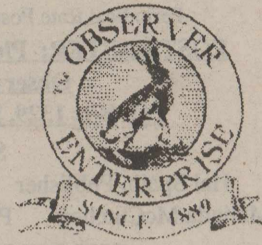


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## Runnels Baptist Assn. meeting set

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

The afternoon 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.

The public is invited to attend.

## CC Retired

### Teachers meeting

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, October 16, 2006. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

### Angel Food meeting set for Bronte

There will be a meeting for the general public about the Angel Food distributions on Monday, October 16 at 7 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. If you have any questions please call 473-2124 or 473-5341.

## BH&RC

### Auxiliary to meet

Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, October 19 at 12:30 pm for lunch and business meeting in the living

room of BHRC. Please RSVP to Janet Wommack at 473-5388 by noon on Wednesday, October 18. All members and interested persons are encouraged to attend. The auxiliary recently bought 14 plastic tables for BHRC. Almost every month the auxiliary does something to enhance the lives of those living at BHRC. A reception will be held on Sunday, October 22 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm at BHRC to introduce the new administrator, Patrick Young, to the community.

### Two-Person golf tourney in 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.

### Important dates for General Election

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



**Fire at Pecan Baptist!** At 4:15 am, Monday, October 9, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a call of a fire at Pecan Baptist Church. The fire began in the sanctuary by the piano next to the south entrance to the church. There was extensive damage to the interior, as shown by the above photo. Arson is suspected, as there was a window broken and signs of forced entry on the south side of the church annex. The fire is under investigation by the State Fire Marshall and the Coke County Sheriff's Department.

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.

### 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.

### FNB-Bronte to celebrate 100th birthday

The First National Bank in Bronte will host a 100th birthday celebration, Saturday, October 14 from 11 am - 2 pm with barbecue in downtown Bronte. For more information about the celebration and a little history of the First National Bank in Bronte, see page 2 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

### 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 suc-

cesses, 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.

### Texas NRCS sets deadline for EQIP

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has set a Dec. 15, 2006, sign-up deadline for the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Immediately following the end of the sign-up period, all applications will be ranked. Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan and will begin implementing conservation practices next spring.

For more information, contact the local NRCS office or visit the Texas NRCS Web Site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/).

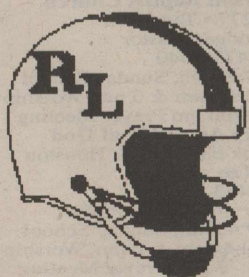
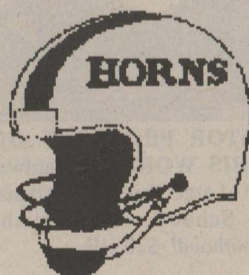
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## Death Notices

### Northam

Lewis Weldon Northam, 72, formerly of Robert Lee died October 9, 2006 in the Temple VA hospital. Visitation was Tuesday, October 10 from 6 pm - 8 pm. Graveside service was at 2 pm, Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at the Ropes Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his brother, Benny Northam of Blackwell.

### "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. Reilley 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. Reilley 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.

### RLISD complimentary passes offered

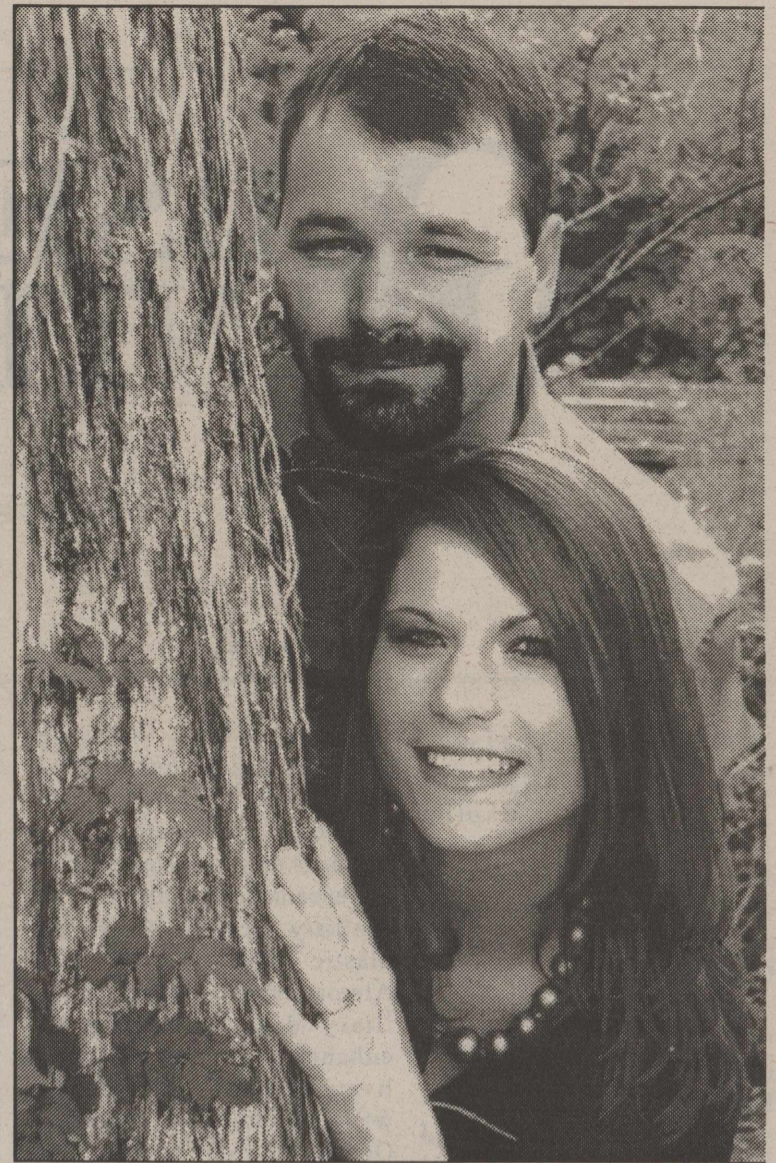
District residents, 65 years of age or older will receive complimentary passes to all Robert Lee ISD sporting activities. You may pick your pass up in the Superintendent's office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### 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!!

### Patterson graduates from Tarleton

Jodi Michelle 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 4, 2006.



**Millican-Vincent engagement!** Mr. & Mrs. Wibby Millican of Robert Lee, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Millican to Jeremy Vincent, son of Mrs. Debra Vincent of Claude, Texas, and Mr. Dwayne Vincent of Robert Lee, Texas. The wedding ceremony will be held October 26, 2006, in Oahu, Hawaii.

Miss Millican graduated from Robert Lee High School in 2002 and is currently attending Howard College in San Angelo. She is employed by JC Penney.

Mr. Vincent graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1995 and graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1999 with a degree in Sports and Exercise Science. He is currently employed at San Angelo Standard Times.

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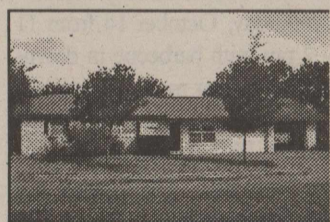
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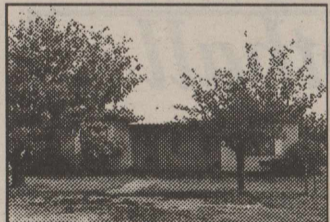
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**First Grade Reunion!** Five friends who started first grade in Robert Lee in September 1934, had a reunion at LaQuinta Inn in San Angelo on September 23, 2006. It has been 72 years since Mrs. Bailey (Mary) Russell was their teacher in first grade. The friends went through grade school together and three graduated from Robert Lee High School in May 1945. One moved away her junior year and graduated from Lake View High School in 1944, and another graduated from RLHS in 1946. Two of the five went to college together.

Attending the reunion were (from left) Mabel Jay Blaylock of Eldorado, Martha Smith Grubenman of Dallas, Bobbie Ruth Roe Lee of San Angelo, Ava Lou Tubb Davis and Jamie Bilbo Boren, both of Robert Lee. Also present was Martha's daughter, Carla Littlejohn of Garland.

The group's last get-together was in July 2001 in San Angelo. They plan to reconvene for more fun, talk, and picture-taking two years from now.

**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.

**18th Annual Hunters Barbecue tickets available**

Tickets are now available for the 18th Annual Hunters Barbecue, set for Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Area landowners and hunting lease managers may make a donation and pick up barbecue tickets for their hunters at the following locations in Robert Lee: C&H Auto and Hardware, Key Feed Store,

Super H Grocery, or Wink Insurance. Donations may also be mailed to WCCCD, PO Box 226, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

For more information contact Robert Wink, Chairman, at 453-2713 (ofc) and 453-2003 (home). According to Wink, "our deer hunters bring a lot of dollars into the local economy, and we would like to express our appreciation to them for their continued support.

In addition, there is always a place for local folks to help with the appreciation barbecue, whether you want to volunteer as a cook, baker, server, ticket taker, or serve on the set-up or clean-up crews. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Robert Wink at the phone numbers listed above.

**RL Fifth Quarter**

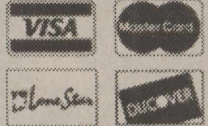
On Oct. 20 the Robert Lee Fifth Quarter will be held at the Catholic Church Parish Hall. It will be sponsored by the Pecan Baptist & Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. There will be pizza and lots of goodies.

**Winters Arts & Crafts show coming up in November**

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting vendor applications for the annual Arts & Crafts Show on Sat., November 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held in the Spill Building on Main Street in downtown Winters. For reservations, please contact the Winters Chamber of Commerce at 325-754-5210, P. O. Box 662, Winters, Texas 79567, or e-mail wacc@wtxs.net.

