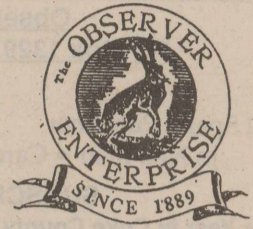


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Hunter education course to begin Saturday

A hunter education course will be held in Robert Lee Saturday, October 9th, and Saturday, October 16th from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon each day to certify in the training. Mrs. Dianne Simpson will teach the course in the commissioners' courtroom at the courthouse.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course.

Hunting & Fishing Guide set for publication

The 1999 Coke County Hunting & Fishing Guide is slated to be published in the October 29th issue of the Observer/Enterprise. Deadline for advertising and editorial copy is Friday, October 22.

Every effort will be made to contact advertisers prior to this deadline. However, if we miss you, please don't hesitate to call our offices at 473-2001 in Bronte or 453-2433 in Robert Lee.

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 publication.

If you were born on or after September 2, 1971, and you are:

*age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course.

*age 12 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older.

*under 12 years of age,

Bob Wrinkle Benefit

Plan now to enjoy some great music at Robert Lee's county park on Sunday, October 10. Six well-known area bands will play on the open-air pavilion from noon until late evening. Everyone is welcome for this great musical event. Texas Cowboy Choir, La Promesa Band, Silver Creek, Sundown, Strays, and NDC Mystery Band have all agreed to play for the day as a benefit for Bob Wrinkle, a patient at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, your food and a caring heart to the Battle of the Bands for Bob. Donations may be made at the pavilion. For more information, call Matt Wilson, 947-7182 or Robin Sparks, 453-2548.

you must be accompanied by a person 17 years of age or older licensed to hunt in Texas.

Minimum age of certification is 12 years.

Proof of certification is required to be on your person while hunting; it is not required to purchase a license.

Registration for the course needs to be done before Oct. 9th with Linda Eaton at the 4-H office in the courthouse. Each student must provide their social security # plus address and phone number, parent's signature and a registration fee of \$10.00.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Simpson at 453-2344 or the local TPW Game Warden, Sgt. Gary Mitchell at 453-2324.

Fort Chadbourne Foundation

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation is looking for any old pictures of Fort Chadbourne for our project. We will gladly pay for the copying expense for a copy of any old photographs pertaining to Fort Chadbourne. Please contact us at (915) 743-2555.

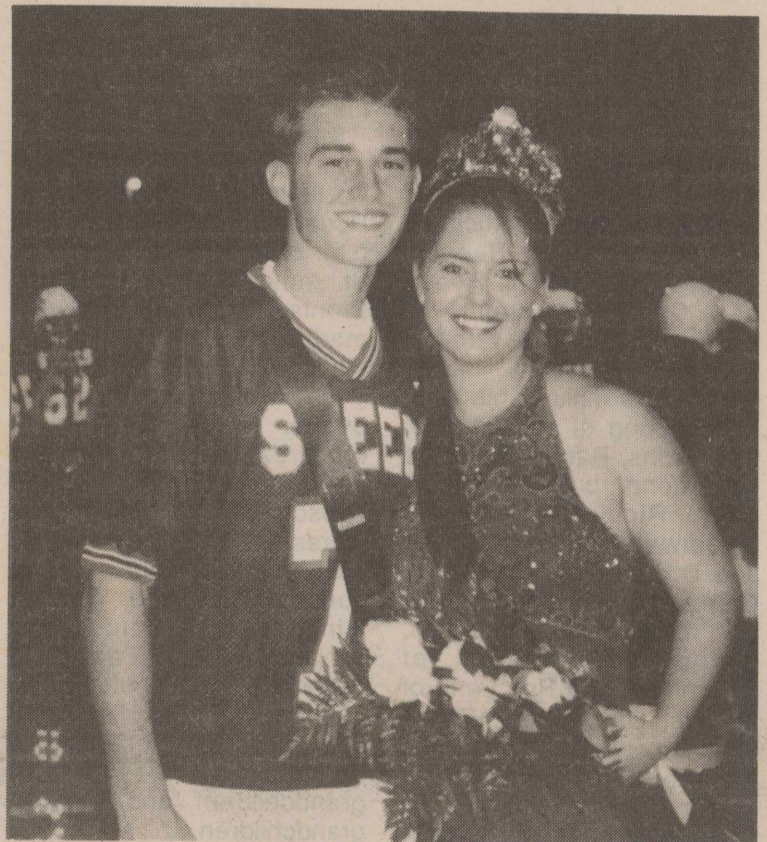
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Library

Coke County Library Book Sale

The Coke County Library will hold a book sale this Saturday, October 9, from 9:00 to 2:00. Paperback books will sell for 10 cents each, hardback books will sell for 25 cents each. A special offer of \$5.00 for a sack-full will be offered during the sale.

The sale will include some new books, some old and some very old books, some children's books, and a mixture of fiction and non-fiction. Benefits from the sale will be used for plastic carpet protectors and a book drop if enough money is raised.

The Coke County Library is pleased to report that a copy of The History of First Baptist Church, Blackwell, Texas, 1909-1999 was presented to the library last week. The book is a tribute to the co-authors and their persistence,



Named Robert Lee Homecoming King and Queen last Friday night during halftime ceremonies were Brandon Van Huss and Ashley Townsend.

their research and their church. Any patron who has connections to the Blackwell community will find mention and often pictures of people they will recognize.

The opening chapters of the history of the nation, the state and the community make good reading and place the church in historical context. One of the interesting items includes a partial listing of the sixty or so private schools that existed in what is now Nolan County from 1876-1905. "A private school accommodated students in a four-mile area. The teacher was any fairly-well educated person willing to serve."

The History is an inspiration to read and reflects dedication and hard work.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday 8-4; Thursday 1-5; Friday 8-12. Story Hour is Tuesday at Ten.

RLHS Junior class fajita dinner

The Robert Lee Junior Class will be hosting a fajita dinner on Friday, October 8, 1999, from 5:00 p.m. 'til 7:00 p.m. before the Robert Lee-Roscoe football game. Tickets are available from any junior class member and are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Take outs and delivery are also available.

Cowboy Preacher to speak

Reverend Mike Randolph will be speaking at Victory Assembly of God on Sunday October 10th at 6:00 p.m. God has used Rev. Randolph in planting churches and preaching in different parts of the world. Rev. Randolph is currently a missionary to the American Cowboy. He and his wife actively participate as well as minister at rodeos and cutting horse competitions. If you are interested in any of these areas and would like to hear Rev. Randolph speak please join us. For more information or a ride, contact Loyd Thurman at 915-453-2076.

Hunter's Barbecue needs desserts

The annual Hunter's Wild Game Barbecue in Bronte will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 & 7, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm each day. Coordinator Kerry Hall would like to make an appeal to area cooks that desserts are needed for each day's lunch. If you would like to donate a dessert for either or both days, please contact Kerry at 473-2065.

Robert Lee City Hall

Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 11 in observance of Columbus Day.



Steve Eldred, a Bronte High School Sophomore, was honored during the Longhorn's Pep Rally last Friday by KTXS Channel 12 as their Pepsi Player of the Week. Eldred earned this honor following his outstanding performance in the annual Coke County Championship against the Robert Lee Steers where he rushed for 247 yards and 2 touchdowns.

