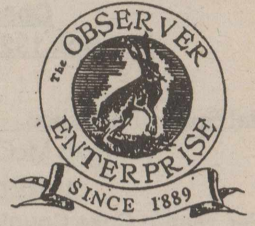


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16 year old drowns at Oak Creek Lake

by Joan Davis

The body of 16 year old Jose Sanchez, Jr., of Bronte, was pulled from Oak Creek Lake about 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 4, 1999. A Blackwell student and athlete, Sanchez had just finished football practice around lunch on Wednesday, and went to the lake to cool off.

He and three friends were swimming and diving off rocks near Rocky Point at Oak Creek Reservoir just south of Blackwell. At approximately 1:15 pm, his friends reported that he dove into the water, surfaced once, and then sank. His friends searched a short time in the murky water and called 9-1-1.

Sanchez' body had drifted from where he was last seen, and recovery was not made

Bronte Health & Rehab Center Auxiliary to meet

The Auxiliary of the Bronte Health & Rehab Center will meet on Thursday, August 19, at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the facility. Current members are urged to attend this meeting, and also anyone else in the community who would like to attend.

If there is enough interest, a training session will be planned so that members may learn what things can and cannot be done for residents at the center.

until about 7:00 pm. Abilene and Sweetwater fire department divers made the recovery. They were backed up by the Coke County Sheriff's Department, Blackwell VFD, and Texas Parks & Wildlife personnel.

Area men to travel to Honduras on rebuilding mission

Several area men, including First Baptist Church - Bronte minister Morris Johnson, will be traveling to Honduras the week of August 14-21, 1999. Others making the trip include former RL residents Bobby Boone and Roy Epperson, both from Ballinger. They will be accompanied by Ballinger residents Joe Don Murman and Tony King; Tony Gruben of Paint Rock; Ken Barr of Rochelle; Larry Wester and Robert Cuellar, both of San Angelo; and Red Mullins of Brady.

The purpose of the trip, according to Epperson, Director of Missions for the Brady-Coleman; Runnels Baptist area, is to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Mitch.

Mitch hit Honduras in late October and early November 1998 with a fury. An estimated 6,500 were left dead, with up to 11,000 missing. Displaced and homeless people numbered as high as 1.5 million. Twenty percent of



These young ladies joined the Robert Lee High School and Junior High School Cheerleaders at the Mini Cheerleading Camp held earlier this month.

the population of the country was left homeless as a result of the force of this hurricane.

Initially, a group of Texas Baptist men went into Honduras with a disaster relief unit to help with food and medicine. Epperson and a team of Baptist workers traveled to Honduras in late June to work a week on the project. Their goal is to rebuild 100 homes in 1999 and 2000.

County Farm Bureau slates annual convention, dinner

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau annual county convention and barbecue dinner will be held on Saturday, August 14, 1999, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee, beginning at 6:30 pm.

All county farm bureau members and their guests are invited to the annual meeting.

Midnight Madness Softball to benefit DeLaGarza

The Midnight Madness Softball Tournament to benefit Lorenza DeLaGarza will start tonight (Friday, August 13), beginning at 7:00 pm, at the park in Bronte. Tee shirts will be on sale during the tournament.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this effort should call Veronica Reyes at 473-3054.

Commissioners publish minutes of court meetings

The Coke County Commissioners' Court met in a called session on July 6, with the four commissioners and county judge in attendance, along with Jo Nell Blair, deputy clerk.

Chief Appraiser Patsy Dunn addresses the court regarding concerns the court had in regard to mileage and the Appraisal District's proposed budget. She presented corrected copies of the budget and explained she had made an error in preparing the previous copy. Mrs. Dunn also gave the court copies of mileage records for each employee of the district.

A request was received from citizens on Lake Dam Road to reduce the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. Motion passed to reduce speed limit.

Employee health insurance rates were discussed. County Treasurer Phelan Wrinkle and Judge Walker attended an insurance conference and explained some of the problems with the current system. Alternatives to the current carrier were discussed. Coke County has a high rate of claims, and the claim experience for the county has not been good. Motion passed to stay with the current carrier

WTRCA for the time being.

A lengthy budget workshop as held. Several topics were discussed, including the pros and cons of the Sheriff's Office applying for a grant from the Justice Department that would help pay the salary of a new deputy. After much discussion, the motion to approve the application for the grant was passed.

Judge Walker adjourned the meeting.

The Commissioners met in regular session on July 12, 1999. All commissioners and county judge were in attendance, along with County/District Clerk Mary Grim.

Minutes of the June 28 and July 6 meeting were approved.

In open forum, there were twenty-eight citizens present to discuss a county tax increase. The consensus of those present was that if taxes were to be raised, the court should consider cutting courthouse employees.

Judge Walker stated that West Texas Utilities will have a public hearing in August to discuss the utility line coming across the county.

Commissioner Rawlings asked that a thank you note be sent to Nolan County for their help on the Lake Dam Road.

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The current drought is taking its toll on wildlife as well as residents, yards, pastures, and water levels. This better-than-average whitetail buck apparently came to town for groceries and was killed by a car or truck earlier this week at East 4th Street and Hwy 208 in Robert Lee. It's a little early for buck fever, but the heavy buck sported a really nice rack and was still in velvet.

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Obituaries

**A Tribute to
Sadye Chumley,
Our Mother**

Sadye Chumley, 104 years of age, passed away August 5, 1999, in the Robert Lee Care Center. Her passing leaves much sadness but many wonderful memories. She was born June 12, 1895, in the Divide Community to John Q. and Sally McCabe. Her actions at an early age indicated that she was destined to be a special person. At the age of five years she learned to read from the Bible as her Mother read to her, and was able to tease her sisters by reading their love letters and telling on them at the dinner table! Sadye finished the last grade of school offered at that time, the 9th grade, and attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood. She returned to Coke County where she took a test and received her Teacher's Certificate. The first year she taught in Stiles, Texas, and the next year the Wildcat Rural School in Coke County. Her parents often offered room and board to the the school teachers, and there she met Fern Chumley, who taught at the Chapman School on the Divide. Fern married Frank McCabe, Sadye's brother, and as a result of this association, Sadye met Mark Chumley, Fern's brother, and he and Sadye were married on August 12, 1916, in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas. She and Mark had three children: two daughters - Louise and Jo Marie, and one son - Derwood. Derwood died in 1922, and Mark passed away March 14, 1984, in Big Spring, Texas.

