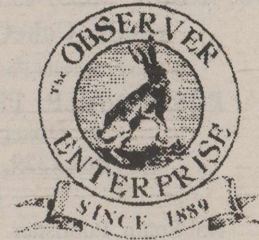


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Hickman reunion slated

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

4-H Clothing Workshop meeting scheduled

Any 4-H member wanting to participate in the Clothing Project should attend a meeting on Monday, June 26, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Coke County Courthouse. We will be discussing categories, supplies, paperwork, clothing rules and dates. If you are unable to attend this meeting you must call the office for details. The clothing workshop will be held in the Robert Lee Home Economics room on July 5-7. If you have any questions, please call the Extension office at 453-2461.

Ladies Water Aerobics set

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

Swimming Lessons offered in RL

Robert Lee will be offering swimming lessons at the pool on June 26-30 and July 3-7. The lessons will be held from 10 am - 11 am. For more information call 450-5204 or 453-4420.

Summer Bash softball tourney

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

mation call Brandi Ramon at 453-2831.

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

Vacation Bible School set

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

Anyone wishing to assist or for more information you may contact Glenda Mathers Taylor at 453-2539, or Jeanette Jacobs at the church at 453-2417.

Watermelon and Ice Cream Supper set for July 3

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

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

BRHC Auxiliary to host talent show

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center (BHRC) Auxiliary will be hosting a city wide talent show and hot dog supper on July 4th. Due to the recent burn bans for the area, the auxiliary members felt the responsible thing to do this year was cancel the fireworks display. In its place, they will be hosting a talent show. If you are interested and willing to participate in the talent show, please call Lanette at 473-



Relay for Life! The Coke County Relay for Life was held this past weekend at the Bronte High School Track Field. The above picture seems to confirm that there was a large crowd in attendance. For more information about the Relay for Life and other events held in Coke County, see the Coke Comment on Page 4 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

6791 or 473-5231 and get your name on the list. They will have trophies to give away as prizes.

The auxiliary will also provide a hot dog supper with chips, sodas/water, and dessert. Everyone is invited to come to the supper on July 4th at 6 pm. There will be no charge for the supper. There will be a bake sale/auction later that evening to help raise funds for the BHRC Auxiliary.

Make plans to attend the July 4th festivities at the BHRC. It will be an interesting evening with local talent partaking in the talent show. Remember to call and get your name on the list for the talent portion. Any questions, call Lanette 473-6791 or 473-5231.

FBC of Bronte to hold VBS

First Baptist Church of Bronte invites all children ages 4 through those who have completed 6th grade to join them for their annual Vacation Bible School. It will begin Sunday, June 25 and continue through Thursday, June 29. VBS will be from 6:30 pm - 9 pm each evening. You are encouraged to come a little early on the first night to register so that you can begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

The VBS theme this year is "Arctic Edge: Where Adventure Meets Courage." Built around a trip to the Arctic, the week will be full

of exciting Bible stories, a Crafts Depot, fun music, snacks from Snowshoe Canteen, and recreation at Kayak Cover for everyone!

The Arctic Edge adventure will conclude Thursday night with family fun night! On this night, children will come at the usual time of 6:30 pm. Parents and other guests are invited to join us at 7:30 pm. You will enjoy seeing some of what the children have learned followed by a time of cool refreshments and fun games for all ages.

Call First Baptist Church, Bronte at 473-2331 or 473-5661 for more information.

FSA Office Certifying Spring Crops

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

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

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

BHS '76 Reunion set for July 29

The Bronte High School Class of 1976 Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 29, at the Bronte Community Center. There will be a golf scramble beginning at 7 pm, as well as a dance, featuring Muddy Creek, from 7 pm - 11 pm. All classmates, teachers, friends and family are invited to come out and visit and have a good time!

Military Updates wanted

The Observer/Enterprise is interested in information on any Coke County residents who are currently serving in the U.S. military. We would like to include them in next week's issue to help celebrate the 4th of July holiday. If you would like to include your family member or friends, call the O/E office at 453-2433.

Peddler Show set

Come discover the Peddler Show as it makes its debut in San Angelo, June 23-25, at the Wells Fargo Pavilion. Shopping hours are Friday 3-8pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, and Sunday 11am-4pm.

For admission and other information, call 800-775-2774.

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Obituaries



Knight

Norma Joyce Knight, 68, of Bronte passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2006 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 10 am, Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at the Central Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Joyce was born on October 5, 1937 in Norton, Texas to M.M. and Ann Stubblefield Cope. She and her late husband, James Knight owned and operated the Bronte City Café for many years and never turned down a hungry soul.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Cope.

