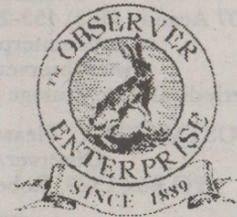


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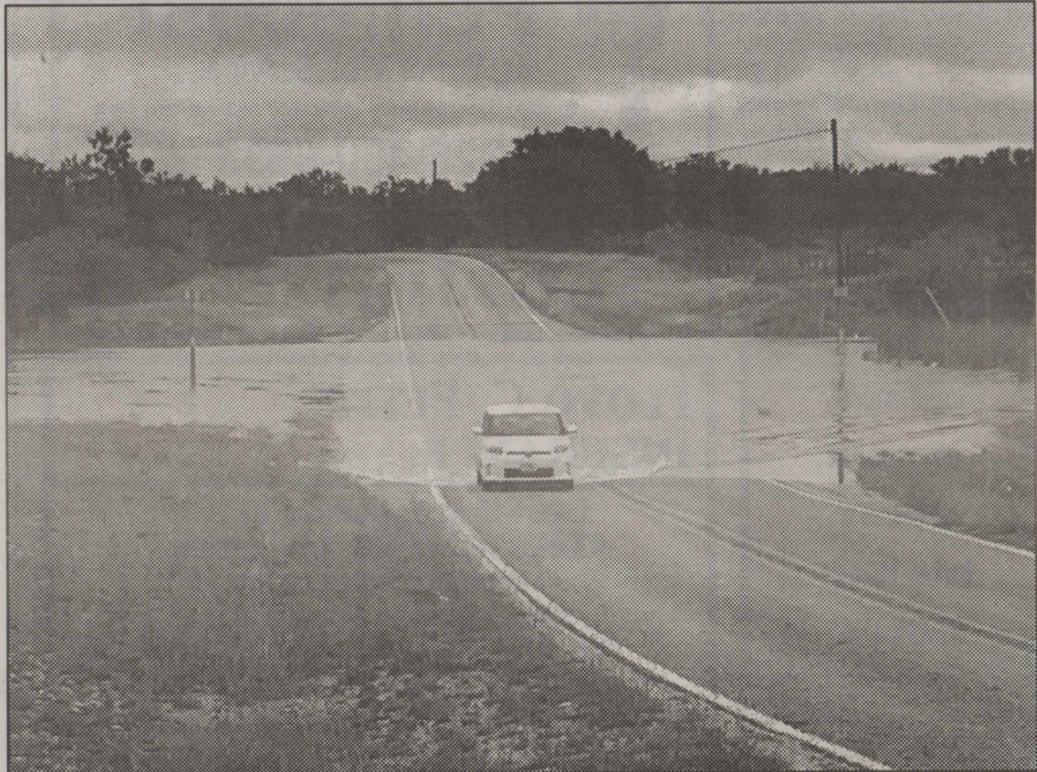
Friday, December 28, 2018

2018 Year in Review Issue

By Melinda McCutchen,
Publisher
We are entering a new year. As we say goodbye to 2018, I hope readers enjoy this look back at a few of the stories making headlines this past year. While combing through all of the 2018 issues, I quickly realized that there was no possible way to include everything. I'll apologize in advance if a story important to you was omitted. Also, we have not included any of the school

activities. Our area students are extremely talented, earning honors in academics, sports, UIL, and other extra curricular activities. There would be no way to include all of the honors earned in 2018 by these students. The majority of this issue is dedicated to 2018. Current news is included on pages 6 and 7. I sincerely want to thank our readers, contributors and advertisers for your support this last year.

