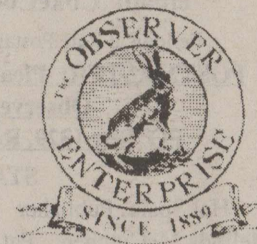


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Friday, December 5, 2008

RL Open House celebrations set for today

The opening of the Christmas season in Robert Lee is today, December 5. A number of local offices and businesses hold open house to serve refreshments and celebrate the season with their valued customers and friends.

The Coke County Courthouse will have an open house from 8 am to 1 pm. Robert Lee State Bank is having their open house from 9 am to 3 pm and Ivey Motor Company, Inc. will celebrate from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Other businesses and offices participating with open house celebrations include Robert Lee City Hall, This 'N That Shop, Massey Auto and Hardware, Especially For You, Mountain Creek Mercantile, Amazing Hair Salon and Gifts, Rock Solid Communications, Designs by Toni and Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau. The Coke County Library will also host an open house. At 10 am the winner for the painting by Olene Strickland, sponsored by the 64 Study Club, will be drawn.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be from 6:30 to 9:30 on December 9, at the Robert Lee Rec. Hall.

There is always fun to be had and good food to eat. Visit with old friends and make new ones.

There will be a break from dancing and for the band to take a break. Although everyone likes to dance, they also like to eat. The band does a great job and they deserve to rest, but are always up there to start again.

Even if you are single, there will always be someone there for you to dance with. If they don't ask you, it is not a bad idea for you to ask. Let's just say it is Leap Year every year. Let's not be bashful here in Coke County. Come and enjoy.

Santa letter deadline set for December 8

Deadline for Letters to Santa Claus to be printed in

this year's edition has been set for Monday, December 8. As in the past, we will go by the schools and pick up their Letters to Santa for inclusion in the Christmas paper on December 26. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. This is why we have to have them early. As in the case of Letters to Santa that are delivered to the post offices, we will pick them up, type them for the paper, and mail them on to Santa as fast as we can. Letters delivered to the post office must be there by December 19 to be included in this year's Christmas edition of the newspaper.

If you have any questions as to this year's Santa Letters deadlines or the holiday printing schedule, give us a call at 453-2433.

Attention Crafters

Bronte Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Downtown Christmas Craft Fair and now is the time for you to enter and sell your handcrafted articles. The Fair will be held on December 13 at 8 am. Fee for a 10'X10' square booth is \$15. The booths will be set up on the downtown sidewalks (you must supply your own set up). To enter your handcrafts call 473-2604, 473-2093, or pick up an entry form at Bronte City Hall or Shalon's Florals and Gifts.

Santa Claus to visit Bronte

Be sure to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 13 at the Texas Theater Bronte. Children 12 years old or under can register to win a bicycle. You will be able to put your name into a drawing for a bicycle. A boy's and a girl's bicycle will be given away that afternoon before Santa and Mrs. Claus return to the North Pole.

Letters from Santa

Make that little someone happy with a Letter from Santa Claus! The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is making this possible for you this year. All you have to do is send your child's information to them with a check or money order for \$4. The letter will be mailed to your child/grandchild at

Visit our area
businesses during their
**Holiday Open
House**
celebrations.

his/her home on December 15.

To request the form for your Letter from Santa, contact the Bronte Chamber of Commerce at 473-2604.

Christmas Greetings deadline set for December 19

It is time once again for Christmas greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas Greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 26 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Friday, December 19. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.

Customer survey included in this issue

Bronte area customers will find a survey form inserted in this week's paper. Jennifer and Steve Stango, new owners of Bronte Hometown Hardware, are requesting their customers complete the survey form sometime during

the holiday season. They are asking customers to list the types of items they would like them to carry, and how they can improve service to their customers.

Depending on the results, they may decide to improve their service or product selection. You can either stop by and drop off your completed survey during business hours, or slip the form under the door after hours. They would like to have the forms returned sometime during the holiday season before the first of the new year.

Reservations for Coke County Rec Halls set

The first day to rent the following Coke County buildings for 2009 will be on Monday, January 5, at 7 am in the Judge's office in the Coke County Courthouse. Robert Lee large recreation hall, Robert Lee Senior building, Robert Lee Pavilion, Bronte large recreation hall, Bronte Senior building and Bronte Pavilion.

If you have any questions, please call the Judge's office at 453-2641.

Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27-hole, 2 person, select shot, golf tournament on December 20, 2008, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. Tee off time is set for 9 am. For more information, call 473-2156.

Coke Co. Historical Commission meeting set for January 12

The Coke County Historical Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009, at the Coke County Library at 3 pm.