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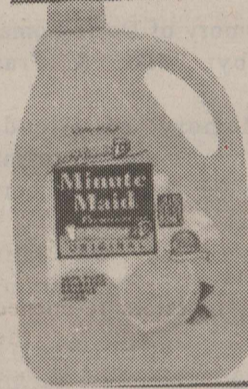
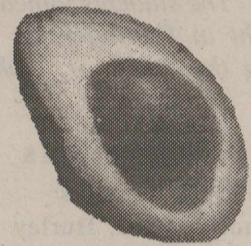
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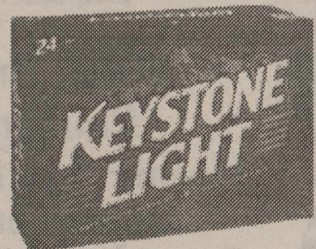
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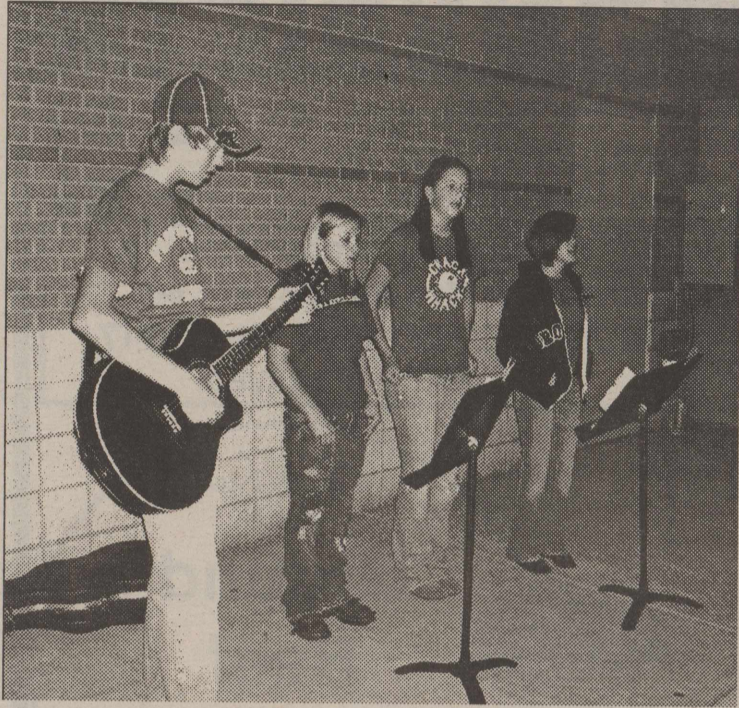
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**See You at the Pole!** A good group of students participated in the See You at the Pole event at the Bronte High School flagpole on the morning of Wednesday, September 27. The students prayed for their school, their community, and their country. Leading in music was a group consisting of (left to right) Rob Rosson, Kelsey Sedden, Emily Fiveash and Jessi England. The students joined about 150 youth from our area that night in Ballinger for a Saw You at the Pole rally featuring the music of "Taken" and a message by Cory DeVivo.

**RLVFD Memorials and Donations**

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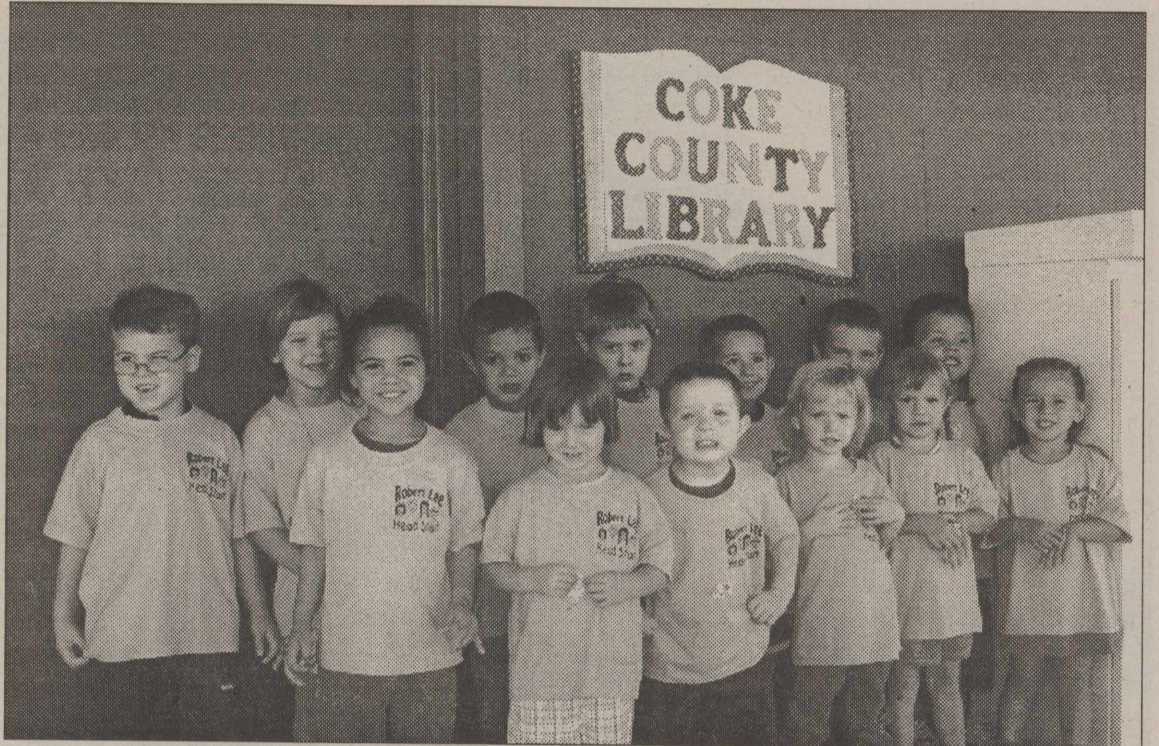
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**Headstart to reading!** The Robert Lee Head Start kids gathered at the Coke County Library last week for a little story time.

**RLVFD Fire Department Notes**

by Mark Sides, RLVFD Asst. Chief, Secrteary/Treasurer

The Robert Lee VFD had some good people that didn't mind getting wet for a cause at the Street Affair this past Saturday. They included Brian Hamrick, Randy Flanagan, Hal Spain, Frank Arthur, Mark Wright, Cynthia Skipworth, Edwin Brosh, Bucky Sparks, and Brandi Ramon.

We also appreciate the parishioners of the Pecan Baptist Church.

Despite the loss of their church, they brought coffee to our firefighters who remained on scene until the state fire marshal arrived yes-

terday morning.

The next fire department meeting will be a work night scheduled for Monday October 16th at 7 p.m. All fire department personnel are asked to attend.

A Standing Committe meeting is scheduled for Monday night also.

**Use caution in school zones**

TxDOT would like to remind motorists of the following schedule for school zone flashing signals:

Robert Lee 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.; 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bronte 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.; 11:50 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

When signals are flashing, the speed limit is reduced

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**RLHS Class of 1956!** Members of the Robert Lee High School Class of 1956 gathered this past weekend during homecoming festivities. They are shown in the above photo on their homecoming float going down Austin Street at the parade on Friday, October 6.

Members who gathered include (right photo, back row, left to right) Nellie (Jones) Ross, Alta (Eubanks) Fisher, Jo (Clawson) Storie, Rosie (Sawyer) Davis, Voleta (Harwell) Dixon, Alice (Ross) Wallace, Sue (Henson) Wojtek, (front row, left to right) Jerrel Harmon, Jackie (Sparks) Walker, Wanda (Walker) Caulder, Barbara (Casey) Davis and Tommy Hood. Others who attended but are not pictured were Bill Simpson and Don Blair.



Lee and Rochelle. After being honored prior to the game, they all sat together in an area that had been reserved for them. Lots of visiting, cheering, and some of them even watched the ball game!-or at least a part of it. In the third quarter, Robert Lee won the game with Rochelle.

After the game, they once again went to Jackie's where refreshments had been prepared, and a table had been set up to display keepsakes, pictures, and other memorabilia. Lots of "do you remembers" were exchanged, and they visited for several hours. A few pictures were taken, and so many memories were shared. What a fun time they did have! "Memories Folders" had been prepared and each class member had one to take home.

Over the two days, classmates and their spouses attending the various functions were: Jo (Clawson)

Storie from Midwest City, Oklahoma, James and Alta (Eubanks) Fisher, and Jerrel and Lavelle Harmon from San Angelo; David and Voleta (Harwell) Dixon, from San Antonio; Wanda (Walker) Caulder from Abilene; Don Blair, Add and Barbara (Casey) Davis, Dale and Sue (Henson) Wojtek, Tommy Hood, Nellie (Jones) Ross, Royce and Alice (Ross) Wallace, Garland and Rosie (Sawyer) Davis, Bill Simpson, and Jackie (Sparks) Walker, all of Robert Lee.

Class members unable to attend were: Joy (Adkins) Brown of Arkansas, Wayne Blair of Wisconsin, Janelle (McGilvray) Mitchell of Oklahoma, and from points in Texas, Jo Frances (Box) Smith of Santa Fe, Nell (Burrson) Robertson of Brownfield, Roland McArthur of San Marcos, and Joe Ross of Robert Lee. Another member of the class was Benny Hayes, but they

have been unable to locate him.

Family members and guests joining them were: Gary Storie, Christine Clawson, Johnny and Elsie Clawson, Bobby and Joyce Walker; Mike and Fran Lomas, Loretta, Marcus, and Cody Bridges, Frankie, Justin and Jordan Gartman, Doris Fox, Jerry Dale Colburn, Sandy Caves and Pat Taft.

