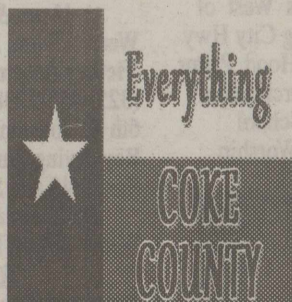
Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School July 9 through July 13, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Children going in to Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to attend. A pool party will complete the week on July 13.

For more information, contact Robert Lee Baptist Church at (325) 453-2724.

Ladies Retreat slated for August 4

Robert Lee Baptist Church will host a Ladies Retreat on Saturday, August 4, from 10 am until 2:15 pm. Tammy Whitehurst will be the speaker, with Tammy Aten as the worship leader.

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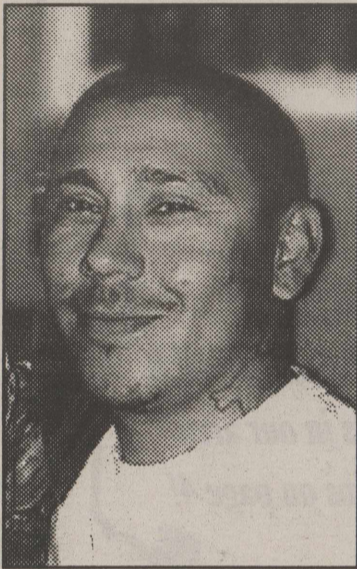
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Obituaries



Moreno

Cisco Ray Moreno, 30, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Cisco was born on August 21, 1987, to his parents Joani and Roy Moreno Jr. Cisco was raised in Robert Lee, Texas, with his three brothers and best friends, raised by his great grandparents, Helen and Clement Earwood, also known as "Nanny" and "Daddo."

Cisco attended the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee, Texas, where he was baptized at the age of 12. Cisco loved life and lived it to the fullest. Cisco's favorite hobbies included barbequeing, fishing, kayaking, watching the Dallas Cowboys, and spending time with his family.

Preceded in Cisco's death is Nanny and Daddo, and his father.

Cisco is survived by his wife, Jasmine Moreno, and son, Cisco Moreno Jr. of Robert Lee; daughter, Kristen, and her mother, Kailee, of Robert Lee; daughter, Leah, and her mother, Christine, of San Angelo mother and stepfather, Joani and Jeremy Thomas of Robert Lee; brother, Dustin, and wife, Sarah, of Robert Lee; brother, Jacob, and wife, Jessica, of Robert Lee; brother, Jerry Lee, and girlfriend, Jayce of Robert Lee; brothers, Giovanni and Azriel of Dallas; step-siblings, Donovan, Dayton, and Addison Thomas, of Robert Lee; grandmother, Ann Aguirre of Bronte; grandmother, Julie De La Rosa of San Angelo; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation was held all day

Monday, July 2, 2018, at Shaffer Funeral Home with family present from 6 pm until 7 pm. Funeral services were at 2 pm, Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee with graveside service following in Paint Creek Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Shaffer Funeral Home.

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.
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Death Notices

Antilley

Marianne McClure Antilley was laid to rest in Shep, Texas, on Thursday, June 28, 2018. The family received friends at the Hamil Family Funeral Home in Abilene from 6 pm until 8 pm, on Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

Her services were held at the First Baptist Church of Winters, on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 10 am.

Marianne and her husband, Frank, were blessed with four children, Timothy, the eldest who passed at birth; Cynthia Ann Antilley Cathey and husband Bill of Wingate; Tommy K. Antilley and wife Kei (Bedford) of Robert Lee; and Gary Don Antilley and wife Stasia (Carver) of Wingate.

She was the proud grandmother to ten grandchildren, in order: Shelly Antilley Guevara (Lupe) of Fredericksburg, Scott Antilley (Julia) of San Angelo, Cara Cathey Ledbetter of Pikeville, North Carolina, Jamie Antilley (Bobby Yates) of Winters, Casey Antilley of Abilene, Kourtney Cathey Pierik (John) of Wingate, Ryan Antilley (Taylor Brooks) of Abilene, and Kallie Antilley (Johnny Martinez) of Wingate.

She also had seven great grandchildren in order: Hannah (Estevan Nava) of Winters, Jeffery, Mollie and Matthew Weaver, children to Jamie; Ryder Antilley, son to Kallie; John "Jack" and Liam Pierik, sons to Kourtney, and great-great grandchildren, Jacob and Braxton Nava, children of Hannah.

She will join those of her family whom preceded her in glory; her parents, four brothers; Omer Dee McClure Jr., Bill McClure and wife Ramona, Jay McClure, Russell McClure and wife Jean; in-laws Roy and Doris Lynn Manahan of Abilene, Mozelle Antilley, wife to her surviving brother-in-law, Joe Antilley of Elmdale. She also joins her in-laws Frank and Nalda Antilley, of Abilene.

Marianne also joins her two grandchildren and a great granddaughter whom preceded

her, Hollie Ann Cathey (Jeremy Sockwell) of Midland, Clay Kennedy Antilley of Robert Lee and Paisley Antilley Laird of Wingate.

She is also survived by brother-in-law Joe Antilley of Elmdale, and a sister-in-law Lois McClure (Jay) of Lubbock and numerous nieces and nephews.

Underwood

Nehla Underwood, 83, of Andrews passed away on June 29, 2018, in Midland, Texas.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life at 10 am on Monday, July 2, 2018, at the Andrews Church of Christ with minister Leslie Boone, officiating. Interment followed in the Andrews Old Cemetery under the personal care of McNett Funeral Home. The family received friends on Sunday, July 1, 2018, from 4 pm until 6 pm at McNett Funeral Home.

