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### Holiday Closings

There will be various offices in Coke County that will be closed Monday, October 9, in observance of Columbus Day.

They include Robert Lee City Hall; Coke County USDA Service Center, NRCS and FSA Offices; Coke County Courthouse; and Bronte City Hall.

### Mtn. Creek Ladies

#### Bake Sale set

The Mountain Creek Golf Club Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale will be held Friday, October 6, at Robert Lee State Bank, 621 Austin Street in Robert Lee, from 9 am until noon. Items available could include casseroles, burritos, cakes, pies, cookies, etc. All funds received will be used to help with the improvement of the golf course/club house. For more information, call 453-2317.

### Basic Home

#### Landscape School Offered

The Cooperative Extension offices in Coke and Sterling counties will be sponsoring a Basic Home Landscape School that will be taught by John Begnaud, Tom Green County Horticulturist, on October 11 and October 12. The October 11 meeting will be held in the Robert Lee Rec hall and the 12th meeting will be held in the Sterling City Community Center. Both meetings will begin at 7 pm.

During the two-night training, John will work with homeowners on basic landscape designs, plant selection and plant materials for West

Texas. How to design a landscape, what works, doesn't work, plant materials for height, balance, color, soil and plant materials to be used, how to plant, etc. will be covered. Following the trainings, you will be able to set up a one-on-one meeting with John to finalize your own landscape design.

The program is limited to the first 50 participants. For cost of participation and to RSVP call the Coke County Extension office at 325-453-2461.

### Golf cart taxi drivers wanted

The Street Affair could use some golf cart taxis on Saturday, October 7, to carry folks to and from the Art, Car, and Auction events to the Old Jail and to the booths at the end of Austin Street.

Golf carts can carry the names, logos, or business names as advertising. Maybe a "Go to Jail" sign would be fun as well.

The Street Affair covers Austin Street, 7th Street, and Chadbourne Street. Visitors and residents who enjoy all the events might in some cases need a lift to cover the whole affair. Senior citizens and children appreciate a ride when the walking gets tough. Anyone who would be willing to be a taxi driver for a while on Saturday is asked to call 453-2495 or 453-2169 to volunteer.

### Important dates for General Election

The last day to register to vote for the November 7th General Election is October 10. First day of early voting

in person begins October 23 and ends on November 3. The last day the Clerk's office can receive an application for a ballot by mail is October 31. When submitting an application for a ballot by mail, it must have your residence address on it. If the application does not have the residence address, we will have to reject it and you will have to start over.

Please remember that you need your voter registration card or ID to vote. For additional information regarding the election, please feel free to call the Clerk's office at 453-2631.

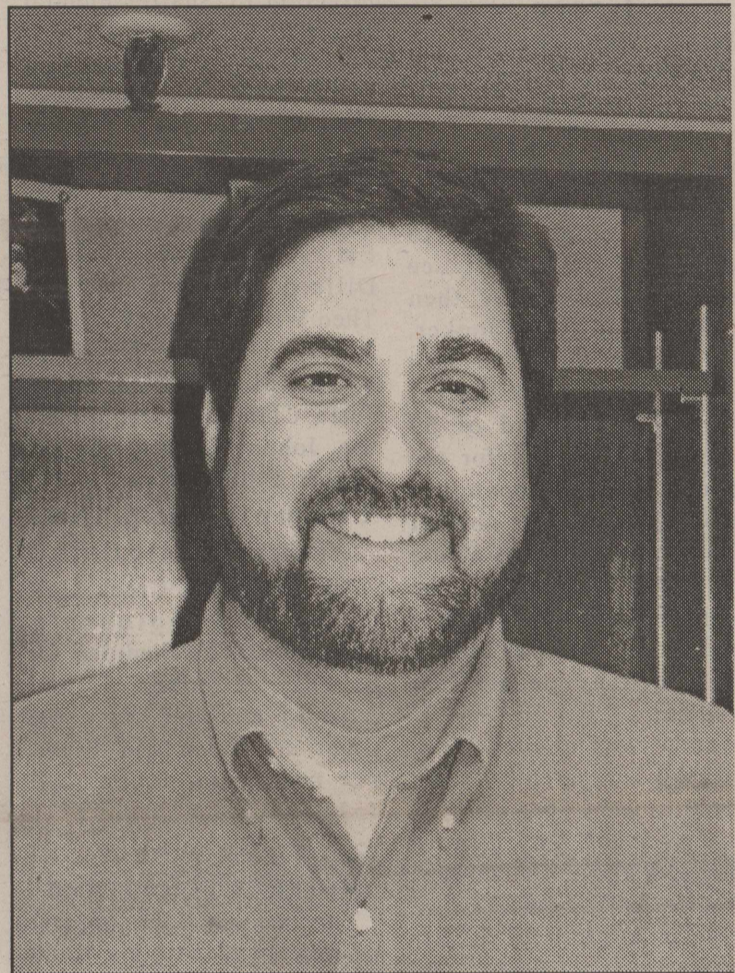
Early voting will be held in the Clerk's office Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm and on Friday from 8 am to 1 pm. This year we will hold branch polling at the First National Bank in Bronte on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm, October 24, 25, 31, and November 1.

### Runnels Baptist Assn. meeting set

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, October 16 for their annual meeting. They will meet at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The evening session will begin at 4 pm. A meal will be served at 6 pm. Representatives from universities, children's homes and others will speak.

The evening session will begin at 7 pm. The annual sermon will be given by Bobby Broyles, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Ballinger. David Williams, moderator, will preside at all sessions.



**Bronte Health & Rehab Center Administrator!** Patrick Young has been named the new administrator at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. He is from View, Texas (west of Abilene) where is wife, Evelyn, and three kids, Sean, Anna and Mary Rachel are currently living. He is an Abilene Christian University graduate and has been in long-term care administration for 12 years.

The public is invited to attend. 5341.

### Angel Food meeting set for Bronte

There will be a meeting for the general public about the Angel Food distributions on Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte.

If you have any questions please call 473-2124 or 473-

### Two-Person golf tourney set for Bronte

A two-person, 27-hole select shot golf tournament will be held on Saturday, October 21, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. Tee-off time is set for 9 am. For more information, call 473-2156.

## Coke County Football

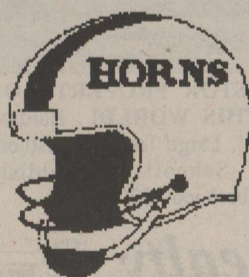
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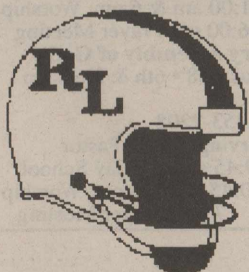
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**Obituaries**

**Green**

Wanda Jo Green, 77, of Robert Lee and Tuscola went to be with our Lord the morning of Friday, September 29, 2006 at her home in Tuscola.

She was born December 15, 1928 in Texon, Texas to Jessie Vick and Robert Lee Harvey. The family then moved to Knickerbocker, Texas, where she lived until she married Billy Carrol Green, her husband of 59 years. She worked for the Robert Lee Independent School District for a number of years. Wanda was also a dedicated member of the Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. She was always surrounded by people that loved her.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie Vick Bird and Robert Harvey, her step-father, Roy Edward Bird, and her mother-in-law, Ethel Green.

Wanda is survived by her husband, Bill Green of Tuscola; her sister, Ann McCleery of San Angelo; her children, Carrol Green and wife, Amy of Tuscola, Peggy Fields and husband, James of Tuscola, and Jan Wheiles and husband, Randy of Abilene; grandchildren, Kelly, Cari, Lesli, Casey, Katie, Amy, Betsy, Stacie, Chad, Carol-Ann, and Cambri; her great grandchildren, Luke, Noah, Averi, and Graham; and many extended family members and friends.

Visitation was held at Hamil Family Funeral Home in Abilene. Funeral services were at 10:30 am Monday, October 2, 2006, at Southside Church of Christ in Robert Lee. Graveside followed at McKenzieville Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Knickerbocker Community Center.

The entire family would like to extend their appreciation to all their friends for all of the love and support.

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**Wilson**

Wanda Wilson, 63, of Bronte passed away on September 25, 2006 at her home.

Graveside services were held at the Iraan Cemetery on

Friday, September 29 at 2 pm with Pastor Mike Wright officiating. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; her children, Phyllis Williams, William "Bill" Wilson, Paul Wilson, Jr., Carl Wilson, and Carla Claburn; grandchildren, Emily Williams, Lauren Dillard, William Dillard, Theo Wilson, Rachel Wilson, Bryan Ortega, Jonathan Wilson, Michael Claburn, Jr., Tarin Claburn; great grandson, Johnny Dillard; and her mother, Edith Lawler.

**Championship Golf  
Tourney slated**

The Mountain Creek Golf Club Championship Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8. Tee times are 8 am and 1 pm. For more information, call 453-2317.

**RLBC Youth  
Retreat scheduled**

The Robert Lee Baptist Church is sponsoring a Youth Retreat, October 13-14. It will be held at the Lazy H Ranch and Retreat Center in Mason, Texas. The deadline to register is October 8. For more information, call Paul Tanner at 453-2724.

**Robert Lee FCCLA  
to host BBQ dinner**

The Robert Lee FCCLA is hosting their annual Bar-B-Q dinner, October 20, before the Ira football game. Included in the meal will be brisket, beans, potato salad, and homemade desserts.

Money made from this dinner will help sponsor students on trips to regional and state meetings as well as any other activity the group does. Members hope you will join them in the Robert Lee High School cafeteria from 5 pm - 7 pm to enjoy good food and fellowship with friends and neighbors, then join them in watching the first district Steer ballgame.

**Patterson  
graduates  
from Tarleton**

Jodi Michelle (Helwig) Patterson graduated with a Master of Science degree in the summer commencement ceremonies that were held in Stephenville at Tarleton State University during commencement exercises on August 11 - 12, 2006.

**Letter to the  
Editor**

I called your paper several weeks ago. Reported the sighting of a mountain lion and her cub.

She was seen by my niece at the bridge on Miles Road near Russell Brown's house. A neighbor had 2 baby calves killed and we had a horse attacked, run through a good fence. A hunk took out of his hip.

Also a neighbor on the river had kids goats killed and saw large tracks.

I thought the ranchers should know, but I guess it's not important if it happens on the southeast corner of Coke County.

Lora Belle Brown



**Sawyer-Raney engagement!** The engagement of Ms. Krystal Sawyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Sawyer and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer Sr. to Mr. Robert Raney, son of Mrs. Marie Raney and the late Gerrell Raney, is announced.

The bride-elect graduated from Bonanza High School in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The groom-elect graduated from Robert Lee High School and is currently employed by Sanco Materials of Robert Lee.

Krystal and Robert will be married at the Robert Lee Baptist Church on Saturday, December 16, 2006.

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Wed. 6 pm

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Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

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11:00 am Worship  
5:00 Youth

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Wed. 7 pm Choir

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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
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Jason Martin, Pastor  
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
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(325) 453-2176  
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

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**Fancher to celebrate**

**100th birthday**

On October 15, Viridis Fancher will be 100 years young. There will be a community wide birthday party for Viridis from 2 pm to 4 pm on Saturday, October 14, sponsored by many of Viridis' good friends. Viridis is quite active and is often told she looks much younger than she really is. She never misses a bingo game, singing event or party and always sees everyone off when they are going on an outing.

Viridis tells stories about growing up in Fort Chadbourne and working in her father's store or going to the two-room schoolhouse. She married and raised a son and has many loving grandchildren that now reside near Conroe in the Magnolia area.

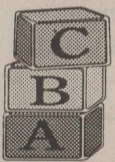
Viridis has seen many changes in her life of 100 years and it is interesting to hear what stories of her life she has to tell. Please come and help wish Viridis a very special Happy Birthday on October 14.

**Bronte ISD School Board to meet**

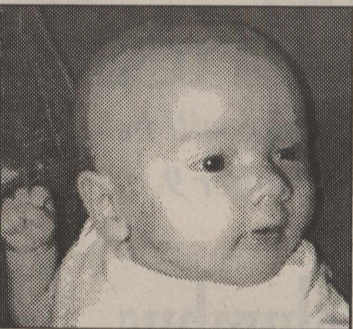
The Bronte Independent School District School Board will have a meeting on Thursday, October 12 at 8 pm in the Bronte ISD Board Room.

