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Sterling City sets Stroll for December 11

The annual Sterling City Stroll will be held on Saturday, December 11, from 6 to 9 pm.

Local businesses will welcome nighttime strollers during this great holiday activity along Main Street.

Wonderful holiday music will be heard from the courthouse lawn for the enjoyment of all who come out for the stroll.

Santa will be brought to the gazebo by a City fire truck at 7 pm. He will give candy canes to the children as he listens to their Christmas wishes.

Other activities are planned such as a band to perform some holiday music, and hopefully, a "Live Nativity" scene.

If you have any questions, please call Don Davis, Lion President 2004 at 378-6591.

Bryan's Barn lights up the holiday season

The Christmas season officially opened when Bryan's Barn brought to life the 6 acres of Christmas lights. The Barn will be open through December 31st from 6 to 10 pm each evening including December 24 and 25.

Santa Claus will be at Bryan's Barn on December 10, 11, 17, 18, & 19.

Although admission to the Barn and surrounding grounds is free, donations are welcomed to defray expenses.

The Barn has become a local symbol of Christmas and will be seen by a huge number, including tour bus loads.

For more information, call Jeffie Roberts at 453-2957.

Reception slated for retiring Commissioner Burns

Coke County Commissioner Paul Burns will be honored with a retirement reception on Monday, December 13, from 2-4 pm. It will be held in the Commissioner's Courtroom in Robert Lee where he has served the county as commissioner of Pct. 1 for 14 years. His retirement becomes final December 31.

Friends, family, and his constituents are invited to attend the "come and go" reception.

BHRC residents to go caroling

The residents of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center will be caroling for the residents of Bronte, on Tuesday, December 14, from 6-8 pm. If you would like them to stop by your house to entertain you, please leave your porch light on.

Bronte Eastern Star to host dinner for senior citizens

To honor the senior citizens of Bronte, the Bronte O.E.S. will be hosting a Christmas luncheon on December 16, 2004, at 11:30 am. All senior citizens are invited to attend and enjoy turkey, dressing, ham, and all the fixins including pie for dessert. Come and help celebrate the holidays.

City of Bronte seeks donations for Christmas decorations

The City of Bronte is trying to make the downtown more beautiful for the Holiday Season (which is just around the corner). Last year several people and organizations donated money so that the City of Bronte could purchase Holiday Flags.

This year the City of Bronte has purchased four 7.5 feet tall lighted Christmas decorations which will be placed on the light poles on Main Street. Through many donations, we have almost reached our goal to have them all paid for. We have deposited \$980.00 to date toward the purchase of these displays.

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Area Christmas Celebrations! *Santa Claus, aka Coke County Deputy Brian Albertson (top photo) listens to this little tyke's Christmas wishes on Friday, December 3. A live nativity (middle photo) at First United Methodist Church in Sterling City is presented December 5. Mary "Sug" Lawhon, former longtime Bronte 4th grade teacher (bottom photo), reads the Polar Express to children at First National Bank in Bronte December 6.*



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Death Notices

Antilley

Frank K. Antilley, 80, of Wingate died Tuesday, November 30, 2004, at his residence.

Service was held on Thursday, December 2, 2004, at First Baptist Church in Winters with burial following in Shep Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Marianne Antilley of Wingate-Shep; one daughter, Cindy Cathey and husband, Bill of Wingate; two sons, Tommy Antilley and wife, Kei, of Robert Lee, and Gary Antilley and wife, Stasia, of Guthrie; 10 grandchildren, which include Scot Antilley of Abilene; and Clay Antilley of Robert Lee; great-grandchildren; one brother; and two brothers-in-law.

Bronte FBC presents "Beneath a Shining Star"

"Beneath a Shining Star" will be presented at Bronte's First Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 15, at 7:00 pm. This Christmas musical program will be presented by the FBC Children's Choir under the direction of Ida Lee Ellis and music minister Dale Ellis. The children (and several adult helpers) have been working on this program for several weeks. The musical features choir numbers, solos, speaking parts, and drama, all in costume.

Following the presentation of "Beneath a Shining Star", everyone is invited to a "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" party in the church's fellowship hall. This party, complete with cake and other refreshments, will be an opportunity for anyone to present a gift of cash or canned food to be given to the Coke County Food Pantry.

First Baptist Church will also be having its annual Christmas supper this Sunday, December 12, at 5:00 pm, followed by a special candlelight worship experience. There is no admission charge for either program, and everyone is invited to attend. First Baptist Church is located in Bronte at the corner of Barclay and South

Washington streets. For more information, contact the church at 473-2331 or Pastor Morris Johnson at 473-5661.

Local delegates attend Texas Farm Bureau convention

Two voting delegates from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 71st annual Texas Farm Bureau convention December 4-6 in San Antonio.

They were: Bobby Roberts - President of Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau and his wife Jeffie Roberts.

Boyd Jackson of Lockney was named Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher. He received the title to a 2005 Dodge Ram 3/4 ton 4X4 Quad Cab pickup with a Cummins diesel engine, courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co. and many other gifts. He will represent Texas in the American Farm Bureau Federation Achievement Award Competition in Charlotte, NC, in January 2005.

Emily Seybert, a senior at Paul Pewitt High School in Dangerfield, was named winner of the 2004 Free Enterprise Speech Contest. Maranda Harrison, a senior at Bowie High School in Bowie, was named the winner of the Farm Bureau Talent Find Contest, and Dana McLaughlin, a senior at Spearman High School in Spearman, was crowned Miss Texas Farm Bureau. Each winner received scholarships in the amount of \$2000.00 to \$4000.00 to attend the college of their choice and many other gifts.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,200 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in North Carolina.

Addressing the delegates were Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo, TFB president; Ralph Detten of Hereford, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB execu-



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts

tive director. The business session covered the final day of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo.