Our Mother's loving nature assured us that even though the world about us was in turmoil, our world with her was strong and stable. Her first love and Guide was the Lord Jesus, whom she served all of her life. For many years she taught a Sunday School Class both in Bronte and in Robert Lee. Always active in the Baptist Church, she loved WMU and mission work. We never heard our Mother ever condemn any person, always excusing any kind of behavior and treating everyone with loving kindness. Her ability to laugh at herself and see humor in any situation was one of the things about her that always amazed her family and friends.

She was a wonderful cook

and spent many hours preparing food for others and taking dishes to the church for those who were bereaved or celebrating happy events. She and Mark were always among the first to visit and take food when anyone became ill and passed away. Her specialty was homemade yeast bread and fried fruit pies. Hundreds of loaves of bread were baked in Sadye's kitchen and taken to someone ill or in need. When her family came home for a visit, the first thing they looked for was a loaf of Sadye's bread and fried pies.

A wonderful seamstress, she made clothing for all her family as long as they were at home, and for her granddaughters as long as her hands were able to hold a needle and thread. She was always making blankets, pillows, and clothing for new babies. At the age of 95 years, she made a Cathedral Window quilt which was exhibited in the San Angelo Quilt Show in 1996.

Sadye's memory was so remarkable. She never forgot anyone she ever met - and especially the children and grandchildren of her friends and acquaintances. Even as late as this past year, many of us were asking her about Coke County history and families - and she always remembered them. The children from school would come to her and ask about their grandparents and great grandparents, and she was able to tell them about their families. Often times she would remember when and where they were married, and where they lived at many times in their life. Sadye and Mark always helped hold both local, state, and national elections in their precinct for many years. Her grasp of current events, both national and international, as well as political history, was remarkable, and she read her newspaper daily until she became ill last month.

When Sadye entered the nursing home on June 1, 1992, she had a tremendous adjustment to make. She was so independent it was very difficult to accept any assistance from others. I've been told that she was always pleasant to the nurses and staff, and thanked them each time they did anything for her. Her thought was always for others before herself, and

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she loved her caretakers so much!

At the request of a great-niece of Taos, New Mexico, the church bells were rung 104 times at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the church near Guadalupe Square in Taos. At the same time, a celebration of Sadye's life and funeral services were being held Saturday morning, August 7, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Bro. Bennie had served in the past as the pastor of the church and was much beloved by Sadye and the other members. Pallbearers were David Key, Weldon Fikes, Kenneth Lackey, Pete Prentice, Jim Tabor, Bill Carwile, Les Copeland, and Maurice Yarbrough. Burial was in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Sadye is survived by two

Phillips

James Henry Phillips, 88, of Bronte, died August 7, 1999, at the Bronte Nursing Home. Services were held at the Central Baptist Church at 2:00 pm on Monday, August 9, 1999, with the Rev. R. W. Blackmon officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

James was born in the Knoxville Community, to Thomas and Bell Phillips on May 16, 1911, and was raised in the Knoxville, Harper area. He ranched in Coke and Kimble counties all his life. He was a member of the Woodman of the World for 60 years.

James is survived by his wife, Lorene Price Phillips of Bronte; one step-son, Arbie L. Miller and wife Betty of Wingate; one step-daughter, Barbara Renfro of Robert Lee; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

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daughters, Louise Leonard and Jo Marie Collier and husband, K. C. Collier, all of San Angelo; three grandchildren and spouses, Linda and Royce Walker of Big Spring, Paula and Noel Duncan of Knoxville, TN, and Kaci Addison of San Angelo; five great-grandchildren, and spouses, Doby and Kasi Walker and Wendy and Cary Brown, all of Big Spring, Cole Walker of Lubbock, Laura Duncan of Knoxville, TN, Kelly Coleman of Dripping Springs; six great great-grandchildren, Codi and Kaci Walker, of Lamesa, Amber Fry, MaLinda Walker, Elizabeth and Garrett Wheeler, all of Big Spring; numerous nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews; and a host of friends.

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**Death
Notices**

Sanchez

Funeral services were held on Sunday, August 8, 1999, 1:30 pm, at Blackwell Baptist Church for Jose Sanchez, Jr. of Bronte. Burial followed in Blackwell Cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, Armandina and Jose Sanchez, Sr., three brothers, Jesus Sanchez, Daniel Sanchez, and Salvador Sanchez; two sisters, Nancy Guia and Rosalia Sanchez; and two nieces, all of Bronte.

Rodgers

Ethel Rodgers, 77, of San Angelo, died Tuesday, August 3, 1999, at her residence. Graveside service was held Thursday, August 5, 1999, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, with Kathy Evans of the Unity Church of Christianity officiating.

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Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Bowie of Bronte; a son, Thomas Rodgers of Fort Worth; a brother, G. B. Scarborough of Clyde; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Lee

Steve G. Lee, 86, of San Angelo, died Thursday, August 5, 1999, in Shannon Medical Center. Graveside service was at 3:00 pm Saturday, August 7, 1999, in Robert Lee Cemetery, with Jim Wilkerson officiating.

He is survived by five sons, Wilbert W. Lee and wife, Jean, and Robert Lee, all of Dinuba, California, Billy Ray Lee and wife, Marie, of Irving, Eddie Lee of Corsicana, and Thomas Lee and wife, Adell, of Carlsbad; one daughter, Jewel Yarbrough and husband, Larry, of San Angelo; two sisters, Clara Nowell of Goldthwaite and Juanita Miller and her husband Bob, of Queen Creek, Arizona.

**7th annual Garage
Sale set for
Ballinger Sept. 18**

Ballinger is gearing up for its 7th annual Garage Sale, sponsored by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce on September 18, 1999. The Chamber will be publishing a Garage Sale Map of those participating.

