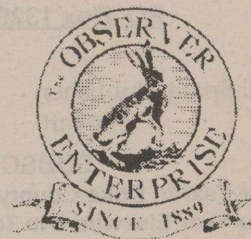


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Open house to showcase proposed assisted living facility in Robert Lee

The WCHD Board of Directors is seeking the input of the county and surrounding area residents on the issue of opening an Assisted Living Facility (ALF) in Robert Lee. An open house will be held on Saturday, June 19th from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, June 20th from 2 pm to 5 pm at 307 West 8th in Robert Lee. This time will be used as a fact gathering opportunity to see if there is a need for an ALF in Coke County and if it would receive public support.

If public response is positive, the ALF could possibly open in about three months. The weekend of the open house will be used to pre-fill the rooms and create a waiting list.

The ALF will be located in the West Wing of the hospital building which until recently housed nursing facility residents. Due to the decreasing census in the nursing facility, Robert Lee Care Center, all residents of this facility were consolidated into the East Wing of the building.

The ALF will offer individual rooms, a separate dining area and a separate activity area. Costs for services will be comparable to those of established ALF's in the Concho Valley and Big Country areas. Pricing information will be available at the open house.

Assisted Living is an alternative for persons wishing to live independently. However, some may need assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's), such as, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, mobility; or some may experience confusion or memory problems. This type of environment does not offer 24 hour nursing care as does a nursing facility; but it does maintain a staff on duty 24 hours to offer assistance if needed.

Typical services included in a monthly rate for an Assisted Living Facility will include one to three balanced meals per day, assistance with ADL's, help with medication management, and weekly housekeeping and linen service. As a general rule, assisted living charges will range from \$1000 to \$1800 per

month for basic care up to around \$3200 per month for extensive care in the ALF setting. Depending on the facility, additional services or packages may be available for extra charges.

Brian Hall receives big check for big bass

Bronte's Brian Hall took home the big \$10,000 grand prize from the recent 17th Annual Big Bass Tournament, sponsored by KDCD Country radio station. A total of 264 anglers from across the state entered the two day event on Lake O.H. Ivie, June 5th and 6th. While thunderstorms ran the fishermen off the lake on Saturday, Sunday was a beautiful day, particularly for Brian.

The Bronte bass fisherman reeled in a 10.52 pound largemouth at 10:43 am Sunday, winning the hourly prize of \$300. He caught the big-un in about eight feet of water on a green ringworm. Hall's big catch was named the winner of the tournament later in the day, earning the young angler a cool \$10,000 in addition to the \$300 for the hourly win. The big fish won the tournament by over three pounds, with the second place fish weighing in at a mere 7.44 pounds.

We asked Brian what he was going to do with all that money, and he responded, "I think I'll put some steps on my pickup."

Court approves burn ban for county

On June 14th, 2004, the Coke County Commissioners' Court approved a Burn Ban for all of Coke County. The action was taken as a result of dry conditions and a rash of recent wildfires in the county. Violation of the court's order prohibiting outdoor burning is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine.

Coke County Ranch Rodeo slated for June 26

The 13th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo will be held Saturday evening, June 26, 2004, at the Coke County Arena in Bronte. The event will begin at 5 pm. There is no charge for admission to the rodeo, but



Robert Lee Care Center Open House! Robert Lee Care Center will host an Open House this Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, 2004. The purpose of the event is to determine a need for an assisted living facility in Robert Lee, and also to gauge the degree of public support to be expected.

organizers request spectators to help out Coke County's youth by visiting the concession stand and buying a raffle ticket.

Robert Lee's AON Club will be in charge of the evening meal and concession stand with the proceeds to help finance RLHS 2005 scholarships.

Joe Spiller graciously donated a pair of his beautiful handmade spurs to be raffled off (\$5/ticket) by Robert Lee 2005 Project Graduation.

Bronte's own Mark Saunders will be the judge this year. Teams include Gotno Land and Cattle Company of Sterling City, Mike McCutchen, captain; NT Ranch of Stanton, Joe Brewer, captain; Dove Creek Land and Cattle Company of Knickerbocker, Kevin Thorp, captain; Outyonder Ranch of Overthere, Shelly Granzin, captain; Bull Lake Cattle Company of Amherst, Rex Foust, captain; YMC Ranch of San Angelo, Jerry Yancy, captain; A-H Cattle Company of Shallowater, Todd Holbrooks, captain; Falcon Seaboard Ranches of Fredricksburg, Decky Spiller, captain; Diamond Ranch of Fluvanna, Rick Furlong, captain; Rafter S Ranch of Colorado City, Matt Salmon, captain; Flagcreek Cattle Company of Ovalo, Dusty Grun, captain; Foster Ranch of Sterling City, Colby Frizzell, captain; Alexander Ranch of Miles, Ricky Lacy, captain; Coke

County Ranches of Coke County, Bartley Murray, captain; Juniper Hill Ranch of Bronte, Gary Hubbard, captain; and Hemphill Land and Cattle Company of Coleman, Heath Hemphill, captain.

Rodeo events include team penning, team branding, team roping, trailer loading, and wild cow milking.

Don't miss an action-filled evening of fun at the arena in Bronte next Saturday!