Nehla is survived by her husband Johnie of Andrews; two sons Johnie "Butch" Underwood, Jr. of Andrews, Michael Underwood, and wife Ivonne of Andrews; two daughters, Cindy Taylor of

Midland, Texas, Kathy Underwood and companion Ramona Taylor of Ferris, Texas; one brother J.D. Porter of Andrews, four grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

McEntire

Ewing Fowler "Mackey" McEntire, Jr., 66, died Friday, June 29, 2018. Services were held at 10 am on Tuesday, July 3 at First United Methodist Church of Sterling City. Graveside Services followed at City Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Cathy, daughters Julie Thomason, Ginny McMinn, and Monica Peters.

Friend

Funeral services for Jonta "Lee" Friend were held Saturday, June 30, 2018, at 1:30 pm at Harper Funeral Home. Family visitation was held Friday, June 29, from 6 pm until 8 pm.

Lee is survived by his wife, Debra; children Coltyn and Cheyenne (Richard) Key; siblings, Francine Friend and Joe Friend, along with many other family members and dear friends.

Area Churches
Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346
118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
Preacher David Lewis
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee Bevy
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
Study & Worship
Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
6:30 pm Youth & Adults

First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
117 W. Main, Bronte
Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am
Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

4C Cowboy Church
Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Pastor James Brunson
Sunday, 10:30 am

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Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am
Worship, Wed 5:30 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360
Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
Recardo Reyes, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
(325) 473-1053
Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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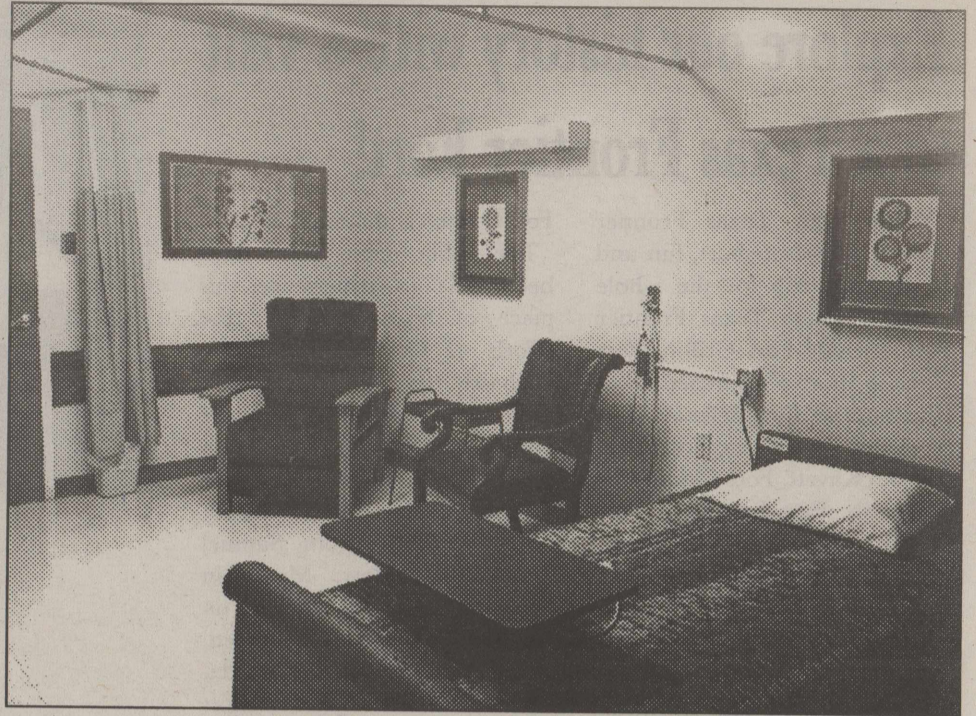
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Remodeling! The Bronte Health and Rehab Center recently remodeled another patient room. The Auxiliary was able to make this possible through donations raised at the annual 4th of July fundraiser. Chairs, tables, artwork, knickknacks were purchased, along with a flat screen TV to complete the room. Bronte Health and Rehab Center wants each patient staying at the rehab center to have a pleasant, cozy room while recuperating. For questions regarding the BHRC Auxiliary, the rehab rooms, or if you would like a tour of the facility, please contact the Bronte Health and Rehab Center at (325) 473-3621.

County Commissioners Court Meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Deputy Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and the prayer was offered by Judge Blair.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the accounts payable for payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Blair presented the Extension Reports.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Judge Blair.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Constable Precinct 1 Marty Boyd presented his report.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Jackie Walker's report was presented by Judge Blair.

The DR Report for April and May was presented by Judge

Blair.

The Trapper's Report from October 2017 through April 2018 was presented by Judge Blair.

The burn ban was reinstated. The unitized road system died for lack of motion.

Discussion on salary funding from MHMR for Coke County Mental Health Officers was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the agreement between the City of Robert Lee, Coke County and the Coke County Sheriff's Office. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the donation of caliche from Ronnie McGinn to Coke County. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams reported that the walking trail at the Bronte Park was completed.

Commissioner Millican moved to pay the bills. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am.

Senate passes farm bill
by Jessica Domel

The nation is one step closer to new farm and nutrition legislation. Shortly before 5 pm

on Thursday, June 28, the U.S. Senate passed its farm bill, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

"With 171 amendments and a vote of 86-11, obviously getting this farm bill done has been a tremendous team effort," Sen. Pat Roberts, chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, said after the bill's passage.

Senator Debbie Stabenow, the committee's Ranking Member, said the Senate's farm bill passage proves that bipartisanship is the way to get things done.

"It's not always the easiest path to take. However, when we put our differences aside and focus on the needs of the communities, the people that we serve, that's how we deliver a good bill," Stabenow said. "In this case, it's a bill that serves our farmers, our families and rural America."

More than 500 food, agriculture and conservation leaders agree the bill will provide certainty to communities and farmers, according to Stabenow.

"The Senate pushed the farm bill one big step closer to the finish line, and it could not have come at a better time," Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation president and Georgia farmer, said.