For more information contact the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at (915) 365-2333 or 365-5611.

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11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

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

Callison, Treadaway exchange vows

Carren Lynn Callison of Rocksprings and Stanley Wes Treadaway of San Angelo were married June 26, 1999, at 7:00 pm in the Wedding Chapel at the New York, New York Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, with the Reverend William Edward Ramsey officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Callison of Rocksprings. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Linda Arrott of Bronte and Stephen Treadaway of San Angelo.

Matron of honor was Lindsay Treadaway of Robert Lee. Bridesmaid was Joanna Baker of Denton.

Best man and brother of the bridegroom was Jayson Treadaway of Robert Lee. Groomsman was Keith Treadaway of San Marcos. Keith is also a brother of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception dinner was held at the Il Fornaio Cucian Italiana. Guests from Alabama, Minnesota, and Texas were in attendance.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Angelo State University. She is employed by Midlothian ISD. The bridegroom is also a 1998 graduate from Angelo State University. He is employed by Sherwin Williams Company. The couple will live in Waxahachie, Texas.

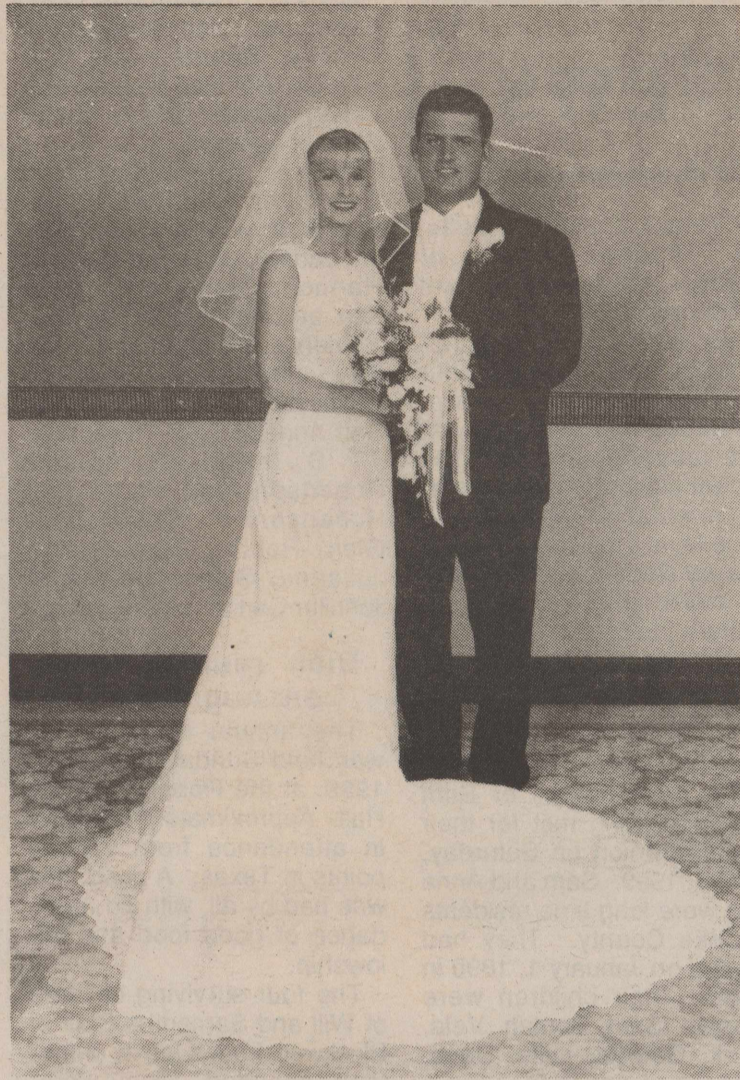
Roe family reunion held in RL

A family reunion of the descendants of Andrew J. and Georgia Mapes Roe was held on July 3, 1999, at the home of Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe. A barbecue lunch was served to 62 family members and 3 visitors. Pictures were taken, with photos of last year's reunion on display, and lots of visiting, swimming, and games of horseshoes took place. A good time was had by all.

Granny and PaPa had 9 children, and all but one was represented. Their children were: Hiram, Ollie, Gladys (Auntie), Juanita (Sister), Bill, A. J. (Snookie), Jird Lin (Speck), Bobbie Ruth, and Donald Lee. Hiram had 3 sons, Franklin, Odell, and C. J., but none were able to attend. Families represented were: Ollie Leon and Alpha Roe; and Joe L. and Brenda Roe.

Arthur and Juanita Roe Dean - there were 24 members of Sister's family present: Arthur and Juanita (Sister); Jerry and Pennie Dean; Alan and Genifer Dean Corley; Anthony and Annisa Dean Dominguez; Barbara Dean Tilley; Rhonda Tilley Orr; Missy Orr; Slaton Orr; Ricky and Lana Dean; Jason Dean; Kelly Dean; Bob Smith; Tracey Smith; Remington Smith; Courtney Smith;

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Bill and Inez Roe - 19 members of Bill's family were in attendance: Bill and Inez Roe; Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe; Kevin and Tammy Roe, Shelby, Lindsey, and Chase Roe; Clint and Sandy Roe Caves, Dylan, Madison, and Lauren Caves; Ray Don Roe; Billy Jack and Kristy Roe; Michelle Roe and Cayleb. We missed T. J. who is in Korea.

A. J. (Snookie) and Fay Roe - 5 of Snookie's family attended: Fay Roe; A. J. (Pete) and Deone (Derrick) Roe, Amber and Alan. Three of

Pete and Deone's friends attended and were very welcome: Meg Garland, Blayr, and Adam.

Jird Lin Roe - 6 member of Speck's family attended: Lena and Erwin Voss; Kenneth and Shirley Roe Powell; and David and Sheila Roe Hooper.

Cousins attending from Crawford were Doyal and Frances Roe.

It was decided that the reunion will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2000, at the same place.