Lott awarded scholarship

Tyler Lott, a 2004 graduate of Robert Lee High School, was awarded the \$500 Casey Eubanks Memorial scholarship. The presentation was made during the awards ceremony at RLHS.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lott.

Arts & Crafts festival set

The 12th annual Abilene Summer Arts and Crafts Festival will be held June 19th and 20th in the Abilene Civic Center. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the foyer and main exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. There is no admission charge.

BHRC to host fireworks display

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary is hosting their annual Fireworks Display on Sunday, July 4th. The auxiliary will also have a bake sale/auction prior to the fireworks, hopefully around 8:15 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the fireworks. Come early and help support the auxiliary by taking some of the desserts home with you.

Bronte class reunion slated July 10

On July 10th, 2004, there will be a Bronte Class Reunion taking place at The Goodyear Proving Grounds Activity Building. This will be a class reunion for all the classes of 1960 through 1969.

If you are interested in coming, the visitation will begin at 7 pm and will last until everyone has left. You do not have to be a graduate of these classes to come. This is to the public and to anyone interested in seeing and reuniting with an old classmate or friend.

If you have any questions, give Jeanna Lee, Marilyn Bivins (both located in Bronte) or myself Gale Sartain (located in San Angelo) a call and we will be more than happy to answer your questions.

Happy Fathers' Day!

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Obituaries

Waldrop

Minnie Jones Waldrop, 88, died Monday, May 24, 2004 in a Sweetwater hospital. Services were held at 10 am on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, in McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Slaters Chapel Cemetery in Nolan.

Survivors include daughter, June Ellis of Sweetwater; son, John R. Jones of Austin; and stepsons, David Waldrop, Richard Waldrop, Keith Waldrop and Riley Waldrop.

Rives

Tom Rives, 97, of Midland died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, in Midland. Services were held at 2 pm, on Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Southside Church of Christ with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughter, Marjorie Hughes of Midland; and sister, Daisy Trimble of Corsicana; and grandson, Steven Miller of San Angelo.

Robbins enjoys 94th birthday

Lillian Robbins, 94, on June 14th, celebrated her birthday party at home with homemade ice cream and cake.

Children present were Ronnie Robbins and Carolyn Robbins, Alonzo and Kay Robbins, all of Bronte. Grandchildren were Sherry Jackson and Stefanie Keele, both of San Angelo. Great grandchildren present were Kaleb Jackson, Cody Jackson, Kayce Jackson, McKenna Keele, Marshall and Grayson Keele.

Robert Lee Baptist Church Briefs

Students who have completed grades 4-6 will attend church camp in Brownwood on June 21-25.

Youth group will leave June 25th for Youth Evangelism Conference in Dallas.

Youth group will hold a fundraiser car wash to benefit Youth Camp on Saturday, July 3rd at Cindy's Grocery & BBQ on Hwy. 208 in Robert Lee, beginning at 9 am. Youth camp will be July 12-16 in Brownwood.

Deacon sponsored picnic in the park on Sunday, July 4th

at 4 pm, Robert Lee County Park, regular evening services canceled.

100th Anniversary Celebration, July 17 & 18.

For more information on any event, please call 453-2724.

TCE sets Rainwater Capture Meeting

Texas Cooperative Extension will hold a "Rainwater Capture Meeting" at 7 pm, June 29 in the San Angelo Convention Center.

John Begnaud, Extension horticulturist in Tom Green County and a meeting coordinator, said interest in rainwater capture is increasing, especially as a way to supplement existing water sources for landscape irrigation.

"The topic can apply to city dwellers as well as country folk," said Begnaud. "One inch of rain collected over a 1,000-square-foot roof yields 600 gallons of fresh water. That's a substantial amount in dry West Texas where every drop counts"

Billy Kniffen, Extension agriculture agent in Menard County and a rainwater capture expert, will discuss procedures and equipment, as well as storage and application, for irrigation and in-



RLCC residents "Go Fishing"! Residents of Robert Lee Care Center enjoyed fishing along the banks of the Concho River in San Angelo last month. Hamburgers fresh from the grill and stuffed jalapenos were served for lunch. Some of those putting their fishing poles in the water were Kelly Green, Robert Taft, Robert Ball, and Helvin Hohertz.

home use. He uses a rainwater-capture system at his own home.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information and copies of resource material on rainwater capture, contact Toni Fox, San Angelo Water Conservation Coordinator, at 657-4506 or Begnaud at 659-6528.

WCC EMS

Memorials for May

Helen Mathers
Sue & Dale Wojtek
LaRue Harmon
Sue & Dale Wojtek
Ben Boykin
Sue & Dale Wojtek

WCC EMS runs for May

5/3 - trauma
5/4 - trauma
5/5 - medical
5/9 - medical

5/14 - medical
5/18 - Pt. refused service
5/19 - medical
5/20 - Pt. refused service
5/30 - medical-no transport

Ballinger soccer clinic slated

Runnels County Soccer Association will be hosting The Challenger Sport British soccer clinic. The clinic will be at The Bonnie Clark Sports Complex in Ballinger.

The clinic will be June 28 through July 2nd. The clinic will be for ages 4-5 years old, and 6-16 years old.

For more information go to

www.challengersports.com and click onto Ballinger clinic dates and times.