**Farm Bureau to host meeting**

The Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau will host a meeting on Monday, November 6 at 5:30 pm. The Pasture, Range and Forage Insurance program will be discussed. There will also be a meal provided.



**Look Who's New!**



**Radin Burwick**

Darin and Racheal Burwick of Blackwell would like to announce the arrival of Radin Kris Burwick born June 11 at 5:20 p.m.

Grandparents of Radin are Glenn and Tanya Burwick of Blackwell and David and Christine Mortensen of Trent.

Great-grandparents include T.G. and Lillie Burwick of Blackwell and Jim and Carolyn Lee of Bronte.

**'64 Study Club news**

The '64 Study Club met on September 12, 2006 for regular meeting with President Johnetta Lawrence presiding. There were 30 members and 2 guests present.



**Viridis Fancher**

Hostesses for the evening were Deone Roe, Beth Prather, Maxine Post, Olivia King, Nita Duncan and Patsy Cason.

Noel Tinkler explained the CERT program and asked for donations of cash or items for the auction to be held on Oct. 7 at 10 am during the Street Affair. Benefits to be used to further the program. Beth Prather gave an update on the plans for the Street Affair and encouraged everyone to participate.

Cecil Ross, financial advisor, gave an interesting talk on concern for the rising costs of education and the importance of early planning and contributing to college savings plans.

Members will be selling tickets on a beautiful framed painting; painted and donated by Deone Roe. Drawing to be held at Robert Lee State Bank on December 1, 2006, at 2 pm. Tickets are available from all members.

Members celebrating birthdays during the summer were: Olivia King, Patsy Cason, Carolyn Long, Pat Gunnels, Thelma Jo Hinnard, May Belle Stewart and Beth Prather. Members celebrating September birthdays were Ava Lou Davis and Fay Roe.

**Street Affair this weekend**

There is still time to enter many of the events at the Sixth Annual Robert Lee Street Affair on Saturday, October 7. Call 453-2831 to join in.

Some 30 booths will be setting up at 7:30 a.m. At 8 am the customized vehicles will be lining up on 7th Street and at 9 am art pieces will go on display (artists may deliver their works to the show room at 7th and Commerce on Friday afternoon) and the Dessert Cook-off will open with a Senior and Junior division accepting anything in the dessert category.

The Old Jail will be open

for tours and will feature a sale of pageant and centennial memorabilia. Stamped and posted envelopes from Coke County's centennial will be on sale as well as programs from pageants past. Also, this year a mountain man camp will be set up behind the Robert Lee State Bank. Celebrators of the era will be knapping flint and tossing knives in camps very much like what the explorers of the West experienced.

The firemen will get dunked beginning at 10 am and the CERT auction viewing will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the corner of 7th and Commerce. Items the size of ranch equipment on down to the size of a coffee cup will help raise funds for the organization.

The Big Parade line up starts at 10 am by the Robert Lee Care Center. Participants are invited to re-enter homecoming floats for those who missed the first parade; decorate a dog, a bike, a golf cart, can be a part of the entertainment for homefolks and visitors. Following the parade, the International Bed Race will be held on Austin Street. Winners take the cash. Viewers get the laughs.

All day the open mike will feature entertainers; all day the Concho Cowboys will be performing stunts of the Old West.

The CERT tent auction begins at 1 pm and goes 'til all the good stuff is sold. Lynn Green will be story telling' and what-all at 2:30 p.m. with the Angelo Blue Grass performers entertaining at 3 pm.

The evening's entertainment will include the West Texas Cloggers at 6:30 p.m. There is not a better get-your-feet-tappin'-hands-clappin' act than these gals with big grins, fancy footwork and happy hoots and hollers.

Have dinner with the food vendors and enjoy the music of Driftwood at 8 pm.

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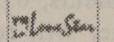
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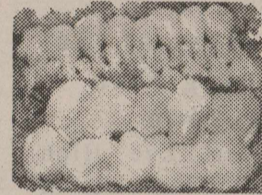
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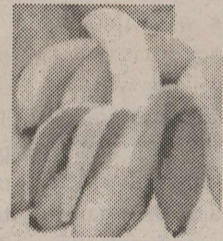
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**RLISD complimentary passes offered**

District residents, 65 years of age or older will receive complimentary passes to all Robert Lee ISD sporting activities. You may pick your pass up in the Superintendent's office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Watch for those "Sour Note" signs**

The Robert Lee Band Boosters will be conducting a fundraiser over the next few weeks. A "Sour Note" might just show up in your yard! There will be instructions on how to get it out of your yard. Follow them closely and help the Robert Lee Band boost individual and team spirit and support the upcoming events for our Stompin' Steer Band!!

**RLHS class of '56 planning 50th reunion**

The Robert Lee High School graduating class of 1956 is planning a 50th anniversary reunion to be held at the time of the homecoming festivities on Friday, October 6, 2006.

Thursday night, all that can, and wish to participate, will gather at the home of Jackie (Sparks) Walker to "build" a float.

The members will also be attending a reception on Friday afternoon, as well as taking part in the homecoming parade and pep rally. Following the pep rally, the class members and their families will enjoy a sandwich supper together, then attend the football game between Robert Lee and Rochelle.

Following the ball game, the class members and their families will again gather at the home of Jackie to enjoy further reminiscing, and perhaps a few pictures will be taken!

Anyone who attended school with this class, at any time through their school years, is welcome to attend any and all of these functions. However, if you do plan to be there for the sandwich supper, they need to know ASAP. You may contact: Jackie (Sparks) Walker (325) 453-2668; Rosie (Sawyer) Davis (325) 453-2000; Alice (Ross) Wallace (325) 453-2685; or Jerrell Clint Harmon (325) 653-9870.

**RLHS Homecoming set October 6**

The Robert Lee High School Homecoming will be held on October 6. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2 pm. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries.

This year's theme will be "Orange & Black-Take Me Back". The parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held follow-

ing the parade.

The football game will be against the Rochelle Hornets.

**RLHS Class of '76 Reunion slated for October 6-7**

Robert Lee High School Class of 1976 will hold their 30th Class Reunion, October 6-7. They would like to invite any former classmates and teachers/administrators that attended school with them throughout their twelve years to join them.

If you are a former classmate or teacher/administrator or know of someone that would like to attend please contact Sheila (Roberts) Farrar at 281-893-1648 and/or Mary Elaine (Lackey) Ray at 972-312-8992 for more information.

**The Dragon's Not Gone, Just Asleep**

by Mark Sides, Asst. Chief, Secretary/Treasurer

On December 30, 2005, Cross Plains learned the meaning of the phrase Urban-Wildland Interface the hard way. One stray ember from a nearly extinguished grassfire, landing in a briar choked fence row, coupled with 40-mph winds, and virtually destroyed this small Texas town. While recent rains have reduced the danger of wildfires, those of us who live in the desert grasslands of West Texas know how quickly that can change.

Robert Lee, Bronte and outlying communities are no different from other rural Texas towns where rangeland, pastures, and CRP may be near or immediately adjacent to homes and businesses. These are a few simple items that will reduce the chances of your home going up in smoke:

1) Routinely clean gutters, especially in the fall. Keep your yard clean of leaves, limbs, and dead grass.

2) Remove tree limbs that extend over the eaves of the roof or within 10-15 feet of the chimney.

3) Keep your grass mowed to a 4" height or less, and if possible, well watered during periods of extreme drought. Prune tree branches at least 10 feet from the ground.

4) Landscape using deciduous trees and shrubs such as oaks, agarito, eastern redbud, desert willow, and sages. Avoid junipers, pines, and other evergreens unless they are planted 100 feet or further from the house.

5) Make sure your house number and street number are clearly posted to provide firefighters easy identification.

6) Maintain at least 30 feet of open space between your home and the surrounding brush line or CRP field.

7) Avoid concentrations of shrubbery or ornamental grasses up against the house.

8) Have garden hoses connected at all times and long enough to reach around the house.

9) Store firewood at least 15 to 30 feet away from the house.

10) Maintain roads and entrances to provide easy access and adequate turnaround space for emergency equipment. These items alone may not guarantee that your home will survive, but they will give it a fighting chance.

There is an informal survey printed on the current Robert Lee water bill. This survey deals with the monthly \$2.00 per meter voluntary donation to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. Watch for this item on the bill, and please take the time to respond to the survey. Although the meter fee is just one part in the efforts to provide funding for the department, it will serve as a constant source of income and a reliable match for grants. In short, the meter fee will help the department stay alive.

I urge you to support the \$2.00 per meter voluntary fee.

**Robbers of Bronte Bank are Unlucky**

(Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an article from the Bronte Enterprise on May 28, 1954.)

The First National Bank in Bronte has been robbed a couple of times during its nearly 50 years of doing business.

Most everyone here can recall the robbery which took place on Tuesday afternoon, January 27, of 1953. It was a quiet day and very few people were in town. All the employees had gone except for Cashier B. D. Snead and Mrs. W. W. Millican, assistant cashier at that time.

Two armed robbers entered the bank, stuck up the two employees, tied them up and made off with nearly \$9,000.

It was a bad deal for the gunmen, however, as they were apprehended in Las Vegas, Nevada some 37 days later on March 4.

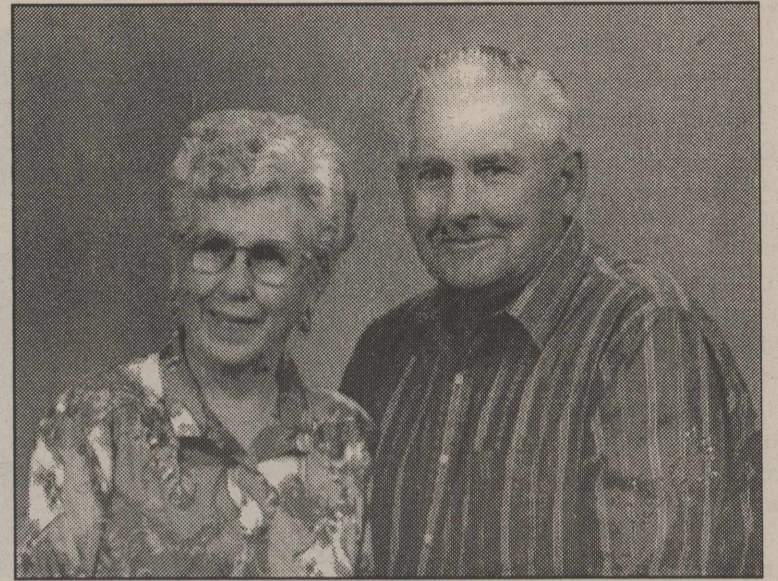
The two youthful robbers were Scottie Ray Muckelrath and Byron Ray Moore, both 24. They were tried in federal court and were each given seven year prison terms.

In spite of the fact that they made off with nearly \$9,000 they were careless in doing their job. About \$30,000 was sitting in the vault and they missed it.

**Robbery in 1935**

The other robbery occurred on a Monday, July 1, 1935. Two armed men entered the bank, one from the front and one from the rear and forced employees to lie on the floor. They took \$504.36, according to a story in the files of the Robert Lee Observer. They, too, missed more money than they took. A drawer containing \$1,600 was overlooked. These robbers were also caught, convicted, and given prison terms.

Both robberies created



**Gartmans celebrate 60th Anniversary!** The children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman celebrated their parents' 60th wedding anniversary with a reception for family and friends to honor their parents. The reception was held September 30, 2006, at the Recreation Center in Robert Lee.

The couple was married September 29, 1946, at the Robert Lee Methodist Church. Presently they reside on their ranch near Sanco. They are especially proud of their 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Their children are Dennis Gartman and wife, Linda of Ganado; Rhonda Hood and husband, Bill; Judy Blair and husband, Roy; Kerry Gartman and wife, Frankie, all of Robert Lee; Vicki Flowers and husband, Walter of Ira; Randy and wife, Shea, of Garden City and Jana Helaire of Keller.

A catered dinner by the Cracker Barrel was held following the reception for the family.

much excitement in this area. Roadblocks were thrown up and the town milled with officers of all varieties.