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Death Notices

Long

Ortho Kyle Long, 67, of Robert Lee died October 4, 1999, at his residence.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church, officiated by Reverend Jim Reeves. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery, under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Long of Robert Lee; three sons, Randy Long and Kyle Long, both of Robert Lee, Richard Long of Sweetwater; five brothers, Joe D. Long of Fort Worth, Glen Long of Arlington, Billy Bob Long of San Angelo, Johnny Mac Long of Brownfield, and Roy Long of Pasadena; two sisters, Wanda Montgomery of Dallas and Joy Stapp of Fort Worth, and six grandchildren.

Stuckey

The Rev. L.R. "Lee" Stuckey, 92, died Tuesday, September 28, 1999, in a Snyder hospital.

Service was held at 2 pm Friday at the First Baptist Church in Bronte with burial in Bronte Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Stuckey of Snyder; a daughter, Carolyn Hamby of Snyder; a son, David Stuckey of Merkel; a granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Minjarez

Inez O. Minjarez, 77, died Saturday, October 2, 1999 at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Service was held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday at St. James Catholic Church in Bronte. Rosaries were held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday at St. James Catholic Church in Bronte. Arrangements were made by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Inez was preceded in death by her husband Favian T. Minjarez, a daughter Eva Stewart, a brother Isidro Orosco, and a sister Lupe Flores.

Survivors include three sons: Ralph and Yolanda Minjarez of Olton; Isidro Minjarez of Bronte; Favian and Angela Minjarez of Robert Lee; one daughter, Mary Ann and Guillermo Resendez of Sterling City; 14 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Rummage Sale

The Sorosis Study Club will hold its annual rummage sale Saturday, October 16 from 8 am to 2 pm on the parking lot of the First National Bank in Bronte.

Funds raised at this event will be used to support the club's community projects.

The next club meeting will be October 14, 7:30 pm in the home of Pat Lee.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

For

BOB

Six great area bands have offered to play a benefit for **BOB WRINKLE**, a patient at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Donations can be made at the Pavilion, County Park in Robert Lee. This great music event will be **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**, from noon until late evening. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic lunch, and a caring, giving heart!

Texas Cowboys Choir NDC Mystery Band
La Promesa Band Silver Creek
Strays • Sundown

FMI: Matt Wilson, 947-7182
or Robin Sparks, 453-2548.

Dance, visit and enjoy!

Obituaries

Hugh S. (Bub) Lewis

Our daddy, granddaddy and friend went to be with his Lord on October 4, 1999 following a short illness.

Dad was born September 15, 1915, in Calallen, Texas, to Hugh S. and Lexie James Lewis. He graduated from Ballinger High School, then worked for his father before enlisting in the Army in 1938.

Bub served his country in the Pacific in World War II, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism as well as the Purple Heart. He reached the rank of Captain before retiring from the Army in 1946.

He was married January 26, 1941, in Robert Lee, Texas, to Billie Doris Partin. His wife of 37 years preceded him in death in 1978.

Bub was postmaster in Robert Lee from 1948 until his retirement in 1974, when he could devote his time to his first passion, fishing.

Bub spent much of his life on the banks of the Colorado

River near Leaday, where he always had a line in the water, a pot of coffee on the campfire, a story on his lips and a smile in his heart. A friend of many, Bub loved his fellow man and lived his life accordingly.

Bub was preceded in death by his beloved wife Billie, his parents, his brother Ed in World War II, and his sister Frances on September 7, 1999.

Survivors include his son Pat and wife Cindy, daughters Gayle Moseley and husband Joe, and Lexie Hollway and husband Bob; grandchildren Jason Lewis, Tracy Saunders, Bobby Hollway, Cameron Hollway and Edie Hollway,

Ft. Chadbourne stories needed

The gifted and talented class of Robert Lee Junior High is researching old Ft. Chadbourne for a presentation to be given to the Tom Green Historical Society in the spring of next year. In addition, they are assisting Mr. Richards in compiling historical information that might help with the renovation of the fort. If anyone in Coke County has old family stories that they would be willing to share, this class would be most interested in recording them. For more information or to volunteer stories, please call Vicki Neace at the junior high, 453-4556.

Scholastic book fair

A scholastic book fair will be held in the Robert Lee High School Library on Tuesday, Oct. 12, Wednesday, Oct. 13, and Thursday, Oct. 14, from 8:00 to 4:00 each day.

Family night is set for Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 5:00 to 7:00.

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Dawn Hicks and Chad Moseley. He also is survived by seven great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Sylvia Goeltz, five nieces and nephews and very special loved ones Sue Albers of Minneapolis and Jonny Wolfe of San Angelo.

The family is gathering at the home of Lexie and Bob Hollway at 817 Koberlin and requests memorials be sent to a favorite charity, since Bub gave to so many.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 7, 1999 at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church with Rev John Reynolds officiating. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Grandsons and Great-grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Wolfe, Kenneth Prine, and Tony Aguirre.

Taps

*Day is done
gone the sun
from the hills
from the fields
from the sky
all is well
safely rest
God is nigh.*

11-1tp

Churches of Robert Lee

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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir
Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
(915) 453-2208

Rev. Loyd Thurman, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Bro. Miller Robinson, Int. Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Catholic Church
601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Chesshir-Lee exchange vows

Laura Ann Chesshir and Timothy Michael Lee were married September 25, 1999, at the James Rogers Gazebo in San Angelo with Mr. Tommy Williams officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Chesshir of Robert Lee. The groom is the son of Sharon Lee and the late Louis Lee of Robert Lee.

Matron of honor was Rachel Hinderliter, sister of the bride. Jamie Chesshir served as maid of honor.

Best man was Brandon Gibbs, nephew of the groom, from Bronte, Texas. Serving as a groomsman was Cody Hinderliter of Sterling City, Texas. Usher was Eric Torres.

Molli Hinderliter served as the flower girl and Cooper Hinderliter served as the ring bearer.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Robert Lee High School. She is currently an LVN at Robert Lee Care Center. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Bronte High School and is currently employed by Ivey Motor Company in Robert Lee.



Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lee

Ambulance runs for Sept.

On 9-2-99 at 8:15 a.m. there was a medical transport; on 9-3-99 at 7:00 p.m.; standby at football game; on 9-4-99 at 11:38 a.m.; medical transport, on 9-5-99 at 11:35 p.m.; medical transport, on 9-8-99 at 11:38 p.m.; medical transport, on 9-9-99 at 10:39 a.m.; medical transport, on 9-15-99 at 5:03 p.m.; medical transport, on 9-16-99 at 7:00 p.m.; standby at football game, on 9-18-99 at 8:40 a.m.; medical transport, on 9-19-99 at 11:36 a.m.; motor vehicle accident, on 9-23-99 at 7:00 p.m.; standby at football game, on 9-25-99 at 10:31 a.m.; medical transport, on 9-25-99 at 4:03 p.m.; medical transport, and on 9-27-99 at 7:30 p.m.; medical transport.

RLVFD news by Marian Thompson, Secretary

The fire department held its first meeting of October on the 4th. President Larry Martin presided; 11 members were present. The minutes were read and approved.

What still needs to be done to truck 6 was the only topic of discussion. They then adjourned and went to work on truck 6.