RLBC to celebrate 100th Anniversary

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary beginning on July 17 at 3 pm with visitation and reminiscing, followed by a home cooked meal of ham and all the trimmings at 6 pm. It will continue on July 18th at 10:30 with the praise and worship service. Sunday School will not be held. For more information contact the church at 453-2724.

Churches of Coke County

Invite You to Worship

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

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2004
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 468-0014
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
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10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Roberts couple celebrate 50th anniversary

Bobby and Jeffie Roberts were married Friday, June 18, 1954, in the ranch home south of Robert Lee of Bobby's parents, the late Alton and Loretha Roberts. They have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year by going to Honolulu, Hawaii, January 9-16, and with a beautiful reception hosted by their children and families on Sunday, June 6, 2004. Their children and families are Sheila (Roberts) and Jim Farrar and Lauren Hammerton of Houston, Crystal Hammerton of Stephenville, and Douglas, Denise, Kacee, and James Roberts of Robert Lee.

The 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception was held in the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. The hostesses tried to duplicate the 1954 wedding by using the same kind of flowers, tablecloths, and punchbowl. The Bridal table had greenery and pink carnations for the centerpiece, white tablecloth which belonged to Sue and Dale Wojtek, the wedding cake prepared by Sharon Pitcock with a top similar to the original which sat near the cake, and pink punch prepared by Lawana Perry and Dorene Mashburn. Nuts and mints were also on the serving table. An added feature at weddings since 1954 was the groom's table with chocolate cake and coffee.

Sheila prepared a slide presentation of her parents from their wedding through their 50 years together. This was shown to the group at 1:45 and remained playing throughout the reception. Sheila and Douglas presented their parents with gifts from their families at this time. The couple received guests from their chairs with a large standing flower arrangement of pink gladiolas and greenery between their chairs. The arrangement was a duplicate of those at the 1954 wedding altar. The register table held the gold register book, 8 x 10 pictures of their wedding, a bouquet of pink vogue roses, white miniature carnations, baby's breath, and greenery given to the couple by Paige and Jerry Street of Houston, Sheila's college mate and a large brown straw basket adorned with ivy which held many, many beautiful 50th anniversary cards and best wishes. Among the many cards received at the reception and through the mail were greetings from the White House in Washington, D.C. in a hand addressed envelope, and a large certificate from the Governor of Texas and his wife, Governor Rick Perry and Anita, with the seal of the State of Texas. Pictures of the 1954 bridal table were on the table near the cake and punch.



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts

Sue Wojtek and Beverly Sinclair, special friends of the couple, welcomed the guests. Granddaughter Kacee Roberts sat at the register table, granddaughters Crystal and Lauren Hammerton served cake and punch. Jim Farrar and Ryan Stanford served coffee. Sheila, Denise, and Douglas assisted and visited with the guests. Grandson James Roberts kept the hostesses on their toes. Nephew Jason Harmon was the photographer. Assisting the hostesses were Lawana Perry, Dorene Mashburn, Marshall and Sheri Millican, Sharon Pitcock, Cathy Hendry, Kelly Millican, Marsha Wink, and Nova Apgar.

Among the 170 guests that registered were Jeffie's parents, Floyd and Jessie Harmon, who have been married 71 years, Norman Roberts who served as Best Man at the 1954 wedding and Bobby's only living aunt, Jerry Thomason. Everyone present were special to the couple. Guests came from Houston, San Angelo, Carlsbad, Van, Canton, Ft. Stockton, Abilene, Rankin, Yoakum, Mansfield, Coahoma, Stephenville, Salado, Winters, Greenwood, Weatherford, San Antonio, Odessa, Sanderson, Lufkin, Benbrook, Eden, Deer Park, Liberty Hill, Ballinger, Aledo, Sterling City, Paint Rock, Bronte and Robert Lee.

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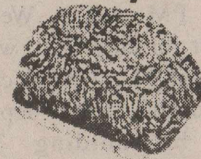
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Beans

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Baseball All Star! Foster Allen has been named as an All Star on the San Angelo Northern Little League Baseball Major Division team. This is his second year to be on the All Star Team in San Angelo.

He is the son of Clay Allen of Robert Lee and Shelley Allen of San Angelo. Bill and Bobbie Allen of Robert Lee are Foster's grandparents.

4-H Reminders

Attention 4-H members. Clothing Fun Day in Sweetwater will be held June 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to learn to sew a craft please contact the office. Registration deadline is June 21st.

Multi-County camp will be held July 8th & 9th at Buffalo Gap. This camp is for 3rd-8th grade 4-H members. Cost of camp is \$20. Deadline to register is June 28th. Please call (325)453-2461 if you have any questions.

Central Baptist surveys members

The members of Central Baptist Church, Bronte were given a survey by Pastor Tim White to determine the needs of the Church and community, and the needed direction of the Church. The results of the survey revealed a desire to serve and meet other people's needs in the community.

The survey indicated that about 70 percent of the area families do not regularly attend church in Bronte. The focus of the survey was to determine how a church could meet the needs of these people and attract them to attend church.

The majority of survey respondents indicated that more involvement in community activities was needed. Programs for children, teens, families and senior citizens were warranted. There was also a call for more visibility from the church to shed a better light on Christianity.