Guest speakers at the Farm Bureau Convention were US Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, and Governor Rick Perry.

BHRC attends fall leaf tour

By Kendal Johnston

On November 19, seven residents loaded up and went to Buffalo Gap to see the colors of the fall leaves.

Our adventure began as we traveled down Highway 277 North and passed Coronado's Camp through the hills on 277 leading toward Abilene. We saw many beautiful leaves in throughout the hills. We turned around at the Shell Station in View (otherwise known as the View Mall). A few of our residents asked if we were in Buffalo Gap and I said no, we are in View. Mr. Royce Lee asked how much further it was to Abilene, and I replied 8 miles to my house

in Abilene. We traveled down 277 South back to Coronado's camp and turned Northeast on to FM 18. Again, we saw many wonderful leaves along the road leading us to Buffalo Gap.

Residents enjoyed seeing Lake Abilene and noted that it did have water in it after all the recent rains. We finally made it to Buffalo Gap and a few residents said they had never been to Buffalo Gap before. We stopped at the Buffalo Gap General Store for a coke and some rest before heading back to Bronte. Maynard Rogers entertained us with his harmonica in the store.

We left the store and rode by the Buffalo Gap Historic Village, which tells the story of early life in the late 19th century and early 20th century in Taylor County. Our residents enjoyed seeing some of the old buildings.

As we journeyed back to Bronte, my group was singing along with Mr. Rogers playing the harmonica. All our residents who attended this event seemed to have a great time.

Washington streets. For more information, contact the church at 473-2331 or Pastor Morris Johnson at 473-5661.

WCC EMS runs for November 2004

11/04 - patient refused service
11/09 - medical
11/09 - medical
11/13 - medical
11/13 - medical
11/13 - medical
11/13 - medical
11/19 - medical
11/28 - trauma
11/28 - trauma
11/28 - patient refused service

WCC EMS Memorials for November 2004

Kathy Perez
Della & Roger Alexander
BHRC enjoys great Thanksgiving meal
On November 20th, Bronte Health and Rehab held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Thirty-six guests showed up besides the residents, staff and board members. There was great food and plenty of visiting. This was also a great time for friends and families to catch up on what was going on in each other's lives as well as a time to show thanks to God for all the great things he has done for everyone in the last year.

The Christmas party will be held on December 18th at 5:00 pm. BHRC is asking that each one that attends bring sandwiches, snack foods and hors d'oeuvres. They plan to sing Christmas Carols and Santa Claus will be coming in and pass out

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Central Baptist continues series
Central Baptist Church in Bronte is continuing the Celebrate Recovery program with eight sermons on spiritual growth and recovery from hurts, habits and hangups. The sermons are being presented each Sunday morning during the 11 am worship service.
Volunteers who are familiar with 12-step programs are needed to be trained as leaders in a 12-step program focusing on Jesus Christ as the Higher Power. The Celebrate Recovery meetings will begin in December.
FMI, please call Pastor Tim White at 473-4811.

Area Churches
Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Larry Tianen
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
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) 468-0014
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting



Diva for a Day! Amy Wheat (left), Robert Lee's own Diva for a Day, is surprised by Robin Munoz November 30. Robin wrote the nominating letter from which Amy was chosen for the honor.

Diva for a Day happy success

The Diva for a Day event sponsored by Robert Lee businesses was a happy success.

Amy Wheat was chosen from among fourteen women nominated by friends and family who composed essays to nominate and honor their own Diva. Amy graciously adhered to a busy, day-long schedule of dining, beauty and health treatments, accompanying Santa Claus on his rounds of the courthouse and the care center, dinner with her husband Ricky, Bryan's Barn, and cheesecake and cocoa before ending her Diva day. Amy was also presented with a basket of goodies and coupons from local merchants as was the runner-up Diva, Janet Graves.

Each nominee was presented with a copy of her nomination letter as a keepsake.

In a small community, it is the local businesses that are called on to support local events. Robert Lee is supported in this and all its community efforts by Ash-Millican-Carson Real Estate, Cathy's Flowers and Gifts, Cindy's Grocery, D.J.'s Merle Norman, This 'N That, C & H Hardware, Darrell's Massage and Fitness Center, Especially for You, Frankie's, Designs by Toni, Diane Royall, Russell Davis of the Farm Bureau, Skinner's Grocery, Super H Grocery, Ivey Motor Company and the Observer/Enterprise.

Johnson inducted into honor society

On October 26, 2004 Katy Michelle Johnson (Frazee) was inducted into Alpha Chi National Honor Society at Angelo State University. To be named a member of a national honor society is the highest honor any student can receive on a university campus. Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to junior and senior students who have attained a 3.50 minimum GPA and are in the top 10% of



Long - Graves to wed! Vicky Conner of Robert Lee and Richard Long of Sweetwater announce the engagement of their daughter, Chrystal Elaine Long, to Jasper Leon Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Graves of Barnhart. Chrystal's grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. V.I. Conner of Robert Lee and the late Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long. Jasper's grandparents are Mary and the late Jasper Wayne Graves of Barnhart, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Baker of Hunt, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Savage of Dallas.

Chrystal and Jasper will be married Friday, December 31, 2004, at the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee.

students in their class. Membership in Alpha Chi is noted on the student's permanent university transcript and the student receives an honor medallion. Alpha Chi is the only honor society recognized at graduation. Alpha Chi members attend National and Regional Conventions for scholarly presentations by fellow members to share their research, creativity, or performance projects with their

peers. Katy is a Business Administration major and a candidate for graduation in December of 2005. Katy was a 2002 graduate of Bronte High School. She is the wife of Kevin Allen Johnson, a 1999 graduate of Bronte High School and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran. She is the daughter of Bob and Patti Frazee of Bronte and daughter-in-law of Morris and Judy Johnson of Bronte.