"America's farmers and ranchers continue to face a challenging agricultural economy, a shaky outlook for our export markets and a dire

ag labor shortage. It was time for some good news and the Senate delivered it in bipartisan fashion."

Both Texas Senators, John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, voted in favor of the five-year legislation.

"Approval by the U.S. Senate of its farm bill adds more momentum to this process. We're encouraged," Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said. "We very much appreciate both Senator John Cornyn and Senator Ted Cruz for their support of the Senate bill."

The farm bill impacts many areas beyond food production, Cornyn said.

"It promotes conservation of farm land and watersheds. Foreign food aid programs are reauthorized as part of this bill

and will lay down the policy that affects the management of our nation's forests," Cornyn said. "I'm especially pleased with this year's farm bill and its impact on my home state and the presiding officer's (at the time, Ted Cruz) home state of Texas."

This year's farm bill includes provisions including seed cotton in farm bill safety net programs. Seed cotton was left out of Title 1 in the 2014 bill, hurting cotton farmers across the country.

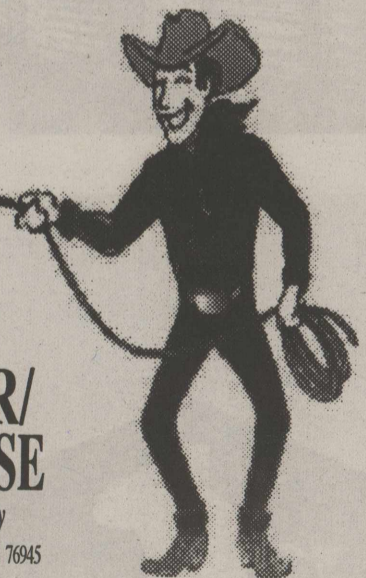
Earlier this year, a provision in the bipartisan budget act authorized the inclusion of seed cotton for the remainder of the 2014 Farm Bill to help cotton farmers who were dealing with drought, a global cotton glut and depressed commodity prices.

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Explore our history with a visit to a Texas Frontier Fort!

Visiting our Texas Frontier Forts is a perfect short, fun and educational trip for the whole family. These Texas Frontier Forts include Fort Griffin, Fort Concho, Fort Richardson, Fort Chadbourne, Fort Belknap, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis, Fort Bliss, Fort McKavett, Fort Clark, Fort McIntosh, Fort Inge, and Fort Phantom Hill. This article will focus on the frontier forts close to Coke County.

