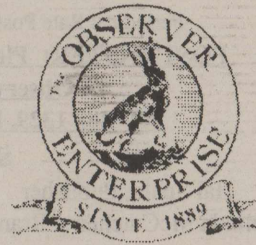


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## Support Bronte Rangers statebound trip

The Bronte Rangers freshmen baseball team is statebound. Help support their trip by going by the First National Bank in Bronte parking lot on Sunday, July 27, from 10:30 am until 1:30 pm. The Rangers will be selling chopped brisket sandwiches, chips, and homemade dessert plates for a small fee to fund their trip to the state tournament.

## Silver Reunion slated for Saturday

The annual Silver Reunion will reunite old friends on Saturday, July 26, at 4 pm at the large Robert Lee rec hall. A barbeque dinner will be served at 6 pm.

Present and former residents of Silver invite all who have lived, worked, or driven by Silver to come for a great meal and a sharing of memories of times past and recent events of their lives.

## 2008 RL Mini Cheer Camp

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will hold a mini cheer camp August 11 - 15 at the high school tennis courts for all girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. There is a small daily fee or one-time fee for the whole week. There will also be special 80th anniversary Steer football t-shirts for sale. For more information, contact Maranda Hood at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

## Street Affair cancelled this year

As the Robert Lee Street Affair requires advance publicity, bookings, and planning, and as there have been no volunteers to continue the event, it is time to let the public, vendors, entertainers, and attendees know that the Street Affair will not be held this year. Please help pass the word.

## Rides for cancer patients now available

People are now available through the America Cancer Society to take cancer related patients to and from treatments (within 80 miles one way). For more information, call Benny and Jackie Corley at 473-7771, Joe and Glenda Draper at 473-2050 or Carolyn Lee at 786-4866. If you are interested in taking the 2-hour class to become a driver, call someone on the list for more information.

## Coke/Sterling County Farm Service update

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Service Agency is announcing a critical program deadline for your calendar. Be sure to contact your local office NOW at 325-453-2751, for an appointment or more information.

2009 Non-Insured Disaster Assistant Program (NAP). September 1, 2008 is the final date to purchase 2009 coverage for the following



**Annual Meeting!** On Monday evening, July 21, 2008, members and spouses of the Robert Lee Economic Development Corporations 4A and 4B met with City Council members for their annual meeting to discuss ongoing activities and possible projects for the coming year. Approximately twenty two were in attendance. Projects discussed included renovating the amphitheater, bathrooms for the Red Canyon Gun Range, Christmas decorations, county park improvements, WEB page updates, and brochures.

crops.

\*Barley, oats, wheat, triticale, rye, and seeded small grain mixtures intended for grazing or forage production.

\*You will be required to obtain NAP coverage and/or crop insurance on all 2009 crops you intend to produce, to qualify for: Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees,

and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP).

Contact your crop insurance agent for sales closing dates on insurable crops.

## Silver Spur Ball set for July 25

Dust off your dancing shoes as traditional country artist Tony Booth and the Texas Tradition are coming to the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Angelo. The occasion is the annual Silver Spur Ball July 25 benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The evening also will include a light supper by Outback Steakhouse as well as a silent auction with more than 125 hand-crafted and retail items up for bid. In addition, there will be a drawing for a hand-made, queen-size quilt.

Tickets are available at the Rehab Center. Tables for ten are available on a first come, first served basis.

In 17 years, the Silver Spur Ball has raised more than \$335,000 for the Center, thanks to the generous support of sponsors and those who attend each year. Event under-writing is being provided by West Central Wireless, Concho Valley Home Health Care and Superior Services. Additional

funding is by Angelo Fleet & Industrial Supply, Bearing Service & Supply, Catholic Life Insurance, Hartman Roofing, J.L. Mercer Boot Co., Milford Engineering, San Angelo Standard-Times and Wal-Mart of Ballinger.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Tony Booth has had three Top 20 country hits, including "The Key's in the Mailbox." He was a regular performer on Buck Owens' Ranch Party, toured with Gene Watson's Farewell Party band and was featured throughout the U.S. as band leader for Tommy Tune's "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." He signed with Heart of Texas Records in Brady, Texas, and his latest CD, "Is This All There Is to a Honky Tonk," was released this spring.