It might be logical to conclude from this article that it doesn't pay off to rob the First National Bank in Bronte. It's been tried twice and both times the boys were made to pay for it.

**Attendance linked to achievement**

Parents who let their children miss a lot of school may be setting them up for academic failure. One of the most important things you can do as a parent is to get your child to school on time every day. The start of a new school year is a time to help

your child make this a habit.

Follow these tips:

\*Enforce a regular bedtime for your child. Make sure you have an evening routine that includes some time for reading.

\*Make sure your child is organized so he can get out the door with what he needs.

\*Remember that everything you add to a schedule means something must be taken away. For example, if you add several before and after school activities, you take away time for your child to read, play, and study.

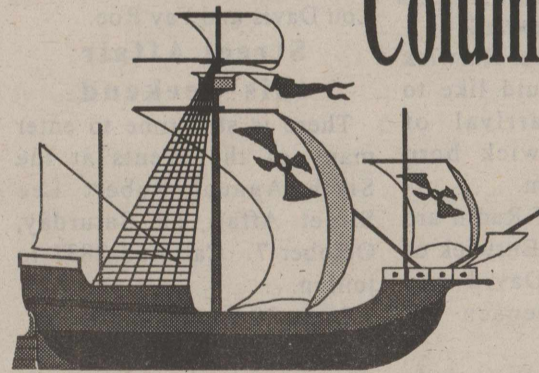
Some children can handle a busier schedule. But if extra-curricular activities leave your child too tired to do homework or get up in the morning, it's time to cut back.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE**

**All facilities of these banks will be CLOSED Monday, October 9.**

In Observance Of

**Columbus Day**



Please plan your banking requirements during regular banking hours to avoid any inconvenience.

**Robert Lee State Bank**  
**First National Bank in Bronte**

Member FDIC  
453-2545  
Robert Lee, TX

Member FDIC  
473-2911  
Bronte, TX



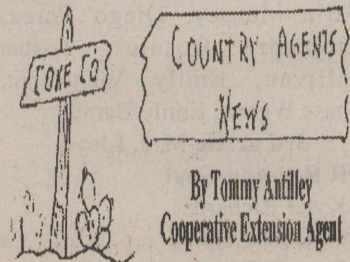
**Hunting and Fishing Guide slated for Oct. 27**

The 2006 Coke/Sterling Counties' Hunting & Fishing Guide is slated to be published in the October 27 edition of the Observer/Enterprise. The deadline for pictures and editorial copy is Friday, October 20.

If you have pictures or stories (or both) of last season's hunting and/or fishing successes, send them in along with the details, and we'll get them in this year's Guide.

Concerning advertising in this year's Guide, every effort will be made to contact previous advertisers prior to deadline. However, if we miss you, or you are a new advertising contact, please call our office at (325) 453-2433.

The annual Hunting and Fishing Guide has been recognized as one of the best publications of its type in the state. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of this annual guide to the hunting and fishing resources of Coke and Sterling Counties.



**Livestock Assistance Grant Program**

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will administer financial assistance to eligible livestock producers in 216 drought-stressed Texas counties of which Coke County is one, as determined by USDA. Texas will receive \$16.1 million in grant funds.

To be eligible for the program, a producer must meet all of the following criteria:

\* Suffered livestock forage production losses from drought during the period of March 7, 2006 - August 31, 2006. Examples of losses may include: cost of lost forage, supplemental feeding costs, costs of relocating livestock to new feed supplies, increased feed transportation costs and the cost of emergency water supplies.

\* Owned eligible livestock for commercial use as part of a farming operation at some point during the period of March 7, 2006 - August 31, 2006.

\* Owned the livestock claimed for compensation by this program for at least 30 days.

The following livestock are eligible for this program:

\* Adult beef cattle two years of age and older during the eligibility period.  
\* Sheep one year of age

and older during the eligibility period.

\* Livestock must have been owned by the producer submitting the application for at least 30 days.

\* Livestock must be located in an eligible county during the eligibility period.

\*\*Note that dairy cattle and goats are not eligible.

Payments will be made on a per head basis to compensate eligible producers for drought-related forage losses incurred for eligible livestock during the period of March 7, 2006 - August 31, 2006.

\* Per head payment rates will ultimately be determined by the total number of eligible livestock claimed by all Texas applicants and will differ for cattle and sheep based on standard animal units.

\* The per head payment rate cannot be determined until all applications are received and processed by TDA.

\* An eligible producer cannot receive more than \$10,000 in payments under this program.

\* Payments cannot exceed actual forage production losses.

\* Because of the number of applications anticipated and the amount of funds available, payment will be limited and may only cover partial losses.

The sign-up period for this program will be September 29, 2006 - November 13, 2006.

Applications at all TDA offices, the TDA Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us), local Farm Service Agency offices and Texas Cooperative Extension county offices in eligible counties.

Although Farm Service Agency and Texas Cooperative Extension staff may have basic knowledge of the program, all questions regarding the application process should be addressed to TDA by phone at (800)TELL-TDA (1-800-835-5832) or (512)46324659, or by e-mail at [ga@agr.state.tx.us](mailto:ga@agr.state.tx.us).

Applications must be mailed to TDA Austin headquarters and must be postmarked by Monday, November 13, 2006. Please note that Post Offices will be closed Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Applications cannot be accepted by the Farm Service Agency offices or Texas Cooperative Extension county offices.

Faxed or electronically submitted applications will not be considered.

**Celebrate Texas Archeology Month**

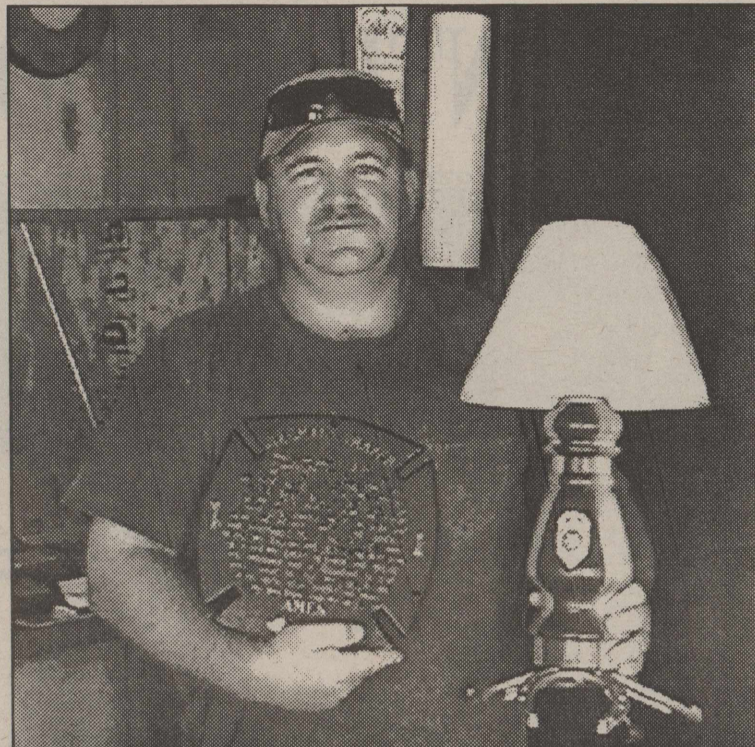
This month get out and explore Texas' amazing archeological sites and learn more about the state's dynamic past. October is Texas Archeology Month (TAM) and a host of events are taking place throughout the state.

Each October, TAM provides Texans with the opportunity to celebrate the spirit of discovery. TAM offers hands-on

opportunities for understanding the depth and richness of Texas heritage, from the exploration of ancient dwellings of prehistoric hunters to shipwrecks and Civil War battle sites. TAM helps promote the historical significance of the state's archeological sites, increasing the public's appreciation of proper archeological practices and highlighting the significance of the contributions made by professional and avocational archeologists.

Highlighted TAM events planned for October include the Sixth Annual Val Verde County Archeology Fair in Del Rio, Day of the Dead at Mission San José near San Antonio, the El Paso Archeology Fair on Oct. 28 and archeology presentations at Austin area schools. Various other exhibits, lectures and fairs will be taking place near you.

To request a free print copy of the TAM Calendar of Events, contact the THC's Archeology Division at 512/463-6096 or visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) to view the calendar.



**Outgoing Fire Chief!** Outgoing Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Rick Drennan, was presented with some parting gifts from the fire department. The plaque has a poem inscribed with the "Fireman's Prayer". Rick was also given a lamp, which has his badge inset into the wood. The lamp was made by the new fire chief, Brian Hamrick, who had been Rick's Assistant Fire Chief. Rick had been the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Chief for 8 years until Brian took over in August.

**Sixth Annual Street Affair**

**Robert Lee, Texas**

**Saturday • October 7, 2006**

**Friday**

Art Show entries accepted at show room: Corner of 7th Street & Highway 158

**Saturday**

- 7:30 am Booth Set Up
- 8:00 am Custom Car Show-entry time until 11 am
- 9:00 am Art Show Open  
Dessert Cook Off Entries - Library  
Old Jail open for tours
- 10:00 am RL Volunteer Fire Dept. Dunking Booth  
CERT tent auction viewing:  
from ranch equip. to glassware/dolls, etc.
- 11:00 am PARADE - Austin Street
- 11:30 am International Bed Race - Austin Street
- 1:00 pm CERT tent auction
- 2:30 pm Lynn Green, stories, songs, and what-all
- 3:00 pm Angelo Blue Grass performance
- 6:30 pm West Texas Cloggers
- 8:00 pm STREET DANCE  
Dance to Robert Lee's Own Driftwood!

**Don't miss the Concho Valley Electric Co-op Demonstration!**

**Re-enactment camp Concho Cowboys - Shoot-outs & mayhem**

**All-day open mike singing, story telling, pickin' and grinnin' performers welcome**



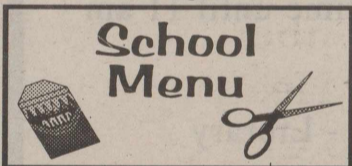
# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Lady Shorthorns win San Angelo tournament!** *The Bronte Junior High Lady Shorthorns were crowned tournament champions on Saturday, September 23. They had an amazing come-from-behind win against San Angelo Lee Junior High to win the gold. The Lady Shorthorns are currently 13-0. Team members include (back row, left to right) Leah Jones, Kassie Filman, Coach Carol Moore, Mackenzie Gibbs, Harley Wallace (front row, left to right) Katie Austin, Jill Scott and Kim Lee.*

## Bronte Longhorn football results

The Longhorns were defeated Friday night, by the Sterling City Eagles, 41-12. The Eagles size and strength were too



### Breakfast

**Monday, Oct. 9**

Holiday

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

**Friday, Oct. 13**

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Oct. 9**

Holiday

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

Pizza, sweet corn, tossed salad, rice krispie bar, milk

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rosie applesauce, milk

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

Chicken taco casserole, tossed salad, ranch style beans, crackers, pink panther cake, milk

**Friday, Oct. 13**

Sloppy Joe, tator tots, pork & beans, bun, frozen fruit bar, milk

much for the Longhorns to overcome. Sterling City scored first to take a 7-0 lead; the Longhorns drove the field, but were unable to score. Sterling City scored again to make the score 14-0. Once again Bronte drove the ball the length of the field, but were unable to score. On Bronte's 3rd possession they drove down and scored on a Logan Rawls 17-yard pass to Johnathan Ehl to cut the score to 14-6. Sterling City answered right back, by returning the kick-off for a TD. Sterling City scored one more time to take a 27-6 halftime lead. The Longhorns opened the scoring in the second half on a Rawls 65-yard TD run. The Eagles did the rest of the scoring to make the final 41-12.

The Longhorns were led on offense by Logan Rawls' 121 yards rushing, 1 TD rushing, 1 TD passing, Philip Rawlings accounted for 82 yards rushing and Johnathan Ehl 1 TD reception. The Longhorns had a season high 207 yards rushing. On defense, Adam Halfacer had 7 1/2 tackles, Kyler Lee 6 tackles, and Albert Force an interception.

The Longhorns will face the Eldorado Eagles tonight in Bronte.

## Bronte JV football results

The final score was Bronte 14 and Sterling City 28. Leading rushers included Sam Rawlings and Rob Rosson. Defensive recognition went to Louie Martinez.