"We are in a typical situation," said Pastor White. "We see many needs in the community and ways to fill them, but the

laborers are few. Our people have a heart to reach out to the community, but not enough hands."

The leadership and members of the church will be meeting in the coming weeks to discuss a plan of action to better meet the needs of the community.

The Youth department has started The Rock, a Wednesday night community youth celebration featuring contemporary worship and lively Bible lessons. It targets 7th grade through college students, and begins at 8:00 PM every Wednesday except for July 21st, when the teens will be at Church camp.

Also, the Youth department will be holding Thrillin' Thursdays with a variety of activities including miniature gold, skating, and swimming. A schedule can be obtained by contacting the Church.

The Tremendous Tuesday Children's Summer Bible Club has begun and is an extended version of Vacation Bible School. It meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to noon. It is targeting ages 5 through 12 with music, games, crafts, story time and refreshments. The community is invited.

The men's ministry begins on June 26th at 6:30 PM with a domino/42 night. This allows men to get together and fellowship at the Church in a Christian atmosphere and invite their friends. The community is invited. Other activities will be scheduled throughout the summer.

The women's ministry begins on Saturday, June 19th with a Lady's Day Out. The ladies are invited to meet at the Church at 11:00 AM and travel together to the San Angelo Historical District for lunch, shopping and site seeing. Child care will be provided at the Church for those with children. The community is invited.

Many other activities are scheduled for all age groups during the summer. For a schedule, contact the church at 473-4811.

BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD board of trustees held its regular meeting on June 10, 2004, 8:00 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Terry Charles, Bob Frazee, Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. David Scott and Gary Acker were absent from the meeting. Also present was Michael Bohensky, Principal, CCJJC.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Kendall Gibbs.

Minutes from the May 13, 2004, regular meeting and minutes from the May 23, special meeting were read and approved. Michael Bohensky, CCJJC principal, reported current enrollment of 197 students. The yearly average was 188 students.

The board approved a 457 plan with 1st Financial and approved an instructional software program called Successmaker. The board also



RLHS Spanish Club Scholarship winners! The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club scholarship recipients included (from left) Monica Rodriguez, Shannon Honse and Rachel Wallace.

approved the state mileage rate and will use state travel reimbursements as a guideline. Vehicles and real property were discussed.

A date was set for the public hearing for input of expenditures of Federal Funds on Thursday, June 24, 2004 in the board room at 6:30 pm. A Budget workshop will follow afterwards.

Superintendent, Alan Richey gave an update on the gym and informed the board of the engagement letter for 2003/2004 financial audit from Burl Lowery, CPA.

The board hired Aaron Clendenen as a Secondary Special Ed teacher. The resignation of Rodney Boerm was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 11:15 pm.

Red Hat Mamas enjoy luncheon

By Swan Archinal

The Red Hat Mamas met in Ballinger and had lunch at Alejandro's Restaurant. There were 20 present. We had a good time checking out all the Red Hat "stuff" different ones had. One lady had a Boyd's Bear dressed in a purple dress and a red hat. She also had a whole Red Hat outfit. Every meeting there is more and more "stuff" depicting the Red Hat Society.

Our only complaint is that we can't visit with everyone who is there. We need to have fruit

basket turn over and have everyone move to a new chair so we can visit with more of our ladies.

The Winter's Red Hat Blizzard Babes were represented and invited the ladies to a salad supper at the Winter's Country Club on Friday, June 18 at 6:00 pm. Reservations have to be in by Wednesday so I guess you missed the deadline if you are just now reading this. We'll let you know how it was.

The ladies present were: Janet Wommack, Bronte; Wanda Brewer, Winters; Nell Richards, Bronte; Doris Fiveash, Eola; Joyce Carbery, Winters;

Margaret Gentry, Ballinger; Patsy Fort, Ballinger; Edna England, Winters; Virginia Schwartz, Winters; Mary Frances Glenn, Bronte; Jane Wheat, Oak Creek Lake; Peggy Hembree, Bronte; Pat Watkins, Ballinger; Ruby Allbright, Ballinger; Faye Blair, Robert Lee; Nancy Allen, Robert Lee; Edith Rolls, Bronte; Wanda Barbee, Bronte; Fredna Moore, Bronte; and Swan Archinal, Oak Creek Lake.

The next meeting will be at Hidalgo's in Bronte on August 3 at 11:00 am. See you there with your purple dress and red hat.

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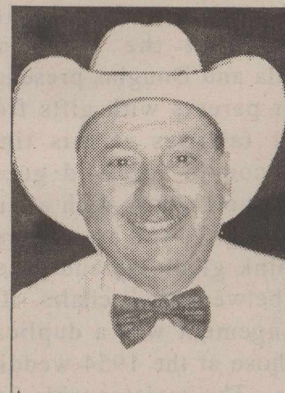
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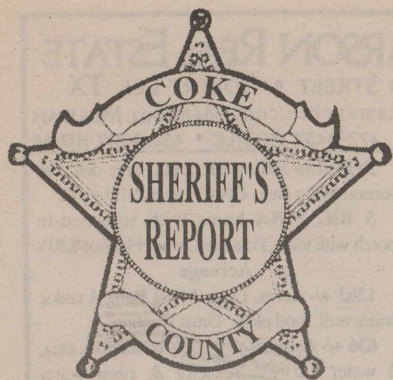
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Officers combined total of calls received that did not require reports to be written.