Volunteers are sorely needed for the newspaper project. A demonstration of the preparation needed to prepare the Observer/Enterprise to be microfilmed by the West Texas Collection at ASU will be held. The process is simple, but human power is needed to get the project done. Please mark Monday, January 12, on the calendar and see how you can help preserve Coke County history.

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Relay for Life! The Coke County Relay For Life Kickoff was held on Tuesday, November 25 at the Bronte vs. Robert Lee basketball game in Bronte. The "Paint the Gym Purple" theme was a great success. Purple is the "color" of Relay For Life and at the Relay when you see someone wearing purple, it means they are a cancer survivor. Fifteen cancer survivors were recognized at half-time of the girls' game. Seven teams were also registered Tuesday night. Team members that registered and paid, along with registered survivors, had their names placed in a drawing for a Relay For Life fleece blanket that was given away at half-time of the boys' game. The winner was Mary Glenn of Bronte who is on the Sorosis Study Club team. The 2009 Coke County Relay For Life will be April 3-4 in Robert Lee at the football field. Teams are made up of 8-15 people with a \$10 per person registration fee. Packets can be picked up in Bronte from Glenn-Bivins Insurance or in Robert Lee from Judy Blair or DeeAnna Harmon. The first team meetings will be held in January. Dates and times will be announced after the first of the year.

Death Notices

Skeen

Edith Grace Skeen, 97, of Bronte died Saturday, November 29, 2008, at a local care center. Graveside service was held at 1:30 pm, Sunday, November 30, 2008, at the Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

...Historical Comm.

(Continued from front page)

Another project to be discussed is the stabilization project for the Old Jail. Ideas and human power for fund raisers are needed. The Old Jail has stood for 102 years and is a Coke County treasure. It's stabilization will make it last another 102 years. The Old Jail receives one or two visitors a day according to one of its neighbors. The building represents the pioneers of Coke County's proud and exciting past. Today's grandchildren and great grandchildren will be bringing their children to see the building.

Mark Monday, January 12, 2009, as the day to begin helping in a serious campaign to preserve what is most real about Coke County.

Flu shots available

Don't get the flu. Don't spread the flu. Get vaccinated! Flu shots will be available at the Coke County Courthouse, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee from 10 am - 3 pm on December 18.

RLBC to host youth fellowship

S.N.A.C., a time for all 7th - 12th grade youth to come together for a time of fellowship and snacks, will be held on Sunday, December 7, at 8 pm, at the home of Ryan Reed, 206 W. 14th, Robert Lee.

FSA accepting applications

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by high winds, hail, lightning, and a tornado on

June 5, 2008 through June 17, 2008 and also caused by drought that occurred on January 1, 2008 and continuing.

Coke County has been named a contiguous county where eligible 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 June 10, 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.

McConnell completes Army Basic Training

Spc. Aaron P. McConnell of Bronte, recently completed U.S. Army Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

During the nine-week training program, McConnell completed various training

exercises including classroom and practical instruction on core U.S. Army values, basic rifle marksmanship, combat lifesaver first-aid, combatives instruction, urban assault training and physical fitness training. McConnell was awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the U.S. Army for Physical Fitness Excellence for Echo Company, 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry with a score of 342 points.

The nine-week training program culminated with an eight-mile ruck march after a

5 day Field Training Exercise (FTX) in which the dedication, sacrifice, teamwork and endurance of the soldiers are put to the ultimate test. The soldiers use the skills, values and confidence that they have learned in order to complete the mission.

McConnell graduated from BCT on November 20, 2008, and will return to Officer

Candidacy School (OCS) in late January of 2009. McConnell joined the Army National Guard Reserves in May of 2008 and is currently employed by Novartis Pharmaceuticals.


McConnell and his wife, Cyndi, reside in Bronte. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. McConnell, Jr. (Col.-Ret.) of Aledo, Texas and is the son-in-law of Kathy Jackson of Blackwell.

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**Sunday
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December 14
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Church
Robert Lee, Texas**

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



Holiday decorating! Students from Bronte High School's Teen Leadership and PALS classes have been volunteering with the Bronte Junior Chamber of Commerce cleaning up the Texas Theater and decorating business doors around town for the upcoming holiday season.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library welcomes everyone to the Open House on December 5. Visitors will receive a magnet showing dates the library is open, and visitors will have a chance to see some really good books and get ideas for Christmas.

Remember our local authors, Bonita Cartrite, Jane Austin Bruckner, Karla Hamrick, and the West Coke County Community Development Cookbook, as well as Cathy (Hendry) Brown's cook book. These books will be welcomed under anyone's tree.