Fire and Rain! When looking back over 2018, it seemed to be a year with several fires. However, very few were grass fires, unlike 2011. This fire sparked on July 6, 2018, in Bronte. It was believed to have been caused by an extension cord running from the building to a motor home. Coke County residents saw widespread rainfall in September and October, and continuing to push Oak Creek Reservoir over its spillway into December.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, December 28

School Holiday,
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell, ISD

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Eden Tournament,
Varsity Girls
Robert Lee at Eden Tournament,
Varsity Girls and Boys

Monday, December 31

School Holiday,
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell, ISD

Holiday Closures -
Robert Lee City Hall
Coke County Courthouse

Tuesday, January 1

School Holiday,
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell, ISD

Holiday Closures -
Bronte City Hall
Robert Lee City Hall
Coke County Courthouse

Wednesday, January 2

School Holiday,
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell, ISD

Thursday, January 3

School Holiday,
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell, ISD

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Eden Tournament,
Varsity Girls

Vision with a Purpose Meeting, 6 pm,
VP Headquarters, Austin St., Robert Lee

Friday, January 4

School Holiday,
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell, ISD

High School Basketball -
Robert Lee at Blackwell, 4 pm,
JV and Varsity Girls, JV and Varsity Boys
Bronte at Water Valley, 5 pm,
JV Girls, Varsity Girls and Boys

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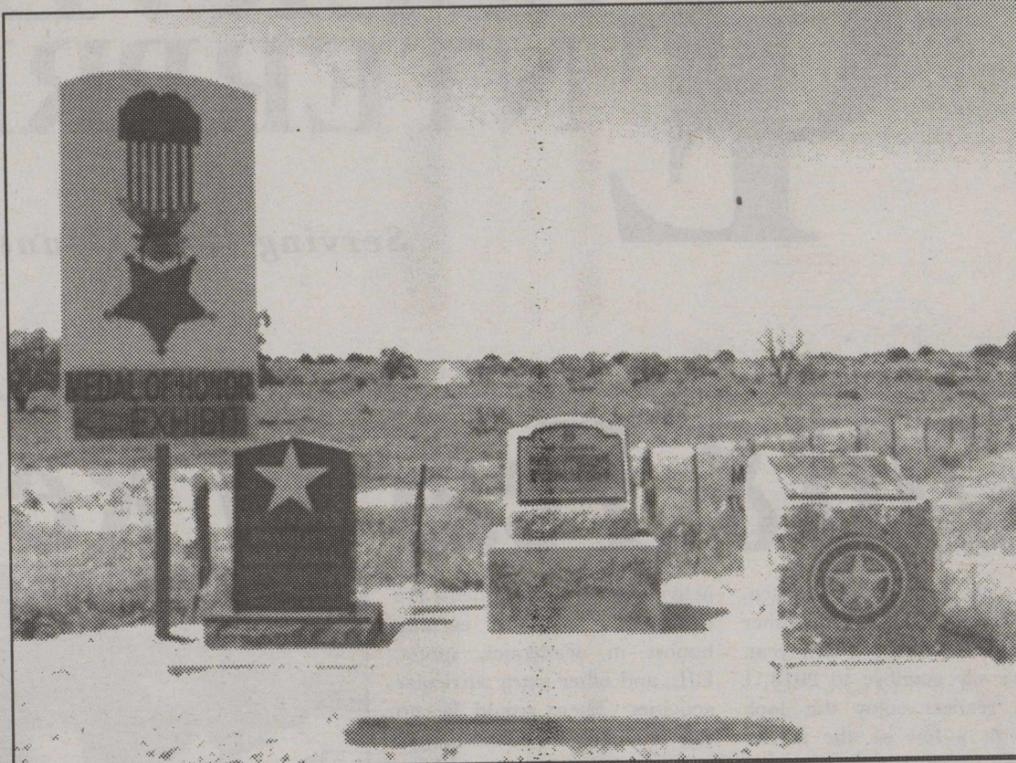
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Fort Chadbourne



Fort Chadbourne! Fort Chadbourne was extremely busy this year. The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Highway signs (above photo) were erected by the Fort Chadbourne Foundation on April 23, 2018, along with a sign at the entrance to Fort Chadbourne guiding travelers to our Gold Star Monument (top right photo) located here. Fort Chadbourne hosted Medal of Honor recipient Allen Lynch as their guest speaker at their annual Evening with a Hero Dinner held on May 9, 2018, with 450 people in attendance.