She is survived by a daughter, Cindy Breeding and husband, Doug, their children, Sharla Breeding and Erik and their son, Garrett; Stacey Canalaes and husband, Jack and their son, Tyler Cash; a son, James Knight and wife, Carolyn, their children, James, Wesley, and Audrey Knight; Leslee and Woody Fox, and their grandchildren,

Kyler and Ryan; a son, David Knight and his children, Rex Knight and Vanessa Lange; a daughter, Mary McBee and husband, Philip, their children, Kathy Hughes and husband, Greg and their children, Chad, Cody, Kimberly Elliot and Zackary Hughes; Philip McBee II and wife, Stacey and their children, Dawson, Bailey, and Pierce; James McBee and wife, Tracey, their children, Riley and Tate; Laura Herm Esmeyer and husband, Stephen, their children, Bronte and Brice; Shawna Brunson and her children, Jeremy Matthew, Hunter Mason Johnson and Kaden Staton and Sterling Grantham; a son, Paul Knight and wife, Ericka and their children Brayde Knight and Ashley Torres; a son, Chris Knight and wife, Krista and their children, Bridgett Chipps and Devon Knight; a son, Josh Knight and his children, Dathan and Jaylon Knight. She is also survived by a brother, Richard Cope of Katy and a sister, Mary Belle Hilliard of Bronte.

Joyce was the caretaker of many and loved by all.

Evening Prayer

Lord, forgive us all the wrong we have done this day.

Forgive us if we have been bad tempered and hard to live with.

Forgive us if we have hurt those we should love.

Forgive us if we have made life more difficult for anyone.

Forgive us for any word of comfort or praise or thanks which we might have spoken and did not speak.

Forgive us for any help we might have given to someone in need and did not give.

Lord, we pray tonight for all mankind

- for the good, for the bad;

- for the believer and for the unbeliever;

- for those who are trying to find you;

And for those who are trying to ignore you.

Bless those who are lonely, and who feel their loneliness worst of all at evening time.

Bless those who are old, or sick, and who will not sleep tonight.

Bless all homes and families and bless those who have no home of their own.

Give us all restful sleep, and the peace of the heart that comes from knowing that our sins are forgiven, and that we are always in the hands of our heavenly Father.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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McKinney

Erlene M. Peters Mills McKinney died on June 10, 2006 in the Shannon Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Rosary was held at 4 pm, Friday, June 16, 2006 and a Memorial service at 6 pm, Friday, June 16, 2006 both held at the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with Rev.

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Celia Ellery officiating. Graveside service was held at 10 am Saturday, June 17, 2006 at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are made by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

She was born July 5, 1922 in Stanton, Texas to Fredricka Anna Piwonka and John Jacob Peters, both descendents of early settlers. Encouraged by a local physician in her hometown, she entered nursing school and was a member of the 1944 graduating class of Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She went on to serve in the Women's Auxiliary Corps during World War II and had a 30 year nursing career. She was uncommonly empathetic with the suffering and the poor. As a registered nurse and supervisor at Shannon Hospital until 1987, she specialized in acute emergency care.

She was an active club-woman, serving as President of the Heart of Texas District of the Texas Federation of Womens Clubs from 1964 - 1966, covering 21 counties and 68 clubs. She also held offices in the Victory Study Club in San Angelo. A lifetime member of the Shannon Alumni Association, she strove to advance public health as a board member of the Tom Green County Tuberculosis Association and as a record-breaking chair of the annual tuberculosis fund drive for two terms. Her club activities resulted in many improvements in highway safety, community chest drives and historic preservation. She testified in a local civil rights case that was partly responsible for higher minimum education stan-

dards for local law enforcement officers.

A life-long registered Democrat, Mrs. McKinney worked with the Kennedy Administration's Alliance for Progress initiative to improve literacy in Latin America, particularly Peru. Her club members established 16 public libraries in poor areas of Peru; one in Lima was named after her. Working with the Texas Fine Arts Commission, she made an inventory of the arts and cultural resources of Central West Texas for Governor John Connally. This work later was used to promote funding for the arts in the region. She served as President of the Parent Teachers Association of the Sacred Heart School during the most active building campaign in the 1960's.