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

Letter to the Editor "We the People"

By Jim Clendennen

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Opening Day hunters' barbeque and game dinners have become a tradition in West Texas as local landowners and businesses welcome hunters and the income boost that they provide our area. Ammunition, feed, groceries, hardware, and sales of numerous other goods increase in our area every fall. Actually sales are increased all year long as various hunting seasons happen all year round. Landowners receive an economic boost with lease payments. Grocery stores, café's, and motels benefit from increased revenue. We should thank not only the hunters for their business but we should be most thankful

for those that enabled for this to happen. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and the Federalists because the foundation for the economic impact that hunting has on our area is the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

In terms of pure self interest the Second Amendment has been good to us, but the Founding Fathers were not thinking about hunting when "the right of the people to keep and bear arms" became the law of the land. The founders knew that without balance, the natural state is for government to grow, become more powerful, and finally more oppressive. The walls of our Constitution are the First Amendment which guarantees the Freedom of Speech, and the Second Amendment, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms.

The leadership and many members of the Congress that will convene early in 2009 are Progressive-Liberals. They do not believe that "the

people" should be allowed to have firearms. Watch for changes in your future.

Bilbo family enjoys Thanksgiving

The Bilbo clan gathered in Robert Lee to celebrate Thanksgiving with 3 days of activities.

Thursday, they had the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Bilbo house on Bishop Street.

Friday morning, a caravan of cars traveled to Paint Rock to view the Indian pictographs. Kay Campbell conducted the lecture tour. She gave a most interesting lecture about the 500 year history of the Indian pictographs. Mrs. Campbell then led the group to the rock bluff that overlooks a once widely-used Indian campground. She pointed out and explained the meaning of the outstanding rock art at the site. Following the Paint Rock excursion, the Bilbo group went down the road to dine at the Lowake Steak House.

On Saturday, the relatives



Paint deer! This strange looking creature, a piebald buck fawn, was photographed with a game camera on James Hood's place, four miles southeast of Bronte. According to Hood, a white deer is a one in a million possibility, while this piebald deer is a one in 3 1/2 million. Hunters are requested to please not shoot the unusual specimen, at least until he has a chance to mature and breed some does.

got together at the Boren place northwest of Robert Lee for the annual Saturday-after-Thanksgiving brunch hosted by the Boren Bunch. They feasted on a sumptuous buffet of barbecued beef ribs, pork ribs, chicken wings, sausages, dove and fried venison accompanied by a big assortment of side dishes prepared by the hosts and guests.

Attending one, two, or all events were: Alta Bell Kay of Alpine; Jan and Bobby Hungate of Waco; Kayce Hungate of Stephenville, Kara and Byron Knight and Maci of Waco; Mark and Judy Kay of Andrews; Nic Kay of Odessa; Jamie Boren of Robert Lee; Kathy Alexander, Miranda Wauson, and Jamie Joe Alexander, all of Austin; Joe Bob Alexander

of Stanton; Bebo Boren of Lubbock; John Boren and Sloan Boren of Snyder; Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield of Grove, Oklahoma; Sandy and Jill Evans, Ashley and Trace of Arlington; Mary Evans of Henderson; Lance, Linsy, Lance II and Landon Evans of San Angelo; Billy and Will Havins of Pleasanton; Mike and Becca Levesque, Sarah, Lucas, and Seth of San Angelo. Guests attending were: Ava Lou Davis of Robert Lee, and Erin O'Reilly, Isabella and Cassandra of Robert Lee.

**Deadline is
Tuesday at 2 pm
preceding
publication date.**

In Loving Memory of Joe Lewis Torres



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If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane,
we would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again.
No farewell words were spoken, no time to say "goodbye",
you were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why.
Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flow,
what it meant to love you - no one will never know.
But now we know you want us to mourn for you no more,
to remember all the "happy" times life still has in store.
Since you will never be forgotten, we pledge to you today,
a hallowed place within our hearts is where you'll always stay.

With all our love,
Your Family

WELCOME!

Come join us for an evening of great music, fun, fellowship and refreshments!