As of this date, the truck needs only a few minor alterations to be fire-ready. They filled the water tank, and field tested it.

It is painted white, and looks much like the other trucks, except the water tank is low profile, and it is not top heavy. It will be more useful at a range

fire. It holds 900 gallons of water.

In the last 3 months our fire fighters responded to 13 calls; 6 of them were grass or range fires; 3 of them were caused by lightning, burning at least 175 acres.

This same period last year, we had a total of 6 calls. Three were grass, one being the fire at Silver.

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. The firemen are dedicated volunteers and must leave their jobs to answer the fire call.

Crowd control is a big problem. Curious citizens endanger themselves and hinder firemen. Everyone not involved with fighting the fire is urged to stay at least 500 feet behind the fire trucks.

BRONTE AMBULANCE CLOSES DOORS

The East Coke County Ambulance Service will no longer be responding to emergencies due to the diminishing numbers of volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians.

*** That headline could become a reality.** Fortunately, there are enough members that are willing to volunteer their time to keep the doors open for now. Although, we cannot guarantee there will be a crew on a daily basis. We are asking the community for help. We need at least 10 people to sign up for an EMT class tentatively set for December 1, 1999. There have only been two sign up from Bronte and two from Robert Lee.

The more people we can get to volunteer as an EMT, the less time all the members will be scheduled to be on call.

If you are interested or would like to make any suggestions or comments concerning the ambulance service, please feel free to contact David Hargrave at 473-2309.

Someone's life may depend on it.

Thanks,
East Coke County Ambulance Service

Deadline for sign up is October 21st.

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Bronte School News

Longhorns down Eagles

The Bronte Longhorns played host to the Sterling City Eagles last Friday night and came away with a 19-3 victory raising their season record to 4-1. Game stats are as follows:

First Downs Bronte 17 - Sterling City 11; Rushing Yards Bronte 198 - Sterling City 64; Passing Yards Bronte 148 - Sterling City 197; Fumbles lost Bronte 1-1 - Sterling City 2-1.

The Horns scored at the 6:56 mark of the second period when QB Brandon Gibbs hit Zeb Speary on a 47 yard TD pass reception. The extra point failed. Then with .55 left in the half Steve Eldred, behind good blocking from the left side of the offensive line, scored to make the score 12-0. Sterling City quickly drove down the field and kicked a

Shorthorns defeat Sterling City

The Bronte Shorthorns traveled to Sterling City last Thursday evening and brought home a 22-16 victory.

Scoring for the Shorthorns were Garrett Fiveash with a 65 yard run, the conversion failed; Cody Lee with 12 yard run, the two point conversion was good on a Lee pass to Justin Moore. Garrett Fiveash posted his second TD of the evening with an 8 yard run and then topped off the score with a run for the two point conversion.

field goal with no time remaining in the half, making the half time score Bronte 12 - Sterling City 3.

The second half belonged to the Longhorns as they scored once and shut out the Eagles, making the final score Bronte 19 - Sterling City 3.

The Horns open district play on the road this Friday, 7:30 pm against Santa Anna. Come out and enjoy some football as the Horns begin their quest for a District Championship.

Longhorn Band news

By George Tomes

I am proud to say that we have a very fine High School Band! We are looking forward to a very successful year.

As you should already know, UIL marching competition will be in Brady on Oct. 16th. We have a very strong show to perform and expect to do very well. After we make our division I rating in Brady, the Area contest will be in Ft. Worth on Oct. 23rd.

We need every student at both of these events. If we score high at Area, we will perform for the No. 1 spot in Class A high school marching bands at the State contest in Austin! Having even one person out can affect our score in a very negative way! On Oct. 16th, we will meet at the Band Hall at 8 a.m. and depart for Brady by 8:15 a.m. We will warm up at 10:30 and perform at 11 a.m. We will eat at the Brady stadium concession stand, so bring extra money for that. We will come back to Bronte after they announce our scores (around noon). We should be back by 2 p.m. We need parents to come with us and help get the students ready. Please call Mr. Tomes, as soon as possible if you can do this.

We need all parents, relatives and friends to go to Brady that day and support our band. Seeing and hearing alot of fans in the stands can have a positive effect on our rating. Please be there! Thank you for your support!

Brewer retires

In May 1999, Wanda Brewer retired from a long, successful career as an educator for Bronte ISD. Mr. Alan Richey extends his deepest appreciation for her 21 years of service and dedication to the school and community.

Before joining the faculty at Bronte in 1978, Mrs. Brewer taught in Wingate for 4 years. She has worn many hats during her career. She began teaching migrant education and extended her field to teach reading, English, and business courses throughout her tenure. She was also the past sponsor of the Bronte chapter of the Texas Association of Future Educators and Gifted and Talented program.

Wanda and her husband, Charles, have two children, David, who lives in Alaska, and Monty, who lives in Winters. She has four wonderful grandchildren. Mrs. Brewer plans to spend time traveling, visiting grandchildren, and quilting with her latest investment now that she is retired. The administration, school board, employees, faculty, and students of Bronte ISD will greatly miss Wanda Brewer and wish her all the best.

Help your child develop good study habits

Ever wonder how your child can study with the TV and radio blaring? Not very well-according to most experts.

"Parents need to designate a quiet, private area with good lighting where their child can concentrate," said Dr. Teresa Rice at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Allow your child time to unwind and have a snack after school. Establish a consistent, appropriate time for homework or study. Use a wall calendar to denote dates for assignments and exams. Supervise and review homework but do not do the work yourself.

Keeping up with homework and assigned reading limits pre-exam cramming. Tell



Bronte ISD Superintendent Alan Richey presents Wanda Brewer with a plaque of appreciation for her years of service to the Bronte school system upon her retirement.

your child to review the most important, difficult or least favorite topics first. Developing outlines, organizing topics and highlighting key sections of class notes can help. Quiz your child by asking questions or having your child explain what he or she read or studied.

Offer praise and encouragement and provide small rewards when goals are met.

BHS Volleyball

The Lady Horns faced off against Colorado City September 28th and posted the following scores.

Maroon JV lost 12-15 and 14-16. Stats for the game were: Tiffany Riordan 2 kills, 1 assist; Jenna Herrold 2 kills and 2 aces; Kayla Hilliard 1 kill; and Kyla McGinnis 1 ace.

JV White also lost 14-16, 15-5 and 2-15. Stats were: Kelly Cooper 1 kill, 1 ace; Heather Richey 3 kills, 1 block, and 1 ace; Joel Sefcik 1 kill, 1 assist; Lindsay Springer 1 kill and 3 assists.

The varsity posted the only win of the evening 15-5 and 15-10. Kala Arrott had 4 kills in the game; Jade Richards 4 assists; Lacy Schoenfield 5 assists; Lauren Williams 5

blocks; Britni Adams 1 block; Stormy White 2 kills; Chrissie Counts 2 kills; Cara Sefcik 1 kill; and Jennifer Sturgill 1 kill.