Through its facilities in San Angelo, Abilene and Ozona, West Texas Rehab Center provides outpatient rehabilitation care each year to more than 23,000 children and adults who have experienced disabling illnesses or injuries. Events such as the Spur Ball make it possible for the Center to treat all who seek its services, regardless of their financial status.

For event or ticket information, call (325) 223-6300.



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**Obituaries**



**Wylie**

Mary May Craddock Wylie passed away July 16, 2008, at the Robert Lee Care Center. She was born August 11, 1915, in Robert Lee to Jess and Lela Morrow Craddock.

Viewing was all day Friday at the funeral home. Graveside services were in the family plot at Fairview Cemetery, Bronte, Texas, on Saturday, July 19, 2008, at 9:30 am. A Celebration of Life service followed at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee at 11 am with Rev. Ray Aldridge, Rev. George Bradley and Roger Alexander of Robert Lee officiating. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She grew up in Robert Lee, spending much time at Coke Motor Company, the Ford dealership her parents founded. She attended Robert Lee High School and after graduation went to Tarleton State College at Stephenville.

She married September 6, 1936, in San Angelo, TM Wylie, Jr., son of Milton and Geneva Gideon Wylie.

Mary May was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church, Eastern Star and charter member of the Friendship Home Demonstration Club. She was a Sunday school teacher, 4-H leader, band parent, homeroom mother and sponsor of the FHA. She owned and operated Fran Cilla Flowers for over 22 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T M Wylie, Jr. in 1986, a grandson, David Lomas in 1964 and a brother, Jay Craddock in 1999.

She was mother to Mike

and Fran Wylie Lomas of Robert Lee and Prescilla Wylie Davis of San Angelo; Mamaw to grandchildren, Lisa (Lomas) and David Lewis of Brownfield, Teri (Bryan) and Larry Huse of Joshua, Frank and Machielle Bryan of Oklahoma City. She also had 11 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Mary May was sis to Bill and Carleen Craddock of Medina, Maxine Craddock Wulfjen of Richardson, Marian Craddock of Lubbock, Dorothy Wylie Brown of Kingwood, Dick and Jo Wylie of Bryan and had many nieces and nephews.

She was also special friend to Dee Anna Harmon and husband, Joe; and extended family - Jamie Boren, John and Jeannette Jacobs, David and Alene Key, all of Robert Lee and a village of children.

If you wish to honor our mother, we, the family request donations be made to a volunteer emergency organization of your choice. The family's personal preference is the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department (in care of City Hall, Robert Lee, Texas 76945). We wish to thank Hospice of San Angelo and the staff of Robert Lee Care Center for their care of our mother and of us.

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**FSA accepting applications**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting application for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by fires and high winds on January 1, 2008 and continuing.

Coke County has been named a primary county where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as

soon as possible. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2009, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater, Texas.

**Check Out  
Coke County  
Library**

The winner of the Coke County Library's Road Trip Summer Reading Time drawing on Friday, July 18, was Jorge Mendoza.

This Friday will be the last weekly drawing in the Road Trip Summer Reading Time. However, a grand prize drawing will be held on August 1st. All the names of readers have been saved throughout the summer and have been put in a box for the final drawings. Stay tuned.

The Better Business Bureau's "Insiders Guide to Success" Starting an eBay Business has been received and is on the shelf for check out. New Westerns, romance, mystery, and non fiction books including those in medical, child rearing, and political areas have also been added.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-4; Wednesdays, 8-5; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for reference questions and information.

**RLISD School Board meeting held**

On Monday, July 14, 2008, a regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 7 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members Present: K. Roe, I. Torres, W. Washam, J. Roberts, B. Brosh, T. Sawyer; T. Reed

At 7 pm meeting called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Kevin Roe.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of June 19 (with date correction), June 24th, and June 25th 2008 meetings seconded by Tom Sawyer. Motion carried.

Irma Torres made a motion to accept the financial report



**Schoenfield-Gressett engagement announced!** Jeff and Sujane Schoenfield of Bronte are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacy Schoenfield, to Dusty Gressett, son of William Gressett and Danetta Stewart.