Another good battle by the Bronte JV Longhorns last Thursday night versus the

Sterling City Eagles. Offensively we executed very well and improved from last week, but we made some defensive mistakes that Sterling City took advantage of.

Despite the loss, these guys continue to improve each week and are gaining some great experience. Touchdowns were made by Rob Rosson and Sam Rawlings with great carries! The extra points were both kicked by Ernesto Casillas. Good job guys! We will continue the season this Thursday at Eldorado.

## Shorthorns in win column

The Bronte Shorthorns defeated the Sterling City Eagles, 18-12. The defense was solid as usual but the offense helped the cause having several big plays. Dakota Rawls took the opening snap 70 yards to pay dirt.

In the second half, Dakota Rawls hooked up with Kerwin Rawls for a 40 yard score. Dakota Rawls later found a wide-open Terron Charles for another 25 yard score.

It was an extremely hard fought game against a very big, physical Sterling City team. It was a solid effort by all.

Come out and support the Shorthorns this week at 5:30 in Eldorado.

## Lady Longhorn volleyball results

The Lady Longhorn varsity girls improved to 20 on Tuesday, September 26, at the Bronte

gymnasium. Their victory was over district rival Water Valley.

The Lady Horns fought hard throughout a grueling 5 game match win: 20-25, 25-20, 20-25, 25-19, 16-14.

The Longhorns improve their overall record to 17-9. Currently, they are tied with Sterling City at 2-0 in district, Water Valley is tied with Miles at 1-1, and Veribest and Santa Anna each are 0-2.

Varsity stats: Kills: Cook 10, Huskerson 11, Coalson 8, McMorris 7, Martinez 5, Harris 3. Assists: Austin 28, Huskerson 6, Martinez 1. Blocks: Huskerson 6, Cook 3, Harris 3, McMorris 1, Martinez 1. Aces: Coalson 5, Meek 3, Cook 2, Martinez 2, McMorris 1. Digs: Cooper 9, McMorris 13, Martinez 5, Coalson 8, Huskerson 4, Cook 4, Austin 3. 100% serve: Meek, Martinez, Coalson

The JV beat Water Valley in 2 games, 25-9, 25-21.

## Bronte Elementary School awards

### 1st Six Weeks

#### 1st grade

**Reading award for meeting reading goal**

Aaron Cervenka, Tanner Bedford, Darby Duncan, Analyn Bohensky, Tiara Watson, Cambrey Lange, Mason Keeney, Sierra O'Brien, Melissa Perez, Emmanuel Casillas, Dristen Stilley, Nita Betts, Kendra Coalson, Jack Corley, Jaqui Davila, Mercedes DelaCerde, Colton King, Gabriel Navarro, Kevin Parks, Dayanna Perez, Shawn Puentez, Danny Pullen, Maddie Rowan, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Chelsea Trussell, Maria Zamora

#### Super Citizens

Tanner Bedford, Analyn Bohensky, Emmanuel Casillas, Darby Duncan, Mason Keeney, Sierra O'Brien, Melissa Perez, Kristen Stilley, Miranda Tijerina, Tiara Watson, Jack Corley, Jaqui Davila, Mercedes DelaCerde, Gabriel Navarro, Dayanna Perez, Shawn Puentez, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Maria Zamora

#### Perfect Attendance

Tanner Bedford, Analyn Bohensky, Cambrey Lange, Darby Duncan, Mason Keeney, Collin Moore, Sierra O'Brien, Kristen Stilley, Tiara Watson, Nita Betts, Kendra Coalson, Mercedes DelaCerde, Shawn Puentez, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Chelsea Trussell,

Kristen Stilley

#### 2nd grade

#### "A" Honor roll

Reighlyn Baken, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Jessie Ehl, Ryan Jones, Carson Kelso, Destiny Lyon, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Alejandro Rosales, Sarah Stevens-Smith, Emily Whitehurst

#### "A/B" Honor roll

Emily Barnett, Ismael Cecilio, Harley Cerda, Evan Ferguson, Darin Munsey, Tristan Sullivan, Chase Wynne

#### Super Longhorns

Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Ismael Cecilio, Alex Guia, Justin Reed, Alejandro Rosales, Emily Whitehurst

#### Perfect Attendance

Kayla Arthur, Reighlyn Baken, Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Ismael Cecilio, Jessie Ehl, Carson Kelso, Darin Munsey, Diego Perez, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Alejandro Rosales, Sarah Stevens-Smith, Tristan Sullivan, Emily Whitehurst, Chase Wynne

#### Reading Goal Met

Kayla Arthur, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Harley Cerda, Jessie Ehl, Evan Ferguson, Alex Guia, Ryan Jones, Carson Kelso, Destiny Lyon, Tristin Minjarez, Darin Munsey, Diego Perez, Alejandro Rosales, Tristan Sullivan, Emily Whitehurst, Chase Wynne, Emily Barnett

#### 3rd grade-Mrs. Lloyd

#### AR Reading Goal

Kyler Richards

#### "A" Honor Roll

Bree Bailey, Jayden Baumann, Cambri Kelso, Sarah Sanchez

#### "A/B" Honor roll

Hailey Bennett, Ashlee Irwin, Austin Parker, Kyler Richards, Ean Ward

#### Super Citizens

Bree Bailey, Kyler Richards, Sarah Sanchez, Ean Ward

#### Perfect Attendance

Hailey Bennett, Ashley Betts, Ashlee Irwin, Cambri Kelso, Emmery McCollough, Austin Parker, Sarah Sanchez, Ean Ward

#### 3rd grade-Angela Davis

#### Super Longhorn Citizenship

Jerica Davis, Tucker McMullan, Chris James, Kellie Thorn

#### "A" Honor roll

Jerica Davis, Chris James, Kellie Thorn

#### Perfect Attendance

Jeffery Brown, Kevin Charles, Christian Davila, Tucker McMullan

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## GLENN-BIVINS INSURANCE



Please support the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department!

123 W. Main

Bronte

473-6791

**The Pumpkin Patch**  
515 Kickapoo Road, Bronte  
**Grand Opening**  
October 1 • 2 pm - Dusk  
Pumpkins available for  
decorating, carving and baking  
FMI 473-2226 or 277-7352



# BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL

				BHS	
September 1	Cross Plains	There	7:30	21	12
September 8	Rotan	Here	7:30	7	12
September 15	Open				
** September 22	Winters	Here	7:30	25	6
* September 29	Sterling City	There	7:30	12	41
* October 6	Eldorado	Here	7:30		
* October 13	Menard	There	7:30		
* October 20	Irion County	Here	7:30		
* October 27	Forsan	There	7:30		
* November 3	Miles	Here	7:30		
* November 10	Christoval	There	7:30		

\* District Games • \*\* Homecoming

Friday  
October 6  
7:30 pm  
Bronte



BRONTE  
LONGHORNS  
VS.  
Eldorado

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*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**2006-2007 RLHS Student Council Officers!** The Robert Lee High School Student Council Officers for the 2006-2007 school year include (back row, left to right) Kelsy Duncan, President; Chase Roe, Vice President; (front row, left to right) Becca Skinner, Secretary; Anna Rojas, Treasurer; and Dixie Johnson, Reporter.

## Steers cage the Gorillas

by Tom Sawyer  
Well Steer fans they did it again, that's four wins in a row and another mercy rule win and amazing as this may seem we didn't turn the ball over at all this game. Let's carry that pigskin up and down the halls of RLISD everyday if that's what it takes. This was an amazing win considering that Trent had the ball for the first five and half minutes of the first

quarter, but the Steers regrouped and took it to the Gorillas.

Everyone get out your Spirit yells and join us this Friday for homecoming against Rochelle. **STEER PRIDE!!!!**

### Game Summary

**1st Quarter**  
Gorillas - 5 yard run with 4:23 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 1 yard run by Gallegos with 3:14 left, PAT kick by Percifull.

Steers - 8, Gorillas - 6

**2nd Quarter**  
Steers - 19 yard pass to Hodge from Dillard with 9:42 left, PAT kick by Percifull;

Steers - 6 yard pass to Honse from Dillard with 7:26 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 16 yard pass to Dillard from Hodge with 2:35 left, PAT kick by Percifull.

Steers - 30, Gorillas - 6

**3rd Quarter**  
Steers - 45 yard run by Honse with 9:10 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 55 yard run by Gallegos with 7:06 left, PAT pass from Gallegos to Honse;

Steers - 17 yard run by Gallegos with 3:15 left, PAT kick by Percifull.

Steers - 51, Gorillas - 6

### Steer Stats

Brody Dillard - 1 carry for -10 yards, 2 of 3 passing for 25 yards and 2 TD's, 1 reception for 16 yards and 1 TD, and 10 tackles;

Josh Gallegos - 11 carries for 133 yards and 3 TD's, 2 of 3 passing for 36 yards, and 5 tackles;

Kevin Honse - 1 carry for 45 yards and 1TD, 1 reception for 6 yards and 1 TD, and 8 tackles;

Cameron Hodge - 8 carries for 93 yards, 1 of 1 passing

for 16 yards and 1 TD, 2 receptions for 30 yards and 1 TD, and 7 tackles;

Chase Roe - 9 tackles; Corbin Martin - 1 reception for 25 yards, and 5 tackles;

Tony Munoz - 2 tackles and 1 fumble recovery.

See everyone Friday night, **GO STEERS!!!**

## Lighting of the Letters

The "RL" will be lit Thursday, October 5, at a mini pep rally on the parking lot behind the school after the JV football game. Come be a part of the lighting of the letters and help continue an RLHS Homecoming tradition.

### RL class officers

#### Senior class

President-Eleasar Vera; Vice President-Casey Nesbit; Secretary-Becca Skinner; Treasurer-Erica O'Neil; Reporter-Rosa Rojas; Student Council Reps.-Kevin Honse, Brettanie Reed

Class Favorites-Clay Antilley, Becca Skinner

#### Junior class

President-Chase Roe; Vice President-Molly Burns; Secretary-Kasie Skinner; Treasurer-Briana Longoria; Reporter-Anna Rojas; Student Council Reps.-Megan Percifull, Brody Dillard

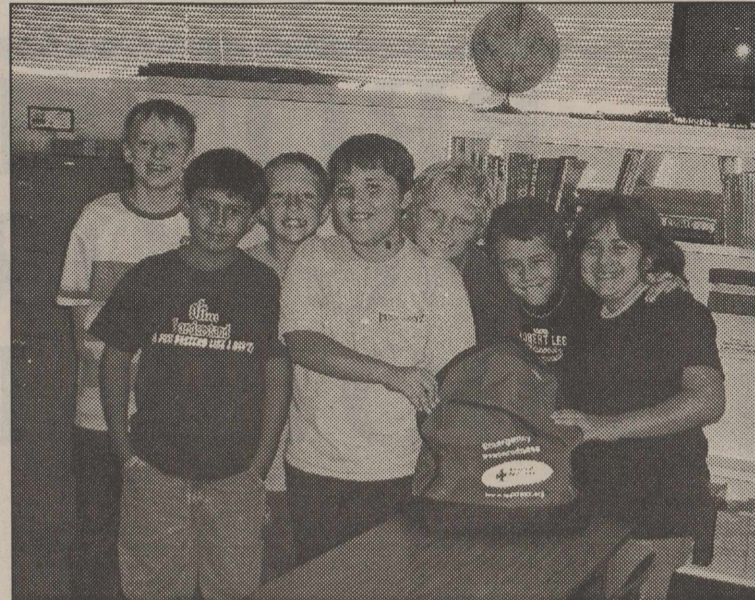
#### Sophomore class

President-Garret Blair; Vice President-Olga Perez; Secretary-Gaby Saucedo; Treasurer/Reporter-Norma Rojas; Student Council Reps.-Garret Blair, Olga Perez

#### Freshman class

President-Cody Brosh; Vice President-Stetson Nesbit; Secretary-Emily Arellano; Treasurer-Briana Brisbin; Reporter-Tanner Hannigan; Student Council Reps.-Emilee Yanez, Devin Batten

#### 8th grade



**Disaster School!** Mrs. Roberts 4th grade class at Robert Lee Elementary recently participated in the Preparing for Disaster school curriculum. Students were made aware of the different types of disaster that could hit our area. All families need to know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in our area. Students were able to prepare a disaster plan with their family members.