Livestock calls - 11; Motorist assistance - 6; Civil papers served - 6; C.I. meets - 5; 911 alarm calls - 3; Unattended death - 1; Prisoner transport - 6; Warrants served - 2; Juvenile arrest - 1; Domestic disturbance (no injuries) - 4; Public service - 8; Accidents worked by deputies - 2; Accidents worked as assist to DPS - 3; Suspicious activity - 3; Dog calls - 4; Loud music - 2; Funeral escort - 3; District court - 1; County court (Bailiff) - 1; Injured child - 1; Truck fire - 1; Reckless driver - 2; Water on roadway - 1; Search warrants - 2; Medical assist - 1; Gas drive off - 1

May 2004

Bronte

Gas Leak; Theft (2); Burglary of a Habitation; Criminal Mischief; Child Custody Dispute (2)

Robert Lee

Theft (2); Deadly Conduct (Discharging a Firearm); Telephone Harassment; Possession of Marijuana; Runaway (returned home); Stolen Bike (returned to owner); Burglary of a Habitation; Class C Assault Family Violence; Abandoning or Endangering a Child

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Theft of a Travel Trailer

Oak Creek

Disorderly Conduct by a Minor

Officers combined total of calls received that did not require reports to be written: Public Service - 165 including funerals, court, motorist assist, alarm calls ect.; Civil Process - 12; Prisoner Transport - 13; Warrants Served - 8; Livestock Calls - 29; Accidents - 4; Accident Assist - 10; Traffic Stops - 42. Total Calls 284.

May 2004 Arrests /

Charges Filed /

Dispositions

Paul Gonzales, DWI 3rd or More, 5-2-04

Cheryl Ybarra, Possession of Marijuana >2oz <4oz, 5-4-04

Sam Ybarra, Possession of Marijuana >2oz <4oz, 5-4-04

Robert Lester Coffee, Public Intoxication, 5-11-04

Chad Everett Turner, Public Intoxication, 5-11-04

Jesse Zumwalt, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 5-28-04

Rodney Harold Lucas, Deadly

Conduct, 5-30-04

51st District Court Dispositions 05/05/04

The State of Texas vs. Lionel Benavides, Charge: Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Plea: 3 Years TDCJ

The State of Texas vs. Jose Rande, Charge: DWI 3rd or More, Plea: 7 Years probated, \$1000.00 Fine, 10 Days Jail

The State of Texas vs. John Watson Sanders, Charge: Graffiti of Worship Burial/Public Monument /School, Plea: 3 Years Deferred Adjudication, \$750.00 Fine, and \$554.07 Restitution

51st District Court Dispositions 5-27-04

The State of Texas vs. Curtis Lee Chapmon, Charge: Driving While Intoxicated - MTR, Plea: Four Years TDCJ \$1300.00 Fine, Restitution \$140.00

The State of Texas vs. Phillip Edward Rangel, Charge: Possession of Marijuana, Plea: Three Years Deferred Adjudication, \$750.00 Fine, \$140.00 Restitution

Coke County Court Dispositions 05/19/04

The State of Texas vs. Manuel Gomez Saucedo, Charge: Driving While License Suspended, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$211.00, Driver's License Suspended 60 days

The State of Texas vs. Eddie John Cardenas Jr., Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Plea: 12 Months Deferred Adjudication, \$350.00 Fine, \$201.00 Court Cost, 24 Hours Community Service

The State of Texas vs. David Lee McMullan, Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Plea: 12 Months Deferred Adjudication, \$400.00 Fine, \$176.00 Court Cost, 30 Hours Community Service

WTJCT tourney results posted

San Saba, June 7th

16-18 Boys: Brandon Hall, Bronte, 79, 2nd place

Sonora, June 8th

9-11 Boys, 9 holes: Logan Philley, RL, 42, 1st

9-11 Girls, 9 holes: Meagan Ross, RL, 67, 1st

12-13 Boys: Mason Ross, RL, 88, 2nd

15-18 Girls: Sarah Philley, RL, 3rd

14-15 Boys: Johnathan Pagan, RL, 94, 7th; Taylor Percifull, 97, 10th, Brody Dillard, 104, 13th

Eden, June 11th

9-11 Boys: Logan Philley/Robert Lee 38 1st

12-13 Boys: Mason Ross/Robert Lee 92 2nd; Kaden Duncan/Robert Lee 122 6th

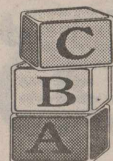
15-18 Girls: Kelsy Duncan/Robert Lee 1st; Sarah Philley/Robert Lee 2nd

14-15 Boys: Johnathan Pagan/Robert Lee 96; Brody Dillard/Robert Lee 103; Taylor

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Perciful/Robert Lee

16-18 Boys: Brandon Hall/Bronte 74 2nd; Cody Bridges/Robert Lee 82 7th



Look
Who's
New!