Everyone seemed to enjoy all of the activities, and have a very pleasant time. Plans have been made for the class to gather again in five years, during homecoming week-end of 2011.

**RLHS class of '56 reunited for 50th reunion**

On Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6, 2006, the Robert Lee High School "Class of 1956" gathered for their 50 year reunion.

Meeting place for all of the activities was the home of Jackie (Sparks) Walker. On Thursday night, those who were here gathered at Jackie's to decorate the trailer they used as their float. The trailer was furnished by Dale and Sue (Henson) Wojtek. They had lots of enthusiasm, and some of them had lots of energy, and so they began their work. Ideas and a lot of teamwork were combined to design the float that they would use for the parade on Friday.

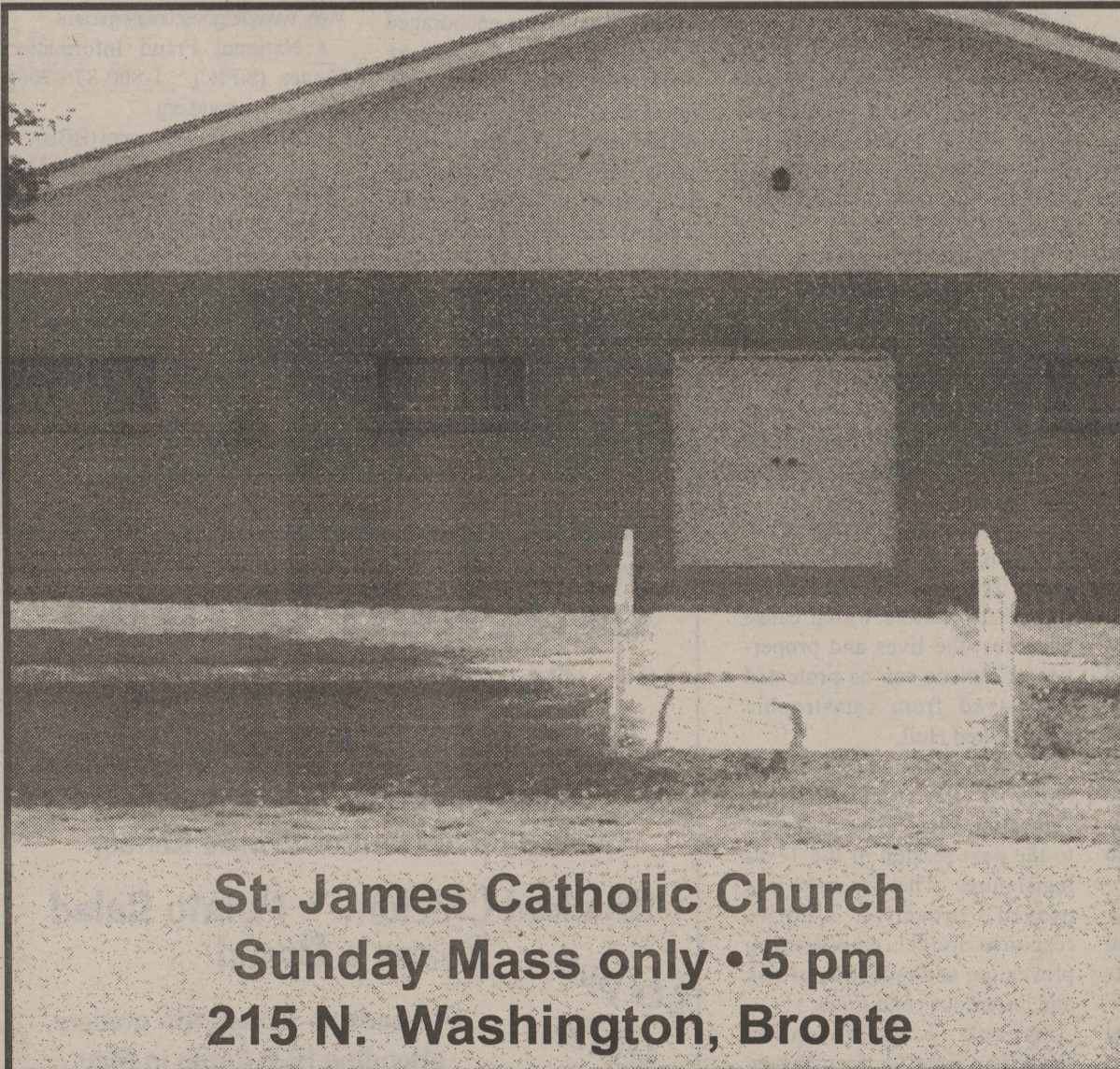
Friday at 1:00 pm, classmates attended a reception

in the school library, hosted by the Beta Club of RLHS, where they visited with other exes. Following that, they all went to the courthouse at 2:00 pm, and from there rode on the float back to the school for the pep rally. Bobby Walker drove his pick-up to pull the trailer. At the pep rally, they did lots of cheering and yelling for our home team, and their class was awarded the "victory stick".

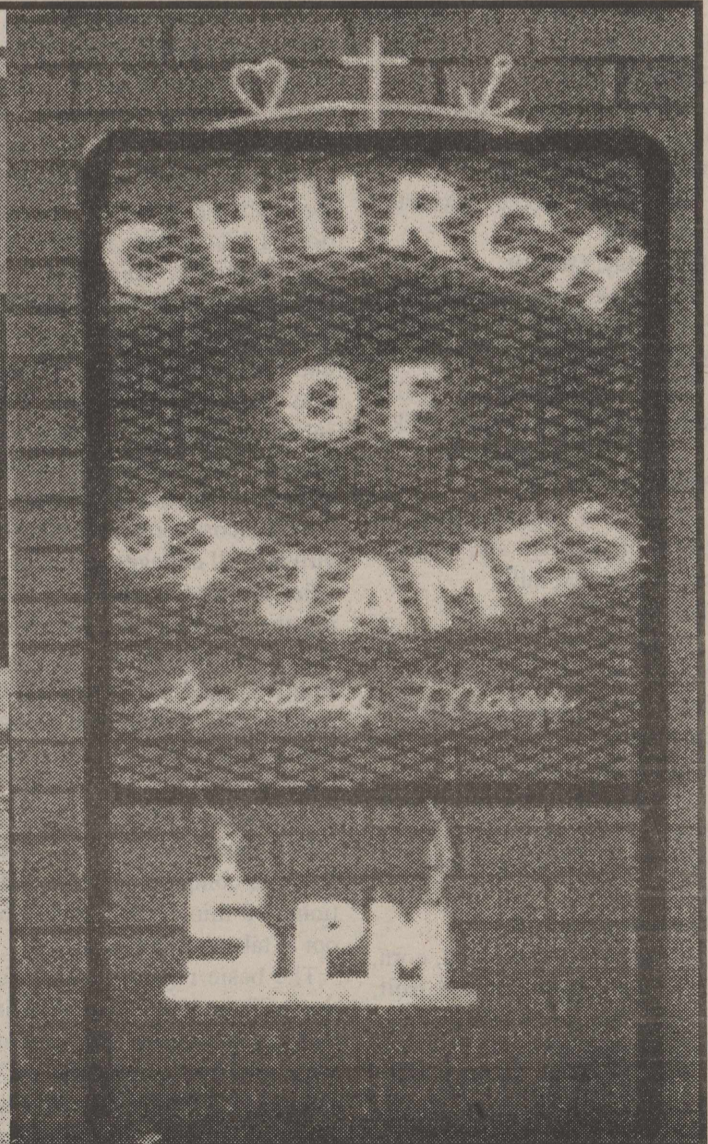
At 5:00 pm, they gathered again at Jackie's home for a sandwich supper, and it was quite a "spread". An abundance of food, with a great variety. If anyone went away hungry, they could only blame themselves. After the meal, they once more returned to the school, this time to the football stadium to attend the football game at 7:30 between Robert

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Longhorns battle the Eagles

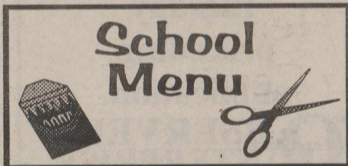
The Longhorns won a hard fought ball game Friday night over the Eldorado Eagles, 6-0. The win evens the Longhorn district record at 1-1. After several missed opportunities to score in the first half, Bronte finally scored on a Logan Rawls TD pass to Matt Allen of 12 yards. The second half was dominated by both defenses, as both teams could not get a sustained drive going.

Offensively, the Longhorns were led by Philip Rawlings 67 yards and Logan Rawls 46 yards rushing. Rawls also had 8 punts for a 43-yard average. Defensively, Bronte was led by Reece Springer's 11 tackles, Logan Rawls 10 tackles, Albert Force and Brett Wills, 2 interceptions each.

Tonight, the Longhorns will travel to Menard to take on the Yellowjackets.

## BHS Students honored with Wendy's Award

Bronte High School's Philip Rawlings and Katie Cooper have been honored with a nomination for the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The program, awarded in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman, celebrates the achievements of the nation's top high school seniors both in and out of the classroom.



### Breakfast

#### Monday, Oct. 16

Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, jelly, milk

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Donut, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

#### Friday, Oct. 20

Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Oct. 16

Pigs in a blanket, pork & beans, macaroni and cheese, sliced peaches, milk

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Frito pie with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, assorted fruit, corn chips, chocolate cake, milk

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, baby carrots, corn bread, chocolate pudding, milk

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup (apples, mixed fruit, peach), Texas toast, milk

#### Friday, Oct. 20

Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, grapes, bun, sugar cookie, milk

Principals Terry Marrs and Michael Bohensky nominated these two promising leaders for their academic aptitude, athletic talent and exceptional commitment to their school and communities.