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Mae West

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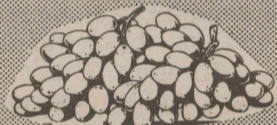
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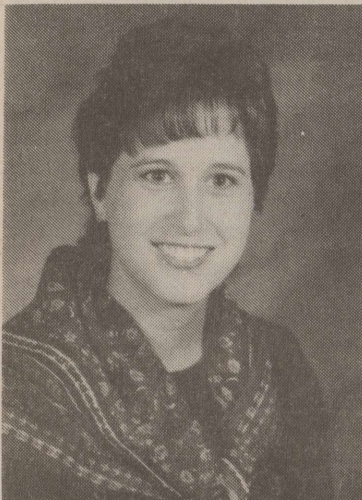
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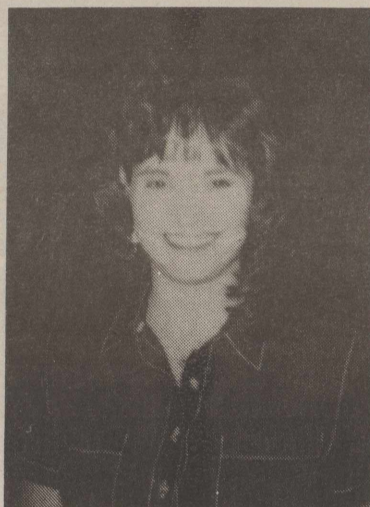
Bronte School News



Alisa Webb

Alisa Webb from Bronte will be teaching Kindergarten at Bronte this year. She is a graduate of Angelo State University with an Early Childhood degree. Alisa is married to Shane Webb, and the couple has two children, Joel and Cheyenne.

Buster Nielsen will be assisting with high school and junior high band. He will also be teaching 7th and 8th grade special education. Mr. Nielsen moved to Bronte recently from Nashville, Georgia.



Lisa Gibbs

Lisa Gibbs is the new business education teacher for Bronte ISD. She grew up in Buffalo Gap, Texas, and attended school at Jim Ned CISD.

Mrs. Gibbs is a 1988 graduate of McMurry University, Abilene, Texas, majoring in business management. She has eleven years experience as a marketing director in the medical field.

Lisa is married to Kendall Gibbs, and they have three children, Brandon Gibbs, Megan Gibbs, and Mackenzie Jones-Gibbs.

the Texas Education Code, the Student Code of Conduct, and the Student Handbook.

The meeting will be followed by Meet Your Teacher Night for parents of elementary students. Parents will have an opportunity to go to student classrooms for a parent orientation about each grade-level program. Parents of every student in Bronte ISD are invited to attend, and elementary parents are urged to meet their child's teacher.

King family reunion held

The descendants of Sam and Anna King met for their annual reunion on Saturday, July 31, 1999. Sam and Anna King were long time residents of Coke County. They had married on January 1, 1890 in Edith. Their children were Thomas, Sam, Beulah, Vela, Frank, George, Lillie, Dave, Anna, Clara, and R. B.

The day was spent visiting, swimming, playing games, eating, and just resting. Many attended the Coke County Pageant that night.

Those attending were R. B. and Corrine King; Loucille Middleton; Shirley Strakos, Pam and Sarah Kay Gandy; Clara Belle Deese; Rena Dee and Garland Gaines; Waymond and Katie Dixon; Karla, Kay, Kari, and Kylan Wilson; Sam and Judy Keel; Raymond Lane; Raymond Cole; and Summer Smith; all of San Angelo: Michelle Smith of Miles; Christa McClellan, both of Abilene; Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Anna Mae Hartsell; Larry and Kathy Hartsell, of Ardmore, Oklahoma; Kay and Ramon Morin; and Delle Thomas, Terry, Teresa, Lauren, and Megan Gaines, all of Arlington; Tom King III of Houston; Sam and June Plumlee; Sam Plumlee, Jr.; Allan, A. J., K. C., Jackie, and R. J. Barnes, and Eugenia Smith, Steve, Sarah, Isaac, Leah, and Tiffany Smith, all of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Evelyn Brooks, and Angel and Mike Wade, all of Artesia, New Mexico; Judy Snowden; Dave, Donna, Laurel, and Meredith Walker; and Bobby and Joyce Walker, all of Odessa; Bertie and Forrest Wanker of Fairview, OK; Jesse III, Jeanette, Kayla, John, and Jesse IV Eads; and Ashlynn Dominguez, all of Midland; Burt and Lavelta McVicker of Burnet; Bonnie McVicker of El Paso; Annie Faye and Jim King of Wingate; Clayton and Eva King of Brazoria; Dorothy and Don King of Stanley, NM; Mike McVicker of Austin; Randall Gaines of Dallas; Carl and Pauline Blair of Bronte; Carolyn, Buddy and Tiffany Brockett of Spring; Robert and Dusty Hall; and Rowdy, Rachel, and Brittany Glaze, all of Hawley; Alvin King of Whitesboro; Jackie Dunn of Granbury; Janie Bownds of Edwards, Missouri; Jess and Dorothy Gaines of Rowlett; Brittany, Dacoda, and Justin

Gunn of Coldspring; Dan and Helen Hall of Columbus, Ohio; Gwen and Harry Anderson of Granite Shoals; Joe and Sharon Glaze of Merkel; and Larry, Joyce, and Michelle Allen of Lubbock.

Those attending from Robert Lee were: Vivian King, Bessie Brice, Willie and Jesse Jr. Eads, Dee Anna and Joe Harmon, Alene and David Key, and Raymond E. Smith.

Friends joining them for the day included: Kimber Hitchcock and Travis Miles of San Angelo; T. J. Townsend, J. B., and Samantha Robertson; and Verna Bell Robertson of Robert Lee; Glen, Robbie, Megan, and Julianna Gibbs, Matt and Jennifer Gartman, all of Miles.

Blair reunion held on August 1st

The annual Blair reunion was held Sunday, August 1, 1999, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Approximately 105 were in attendance from various points in Texas. A good time was had by all, with an abundance of good food and fellowship.