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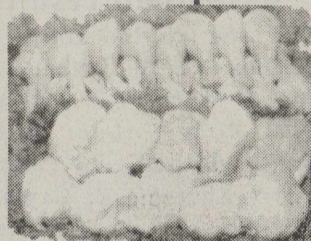


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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL boys

basketball results

On the 30th, the Steers basketball team was defeated by Winters 28-33. Robert Lee scoring: Andy Mulkey 8, Kevin Honse 4, Jake McCabe 5, Lance Millican 8, and Brandon Soliz 3.

On Dec. 2nd, in the 1st round of the Blackwell Varsity Tournament, the Robert Lee varsity won against Miles 51-46. Scoring for Robert Lee, Andy Mulkey was high with 20 points, followed by Lance Millican with 11, Omar Saucedo 7, Josh Conner 6, Brandon Soliz 5, and Kevin Honse and Jake McCabe with 1 each.

In the 2nd round, Robert Lee won in a close game against Westbrook 42-39. High scorer for Robert Lee was Andy Mulkey with 24, Josh Conner 6, Jake McCabe and Brandon Soliz with 5 each and Lance Millican with 2.

In the Championship game, Robert Lee lost to Water Valley by a score of 23-39. Robert Lee scoring: Andy Mulkey 6, Kevin Honse and Josh Conner 5 each, Jake McCabe 4, and Brandon Soliz with 3.

On the 30th, the RLJV boys team won at Winters by a score of 26-16. Scoring for Robert Lee: Taylor Percifull 4, Chris Torres 2, Branden Phillips 2, Brody Dillard 7, Johnathan Pagan 3, Chase Roe 7, and Luke Thurman 1.

In the 1st round of the Robert Lee JV Tournament, Robert Lee won against Westbrook 46-28. Scoring for Robert Lee: Taylor Percifull 3, Chris Torres 3,

Branden Phillips 6, Cameron Hodge 8, Brody Dillard 8, Johnathan Pagan 8, Chase Roe 6, and Luke Thurman 4.

In the Championship game, the RLJV won a close one against Panther Creek 39-38. Scoring for Robert Lee: Taylor Percifull 6, Chris Torres 2, Branden Phillips 4, Cameron Hodge 11, Brody Dillard 3, Johnathan Pagan 9, Chase Roe 2, and Luke Thurman 2.

RLJH boys basketball results

On the 6th, the Robert Lee JH boys "B" basketball team lost to Miles 14-29. Scoring for Robert Lee: Blake Millican 4, Miguel Perez 2, Larry Sheridan 2, Cayetano Carrera 2, Garrett Blair 2, and Garrett Skaggs 2.

The RLJH "A" team lost their game to Miles 10-30. Scoring for Robert Lee: Michael Rodriguez 2, Mason Ross 2, Cody Brosh 2, Jeremy Martinez 3, and Dustin Moore 1.

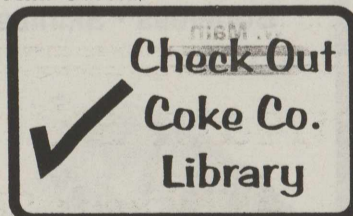
Robert Lee Head Start update

Head Start is a positive and nurturing program that is free for qualified children 3-5 years old who are not in kindergarten. The program operates from 7:45 am till 2:30 pm Monday through Friday throughout the school year. The center follows the calendar used by the local school district.

Children who attend Head Start participate in educational activities, have healthy meals, and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors. Services are offered to meet the special needs of the children with disabilities.

There is no charge for participation in Head Start but there are eligibility requirements that must be met before a child may be enrolled. The staff members of your local Head Start center are available to answer any questions you may have about the enrollment requirements or about the Head Start program.

Feel free to contact the Robert Lee Head Start Center at 453-2536, ask for Mary Ann Garcia.

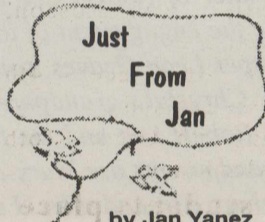


The Christmas tree in the Coke County library has received its first round of decorations. The Story Hour group is decorating with hand-made ornaments. By Christmas-time, the tree should be a study in Christmas craftsmanship.

The library appreciates all the patrons who came by on Open House Day. Downtown

Robert Lee was filled with customers, friends, and neighbors enjoying exceptional food and conversation.

Our neighbors in Canada have a holiday tradition which was begun in 1986. On the first Thursday of December, parks and public buildings all across the country are lit at 6:55 pm. In Mexico, the poinsettia is a large part of the Christmas decoration. Legend states that a young boy wanted to take something to the Christ Child. He saw some green branches which he took and was laughed at for his meager gift. When he laid them in the manger, a star shaped red flower appeared on each one of the branches. The flower is called "The Flower of the Blessed Night" or "La Flor de Noche Buena" because it resembles the star of Bethlehem. In this country, the flower was named after Joel Poinset, the American ambassador to Mexico in the 19th Century, because he first brought the flowers to the United States.



by Jan Yanez
Cooperative
Extension Agent

Keep the Holidays Happy - Put Food Safety First!

'Tis the season for fond memories, gift giving, and hosting parties and family gatherings with good food! As you prepare your festive holiday spreads, remember to keep foods fresh and safe to eat. If food containing harmful bacteria is consumed, it could cause foodborne illness. So, when planning the big feast, follow this food safety checklist.

*Clean Up-Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for a full 20 seconds before and after handling raw products.

Use plastic or other non-porous cutting boards. Cutting boards should be run through the dishwasher--or washed with soap and hot water--after each use.

*Combat Cross-Contamination- Store raw meat, poultry, and seafood on a plate or tray, so raw juices don't drip onto other foods.

Use one cutting board for raw meat products and another one for salads and other ready-to-eat foods, or wash cutting boards in between each use.

Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood unless the plate has been washed.