Married to Sutton County rancher, James Owen Mills, she raised three daughters after his untimely death in 1973. She later married R. Kay McKinney, a publisher, in 1990.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Jane Mills of Jersey City, New Jersey, Martha Mills of Sacramento, California, Margaret Pollard of Springfield, Missouri and a great-grandson, Donald William Brown, Jr. of San Angelo; a brother, George Peters of Odessa, sisters Beatrice "Bobbie" Simmons of Sunrise Beach, Texas and Clara Holliman of San Angelo; great-great-grandchildren Austin Brown, Allysia Brown, Leticia Brown, and Zachery Brown, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. McKinney's obituary and memorial guest book may be viewed online at www.robertmassie.com.

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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. David Bailey, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

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

Gee

Sharon Gee, 70, passed away June 13, 2006, in a Merritt Island, Florida nursing home. There was a family visitation Friday, June 16, 2006, from 6 pm - 8 pm, at the funeral home. Graveside services were held Saturday, June 17, 2006, at 10:30 am at the Paint Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her son David Benard of Columbia, Mo. and Yevonne Creasey of Merritt Island, Florida.

Hughes

Betty Jane Higginbotham Hughes, formerly of Bronte, passed away Friday, June 2, 2006, in Houston, Texas, at the age of 79. A funeral service was held at 10 am Tuesday, June 6, at Bethany United Methodist Church in Houston. A graveside service was held at 11 am, Wednesday, June 7, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings.

She is survived by her daughter Amy Teufel and her husband Randy, Son Kelley Hughes and his wife Beth; and Martha Hughes, mother of grandchildren Jennifer, Joshua, and Jacob.

Helwig-Melton united in marriage

Jodee Lynn Helwig of Robert Lee and Chad Lee Melton of Midland were united in marriage on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the First Baptist Church of Midland. Reverend Norm Melton, father of the groom, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Donnie and Audrey Devoll and Bill and Debi Helwig. She is the granddaughter of D.J. and Nelia Walker and Yvonne Devoll, all of Robert Lee. The groom is the son of Norm and Judy Melton of Texarkana, Ark.

Jodee was given in marriage by her stepdad Donnie Devoll.

Matron of honor was Jennifer Beal of Plainview, Texas. Bridesmaids were Emily Miller of Plainview, Texas and Ashley Walker of Somerville, Alabama. Flower girl was Kaliegh Boyt of Midland, Texas.

Best man was Shane Melton of Texarkana, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Paul Brand of Whitewright, Texas and C.J. Malott of Midland, Texas. Ring bearer was Brayden Melton of Texarkana, nephew of the groom. Ushers were Chad Helwig of San Angelo, Texas, brother of the bride, Matt Bernard of Dallas, Texas, and Aaron Mehringer of Midland, Texas.

Musicians and vocalists before the ceremony were Bob Liem and Valerie Boyt,



Mrs. Chad Lee Melton

both of Midland. Jane Mehringer of Midland provided the music for the ceremony. Cousin of the bride, Jessica Gaines of Dripping Springs, Texas, and niece of the groom, Kayla Melton of Texarkana registered the guests.

A reception followed the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church. Sharon Pitcock of Robert Lee, Jodee's aunt, made the three tiered wedding cake and the chocolate groom's cake.

Jodee and Chad were honored with showers in Robert Lee, Midland, and Plainview.

Jodee is a 2002 graduate of Robert Lee High School and earned a bachelor's degree in religion and business from Wayland Baptist University in April 2006. She is employed by Midland Christian School.

Chad is a 1998 graduate of Bonham High School and earned a bachelor's degree in education from Southeastern Oklahoma University. He is employed by First Baptist Church of Midland.

After a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple will live in Midland.

Coordinated transportation meeting set

On Monday, June 26, 2006, the public is invited to voice their opinion and concerns about transportation at a public meeting to be held at 703 South Chadbourne Street in San Angelo from 5 pm - 7 pm. The Concho Valley Regional Service Planning Committee (CVRSPC) outreach program is designed to involve the general public in the coordination of public transportation. There will be several public meetings over the next few weeks to gain input from the public. The CVRSPC wants your input. All interested individuals and organizations are invited to participate. People with disabilities who will need accessible format materials, auxiliary aids or accommodations to participate in this meeting are asked to call Susan Crippin at (325) 944-9666 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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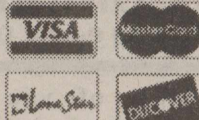
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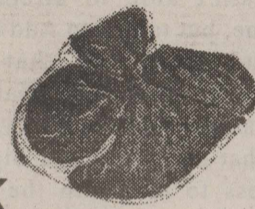
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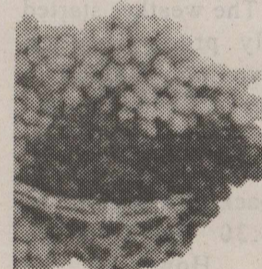
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COKE COMMENT
By Hal Spain, Publisher

Most of you probably attended at least one or more of the following activities in Coke County this past week and weekend. We will have several pictures of these events in this issue and in subsequent issues. However, the results of these events may be a while getting to us for publication. I thought I'd give you a rundown of what I saw and heard about these activities; just so you'll know how they turned out and what you missed if you didn't attend.