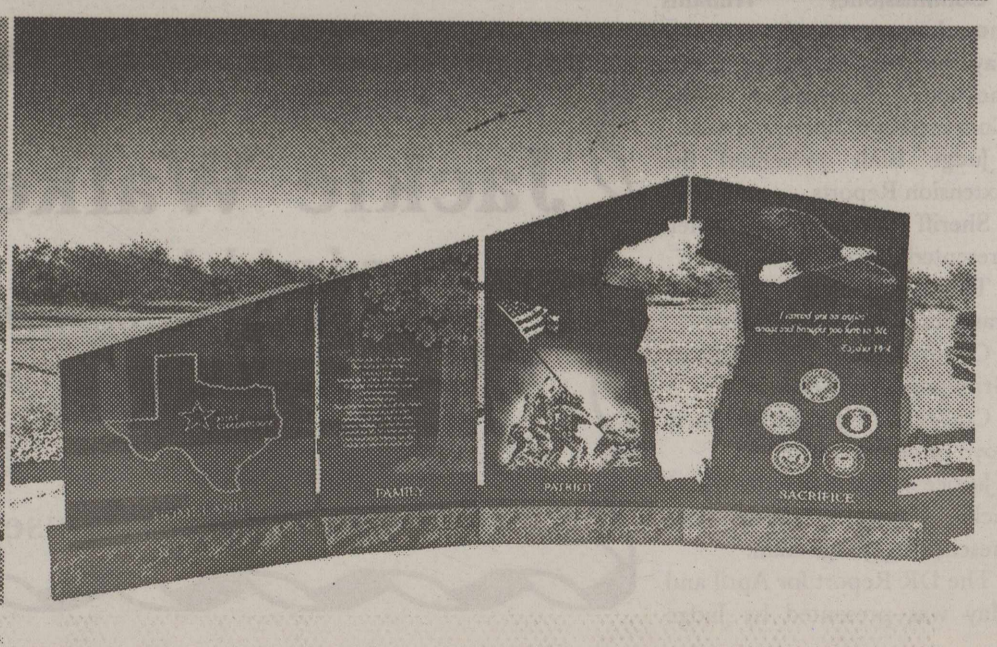
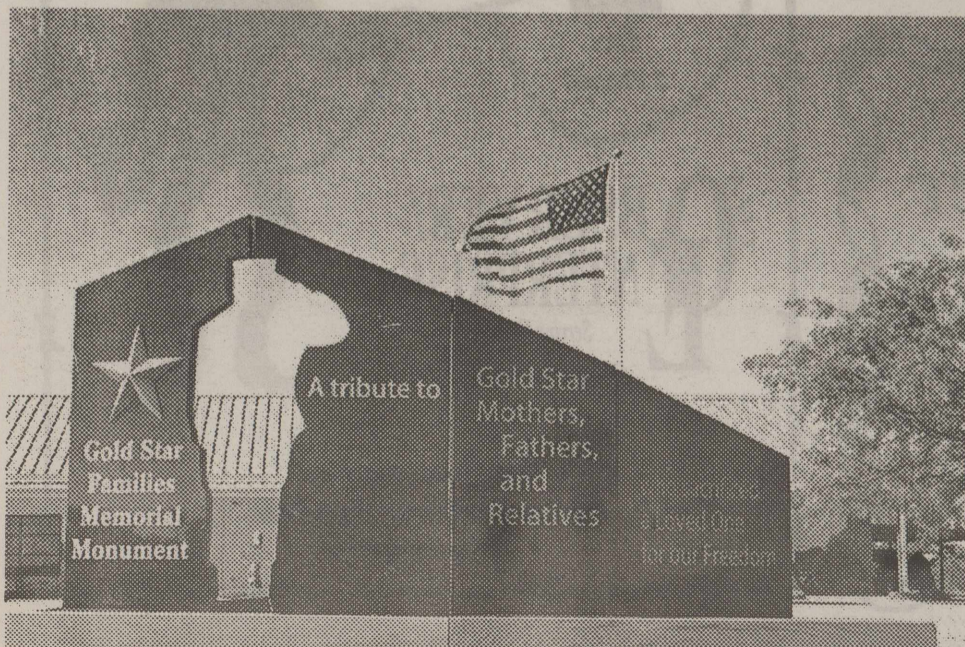
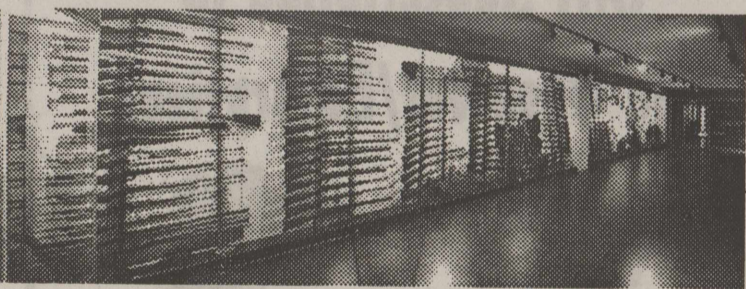
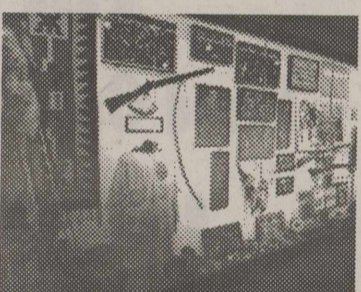
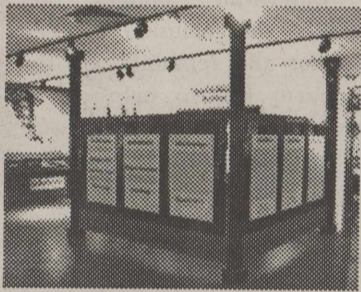
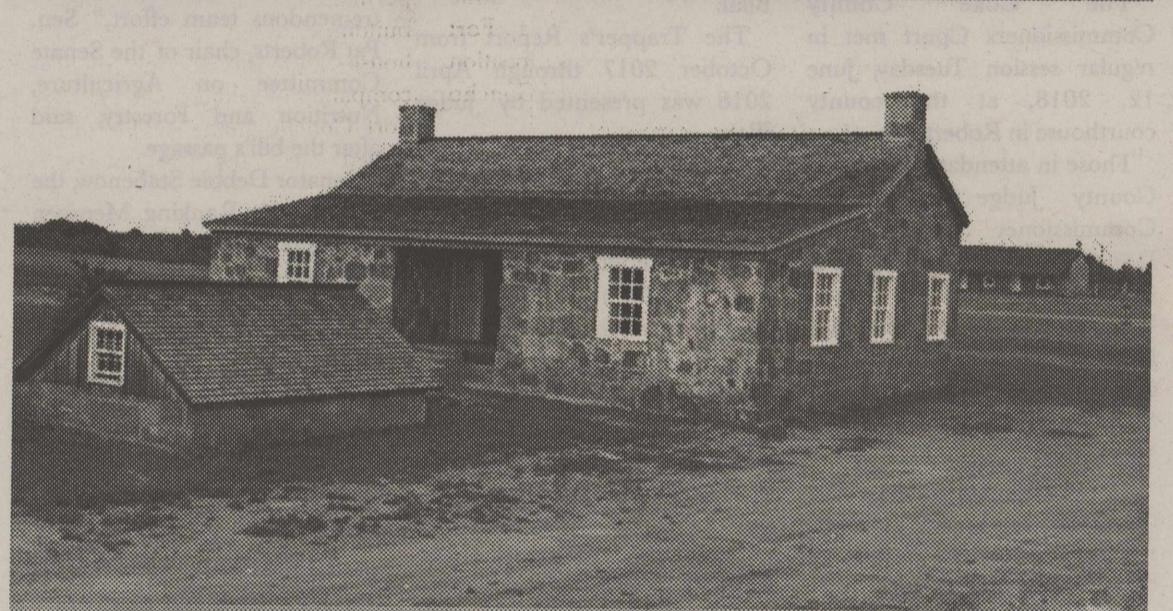
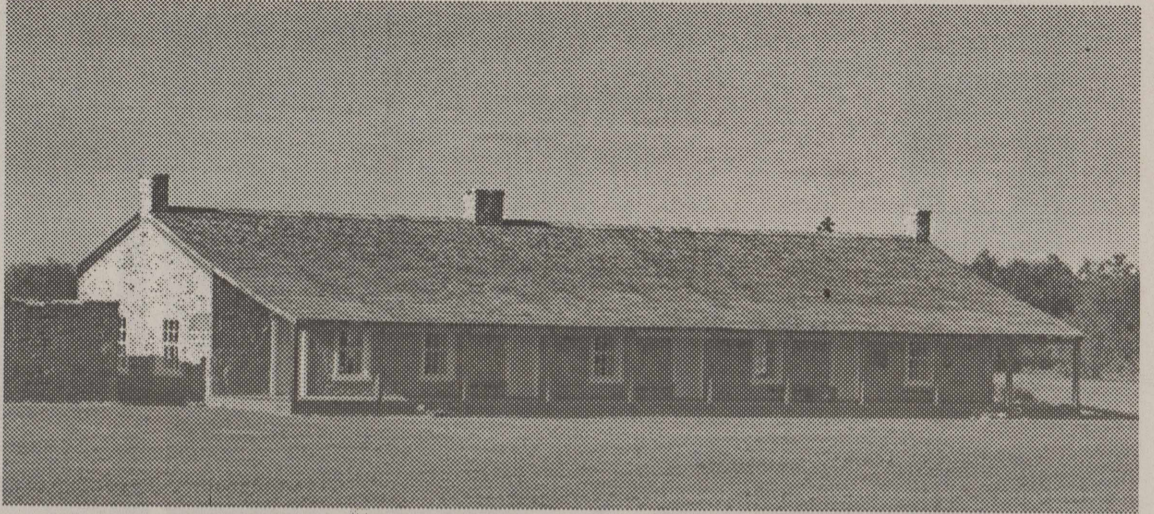
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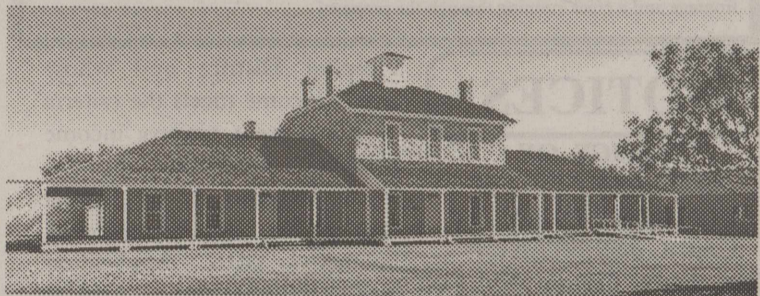
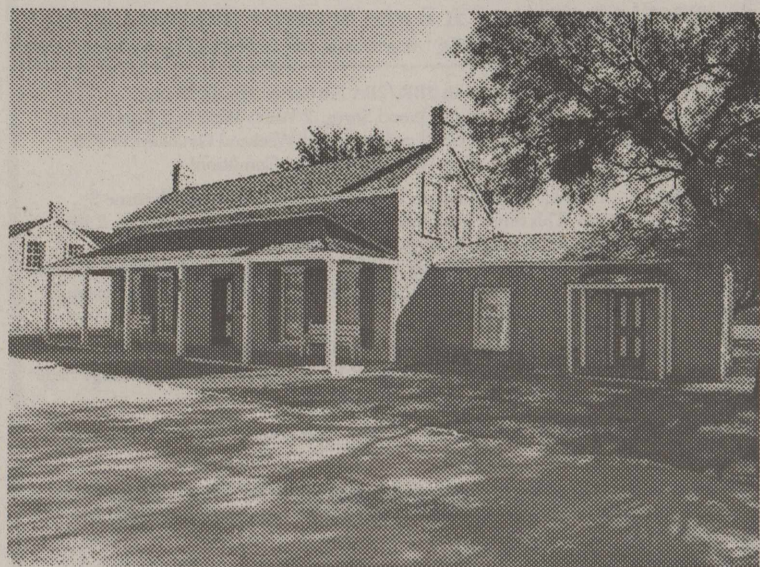
We in Coke County are blessed to have one of these restored forts within our own borders. Our own Fort Chadbourne was first established in 1852 as a United States Army post. The "Camp on Oak Creek" was originally intended to provide protection for those traveling to Santa Fe. It was built on the Butterfield Overland Mail route and housed 8th Infantry Companies A and K. In 1861, US forces surrendered the fort to the confederacy. Although US Infantry were stationed there after the War Between the States, a lack of water forced its closure and abandonment in 1868. The resident troops were moved to