"These students are the future community leaders," said Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Memorial Trophy and Wendy's High School Heisman program spokesperson. "It gives me great pride to see young people strive for excellence on and off the field."

For more information or to track a student's progress in the competition, please log on to [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com) or call 1-800-205-6367. All nominees will be posted on the Wendy's High School Heisman Web site in early October of this year.

Created in 1994, the Wendy's High School Heisman program, has been celebrating youth excellence for 13 years. The program consists of five phases - Nomination, State Finalists, State Winners, National Finalists and National Winners. Entries are initially evaluated by ACT Assessment during the State Finalist and State Winner phases and then passed on to a distinguished panel of judges.

Twelve National Finalists are invited to participate in the Heisman weekend festivities during an all-expense paid trip to New York City on Dec. 8 - 10. ESPN2 will feature all 12 National Finalists during the Wendy's High School Heisman Awards Ceremony that airs on Dec. 10.

## December ACT test deadline

College-bound high school students can take the ACT college admission exam on December 9, 2006, the next national test date. The deadline for postmark or online registration is November 3. The late registration deadline is November 16 (an additional \$19 fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their high school counselor or they can register online at ACT's student website ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities across the nation, including the Ivy League. The basic ACT exam includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics and science. An optional writing test is also available. Some colleges require or recommend a writing score, but many do not.

The basic exam takes three hours to complete, plus an additional 30 minutes for those who opt to take the writing test.

The basic registration fee for the ACT is \$29. An additional \$14 fee is required for students who choose to take the ACT writing test, bringing the total registration fee to \$43 for these

students. Free sample tests are available from school counselors and on ACT's website, which also offers additional free practice tests.

The ACT has long been popular in the Midwest, but its popularity is growing rapidly on the East and West Coasts as students in those areas become aware that it takes less time to take the ACT, the writing test is optional and virtually all schools that require admissions tests accept ACT scores.

## Majority of Texas wildfires are human caused

More than ever before, Texans have reason to pause during the week of October 8-14, National Fire Prevention Week to reflect on the need for wildfire safety. In less than one year, Texas wildfires have taken 19 lives and cost the state more than \$75 million to control, yet Texans have had to endure an astounding \$555 million in property losses.

Texas is in the midst of a 25-30 year dry period, meaning even with rain, Texas can expect a long term situation with an increase in the number and severity of wildfires, unlike anything seen for 50 years, said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with the Texas Forest Service.

As the recent property losses in Texas demonstrate, wildfires are not just a rural problem, said James Hull, state forester and director Texas Forest Service director.

"Since January 1, 2005, 85 percent of the 28,000 wildfires have occurred less than two miles from a community, destroyed 713 homes and burned an estimated 1.9 million acres, Hull said.

"And, the majority of those wildfires were human-caused and preventable. Every Texan needs to take responsibility for their safety and protection of their families and their homes," Hull said.

To adequately protect the state, Texas needs to resolve the increasing statewide deficiency in firefighting resources, Hull said. He indicated that Texas is in critical need of additional resources to meet the challenge of long-term statewide drought conditions.

"By making a moderate investment up front-instead of after Texas starts burning-to reduce the factors which cause wildfires, the lives and properties of Texans can be protected and saved from catastrophic loss," stated Hull.

The solution, according to Hull, is the Texas Wildfire Protection Plan being proposed to the next session of the Texas legislature. The program is a proven, proactive wildfire response model emphasizing prevention and reduction of risk and hazardous conditions.

National Fire Prevention Week is a time for focusing on

wildfire prevention and safety efforts that can prevent needless losses of lives, property and natural resources.

"One home destroyed by wildfire is one too many, one lost life is intolerable and an entire community burned out is unthinkable, Hull said. "Texas must build its capacity to prevent wildfires and the damage they cause, so we don't have a repeat of the wildfire destruction and losses we have experienced in this state over the last year.

## "Don't Mess With Texas" wins by landslide

Don't Mess with Texas is being honored as America's favorite slogan with a parade down New York City's Madison Avenue ending in Times Square. Thanks to the support of Texans and others who love the Lone Star State, the Texas Department of Transportation's Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention slogan won Advertising Week's 2006 Walk of Fame contest. Don't Mess with Texas beat out 25 other well-known slogans including "JUST DO IT." by Nike, the California Milk Processors Board's "Got Milk?" and "Have it your way" by Burger King. TxDOT's slogan won in a landslide, with more than 400,000 votes. "We knew we had a great slogan, and we knew we could generate the support of thousands of Texans," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Division Director for TxDOT. "We just never thought we'd win by such a high margin against such high profile competition." The Don't Mess with Texas votes are the result of a viral marketing campaign that leveraged Texas pride and piggy-backed the campaign's 20th anniversary promotions. From June 20 through midnight yesterday, people were encouraged to cast a vote at [www.VoteDMWT.com](http://www.VoteDMWT.com) and select Don't Mess with Texas as their favorite slogan. Viral e-mails circulated to thousands of people rallying friends, families and colleagues to vote online. Also, several companies were recruited to encourage their employees to vote.

## Don't Mess with Texas' Legendary History

TxDOT launched the "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign in 1986 to curb roadside litter pickup costs. The now-famous slogan was created by Austin-based GSD&M advertising agency, which helped establish Don't Mess with Texas as the nation's most successful litter prevention campaign in the country. GSD&M handled the TxDOT business until relinquishing the account in 1998. Austin-based Tuerff-Davis EnviroMedia Inc. has since worked with TxDOT to generate further success, including the most recently measured drop in roadside litter 33 percent since 2001.

This year, Don't Mess with Texas kicked off its 20th anniversary with new TV advertisements featuring some of the biggest celebrities from Texas including Matthew McConaughey, Owen Wilson, Lee Ann Womack, Lance Armstrong and Jennifer Love Hewitt.

For more information, visit [www.DontMessWithTexas.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org) or [www.DontMessWithTexas20.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas20.org)

## What to Do If You Suspect a Scholarship Scam

The following list was provided by the FastWeb August/September 2006 High School Student Bulletin:

If you think you may be dealing with a scammer, follow these directions:

1. Save everything that you receive from the suspected scammer. This includes all e-mails, paperwork, and correspondence. Date everything.

2. Take notes during phone conversations and seminars. Record the time, date, phone numbers, and the person's name with you spoke. Include detailed accounts of your conversations.

3. Report the suspected scammer to local law enforcement, your guidance counselor, and any of the following organizations:

- Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Fill out an online complaint form or call toll-free: 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)

Web: [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams)

- National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) 1-800-876-7060

Web: [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org)

- Better Business Bureau (BBB)

Have address of the company about whom you are filing the complaint.

1-703-276-100 Web: [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

- United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) 1-800-654-8896

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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	6	0
* 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		

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**2006-2007 RLHS Junior Class Officers & Favorites!** The Robert Lee High School Junior Class Officers and Favorites for the 2006-2007 school year include (back row, left to right) Brody Dillard, Student Council Representative; Megan Percifull, Student Council Representative; Anna Rojas, Reporter and Class Favorite; Corbin Martin, Class Favorite; (front row, left to right) Chase Roe, President; Molly Burns, Vice-President; Kasie Skinner, Secretary; and Briana Longoria, Treasurer.

## Steers Sting the Hornets

by Tom Sawyer

Wow! Five in a row and we have to take a break for our open week. Let's keep up the fire and bring it to district in two weeks. Steer Pride will be showing when the Steers open up district on October 20 against Ira in Robert Lee at 7:30 pm.

Let's get out and cheer on

## School Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, Oct. 16

Juice, breakfast burrito, cereal, milk

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

Juice, sausage & biscuit, cereal, milk

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

#### Friday, Oct. 20

Juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Oct. 16

Chicken strips, mac & cheese, black eyed peas, roll, fruit cocktail, milk

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Frito pie, corn, salad, orange, milk

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

Tuna fish or peanut butter & jelly sandwich, tator tots, veg. sticks, applesauce, milk

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

Salisbury steak, baked potato, green beans, sliced bread, mandarin oranges, milk

#### Friday, Oct. 20

Chicken patty on bun, pickles, baked chips, corn on cob, pears, milk

the Steers. We're playing for all the marbles now Steer fans.

### Game Summary

#### 1st Quarter

Steers - 20 yard run by Hodge with 8:09 left, PAT kick by Percifull;

Steers - 17 yard run by Gallegos with 6:09 left, kick failed;

Steers - 7 yard run by Hodge with 4:27 left, kick blocked;

Steers - 7 yard run by Hodge with :43 left, PAT kick by Percifull;

Robert Lee - 28, Rochelle - 0

#### 2nd Quarter

Steers - 28 yard run by Gallegos with 5:19 left, kick blocked;

Hornets - 38 yard run with 3:33 left, kick blocked;

Steers - 11 yard run by Gallegos with 2:56 left, kick blocked;

Hornets - 15 yard pass with 0:00 left, PAT kick good;

Robert Lee - 40, Rochelle - 14

#### 3rd Quarter

Steers - 48 yard kick return by Hodge with 9:51 left, PAT kick by Percifull;

Steers - 61 yard run by Hodge with 7:52 left, PAT kick by Percifull;

Steers - 50 yard pass from Dillard to Hodge with 4:26 left, game over by mercy rule.

Robert - 62, Rochelle - 14

### Steer Stats

Taylor Percifull - 4 tackles, 4 PAT kicks;

Brody Dillard - 3 of 4 passing

for 94 yards and 1 TD, 7 tackles, with 3 hurries and 1 sack;

Josh Gallegos - 12 carries for 171 yards and 3 TD's, 6 tackles, 1 hurry and 1 int.;

Johnathan Pagan - 1 tackle;

Kevin Honse - 1 carry for 12 yards, 3 tackles;

Cameron Hodge - 6 carries for 100 yards and 4 TD's, 3 receptions for 88 yards and 1 TD, 8 tackles and 3 hurries;

Chase Roe - 8 tackles and 2 sacks;

Chris LaRue - 1 carry for 3 yards.