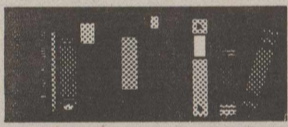
The Ladies were up against Miles October 5. The Maroon team lost 15-11, 7-15 and 6-15. Tiffany Riordan had 2 kills, 2 assists, Chrissie Isreal 2 assists; Jenna Herrold 1 kill, 1 ace; Heather Sturgill 3 kills, 1 ace; Kayla Hilliard 1 kill; and Kyla McGinnis 2 kills, 1 assist. Heather Sturgill posted some good serves in the game and Kayla Hilliard and Jenna Herrold had good passes.

The White team also lost against Miles 13-15 and 9-15. Heather Richey had 2 blocks; Joel Sefcik 1 kill; Lindsay Springer 1 assist and 1 ace; Crystal Jackson 1 ace.

The varsity team won 15-16, 12-15 and 15-8. The win boosted the Ladies record to 10-9.

Kala Arrott had 10 kills, 6 blocks; Brooke McCutchen 5 kills, Jade Richards 2 kills, 8 assists, and 3 blocks; Lacy Schoenfield 7 assists; Natasha Reed 4 kills; Lauren Williams 2 blocks; Britni Adams 2 kills; Stormy White 1 kill; Cara Sefcik 2 assists, 1 block; and Jennifer Sturgill 1 kill

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, Oct. 11
Cereal, Apple Sauce, Biscuit, Milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 12
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancake, Milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Scrambled Eggs, Potato Wedges, Biscuit, Milk.

Thursday, Oct. 14
French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffins, Milk.

Friday, Oct. 15
Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, Oct. 11
Pizza, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Rice Krispie Bar, Milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 12
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sliced Pears, Rolls, Milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Ranch Style Beans, Bun, Jello, Milk.

Thursday, Oct. 14
Taco's w/Cheese, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Taco Shells, Apple Crisp, Milk.

Friday, Oct. 15
Cheese Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Bun, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk.

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Friday, October 8
7:30 pm THERE

BRONTE LONGHORNS
vs.
Santa Anna Mountaineers

			BHS	
September 3	Menard	There	8:00	6 7
** September 10	Rankin	Here	8:00	21 6
September 17	Roby	There	8:00	41 6
September 24	Robert Lee	Here	8:00	35 0
October 1	Sterling City	Here	8:00	19 3
* October 8	Santa Anna	There	7:30	
* October 15	Cross Plains	Here	7:30	
* October 22	Eden	There	7:30	
* October 29	Baird	There	7:30	
* November 5	Miles	Here	7:30	

* District Games ** Homecoming



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Robert Lee School News

Steers blank the Bearkats

by Bill Burns

The Steers did their job last Friday night as they defeated the Garden City Bearkats 30-0. It was the first win of the season for the Steers and they did it up right.

1st Quarter

The Steers received the kick to start the game. From the first play of scrimmage Beau Boxell ran a keeper around the left end for a seventeen yard gain. Then the Kat defense tightened up and Boxell punted 33 yards for the Steers.

The Kats made one first down but the Steer defense forced a Kat fumble and Joel Gallegos recovered for the Steers.

The Steers took over at the Kat 35 yard line. Boxell carried for a 14 yard gain. Chase Rainwater carried for a 4 yard gain. Andrew McCabe carried for 7 yards, then 4 yards. Garrett Brown carried for three yards and then caught a 7 yard TD pass from Boxell.

2nd Quarter

The Steers owned this quarter as the Kats had to punt on the second play of the quarter.

Rainwater ran for 5 yards, Boxell for 11 yards and McCabe for 7 yards.

Then Boxell went to the air, hitting Rainwater for a 17 yard reception, and a pass to McCabe netted 24 yards and a Steer TD.

The Kats could not move the ball against the tough Steer defense, and had to punt.

Boxell handed the ball to McCabe for a 5 yard gain on the first play. On the second play the ball again went to McCabe and 80 yards later the Steers had another TD. Excellent blocking and an excellent run.

3rd Quarter

This was a defensive quarter for both teams. The Kats mustered only 18 yards offense to the Steers 33 yards. Matthew Pitcock caught a Boxell pass for 17 yards.

The Steers got down to the Kat 3 yard line, but had to settle for a field goal by Deric Brothers.

4th Quarter

The Steer defense held the Kats to 13 yards offense this quarter, while the Steers moved the ball very well.

RL 5th Quarter

The 5th quarter activities for this week's Friday night football game will be held at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of 9th and Chadbourne. This week's 5th Quarter is co-sponsored by the Methodist Church and the Catholic Church. 5th Quarter will be open immediately following the game, closing at midnight, and the activities will be held in the fellowship hall and in the recently opened youth room. Pizza, soft drinks, and other snacks will be provided. Games will also be held. All the youth are invited to attend.

McCabe had a 37 yard total on the ground and a pass for 13 yards. Lewis Samaniego, who has been a force on the defense, had one carry for nine yards. Stewart Millican had a total of nine yards. Colby Eubanks had a three yard run.

Boxell had a carry for 1 yard and the last TD for the Steers. Brothers was good on his third extra point of the night. **Keep up the good work Steers!!!!**

Homecoming parade

The float results from the parade are: 1st place- Head Start; 2nd place- 6th grade; 3rd place- 5th grade; and 4th place- Freshman class. Thanks to all the float participants.

RLHS Student Council

Robert Lee "A" honor roll

1st six weeks

7th Grade

Jake McCabe, Julie Riley, and Lindsey Roe.

8th Grade

Rachel Wallace

9th Grade

Ashlee Millican, Joanna Pedersen, Cooper Riley, and Shelby Roe.

10th Grade

Jennifer Alexander, Jamie Chesshir, Rachelle Mills, Trichelle Gray, Bobbie Sparks, and Shanna Wojtek.

11th Grade

Mary Arellano, DeShira Dickey, Amber Freeman, and Erin Millican.

12th Grade

B.J. Bessent, Daniel Cates, Christian De Los Santos, Joel Gallegos, Dan McCown, Matthew Pitcock, Ashley Townsend, and Joseph Wink.

Robert Lee "A/B" honor roll

1st six weeks

7th Grade

Wade Arledge, Stacey Denton, Kayli Dickey, Alana Parker, Michelle Sanchez,



Robert Lee Head Start placed 1st with their entry in the Homecoming Parade last Friday afternoon.

Brittany Soliz, and Ashley Womack.

8th Grade

Brian Abalos, Josh Alexander, Phillip Arellano, Chris Eubanks, Jennifer Fluhmann, Jessica Fluhmann, Tyler Lott, and Travis Taylor.

9th Grade

Amber Brosh, Misti Brothers, Adam Caston, April Cowart, Sean Edging, Kindra Johnson, Amie Kendall, Christina Middleton, Stewart Millican, Jennifer Nesbit, Travis Pitcock, Robert Sailer, Nicole Sanchez, Rebecca Welch, and James Wojtek.

10th Grade

Charles Abalos, Joe Arledge, Bret Ballew, Adam Cates, Jodee Helwig, Amanda Kuhl, Kelley Long, and Amy Riley.

11th Grade

Lane Fenton, James Gallegos, Lewis Samaniego, and Dee Van Huss.

12th Grade

Deric Brothers, Shyla Cole,

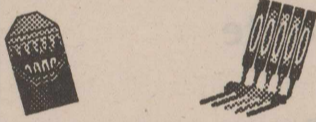
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Look Who's New!