Fort Concho at this time.

The public might never have been able to experience this piece of history without the efforts of Garland and Lana Richards who have worked tirelessly to restore the buildings and artifacts housed within them. Richards' ancestor Thomas Lawson Odom purchased land from Samuel Maverick's widow, Mary, in 1877. Fort Chadbourne was on part of the land purchased. Odom and his wife, Lucinda, were the first of eight generations to live on the ranch containing the fort. They made their home in what is now called the Double Officers' Quarters. This building was destroyed in a fire in 1919 and restored to what it is today in 2007. Known as the first Chadbourne Ranch Headquarters, visitors to the fort can appreciate the Odom family heirlooms with which the rooms are furnished.

Fort Chadbourne is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm and is located twelve miles north of Bronte on US Highway 277. Just look for its entrance graced by a huge cavalry spur.





Fort Concho

Less than fifty miles south of Fort Chadbourne is Fort Concho, located in San Angelo, Texas. The over 1600 acre site for Fort Concho was first selected in November 1867 and was necessary due to the lack of water at the older Fort Chadbourne. The 4th US

Cavalry's Company H arrived to take up residence in December of 1867. First named Camp Hatch and then Camp Kelly, the post became permanently known as Fort Concho in honor of its location on the banks of the Concho River.

The storehouses, commissary

and quartermaster, were constructed at the post in 1868. Construction continued until in 1879, approximately forty permanent limestone rock buildings were available to house and service the eight companies of soldiers who called Fort Concho home. This fort served as the regimental

headquarters for both the 4th and 10th Cavalries and at its peak was home to 400-500 men - soldiers, both infantry and cavalry, officers and support personnel. Some of all four regiments of the Buffalo Soldiers were stationed here before the fort was closed in 1889.

Today, Fort Concho is owned

by the City of San Angelo and includes over twenty original and restored buildings. It is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm. Self-guided tours are available until 4:30 pm on each of these days. Guided tours are available Wednesday through Sunday.



Fort McKavett

Fort explorers only have about 65 miles to travel from Fort Concho to Fort McKavett. Leaving San Angelo heading south to Christoval and heading out onto Toenail Trail (FM 2084) and then turning east on 190, will bring you to old Fort McKavett. This US Army post began with five companies of the 8th US Infantry in 1852. Its purpose was to protect settlers and all who traveled on the Upper El Paso Road. Camp San Saba, as it was originally

known, was changed to Fort McKavett in honor of Captain Henry McKavett. The fort was abandoned in 1859, reoccupied in 1868 and closed for good in 1883. Soldiers returning in 1868 found most of the original buildings destroyed and were forced to live in tents until new structures could be completed. It is said that General William T. Sherman called this fort "the prettiest post in Texas".