See everyone October 20! Go Steers!

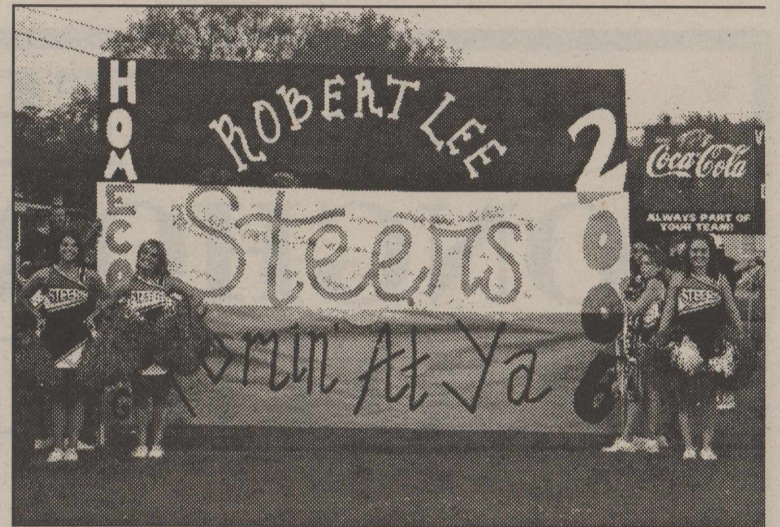
### JV Steers take on Sands

On September 29, the Robert Lee's JV football squad took on Sands and although it was a close first half, 14-20, Sands took off in the second half and never looked back, making the final 14-64.

Scoring for the Steers were, Stetson Nesbit on a 1 yard run, PAT by Blake Millican and Dustin Moreno on an interception return and again Blake had the PAT.

### JV Steers defeat Westbrook

Robert Lee's JV football team defeated Westbrook by a score of 45-0 on October 5. Highlights of the game were as follows: Michael Rodriquez opened the scoring on a 4-yard run with kick by



**Comin' At Ya!** The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders prepare the run-through sign for the start of the 2006 Homecoming Football game.

Justin Hewitt. Steers 8-0. Kaden Duncan passed to Cody Brosh for a 27 yard TD pass with Hewitt again kicking the PAT. Steers 16-0. Fumble recovery by Mason Ross.

Duncan hits Rodriquez from 28 yards out and Hewitt again added the PAT kick. Steers 24-0. Fumble recovery by Stetson Nesbit. Pass from Duncan to Blake Millican from 2 yards out, PAT failed. Robert Lee up 30-0.

Pass from Duncan to Blake Millican from 41 yards out, kick by Hewitt. 38-0. Duncan pass to Nesbit from 12 yards out. PAT is Hewitt to Millican. Final, Robert Lee over Westbrook 45-0.

### Dogies take Trent

Trent came to Robert Lee on September 29 to take on the Dogies. Robert Lee's Cooper Hinderliter returned the opening kickoff for a TD and Logan Philley passed to Justin Gartman for the PAT. RL up 7-0. Both teams were held on their first offensive possessions and on Edens' second possession, Daniel Nowlin came up with a big fumble recovery on Trent's 23-yard line. On 3rd down from the 15, Cooper took it in and again Logan threw for the PAT to Haden Dillard. Dogies 14-0.

Trent then scores to make it 14-6. Cooper then scores from 34 yards out to make it 20-6. Logan runs it in next from 27 yards out and Haden adds on the PAT. Dogies up 27-6.

Trent opened the scoring in the 2nd half to cut it to 27-13. Daniel and Joe Estrada then tackled a Trent back for a safety to make it 29-13. Logan ran it in from 20 yards out and Haden once again added the PAT. 36-13. Cooper then takes it in from 35 yards out and Luke

Sheldon added the PAT to go up 43-13. Trent adds on a late TD to make the final 43-20.

### Dogies defeat Westbrook

The Dogies hosted Westbrook on September 5 and came out on top by a score of 46-13.

Highlights for the Dogies were as follows: Cooper Hinderliter scored on a 47 yard run with PAT, Logan Philley passing to Blake Hewitt. 7-0. 33 yard run by Haden Dillard, PAT, Philley passing to Dillard 14-0. Sean Hildebrand interception. 14 yard pass from Philley to Pineda. 27-0. Fumble recovery by JP Conner. 2 yard run by Luke Sheldon. 33-0. 52 yard run by Justin Gartman, PAT by Dawson Brisbin, 40-6. 43 yard run by Jonah Saucedo. Final 46-13.

### RLISD is academic outperformer

Robert Lee ISD is one of 77 school districts in Texas to receive recognition as an "academic outperformer" identified by an analysis conducted by Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services.

An outperforming school district is one that reports significantly higher percentages of students who are proficient or above on state reading and math tests when compared to other school districts in Texas with similar levels of economically disadvantaged students. Additionally, these districts must repeat this performance over a two-year period.

Standard & Poors' analysis is used to identify outperforming school districts as a way to highlight academic performance, and to help educators in school districts with similar characteristics appropriate benchmarks to guide their own improvements.

Congratulations to the teachers and students of Robert Lee ISD for this achievement. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

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**Coke Co. Art Show successful**

The 2006 Coke County Art Show at the Street Affair was a huge success with approximately fifty entries from local and area artists. There was a mixture of talent and styles submitted in oil, acrylic, pencil, watercolor, and sculpture. Total cash prizes in the amount of \$355.00 were given to the top four winners. First Place of \$200.00 was generously donated by the Robert Lee State Bank. The Art Show was able to supply the rest of the cash prizes.

Judges awarded first place prize of \$200.00 (donated by Robert Lee State Bank) to area artist Tom Orsak for his acrylic painting of a portrait of his wife with the divide in the background. Tom has painted in oils for years but acrylic painting is a new venue for him.

Second place prize of \$80.00 went to Shanda O'Neil for her oil painting entitled "Warrior". Shanda is a local artist from Robert Lee.

Judith Cantrell took the third place cash prize of \$50.00 for her pencil art, "Pet Me". Judith is also a local artist.

"Fresh Snow", an oil painting by Lorene Millican, placed fourth for a cash prize of \$25.00.

Other local and area artists receiving Honorable Mention for their entries were: Debra England - watercolor, Deone Roe - oil, Iris Conner - sculpture, Doreen Mashburn - oil, Mary Joe Stone - oil, and a student artist, Jordan Ray - pencil.

The Coke County Art Show is planning for next year to be even bigger and better with the possible new categories of Photography and Student Art. The show hopes to have a student level of entry judged separate and apart from the adult entries. This level would be given non-cash awards according to UIL rules. It is a very exciting project to recognize and validate the talent of local and area students and their artistic endeavors.

The sky is the limit and the desire of the Art Show is to bring pleasure to the public as you enjoy the talents of local and area artists and to create a venue for these artists to enter and display their work for your pleasure. Some of the paintings are for sale, some are not. It really does not matter as all the paintings, sculptures, etc., are works of love and passion and are treasures to behold for both the artist and those fortunate enough to be able to view them. If you are an artist, start preparing for next year's Coke County Art Show. If you are one who enjoys the art work of others, plan to attend.

**Street Affair ends for another year**

Fifteen events and more than 50 booths entertained hundreds of area folks and out-of-town visitors in Robert



**Racing Beds and Paintbrushes!** The Sixth Annual Robert Lee Street Affair was held this past Saturday, October 7 and there was alot to see. Tom Orsak, of Harriett, artist, was awarded Best In Show at the Art Show, with his acrylic painting (left photo) "Pausing to Reflect", depicting his wife with the divide in the background. Not only was there art to be seen, there was also some fast-paced action with the International Bed Race. The winning team (above photo) was the Cody Brosh Racing Team. Teammates included Cody Brosh, Brody Dillard, Blake Millican, Jonathan Pagan, and Logan Phillely.

Lee on Saturday, October 7, at the Sixth Annual Street Affair.

Pre-Street Affair events included setting up the tents with thanks to sponsors AEP, Trash Away Services, and Atmos Energy. Mayor Joe White and James Royall loaded and hauled tables and chairs and set them up for the comfort and convenience of Street Affair attendees. The City Crew put up the Street Affair signs.

Craft booths lined Austin Street and featured clothes, jewelry, tattoos, plants, face painting, food, more food, and more. The booth handlers were on the streets at 7:30 a.m. to find booth owners ready to line up. Roy Blair saw to the electricity booths and Debbie McCabe, Brandi Ramon, Kay Torres, and Jo Nell Blair and Mayor White answered questions, took money, made introduc-

tions, greeted returnees and walked the streets all day seeing to the concerns of the booth owners.

The Art Show and the Car Show and the CERT Auction kept the corner of 7th and Commerce hopping.