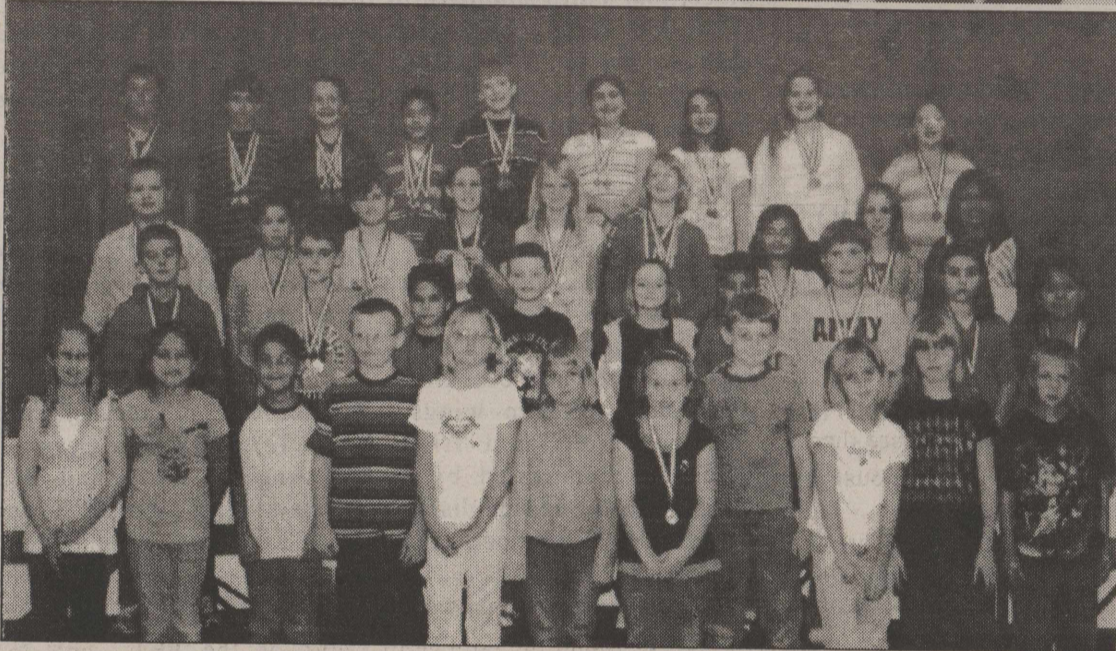
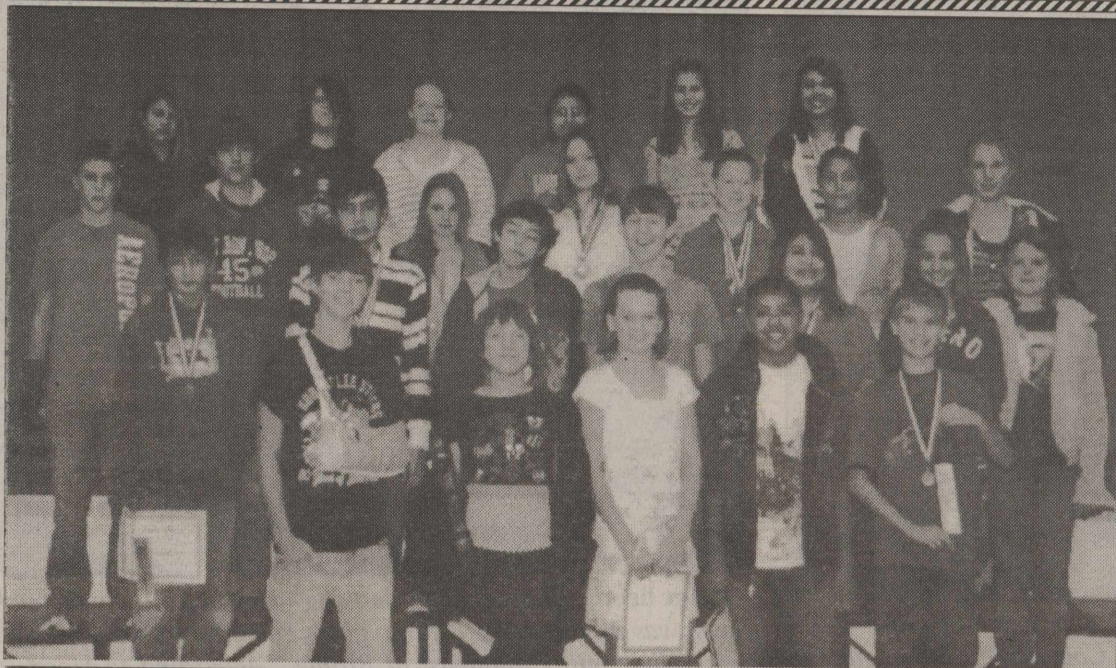
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Friday, December 12
7 pm

Featuring a Christmas Concert by Driftwood!

This is our annual Christmas Open House!
Come one and all!

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee UIL! Many Robert Lee Elementary (bottom photo) and Junior High (top photo) students participated at the district UIL meet recently.