Grandparents of the bride are Jerry and Scooter Parker of Bronte, the late Karl Schoenfield, and George and Betty Muery of Millersview.

Grandparents of the groom are Marck and DanaRuth Schafer of Garden City and the late Bubs Gressett, and Mary Gressett of Forsan.

Lacy is a 2002 graduate of Bronte High School and a 2005 graduate of Angelo State University. She is currently employed as a Registered Nurse at Baptist Memorials Nursing Center.

Dusty is a 2001 graduate of Sterling City High School and a 2006 graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. Dusty is currently employed by M&M Remodeling.

A wedding ceremony will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte on September 12, 2008. After a honeymoon to the Bahamas, the newlyweds will reside in San Angelo.

and pay the bills as presented with the board the PDAS seconded by Brandi Brosh. Motion carried. Wes Washam made a motion to approve the \$40,000 budget amendment from Function 34 to Function 36 seconded by Tod Reed. Motion Carried.

Roger Henderson gave the elementary and high school reports for June.

Roger Henderson shared

Recommendation by Supt. Hood to name the Principal and Assistant Principal as District Appraisers for PDAS for 2008-2009 and the Superintendent as backup.

Irma Torres made the motion to accept superintendent's recommendation seconded by Jeffie Roberts. Motion carried.

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Invite You to Worship**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
(325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
(325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2360  
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship,  
6 pm Youth

and Worship  
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte

(325) 473-3281  
Rev. David Bailey, Pastor  
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 Youth

**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2417  
Rev. George Bradley, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Worship  
Wed. 6 pm Choir

**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
101 Houston • Robert Lee  
(325) 763-9208 • 320-1354  
Sun. 10 am • Worship  
11 am & 6 pm • Service  
Wed. 7 pm

**St. James Catholic Church**  
215 N. Washington, Bronte  
(325) 365-2687  
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sun. 5 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176

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

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
Portis Ribble, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm  
**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
(325) 453-2482

Jim Dominey, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
(325) 453-2724  
Jason Martin, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
Joe Hodges, Pastor  
(325) 473-2040  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2208

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Tod Reed made a motion to approve the Robert Lee ISD Faculty Handbook for 2008-2009 seconded by Brandi Brosh. Motion Carried.

RLISD 2008-2009 Student Handbook was reviewed by the Board and is in compliance with Board Policy.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the Extracurricular Code of Conduct for 2008-2009 seconded by Irma Torres. Motion carried.

Budget Workshop will be held at the next meeting.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to continue membership with Equity Center for 2008-2009. Motion seconded by Irma Torres. Motion carried.

Supt. Hood made recommendation to accept the lowest bid for Property/Casualty Insurance with the removal of auto. Wes Washam made the motion to accept superintendent recommendation to go with Key & Piskuran Insurance Company with removal of auto. Bid includes two year price guarantee. Motion seconded by Tom Sawyer, motion carried. Board will award auto insurance in August meeting.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to enter into a Retainer Agreement with Schwartz & Eichelbaum, Wardell, Mehl and Hansen, PC for the 2008-2009 school year seconded by Irma Torres. Motion carried.

The board discussed the contract for construction manager at risk with W.B. Kibler Construction Co., LTD.

Jeffie Roberts made the motion to name Robin Allen as User Administration + Designee for the 2008-2009 school year seconded by Tod Reed. Motion carried.