Cadi Lynn Powers

Cadi Lynn Powers arrived June 14, 2004, at 10:45 am. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Cadi was greeted at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, Texas, by her parents, Jason & Carrie Powers of Throckmorton; big sister, Carli Powers; Pap-paw & Nana Emert, Grandpa & Granny Powers, Aunt Becca Emert, Aunt Stephanie Powers, Za-Za (Billie McCleery, great grandmother) and Mam-ma (Frieda Wilson, great-great grandmother).

Cadi, her sister and parents plan to go home to Throckmorton this week.

Cori Torres wins National Award

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Cori G. Torres of Robert Lee has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy

recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Cori Torres will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

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

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

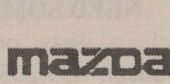
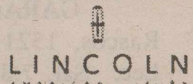
Cori Torres is the daughter of Olga Torres and the late Ross Torres from Robert Lee. The grandparents are Richard Reyes and the late Aurora Reyes of Bronte, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Tiodoso Torres of Robert Lee.

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The Observer/Enterprise

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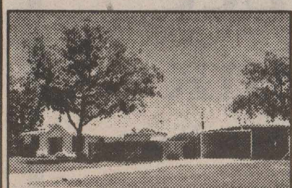
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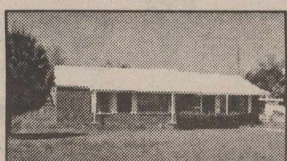


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Bobby and Jeffie Roberts

47-1tp

WE WOULD LIKE TO

express our gratitude to each of you for all your expressions of sympathy in the loss of our loved one, R.C. Patterson. Thank you for your cards, memorials, flowers, phone calls, prayers, and visits during our difficult time. Thanks to the ladies who prepared such bountiful lunch for us. Words of comfort and every act of kindness will always be remembered and appreciated.

Mary Patterson

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GARAGE SALES

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Fri., 18th, 7:30-1:00. 806 Hillcrest, Robert Lee. Held by Cindy Bessent.

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Rascos, 1521 Bishop, Robert Lee. Sat. 7:30-2:00. Electric stove, clothes, scrapbook supplies, much more.

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Sat. only, 8-?. 516 Overland Trail, Robert Lee. Come and see.

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FAMILY BLOCK SALE

506-606 W. 9th, Robert Lee. 8 am - ?, Fri. - 506 - Donations on red & green enchilada casseroles, & misc., Sat. 606 - Breakfast burritos, toddler bed, household items, clothes, Franklin fire stove, GE stereo, furnishings, good Wranglers, jewelry

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

On June 14th, 2004, the Coke County Commissioners Court approved a Burn Ban for Coke County. Due to lack of rain in the county it is necessary to prohibit burning in the unincorporated areas of the county. Violation of the Court's Order prohibiting outdoor burning is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

47-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of an Open Budget Hearing for East Coke County Hospital District for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. The hearing will be held Monday, June 28, 2004, at 6:00 pm in the BHRC board room.

47-2tc

Wallace reunion held

The descendants of Harve & Millie Wallace gathered at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall, June 12 & 13, for the annual Wallace reunion. Approximately 50 family members and guests attended the 2 day gathering.

Those attending were: J.C. & Jewell Wallace, Royce & Alice Wallace, Tommy & Lucy Williams, Francis & Addie Jeffries, and Virginia Whybrew, of Robert Lee; Fannie Gipson, Sydney Myers, John & April Redmon, and Shawn & Mary Myers of Amarillo; Gayla Cox, Morris, Wanda, Duncan, and Garrett Wallace, and Jana Jeffries of San Angelo; Jackie & Joel Smith of Shallowater; Vanessa Marsh of Lubbock; Jacky, Pam & Lindsay Wallace of Abilene; Troy, Susan, & Cayla Millican, Jerit Martin of Sterling City; Travis & Marie Allen of Centennial, Colorado; Bob & Lara Harris of Burkburnett; Bill & Dee Wallace of Nacogdoches; Buddy, Kip, Tyler & Kate Wallace of Gail; Jan Eavins of Arlington; Linda Havins of Dallas and B. Shelbourne.

USDA Rural economic grants available

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced recently the availability of \$6.5 million in rural cooperative development grants to improve rural economic conditions through establishing and operating centers for cooperative development.

"These grants will help improve the economic condition of rural communities," said Veneman.

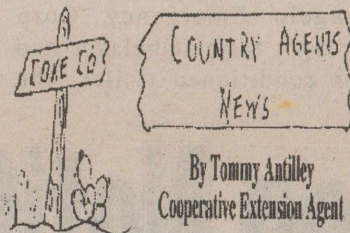
Bryan Daniel, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Texas, said, "Rural Cooperative Development Grants offer opportunities to stimulate cooperative development and improvement which can assist in the creation of jobs in rural Texas. The RCDG program can help promote rural economic development and help with jobs for Texans."

Veneman said that \$1.5 million of the total available funds will be reserved for small,

minority producers that apply for assistance through their cooperative businesses. These grants are designed to make feasible the creation, or retention, of jobs in rural areas. Priority consideration for an award will be granted to those applicants who have a successful administrative track record, have demonstrated expertise in providing technical assistance to rural areas and have an ability to retain business and generate opportunities to improve the local economic conditions. In addition, an applicant's commitment and the commitment of local support contribute to its priority status of receiving a grant. To date, the Bush Administration has funded \$14.9 million in Rural Cooperative Development Grants.