RL Robotics selling flash drives

Robert Lee ISD Robotics team is selling 1GB flash drives with the Robert Lee

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 8

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

Tuesday, December 9

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Wednesday, December 10

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Thursday, December 11

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Friday, December 12

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 8

Fish sticks, mac & cheese, green beans, sliced bread, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, December 9

Grilled cheese sandwich, veg. soup, crackers, pickles, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, December 10

Steakfingers, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, apricots, milk

Thursday, December 11

Chicken fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, orange, cookie, milk

Friday, December 12

Hamburger, salad, pickles, baked chips, apple, milk

ISD logo. If you would like to purchase one, you may contact Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Service or Mrs. Roberts at 453-4555.

RL Scholastic Book Fair slated

Robert Lee ISD will host a Scholastic Book Fair December 8-12 from 9 am - 4 pm in the Robert Lee High School Library. Family Night, with refreshments and door prizes, will be held Tuesday, December 9 from 5 pm - 7 pm.

RLJH basketball results

On November 24, at Robert Lee, the junior high boys lost to Sterling City by a score of 15-24. Scoring for Robert Lee: Cooper Hinderliter 8; Will Howard 4; Dawson Brisbin 2; and Zack Skinner 1.

The junior high girls lost to Sterling City by a score of 5-38. Bianca Huapilla scored the 5 points for Robert Lee.

RL Elementary UIL results

2nd grade

Storytelling

2nd) Megan Grantham

3rd grade

Ready Writing

6th) Billy Coppedge

Storytelling

5th) Kiara Burns

4th grade

Ready Writing

3rd) Kegan Bell

Art

1st) Kaden Hayes

Music Memory

1st) James Wyatt, 2nd team) James Wyatt, Kandace Skipworth, Anna Huapilla, Kaden Hayes, Casey Aldridge

5th grade

Oral Reading

4th) Karlee Roach

Spelling

4th) Karlee Roach, 6th) Brady Clawson, 2nd team) Karlee Roach, Brady Clawson, Hunter Hamrick

Maps, Graphs and Charts

5th) Kodi Drennan

Number Sense

6th) Myrka Rangel, 3rd team) Myrka Rangel, Hunter Hamrick, Brady Clawson, Justice Saucedo

Listening Skills

5th) Kodi Drennan, 3rd(team) Kodi Drennan, Haley Grantham, Hunter Hamrick, Jake Jackson

Dictionary Skills

1st) Karlee Roach, 4th) Justice Saucedo, 6th) Julia Madrid, 1st team) Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Julia Madrid, Myrka Rangel

Art

1st) Rani Coppedge, 2nd) Karlee Roach, 5th) (tie) Kodi Drennan, Madison Wright, 1st team) Rani Coppedge, Karlee Roach, Kodi Drennan, Madison Wright

Music Memory

2nd) Bruce Buddin, 3rd) Kodi Drennan, 6th) Jake Jackson, 1st team) Bruce Buddin, Kodi Drennan, Jake Jackson, Blaine Yanez, Haley

Grantham

6th grade

Oral Reading

3rd) James Roberts, 6th) Tristen Hildebrand

Maps, Graphs, & Charts

2nd) James Roberts, 3rd team) James Roberts, Tristen Hildebrand, Daria Tinkler, Jerry Wofford

Listening Skills

4th) James Roberts

Number Sense

6th) James Roberts 3rd team) James Roberts, Mycheal Tijerina, Jerry Wofford, Tristen Hildebrand

Calculators

3rd team) Jaden Aldridge, Tristen Hildebrand, James Roberts, Mycheal Tijerina

Music Memory

1st) James Roberts, 4th) Mycheal Tijerina, 6th) Jaden Aldridge, 2nd team) James Roberts, Mycheal Tijerina, Jaden Aldridge, Tristen Hildebrand, Daria Tinkler, Jerry Wofford

RLJH UIL results

7th grade

Calculator

5th) Bianca Huapilla, 3rd team) Bianca Huapilla, Will Howard, Berenice Fabian

Editorial Writing

4th) Jesse Sheets

Impromptu Speaking

5th) Shelby Davis

Listening Skills

3rd) Hanna Hamrick

Maps, Graphs & Charts

2nd) Everett Wilson

Mathematics

5th) Will Howard, 3rd team) Will Howard, Everett Wilson, Berenice Fabian, Bianca Huapilla

Modern Oratory

1st) Hanna Hamrick

Number Sense

4th) Will Howard, 5th) Everett Wilson, 2nd team) Will Howard, Everett Wilson, Hanna Hamrick, Shelby Davis

Ready Writing

2nd) Will Howard, 5th) Hanna Hamrick

8th grade

Calculator

3rd) Jordan Gartman, 6th) Ashlie Wheat, 3rd team) Jordan Gartman, Ashlie Wheat, Kelsey Hewitt, Faylin Bell