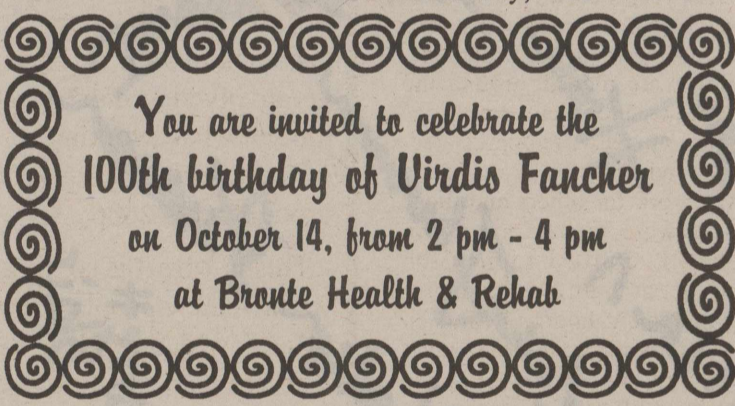
The Wojtek family hosted the car show and reported the following winners: People's Choice Awards included first place to Winton Milliff's '55 Chevy, "Old Blue;" second place went to Terry Wojtek's '70 Ford Mustang; third place went to Jimmy Lara's pickup; and fourth place went to Ben Rathbone's '56 Ford. Cars from San Angelo, Sterling City, San Angelo and Hobbs, NM, were entered.

Out of town judges named Best of Show participants: for first place Bobby Brown's 1940 Ford; second place was Ben Rathbone's '56 Ford; 3rd place was Terry Wojtek's 1970 Ford Mustang and fourth place went to Roger Garner's Ford Pickup and fifth place went the Winton Milliff's '55 Chevy Pickup.

There were 17 entries in the show and trophies as well as cash prizes were awarded.

The International Bed Race prizes were awarded to first place winners, The Cody Brosh Racing Team, with second place going to the Robert Lee Care Center group. One bystander said that the racers were well coached and trained.

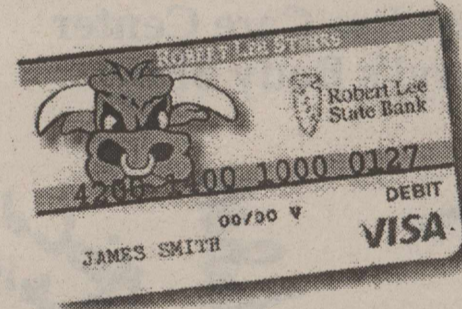
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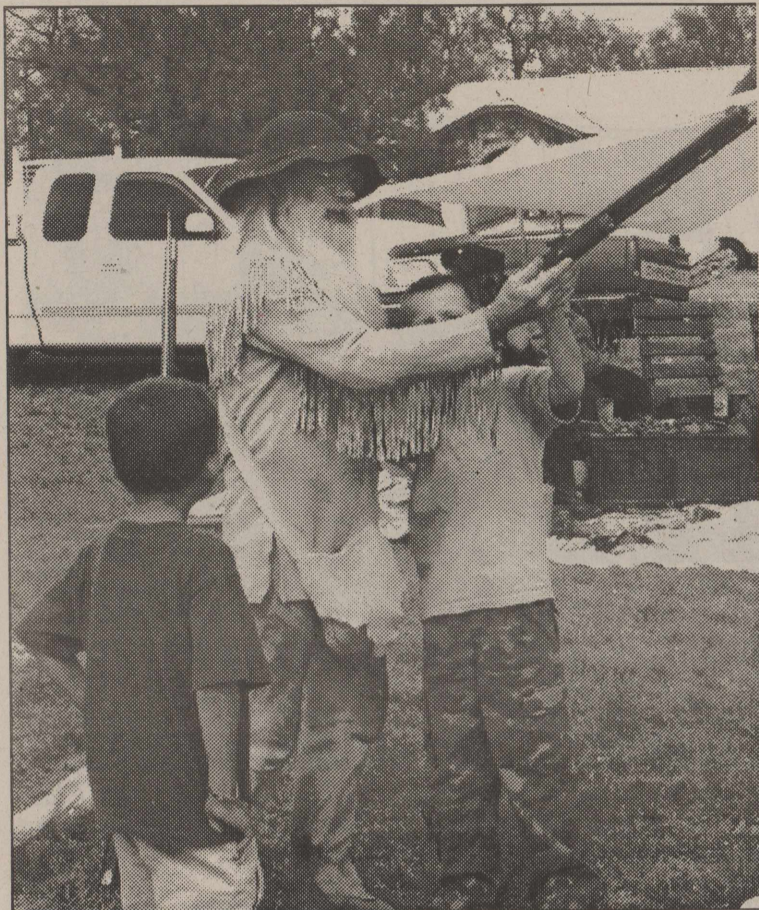
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**Street Affair & Homecoming!** Robert Lee was definitely the place to be this past weekend. There was lots to see, which included some shooting demonstrations, which two youngsters are taking advantage of (above photo). There was also a car show, where Bobby Brown (above right photo) took the first place prize and was presented with the award by Mrs. Dale Wojtek. Not only was it the Street Affair, it was also Homecoming Weekend. Robert Lee Care Center (bottom right photo) won first place in the parade float competition.

**...Street Affair**

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Susan Wellborn organized the event, along with the parade.

The parade was the best short parade ever held. The Grand Prize went to the Fort Chadbourne Cavalry Company G bearing flags on horseback. Second place prize went to Winton and Virginia Milliff proudly driving "Old Blue." Third place winner was Jimmy Lara's pickup. The King and Queen of the Robert Lee Care Center, Murt Murtishaw and Billy Dunn, won everybody's hearts.

There may not have been 76 trombones, but there was a big, really big, cannon brought to the Street Affair by Garland Richards of Fort Chadbourne. When it was set off, windows rattled, men jumped and women and children screamed.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) auction brought excitement to the Street Affair this year. There were some 70 plus items from tractors to plates. Figure several hours to secure and set up each item and it is not hard to tell how long and diligently Noel Tinkler and the CERT crew worked to provide a safe, convenient, and professional setting for the auction. Those who participated in the bidding are much appreciated.

The Concho Valley Electric Coop demonstration impressed visitors and left them with a better understanding of the "hows" and "how nots" of handling electricity.

In the afternoon in the shade of the AEP tent, Lynn Green sang "silly songs" as an intro to the Angelo Blue Grass Band. The band played for the enjoyment of an audience who sat and tapped and clapped to their music for quite a while. It is hoped that this will be a repeat performance for those who later

said, "Oh, I missed the blue grass concert." Missing this concert was something no one should have done.

The West Texas Cloggers burst on the scene in the evening with their impossible footwork and never-ending enthusiasm. Their show ended with the audience joining in a clogging routine, which made everybody in the audience wish they could clog.

Having David and Brandi Sheldon man the karaoke stage created a focal point for the Street Affair and gave local talent a chance to perform for the enjoyment of the crowd.

Driftwood reported the biggest crowd ever at the Street Dance this year and the crowd was still there at the end of the dance. Driftwood as a group and as individuals are Robert Lee's best promoters. Their daylong presence at the Street Affair with music and announcements and general over-seeing makes the day go smoother for all.

Only the trash left on Austin Street after the dance left a cloud over the day's events. Many who enjoyed the evening dance just got up and left their trash. Several concerned citizens got trash bags and cleaned up after them working long after eve-



ryone else went home. It is discouraging and insulting to organizers when some people don't have enough pride to clean up after themselves.

This year's crowd was mostly conscientious during the day about using the trash containers, which were placed, around the downtown area, and their consideration is always appreciated. Those who aren't considerate make work for others and those others were members of the Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club who met at 8 am Sunday morning and spent hours picking up trash, moving trash containers, and setting things to right. The Mayor and Roy Blair packed up the tables and chairs and returned them to the West Coke County Community Storage shed right after daybreak on Monday.

**WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ROBERT LEE?**

With no ax to grind and mad at no one, I see Robert Lee dying on the vine. So many small communities get stuck in a rut because its people just don't want to get involved or don't want anyone mad at them. So the same hardworking souls who hold the elected offices continue to travel in the same direction that has brought us to 2006.

This is why it is so important for us to vote. When we have new people willing to file for the elected offices, with new ideas and a new approach to bring Robert Lee back alive, we should grab the opportunity. There are so many things that could be tried for the betterment of our city and we, as citizens, should get involved - first by voting, then by getting behind the people we elect and giving them our ideas. The more people who get involved, the more things that happen.

I recently read why God gives us the problems of life. It is so that we may solve those problems and wait for the next one to pop up. If you think about it, every problem that faces mankind has been solved. Take travel for instance, first the horse, then the car, then the airplane, then spacecraft. You get the picture. It all starts with a new generation and new ideas.

So let's have the biggest turnout to vote in the history of Robert Lee!