Medal of Honor recipient Hershel Woody Williams, WWII, was at Fort Chadbourne on Veteran's Day to attend a lunch honoring Veterans and be a part of a program which featured him. Over 200 Veterans and their families were honored. The Texas Bucket List program (bottom right photo) highlighted Fort Chadbourne following their visit to the fort in June.



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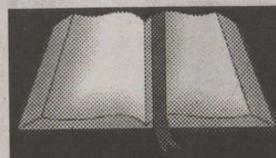
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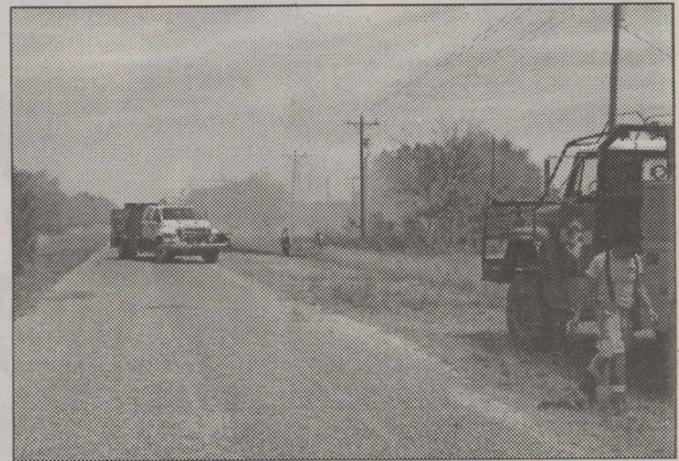
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 11 am & 5 pm Worship
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 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm
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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

On Thursday morning, April 19, 2018, a truck loading condensate (drip gas) at the compressor station approximately 6 miles north of Bronte on US Highway 277 caught fire, possibly due to a wind change blowing vapors across the truck's engine. The experienced driver, Tony Holland, was able to shut off valves before escaping to safety. This action prevented the fire from reaching the storage tanks at the site. Traffic was diverted onto Morrow Loop and Old Highway Road for over an hour as the truck burned. Emergency responders included members of the Coke County Sheriff's Office, Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and Coke County Constable Marty Boyd. The two fire pictures to the right were from grass fires last spring.



This home at 401 South State Street in Bronte was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday afternoon, July 31, 2018. It could have been much worse, but thanks to two local men, Don Bailey and Rusty Corley, authorities were alerted and the youngster inside was rescued.



The creek pictures are from the creek west of Blackwell (far bottom right and above left) which filled Oak Creek Lake. The other picture shows Dripping Springs west of Robert Lee. All three pictures were from the rains which fell in September and October.