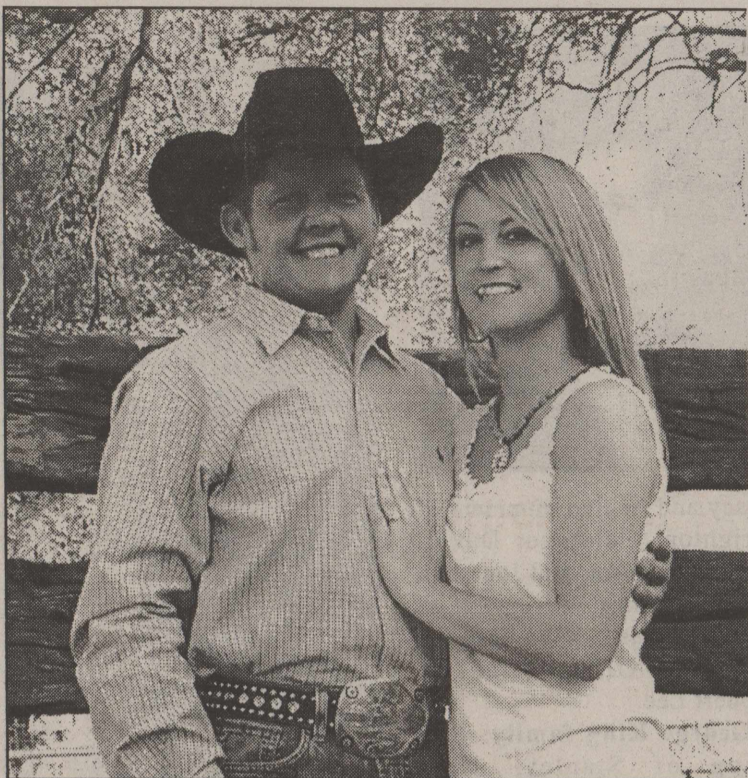
Tod Reed made a motion to accept Supt. Hood's recommendation to select Option 3 or 4 to equalize wealth for the 2008-2009 school year based on Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code. Motion seconded by Brandi Brosh, motion carried.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept Supt. Hood's recommendation regarding Resolution of Sale of Property for both 302 W. 13th Street and 306 W. 13th Street. Motion seconded by Tom Sawyer, motion carried.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to award bid to Ivey Motor for 2008 Expedition EL. Motion seconded by Tod Reed. Motion passed 6-0.

Tod Reed made a motion to donate 1995 Chevrolet Suburban to Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Jeffie Roberts. Motion carried.

Wes Washam made a motion to donate metal fencing to Coke County. Motion seconded by Tom Sawyer, motion carried.



**McCutchen-Webb engagement announced!** Wayne and Melinda McCutchen of Bronte are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan McCutchen, to Jarrett Webb, son of Mark and Barbara Webb of Belen, New Mexico.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Cliff and Mary Belle Barrett, Lois Walls and Jeff McCutchen.

The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Phyllis Gilchrist of Artesia, New Mexico, Mrs. Blanche Webb of Omaha, Nebraska, the late Mr. Creighton Gilchrist and the late Mr. Bill Webb.

Morgan is a 2002 graduate of Bronte High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Angelo State University in 2005. She currently serves as editor of the Observer/Enterprise.

Jarrett is a 1993 graduate of Belen High School in Belen, New Mexico. He is the owner of All Around Construction.

A wedding ceremony is set for August 8, 2008, in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The couple will make their home in Blackwell, Texas.

Tod Reed made a motion to approve Localized Update 83 of Board Policy and accept Supt. Hood's recommendation to remove examples from DIA, FHA, FFI Local and not to act on DEA Local. Motion seconded by Irma Torres. Motion carried.

Supt. Hood gave his report on Summer Maintenance Update, Elementary Numbers, Wind Projects, Board Convention travel, School First Rating and Construction.

Mike Brady resignation effective immediately.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 7 pm and a special called board meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2008 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned 9:17 pm.

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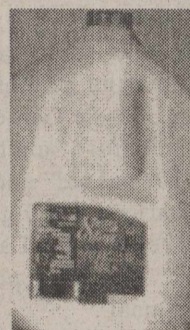
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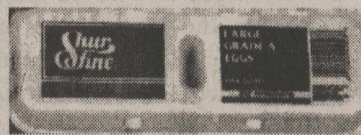


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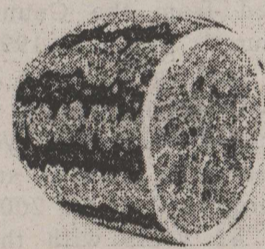
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**Wallaces celebrate golden anniversary**

A little over 50 years ago, on a rainy Saturday afternoon, June 21, 1958, Royce Wallace and Alice Ross were married in the home of Barbara and Elmer Adkins, in Robert Lee, Texas. The ladies are sisters.