Jett Bryan Hood

We would like to welcome Jett Bryan Hood. He was born on September 12, 1999 at 11:12 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Wesley and Amy Hood of San Angelo. Angela Hood is his proud big sister. Grandparents are William and Rhonda Hood of Robert Lee and Robert and Donna Powell of Sachse, Texas. Great Grandparents are Douglas and Erma Lee Gartman of Robert Lee, Frank and Nelda Powell of San Angelo, and Opal Moore of San Angelo.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, October 11

Holiday

Tuesday, October 12

Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Milk.

Wednesday, October 13

Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Milk.

Thursday, October 14

Orange Juice, Donut, Cereal, Milk.

Friday, October 15

Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk.

Lunch

Monday, October 11

Holiday

Tuesday, October 12

Chicken Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Pears, Milk.

Wednesday, October 13

Frito Pie w/Cheese, Corn, Pinto Beans, Cake, Milk.

Thursday, October 14

Fish w/Tartar Sauce, Tater Tots, Blackeye Peas, Hushpuppies, Peaches, Milk.

Friday, October 15

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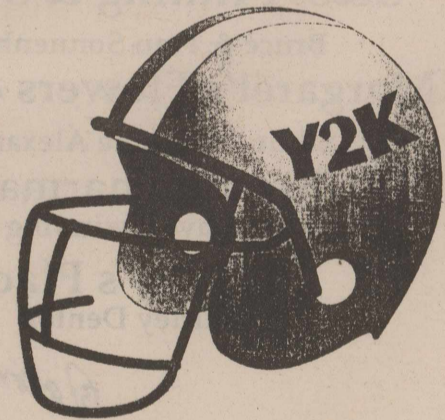
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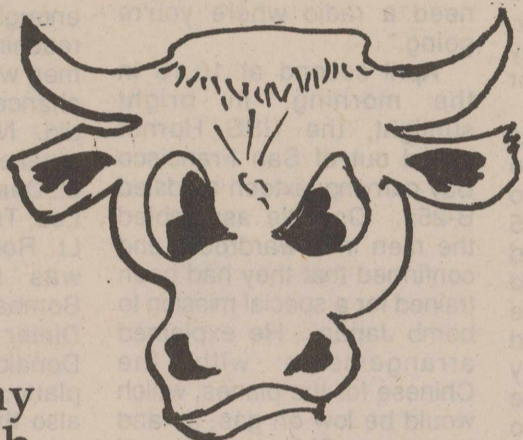
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September 17	Eden	There	8:00	6	48
September 24	Bronte	There	8:00	0	35
** October 1	Garden City	Here	7:30	30	0
* October 8	Roscoe	Here	7:30		
* October 15	Roby	Here	7:30		
* October 22	Sterling City	There	7:30		
* October 29	Rotan	Here	7:30		
* November 5	Water Valley	There	7:30		

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Reflections of the Past

Coke Countian remembered

(Researcher and author is Frankie Fletcher Williams, a Coke Countian who lives in Nevada. In memory of Dean Hallmark - January 20, 1914 - October 15, 1942)

President Franklin Roosevelt had what news correspondent Quentin Reynolds called, "a fierce, consuming hatred for the Japanese." He wanted to strike the Japanese homeland long before Pearl Harbor. Claire Chennault, advisor to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was commanding the First American Volunteer Group which was defending the Burma Road. A Second American Volunteer Group was recruited to fly Lockheed Hudson and Douglas DB-7 bombers bearing Chinese insignia in raids against Japan's home islands. Sixty-six planes and crews were secretly released from the U.S. Army and Navy and financed by private companies with government approval. They left the United States November 21, 1941 and were at sea when the attack came on Pearl Harbor.

Roosevelt pressed his staff to find a way to take the war to Japan. Industrialists offered large sums of money to the first person to bomb Tokyo. Roosevelt tried to persuade Joseph Stalin to do this for us but already hard pressed by the Germans, Stalin feared a two front war. We tried to negotiate an American base near the Russian seaport of Vladivostok, 600 miles from Tokyo, but Stalin would not agree.

Capt. Francis Low, an operations officer for Adm. Ernest J. King was in Norfolk on January 10, 1942 to inspect the navy's newest carrier, USS Hornet. A submariner, Low noticed a line painted across a runway marking the length of a carrier that was used by navy pilots to safely practice short-run takeoffs and landings. As he watched two twin engine army bombers practice a bombing run down the simulated deck, an idea began to form. Bombers mastering the short-run takeoff could be moved by a carrier into a strike zone and we could bomb Japan!

March 1, 1942 Jimmy Doolittle was given his command and 140 men had

volunteered for what would be the most dangerous undertaking of their lives. They crowded into the operations office at Elgin Field, near Pensacola, Florida. Doolittle got to the point; he made it very clear that if any man decided to drop out, it would not be held against him. Next, he raised what he said was the most important issue, the utmost secrecy. Last of all, he told them they had three weeks to train for the mission.

Naval Lt. "Hank" Miller was given an unusual order, to teach some army pilots how to take off from a carrier in a B-25 in fifteen days. Miller had never flown a B-25. He had never even seen one! The army fliers remedied that and working together they developed a standard for the take-off run. They also mastered low level flying, sometimes inches off the ground for long distances. Fifty-five hours of training was scheduled for each crew and that time was equally divided between day and night navigation.

Despite secrecy, as training progressed, Miller instructed the crews on proper behavior aboard a navy vessel and everyone knew their mission destination would be Japan. The pilots and crews personalized their planes with names and insignias and in the third week of March took off on a two-thousand mile flight to test navigation skills and their

ability to achieve optimal gas mileage. They were trained, willing and eager to go. March 23rd, Doolittle made the announcement, "Today's the day we move out!" Sixteen crews flew across the United States in small groups to McClellan Field, California where the radio equipment was removed from the planes. They were told, "You won't need a radio where you're going."

April second at 10:15 in the morning, in bright sunlight, the USS Hornet sailed out of San Francisco Bay carrying sixteen modified B-25s. Doolittle assembled the men in a wardroom and confirmed that they had been trained for a special mission to bomb Japan. He explained arrangements with the Chinese for the planes, which would be low on gas, to land in eastern China, refuel and proceed to Chungking.

Again, he said there were spare crewmen and any volunteer could still change his mind but no one did. Ten planes were given targets in Tokyo, three in Yokama and the remaining three Nogoya, Kobe and Osaka.

The task force was discovered April 18 by the Japanese who began moving naval units toward them. Halsey could not risk his ships. In high seas, 150 miles short of the planned launch point, Doolittle took off in the lead plane at 8:17 a.m. The mission, a well planned calculated risk was now a suicide mission.

Knowing they didn't have enough fuel to be assured of reaching the China coast, the men were once more given a chance to withdraw. No one did. Number six in the order of take-off of the Raiders was Lt. Dean E. Hallmark of Robert Lee, Texas. His Co-Pilot was Lt. Robert Meder, Navigator was Lt. Chase Nielsen, Bombardier, S/Sgt. William Dieter and his Gunner Sgt. Donald Fitzmaurice. Dean's plane, "Green Hornet" was also the sixth plane to reach Japan and he successfully bombed his assigned military

target, a group of steel mills, under heavy anti-aircraft fire. Four minutes short of the Chinese coast the Green Hornet ran out of gas and Hallmark had to ditch. He calmly gave orders to the crew and held the plane steady and level until the engines quit. The plane bounced off a wave and broke apart. The left wing sheared off, then the fuselage split open and the sea took them. The Bombardier, Bill Dieter screamed in pain. Hallmark went through the windshield. Navigator, Chas Nielsen was knocked unconscious. He came to with a broken nose and climbed out of the wave onto the top of the plane where he found Bob Meder. Despite deep cuts in his legs, Dean Hallmark joined them. Donald Fitzmaurice pulled himself through a side window.