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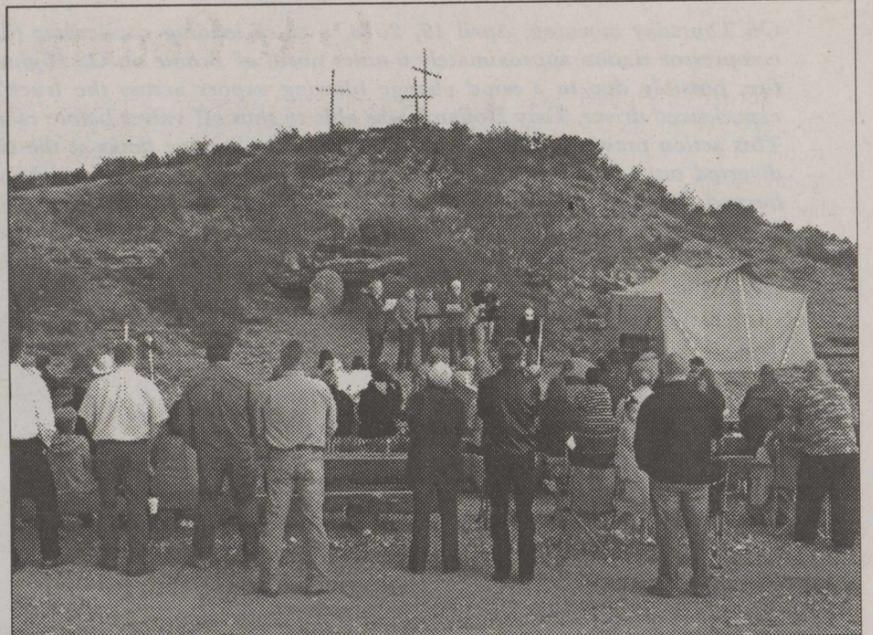
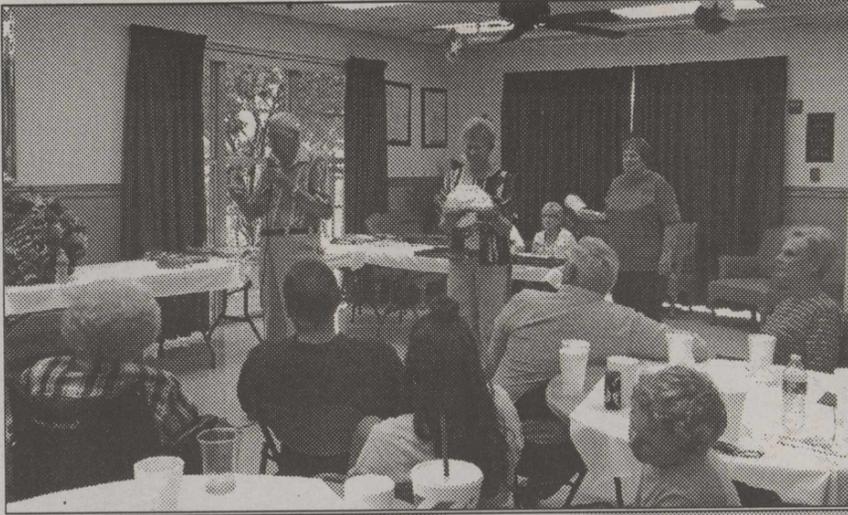
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Left, from top - BHRC 4th of July Celebration, Bronte; Robert Lee Street Affair Car Show, Robert Lee; Robert Lee Street Affair Vendors, Robert Lee; National Night Out, Robert Lee.

Right, from top - Easter Sunrise Service, Gentry Ranch; Park Fun Day, Bronte; National Night Out, Robert Lee.

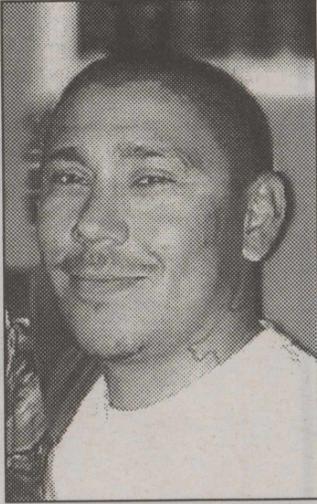
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Coke County Law Enforcement

Murder in Robert Lee!

2018 saw two murders occur in Robert Lee. Cisco Moreno (right) was shot and killed in his home during the early morning hours of Sunday, June 24, 2018. Jasmine Moreno was indicted by a Coke County Grand Jury on Thursday, July 12, 2018, for the murder of her husband. She was arrested and released on bond pending disposition of the case.



Douglas Vinson Harvey was shot at a Robert Lee residence (top right photo) Thursday morning, October 4, 2018. Kim Bohannon was arrested

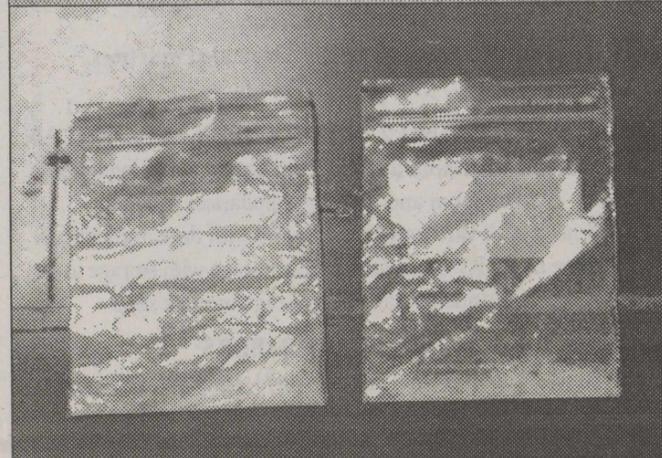


and charged with 1st degree murder on Friday, October 12, 2018.