Impromptu Speaking

1st) Jordan Gartman

Listening Skills

4th) Cooper Hinderliter

Mathematics

1st) Jordan Gartman, 2nd) Kelsey Hewitt, 3rd) Ashlie Wheat, 4th) Justin Gartman, 1st team) Jordan Gartman,

Kelsey Hewitt, Ashlie Wheat, Justin Gartman

Modern Oratory

1st) Zachary Sanchez

Number Sense

1st) Kelsey Hewitt, 2nd) Jordan Gartman, 3rd) Justin Gartman, 1st team) Kelsey Hewitt, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Drew Davis

Ready Writing

1st) Jordan Gartman, 6th) Drew Davis

Science

4th) Zachary Sanchez

Social Studies

1st) Zachary Sanchez

Spelling

2nd) Ashlie Wheat
Robert Lee Junior High finished third in the district.

ASU Announces Carr Scholarship

Angelo State University has posted the Carr Scholarship application online for graduating seniors at www.angelo.edu. Eligibility includes that students must score at least 21 on the ACT test or a minimum of 970 on the SAT test and be in the top 40% of their class. The priority deadline to apply is February 1, 2009. For more information, please call the financial aid office at ASU at 942-2246.

Scholarship Opportunities

Al's Formal Wear is granting two (2) \$2,500.00 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Applications are available at all Al's Formal Wear stores until June 10, 2009. For store locations please call 1-877-730-TUX or go online to www.alsformalwear.com for more information.

The Burger King Scholars Program is offering \$1,000.00 scholarships to all eligible high school seniors at www.bk.com/scholars. The access code is BKS. In order to apply, seniors must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher, be actively involved in community service activities, demonstrate financial need, and work part-time an average of 15 hours per week or 40 weeks per year.

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College financial aid night planned

Bronte ISD will host a free college financial aid orientation on Tuesday, January 27 at 6 pm in the school library. The program, presented by a representative from the Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center and Angelo State University will last about an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. A drawing will be held for a \$200 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent.

For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte ISD counselor, at (325) 473-2521.

Bronte JV basketball update

The Longhorn JV boys basketball team played their second game of the season on Tuesday, where they hosted the Robert Lee Steers. The young Horn team showed a lot of character after the first game rust was grinded off after a 22-14 loss to Christoval the week before. The Horns put up a great

effort and are excited about the upcoming season.

Scoring for Bronte: Barber 12, Scott 8, Charles 6, Coalson 2, Perez 2, and Parks 2.

Scholarship Opportunities

The Concho Valley Volleyball Association sponsors a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who plays volleyball. Senior girls may pick up an application off the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2009.

The Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) and its affiliated Texas Engineering Foundation (TEF) will award several scholarships to graduating Texas high school seniors planning on majoring in engineering. To be eligible to apply, students must be US citizens, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have scored at least a 600 in math, a 550 in critical reading and a 500 in writing on the SAT, or a 29 in math and a 25 in English on the ACT. Scholarship applications and more information is available in the counselor's office at BHS or online at www.tspe.org. Applications are due by January 16, 2009.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will grant a scholarship to a graduating senior in the Big Country who has participated in activities or contests in the Livestock Department and to an individual who has participated in the Modern Living Mall Youth Department. Applications are available on the bulletin board at Bronte High School and must be submitted by March 1, 2008.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest is offering scholarships to senior students who have had a serious childhood illness or injury or have a sibling who has had a serious childhood illness or injury which impacted the family. Additional information and applications are online at www.RMHsouthwest.com/scholarship.aspx or contact Janice Flemmons at (806)-744-8877.