President-Haden Dillard; Vice President-Logan Philley; Secretary-Amanda Mendoza; Treasurer-Kacee Roberts; Student Council Reps.-Heidi Austin, Foster Allen

#### 7th grade

President-Diana Vera; Vice President-Kimberly Roach; Secretary-Raquel Rojas; Reporter-Luisa Carrera

### RLHS Class Favorites

Seniors-Clay Antilley, Becca Skinner

Juniors-Corbin Martin, Anna Rojas

Sophomores-Garrett Blair, Kelsey Martin

Freshman-Cody Brosh, Nancy Landeros

### RL Senior Superlatives

Best Eyes - Becca Skinner

Best Smile - Jaden Alexander, Brettanie Reed, Kevin Honse

Best Personality - Erica O'Neil, Eleasar Vera

Wittiest - Becca Skinner, Clay Antilley

Most Individual - Tina LaRue, Sergio Rocha

Most Spirited - Jaden Alexander, Johnathan Pagan

Most Likely to Succeed - Dixie Johnson, Eleasar Vera

Better Late than Never - Jessica Long, Randall Rainwater

Robert Lee School Awards

1st Six Weeks Perfect Attendance

7th grade

Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrera, Jose Fabian, Sashauna Farmer, Samantha Fernandez, Keanu Henson, Kimberly Roach, Meagan Ross, Diana Vera

#### 8th grade

Foster Allen, Haden Dillard, Herzon Estrada, Amanda Mendoza, Daniel Nowlin, Logan Philley, Kacee Roberts, Jorge Rostro, Luke Sheldon, Joshua Tennison

#### 9th grade

Briana Brisbin, William Brosh, Cayetano Carrera, Molli Hinderliter, Piedad Juarez, Nancy Landeros, Ivan Landeros, Blake Millican, Stetson Nesbit, Erika Pearcy, Colton Reed

#### 10th grade

Holly Austin, Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Taylor Foster, Precilla Lara, Arrin Minjarez, Dustin Moreno, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Jodi Sheldon, Blake Thompson, Cori Torres

#### 11th grade

Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Justin Hewitt, Briana Longoria, Taylor Percifull, Megan Percifull, Michael Roe, Kasie Skinner

#### 12th grade

Jaden Alexander, Kelsy Duncan, Clayton Foster, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Antonio Munoz, Sarah Philley, Sergio Rocha, Rebecca Skinner, Eleasar Vera

"A" Honor Roll

#### 4th grade

Tristen Hildebrand, James Roberts

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## School Menu

### Breakfast

**Monday, Oct. 9**

Holiday

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

**Friday, Oct. 13**

Juice, fruit bar, cereal, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Oct. 9**

Holiday

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**

Bean chalupas, tamale, salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, milk

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

Chicken salad or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, fresh broccoli & carrots, fruit cocktail, milk

**Thursday, Oct. 12**

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, pineapple, sliced bread, milk

**Friday, Oct. 13**

Hamburger, salad, pickles, French fries, peaches, milk

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# ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

Friday,

October 6

7:30 pm

Robert Lee

**HOMECOMING**

**2006!!**

Daryl's Body Shop  
Shaffer Monument

Company

Robert Lee-Silver

Lions Club

Rock Solid

Communications

Roy & Judy Blair

West Coke County

Community Development

Skinner's Gro. & Station

Jim & Geanette Skinner

W.E.B. Construction

Edwin, Wyndell & Family

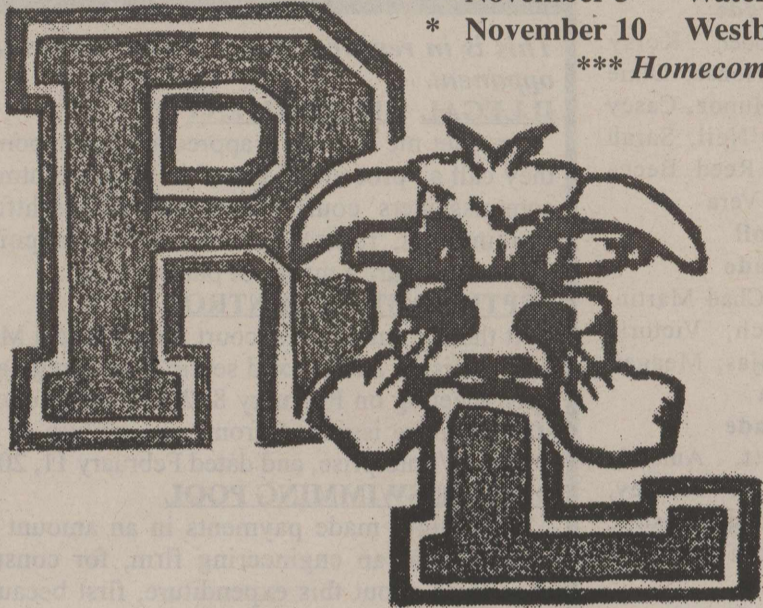
Ivey Motor Company, Inc.

Glenn-Bivins Insurance

Marilyn, Mary, Lucretia, & Lanette

Robert Lee State Bank

Member FDIC



			RLHS	
September 1	Rankin	There	7:30	22 52
September 8	Borden County	Here	7:30	53 28
September 15	Santa Anna	There	7:30	50 48
September 22	Eden	Here	7:30	64 14
September 29	Trent	There	7:30	51 6
***October 6	Rochelle	Here	7:30	
October 13	Open			
* October 20	Ira	Here	7:30	
* October 27	Highland	There	7:30	
** November 3	Water Valley	Here	7:30	
* November 10	Westbrook	There	7:30	

\*\*\* Homecoming \*\*Parents Night \*District

## ROBERT LEE STEERS

VS.

## Rochelle

C & H Auto Parts  
& Hardware

Carwile Insurance

Bill & Randy Carwile

Gaylon & Kaye Pitcock

Coke Co. Commissioner Prec. #3

Concho Realty

Cindy's

Ronny & Cindy Brown

Kickin' Up Roses

Tommy & Tiffany Roach

Key Feed Store

Robert Lee Baptist Church

"Let God be your Head Coach!"

Handyman Construction

& Handyman Services

Tommy Williams

Geo Group, Inc.

Supports the Steers

Joan Davis

Cracker Barrel Restaurant

The Best Connection

The Wayland Drennan Family

Ernest Clendennen, Inc.

Storage Rental & Sales

Super "H" Grocery

Dave & Betty Hughes

D. J.'s Merle

Norman Studio

Debbie McCabe

Hal & Kim Spain

Handwritten signatures and names including: Ash Gulligan, Chris Labelle, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Honce, Brady Pillard, Blake Milligan, Justin Turner, Phillip Swanson, Garrett Blair, Ekeasar Vera, Coach Dortonman, Jeff Bosh, Tyler Precourt, Justin Hensick, Justin Hensick, Coach A., and JEREMY MARTINEZ.



**...BISD Awards**  
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Jerica Davis, Anastasia Headley,  
Chris James, Cami White

**4th grade-Mrs. Bearden**

**"A" Honor roll**

Marley Braswell

**"A/B" Honor roll**

Heriberto Cecilio, Maria Franco, Joshua Means, Alondra Perez

**Perfect Attendance**

Dakota Arthur, Marley Braswell, Kourtney Kelton, Moriah Royall, Savannah Arthur, Heriberto Cecilio, Richard McVey, Jared Scott, Jacob Baken, Madison Harris, Joshua Means

**Met A/R goal**

Marley Braswell, Maria Franco

**4th grade-Coalson**

**"A" Honor roll**

Crystal Bilbrey

**"A/B" Honor roll**

Jensen Reed, Joshua Puentez, Jessica Arthur, Charissa Caston

**Met A/R goal**

Sydney Breeding

**Perfect Attendance**

Jessica Arthur, Amber Betts, Crystal Bilbrey, Sydney Breeding, Charissa Caston, Jason Eiland, Stacia Emfinger, Carlos Fuentez, Edward McVey, Joshua Puentez, Jensen Reed, Addie Rosson

**5th grade**

**"A" Honor roll**

Ty Lee, Megan Yackley

**"A/B" Honor roll**

Tammie Halfacer, Lyndsay Hargrave, Reagan Harris, Coby Malone, Kaleb Reyes, Marisa Sanchez, Mason Stevens-Smith, Courtney Wyatt

**Perfect Attendance**

Lauren Allen, Fred Arthur, Trinity Demry, Kaleb Edwards, Stetsen Emfinger, Lyndsay Hargrave, Reagan Harris, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, Bailey McGlothlin, John Moore, Shanyia Parker, Michael Perez, Manuel Perez, Marisa Sanchez, Courtney Wyatt, Megan Yackley

**6th grade**

**"A" Honor roll**

Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Jael Williams

**"A/B" Honor roll**

Kyle Kelton, Erika Puentez, Caleb Rosson

**Met AR Goal**

Kaitlyn Braswell, Erika Hargrave, Carson James, Michelle Rhodes, Caleb Rosson, Paige Royall, Erika Puentez, Brayde Knight, Jael Williams

**Perfect Attendance**

Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Thoren Charles, John Eiland, Erika Hargrave, Mason Hoyt, Carson James, Kyle Kelton, Brayde Knight, Michelle Rhodes, Caleb Rosson, Paige Royall, Ethan Sedden, Zachary Taylor, Jael Williams

**...RLISD Awards**  
(Continued from Page 8)

**5th grade**

Hanna Hamrick, William Howard, Ciera Millican

**6th grade**

Abigail DeLeon, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Cooper Hinderliter, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

**7th grade**

Linsey Arellano, Sassy Farmer

**8th grade**

Heidi Austin, Haden

Dillard, Skyler Rainwater, Kacee Roberts

**9th grade**

Emily Arellano, Stetson Nesbit

**10th grade**

Kaden Duncan, Jeremy Martinez, Cori Torres

**11th grade**

Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Briana Longoria, Chase Roe, Anna Rojas

**12th grade**

Jaden Alexander, Kelsy Duncan, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Tony Munoz, Casey Nesbit, Erica O'Neil, Sarah Philley, Brettne Reed, Becca Skinner, Eleasar Vera

**"A/B" Honor Roll**

**7th grade**

Luisa Carrera, Chad Martin, Kimberly Roach, Victoria Roe, Raquel Rojas, Meagan Ross, Diana Vera

**8th grade**

Blake Hewitt, Amanda Mendoza, Logan Philley, Paul Pineda, Jorge Rostro, Luke Sheldon, Josh Tennison, Sarah Walker

**9th grade**

Jennifer Barrett, Devin Batten, Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Cayetano Carrera, Molli Hinderliter, Piedad Juarez, Ericka Pearch, Colton Reed, Emilee Yanez

**10th grade**

Holly Austin, Garrett Blair, Taylor Foster, Josh Gallegos, Prescilla Lara, Kelsey Martin, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Gabriela Saucedo, Jodi Sheldon, Jimmy Womack

**11th grade**

Cody Denton, Justin Hewitt, Cameron Hodge, Taylor Percifull, Andrea Pineda, Ashley Sawyer, Kasie Skinner, Luke Thurman

**12th grade**

Clay Antilley, Tina LaRue, Johnathan Pagan, Rosa Rojas

**Perfect Attendance**

**Pre-K**

Jonathan Hoyt, Clayton Montgomery

**Kindergarten**

Madison Hall, Eduardo Garza, Tara McCormick, Joseph Leal, Bubba Bohannon, Chelsea Wyatt, Garrett Knight, Joshua Jackson, Alyssa Evans, Jonathan Skipworth, Zachary Brown, Chase Blanton, Shaelyn Ellsworth, Desirree Roe, Jose Reyes, Corbin Drennan, Autumn Ramon, Taylor Phillips, Jordan Phillips

**1st grade**

Jorge Mendoza, Kelsey Benson, Bethany Coppedge, Mariah Munoz, Joshua Gregston, Christian Hodges, William Coppedge, Tristan Ellsworth, Rachel Russell, Jessica Wheat, Kiara Padgett, Julian Torres, Samantha Roe, Hailey Padgett, Adam Minjarez, Jayce Bower, Pierce Stewart, Margo Mendoza

**2nd grade**

Chesney Minjarez, James Wyatt, Alexis Maydahl, Nicole Jones, Kandace Skipworth, Trace Oleksiuk, Mason Sabrsula, Gabriel Abalos, Kaden Hayes, Tamara Plumley, Anna Huapilla

**3rd grade**

Mathew Paterson, Hayden

O'Neil, Hunter Hamrick, Justice Saucedo, Randi Coppedge, Brady Clawson, Jesus Landeros, Sandra Hubbard, Jacob Jackson, Madison Wright, Kodi Drennan, Bailey Hooten, Bruce Buddin, Ricky Williams, Karlee Roach

**4th grade**

James Roberts, Jerry

Wofford, Tristen Hildebrand, Daria Tinkler, Jayton Torres, Eric Wells

**5th grade**

Efrain Olguin, Sydney Sheldon, Alexis Mendoza, Cecil Flores, Kevin Saucedo, Gage Farmer, Jyranda Kenny, Fatima Fabian, Ashlie Tennison, Bianca

Huapilla, Taylor Benton, William Howard, Shaylee Bell, Shelby Davis

**6th grade**

Beanca Bower, Justin Gartman, Jordan Gartman, Ashlie Wheat, James Skinner, Dawson Brisbin, Zachary Sanchez, Cooper Hinderliter, Kelsey Hewitt

# Let's Talk About Facts

*This is in response to the advertisement in last week's issue by supporters of my opponent.*

**ILLEGAL APPOINTMENT**

First, let me say that I appreciate my opponent's supporters concession concerning what they call a "procedural error" in the appointment of the west side constable. In fact, the commissioners' court, which was the "rightful" and "legal" body assigned to make this appointment, refused to confirm the appointment at all. The facts concerning that appointment are a matter of public record.