Supermarket Savaged! At approximately 6:15 Friday evening, January 5, 2018, an 18 year old man entered Bronte Supermarket on Main Street in Downtown Bronte (2nd right photo). When asked to exit the store for spitting on the floor, he ran to the back and began throwing wine bottles at the glass doors of a refrigerated display case. Store employees evacuated customers and called law enforcement. Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Russell Johnson was the first officer on the scene, and with back up provided by Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, was able to stop the suspect's rampage with the use of a non-lethal weapon. Williams was contacted for assistance by customers while working in his office across the street from the store. Damage estimates may run as high as \$40,000 in lost and damaged merchandise and equipment. Chief Deputy Brandon Neal is shown surveying the damage.



Recovered Property and Drugs! The remaining photos are just a few of the items impounded or recovered by the Coke County Sheriff's Office in 2018.



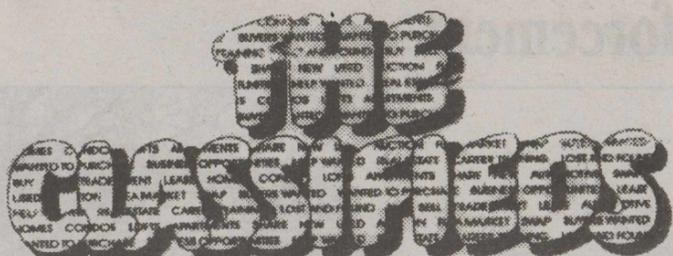
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The City of Robert Lee office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25, as well as Monday, December 31, 2018, and Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

Friends of the RLCC Brown Bag Fundraiser set

The Friends of the RLCC will be cooking up some pulled pork (a la Clark Tinkler) and having a brown bag fundraiser Friday, January 11, 2019.

The sack lunch will include a pulled pork sandwich, bottle of water, chips and candy.

Serving will be from 11 am to 1 pm in the small lobby located at the West side covered drive through of the Robert Lee Care Center.