Fifteen foot waves lashed the wreckage and it sank into the icy water. The life raft could not be inflated. It took four hours to swim to shore. Meder pulled Fitzmaurice along with him and discovered he was dead when they got to

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In Loving Memory of Our Mother, Laura Jones

As I remember years gone by
I recall a certain phrase
For very often, MOM would say
"Well that's a Mother's place."
It was her place to heal a hurt.
With the gentlest tender kiss
To remind us of forgotten chores
When we had been remiss.
It was her place to cook our meals,
And make us go to school,
To make us mind our manners
And to learn the Golden Rule.
It was her place our Mother said
To brighten up the world,
And so she did but still had time
For all her boys and girls.
Now there's a corner of my heart
The biggest, warmest space,
And none shall ever claim that part,
For that is MOTHER'S PLACE.
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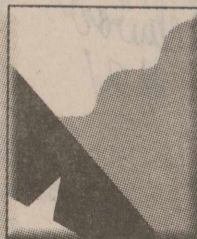
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...Reflections

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the beach. The tide brought Dieter's body ashore and he was also dead. Hallmark and Nielsen came ashore separately. The three survivors tried to get off the beach quickly, knowing that the territory was Japanese occupied. Nielsen climbed to some high ground and raised his head to see a man he thought was Chinese holding a large knife who took him to a village near the shoreline. Dean also wandered into the same village where he was taken to a house and given hot tea by some Chinese soldiers. He tried to communicate. One of the soldiers signaled a warning that someone was coming. Fearing the Japanese, Hallmark searched for something to fight with. He found a club of sorts and moved to the door and raised the club over his head. When the door opened, the man who entered was Nielsen.

They were taken to a Chinese garrison an hour away where they found Bob Meder. In darkness the Chinese took the three back to the dead bodies of Deter and Fitzmaurice which they buried there on the beach. So, the crew of the Green Hornet was at the mercy of puppet Chinese forces in the vicinity of Nanchang. The three were hidden in a tiny compartment below decks in a rotting old sampan. Sick, wounded and scared, they covered themselves with rags and mats in bilge water with floating human waste. The Chinese were trying to get them to the mainland and into free China but when the sampan reached Wenchow and Captain Ling went ashore, he came back with the news of their air strike and told them the Japanese were searching for them all along the coast. Ling took them into Wenchow that night and turned them over to a Mr. Wong, an elderly Chinese who had been educated in England.

Wong gave them clean, hearty food and warned them of the brutality of the Japanese, then he led them through a maze of alleys trying to get out of the city. Soon, they realized they were surrounded. They entered a tiny, empty room with no hiding places. Hallmark, called "Jungle Jim" because he was well over six feet and weighed 200 pounds, backed into a corner and tried to cover himself with some sacks. Nielsen and Meder climbed up Hallmark's knees and shoulders to hide in the rafters. Wong sat down cross legged and pretended to be trying to light a small charcoal burner. When the door swung open, the Japanese entered. One soldier stood in the doorway with a machine gun and another kicked at the sacks until he uncovered Dean Hallmark. In perfect English the officer said that if Hallmark didn't stand, he would be shot. When he stood he was asked where the other two were. Hallmark said he didn't know what they were talking about. At that point, the officer began to

beat Wong who fell against the wall right below Meder and Nielsen. He looked up and then pointed at the Americans. They climbed down and the three became the prisoners of the Japanese.

Their hands were tied behind their backs and the Japanese led them through Wenchow kicking and beating them sadistically. They arrived in Shanghai on April 24 where they endured brutal interrogations at the hand of the Kemper Tai, the Japanese army's military police, trained in sadistic methods. At first they were beaten from head to toe, front and back with long bamboo poles. Then they were taken to separate rooms with cuffs on their hands and feet and baskets over their heads. The interrogators doubted that it was possible to have launched the B-25s from a carrier but they had apparently found something to link the operation to the carrier Hornet. With each evasive answer the sadism escalated. They were tied and stretched on their backs while water was forced into their mouths and noses until they passed out. Then the Japanese forced the water out of them by jumping on their stomachs. They were stretched on a torture rack. They all endured the "knee spread". Kneeling, hands tied behind their backs, a pole three inches thick was placed behind their knees, then guards jumped on their thighs forcing the knee joints to spread until they lost consciousness. After a series of "treatments" circulation was affected and the legs mercifully went numb. Each torture session on the prisoners lasted two hours.

They were all kept in solitary confinement, given meager rations of tea and rice and deprived of sleep. They were never allowed to bathe or shave. April 25th they were flown to Tokyo and brought together but they were not allowed to speak. Each was stunned by the conditions of the others. For the next 18 days, they were questioned twenty-four hours a day. Finally, they were shown a set of maps from one of the downed B-25s. They had endured the torture for nothing, the Japanese had known the answers all the time. After that, the fliers slept at night and were tortured all day. They were weakened by dysentery. There was a hole in the floor for a toilet and no medical aid of any kind.

On May 22 the men were lead into an interrogation room, seated at a table and without translators forced to sign confessions to war crimes. The torture ceased. Two weeks later, wrists and ankles cuffed, they were photographed and driven to a railroad station. They spent two days chained to seats on a train to Nagasaki. They had not washed or changed clothing in two months and all suffered from dysentery. At this time, they were given decent food and allowed to talk freely with each other. Next, they boarded a ship and for two days they were well fed and well treated. June 19th, the ship docked in Shanghai and the three were transferred to the Bridge

House Jail and crowded into a cell with five other Americans, the crew of the "Bat Out of Hell", the sixth take off plane, pilot Lt. William Farrow and his crew, Capt. Jacob DeShazor, Lt. Robert Hite, Lt. George Barr and Sgt. Harold Spatz and fifteen Chinese prisoners. At this time, Hallmark was too weak to stand. Some of the Chinese were comatose and near death. There wasn't enough room for everyone to lie down. They took turns standing in over-powering heat.

The eight Americans had barely enough food to live, tea and rice with maggots and worms. Nielsen begged them all to eat what ever was offered. He became determined to live and tell the world what had been done to them. Dean Hallmark was so ill at this time that Nielsen tried to force feed him and they all helped to carry him to the hole in the floor that served as a toilet and hold him. Eventually, they all became to weak and exhausted to help each other and they all lay in their own waste, covered with bed bugs and bites from rodents, covered in lice.