Fort McKavett is now a Texas State Historic Site and is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm.

Fort Mason

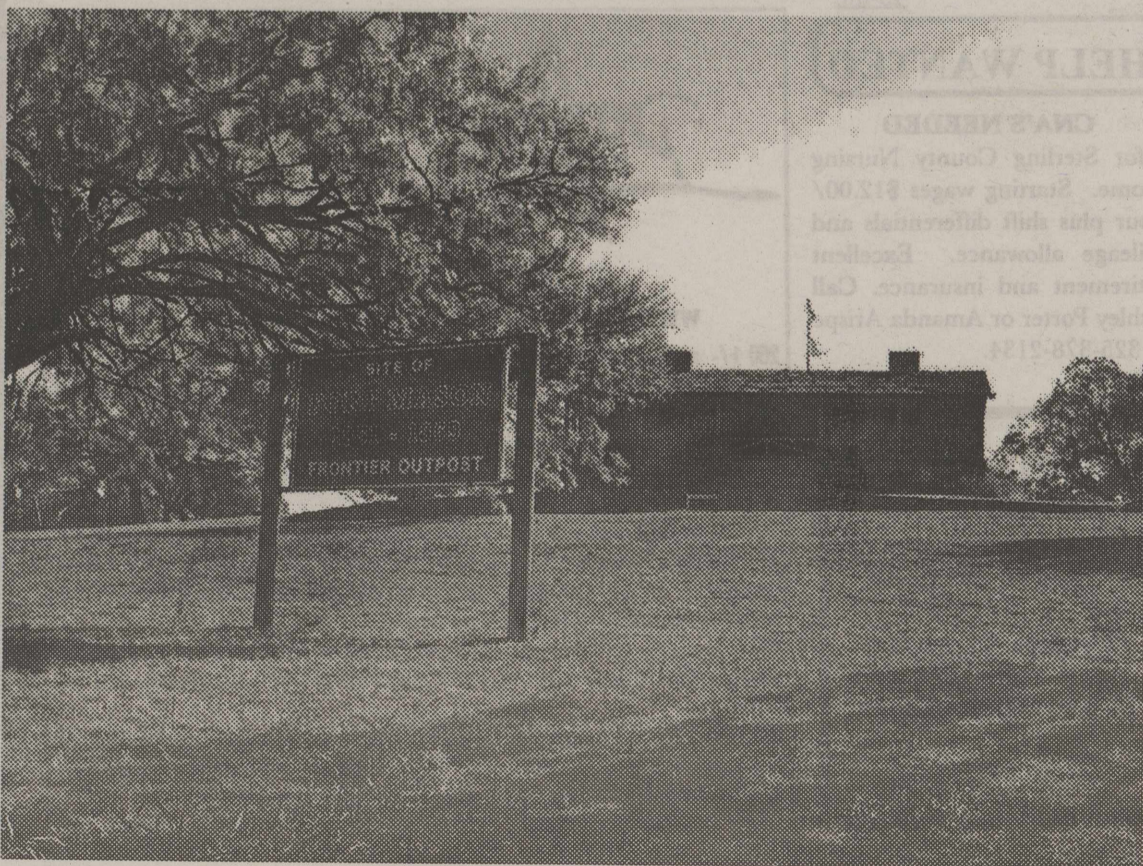
The last frontier fort we will visit on this southern route is Fort Mason, located on Spruce Street in Mason, Texas, just a little over 60 miles southeast of Fort McKavett.

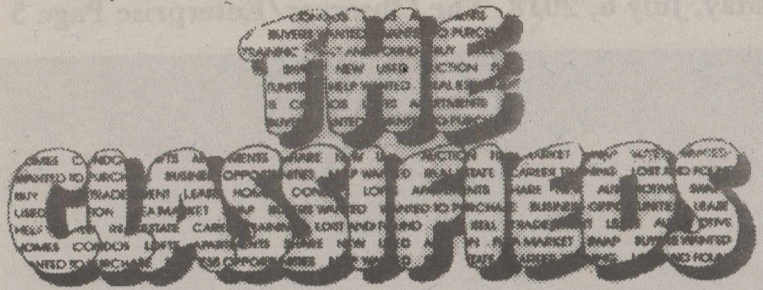
Lt. Colonel William J. Hardee chose the site for this post established by Companies A and B of the 2nd US Dragoons on July 6, 1851, to protect settlers from the Indians. Once the fort was established, fewer Indian raids occurred and the fort was closed several times in its first decade. At one time in early 1856, 2nd US Cavalry Companies B, C, D, G, H and I all had their headquarters on this post. Of those stationed at Fort Mason prior to the Civil War, twenty went on to become generals. Eight of these became generals in the Union Army with twelve serving as generals for the Confederacy. Fort Mason was the last command

for Robert E. Lee as a US officer.

Abandoned from 1861 to 1866, the fort was used briefly by the Confederate Army to house prisoners in 1862. In late 1866, the US Army returned to the fort and it was reoccupied, repaired and improved. By 1869, the fort had twenty-five buildings - most empty and needing repair and only 69 men stationed there at that time. It was ordered closed in March of that year. However in 1870, it was reopened to serve as the headquarters for the Frontier Forces Companies A and B. These forces were disbanded or moved in 1871 and the doors of Fort Mason were closed permanently.

Present day visitors to Fort Mason can view and explore a reproduction of the officers quarters at the Fort Mason Museum.