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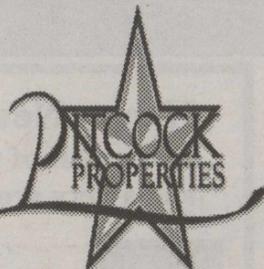
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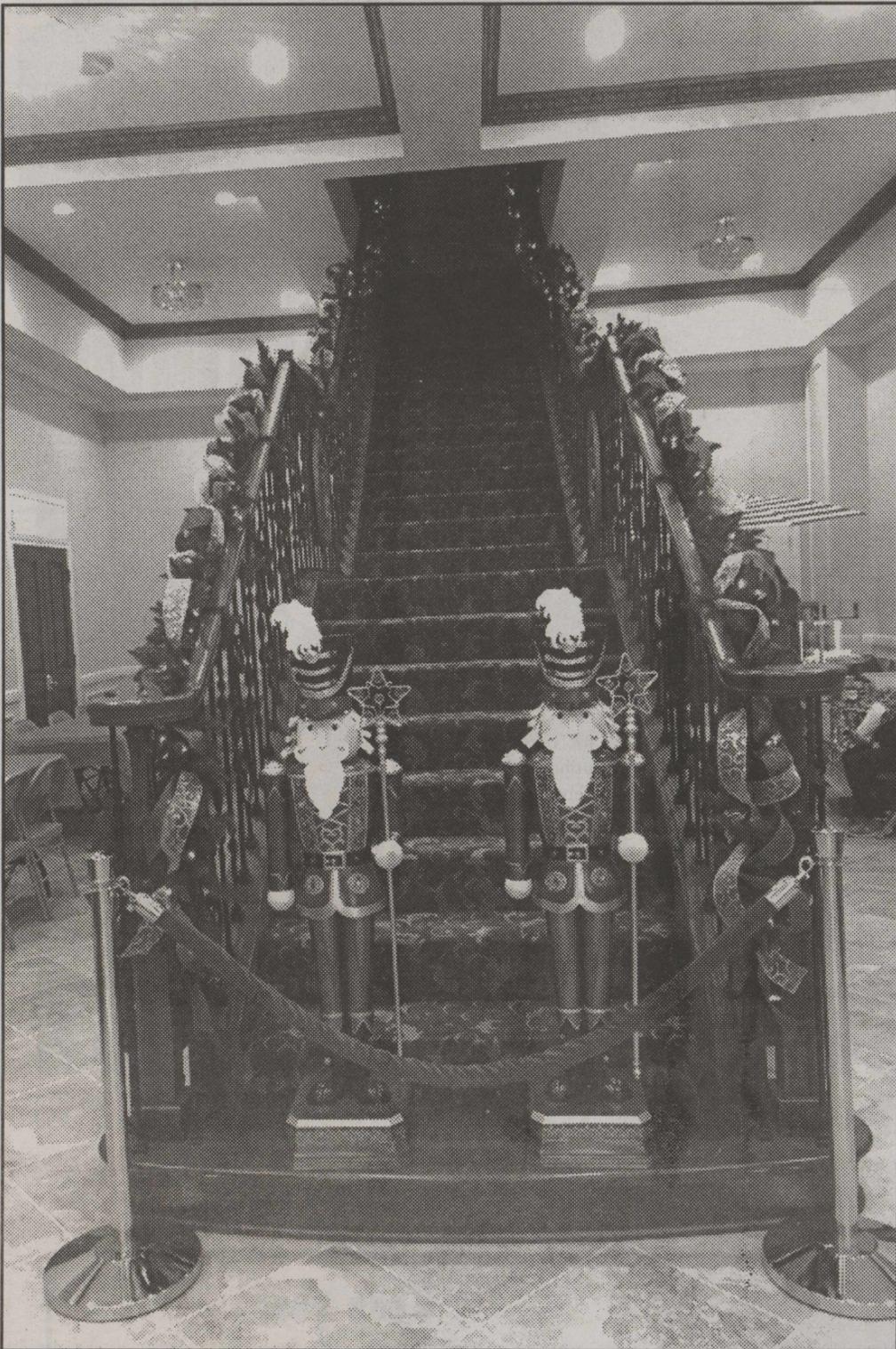
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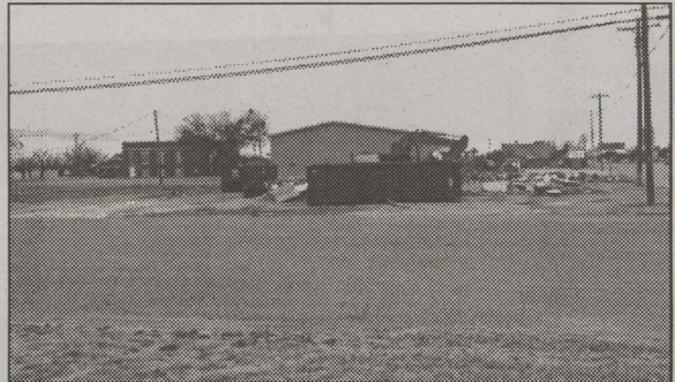
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Vision with a Purpose has a brand new headquarters and event center! It was officially opened at a semiformal event Saturday evening, June 9, 2018, that included a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event showcased the renovation efforts on the building located on Austin Street in Robert Lee. The Event Center is available to rent for weddings, parties, or any kind of celebration or meeting. It has a fully stocked kitchen, tables and chairs, elevator, sound system, and decor. The staircase, decorated for their Small Town Christmas event, is shown above.



Lost Landmark! The old Baker's Grocery in Robert Lee was demolished early in 2018.