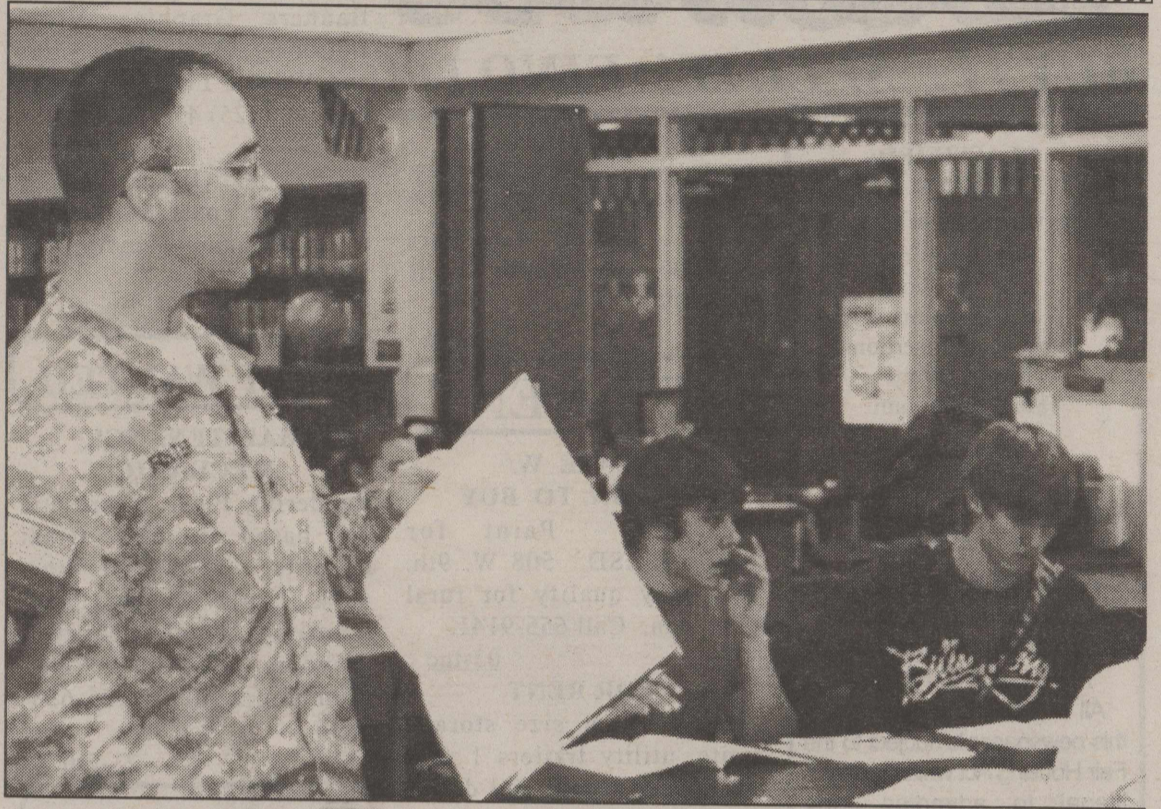
UT Admission deadline set

The University of Texas at Austin has posted January 15, 2009 as the deadline to apply for admission to the university. Applications may be filled out online at www.applytexas.org. For further information, please contact UT Admission's Department at (512) 475-7399.

Ivey Motor Co. continues commitment to FFA

Ford Motor Company's 2009 commitment includes substantial support of National FFA events, and \$1,000 college scholarships for up to 700 FFA members; Ford, with local dealers such

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



ASVAB! Staff Sergeant Foster of the United States Army met with the Bronte High School junior class to go over their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test results. The students also completed an interest inventory that showed each student three different career areas for which they may have an aptitude.

as Ivey Motor Co., Inc., has awarded 5,058 scholarships and contributed more than \$5 million in FFA scholarships since 1997.

For the 2008-2009 school year, Ivey Motor Co., Inc. is sponsoring 3 Built Ford Tough college scholarship(s), helping students attend the college of their choice.

FFA develops students' leadership, business skills and community service in preparation for a career in agriculture, which accounts for 1 out of 5 US jobs.

Billy Wayne Roe recently announced that Ivey Motor Co., Inc. would join Ford Motor Company in its ongoing commitment of \$1 million in annual support to the National FFA Foundation (formerly known as the Future Farmers of America).

In 2009, Ford will provide substantial support for the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis and the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. In addition, Ford has committed to a twelfth year of the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program, which will award up to 700 FFA members with a \$1,000 college scholarship, each co-sponsored by Ford Dealers like Ivey Motor Co., Inc.

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. The program, equally funded by Ford Motor Company and Ford dealers, has awarded more than \$5 million in scholarships to over 5,000 FFA members.

Ivey Motor Co., Inc. is sponsoring the Built Ford

Tough college scholarship program for Bronte High School, Robert Lee High School and Sterling City High School and has been a proud supporter for 7 years. For the 2008-2009 school year, they are helping 3 local students attend the college of their choice.

FFA members must take their scholarship application to Ivey Motor Co., Inc. for the dealer signature and the official dealer code to be included in the scholarship search. The applications are then sent to the National FFA for final judging and selection. As a result, the FFA members will meet and thank-the dealer that could possibly help fund their college education.

We're pleased to be able to support the local FFA, as well as Ford Motor Company's support of the National FFA Foundation," says Mr. Roe. "All of the FFA scholars we have sponsored have told us how grateful they are for the support, and how the FFA experience has changed their lives."

Ford's long-standing support of the FFA has contributed to the F-Series being

America's best-selling pickup line for 31 years running. Ford truck sales are connected to the success of the agricultural industry, which according to the FFA represents one out of five American jobs. In addition, Ford's long-standing support of the FFA and local scholarships helps foster strong, lasting relationships between these future agribusiness leaders and both the Ford brand and local dealers like Ivey Motor Co., Inc.