On August 28th, the Americans were taken from this cell and put on the bed of a truck. Hallmark was delirious; he had to be carried out on a stretcher. They were taken to Ward Road Jail to a small room where they appeared in Court before five Japanese Officers. The prisoners stood in a row at attention and Hallmark lay on the floor unaware of what was happening. Flies covered his body and he was too weak to brush them away. Major General Shoji Ito had a translator ask each man to briefly address the Court. Nielsen, Spatz, Farrow, Hite, Barr, DeShazer and Meder spoke but Hallmark appeared comatose. Then the prosecutor, Major Hatu read the charges, presented evidence, and showed the signed confessions. He said, "It is evident that they are all guilty in a view of military law; therefore, I request that the penalty be the death sentence." When the Americans asked what had happened, Hatu later said that the Judge ordered him not to respond. The trial was over.

Two Japanese soldiers picked up Dean Hallmark and carried him out. Back at Bridge House Jail, they dumped him into a cell with 20 prisoners of different nationalities and for six weeks he lay there on the floor, too weak to move but alive. The seven other Americans were kept in solitary confinement. Hallmark, Bill Farrow and Harold Spatz had their execution date set. It would be the fifteenth day of October 1942. The day before, the three were moved into a room together. Through an interpreter they were told that they could write brief letters to their families.

"Don't let this get you down," twenty-three year old Bill Farrow, a First Lieutenant from Darlington, South Carolina wrote to his mother. "Remember God will make everything right and I will see you again in the hereafter."

Sergeant Harold Spatz, a twenty-one year old from Lebo, Kansas wrote to his father, "I want you to know I died fighting for my country like a soldier." Dean Hallmark of Robert Lee, Texas had become lucid enough to know what was happening. He was the son of Ollie Dean Hallmark and Amanda Ake and was born at Bronte January 20, 1914. He wrote to his mother and sister, "I hardly know what to say. They have just told me I am liable to execution, I can hardly believe it." He urged his mother to "...try to stand up under this and pray."

At four o'clock in the afternoon they were driven in the bed of a truck under armed guard to a public cemetery. They saw three wooden crosses in a row and they were made to kneel in front of each cross. Their arms were tied behind them to the ends of a bamboo crossbar. They were all blindfolded and a circle of black ink was carefully painted in the center of each man's forehead. The command to fire was given and all three were hit with precision. Second shots were not needed, the three brave American fliers died instantly and bravely!

President Roosevelt knew of the executions of Hallmark, Spatz, and Farrow but kept the news secret until April 1943, a year after the strike on the Japanese homeland. The American people had never been told that any of the Raiders had been captured and innocently assumed that all of the fliers had survived. When the official communiqué was released and the plan of the mission was described at length, it was reported this way, "...because of a combination of circumstances, our planes were unable to reach their assigned landing fields. All of the planes crashed." We learned that one plane came down in Soviet Russian Territory. Others made forced or crash landings in China, some in Japanese occupied territory or in the water off the Chinese coast. Doolittle, who lead the raid, actually had the advantage with the first take-off. He had much more fuel than the planes lined up on the Hornet's deck in heavy seas waiting their turn. Expecting to be Court Martialed for his command of a

mission where he lost every plane, Doolittle made his way across China joined by Major John Hilger, pilot of the 14th take-off plane, reaching Chuchow on Sunday, April 12, where they were decorated by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. Later, Doolittle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Mrs. Hallmark was telegraphed that her son was missing and requested not to disclose or discuss the circumstances due to the grave need for security. In a final act of unreasonable cruelty, the Japanese cremated the bodies of Hallmark, Spatz and Farrow and their ashes were placed in boxes where their names were deliberately changed to conceal the true identity of each man. Hallmark's were labeled J.C. Smith, Lt. William Farrow, the pilot of the last plane to take off, "Bat Out of Hell" had his remains marked H.E. Gande and his bombardier in the sixteenth plane Sgt. Harold Spatz remains were labeled E.L. Brister. Records were found after the war which located and identified the mysterious remains on a shelf at the International Funeral Home in Shanghai, China. They are all reverently buried as the heroes they were at Arlington.

At the ensuing War Crimes Trials, Nielsen testified for two days. Lt. George Barr, Lt. Robert Hite and Cpt. Jacob DeShazer, the crew of the last plane, take-off 16 who had bailed out over China and survived as Japanese prisoners of war for three and a half years described the capture, treatment and torture of our men. Others who testified were Teh Ling Chang who was Chinese and two Russians, Alexander Hindrava and Alexandra Sterelny who had been in the cell with Dean Hallmark of Robert Lee, Texas in the hell on earth, the Bridge House Jail.

All of the Doolittle Raiders received the Distinguished Flying Cross and our most profound gratitude and admiration.

Robert Lee Band Boosters to meet

The Robert Lee Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, October 12, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please join us.

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THE ROBERT LEE STUDENT COUNCIL
would like to express its appreciation for all those who helped in this year's homecoming parade and dance. To all float participants, the Robert Lee Fire Dept., the Coke County Sheriff Dept., and to the many others who helped with the homecoming activities, we would like to thank you. Again this year, a special thanks to Ivey Motor Co. and Ben Bessent Chevrolet.
Robert Lee Student Council
11a-1tc

THANK YOU ALL
so much for your prayers, cards, visits, food and all your love. It meant so much to help me overcome my illness.
Thresa Butner
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Saturday, October 9, 8-2. 324 Briarwood, Bronte.
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NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 1095 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR 1999.
Be it ordained by the City Council of Robert Lee, Texas, that:
We, the City Council of the City of Robert Lee, do hereby levy and adopt the tax rate of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation for this city for the tax year 1999 as follows:
.347908 for the purpose of maintenance and operation.
0 for the payment of principal and interest on debt of this City.
.347908 Total Tax Rate.
The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the City of Robert Lee employing the above tax rates.
The above ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Robert Lee, Texas, on the 13th day of September, and was executed in duplicate.
Garland Davis, Mayor
City of Robert Lee
Attest:
Kay Torres
City Secretary
11a-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Coke County Commissioners' Court will accept bids until 9:00 am Monday, October 11, 1999, in the Coke County Clerk's Office for the following:
One New 1/2 ton Pickup 1999 or 2000
LW bed, white in color, V-8 engine, minimum 5.4 liter, automatic transmission, power steering, factory air conditioning, AM/FM radio, gauges: voltmeter, temperature, oil pressure, vinyl seats and floor covering, front and rear bumper, tinted glass.
Coke County has for trade-in a used 1985 1/2 ton pickup. For further information contact Wayne McCutchen, Commissioner Precinct #2, Bronte, Texas. Coke County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
To the Registered Voters of Bronte, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on November 2, 1999, for voting in a Special election for the adoption of a sales and use tax for the promotion and development of a new and expanded business enterprises at the rate of one-half (1/2) of one percent.
Location of Polling Places: 114 South Washington.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday between the hours of 8-12 am and 1-5 pm beginning on October 18, 1999, and ending on October

...Classifieds

29, 1999. Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Pat Martindale, Box 370, Bronte, Texas 76933. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 26, 1999.

Issued this the 5th day of October, 1999.

Martin Lee
Presiding Officer

AVISO DE ELECCION

A los votantes registrados del Bronte, Texas:

Notifíquese por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abirán desde las 7:00 am hasta las 7:00 pm el 2 de noviembre de 1999 para votar en la Eleccion para La adopción de una mitad de un percento de impuesto adicional sobre las ventas y usos para promover el desarrollo de las empresas nuevas o expandidas.

Dirección de las casillas electorales 114 South Washington.