The four surviving children of Will and Samantha Blair of Blackwell, from a family of thirteen, attended. They were: Mrs. Samantha Robertson and her husband, J. B.; John Blair and his wife, Irma; Curtis Blair and his wife, Joan, all of Robert Lee; and Verna B. Robertson of Odessa. Two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Helen Blair of Sterling City; and Mrs. Vivian King of Robert Lee, were also in attendance. Many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren of these named, along with brothers and sisters who are now deceased.

Those attending who registered were as follows: Geneva Blair; Patrick Gabriel; Marty and Frank Blair; Lori and Steven Crocker; Michael Blair; Cara Barnett; Brandi Smith; Andy Blair; Art and Jane Jaratt; Bobby and Landra Bell and boys; Danny and Barbara

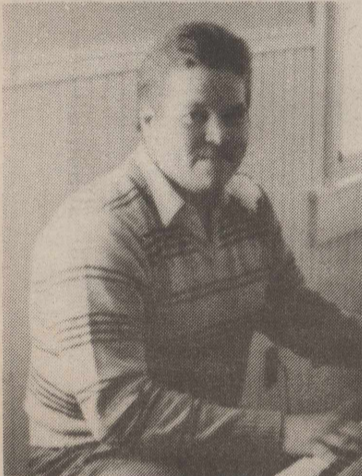
Tyler and Timothy; Gene and Colleen Robertson and Christopher; Jackie Dunn, guest of Madelle Thomas; James, Nell, and Kathleen Robertson; Frank Sparks; Earl and Jackie Blair; Douglas Robertson; Doyle and Sandy Robertson; Shawn and Kristi Scruggs and boys; Brian L., Karla, Hanna, and Hunter Hamrick; Jack Linda, Amy, Russell, and Chris Porter; Dwayne and Dollie Blair; Bill and Eula Blair; Terri, Joe Dee, Mandy, Cody, and Garrett Blair; Bill Derrel and Nettie Blair; Thomas Blair; Jerry Blair; Vern Smith; Morris and Charlene Light; Sam and Judy Keel; Dan and Wendy Keel and children; Jena Qualls; Dennis Blair; Add and Barbara Davis; Clark and Rheba Bowman; Don and Vera Blair; Earl Tucker; Madelle Thomas; Terri Johnson; Gwen and Troy Templin; Carl and Pauline Blair; Tim Blair; Joe and Daisy Blair; Daniel and Lennie Blair; Mark Vaught; Chris Vaught; Jeff Vaught; Kim Vaught; Ashley Vaught; Dianne Vaught; Dorthy Vaught; and Ray and Leta Aldridge.

Fort Chadbourne Foundation publishes newsletter

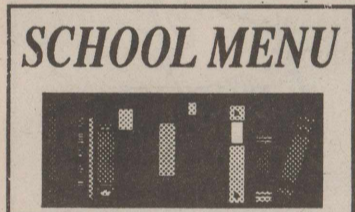
The Fort Chadbourne Foundation has published its first issue of "The Fort Chadbourne Return", a public newsletter to provide news from the frontier. Fort Chadbourne is a national historic site and a stop on the Texas Forts Trail. The fort was established in 1852. It is located eleven miles north of Bronte on Hwy. 277. For more information on the fort or the newsletter, contact Garland Richards at (915) 743-2555.

"If you want a place in the sun, you've got to put up with a few blisters."

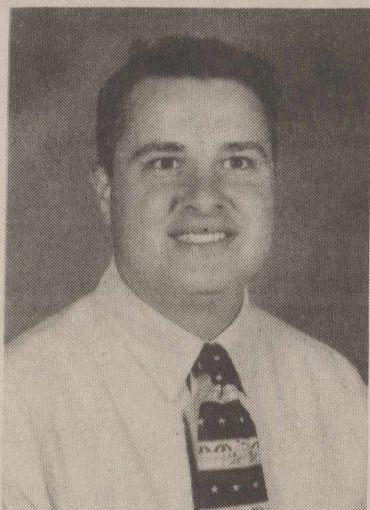
Abigail Van Buren



Harry (Buster) Nielsen



- SCHOOL MENU**
- BREAKFAST**
Monday, August 16
 Cereal, Apple Sauce, Biscuits, Milk
Tuesday, August 17
 Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk
Wednesday, August 18
 Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Milk
Thursday, August 19
 French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffins, Milk
Friday, August 20
 Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- LUNCH**
Monday, August 16
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Macaroni & Cheese, Apple Sauce, Milk
Tuesday, August 17
 Soft Tacos w/cheese, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Mixed Fruit, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Jello
Wednesday, August 18
 Submarine Sandwich, Ham & Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Pork & Beans, Bun, Chips, Milk, Sugar Cookies
Thursday, August 19
 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Bread Sticks, Milk, Apple Crisp
Friday, August 20
 Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Bun, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars



Brian Arrott

Hired this year as a junior high and high school special education teacher is Brian Arrott. Arrott, a former graduate of Bronte High School, earned his degree from Texas Tech University. He has recently been an employee of the San Angelo Independent School District, where he taught special education at Edison Junior High.

He and his wife, Kandace, have a six-month-old daughter named McKenzie. Brian stated that he was extremely excited about teaching in a school with so much pride, spirit, and tradition.

BISD PTO Parent information meeting set for August 19

The first PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) meeting for Bronte ISD will be held in the school auditorium on Thursday, August 19, at 6:00 pm. During the meeting, parents will be provided information concerning Chapter 37 of

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"Mesquite" was welcomed by his nine aunts, twelve uncles, and fifteen cousins. His very proud grandparents are "Diesel" Joe and Sandi Roe. Trace's dedication was held August 1, 1999, at Victory Assembly of God Church in Robert Lee.

**RLISD announces
Open House
on August 23**

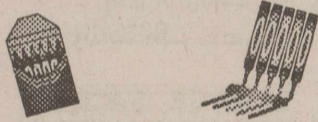
On Monday, August 23, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Robert Lee ISD will host an Open House. Parents and community members are invited to meet the teachers and view improvements made to the school during the summer months. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

**Registration set for
Howard College in
San Angelo**

Registration for the fall semester at Howard College in San Angelo will be held on Monday, August 16. Registration for dual enrollment, credit and non-credit classes, will be Friday, August 20. Classes begin Monday, August 23.