We'll start with the county-wide fish fry, hosted by the Robert Lee Baptist Church, which was held on Wednesday, June 14, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. I wasn't able to attend this one, but talked to Add Davis, and he stated that they served over 400 plates of fish on Wednesday evening. That sounds like a big success to me, with the funds benefiting the Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth Group and their plans for summer camp. A big tip of the hat goes out to Paul and Sid Burns and the rest of the fish cookers and servers, etc. for an outstanding fish fry for their youth program.

I took some pictures on Friday night of the 2nd Annual Coke County Relay for Life, which was held at the Bronte Track Field, benefiting the American Cancer Society. The weather started out really pretty nice on Friday evening. Talked to Joe Draper on Saturday night at the ranch rodeo, and he said that lightning caused them to pack up and go home about 4:30 on Saturday morning. However, the weather didn't prevent them from raising almost \$15,000 for the American Cancer Society. How's that for a big effort for Coke County. A big tip of the hat goes out to Glenda Draper and Julie Springer, and the rest of the volunteers and teams who do so much for these type activities in our county.

Saturday night's 15th Annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo went off without a hitch, as far as I could tell from my position looking through the fence and helping to move the panels, etc. This was the first time in three years that I haven't had to flag the starting line; so I spent a lot of time visiting and seeing what it's like just watching the rodeo. All the events moved along very well, and the good crowd seemed to be caught up in all the action.

Some may not know that this is the major fundraiser for the Coke County Roping Club, and last year we were able to give \$1,000 in scholarships (\$500 each to a

Bronte and Robert Lee student), thanks to entry fees, sponsorships, and admission fees.

In addition, I had a chance to talk to Royce Fancher, Bob Ragsdale, Jimmie Guthrie, and a bunch of other Bronte Evening Lions Club members after the ranch rodeo, and they had sold plumb out of hamburgers. The concession stand during the ranch rodeo is just one of the Lions Club projects during the year, and the ultimate beneficiaries are the citizens of Coke County.

On Monday, June 19, Pioneer Vet Clinic hosted a Customer Appreciation Lunch for Dr. Jimmy Smith. Jimmy is retiring after 32 years of veterinary service to Runnels, Coke, and surrounding counties. Many of you know Jimmy as a friend and neighbor, and all of us wish him well as he takes life a little easier.

Some of you may not know the husband and wife team who have purchased Jimmy's veterinary business. Dr. Travis Arledge and his wife, Dr. Julie Arledge, are a young couple who have been practicing in Brenham (I think), or somewhere around there, and they have made a commitment to West Texas with their purchase of Pioneer Vet Clinic. The Arledges have roots in west Coke County, as they are kinsfolk to the pioneer Arledge Ranch family who still ranch between Sanco and Silver.

As to upcoming activities in Coke County, let's take a look at what's going on around the July 4th weekend, which is actually on July 1st (Saturday). The 2nd Annual Summer Bash Softball Tournament is set for the park in Robert Lee on July 1. This year's celebration will also include local band Driftwood playing in the amphitheater and other activities. For more informa-



Teddy Bear Lap! These youngsters participated in the Teddy Bear Lap held during the 2nd Annual Coke County Relay for Life.

tion on the softball tournament, please contact Brandi Ramon at 453-2831.

On Monday, July 3rd, the Senior Center in Robert Lee will be the site for an ice cream and watermelon supper, beginning at 6:00 pm. For more information, please contact Karla Hamrick at 453-4780 or Susan Millegan at 453-4790.

And don't forget about the Talent Show and Hot Dog Supper set for the Bronte Health and Rehab Center on July 4th. This year's activities will replace the usual fireworks display, due to the burn ban and extreme dry conditions we are experiencing. A bake sale/auction has been planned for later in the evening to help raise funds for the BHRC Auxiliary. For more information, please contact Lanette Fletcher at 473-6791 or 473-5231.

How's that for an exciting schedule of recent and upcoming events. So the next time someone tells you there's nothing going on in Coke County, you can tell them they need to be reading the paper to find out what's really going on.