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NOTICES

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INDIGENT HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE

East Coke County Hospital District of Bronte, Texas, will provide from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, Indigent Health Care service to all eligible persons who meet the Hospital District eligibility requirements. Any resident of East Coke County Hospital District is eligible to apply for these services. Eligibility criteria include household composition, income, and other available resources. Supporting documentation is required for all components of eligibility. Eligibility for Indigent Health Care services will be limited to persons who can prove residency in the East Coke County Hospital District and whose family income meets the criteria of the current poverty income guidelines established by the Texas Department of Health and shown to be effective January 1, 2018. Application for this program can be made at the business office of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. This notice is made in compliance with the plan administration for annual public notification of service availability.

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...Farm Bill

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"This year's bill also retains and strengthens the Price Loss Coverage program to help provide Texas agricultural producers with stability through unpredictable weather and natural disasters," Cornyn said. "Finally, the bill promotes animal health and reauthorizes disease research programs, including a crucial one that will help the U.S. Department of Agriculture provide research to contain the spread of the cattle fever tick."

The Senate farm bill calls for a new program to replace the Dairy Margin Protection Program, which was not as effective for dairy farmers as intended.

It would also create stronger trade promotion programs, rural development and research programs.

Additional funding to increase Conservation Reserve Program acres to 25 million is also included.

"Agriculture and farming are vital to the fabric of our nation and are an enduring legacy of the great state of Texas. Resources like crop insurance provide farmers with an economic safety net for their efforts to feed and supply their fellow Americans, in good times and bad, and ensure food security for our nation," Cruz said.

Cruz noted the Senate achieved some long-needed reforms in this year's farm bill and took a stride toward more.

"For example, I'm pleased the final Senate bill takes steps towards restoring programs for cotton producers, by reducing the impact of amendments designed to benefit other regions and commodities at the expense of others," Cruz said.

Rifle Team! On June 23, 2018, the Coke County 4-H Rifle Team hosted the 3rd Annual Coke County 4-H Invitational at the Red Canyon Gun Club in Robert Lee, Texas. It was another successful shoot with kiddos from Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Crane, Hill, Jones, Taylor, and Tom Green counties competing. This shoot was a wonderful ending to a very successful season for the Coke County team. Julian De La Garza placed second in the Junior Light Rifle, Tristan Grantham placed third in the Intermediate Light Rifle and Garrett Knight placed second in the Senior Light Rifle. Garrett Knight also placed first in the Senior Silhouettes. Congratulations Coke County!



The House passed its farm bill in a 213-211 vote June 21.

The chambers are expected to select members for a conference committee after the Fourth of July recess.

The committee, which will be chaired by Roberts, will craft a single bill out of the House and Senate passed legislation to create a single bill for the president's consideration.

"Of course, no bill is ever perfect, but this bipartisan effort gives us a solid framework for progress," Duvall said of the Senate farm bill. "We do have concerns about some of the

provisions that were added to the bill that make it harder for farmers to manage risk, but we are confident that those issues can be satisfactorily addressed by the House/Senate conference committee. We look forward to working with conferees from both houses to get the best possible farm bill done for rural America."

The current farm bill expires September 30.

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Explore our history with a visit to a Texas Frontier Fort!

Fort Phantom Hill

Fort Phantom Hill, located on FM 600 in Jones County, was never officially named as a fort. It was established in 1851 as a US Army post to provide protection for the Santa Fe trail. The post suffered from a scarcity of fresh water from the beginning. The guardhouse, commissary and ammunitions magazine were the only stone buildings. The post was abandoned in 1854 and a fire destroyed most of the buildings

soon after. The ones not destroyed were used as Butterfield Overland stage station between 1858 and 1861. The Confederate Texas Mounted Rifles and Texas Rangers used the post during the Civil War and later it became a sub post after the war of Fort Griffin. It was closed in 1872.