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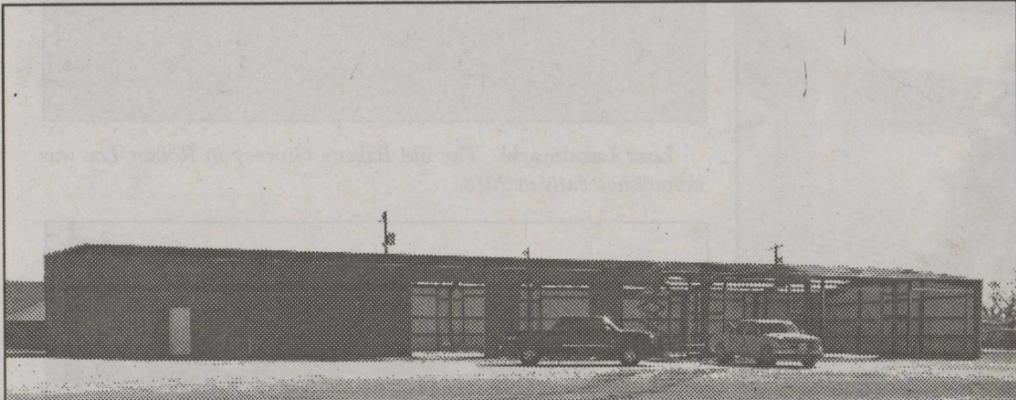
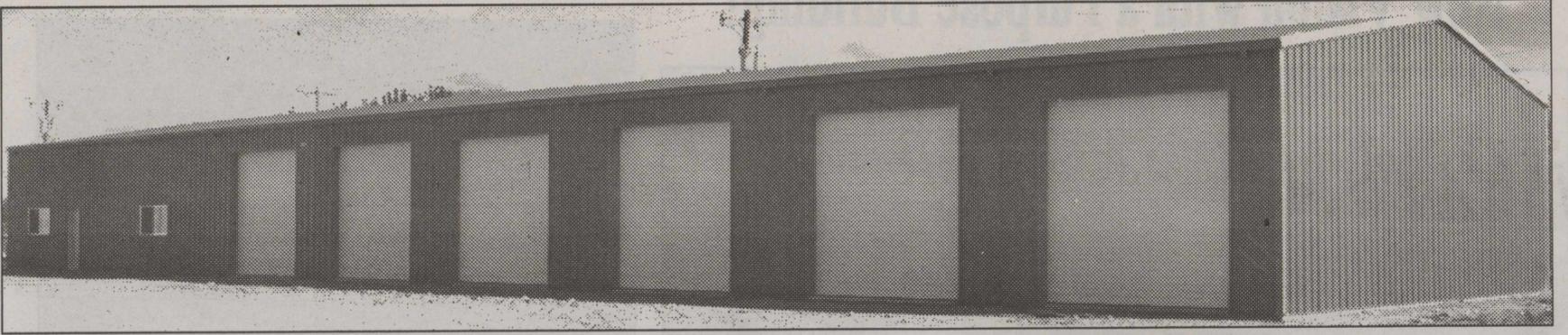
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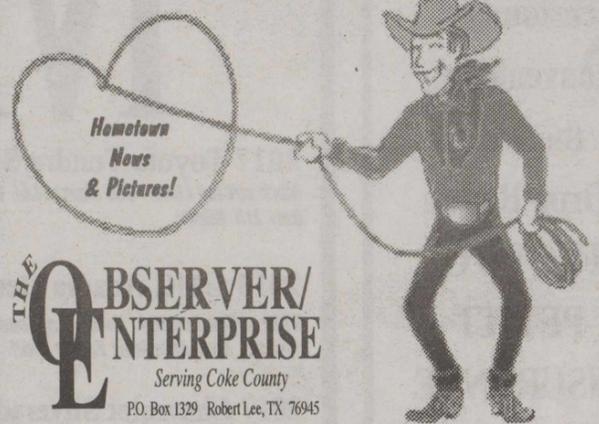
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