**SEPTIC SYSTEM CONTROVERSY**

At the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, February 14, 2005, the court reversed their decision and relaxed septic system regulations for the county. This followed a 3-hour open meeting on February 8, 2005, where over 60 residents attended to protest the court's stance on the issue. A front page picture of the meeting was in that week's issue of the Observer/Enterprise, and dated February 11, 2005.

**BRONTE SWIMMING POOL**

The county made payments in an amount from \$13,000 to \$17,000 to the Brannon Corporation, an engineering firm, for consulting and inspections on the pool. I am concerned about this expenditure, first because I think this is an excessive charge for a consult fee on the pool. Compounding the issue was the fact that this high charge was never included on any grant application made for pool funding.

**COUNTY INCARCERATION EXPENSES**

Technically, the aforementioned advertisement was correct when it stated that a large percentage of the money spent for incarcerating criminals is under the jurisdiction of the district attorney. The good news is that district attorneys still have to run for office, which means they need our vote of support. Their conviction rate and timely clearance rates are important factors in their re-election. A phone call, personal visit, or correspondence from our county judge, expressing our great concern with an incarceration expense issue, might be just the solution in this area. Coke County must elect a judge who will represent his county and demand that our tax funds are spent in an efficient manner.

Most elected officials in the courthouse must prepare and present to commissioners' court a monthly report detailing their office's expenses. Perhaps it might also be a good idea for the county attorney to prepare and present a similar report for this office. This would give taxpayers a better idea of how much we are spending each month on incarcerations.

**COURTHOUSE FRIDAY CLOSINGS**

I have saved the courthouse closing issue for last, because it is the most divisive and takes a while to explain. It is the defining issue about which most of the Robert Lee business people are concerned, because closing these courthouse offices at 1:00 on Friday has an adverse effect on businesses -- the same businesses that pay taxes to keep county government operating.

First of all, the advertisement was correct when it stated that each elected official may set their own hours. But let's face facts. The two offices in the courthouse which county taxpayers want and need to be open on Friday afternoons are the clerk's office and the tax office. The reason the tax office needs to be open on Friday afternoon is quite apparent. Absentee landowners arriving from the metroplex, etc., get into town on Friday afternoon and are unable to make payments. Most will be returning to their primary homes on Sunday afternoon. Local residents wishing to pay their registration fees on vehicles, boats, and trailers must also wait until Monday morning.

Residents may or may not be aware of it, but the clerk's office is in a similar situation. For the past several years, we have been fortunate in that our land values have increased dramatically. Land values in Coke County, as compared to the surrounding area, are second in value only to land values in Concho County (Paint Rock and Eden). All of this means we have land men, appraisers, and bankers who need access to the clerk's office to research court records of land sales; so they will have a place to start with their appraisals. Being closed on Friday afternoon limits their ability to do their work, as it does anybody else who might have business with the clerk's office, such as our young people who are away at college and unable to participate in early voting.

**MY COURTHOUSE CLOSING SOLUTION**

Once again it requires leadership. We have very competent, productive elected officials and employees in these offices. My approach as county judge might be as simple as to discuss the possibility of printing a questionnaire in the local paper, asking our residents the question, "Would you favor the tax office and the clerk's office being open on Friday afternoons, even if it cost a little extra to keep these offices open?" We might also have an agreement that if a high number of positive responses from residents were received, the elected officials affected would agree to implement the change. And thus, the decision would be made, in effect, by county taxpayers. A solution to this problem is not impossible. It just requires leadership.

Additionally, I believe it is irrelevant whether or not the judge's office is open, as residents should be able to reach him 24/7 by phone.

**IN CONCLUSION**

*I would not close this discussion without offering my sincere apologies if I have offended anyone, particularly my opponent, with what his supporters have termed my "mudslinging". I do not consider any positive attempt at better government -- a government for and by the people --, to be "mudslinging".*

# Hal Spain

**Candidate for Coke County Judge**

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Just  
From  
Jan

by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

**Walk Across Texas**

Approximately 55 percent of the U.S. population are overweight or obese. Maintaining a normal weight requires a balance between calories taken in and used for energy. Previous generations ate a lot more calories, but they worked a lot harder. They walked many places, whereas today, we drive even short distances. Instead of working in the fields, we sit at our computers. On our way home, we stop for fast food and spend an average of three or more hours watching television in the evening.

Too many calories and too much sitting are strongly linked to weight gain. A recent study found that our children are gaining weight too, for the same reasons. Overweight parents tend to have overweight children. Overweight people are more likely to have high blood pressure, diabetes, some types of cancer, and joint problems related to arthritis.

Can this trend be reversed? The answer is yes, but if you have tried to lose weight and increase your activity level, you know changing is not easy. Eating high caloric foods and sitting in front of the television is much easier.

Changing eating and activity patterns requires effort and planning. Spend time learning about whether or not you can safely begin an activity program. Learn about your options. Just because you have tried before and not been successful does not mean you cannot be successful this time.

Losing weight and increasing activity does not mean you have to suffer or spend a lot of money for special foods, pills, books, or equipment. People who went

from an average weight of 210 pounds to an average of 145 pounds and maintained their loss for an average of 5 1/2 years attributed their success to controlling calorie intake, limiting portion sizes, eating five meals each day, never skipping meals, eating out no more than three times each week, with only one of those times at a fast food restaurant, and using up about 2,700 calories a week in physical activity beyond that required for daily activities, like gardening or housecleaning. A majority of these 629 successful losers in the National Weight Control Registry said they had been overweight since childhood or had a family history of obesity.

Getting started is hard. Programs claiming quick weight loss with little or no effort end up helping remove little more than your dollars.

If you and your family, friends, co-workers or church group want to get started on the road to better health, visit your county Extension agent, Jan Yanez, at the information booth at the Street Affair, October 7, in Robert Lee to learn about Walk Across Texas. Walk Across Texas can help you start walking and/or losing weight. The program is free and can be an important step toward better health for you and your entire family. You may also obtain this information by contacting the Extension office at 453-2461.

**Millicent's Little Corner**

When your fences are down your cattle can't be found. (Mend those fences).

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Those who drive a Ford are First on Race Day...(get it?).

There three things I always forget. Names, faces-the third I can't remember.

Italo Svevo

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.

Honore de Balzac



**Big Steers and Little Steers!** A group of Robert Lee High School football players and cheerleaders visited with the Pre-Kindergarten and 3rd grade classes at Robert Lee Elementary recently. Visiting with the Pre-K class (top photo) was Kelsy Duncan and Johnathan Pagan. Tony Munoz and Jaden Alexander (bottom photo) spent some time with the third grade class.



We would like for you to join us for a casual lunch served on Saturday, October 14, 2006 from 11 am - 2 pm at the First National Bank in Bronte

In celebration of our 100th Anniversary!

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**Robert Lee Street Affair**  
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Viewing starting at 10:30 am  
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At the corner of Commerce and 7th St.

4020 John Deere LPG w/new rubber, Troy-Bilt tiller, Husqvarna riding mower (49 hrs), 1990 5th Wheel Prowler, 1935 Ward's Pressure cooker, Elec. golf cart w/charger, HI 1066 tractor w/new rubber, 5' hd 3 pt. shredder, forklift 3 pt. w/hydraulic cylinder, 150 gal. diesel tank w/hand pump, JD 2 bottom spinner mowboard, 12 ga. auto Savage, 12 ga. bolt, old 410 single, Gibson 48pc. tableware, Duck House limited edition collector doll, 4 pc. Sears luggage set, new game camera, Eureka powerline vacuum, antique horse collar w/mirror, 2 loveseats in excellent condition, DP gym set, Elec. drill, chain saw, air tank, battery charger and the list goes on!

Sorry we will not be able to accept credit cards. We will accept cash and checks. All checks must be accompanied by a bank guarantee letter. You still have plenty of time to donate or consign items for this auction. Contact Noel Tinkler at 325-453-2149, or any CERT member in Coke County.





**Luau Time!** Local residents (right photo) were treated to a luau at the Robert Lee Senior Center sponsored by the Robert Lee Care Center and Robert Lee Senior Center. RLCC Administrator Cy Jenkins (above photo) does a little dance for some entertainment.



**Hawaiian Luau huge hit**

The sign announced "Hele Mai Ai" welcoming the guests to Robert Lee Senior Center. Over 60 seniors, nursing home residents and staff, and other family and friends celebrated the end of summer and the coming of fall.

The meal consisted of ham, oven roasted potatoes, huge trays of tropical fruit, steamed vegetables, corn on the cob, and desserts.

The party was made possible by a joint effort on the part of the Robert Lee Care Center and the Robert Lee Senior Center. The County Commissioners and the County Judge allowed the Senior Center to be used for the fun.

On Saturday evening before the event, Mary Rodriguez, Susan Millegan, Marie Raney and Karla Hamrick met and transformed the building into a tropical paradise. Prior to the celebration, Pat Taft and Marie Raney arrived early to help prepare drinks and took care of any last minute detail.

At the party, Wade Tinkler and Mary Rodriguez helped coordinate the food. The meal was potluck, eliminating any financial burden on either facility.

Casey and Jaden Aldridge, Daria Tinkler, and Hanna and Hunter Hamrick provided the live entertainment with hula hoops and some interesting moves. Mary Rodriguez supplied the Polynesian style music and many of the decorations. Cy Jenkins, the Care Center administrator, arrived just in time to do a little entertaining of his own. Yes, he even wore a hula skirt.

Several members of the Care Center staff worked hard to bring residents to the party. The efforts were enormously rewarded with the huge smiles on the residents' faces as they left for the evening. Their steps were a little lighter and their hearts were happy at the end of the day.

**Scholarship season is in full swing**

With so many sources of scholarships and information available through the internet, it is difficult to determine which

scholarships are actually coming from legitimate sources and which ones are scams. The following is a list taken from FastWeb's High School August/September 2006 Student Bulletin that can help you determine if you are dealing with a scholarship scam:

1. Fees: Scammers often use bogus fees under the titles of "application," "disbursement," "redemption," and processing fees" when taking your money. Scholarships should not require any fees from the applicant. FastWeb provides a free scholarship search at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

2. Credit card or bank account information: Never give your credit or bank account information to when filling out scholarship applications. If you have, call your bank or credit card immediately.

3. Scholarship guarantee: Be wary of success rates that are very high. No one can control judges' decisions.

4. No work involved: Scholarship applications that are legit require time and energy. No one can complete applications for you.

5. No contact information: Before applying, confirm the sponsor's contact information. Scholarship sponsors should have valid e-mail addresses, phone numbers, or mailing addresses (not PO boxes) upon your

request.