These competitive awards are available to non-profit corporations and institutions of higher education, as authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill. Matching funds are required for eligibility. Applications for a Rural Cooperative Development Grant must be received no later than July 26, 2004. Detailed information about application and program requirements will be included in the June 9, 2004, publication of the Federal Register.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.



Garden checklist for June

This article was taken from the Aggie Horticulture web site which can be accessed from our county web site at www.coke-tx.tamu.edu. Once you get to our site, select Aggie Horticulture, look on the toolbar on the left, go to Extension info, then select newsletters, then Horticulture Update.

*Take a critical look at your landscape while at the height of summer development. Make notes of how you think it can be better arranged, plants that need replacement, overgrown plants

that need to be removed, and possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members.

*Check for insects and diseases. Destroy badly infested plants. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Select a chemical or organic control, or use insecticidal soap.

*Supplemental irrigation is essential for many ornamental plants such as coleus, caladium, geranium, dahlia, azalea, and camellia during the hot, dry summer days ahead. Water lawn and garden thoroughly, but not too frequently. As a general rule, soak to a depth of 8 inches. Finish watering by early afternoon, to lessen the chance of disease.

*During the summer, soil moisture becomes extremely important and essential for good plant production. Because continual watering is sometimes costly and time consuming, it pays to conserve the moisture around plants. This is best done by mulching. A good mulch will retain valuable moisture needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success. Mulches are usually applied 2 to 6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal Bermuda hay.

*There is still time to plant some colorful, heat-tolerant summer annuals. Direct-seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase plants of periwinkle, salvia, marigold, and purslane. Be sure to water transplants as needed until roots become established.

*Removing faded flowers from plants before they set seed will keep them growing and producing flowers. A light application of fertilizer every 4 to 6 weeks will also be helpful.

*House plants can be moved out of doors this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out so quickly; water pots, container plants, and hanging baskets often. Monthly feedings with house plant fertilizer will encourage continued growth.

*Now is the time to plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once the bulbs have matured and the foliage has

turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every 3 to 4 years.

*June is the time to select daylily varieties as they reach their peak of bloom. Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks. Apply a high-nitrogen fertilizer immediately after a flush of bloom.

*Continue to spray susceptible roses with a black-spot control such as Funginex every 7-10 days.

*Re-blooming salvias, such as Salvia greggii and S. Farinacea, should be pruned back periodically during the summer. To make the job easier, use hedging shears, and remove only the spent flowers and a few inches of stem below. Fall-blooming perennials, such as Mexican marigold mint (Tagetes lucida), chrysanthemums, physostegia, and Salvia leucantha, should be pruned in the same manner during the summer to keep them compact, reducing the need for staking. This type of pruning should be completed prior to September 1, since flower buds begin forming about that time.

Fireworks safety tips

By Bud Thompson

Robert Lee Fire Marshall

Family reunions, picnics, barbecues, camping at the lake. Have fun but also use caution with the fires.

Robert Lee Fire Marshal Bud Thompson would like to remind all residents that fireworks are illegal within the city limits of Robert Lee.

July 4th this year will be a 4 day weekend and many families will be planning to have outings, barbecues, campouts or just celebrating at home. If you are planning to set off fireworks, here are some safety tips.

If possible, leave fireworks to the professionals. Many organizations have free fireworks displays.

Child safety comes first, do not let children play with ignited fireworks. Read and follow instructions and warnings before igniting fireworks.

Check to be sure no one is in the way of shooting fireworks, including structures. Just because the rocket is supposed to go straight up, doesn't mean it cannot misfire.

Sparklers burn at such a high temperature they can quickly burn hands and clothing. You do not want to end up in the emergency room with a burned child.

Light your fireworks on a smooth flat surface out in the open and away from structures, dry grass or other flammable materials.

If you are at home, keep a hose close by, if at a picnic a bucket of water should be handy.

Never re-light any fireworks that have not fully functioned. Chances are it will go off in your hand.

We have had recent showers, but we have also had winds that dry out the foliage. Fire danger is still high in the Concho Valley and we should all be careful when lighting fireworks. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

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2003 Wildlife Conservationist! Wildcat Mountain Ranch was selected as the 2003 Wildlife Conservationist by Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. CCSWCD Director Joe Ash (left) presents Hollis Farris with the award at a recent banquet in Wall.

Wildcat Mountain Ranch wins award

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District selected Wildcat Mountain Ranch as their Wildlife Conservationist for 2003.

Brothers, Tony and Hollis Farris own and operate the 4700 acre Wildcat Mountain Ranch.

The Farris brothers agreed, with proper management, this ranch had a high potential to produce a good quality deer herd. Cooperating with the Coke County SWCD, USDA-NRCS, and Texas Parks and Wildlife they set out to accomplish that goal. Construction of a high fence was the first step in achieving control of the deer herd. This allows them to manage the buck-doe ratio and the age structure. It also allows better management of grazing distribution and intensity for both wildlife and livestock.

One aspect of the ranch's overall management scheme is selective brush removal. Prickly Pear and juniper control have been ongoing for several years. Eight hundred and ninety-one acres of highly selective brush management were applied under an Environmental Quality Incentive Program contract.