TMCN Hosts Tour of Historic Buildings

Texas Midwest Community Network recently hosted a tour of renovated historic buildings to provide representatives from the region information about implementing such projects locally. Beth Prather and Bonita Copeland of Robert Lee participated in the tour.

John Dugan, Planning Director for the City of Abilene, conducted the tour of renovated historic build-

ings in Abilene. He provided information about historic tax credits, sources of funding and the current definitions that apply to historic buildings.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization that provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to enhance community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state.



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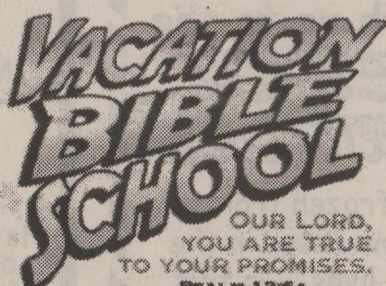
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Blair named All American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Garrett Blair from Robert Lee has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Garrett Blair, who attends Robert Lee High School was nominated for this national award by Elena Sanchez.

Garrett will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Award should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors.

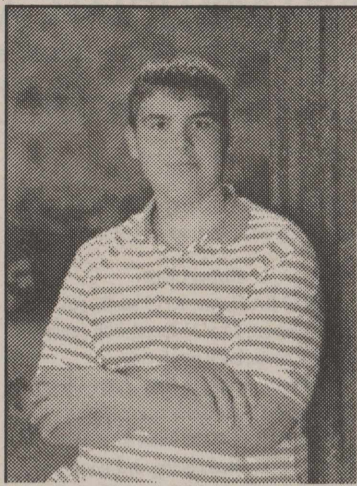
Garrett is the son of Terri and Joe Dee Blair from Robert Lee. His grandparents are Dean Kinsey and the late Wesley Kinsey of Robert Lee and Curtis and Faye Blair of Robert Lee.

RLHS Project Graduation 2006

The Robert Lee High School class of 2006 celebrated their graduation with a fun filled, all night extravaganza on Friday, May 26, 2006. Following the commencement ceremonies and cap tossing, the twenty graduates gathered at the city park and rec hall for surprise after surprise.

Upon arrival, the classmates teamed up for the night's competition. The "Commandos", the "Flaming Cheetos", the "Large Burritos", and the "MooMoos" armed themselves for battle with bandanas and high fives, strategy planning and lots of bragging.

The first competition pitted the Flaming Cheetos and MooMoos against the Large Burritos and the Commandos in a serious game of Slip & Slide Softball. An impartial pitcher lobbed water balls and water balloons to each batter, who had the choice of tennis racquet or broomstick handle to bat with. After each hit ball, the batter took off for first base, where a slip and slide baseline addition made it almost impossible to get to. Of



Garrett Blair

course, second and third base were rigged in the same way. The outcome of this game gave points to the Commandos and the Large Burritos.

Blind man obstacle course was the next event, with a girl from each team loaded into a wheelbarrow. The girl and wheelbarrow were then maneuvered by a blindfolded boy around an obstacle course. The boy was to follow directions from his wheelbarrow partner but more often than not, heeded the screams from spectators. A timed event, this game was won by the "Flaming Cheetos".

Intense concentration was vital in the Balance Beam Teamwork, as each group had to carefully maneuver around each other from one end of the beam to the other. Some big footed folks had a little trouble with this one, but the MooMoos, Flaming Cheetos, Large Burritos, and Commandos competed admirably for best time.

Tug O War followed with an added twist. The slip and slide element was added to increase the difficulty. It was team against team again with the Large Burritos victorious. Water balloon volleyball was up next, with each team grabbing a corner of a bed sheet and catching a very large water balloon tossed from a sheet held by the five members of the opposing team. Points were made as balloons burst.

In keeping in the mood of wet and messy, a water balloon/egg toss gave individual competitors



RLHS Project Graduation! The Robert Lee High School Class of 2006 had a fun filled graduation night through Project Graduation. The twenty graduates divided into teams and competed against each other in wild games, such as the Blind Man Obstacle Course.

a chance to show how soft their hands are. Josh Conner and Lance Millican outlasted all comers, completing the competition with their egg still in one piece.

Round Two began with Plunge In, an obstacle course where team members propelled themselves on skateboards using plungers for paddles. This event was fun and exhausting, with Shannon giving the class lessons in this race.

All twenty of the Class of 2006 hung in the competition and moved on to the pie eating contest. Contestants faced a cool whip pie, which they had to eat without using their hands. Every competitor enthusiastically slurped up the concoction, which contained items described simply as "disgusting". Tina was the hands-down winner of the contest saying she "just swallowed it all".