6. Unsolicited scholarships: If you are contacted about a scholarship that you did not apply for, be alert. Ask where the person got your name and number. Then follow up into checking into it.

7. Pressure tactics: Don't allow someone to pressure you into applying for a scholarship, especially if they are wanting money up front.

8. Claims of "exclusive" scholarships: Scholarships that are legitimate will not restrict their knowledge about an award to a single service.

9. An official-sounding name or endorsement does not mean it's legitimate: A sponsor may use words like "national," "federal", etc., or have a seal that looks official, but this does not guarantee that it is not a scam.

10. Your questions are not directly answered: If you can not get a straight answer from a sponsor about an application, for example, what will be done with your information (e.g., will it be sent to a third party), then proceed with caution.

Tips to remember: Applying for financial aid/scholarships should never cost more than the cost of the postage stamp. Upfront fees are not needed when applying for loans or

scholarships.

Visit [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for a free search of over 1.3 million scholarships from over 4,000 colleges.

**Submit Nominations now for Book Award**

Submit your nominations for local authors who focus on Texas history for the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) prestigious T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award. The award is named in honor of Texas history author and former THC chair T.R. Fehrenbach. The award recognizes books based on original research that preserve, record and recount the prehistory or history of Texas. Up to three awards will be presented at the THC's Annual Historic Preservation Conference, which will be held in Lakeway April 12-14, 2007. The deadline for nominations is Dec. 29, 2006 at 5 p.m.

The 2005 recipients of the T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award include the scholars Michael R. Botson, Jr. and James E. Crisp. Botson, Jr.'s Labor, Civil Rights and the Hughes Tool Company marked a unanimous decision ending nearly 50 years of Jim Crow unionism at the Houston company, which set a precedent for economic and racial justice in the

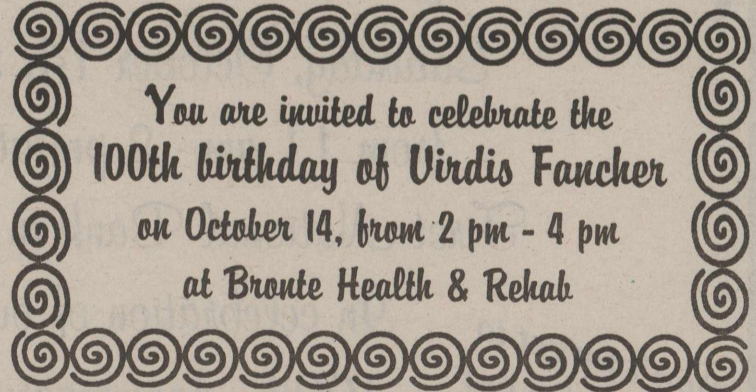
work place. Crisp's publication Sleuthing the Alamo: Davy Crockett's Last Stand and Other Mysteries of the Texas Revolution, illuminates years of mythmaking to reveal surprising truths about this tumultuous period of Texas' past.

For more information contact the THC's Marketing Communications Division at 512/463-6255 or visit the THC web site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) to obtain a nomination form and guidelines.

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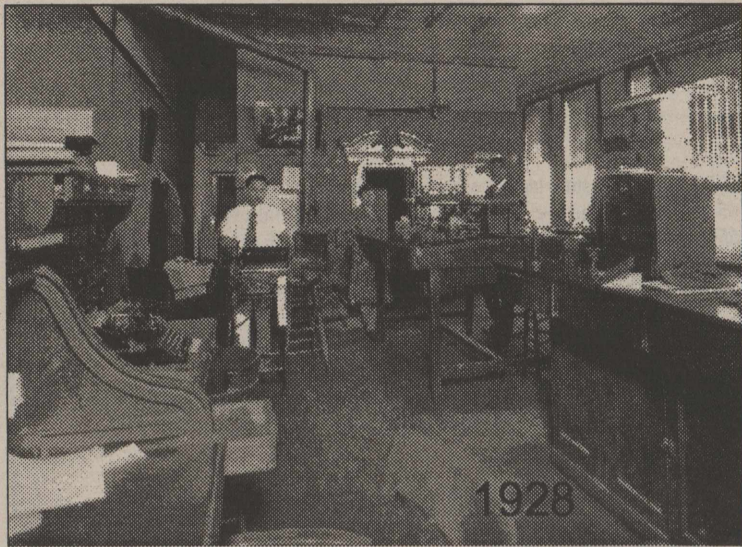

  
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**FNB-Bronte!** The First National Bank in Bronte is celebrating its centennial year in 2006. As employees have been readying for a celebration, they paused to look back on the changes that have taken place in the banking world.

The above photo is an interior shot of the bank as it was in 1928. Bank employees used ledger books to record deposits and loans. No self-respecting teller would ever sit.

Barrett Mackey (far left) stood at a Burroughs posting machine, the latest and finest machine that added deposits and subtracted checks from the customer's statement. The lady in the center is Miss Carrie Williams, the cashier. L. T. Youngblood is on the far right. The modern heater was at the rear, and there was even a fan to cool customers on the hottest days.

**FNB in Bronte planning a Blow Out Under the "Big Tent"**

Plans are underway for a barbecue under the "big tent" as the First National Bank in Bronte prepares for the bank's 100th birthday. Bank employees will be assisted by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce when they serve barbecue in downtown Bronte. Everyone is invited to register for the television, computer, and camera that will be given away on Saturday, October 14 from 11 am - 2 pm.

The origin of the First National Bank in Bronte marked the passing of the "old West" throughout this area of West Texas. At the time the bank was founded, the nearest railroad connection was forty five miles to the north at Sweetwater, thirty five miles to the south at San Angelo, and twenty three miles to the east at Ballinger. The pioneer village of Bronte was here in the heart of the Colorado River valley. In 1906 the Orient Railroad was building from Sweetwater to San Angelo, directly through Bronte and Coke County. Settlers, scattered though they were, were the founders of the county and had held to the pioneer ways. The mail coach from Ballinger to Robert Lee, via Bronte, ran daily. The people traveled little and the acres of the valley were pastures on which longhorn cattle grazed. Some of the "old timers" who had pioneered here since the country began were men of vision.

When the coming of the railroad was an assured fact, some of the citizens began to talk about a bank. J. B. Reilly of Ozona, an experienced business man, sold his ranching interests and came to Bronte to organize the First State

Bank with Rev R. M. Cumbie as President. J. B. Reilly directed the affairs of the bank until May 1921. At that time C. R. Gollihar, assistant cashier of the bank, advanced to cashier and took charge of the bank. The bank continued in operation until 1922, when it was closed during the financial panic which swept the country at that time. L. T. Youngblood, who was operating the bank at Blackwell, was called on by state banking officials to assist in the investigation of the affairs of the First State Bank. Youngblood took his report to Austin, and was asked by state officials to re-open the bank. After a period of about thirty days, Youngblood and a group of investors re-opened First State Bank as the Guaranty State Bank. The Blackwell bank and Bronte banks were merged. On May 11, 1925, the name was changed to the First National Bank in Bronte and it has continued under that name until the present time.

Those early pioneers would be amazed at the way banking is done now. Debit cards, photo images of checks, and telephone banking would be as strange as the idea of satellites orbiting the earth. In their own way, contemporary bank directors are shaping the future, just as those early visionaries did. The current board members are Royce Fancher, Frank Sanders, Therell Burwick, Tom Boecking, Mary Glenn, Earl F. Glenn, and Fran Crumpler.

Those old ranchers and businessmen would have been stunned by the ideas of modern banking, but they would have moved with the times; their vision has lasted 100 years.



**FNB-Bronte!** Above is a photo of the First National Bank in Bronte as it stood in 1946 on the corner of State and Main Streets in Bronte.

**BISD Drug Policy Meeting**

The Bronte ISD board of education recently discussed passing a local policy to begin volunteer random drug-testing for students participating in extracurricular activities in grades 9 through 12.

The following dates have been set to give information

to parents and students regarding this new program.

An assembly for students will be held during school hours in the Bronte ISD auditorium on Thursday, October 12 at 8:05 am. Students will receive information and forms relevant to the drug-testing policy. Parents are welcome to attend.

A parent meeting is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 12 in the Bronte ISD auditorium. School administrators will give an overview of the new policy and answer questions at that time.

If you have questions about these meetings, call Michael Bohensky, Asst. Secondary Principal, 473-2521, or Terry Marrs, K-12 Principal, 472-2521.

**ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION**  
(ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 7, 2006, in Coke County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el dia 7 de Noviembre 2006, en el Condado de Coke, Texas, con el proposito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precincto como requerido por el Articulo XVI, Sección 65, de la Constitucion de Texas.)

(List Offices) (Enlístere los puestos oficiales)

- County Judge (Juez del Condado)
- District/County Clerk (Secretario del Distrito y Condado)
- County Tax Assessor-Collector-unexpired term (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado, Duracion)
- County Treasurer (Tesorero del Condado)
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- County Commissioner, Prec. 4 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 4)
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between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2006  
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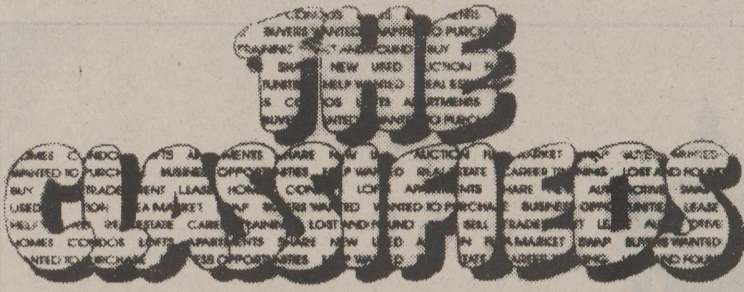
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October 31  
(date) (fecha)

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*Royce Fancher*  
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)





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**ROBERT LEE ISD**

Will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Robert Lee Independent School District's rating on the State's financial accountability system.

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**THE BRONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

will hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at 6:00 pm, at 116 NE Railroad in Bronte to receive comments on the Annual and 5 year Plan for the Bronte Housing Authority. All documents are on display at the office of the Bronte Housing Authority, 116 NE Railroad, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 am.

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Saturday, October 7. 8 am-12 pm. 309 S. Randall, Bronte.

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**THANKS**

for the cards, gifts, and calls while I was in the hospital. Betty Morgan

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Laura & Doug Bell & family

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**THE BRONTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

would like to express its thanks to all the businesses that attended the second business luncheon held on September 27th. The representatives for the businesses included: Marilyn Bivins, Frank Sanders, Fran Crumpler, Jeanna Lee, Kay Gothard, Brett Bement, Robert Turner, Paul Knight, Deborah England, Alan Richey & Kim Macon. The next luncheon is scheduled for November 8th from 11:30 to 1:00 at the Bronte Housing Authority conference room. We would love to see you there!

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### October is "Watch Your Car" Month!

Summer may be over, but many vehicles driving down Texas roadways right now are hot, hot hot! Auto theft costs Texans more than any other single crime, and typically, October ranks as one of the worst months for auto theft. For this reason, October has been proclaimed "Watch Your Car Month" by the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA). ATPA, a division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), warns Texans that even if they drive older vehicles, they need to actively protect themselves against theft. Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Uniform Crime Report figures show that 93,471 vehicles were stolen in Texas during 2005, resulting in a monetary loss totaling nearly \$783 million. That's one vehicle every five-and-a-half minutes! The average stolen vehicle is several years old and is often targeted for parts. And of the 8,425 people arrested for motor vehicle theft in 2005, teens between 15 and 19-years-old accounted for the highest arrest percentage. Vehicle theft is also far from victimless. Not only can it affect insurance rates and cause great inconvenience for the vehicle owner, auto theft serves as a "gateway" to other crimes, including identity theft, burglary, terrorism, and the commission of numerous other offenses.