Recently, on another Saturday evening, June 21, 2008, Royce and Alice were honored with a family dinner at Los Panchitos Restaurant in San Angelo, to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Attending and hosting the dinner were the couple's two sons, Wade Wallace of Carrollton, Texas, and Morris Wallace and his wife, Wanda, of San Angelo. Assisting with arrangements were Royce and Alice's grandchildren, Jessica Marsh of Arlington, Virginia; Vanessa Hoffman and her husband, Matt, of Lubbock, and Duncan and Garret Wallace of San Angelo. Noelle Hoffman, THE two-year old great-granddaughter of the couple, also attended and provided much of the entertainment for the evening. Completing the list were two very special nieces, Linda Havins of Dallas and Jan Havins of Arlington, who are very much a part of this family where they are affectionately known as "Morris and Wade's sisters".

While Royce completed two years in military service, the couple lived in El Paso, then Silver and Robert Lee during the years of their marriage, the last 44 years at their present home. She retired from the County Treasurer's office in 1992, after working for about 20 years in different offices in the courthouse, and Royce retired from Perkins and Prothro, in the year 2000, after 42 years with that company. They attend worship services at the Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee, where both are active members.

Royce enjoys gardening and working in his shop, and Alice likes to do various handcrafts. But the real love of both of their lives is their families.

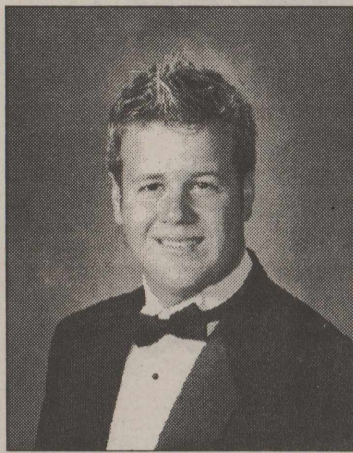
In keeping with the couple's wishes, there was not a reception. However, Wade, Morris & Wanda sent out cards prior to the event, inviting friends and family to send cards, pictures or memories to share for a "Memory Scrapbook" that will be a treasured keepsake for the couple.

**King Family reunion held**

The descendants of Sam and Anna King met for their annual reunion on Saturday, July 19, 2008, in Robert Lee. Sam and Anna (Benson) King were long time residents of Coke County. Sam and Anna were married January 1, 1890, in the home

**Eastern Star Scholarship!**

Chase Roe of Robert Lee received the 2007-2008 Robert Lee Eastern Star Chapter No. 187 scholarship. He is the son of Kevin and Tammy Roe and the grandson of Billy Wayne and Dolores Roe, all of Robert Lee. Chase is a 2008 graduate of Robert Lee High School.



of W.C. Benson in Edith. The first King family reunion was held back in 1961 at Green Mountain.

The day was spent eating, visiting, sharing photos and swimming. Jessie Gaines led the prayer before lunch and had the "hat passed" and that evening Darlene Kelly gave a financial report and Lavelta McVicker led the prayer before the meal.

Attending the event were:

**Will King family:** Don and Dorothy King of Stanley, New Mexico; Isaac, Heather and Jackson King of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

**Beulah King Gaines family:** Jess and Dorothy Gaines and Randy Gaines of Dallas; Alene and David Key, Dee Anna and Joe Harmon of Robert Lee; Clara Belle Deese, Lucille Middleton, Katie and Waymond Dixon, and Adam and Kari Cates of San Angelo; Annie Faye King of Winters; James, Rachel, Brittany and Ryan Glaze of Hawley.

**Vela King Davis Plumlee family:** Bessie Brice of Robert Lee; Eugenia Smith, Sam and June Plumlee, Sam Plumlee Jr, and Angela Sparks of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Darlene and Tim Kelly of Ballinger; Pam and Sarah Kay Gandy, Shirley Strakos, Adrienne Fortune, James and Marcia Hester, Marty, Julia, Michaela and Chanelle Baker of San Angelo; Judy Snowden of Odessa; Christa, Emily and Gracie McClellan of Abilene; Amy, Dennis and Joshua Ellis, Brittany and Justin Gunn of Onalaska; Scott,

Stacy and Ashlyn Summers of Brighton, Colorado; David, Melanie, Sierra, and Jonathan Neal of Joshua.