For more information about degree programs or submitting an application to the college, please contact the student services department at 947-9508.

SCHOOL MENU



BREAKFAST

- Monday, August 16**
Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Milk
- Tuesday, August 17**
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Wednesday, August 18**
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Milk
- Thursday, August 19**
Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk
- Friday, August 20**
Orange Juice, Biscuit w/jelly, Sausage Patty, Milk

LUNCH

- Monday, August 16**
Chicken O's, Macaroni & Cheese, English Peas, Homemade Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
- Tuesday, August 17**
Salsbury Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Peaches, Milk
- Wednesday, August 18**
Chicken Fajitas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Spanish Rice, Pears, Milk
- Thursday, August 19**
Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Cookies, Milk
- Friday, August 20**
Barbecue Burger, Pickle, Potato Patty, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**CORRECTION:
RLISD picture
date changed**

As has been stated in the newspaper previously, the RLHS Seniors will have their pictures taken on August 10.

Everyone else will have their school pictures taken on Tuesday, August 17, beginning at 8:30 am. Junior High and High School Football, Band, Cross Country, and Cheerleaders pictures, both group and individual, will all be taken on August 17.

Students in pre-kindergarten can also come on August 17 to have their pictures taken.

There will be a blue background; so students should try to wear a dark colored top. That way, students should show up better in the photos.

**Selective Service
honors 100,000th
Internet
registrant**

The Selective Service System (SSS) registered its 100,000th man via the Internet recently. At a ceremony this evening in San Antonio, Texas, 18 year old Derek Alan Gordon of Brooklyn, New York, was honored as the 100,000th man to register online since December 1998, when SSS began the program.

"This is proof that Internet registration is a huge success, and growing," said Selective Service Director Gil Coronado. "In just over six months, 100,000 young men have registered using computers."

Derek Gordon, simply logged onto the Selective Service website at <http://www.sss.gov>, keyed in some basic information, and instantly received his Selective Service registration number. Men can also register at any local post office by completing a simple card, or they may fill out and return a card they get in the mail. By law, men are required to register within 30 days of reaching age 18. Approximately 4,000 Internet registrations are received each week. Between 30,000 and 40,000 registrations cards arrive at the Selective Service Data Management Center in Illinois every week.

Derek Gordon was honored during Selective Service System's biennial training conference held this week in San Antonio. "The emphasis is on being ready in case of a national emergency," Coronado stated. "After all, being ready is our mission." As part of the conference, Selective Service personnel--both employees and volunteers from across the country--gathered to discuss the latest procedures and share information on tasks they would have to perform in the event a draft were reinstated.

Millions of young men have registered since registration was reinstated in 1980, but none have been drafted. The last draft ended in 1973.

Robert Lee School News



The Robert Lee Junior High Cheerleaders who will be cheering for the Dogies this year include (from left) Kayli Dickey, Monica Rodriguez (head cheerleader), Shannon Honse, Rachel Wallace, Lindsey Roe, and Michele Sanchez.



The Robert Lee High School Steer Band traveled to Fiesta Texas in San Antonio earlier this summer.

**Sept. 1 is deadline
for THC sponsored
preservation grants**

The deadline for 2000 Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF) grants is September 1, 1999. Last year, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) awarded approximately \$340,000 to assist organizations around the state in preserving significant historic landmarks. In 2000, the THC plans to award \$375,000. Applications are available from the THC.

The Texas Legislature created the TPTF, the only statewide grant program, to preserve endangered historic buildings and significant archeological sites. Earned interest and designated gifts from the pool of public and private monies are distributed as matching grants. The program provides up to one-third of the total project costs for acquiring, planning, and developing historic properties. For more information or to receive an application for TPTF grants, see the THC web site at www.the.state.tx.us or contact: Lisa Harvell, Architecture Division, Texas Historical Commission, 512/463-6047.

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WE ARE SO THANKFUL for all of you, our friends and neighbors of Bronte and your expressions of love and friendship during Joe's recent surgery and recovery. All the visits, cards, calls, and food were very much appreciated. We especially thank you for your prayers. A very big thank you to those of you who laid aside your own chores to take care of Joe's livestock. May God bless each of you.

Joe & Glenda Draper
03b-1tc

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to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the nurses, aides, and other employees of Robert Lee Care Center for the love and care which they gave to our Mother, Sadye Chumley, for the seven years she was in the nursing home - and especially during her last illness. To the wonderful friends of Coke County and other places, to the Deacons and members of the Robert Lee Baptist Church who served so faithfully and who encouraged her and us, and who ministered to us so lovingly during the last illness and funeral services - our most sincere thanks for the wonderful lunch, the beautiful flowers, the sweet, sweet music and other services which revealed your love for the Lord. God bless you all!

The Family of Sadye Chumley
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NOTICES

NOTICE

Robert Lee ISD is accepting bids for 16 computers for an elementary computer lab. Specifications may be obtained from William Hood, Superintendent, Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945, (915) 453-4555.

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Kickapoo Water District will hold a meeting at 4:00 pm on August 19, 1999, at 117 W. Main Street, Bronte, Texas 76933 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is 0.004552 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Kickapoo Water District by 8.00 percent.

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NOTICE FOR CUSTOMERS AND NEIGHBORING UTILITIES

NOTICE OF CESSATION OF OPERATIONS AND DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER UTILITY SERVICE

Arrowhead Point Subdivision, Inc. has filed a petition with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to cease operations, discontinue providing water utility service in Coke County, Texas. The pro-

posed effective date of this action is October 31, 1999. The anticipated effect of the cessation of operations on the rates and services provided to the customers is that service provided will cease and rates charged for that service area will no longer be collected by this utility. The water utility service area is located approximately 12 miles Northwest of Robert Lee, Texas, and generally bounded on the North and East by E. V. Spence Reservoir, on the West by Lakeshore Drive in Coke County, Texas, and as specified in detail maps filed with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and available for review at the utility's office at 1400 Rankin, Ste 25, Midland, Texas 79701.