Don't spread bacteria with dirty sponges, dishcloths, or towels. Bacteria often thrive in the moist areas of these items where bits of food may also exist. Use paper towels or freshly-cleaned sponges or cloths and soap and hot water to clean food preparation surfaces.

Did You Know?-The average used kitchen sponge harbors 7.2 billion bacteria! Consider using paper towels or clean cloth towels.

*Cook Safely-For meat, poultry, and other dishes, use a food thermometer to make sure foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature.

Cook eggs until the yolks and whites are firm or reach 160 °F on a food thermometer. Don't use recipes in which eggs remain raw or only partially cooked. Cook egg dishes until they reach 160 °F.

Cook fish until it's opaque and flakes easily with a fork.

When microwaving, make sure there are no cold spots in food (where bacteria can survive). For best results, cover, stir, and rotate food for even cooking. If there's no turntable, rotate the dish by hand once or twice during cooking.

When reheating sauces, soups, and gravies, bring them to a boil. Heat other leftovers thoroughly to 165 °F.

*Chill Thoroughly-Make sure the refrigerator temperature is 40 °F or below and 0 °F or below in the freezer. Occasionally verify these temperatures using an appliance thermometer.

Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared foods, and leftovers within 2 hours.

Never defrost or marinate food at room temperature. Use the refrigerator. You can also thaw foods in airtight packaging in cold water (change the water every 30 minutes, so the food continues to thaw). Or, thaw in the microwave, if you'll be cooking the food immediately.

Divide large amounts of



Specialist Ruben Dominguez III is currently serving in Iraq. He is the son of Mary Dominguez of Amarillo and Ruben Dominguez, Jr., of San Angelo. His siblings also live in Amarillo. Specialist Dominguez is the great-grandson of the late Luther and Sara Lara of Robert Lee. Support cards can be sent to Specialist Dominguez at: SPC Dominguez Ruben III, 340 QMCO, Iraqi Freedom III, Al Asad, Iraq, APO, AE 09333.

leftovers into shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.

Don't over-stuff the refrigerator. Cold air must circulate to keep food safe.

Robert Lee Angel Tree Project

The Angels will be available at Robert Lee State Bank for adoption after December 1st. Gifts must be returned to the Christmas tree at the bank on Dec. 15th.

The Angel Tree Project is to make sure the children of Robert Lee have a Merry Christmas.

Ivey Motors announces prize winners

Ivey Motor Company, Inc. released the names of the prize winners at their Christmas Open House held Friday, December 3, 2004.

Winning an Igloo ice chest was Robert Raney. Marvin Landers took home a Black and Decker cordless drill. A Rival electric knife went to Marian Thompson and Lawanna Perry won a Maxi-Heat ceramic heater.

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Celebrate the Holiday Season At Robert Lee Baptist Church

You are invited to join us!

Movie Nite Showing

"Left Behind II"

Saturday, Dec. 11th, 5 PM

"The Light of Christmas"

Cantata Presentation

Sunday, Dec. 12th, 11 AM

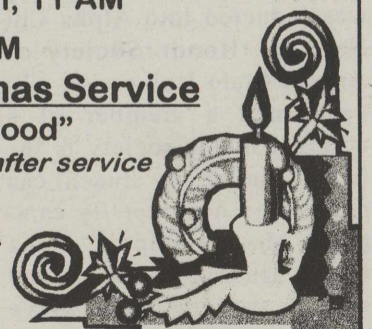
then at 7 PM

Community Christmas Service

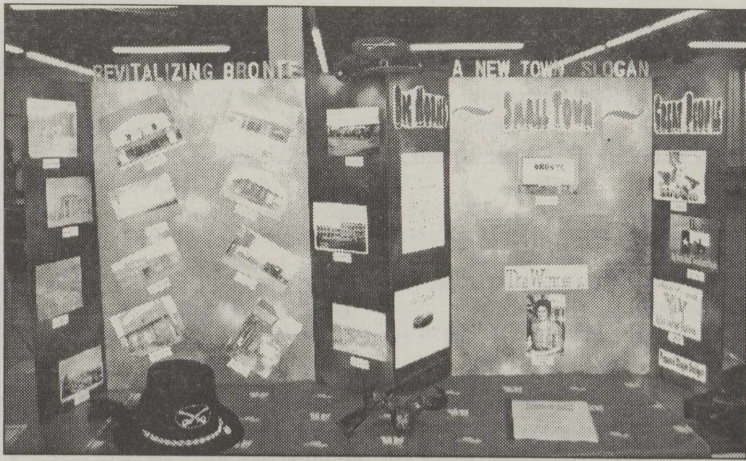
Led by "Driftwood"

Refreshments served after service

"Driftwood" members, Daryl Copeland, Buck Duncan, Kyle Long, Valarie Sharp, Jim Clendennen, Dallas Johnson, Bobby Joe Jones, & Stephanie James



BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS class takes 2nd at Prep Fair! Lisa Gibbs' Bronte Senior MultiMedia Class placed 2nd at the Concho Valley Tech Prep Fair. The event included all area schools from 5A to 1A. The class documented and filmed the process of naming the new town slogan for Bronte. The students designed a booth with display boards showing old and new pictures of Bronte. On the table beneath the pictures were artifacts of Fort Chadbourne and examples of the work accomplished. The students also gave an oral presentation to judges in the preliminary judging and final judging. Members include Ashleigh Kelly (back row, from left), Monica Whipple, Monica DeLaGarza, Salena Soto, Garrett Jackson, (front row, from left) Jasmine Kresta, Ashley McCutchen, Ryan Martinez, and Ashley Wilcox.

Bronte boys varsity basketball results

The Bronte boys varsity basketball team won a very close game against Menard 43-42. Bronte stats: Sherman Griffin 10 pts., 9 rebounds, Riley Coalson 12 pts., 8 rebounds, Zach White 3 pts., Logan Rawls 7 pts., 5 rebounds, 4 steals, and Eric Hendrickson 11 pts., 10 rebounds.