**Ottis Frank King family:** Jim and Olivia King of Robert Lee.

**George King family:** Ray King of Stanley, New Mexico.

**Lillie King Gaines family:** Willie Eads and Jessie Eads IV of Robert Lee; Frank Wanker of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Bertie Wanker of Fairview, Oklahoma; Jeanette and Kayla Eads and Ashlynn Dominquez of Midland.

**Dave King family:** Joyce and Bobby Walker of Robert Lee; Dave, and Donna Walker of Odessa; Laurel, Kagan, and Felicity Vicars of Midland; and T. Harry and Gwen Anderson of Granite Shoals.

**Mae King Blair family:** Delle Thomas of Arlington; Sam Keel and Vivian Keel of San Angelo.

**R.B. King family:** Lester King of Green Forest, Arkansas; Eldon King of Malakoff; and Burt and Lavelta McVicker of Inks Lake.

Friends joining them were Dail Crelly of Isabella, Oklahoma, Edith Flippo of Sweetwater, and Chashi Hamilton of Midland.

**"Spicing It Up" in Fredericksburg**

Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg, Texas, will once again be "Spicing It Up!" with the second annual Gourmet Chili Pepper &



**4-H Clothing Project!** Sarah Wade recently participated in the 4-H County Clothing Project. Sarah will represent Coke County in the junior dress division at the District Contest in San Angelo.

Salsa Festival, July 25-27. This year they have added another day and many more fun things.

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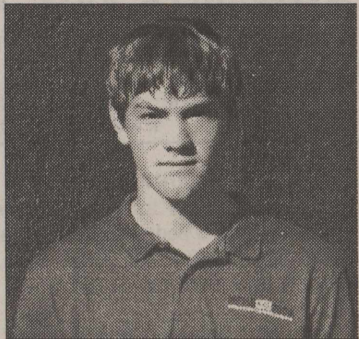
### County Eastern Star Chapters consolidate

Bronte Eastern Star Chapter No. 1048 consolidated with the Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 on June 1, 2008. They are now one chapter, Robert Lee - Bronte No. 187, and meet in the Masonic Lodge Building in Robert Lee on the second Thursday of each month. Sterling City Chapter No. 29 consolidated with Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 on June 1, 2000. Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 celebrated their 100th Anniversary in 2004.

Installation of officers for the chapter was held at their regular meeting on June 12, 2008. Jeffie Roberts was installed as Worthy Matron and Bobby Roberts as Worthy Patron for the 2008-2009 year.

Other officers installed were Melba Gray - Associate Matron; George Gray - Associate Patron; Beverly Sinclair - Secretary; Dolores Roe - Treasurer; Gayna Eldred - Conductress; Lanette Fletcher - Associate Conductress; E.E. "Buddy" Eldred - Chaplain; Grady Coulter - Marshal; Dessie Kendall - Organist; Dian Coulter - Adah; Dovie Cummins - Ruth; Ettie Hubbard - Ester; Mary Beth Drennan - Martha; Lois Leverington - Electa; Leonard Leverington - Warder and Keith Fletcher - Sentinel.

Installing officers was Dian Coulter - Installing Officer. She was assisted by Beverly Sinclair, Geneva Cook of Winters - Installing Marshal, Mary Beth Drennan - Installing Organist, Ettie Hubbard - Secretary Pro-tem, Leonard Leverington - Installing Chaplain, Sarah Craig of Winters - Installing Warder



**Heath Richey**

and Glenda McNeill of Winters - Installing Sentinel.

Jeffie dedicated this year to the officers and members of the new chapter "Robert Lee - Bronte No. 187". This was a big step for the members of Bronte Chapter No. 1048 to consolidate with Robert Lee as they would have celebrated their 50th anniversary in November. As they join together a new group, they can achieve whatever they set out to do. May God bless each of them as they start their new Eastern Star year together.

### Richey attends NFHS Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis

Heath Richey represented the small town of Bronte and all of West Texas last week at the NFHS Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) hosted its fifth National Student Leadership Conference on July 17-20 at the downtown Hilton in Indianapolis, Indiana.