If you wish to protest or comment on this petition, you should notify the utility and must file your protest in writing with the Utility Rates and Service Section, Water Utilities Division, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within (30) days of the date of this notice. Only those individuals who submit a written request to be notified of hearing schedules will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ZOLA ALTHA HATLEY, Deceased, were issued on July 2, 1999, in Docket No. 1556, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to James C. Wallace, Jr. The addresses for the Independent Executor is: James C. Wallace, Jr., PO Box 388, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time, and in the manner prescribed by law to James C. Wallace, Jr., at the above address.

Dated the 2nd day of August, 1999.

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(915) 884-2935 (fax)

ATTORNEY FOR THE
ESTATE OF ZOLA ALTHA
HATLEY

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Bass tourney set for September 19

The 12th annual Runnels County Bass Club & Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Open Bass Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 1999, at O. H. Ivie Reservoir. For more information, contact the Runnels County Bass Club at PO Box 773, Ballinger, TX 76821, or call (915) 365-2775.



The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders and Mascot really went all out during Crazy Day at the Mini Cheerleading Camp earlier this month. The ladies include (from left) Macy Hill, Whitney Millican, Tiffany Copeland, Kizre Matthews, Kendra Matthews, Erin Millican, and (top) Mistl Brothers, Mascot.

Most banks prepared for Year 2000

Federal bank, thrift, and credit union regulators announced recently that 99% of federally insured financial institutions have completed testing of critical systems for Year 2000 readiness. In their announcement, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision noted that most financial institutions are already using Year 2000 ready systems on a daily basis without problems.

Over the past two years, federally insured financial institutions have been identifying and overhauling systems that were not Year 2000 ready. At the same time, the regulatory agencies have been closely monitoring their efforts. As of June 30, 1999, the regulators had assigned a "Satisfactory" rating, the highest possible rating, to 99% of the federally insured financial institutions. This means the financial institutions are appropriately preparing for the Year 2000. The agencies are confident that, based on their reviews, financial institution customers

will be able to conduct business as usual both before and after January 1, 2000.

During each Year 2000 review, regulators look at the overall progress that an institution is making in its Year 2000 efforts, as well as its compliance with federally mandated requirements. Examiners check to see that financial institutions are performing any ongoing system renovation and testing that may be needed, establishing comprehensive contingency plans, mitigating any identified Year 2000 related business risk, and effectively informing their customers of their Year 2000 preparations.

The federal bank, thrift, and credit union regulators are closely supervising the few institutions that are lagging in the Year 2000 preparations. Regulators will increase and intensify their supervision of these institutions during the remaining five months to ensure that needed corrections are made by December 31, 1999.

Social Security achieves direct deposit milestones

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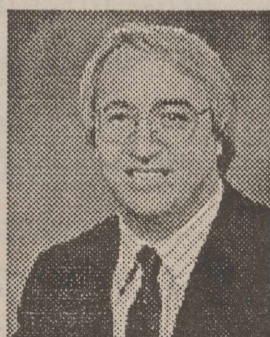
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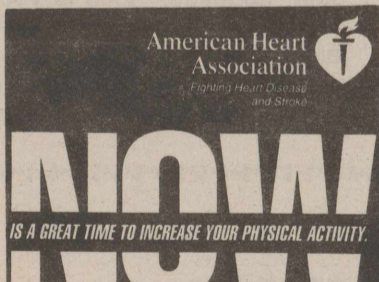
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...Court

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Commissioner Rawlings and County Attorney Lane Arthur will get together on the closing of Runnion Road.

Motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Affidavit.

Motion carried to accept the Extension Agents' reports.

The Trapper's Report was not available at this time.

Sheriff Rick Styles did not have anything to report at this time.

The Tax Collector's report was given at the last meeting. Kristy Roe reported that by law, they are allowed to set up a payment agreement for delinquent taxes only to be paid out in three (3) years. The money is put into an escrow account to be paid out after it has all been collected.

Judge Walker reported that in regards to the grant with the City of Robert Lee, any county employee needs to document how many hours they worked, the equipment, and the number of hours on the equipment. She had previously discussed the issue with Commissioners Burns and Percifull.

No private road work had been requested at that time.

Judge Walker complimented Commissioner McCutchen on the fine job he did on the Lake Dam Road. McCutchen stated that he had a lot of good help and was well pleased with the result.

Motion carried to pay the bills which were presented.

Following a lunch break, a budget workshop was held. At this time there was a discussion to cut one of the deputies in the clerk's office to parttime, cut the treasurer's extra help out completely, and cut the Extension office's parttime back five (5) hours.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The court met on July 26, 1999, with all present, including County/District Clerk Mary Grim.

The minutes of the previous two meeting were approved as presented.

Jo Nell Blair, deputy in clerk's office, addressed the court on their decision to cut her hours back to twenty (20) per week. She urged the commissioners to consider other alternatives.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented the following list of election judge and alternate appointees. They will serve for the general election and any special countywide elections for 1999-2000. Motion carried to accept those appointed as judges.

Those appointed as judges and alternates, in that order, are: Precinct #1 - Betty Clawson and Eula Blair; Precinct #2 - Fran Sonnenberg and Marilyn Bivins; Precinct #3 - Donna Schultz and Judy Blair; Precinct #4 - Lora Belle Brown and Christine Corley; Precinct #5 - Donnie Thompson and Brenda Tidwell; Precinct #9 - Joan Hill and Jennie Lee Tinkler; Precinct #10 - James Clendennen and Ruth Robertson.

Judge Walker read a resolution from the Bronte Evening Lions Club. The club is giving

their support to Garland Richards in their effort to acquire a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Motion carried to approve the agreement with Shannon Airmed 1.

Motion carried to retain the current \$10.00 fee relating to registration of vehicles.

The Trapper's Report was reviewed by the court.

Motion carried to approve the contract with the Concho Valley Council of Governments as to the cost of van transportation. Coke County pays 45% of the cost, and the Council of Governments pays 55%. The total for Robert Lee is \$2,115.97, with COG's being \$2,586.18. Bronte's total is \$3,022.81 with COG's being \$3,694.55.

Judge Walker announced that the Sheriff's Department received a certificate of compliance concerning the Coke County Jail. The Texas Commission on Jail Standards have certified that we are meeting minimum jail standards.