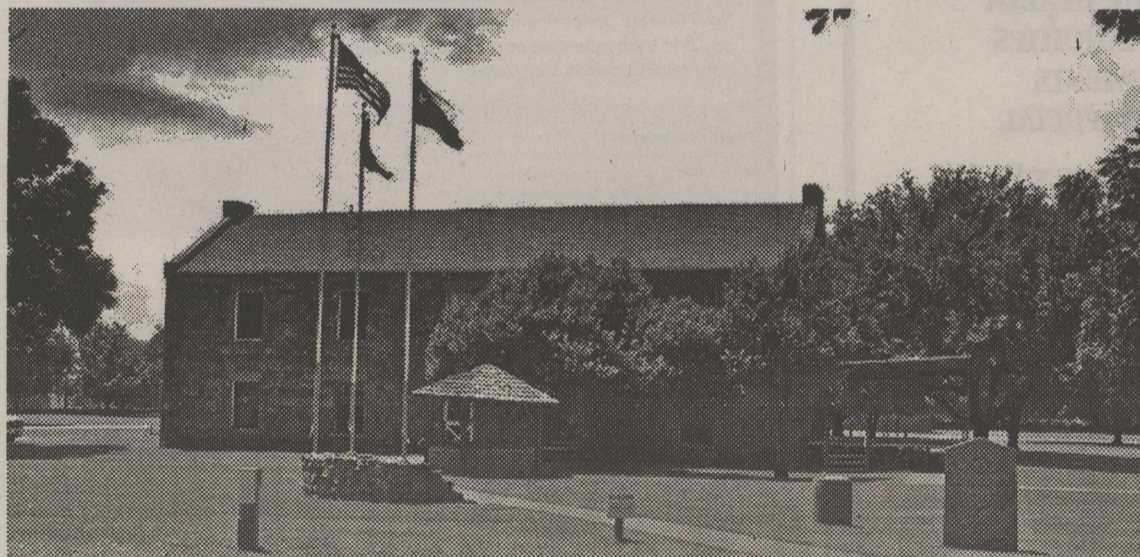
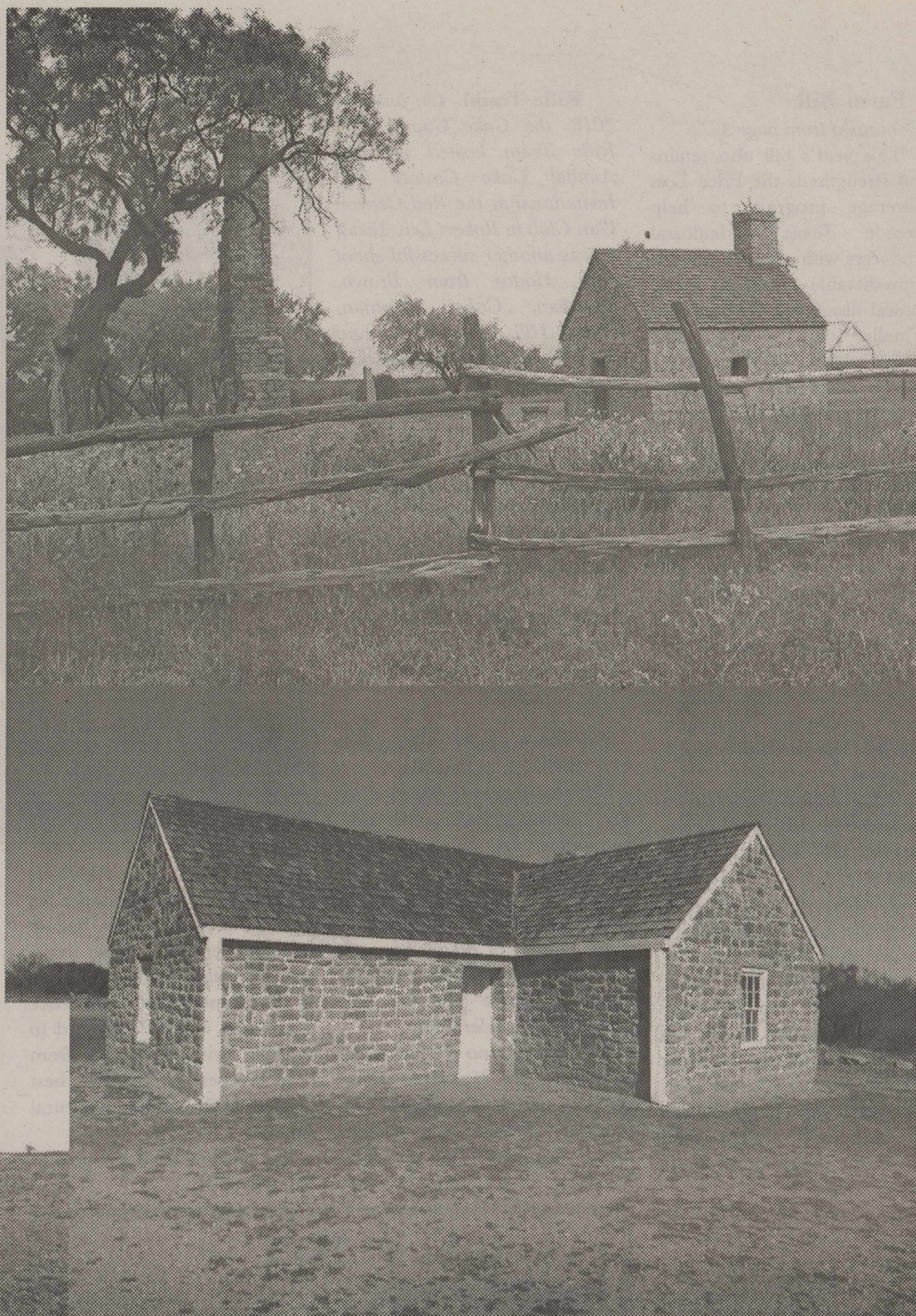
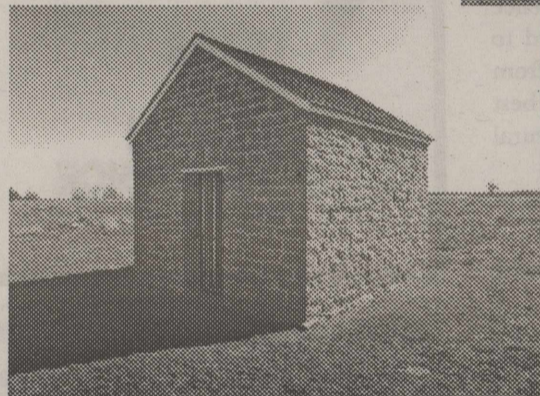
The fort is open daily from dawn to dusk and is free to the public.



Fort Griffin

Fort Griffin, located on Hwy 283 north of Albany, Texas, was first established in 1867 to provide protection for settlers and as a supply point for buffalo hunters. The railroad bypassed the post in the 1870s and it was closed in 1881.

Fort Griffin is a Texas State Historic Site and is open daily from 8 am to 4:30 pm.



Fort Belknap

Fort Belknap is located between Newcastle and Graham on FM 61 in Young County, Texas. The post was established in 1851 was the center of a network of roads including the Butterfield Overland Mail route from St. Louis to San Francisco. From 1854 to 1859, its soldiers provided protection to two nearby Indian reservations. In 1859, these reservations and Fort Belknap were closed. During the Civil War, Confederate troops of the Texas

Frontier Regiment occupied the fort. Texas Rangers used it from 1864 to 1867 when the 6th US Cavalry came in. Due to the fort's dilapidation, reconstruction was considered. However with the founding of Fort Griffin, the fort was permanently closed.

The Fort is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 1:30 pm to 5 pm. It is closed on Wednesday and daily from 12 noon to 1:30. Admission is free to the public.

Fort Richardson

The 6th US Cavalry first established this post as Fort Jacksboro, but later renamed it Fort Richardson. It is in the Fort Richardson State Park off Hwy 380 in Jacksboro, Texas. The Fort's first purpose was to counter hostile Indian raids. Seven original buildings have been restored and two replica buildings have been added.

Fort Richardson is open Sunday through Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm, Friday from 8 am to 9 pm and 8 am to 8 pm on Saturday.