Selective brush management is applied where low quality brush is the densest. On slopes, contour patterns are used to minimize erosion.

This type of brush management removes invasive, low quality brush: enhances wildlife habitat, and promotes overall range improvement.

In cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, a comprehensive management plan commits the ranch to annual deer census and light buck harvests. The plan has already paid off with a 35% increase in the adult deer population during 2000 alone.

Tony and Hollis recognize the need to educate today's youth in natural resources, and utilize their wildlife management plan as an educational tool. The ranch

annually hosts the Texas Youth Hunting Program. The participants, and often their accompanying adults, are taught safety, ethics, and both wildlife and general conservation in an outdoor setting.

In West Texas, reliable water resources are a concern, and Wildcat Mountain Ranch is no different. A pair of newly constructed, 20,000 cubic yard, dam type ponds take advantage of the mountainous terrain, storing water for both wildlife and livestock. Fast growing grasses such as millets, seeded on the disturbed slopes after construction, now provide habitat for several species of game fish.

The ranch is currently involved with the Continuous Sign-up Conservation Reserve Program. A Riparian Buffer is established along a segment of Antelope Creek. The entire pasture, containing this segment, was fenced to exclude domestic livestock, and noxious brush was removed from the creek bed.

Dedication to youth doesn't end with the Texas Youth Hunting Program. Hollis's son is the District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America which gather annually on the ranch. This group learns Native American skills, lore, history and respect for the land during these gatherings.

The Farris brothers should be commended for their commitment to wildlife and resource conservation. The Coke County district is proud to be associated with this partnership.

RLVFD news

By Marian Thompson
Secretary

The Robert Lee volunteer firemen spent a hair raising weekend. On June 11th at 2:05 pm, someone called the sheriff's office to say there was a fire 20 miles west on 158. The Sterling City fire department was already on the scene and they needed help. 2 trucks and the tanker went to the scene. It was a

wildland fire. 16 members of RLVFD and 1 former fireman participated that day for a total of 128 hours. Sterling City had 2 trucks and 1 tanker, Water Valley sent 2 trucks, Quail Valley sent 2 trucks, and Bronte sent 3 trucks.

At 2:56, 9-1-1 called and said there was a second fire east of the big fire. Incident Commander Bud Thompson said our trucks were already there. Fire was out of control in an unaccessible canyon.

Roger Alexander of the RLCC took out water and ice to the men. The Red Cross brought water and food.

The National Forest Service brought a dozer to cut a fire line. The terrain was so rough. First Sterling City shredded a tire and had to come out and then one of the Robert Lee trucks had a flat tire and had to leave. When it was all over, the other truck had 2 flat tires and many dents and scratches. Our tanker lost a wheel bearing.

The firemen were hampered by high and gusty winds and also high temperatures and heat from the fire. There was heat exhaustion and smoke inhalation. One fireman was sent to the ER by SA emergency corp ambulance. Another one has an ear infection caused by hot ash and water. He was laid up for several days.

At 9:20, a fire was reported in the area of Pecan Baptist Church. One of the trucks

went to check it out and found no fire.

About 9:30, the National Weather Service confirmed a tornado had touched down 4 miles North of Silver. After the fire was contained, some of the firemen went to Silver to assist the Sheriff. They were canceled in route and went back to the station and made repairs to the trucks until about 12:30 am.

On Saturday, the 12th, 7:30 am, firemen went back to our fire to look for hot spots. 12 men responded for a total of 153 man hours.

The Forest Service decided we needed to do a back fire. There was a gas line in the area. They called for units from Sterling City so they would have enough trucks and Sterling City's tanker, as ours' was unable to go. They lit the back fire around noon. By 2 pm, they were calling for another tanker. The men were having to draft water from a windmill. Quail Valley sent a tanker and 2 men. At 3 pm, they were calling for more manpower. Bud was unable to get help locally, but San Angelo said they would try to get help. Our firemen were overheated and having difficulty breathing due to too much smoke.

Bronte's fire department was covering for Robert Lee all day. Extra help didn't get there until after 6 pm. San Angelo Emergency Corp brought their ambulance and air conditioned trailer, the

Red Cross brought food and water. The fire was under control at 10 pm. It was back to the station for more repairs on the trucks. The rough terrain is very hard on fire trucks.

On Sunday, the 13th, at 1:30 pm, the fire department was called to assist Mitchell County with their wildland fire located approximately 4 miles North of Silver. This was the same area as the tornado. 13 men responded for a total of 126 hours. Problem was communications. Our trucks could not communicate with their trucks. The fire was huge, it is said that over 5,000 acres burned. Bud does not have any details of the fire since he was unable to communicate with them. Perry Kehrer took water and sandwiches to our men. The rest were taken care of by the Red Cross from up north.

It was 1:30 before the firemen were back in town. Both trucks were out of commission. On Monday, Lew Millegan worked on the trucks, and they went back to Mitchell County about 6:30. They were back home by 8:30 as the fire was under control and the firemen spent the next 3 hours completing the repairs to the trucks.

Bud has probably missed mentioning all of the many volunteers who brought water and other help. The firemen couldn't have done it without all of their help.

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