About 300 students and adult delegates from 28 states, Canada and Israel attended the conference, which has been made possible through a grant from T-Mobile USA, Inc. Other sponsors include



**Coke County Eastern Star!** Bronte Eastern Star Chapter No. 1048 consolidated with the Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 on June 1, 2008. Installation of new officers occurred at their regular meeting on June 12, 2008.

Gatorade and Nike. Heath Richey, a sophomore at Bronte High School, attended the event.

The conference included large- and small-group instruction in three breakout sessions, which were headed by college-aged and adult facilitators from across the country. Leaders of the breakout sessions offered advice on issues teens are dealing with in today's society, such as respect, positive values, perspective, sportsmanship, teamwork, healthy lifestyles, community service and self-evaluation.

In addition to group discussion, students chose among several speakers during two sessions on Friday. Some of the topics included NCAA Eligibility/National Clearinghouse Information,

Careers in Athletics, Money Management, Communications for the Next Century, Virtual Team Play Online and Successful Tips for the ACT/SAT Standardized Tests. Representatives from The Princeton Review, Fifth Third Bank, St. Mary's of the Woods College, among others, spoke.

On Saturday, July 19, the students worked to beautify and renovate Oscar Charleston Park and Washington Park for the T-Mobile Huddle Up Community Service Project. This event has become one of the most-anticipated events of the conference.

The goal of the NFHS Student Leadership

Conference is to encourage students to return to their respective schools and communities with new and improved leadership skills and work with their adult counterparts to help develop a plan for their school and make a positive and significant impact on the community.

This press release was written by Steve Appelhans, a summer intern in the NFHS publications/communications department and a senior at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, majoring in sport management. Michael Bohensky added information after the event took place.

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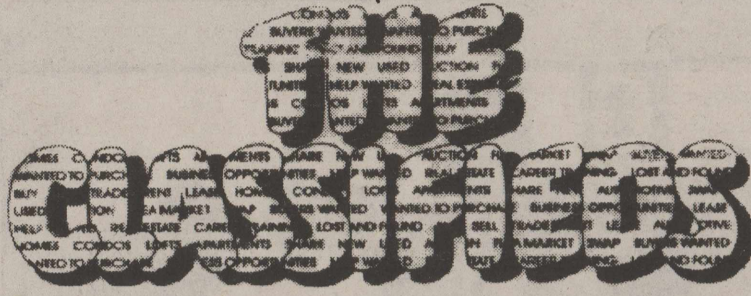
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**Pet Talk**

If you move to a new residence, it can be a doggone hard time for a pet.

A life transition for a pet can be difficult, and if your move requires an indoor/outdoor or strictly outdoor-residing cat or dog to become an indoor pet, it can be an especially challenging experience.

Dr. Bonnie Beaver, professor in Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences and animal-behavior expert, offers some great tips to introduce your pet to a new lifestyle.

"The most difficult animal to introduce to an all-indoor life is the cat," explained Beaver. "They can be very persistent about returning to the outdoors."

She explains that cats can often try to escape houses and apart-

ments by sneaking through doors as people enter and exit the home. Keeping a close eye on cats can be imperative to insuring your cat remains in the home, Beaver says.

You can also allow your cat to experience the outdoors by teaching it to walk on a harness, or allowing it to sit on the balcony of an apartment, but owners should be sure that the balcony is safe. Putting netting or some kind of fence can make the balcony a safe and enjoyable way for your cat to get fresh air.

The same is true of windows, Beaver says, and care should be taken to make certain that cats cannot push screens out of windows. This can reduce the chance of your cat running away or falling multiple stories, possibly causing a serious injury or even death. Window hammocks or

boxes are also great for cats, and they are secure ways to keep them comfortable and enjoying some degree of the outdoors.

Transitioning to an all-indoor lifestyle can also be difficult for dogs, who usually adjust better than cats, Beaver explains. Dogs typically do well if they can be around their owners, and Beaver recommends crate training the dog to help ease the process.