In the 1st game of the Roby Tournament, the Bronte varsity lost to Rotan 40-49. Bronte stats: Sherman Griffin 8 pts., 9 rebounds, Riley Coalson 2 pts., 5 rebounds, 5 assists, Zach White 12 pts., Logan Rawls 16 pts., 7

rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, and Eric Hendrickson 2 pts.

In the 2nd game, Bronte lost to Merkel JV 33-38. Bronte stats: Sherman Griffin 2 pts., 7 rebounds, Garrett Jackson 2 pts., Zach White 1 pt., 5 rebounds, Logan Rawls 17 pts., 4 steals, and Eric Hendrickson 11 pts., 9 rebounds.

In the 3rd game, Bronte won against Spur 64-36. For Bronte, Logan Rawls had a great night with 25 pts., 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 5 steals, followed by Zach White's 13 pts., Riley Coalson 8 pts., 10 rebounds, 3 steals, Eric Hendrickson 5 pts., 6 rebounds, Jonathan Marrs 5 pts., Sherman Griffin 4 pts., 7 rebounds and Garrett Acker 4 pts.

BJH students place at District UIL

The UIL District Academic Meet for area junior high students was held Wednesday, December 1, 2004, in Eden. Results follow.

Art 7th Grade - 4th Place Bill Miller

Calculator 8th Grade - 6th Place Crystal Minjares

Editorial Writing 7th Grade - 4th Place Jacob Scott; 6th Place Kasey Glover

Editorial Writing 8th Grade - 2nd Place Sam Rawlings; 3rd Place Reece Springer

Impromptu Speaking 7th Grade - 1st Place Chelsea Cook; 4th Place Jacob Scott

Maps, Graphs, And Charts 7th Grade - 3rd Place Chelsea Cook; 5th Place Bill Miller; 2nd Place Team - Chelsea Cook, Bill, Emily Fiveash

Mathematics 8th Grade - 6th Place Matthew Allen; 3rd Place Team - Matthew Allen, Eddie May, Israel Cecilio

Number Sense 7th Grade - 4th Place Tyler Riney

Number Sense 8th Grade - 6th Place Geoffrey Ehl

Oral Reading 7th Grade - 3rd Place Chelsea Meek; 4th Place Jacob Scott

Oral Reading 8th Grade -



1st Place Ariel Coalson

Ready Writing 7th Grade - 3rd Place Chelsea Meek

Ready Writing 8th Grade - 2nd Place Jessi England; 6th Place Sam Rawlings

Science 7th Grade - 3rd Bill Miller; 3rd Place Team - Bill Miller, Rob Rosson, Shelbi Waller

Science 8th Grade - 4th Place Jessi England

Spelling 7th Grade - 6th Place Tyler Riney

BHS students place at UIL practice meet

Results from Central High School Math/Science meet on November 13, 2004, follow:

Science: Cody Wallace - 2nd place - 9th grade; Paul McConnell - 4th place - 9th grade; Alonzo Martinez - 8th

place - 10th grade; Rebecca Rawlings - 6th place - 11th grade; Cody Moore - 3rd

place - 12th grade; Terence Scott - 8th place - 12th grade

Mathematics: Casey Harris - 4th place - 9th grade; Paul McConnell - 5th place - 9th grade; Cody Wallace - 10th place - 9th grade; Holly Huskerson - 11th place - 9th grade

Calculator: Casey Harris - 10th place - 9th grade; Beth Sanchez - 11th place - 9th grade; Justin Taylor - 3rd place - 10th grade; Ashleigh Kelly - 5th place - 12th grade; Desi Mirilez - 9th

place - 12th grade

Number Sense: Holly Huskerson - 6th place - 9th grade; Beth Sanchez - 7th place - 9th grade; Casey Harris - 8th place - 9th grade; Cody Moore - 5th place - 12th grade

Top Small School:

9th Grade Science: Cody Wallace - 2nd Biology; Paul McConnell - 1st Chemistry; Paul and Cody tied for 4th in Physics.

10th Grade Science: Alonzo Martinez - 3rd Chemistry; Rebecca Rawlings - 6th Biology; Rebecca tied for 3rd in Physics.

11th Grade Science: Terrance Scott tied for 3rd in Chemistry.

12th Grade Science: Cody Moore tied for 3rd in Biology and 4th in Physics.

Volunteers needed

The Bronte band is desperately needing parents to help in the concession stand during our home basketball games. The money earned is helping send the band to contest in South Padre Island this spring.

So please, if you have a

child in the band or just want to spend a fun evening supporting our wonderful school, join us. A sign up sheet will be posted in front of the concession stand in the commons area, or you can call Kathy James, 473-6034.

The junior high games are generally on Mondays & Thursdays beginning at 5:30 while the JV & varsity games are usually on Tuesday & Friday with JV beginning at 4:00 followed by the varsity.

This could make for some long evenings if left up to only a few individuals. We do not expect you to work through all the games or when your child is playing, but any help at any time would be greatly appreciated. Many of you may not be off work by this time but come on by and help when you can. Your band members will be very thankful.