La votación en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en entre las 8-12 de la mañana y las 1-5 de la tarde empezando el diez y ocho de octubre, 1999 y terminando el veinte y nueve de octubre, 1999.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a: Pat Martindale, Box 370, Bronte, Texas 76933.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el veinte y seis de octubre, 1999.

Emitada este día 5 de octubre, 1999.

Martin Lee
Oficial que Preside

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS November 22, 1999 at 5:00 pm Bronte Housing Authority

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Housing Authority of the City of Bronte to prepare a Five Year Plan and an Annual Plan covering operations of the Public Housing. On November 22, 1999, at 5:00 pm, the Board of Commissioners for the Bronte Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five Year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place at 116 Northeast Railroad in the Office of the Bronte Housing Authority.

The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration

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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION AND SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY OF COKE COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Coke County Water Supply Corporation hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of Coke County Water Supply Corporation, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11382, in Coke County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with the Developer, Subdivision, and Non-Standard Service Requirements contained in Coke County Water Supply Corporation's tariff.

Coke County Water Supply Corporation is not required to extend retail water utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

Applicable elements of the Subdivision Policy include:

- Evaluation by Coke County Water Supply Corporation of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on Coke County Water Supply Corporation's water supply system and payment of the costs for this evaluation;
- Payment of reasonable fees for reserving water supply capacity;
- Forfeiture of reserved water supply service capacity for failure to pay applicable fees;

• Payment of costs of any improvements to Coke County Water Supply Corporation's system that are necessary to provide the water service;

• Construction according to design approved by Coke County Water Supply Corporation and dedication by the developer of water facilities within the subdivision following inspection.

Coke County Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing Coke County Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at Coke County Water Supply Corporation's office at 10390 Highway 158 West, Robert Lee, Texas; the tariff and service area map also are filed of record at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin, Texas, and may be reviewed by contacting the TNRC, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Robert Lee Elementary honor roll

3rd Grade Mrs. Devoll and Mrs. McCown

Garrett Blair, Kaden Duncan, Jasmine Gloria, Holly Austin, Morgan Hill, Caleb Millican, Michael Rodriguez, and Mason Ross.

4th Grade Mrs. Bessent and Mrs. Roberts

Briana Longoria, Allison Millican, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner, Molly Burns, Ashley Hopson, and Sterlin Ebenstein.

5th Grade Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Wilson

Kelsy Duncan, Dixie Johnson, Casey Nesbit, Becca Skinner, Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Cody McCabe, Sarah Philley, Ashleigh Rogers, and Brettne Reed.

6th Grade Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McCabe

Clayton Austin, Tiffany Bagwell, Cara Eaton, Analy Gallegos, Shannon Martin, Vincent McClelland, Amanda Robinson, Stephanie Trejo, Bridgette Barnett, Crystal Colon, Kyla Millican, Lance Millican, Eric Ortega, Carolina Vera, and Cassidy Wink.

Alta Bilbo celebrates 98th birthday

Alta Bilbo and her family celebrated her 98th birthday last weekend. Alta was born October 11, 1901 in Robert Lee to Will and Elizabeth Bell. She was the seventh daughter of ten daughters and one son. Alta and her sister, Robbie Turner of San Angelo, are the only living members of this family.

Alta married Alley Bilbo on June 15, 1921. They were the parents of six daughters. Two daughters are deceased. Alley died January 15, 1992 at the age of 92. Alley and Alta celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary June 15, 1991.

The weekend birthday celebration was hosted by Alta's four daughters: Alta Bell, Jamie, Jo Ann, and Janet at the family home, 901 Bishop.

Twenty-five family members attended worship services at the Robert Lee United Methodist Church Sunday. Special music was presented in honor of Alta by five of her grandchildren: Jerry Littlefield, Jan Hungate, John Boren, and Mark and Judy Kay. They sang the hymn, "An Uncloudy Day."

The joy of being together at Mur's house was enjoyed by 33 family members: Alta Bilbo, Alta Bell and Lamar Kay of Alpine, Jan and Bobby Hungate, Kara and Kayce of Waco; Bob and Jamie Boren



Alta Bilbo

of Robert Lee, Kathy Alexander, Jamie Jo and Joe Bob of Midland, John and Jill Boren and Sloan of Snyder; Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield and Jerry and Debbie Littlefield, all of Grove, Oklahoma; Janet Rathmell of Mertzon; Billy Havins, Zachary and Will of Round Rock, Rebecca and Mike Levesque, Sarah, Christopher, and Lucas of San Angelo; Robbie Turner of San Angelo; Robert McGuire of Robert Lee, and Ava Lou Davis of Robert Lee.

Norm Cash, major league batting champ of past years, realizing he had no chance to avoid being the final out of a Nolan Ryan no-hitter, went to the plate with a table leg.

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Alisha is a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School and is currently employed by the San Angelo State School in Carlsbad. Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of San Angelo Central High School, he is currently employed in the Dallas area. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Choate of San Angelo.

Alisha is the granddaughter of the late Leslie and Erma Wink of Robert Lee.



Alisha Wink and Sean Choate

**RL Youth
Room open**

The First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee is proud to announce the opening of its new "Youth Room". Located in the Education Building, the youth room is open during the day until 10:00 pm. Soft drinks, snacks, music and games are available in the room, and the youth may come and relax, visit, or do school work. Rev. Jim Reeves and others are working on programs for tutoring, interaction, and other areas for working with the youth. According to Rev. Reeves, the idea of the youth room is to tell the youth of the community that they are important and that someone cares for them and wants to provide them a place to go. Any student needing tutoring help is urged to contact the church office at 453-2417.

Look Who's New

Miranda Tijerina

Miranda Ryan Tijerina was born Sept. 22, 1999. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Robert & Dawn Tijerina of Bronte. Grandparents are Wade & Janet Rhodes of Bronte and Pedro & Helen Tijerina of Robert Lee.

**City of Robert Lee
drinking water report**

In accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, a Consumer Confidence Report (Drinking Water Quality) has been prepared for distribution to customers of the City of Robert Lee Water System. The report will be available at the City Hall beginning October 1st.

In addition, a public hearing will be held in conjunction with the City Council Meeting on October 11th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street.

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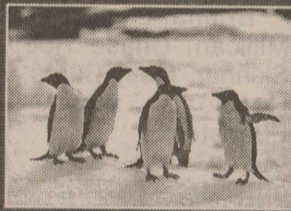
After careful consideration, I will be resigning from my position as the full-time clinic provider at the Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee. My last day will be October 7, 1999. My primary reason for leaving is, I have decided to return to school full-time to obtain my Master's degree in Theology and then to complete my Doctoral Studies. My health will not allow me to continue to work full-time and study full-time. This was a very hard decision for me to make. I hope you will understand. My superiors at Shannon Health Systems have in no way influenced this decision of mine. It has been a privilege serving and caring for you. November, 1999, would have completed my fourth year here in Robert Lee. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers, please keep me in yours.

I will assist any of my patients wishing to transfer their care to another Medical Provider. I will have a complete instruction sheet available to all that request from my office.

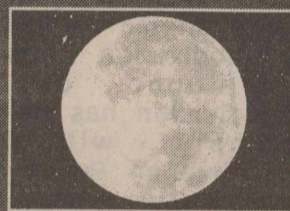
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