**Concerned Citizen  
Tommy Williams**

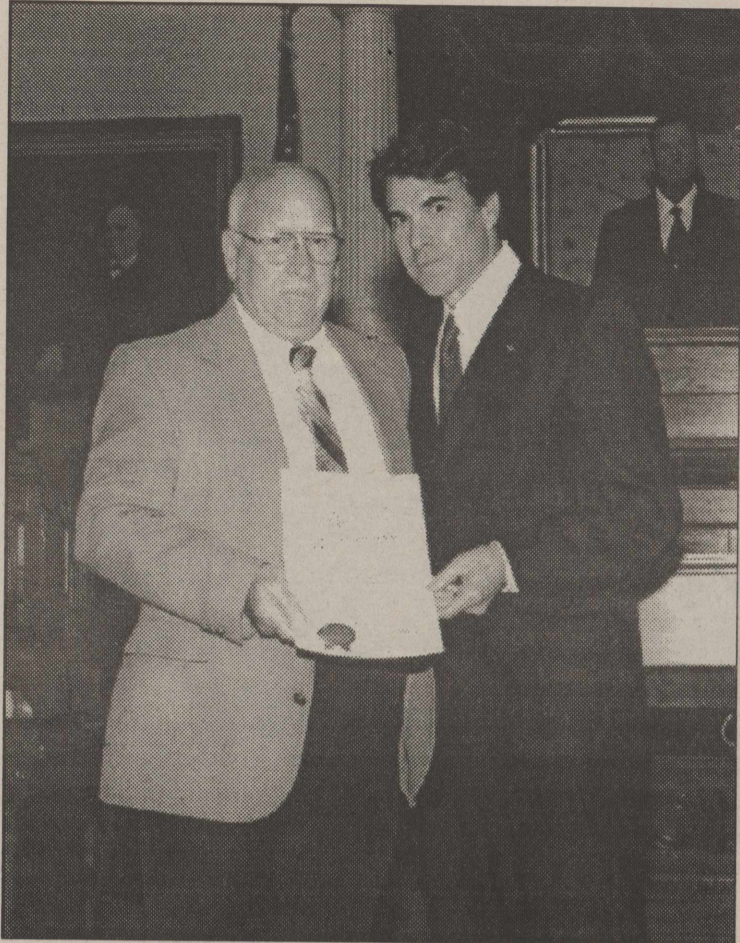
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**Make It A Date!**  
**Come to Homecoming!**  
**October 22, 2006**  
**Southside Church of Christ**  
**Robert Lee, Texas**

Reception • 10 am, Worship • 10:40 am  
 Lunch • Noon, Singing in the Afternoon

FMI • 453-4613 or 453-2186

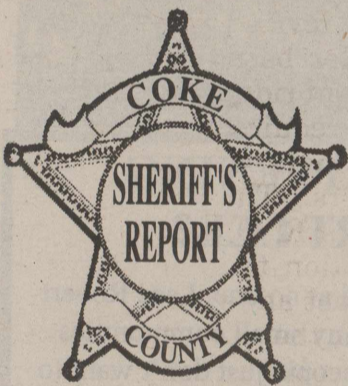




**Star of Texas!** Robert Lee resident Lewis Millegan (left) was awarded a Star of Texas Award by Governor Rick Perry at an awards ceremony on September 11 in Austin.

The Star of Texas Award was created to honor peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical first responders who were killed or sustained serious injuries in the line of duty.

Lewis was injured on July 7, 2005, during a wildland fire on the McCabe Ranch on the Divide. He was riding on the back of the fire truck hosing the land behind when the brakes of the truck suddenly failed. The fire truck was approximately 1/2 truck length from the edge of a cliff, so the driver of the truck put the vehicle into reverse to keep from going over the edge. Lewis was thrown off balance and fell from the back of the fire truck onto his back. He was then taken to Shannon Emergency Room in San Angelo by ambulance. Lewis then had neck surgery on July 8 along with rehab for a period of six months.



**Arrest/Charges Filed September 2006**

- Ferguson, David  
Out of County Warrant  
9-1-06;
- Favila, Leroy  
Driving While License Invalid  
9-1-06
- Aguirre, Ashlee  
Possession of Marijuana <2oz  
9-3-06;
- Currie, Alexandra  
Possession of Marijuana <2oz  
9-3-06;
- Garcia, Oscar Jr.  
Driving While License Invalid  
9-13-06;
- Black, Travis  
Motion to Revoke Warrant  
9-13-06;
- Rocha, Sergio  
Criminal Mischief >500 <1500  
9-15-06;
- Lara, Tony  
Criminal Mischief >500 <1500  
9-15-06;
- Higgins, Janell  
Driving While License Invalid

- 9-15-06;  
Schott, Barrett  
Driving While Intoxicated  
9-16-06;
- Malone, Demetrius  
Possession of Marijuana <2oz  
9-19-06;
- Basquez, Sheila  
DWI  
9-23-06.

**County Court Dispositions 9-20-06**

- The State of Texas vs. Xavier Huerta, Charge: Driving While License Invalid, Plea: Guilty, Fine \$300.00;
- The State of Texas vs. Troy Wilkes, Charge: Interfere With Emergency Call, Plea: Guilty, Fine \$300.00.



**Fall Will Bring Increase in Urban Insect Activity**

As fall arrives, urban residents can expect increased activity among many insects. Fall is the time of year when several types of insects begin to relocate or find a place to overwinter.

Fire ants likely will be among the most noticeable. With the recent rains, people will be seeing fire ants and



**RLHS Class of 1976!** Robert Lee Class of 1976 members celebrated their 30th Class Reunion this past weekend, during the homecoming festivities. Some of the classmates are pictured above, riding on their float, during the 2006 Homecoming Parade.

fire ant mounds once again. The fire ants went underground to find moisture during the drought. But with the recent rains, they will start to build larger, more obvious mounds to help them get out of water-saturated soil.

That means fall is an excellent time to treat for fire ants. If you treat in the fall, then you will have fewer fire ants in the spring. The Coke County Extension office and other Extension offices throughout the state can help coordinate neighborhood-wide fire ant management programs to ensure effective control with minimal impact on the environment.

Fall is an active time for other arthropods too. When the weather gets cooler, these creatures, which include scorpions, cockroaches, earwigs and millipedes, go looking for more hospitable habitats in which to overwinter. They use "hiding behavior" as a survival mechanism, and this often leads them to look for shelter in homes. So it is important that people understand they may have some unwanted insect guests during the fall.

Amphipods, also known as scuds, and sowbugs (pillbugs) also tend to move into people's homes during the fall, usually to escape excessive ground moisture after heavy rainfall.

Much of the "home invasion" by insects can be reduced by exclusion techniques. These techniques include: trimming branches hanging over roofs, pruning shrubs touching the house, sealing pipe penetrations, cracks and crevices with caulk or expanding foam, repairing window screens, replacing weather stripping around doors and windows, storing firewood away from the home and turning off outside lights at night.

If treatment is necessary, use a pesticide labeled for that particular insect and read and follow all label instructions. And remember, not all arthropods are harmful.

For information on common insect problems, call the county Extension office or visit the Texas A&M University Extension entomology Web site at <http://insects.tamu.edu/extens>

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**RLHS '76 30th Reunion**

The Robert Lee High School Class of 1976 celebrated their 30th Class Reunion on October 6 and 7, 2006. The classmates who attended were Valerie (Baker) Howard, Janie (Lara) Munoz, Barbara (McCoy) Sparks, Rosa (Sanchez) Long, all of Robert Lee; Ernest Burns of Odessa; LaNell (Flowers) Dean of Midland; Mary Elaine (Lackey) Ray of Dallas; Pam (Quisenberry) Bauerlein of Ballinger; Sheila (Roberts) Farrar of Houston and Mike Stephens of Kingwood. Family members attending were Kayli Dickey, Will Howard, Jimmy Munoz, Bucky Sparks, Kyle Long, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacee and James Roberts, Kay and Kenneth Lackey and Lawana Perry all of Robert Lee; Dorene Mashburn of San Angelo; Linda Burns of Odessa; Stephen Dean of Midland; Byron Bauerlein of Ballinger; Jim Farrar of Houston; and Kim and Courtney Stephens of Kingwood.

Special guests of the class were former Robert Lee

Superintendent and wife Jimmy and Emma Lee Bickley and former RLHS Principal Jerry Gibbs all of Robert Lee; former coach and wife Ronnie and Debbie Ruff of Hanston, Kansas, and former band director and wife George and Melinda Strickland of Liberty Hill, Texas.

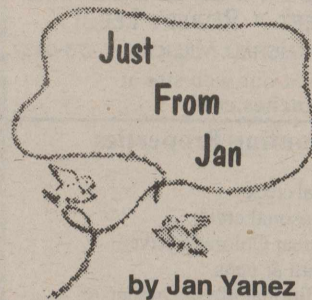
Friday, October 6, the class members and their families enjoyed the Alumni tea and participated in the homecoming parade and the pep rally. After the pep rally the group met in the FCCLA classroom for pizza, reminiscing and a slide show of the former classmates, teachers and administrators prepared by Sheila (Roberts) Farrar. Mary Elaine (Lackey) Ray also presented the group with an Information Booklet of all the classmates, former teachers and administrators that she prepared. Then the group attended the homecoming football game.

Saturday, October 7, the group gathered at Bobby and Jeffie Roberts' home for a sandwich and all the "fixins" lunch, more reminiscing and picture taking. Some of the classmates and their families also enjoyed the activities of the Robert Lee Street Affair.

**County Rainfall Totals**

	July	August	September	Total for Year
Edith Area • Dee & Dessie Kendall				
2005	2.75	13.1	0.0	30.1
2006	0.0	3.25	4.1	13.9
Valley View Area • Bobby and Jeffie Roberts				
2005	3.14	6.59	.01	19.19
2006	1.45	2.10	2.17	12.20
Divide Area • Dolores McCabe Seal				
2005	2.71	9.43	0.0	21.63
2006	.60	2.31	3.21	18.65
Bruce & Frah Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2005	2.44	10.5	.2	28.45
2006	.1	1.55	.35	11.30
Bob Blackwood • 4 miles E. of Robert Lee				
2005	2.44	9.64	.03	23.32
2006	.12	2.33	2.64	12.91
Bronte Area • Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg				
2005	2.37	8.94	.2	24.51
2006	.31	2.76	2.76	15.43
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2005	2.3	7.0	0.0	23.9
2006	1.45	3.8	5.2	18.25





by Jan Yanez  
Cooperative  
Extension Agent

### Fire Prevention in the Kitchen

Each year, kitchen fires kill hundreds of people and injure thousands in North America.

Most of these fires can be prevented by following these basic fire safety tips.

- Don't leave cooking unattended. Never leave food cooking on your stove or in your oven when you leave home. Stay in the kitchen whenever anything is cooking. Turn off stoves and appliances promptly when you're finished using them and unplug electrical appliances when they are not in use.

- Keep appliances clean. Built-up grease catches fire easily. Wipe appliance surfaces after spills and clean stove surfaces and ovens regularly.