Allen Curry from San Angelo requested that the road named Willow Lane be changed to Clark Ranch Road. Motion carried.

No private road requests have been received.

Commissioner Percifull mentioned that Wildcat Marina would like to get boat ramps finished. He had talked to Royce Hood, and he was told that this decision would be made by the CRMWD board of directors in Big Spring. Percifull stated that maybe a letter could be written stating we would like to see some progress in this area.

Motion carried to pay bills.

A budget workshop was held. Cutting courthouse employee hours was once again discussed. County Auditor Stover Taylor once again explained the effective tax rate. Commissioner Burns stated that he had to agree with Commissioner Rawlings that taxpayers, particularly land and business owners, would be adversely affected by a tax increase.

Judge Walker adjourned the meeting.

Personal

Sparks and Beverly Burdett, former Robert Lee residents, were in town Friday for a visit with friends while on vacation. The Burdetts now live in Shallowater, near Lubbock, where both work. They spent part of the week in Arlington watching the Rangers play, and also in Wichita Falls at the Cowboys' summer camp workouts.

Letter to the Editor

During the past several months our county government has been undergoing some changes. This time of year is always a tough one with decisions regarding the budget being on the forefront of the minds of county officials. This year has been particularly rough. With the decline in oil prices and the sale and closing of one of the plants in the county, a steep decline in revenue made it necessary for some cuts in the budget to be made or an increase in taxes to be levied.

Citizens in the county have elected officials, the commissioners and the county judge, to make sure that tax dollars are being spent wisely. Most taxpayers assume that elected officials are doing the job they were sent to office to do in a wise and prudent manner. This year, this does not seem to be the case.

Cuts have been made with disregard to the effect they will have on the offices of the courthouse. Decisions regarding spending have been made recklessly and with little fore thought to the consequences. During the early part of the year, a rapidly sinking health insurance company was bailed out to the tune of \$35,000. This was done against the advice of the county auditor. At the same time cuts in the job force were being made, a decision to build new playground equipment in the Robert Lee park was approved. Also going against the advice of many, the commissioners' court elected to operate under a deficit budget. Most folks realize that once you dig a hole, it is very difficult to climb out. By operating under a deficit budget for one year, the county will be in financial trouble for years to come.

The state has a safeguard against the type of situation the county now finds itself in -- the effective tax rate. The effective tax rate allows county governments to operate within the same parameters each year. With prudent spending decisions and careful financial planning, county governments can function in an efficient and effective manner year after year, without a huge tax increase.

While no one wants to pay higher taxes, very few of us want to see people lose their jobs and business sent to other counties. This is your county and your county dollars -- make it your business to see where your tax dollars are being spent. There is still time

to make your feelings known before the budget is adopted. Call your commissioner and county judge. A hearing to adopt the tax rate and new budget will be held in the commissioners' courtroom of the county courthouse September 20th. Plan to be there to make your feelings known.

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Talking with your teenager about drinking and driving

These helpful hints are found in the book "How to talk to your teenager about drinking and driving".

There are times when we as parents must help teenagers make good choices about drinking and driving. The reports of teenage drinking and driving are increasing at an alarming rate. Nearly 12,000 young Americans are killed each year in alcohol-related accidents. Your teenager can be a victim regardless of whether they drink or not. Here are some things that help when talking with your teenager about drinking and driving:

- 1) Honestly explore your own behavior when drinking and driving before you talk with your teenager.
- 2) Be honest in expressing your feelings and in stating your own values and preferences. Encourage the same from your teen.
- 3) Be calm and consistent. Remember that you are sharing ideas and information. Don't put your teen on the witness stand or demand a confession.
- 4) Recognize that adolescents are not able to control all the situations they find themselves in.
- 5) Tell your teen you want to hear what they have to say

and learn what they know about drinking and driving. Be a good listener, even when you may not agree.

6) Keep to the point. No matter where the discussion leads, and no matter what kind of reaction you may get or may feel, keep forcefully in mind that this discussion concerns only the problem of drinking and driving or riding as a passenger with someone who has.

7) Emphasize that you are concerned not with the car, but with the preciousness of your teenager's life.

Receive money back on federal tax returns

Help Texans breathe easy this summer and receive a tax break for yourself. By donating used cars, trucks, recreational vehicles and watercrafts, donors can deduct the fair-market value of their vehicle as a charitable contribution on their federal tax returns, as well as help Texans who suffer from lung disease. In many cases, deducting the fair-market value of a vehicle is worth more than selling it or trading it and it is 100% tax deductible.

Donating eliminates the time and cost involved in selling an old car. Jim Manning, Chairman of the Board, American Lung Association of Texas says, "We make it easy to donate by picking up the vehicles within a couple of days, free of charge; and, we handle all of the paperwork."

Vehicles donated to the American Lung Association of Texas Vehicle Donation program are sold at auction or for salvage. Proper IRS documentation is provided for each donation. In addition to saving money, the proceeds help more than 2 million Texans with lung disease, including over 1 million who suffer from asthma.

The American Lung Association is committed to fighting lung disease, a leading cause of preventable death and disability, and promoting lung health for all Texans through education, advocacy, research and community programs. For more information, please call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Howdy! Howdy! Howdy!

SOME WORDS FROM THE WAGON:

We finally found some hours to ride with!

Monday - Thursday, 7 am to 9 pm

Friday & Saturday, 7 am to 10 pm

Sunday, 7 am to 3 pm

We have a new rider, Heidi!

Come on out & say Howdy Heidi!

Don't forget the daily lunch specials - just \$3.95; & the NEW Dinner Specials Monday through Thursday from 5 pm to 8 pm. Buy 1 dinner* and get 2nd dinner for 1/2 price. Dine in only. Dinner Specials end August 31.

*excludes sandwiches and carryouts

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Family and Friends are invited to celebrate the

80th birthday of Effie Corley,

Saturday, August 14th,

from 2-5 pm at the

Bronte Housing Authority

Community Center at

116 NE Railroad, Bronte.

Your presence is the only gift necessary.