"While it is best to crate train puppies from an early age, crates can be excellent ways to allow dogs to have a portable home of their own," she notes. "Gradually introducing dogs to crates by putting an old T-shirt that smells like you in it and placing treats in the crate can be great ways to create a positive place. It is a process, but one that is often very beneficial in the long-run."

Crates can also be useful for the dog to have a "home away from home" any time you relocate, travel or have an abundance of visitors in the home. The crate can be a safe, normal place full of familiar smells and feels for dogs, Beaver adds.

She adds that it is imperative to take dogs out several times a day to relieve themselves. Not only does it reinforce good house-breaking, but also allows the dog to get some exercise. Taking the time to take dogs out and play for extended periods of time is also good for them and can keep them happy and healthy. Just always be certain to pick up after your pet, Beaver says, adding that dog parks are excellent ways to allow your dog to exercise and experience a little freedom.

When walking your dog on

restroom breaks, be sure they have access to their regular "relief surface." For instance, if it is used to going on grass, then provide it with a grassy surface. If he is accustomed to using paper or "puppy pads," provide it with that surface, Beaver says.

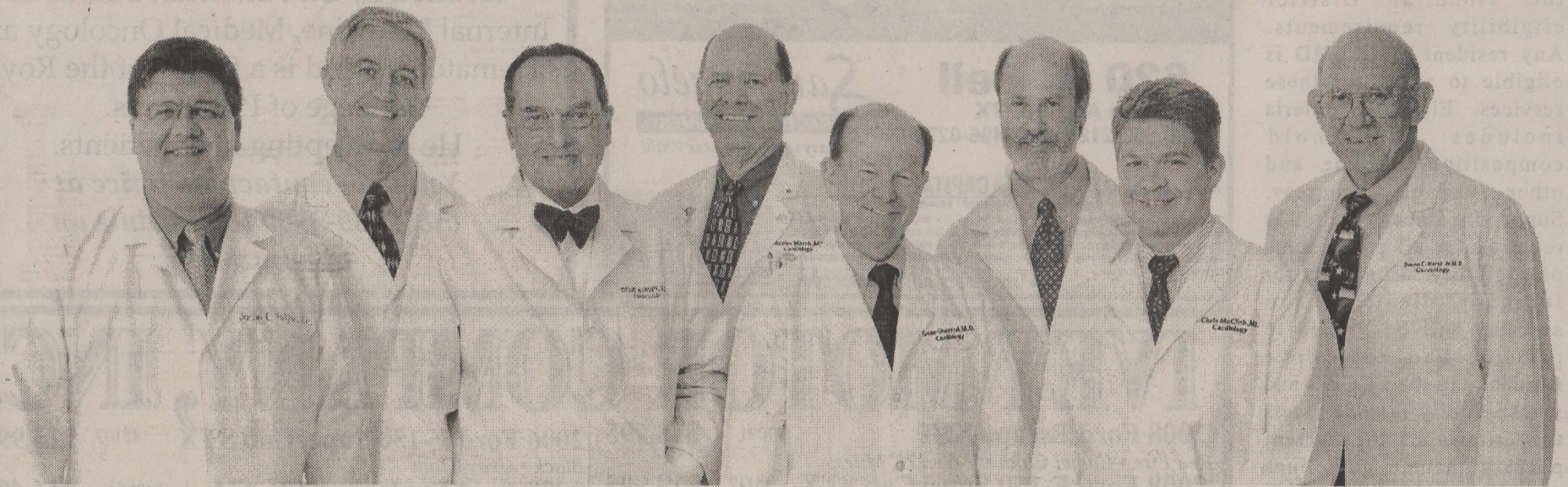
"Dogs become accustomed to using the restroom on certain surfaces, and it is easier for the dog if that surface can be provided while on walks to use the restroom," says Beaver.

"One important rule to remember is to keep pets in an enriched environment," Beaver adds. "They need things to do. Toys and activities that require mental and physical engagement are often great ways to keep your pet from being bored while you are not at home. These activities can also help keep a sense of 'normalcy' during moves."

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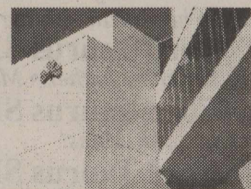
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