- Wear close-fitting sleeves. Loose sleeves can dangle too close to hot stove burners and catch fire. Protect yourself by wearing sleeves that fit snugly, or by rolling up your sleeves securely when you cook. Don't store things on or above your stove. Clothing can catch fire when you lean over stove burners to reach shelves.

- Keep flammable objects clear of the stove. Potholders, dishtowels, and curtains catch fire easily. Keep such items at least three feet (one meter) from your stove.

- Don't overload electrical outlets. Plugging too many kitchen appliances, especially heat-producing appliances such as toasters, coffee pots, waffle irons, or electric frying pans, into the same electrical outlet or circuit could overload your circuit, overheat, or cause a fire. Keep heat-producing appliances away from walls or curtains. Replace any frayed or cracked electric cords immediately. Never use appliance cords with a cracked, loose, or damaged plug. Keep your home's fuse or circuit breakers in good working order.

- If an electrical appliance gets wet inside, have it serviced before using it again.

- Operate microwaves safely. Microwave ovens stay cool, but what's cooked in them can be very hot. Use potholders when removing food from microwave ovens. Remove lids from packaged microwave foods carefully to prevent steam burns and test food temperature before eating.

- Turn pot handles inward. A pot handle sticking out over the edge of your stove can be bumped in passing or grabbed by a child. Prevent burns and stovetop fires by always turning pot handles in toward the

back of the stove. Enforce a "Kid-Free Zone" to keep children at least three feet away from the stove.

- Heat oil slowly. Heat cooking oil slowly over moderate heat and never leave hot oil unattended.

- If a grease fire starts, smother it. Never pour water on a cooking fire. If a pan of food catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and turn off your stove burner. Keep the lid on until completely cooled. If a fire starts in your oven, close the oven door and turn off the heat source. If the flames do not go out immediately, call the fire department.

- Close the door on microwave fires. If anything catches fire in your microwave, keep the door closed and turn off or unplug the microwave. Opening the door will only feed oxygen to the fire. Do not use the oven again until it is serviced.

### "Being an American" essay contest launched

High school students and teachers in Kansas, Texas and Virginia have the chance to win significant cash prizes by participating in a new essay contest focused on exploring the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, the non-profit Bill of Rights Institute announced recently. The "Being an American" essay contest, supported by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation, will start in these three states and expand nationally until all 50 states participate during the 2009-2010 school year.

"The United States is said to be the only nation founded not on the ethnicity of its citizens, but on their shared commitment to certain ideas and values," said Victoria Hughes, President of the Bill of Rights Institute. "Our essay contest will help teachers engage students in conversations about civic values by all Americans."

The contest asks participating students to answer the following question: "What civic value(s) do you believe are most essential to being an American, and how can you personally put those values into practice?" By writing these essays, young people have the opportunity to consider American history and the example of great Americans, the student's own role as a citizen in a free society, and the challenges and responsibilities that role entails.

To integrate the contest into the classroom, the Bill of Rights Institute has created a lesson plan and supplemental materials about the contest topic, tied the contest to state and national academic standards, constructed a web site so that teachers can submit their students' essays for consideration, and included equal cash prizes for teachers as well as students.

More details on the "Being an American" essay contest,

including contest rules, submission details, lesson plans and background information on

the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, the Founding Fathers and other Americans who have contributed to American's shared civic values are available at [www.BeingAnAmerican.org](http://www.BeingAnAmerican.org).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

On May 31, 2006, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission") and each city within Atmos' service territory, to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers in the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed revisions to the rates and riders will impact all classes of service, and each of Atmos' approximately 1,500,000 customers (1,371,625 residential, 121,643 commercial, 235 industrial, and 715 transportation customers).

The Company has requested a systemwide increase of its revenues to \$1,758.7 million, resulting in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$60.9 million or 3.6%, including gas costs, or 14.1% excluding gas cost. In addition, the Company has requested that it recover its rate case expenses and any rate case expenses for cities that are ordered by the Commission. The proposed change in revenues constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by state law.

The monthly bills of typical customers would be affected by the proposed changes as follows:

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill	Difference	Percentage Increase With Gas Cost	Percentage Increase Without Gas Cost
Residential Customer (R)	\$75.00*	\$79.02*	\$4.02	5.36%	21.48%
Commercial Customer (C)	\$326.64*	\$344.80*	\$18.16	5.56%	40.53%
Industrial Customer (I)	\$3,360.85*	\$3,367.95*	\$7.10	0.21%	5.26%
Transportation Customer (T)	\$569.54	\$576.64	\$7.10	1.25%	5.26%

\*Includes gas cost of \$8.6452 per Mcf (2005 average cost)

\*\*The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.

The Company is also requesting approval of its revised depreciation rates, a weather normalization adjustment rider based on 10-year normal weather, a revenue stabilization adjustment rider, the recovery of uncollectible gas cost as well as the cost of required odorant for natural gas through Rider GCR instead of through base rates, and updated upstream pipeline cost allocation factors. The Company is further requesting rate design changes to Rates R, C, I and T. In addition, the Company is seeking a determination that its interim rate adjustments for 2003, 2004, and 2005 are just and reasonable in accordance with Texas Utilities Code § 104.301; the impact of these interim rate adjustments is reflected in the table above.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-800-460-3030. Affected persons may view a copy of the Statement of Intent at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1800, Dallas, Texas 75240, or at the Commission's offices located at 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78711. At any time within 30 days following the date on which Atmos' proposed rate changes would become effective, affected persons may file written comments or protests with the Commission at the following address:

Docket Services Section  
Office of General Counsel (Re: Gas Utilities Docket No. 9670)  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, TX 78711-2967

Pursuant to an order entered by the Commission on May 16, 2006, the proceeding initiated by Atmos at the Commission is being consolidated with all appeals from all other municipal rate proceedings, including those initiated by the filing of the Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 1, 2006. Rates in unincorporated areas will become effective when rates become effective within the nearest incorporated municipality. The Commission hearing on the merits of Atmos' request will begin on or after October 31, 2006.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía en el sistema de Mid-Tex. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-800-460-3030.







...More Classifieds

**NOTICES**

**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.

12-2tc

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 6151-43-001 for TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL in COKE County will be received on November 09, 2006 until 1:00 pm and opened on November 09, 2006 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$40,986.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 21667

**State Office**

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)  
San Angelo District  
District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
Phone: 325-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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**ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The City of Robert Lee (hereinafter called the OWNER) will receive Bids for WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS, Contract No. 726531, until **3:00 PM, local time, Wednesday, November 1, 2006**, in person at City Hall (6 East 7th Street), City of Robert Lee or by mail to Kay Torres, City Secretary, City of Robert Lee, P.O. Box 26, Robert Lee, Texas 76945-0026. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at: **3:00 PM, local time, Wednesday, November 1, 2006**.

Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at **7:00 PM, local time, Monday, November 13, 2006**, at the City Council Meeting, City Hall, City of Robert Lee.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

**Base Bid-Constructon**

Construction of Water

Treatment Plant Improvements including furnish and install four (4) turbidity meters including peristaltic pumps, remote pump controls, tubing, and two (2) manholes w/lids; replace the four (4) 10-inch backwash waste DeZurik butterfly valves w/operators and extensions; filter control panel modifications and repair of automatic controls including new level control; repair of the filter distributor box; replace the four (4) 6-inch filter inlet DeZurik butterfly valves including operators; construct 15-inch SDR-26 PVC filter backwash waste line and 12-inch C-900 connection to clarifier drain including sump, sump pump, and electrical facilities; furnish and install checks valves on the solids handling pond inlet lines; furnish and install two (2) pumps in the return flow pump station including repair of a discharge line and adding a discharge line and valves to the solids handling ponds; and protective coating of the filter center well and distributor box.

**Alternate Bid-Construction**

Add the construction of a sludge drying bed including 2-foot clay liner, 6-inch drain line and sand media. Add furnish and replace the media in each filter. Delete protective coating of the filter center well and distributor box.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of GSWW, Inc. 1030 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701 and the City of Menard.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased for \$100.00 from GSWW, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. No refunds will be made.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the OWNER, negotiable U.S. Government bond (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs, and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on the project, and the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin on the entire project.

The City of Robert Lee reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meeting of the Robert Lee City Council on November 13, 2006, then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the opening

for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders.

Date October 9, 2006.

By: Mayor,  
City of Robert Lee  
13-2tc

**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 día 7 de Noviembre 2006, en el Condado de Coke, Texas, con el propósito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Artículo XVI, Sección 65, de la Constitución de Texas.)

**(List Offices) (Enlístere las 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)
- County Commissioner, Prec. 2 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 2)
- County Commissioner, Prec. 4 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 4)
- Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Num. 1)
- Justice of the Peace, Prec. 2 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Num. 2)
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en.)

County Clerk's Office 13 E. 7th St. Robert Lee  
(location) (sitio)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2006  
Clerks Office - Monday thru Thursday - 8:00 till 5:00, Friday - 8:00 till 1:00 p.m.

(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 23 de Octubre (fecha)

and ending on November 3 (y terminando el) 3 de Noviembre (fecha)

Mary Grim  
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

P.O. Box 150  
(Address) (Dirección)

Robert Lee, Texas 76945  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el.)

October 31  
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# Robert Lee Homecoming 2006!



**Homecoming Queen and King!** Rebecca Skinner and Kevin Honse (left photo) were named Robert Lee High School Homecoming Queen and King at the 2006 Homecoming Football Game.

**Mr. & Miss RLHS!** Kelsy Duncan and Eleasar Vera (right photo) were crowned the 2006 Mr. & Miss RLHS during the Robert Lee High School Homecoming Festivities.