The home games are as follows: Jr. High - Mon.-Dec.13; Mon.-Dec. 29 and Mon.-Jan. 10; JV & Varsity - Tue.-Dec 14; Tue.-Jan 4; Fri.-Jan. 7; Sat.-Jan. 8; Tue.-Jan. 11; Fri.-Jan 21; Tue.-Jan. 25; Tue.-Feb.1; Tue.-Feb. 8; and Fri.-Feb. 11.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 13

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, milk

Wed., Dec. 15

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, milk

Thurs., Dec. 16

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, milk

Friday, Dec. 17

Donut, applesauce, toast, milk

Lunch

Monday, Dec. 13

Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, banana, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, grapes, corn bread, milk

Wed., Dec. 15

Sliced turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, rolls, apple crisp, milk

Thurs., Dec. 16

Frito pie, cheese, tossed salad, ranch style beans, sliced peaches, corn chips, milk

Friday, Dec. 17

Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, bun, sugar cookies, milk

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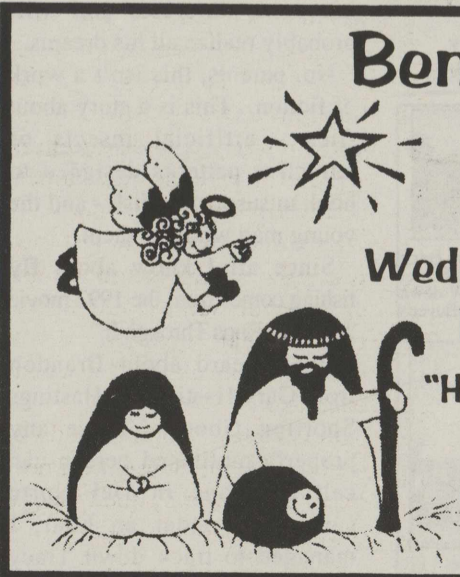
A Children's Christmas Musical presented by the FBC Children's Choir

Wednesday, December 15th - 7 pm

First Baptist Church, Bronte

"Happy Birthday, Jesus" party afterwards with gifts of cash or canned food accepted for Coke County Food Pantry

Everyone Welcome



be a case of the son teaching the father.

Brandon's grandparents are Gloria Ledbetter of Robert Lee and Gary Ledbetter of Berryville, Arkansas.

... Bronte Decorations
(Continued from Front Page)

City officials are very proud of the response we have gotten from the citizens of Bronte (and Robert Lee). Our downtown area needs to look inviting and attractive if we want people to come and shop here.

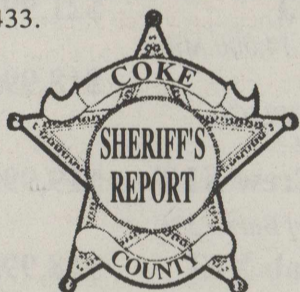
If you have any questions, or would like to help with this project, please call the City Hall at 473-3501.

The following have donated to help beautify our downtown area: Keith and Lanette Fletcher, Dwayne Walker, Glenn-Bivins Insurance, Phyllis Poe, Martin and Pat Lee, Hal Spain, First National Bank in Bronte, Bronte Evening Lions' Club, Jeff and Kim Lee, Bronte Masonic Lodge No. 962, Bronte Sorosis Study Club, Hometown Hardware, Gerald Sandusky, Main Street Market, Earl F. and Mary Glenn, Royce and Jean Fancher, Jay and Jolene Henderson, Charles and Dorris Sonnenberg, Pete and Mary Percifull, Dr. and Mrs. Charlesworth, and Bronte Order of the Eastern Star No. 1048.

Christmas Greetings set for December 24

It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas Greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 24th issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Tuesday, December 21. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.



Arrests and Charges Filed November 2004

Will Simpson - Evading Arrest W/Vehicle - 11-22-04

Yolanda Cabral - Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana < 2oz. - 11-24-04

Joe Ramirez - Possession of Marijuana < 2oz. - 11-24-04

51st District Court Dispositions

November 23, 2004

The State of Texas vs. Robert Nowlin - Charge: Assault against person contracted w/government, Criminal Mischief - Plea: 3 years TDCJ, \$5347.50 Restitution

The State of Texas vs. Sundra Run- Charge: Assault against person contracted w/government, Criminal Mischief - Plea: 540 days State Jail, 5347.50 Restitution

The State of Texas vs. Juan

Carillo - Charge: Assault against person contracted w/government, Criminal Mischief - Plea: 3 years TDCJ, \$5347.50 Restitution

The State of Texas vs. Willie Robinson - Charge: Assault against a Public Servant - Plea: 3 years TDCJ

Postal Service offers free packing material for military

The United States Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas. To take advantage of this service call: 1-800-610-8734 (press 1 for English and then 3 for an operator). They will send you a free kit that includes 10 boxes, packing materials, priority mailing tape and mailing labels. These products are to only be used to mail care packages to service members. You must still pay normal postage.

Central Baptist continues series

Central Baptist Church in Bronte is continuing the Celebrate Recovery program with eight sermons on spiritual growth and recovery from hurts, habits and hangups. The sermons are being presented each Sunday morning during the 11 am worship service.

Volunteers who are familiar with 12-step programs are needed to be trained as leaders in a 12-step program focusing on Jesus Christ as the Higher Power. The Celebrate Recovery meetings will begin in December.

For more information, call Pastor Tim White at 473-4811.

Coke County History

[Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Mrs. Eula Verne Lee of Bronte. We are hoping this will stimulate others to send in historical articles concerning Coke County.]

History of Bronte

By Betty Butner, The Bronte Enterprise on June 19, 1931
Bronte is a small town of about seven hundred population. It is located about two miles north of the Colorado River between the East and West Kickapoo creeks, on the Santa Fe railroad.

The first indication of a town was a store operated by Mr. Tom Williams about 1887. This store was located south of where Mr. E.T. Holman now lives. The building was torn down only a few years ago. Application for a post office was made about 1888. "Bronco" was suggested as a name but it was rejected by the Post Office Department because there was a post office of that name in Texas. The town was given the name "Bronte" for a Miss Charlotte Bronte who was an English novelist. The first postmaster was Mrs. George Harris. She operated the post office in her home.

Dr. J.F. Clark was the first doctor in this section of the country. He operated a drug store at his home near Cedar



Buck Taken! Otis Harding of Robert Lee brought down this nice 8 point buck November 28, 2004, while bow hunting on Mess Box Creek north of Robert Lee. The big deer field dressed out at 125 pounds.