As the early morning hours arrived, teams demonstrated their coordination in the game

of "Orange you glad you is graduated". The orange roll relay was definitely entertaining-if you were not participating. Especially fun to watch were the "Flaming Cheetos".

Pack It Up was next on the schedule. Teammates raced to unpack a suitcase, put on every item inside, (including lipstick), race to a station, pack the suitcase, and hand it off to the next racer. Some racers had NO idea where to wear what.

In a lively Dirty Dog Race, the "Large Burritos", "Flaming Cheetos", MooMoos, and "Commandos" passed dog biscuits to each other, no hands allowed, using clothespins. It was quite a sight.

Finally at 4 am, the most grueling, but wrenching event of the night began. Fear Factor, where each group raced the clock as teammates chose one

of five concealed "delicacies", chewed and swallowed, and showed their teammates an empty mouth. This was a real test of teamwork, but all 4 teams competed with intestinal fortitude.

In the end, team standings were: 1st) Large Burritos, 2nd) Flaming Cheetos, 3rd) Commandos, 4th) MooMoos. Teammates then competed to determine places 1 through 5 on each team with Tiny Bubbles-Don't Blow It. This event was the last of the night's games, and was followed by Project Graduation 2006 presentation of "Senior Gifts". Graduation Night 2006 was a night to remember, filled with diplomas and congratulations, hilarious games and classmate's laughter, and great fun with friends. Friday, May 26, 2006 was a memorable event for the Class of 2006, a long awaited commencement, a fun all-night gathering of classmates, and a fond farewell to high school.

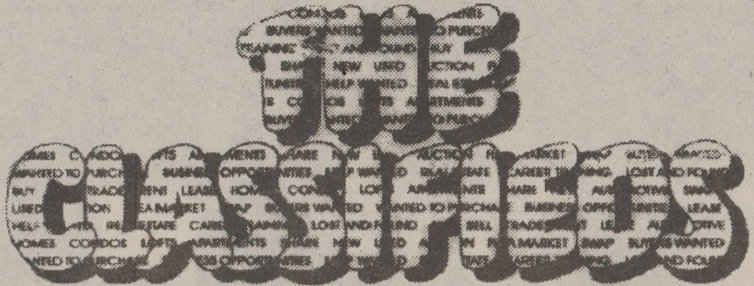
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48-2tc
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Coke County; and WHEREAS, on the 12th day of June, 2006, the Commissioners Court of Coke County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Coke County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing; NOW, THEREFORE the Commissioners Court of Coke County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Coke County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Coke County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. The Commissioners Court of Coke County has designated a "safe area" in Coke County at the Coke County Amphitheatre and the Mountain Creek Dam in Robert Lee under Local Government Code 352.051(f)

D. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2006, BY THE COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.
Roy Blair, COUNTY JUDGE
Attest: Mary Grim

47-3tc
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Coke County that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code #352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.04. Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, with the exception of barbecuing in an enclosed fire box with water hose or fire retardant accessible at all times and someone attending the fire at all times, and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire. The purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

1. Outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:
A. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;
B. The welder must notify the Coke County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;
C. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and
D. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.



New Owners! Dr. Jimmy Smith (left) poses with the new owners of Pioneer Vet Clinic in Winters at the Customer Appreciation Lunch on June 19. The new owners are Dr. Julie Arledge (center) and Dr. Travis Arledge.

In accordance with Local Government #352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 12th day of June, 2006
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Attest: Mary Grim,
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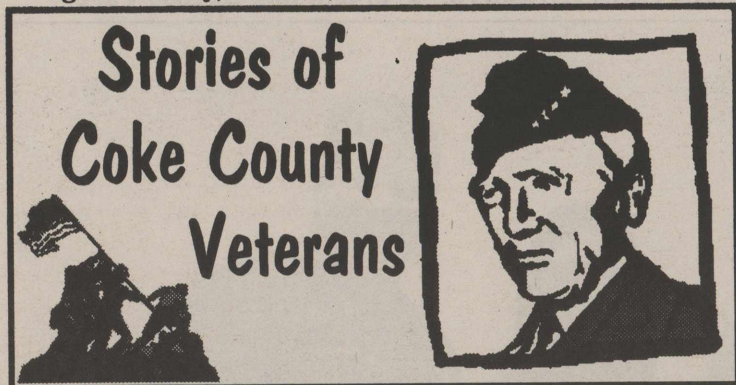
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The Yamamoto Mission