To better educate the public about auto theft, five of ATPA's 31 grant-funded task forces currently operating in Texas are jointly presenting a 2006 Watch Your Car Month press conference. The press conference will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, beginning at 1 p.m., at Lone Star Park, located at 1000 Lone Star Parkway (just north of I-30 at Belt Line) in Grand Prairie, Texas, 75050. The co-hosting grant programs are sponsored by Dallas County Sheriff's Office, the City of Dallas Police Department, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, the City of Paris Police Department, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) in Arlington. Activities will include 1) the unveiling of the "Five Most Wanted" vehicles in Texas, 2) testimony from an auto theft victim about effects of the crime, 3) a live theft demonstration (conducted by law enforcement), 4) an auto theft prevention specialty vehicle display, 5) information on north Texas bait car programs, and 6) expert analysis of the "gateway" crimes associated with auto theft. Auto theft investigators from ATPA task forces and north Texas law enforcement agencies, as well as officials with ATPA headquarters, will be available to answer questions regarding auto theft trends and prevention tips. North Texas ATPA grant programs will be coordinating and conducting a variety of auto theft awareness events during the month of October, and listings of those events will also be available.

Automobile theft rates have fallen 56 percent since ATPA's inception in 1991. But proactive efforts on the part of Texas drivers are needed to realize continued reductions. According to Michelle Lanham, program manager for ATPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas grant program located at the NCTCOG, "We want to make drivers aware that any vehicle is susceptible to theft - no matter how new or old. Auto theft is a crime of opportunity and can serve as a gateway to more heinous offenses. Our job is to educate the driving public about simple precautions that can reduce their chances of being victimized."

Vehicle owners are encouraged to keep their vehicles off the "hot" list by practicing prevention. Experts recommend common sense prevention techniques that will cost thieves time and, ideally, disable their ability to steal a vehicle. In summary, drivers should "lock it or lose it." And always remember . . . "Watch Your Car."

### Pet Talk

Eat, drink and be merry was a popular saying in Medieval times, but it could also describe the perfect lifestyle of your cat.

Just as proper food and ample water help insure a healthier pet, play is an important activity in your feline's life.

"Interaction with your cat promotes bonding, physical activity, hunting and defensive skills," said Dr. Melanie Landis, a veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Domesticated cats, once wild, still carry their innate instincts and cat owners need to be aware of these behaviors.

Landis notes that from birth to one month, kittens are sleeping, eating and growing very fast, so play is minimal. Kittens are generally weaned by two months after birth and are socialized at that time. Aggressive play occurs between 3-4 months and kittens will hone their stalking, chasing and pouncing skills from 5-8 months, Landis says.

And as adults, cats may sleep or nap approximately 20 hours per day.

"Playing takes advantage of your kitten's natural inborn behavior and pet owners take over the roll of siblings and establish rules of play," notes Landis. Promoting play with toys eliminates rough and feisty frolic with kitten caregivers. Soft stuffed animals are perfect toys for interacting with aggressively playful kittens, Landis adds.

"Your pet will identify that your hands are for petting and feeding, not rough play," she explains. Stuffed toys also decrease bites and scratches. Suitable stuffed toys are soft, plump and free of small, dangling parts.

"By their nature, cats have a need to regularly exercise their hunting skills," said Landis. "Many household items can be used to satisfy the stalk-chase-pounce instinct of young kittens. Wadded aluminum foil, plastic milk bottle rings, ping pong

balls, paper bags, small boxes, paper rolls and feathers-on-a-line are items that can be used to interact with your cat."

Remote toys such as wind-up mice are a novelty that can be purchased.

"Cats seek heights to view their territory and to safely sleep," notes Landis. "Elevated living quarters accommodate this need and give your cat a place to rest after playful activities."

"Playing provides entertain-

ment for your pet, instinctive skills are further developed and your cat's activity level is increased. These benefits combine to improve the quality of life for you and your kitten or cat."

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## World War II Lest We Forget

by Frankie Beth Williams  
*(Editor's Note: The following is a hard copy of the stirring speech given by Frankie Beth Williams at the Veterans Memorial Service at Bronte on Saturday, September 23.)*

Reportedly Pearl Harbor was as jolting to the Japanese as it must have been to the Americans. For four years Japan had fought a costly war against China. 188,000 men had already been killed. Rice and staples were rationed. Japan had virtually none of the natural resources needed for a war with the Anglo American Powers which they admired and hated. Some raw materials were acquired through colonization but Japanese war production could never match the United States. Japan's leaders were counting on a hidden force: believing that the Emperor was a direct descendant of the Sun Goddess, they were convinced that they had spiritual strength which would prevail over superior manpower and material resources to an incredible degree. YAMATO DAMASHII, the Spirit of Japan, became their sustaining and driving force. Sailors begged to steer torpedos to certain death and pilots flew eagerly to self destruction. People stoically endured slow starvation. Women wielded picks at hard labor, children worked like slaves in factories and old men dug roots for fuel.

The people were repeatedly assured that they were safe from attack. After all, no foreign force had touched Japan's sacred islands since 1281! Japan was on a rampage and American moral, civilian and military was shattered. Japan's leading strategist, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto opposed the war and clearly recognized the danger of war with a super power. He was Harvard educated, had been Japanese Military Attache to Washington, a veteran of the Russo-Japanese war and World War I. He knew the character of America. In the 20's and the 30's, he developed Japan's naval air arm and in 1941, he became chief of Japan's Combined Fleet. He knew he had to get in and try to get out by gaining control of the Pacific War at the onset. He devised the plan for the Pearl Harbor attack. Let's look at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941:

Launched from Carriers at 6:00 am, they attacked about 7:45, there were 54 dive bombers, 45 fighter planes and 50 horizontal bombers. They hit Hickam Field, Schofield Barracks, Pearl Harbor Battleship Row, Wheeler Field, Bellows Field, Naval Air Station and the Marine Base at Ewa.

In a second wave, there were 35 fighters, 81 dive

bombers and 54 horizontal bombers. The first wave and the second returned to the carriers and sailed back to Japan's inland sea.

Three weeks after December 7, Yamamoto wrote in his journal, "It is certain the US will come against us in retaliation." Yamamoto established a naval early warning line consisting of fleets of small boats on picket duty patrolling one thousand miles north and south and six to seven hundred miles to the east, he knew we would come. Until the day he was killed he checked the weather report daily for Tokyo. If the weather was bad, he had a good day, if it was fair, he worried.

Roosevelt pressed his staff to find a way to take the war to Japan. Industrialists offered large sums of money to anyone who could bomb Tokyo. January 10, 1942, an operations officer for Admiral King was in Norfolk to inspect the navy's newest carrier, USS Hornet. He saw two twin engine army bombers practicing short run takeoffs and an idea began to form. Bombers mastering the short run takeoff with modified planes could be moved by carrier into a strike zone allowing us to bomb Japan. Yamamoto had shown us how to do it!

The USS Hornet was a \$45 million dollar ship with a crew of 2,000. The flight deck was 809 feet long. The B23 Bomber, an improved version of the B18 was too long and it had a 92 foot wing span, too wide for the carrier. The B26 Marauder needed a longer takeoff and it was known to be hard to fly and sure to crash if it lost an engine. Col. James Doolittle could and did fly and land a Marauder with one engine, and he trained a few others to do it, but the best choice was the B25 Mitchell Bomber which had a wing span of 67 feet and a shorter takeoff.

The Seventeenth Bombardment Group was an operational unit of B25's. They had been well trained on maneuvers and they were bored and restless. They were said to be a wild bunch who worked hard and played hard. Some members of the Seventeenth were asked if they might volunteer for an important and dangerous mission which would take them out of the country for a few months. The last week in February, 1942, the Seventeenth was completely assembled in South Carolina. Two pilots were watching a B25 land. Major John Hilger turned to Capt. Ross Greening and said, "Damn it, with all our experience, none of us can fly a B25 like that." A lieutenant colonel got out of the plane. "For God's sake," Greening said, "It's Doolittle." They knew they were in for something big.

The Seventeenth all volunteered. Doolittle had his men. He said of them, "They were picked crews. They were the crews that had the most experience with the airplane and right from the start, they were absolutely top flight." So was Doolittle. He earned his doctorate in aeronautical sciences. Hailed as the finest and fastest, he also developed "blind flying" with instruments. He was absolutely fearless and innovative in the air. Fifty-five hours training was scheduled for each five man crew consisting of day and night time navigation, developing the standard for the short run takeoff and low level flying, inches off the ground for long distances.

On April 2nd, USS Hornet and escorts sailed out of San Francisco Bay with 16 B25 Mitchell Bombers, modified for the mission in two parallel rows on deck. They would launch from the carrier but they could not return to it and land. April 13 Hornet joined USS Enterprise and escorts. After refueling, Hornet, Enterprise and four cruisers left the destroyers and support ships dashing westward as fast as possible for Japanese home islands. Everything was according to plan, more or less, a miscalculation had been made due to failure to factor in crossing the international date line but at 3:00 am April 18, radar picked up surface contacts. Halsey maneuvered around and continued west but at 6:00 am they were spotted by a picket ship.

In bad weather, 200 miles short of the planned launch line, Admiral Halsey could not gamble his carrier and he ordered the B25's into the air. A well-planned calculated risk was now a suicide mission.

Doolittle led the raid; he was clear on his rules of engagement. Incendiaries were not to be dropped in residential areas, the Imperial Palace was not to be bombed, only assigned military and industrial targets were to be hit. Ten planes were assigned targets in Tokyo; three targets in Yokohama and the three left were Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe. Doolittle poured on the coals; his wheels left the deck in less than 400 feet of take-off space. He pulled his control yoke so tight back to his stomach his ship hung straight up until the crews behind him could see the top of his plane. No doubt about it, a good pilot could clear the deck of a carrier in a modified B25 Mitchell Bomber! All of the planes launched, circled, leveled off and headed out after Doolittle for Japan!

Dean Hallmark from Robert Lee, Texas was the number 6 takeoff in a plane he called The Green Hornet, lest we forget. His bombing run was



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the last attack on his assigned targets in central Tokyo, the Steel Mills. He flew a perfect mission under heavy antiaircraft fire and headed for the China coast knowing he was too low on fuel to make land.

Some civilian targets were hit, reportedly six schools and an army hospital. These casualties were unavoidable due to the high density of the urban areas and the flimsy construction of Japan. Some of our planes had defective compasses and the maps they depended on were just not accurate. However, when news of the raid reached the United States the "Doolittle Raiders" were our much-needed heroes. American morale soared. We believed the raid was successful and all of our men had survived. All of the B25's were lost; many of the crews were forced into hiding in Japanese occupied China. Some escaped to "Free China" but, we showed the Japanese that they were not untouchable!

Japanese propagandists spun the raid from every angle. They reported that efforts were made to avoid military and industrial targets and kill innocent civilians. They also reported that the raid was insignificant, they called it the Didlittle Raid". In retrospect one cannot compare but perhaps contrast 16 bombers over the Japanese Islands to the Pearl Harbor Raid where the Japanese kicked American butt with 135 dive bombers, 80 fighter planes and 100 horizontal bombers, and what about the U.S. Army Airforces Incendiary Campaign of 1944 and 1945 under Curtis LeMay with the world's largest and heaviest armed plane the B29? These raids were more destructive than the atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki!

Lest we forget, April 20,

1942, the war department received a secret telegram reporting a B25 had landed near Vladivostok, Russia, the names of the crew were listed, they were said to be in good health but were returned by our "Allies" the Russians.

August 15, 1942, it was learned that eight American fliers were prisoners of the Japanese in Shanghai. Covert missions were underway to help these men to no avail, lest we forget.

War Crimes Trials in February 1946, revealed that Dieter and Fitzmaurice on Dean Hallmark's crew were killed when they ditched short of the China Coast. The survivors managed to bring them ashore only to find that they were dead. They buried them there on the beach. So...we have the other Americans, lest we forget...Hallmark, Meder, Neilson, Farrow, Hite, Barr, Spatz and DeShazen captured by the Japanese and put through a living hell.

Dean Hallmark of Robert Lee, Texas, Farrow and Spatz were tried for war crimes in a Japanese Court Martial without interpreters, never told the charges against them, found them guilty and executed the next day. Their remains were cremated and labeled with false names, interned on a shelf in a funeral home in Shanghai. The remaining Raiders were still imprisoned on starvation diets. In April, they were moved to Nanking where they somehow survived until the war's end.

Colonel Doolittle expected to be Court Martialed for a mission where he lost 16 planes. President Roosevelt awarded him the Congressional Metal of Honor. All of the Raiders received the Distinguished Flying Cross and as applicable Purple Hearts. They also received a decoration from the Chinese Government.

Dean Hallmark's remains were found and are reverently buried at Arlington, lest we forget.