Mountain as early as 1887.

The first school house in this part of the country was built in 1888. The school was called "Oso," and Miss Betty Idson was the first teacher. This building was located north of the home of R. L. Keyes. In 1890 the school was moved near the present site and a wooden building was erected. Later in 1906, a stone building was erected. This building stood until 1922, when the present building was erected.

The house north of Mr. Armstrong's home belonged to Dr. W. F. Key and was the finest home in Bronte at that time. Dr. Key was among the early settlers.

The last Indian fight in this part of the country was in 1875 near Cow Creek which is between Bronte and Robert Lee. There were three white men against an unknown number of Indians. One of the men was killed and is buried about a mile west of Maverick.

Bronte soon grew to be a

small community. New stores and other public buildings were erected. A drug store was built and the post office was moved in with the drug store, and was operated by Mr. Larkin, postmaster for twenty-three years.

The railroad was built in 1906. The railroad bought land and had it surveyed into lots for a town. Bronte was then moved to its present site and today it is the only shipping point of any importance in Coke County.

NOTICE TO CITY OF ROBERT LEE WATER CUSTOMERS

On December 13, 2004, the City of Robert Lee Water System will be changing the disinfectant that we use from chlorine to chloramines. This change is intended to benefit our customers by reducing the levels of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) in the system, while still providing protection from waterborne disease.

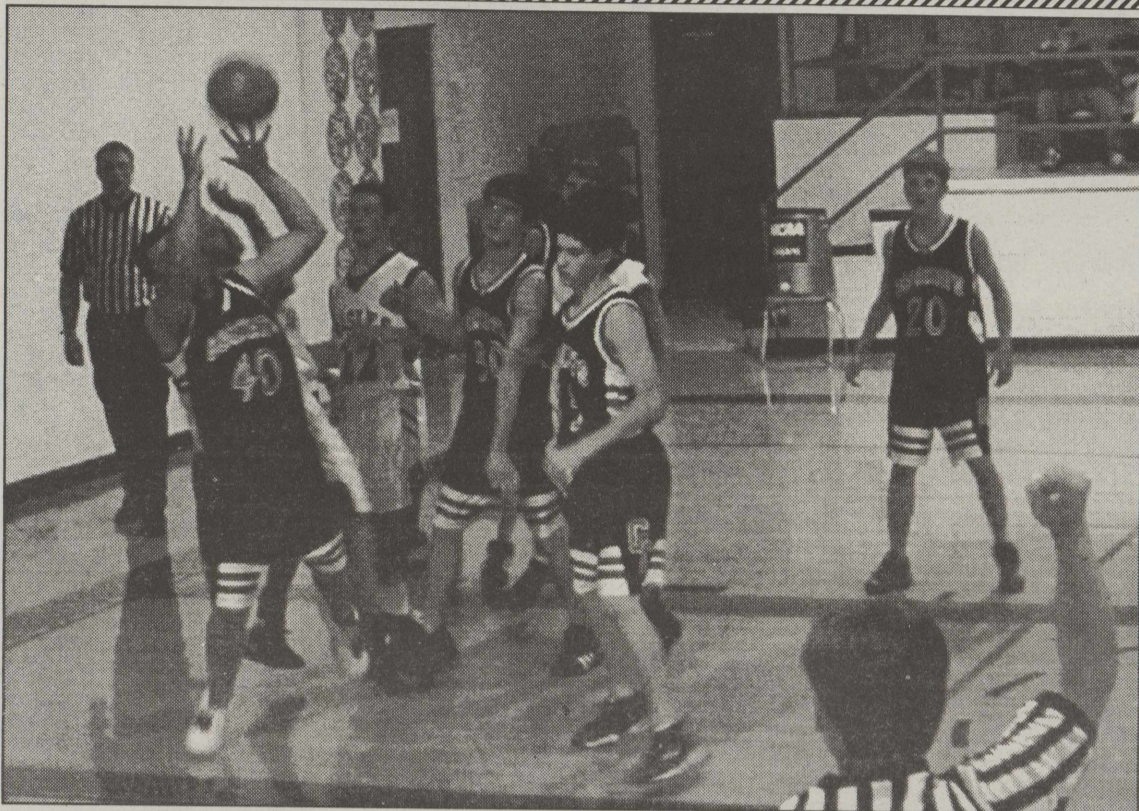
However, the change to chloramines can cause problems with persons dependent on dialysis machines. A condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water that is used for the dialysate.

Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for the dialysis units must include some means, such as a charcoal filter, for removing the chloramine prior to this date. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment.