Submitted by C.B. Barbee
Some days prior to April 18, 1942, an important Japanese message was intercepted which, decoded, stated that the commanding officer of the combined Japanese fleet of the South Pacific, Isoroku Yamamoto would be leaving his command on the big port of Rabaul of the New Britain Islands to inspect his troops on Bougainville in the Northern Solomon Islands on April 18. U.S. officials considered it important because they believed Japan could not win the war without the skilled strategist. He had masterminded the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. Therefore they decided to assassinate him. The decision drew the attention of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of the Navy Knox, Admiral Nimitz, Admiral Halsey, and Admiral Mischer. After studying many options, it was decided he would be shot from the sky, and since the P-38 Lightning on Guadalcanal was the only plane with sufficient range, the assignment was given to the 339th Fighter Squadron under the command of Major John Mitchell.

Mitchell selected eighteen pilots and eighteen fighter planes. They were fitted with belly tanks. One a 310 gallon capacity and the other a 165 gallon capacity. At 7:00 am on April 18, the fighter planes took off from Henderson Field on Guadalcanal. Two planes aborted. One blew a tire on takeoff, and the other had a fuel tank that would not siphon gasoline. The four planes in the killer flight, and the twelve planes in the cover flight headed for the rendezvous point four hundred miles away, flying in a six leg pattern 20 to 50 feet above the ocean surface to avoid detection by Japanese scouts on the islands and any radar that might have been out there.

Finally, after two hours flying time, Lt. Doug Channing, flying wing to Major Mitchell, broke radio silence by announcing 'bogies at eleven o'clock high'. Belly tanks were immediately dropped and throttles were thrust full forward for the climb to meet the enemy at 5,000 feet. The enemy force consisted of two twin-engine Betty bombers and six Zero fighters.

The killer flight consisted of Capt. Tom Lamphier, Lt. Rex Barber, Lt. Besby Holmes, and Lt. Ray Hine. It engaged the opposing force and in the melee that followed both bombers, filled with Japanese military dignitaries, and two fighter planes were destroyed. The bomber carrying Adm. Yamamoto crashed into the Bougainville jungle and was later confirmed by the Japanese government. Ray Hine was the only American fatality. Recognizing that fuel shortage could be a problem and that the Japanese airdrome at nearby Kahili housed 150 Japanese fighters, Major Mitchell announced "Boys, it looks like our work is done. Let's go home. Mission accomplished". Rex Barber was confirmed by the other pilots on the mission as the one who actually shot down Adm. Yamamoto. Barber had 104 bullet holes in his aircraft after the mission.

Tech Sgt. C.B. Barbee, a resident of Bronte, served three years in the south and Southwest Pacific as a crew chief, flight chief, and line chief with the 339th Fighter Squadron. The latter assignment required keeping 24 aircraft combat ready. He earned ten unit citations with ten Bronze stars. The most important citation was the liberating of the Philippine Islands.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library's summer reading drawing was won by Julian E. Torres on Friday, June 16, 2006. Julian can come to the Library any time and choose his prize from among several good, summer-time, prizes. Only four more weeks left in the summer drawings. Lots of good prizes left to be claimed by exercising the brain with a book.

Beat the heat reading for everyone includes current fiction, non-fiction in biographies and adventure and crime stories, self-help, how-to's, health and sports, regional history and Texas history. New westerns are added often through purchases and donations. Anything not on the shelves at the Coke County Library can be obtained through Inter Library Loan which has a four or five day turn-around after ordering.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Market and to the 24/7 book drop on the Library porch.

Sanco Comes Alive at Homecoming

By Jane Austin Bruckner
Sanco Village came alive with 115 visitors, on Sunday, June 11, 2006 in the Village Tabernacle, on the banks of Yellow Wolf Creek, ten miles north of Robert Lee. Gaylon Pitcock, Master of Ceremonies opened the gathering with prayer, Bill Carwile gave the devotional. I was there, sitting on the wooden benches, with my brother, Isham Austin of Robert Lee beside me, singing the old time hymns with the crowd, thinking of my grandparents, Jordan and Arminta DeLong Austin who were among the earliest settlers here in 1874. June McKinley (Mrs. Bob) Gulley is continuing a tradition began by her Grandmother Mrs. Ira A. Bird of honoring guests with corsages who fit the descriptions of: who came the greatest distance, the oldest man and woman present, the oldest person born at Sanco and youngest child present.