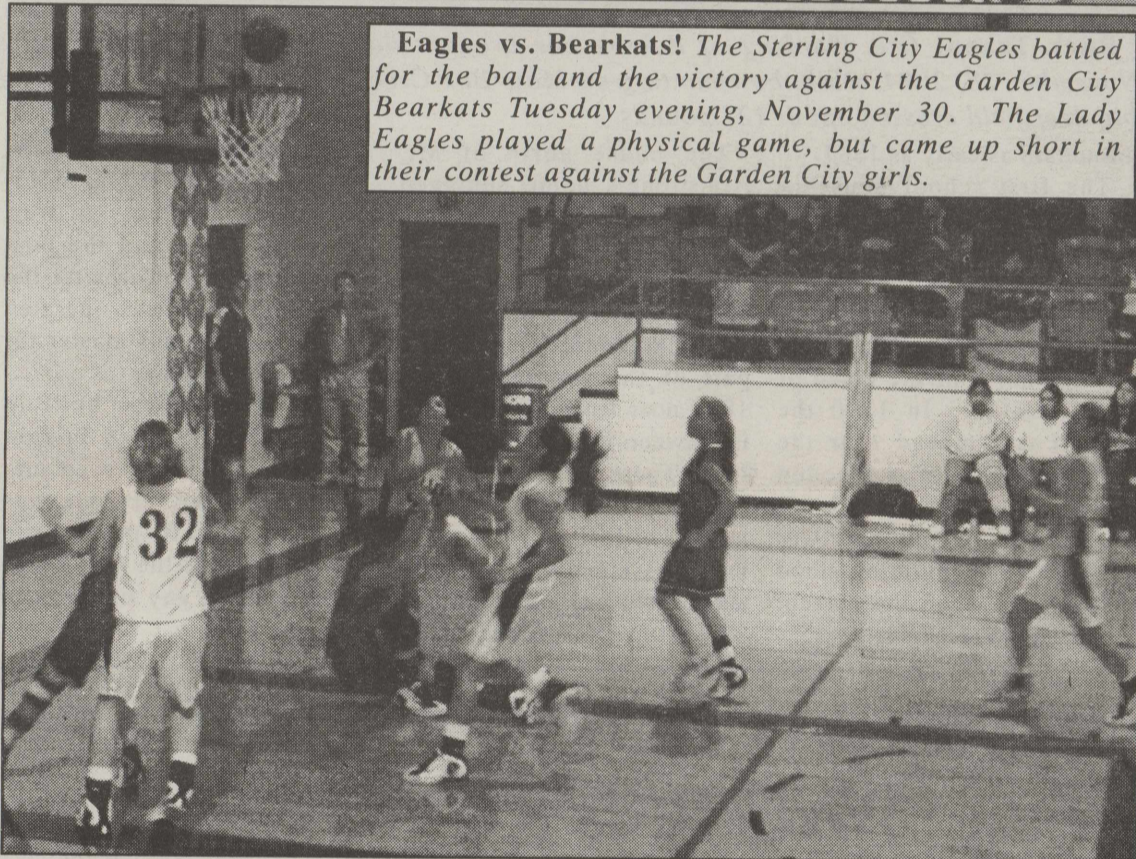
In addition, chloraminated water may be toxic to fish. If you have a fish tank, please make sure that the chemicals or filters that you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chloramines. You may also need to change the type of filter that you use for fish tanks.

If you have any questions, please call Danny Williams at 325/453-2831.

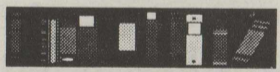
STERLING CITY SCHOOL NEWS



Eagles vs. Bearkats! The Sterling City Eagles battled for the ball and the victory against the Garden City Bearkats Tuesday evening, November 30. The Lady Eagles played a physical game, but came up short in their contest against the Garden City girls.



School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, Dec. 13**
Puffs, cereal, pineapple
- Tuesday, Dec. 14**
Sausage-n-blanket, cereal, mixed fruit
- Wed., Dec. 15**
Breakfast burrito, cereal, juice
- Thurs., Dec. 16**
Pop tarts, cereal, peaches
- Friday, Dec. 17**
Pancake on stick, cereal, pears

Lunch

- Monday, Dec. 13**
Burrito, salad, carrot sticks, raisins
- Tuesday, Dec. 14**
Chili cheese dogs, ranch beans, applesauce, French fries
- Wed., Dec. 15**
Chicken nugget, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll
- Thurs., Dec. 16**
Beef spaghetti, salad, green beans, bread sticks
- Friday, Dec. 17**
BBQ on bun, pickle chips, fritos, fruit jello

Rainfall data appeal nets responses

by Hal Spain, Publisher
The rainfall data and lake levels we have discussed recently have netted some more responses. Ann Pate of Sportsman's Lodge at Oak Creek sent an email with current lake levels at Oak Creek. And Bobby Roberts of the Valley View community (six miles south of Robert Lee), gave me his rainfall totals to date for the year. I also visited with Charles Sonnenberg of Bronte, (or Dorris, rather) faxed us the rainfall info from 1999 to the present. We are very thankful for your input, which is published below:

Ann Pate emailed us that Oak Creek has risen 2' 1" in the past month, making the lake at this time 24' 6" low. She also passed along the following web sites, which will give you the lake levels

of Spence or Oak Creek (or any lake in Texas, for that matter). They are long, but we will include them below:
Oak Creek Lake - http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv/?site_no=08125500&PARAMeter_cd=72020,00054 and for Lake Spence
http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/uv/?site_no=08123950&PARAMeter_cd=72020,00054

Bobby Roberts has the following rainfall data for the Valley View community six miles south of Robert Lee: (month total, year-to-date total) Jan. 1.3 1.30; Feb. 2.4 3.70; Mar. 2.5 06.2; April 4.1 10.3; May 0.5 10.8; June 3.0 13.8; July 1.6 15.4; Aug. 5.6 21.0; Sept. 0.9 21.9; Oct. 7.1 29.0; Nov. 5.4 34.4; Dec. 0.1 34.5.

Charles Sonnenberg sent the following Bronte totals for 1999 until the present:

Bronte Rainfall Record						
Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Jan.	1.10	0.00	1.80	0.80	0.00	1.95
Feb.	0.00	0.30	1.60	1.80	1.90	2.30
March	2.60	1.00	1.60	2.30	1.70	2.65
April	2.40	0.70	0.50	0.70	0.80	4.90
May	2.50	1.00	2.80	3.60	1.90	0.75
June	4.00	10.50	0.30	1.20	8.40	3.35
July	2.20	0.30	0.40	1.60	0.40	2.00
Aug.	0.25	0.00	4.10	0.20	3.20	4.70
Sept.	0.30	0.10	6.10	1.60	2.52	1.40
Oct.	2.00	4.80	1.00	6.50	6.30	9.00
Nov.	0.00	2.70	4.20	0.80	1.12	5.40
Dec.	0.00	1.20	0.40	1.70	0.00	
Totals	17.35	22.60	24.80	22.80	28.24	38.40

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