At lunch the long table was quickly filled with delicious food each family brought, to be served cafeteria style. There was so much beef brisket, fried chicken, many vegetables, casseroles, salads, all kinds of bread pudding, banana pudding, chocolate cake, carrot cake, cream pies, fruit pies and so on. A.J and Deone Roe furnished iced tea. The photocopied pages of Sanco Village Recipes were available. During lunch some of the people I met were: Ray and Billie Whiteside Alderman from Winters, Jill and Don Frizzell from Colorado City, Mrs. Eva Mae Adkins Stroud of Ranger Texas and her daughters, Ben Whiteside of Brandon, Mississippi and his mother Louise Whiteside of Evant, Texas, Steve DeVoll from Pampa, Texas. Also, saw Annice and Curtis Walker, Winnie Pitcock, Lonnie Bloodworth of Silver, Lvon Reid of San Angelo with her mother, among others.

Mrs. Josephine Bird, of Rockport, age 97, came with friend and driver, Mrs. Mary Ann Goss Thielen, bringing her book: Our Sanco People. Many purchased books to have Josephine autograph them.

On display were digital photographs of the village buildings by Mrs. Leta Caston.

Mrs. Caston has the framed photos in her This'n That Shop in Robert Lee at 711 Austin Street.

During the Sanco gathering, the topic of discussion was the poor condition and need for restoration of the Sanco

Tabernacle, built in 1924. Several local families have volunteered to do the work gratis, if money is raised to purchase the materials. Anyone who has roots in Sanco must step up to participate in this restoration, to maintain the heart of the village.

To donate, send your checks and ideas to Lvon Reid, Treasurer, Sanco Village Association, 1621 Hassell St. San Angelo, Texas 76901.

Coke County represented on regional council

Delegates to the Texas Midwest Community Network, Bonita Copeland and Beth Prather from Robert Lee and Gerald Sandusky from Bronte, attended the second of three delegates meetings in Abilene on June 14, 2006.

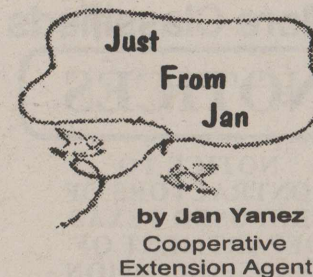
During the 2nd meeting of the year last Wednesday, delegates were informed about how cities are included in the Texas Midwest Guide, an annual publication that promotes history, attractions, places to visit, annual events and quality of life in the region. Council members also shared success stories on economic development and city improvement projects.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization that provides marketing programs for tourism and economic development; networking opportunities for community leaders to find ways to enhance community development; and legislative awareness in monitoring issues that directly affect the communities in this region of the state. The organization was founded on the basis of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

Many of the member cities find themselves facing each other across a football field or over a basketball court during the course of a year. The regional organization gives communities an opportunity to turn their rivalries into alliances to strengthen the economy and quality of life in the region.

TMCN was founded in 1994 and currently has a membership of 43 communities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

For more information about TMCN visit the web site www.texasmidwest.com



Summertime and Your Health Fun in the sun

Most people love sunny, warm days, when they can get outside for fun and soak up the sun. But sun is one good thing you can have too much of - and not even know you've had too much until much later. Many people are diagnosed each year with skin cancer.

It's important to know your skin and the signs of skin cancer. If you notice any unusual moles or marks on your skin, watch them closely. The most common skin cancers (basal and squamous cell) can look like a small, skin-colored or red knob. The more dangerous melanoma usually begins as a mole that seems to change color or size. What are the signs that tell you to have a doctor look at a mole? Just remember ABCD:

Asymmetry: The mole is not round.

Border: The border is irregular with jagged edges, not smooth.

Color: The color can be uneven across the mole, it can change, or it may seem very different from the other moles on your body.

Diameter: Cancerous moles are usually larger than 6 mm (the size of a pea or a pencil eraser).

Drink a lot of water to keep from feeling dehydrated.

Very severe burns, the kind that produce blisters, are often treated in clinics with dressings. If you're not sure if your burn is severe, have it checked.

Night in Old Fredericksburg celebrates 43 years

For 43 years the good citizens of Fredericksburg, Texas, have gathered each summer to celebrate their German heritage with some sausage, sauerkraut, cold drinks and singing and dancing.

This summer will be no different as Fredericksburg invites everyone to share in this tradition as this famous Hill Country community gets together for a "Night in Old Fredericksburg," Friday and Saturday, July 14-15, 2006.

This tradition continues in the heart of historic Fredericksburg on the popular Market Square. Market Square is conveniently located downtown, in the center of Fredericksburg's historic shopping and dining district.

More information is available toll-free at 1-866-839-3378 or visit www.tex-fest.com.

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