"Visit any local farm or the National FFA Convention, and you can see that trucks-particularly F-Series play an integral role in the agricultural industry," says Mr. Roe. "Ultimately, a part of F-Series' truck sales leadership is tied to the agriculture industry. We want to help these future leaders to succeed, and to become our customers from the start of their careers to the end-just like many of their parents and grandparents."

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Breakfast

Monday, December 8

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, December 9

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, December 10

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, December 11

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Friday, December 12

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 8

Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, roll, rosie apple sauce, milk

Tuesday, December 9

Frito pie, chili and cheese, tossed salad, corn, sliced peaches, corn chips, milk

Wednesday, December 10

Nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, assorted fruit, nacho chips, milk

Thursday, December 11

Sliced turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, roll, pink panther cake, milk

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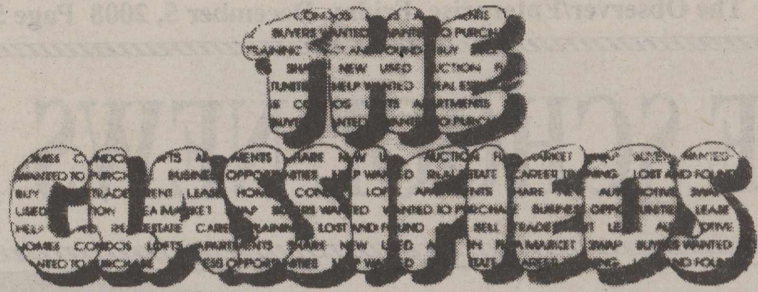
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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING
 WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Coke County that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, with

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the exception of barbecuing in an enclosed fire box with water hose or fire retardant accessible at all times and someone attending the fire at all times, and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire. The purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.
 A. Burns that are conducted after submission of a Natural Resources Conservation Service approved burn plan to the Coke County Judge. Burns conducted under this section must meet the following conditions:
 1. Prior to beginning a burn in Coke County, the Sheriff's office must be notified by calling 453-2717 on each day for each occurrence;
 2. The person giving notification to the Sheriff's office must identify the area to be burned by describing the pasture or range by address, by location of County Road or State Highway, and also must give the name of the person requesting the burn;
 3. A water sprayer apparatus or water containers and other fire fighting tools must be available on site;
 4. Fire guards are to be used whenever possible;
 5. Wind speeds must not exceed 15 MPH;
 6. The Humidity index must be 20% or higher as determined by the Texas Forest Service for Coke County; and,
 7. A cellular telephone or other reliable radio communication must be available on site for emergency notification and response.
 B. Outdoor welding or cutting and grinding associated with welding activities are permitted under the following circumstances:
 1. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;
 2. The welder must notify the Coke County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting, or grinding

begins;
 3. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) feet radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and 4. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.
 C. Burning of household trash is permitted under the following conditions:
 1. Shall take place only when the wind speed is 15 miles per hour or less;
 2. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place and before any burning of trash begins;
 3. The burning takes place in a container with a mesh cover; and
 4. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any burning begins and remain on hand until the burning is completed.
 D. Outdoor cooking is permitted under the following conditions:
 1. Shall take place only when the wind speed is 15 miles per hour or less;
 2. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place and before any outdoor cooking begins; and,
 3. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any outdoor cooking begins and remain on hand until the outdoor cooking is completed.
 In accordance with Local Government §352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.
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New Wesley Methodist nurse named

Misty McGlothlin has recently been hired to fill the role of Wesley Nurse in Coke County for Methodist Healthcare Ministries. She will be based out of the Bronte and Robert Lee United Methodist churches. Misty has been a registered nurse for 9 years and has a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Angelo State University.

The Wesley Nurse Health Ministries was started in 1997 by Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM)—a private, faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing medical and health-related human services to low-income families and the uninsured in South Texas. The mission of MHM is "Serving Humanity to Honor God," by improving the physical, mental and spiritual health of those least served in the Southwest Texas Conference area of The United Methodist Church.

The Wesley Nurse Health Ministries at MHM offers health and social services to communities through registered nurses who are based out of churches. At present, there are 70 church sites throughout South Texas; the majority of those sites are in rural communities. Wesley nurses facilitate health-related services as well as social and spiritual services and work in collaboration with the church and community to provide health education and promotion as well as assisting individuals and the community in achieving improved wellness through self-empowerment. To learn more about MHM and the Wesley Nurse Health Ministries visit www.mhm.org.

RLJH teams defeat Blackwell

The Robert Lee Junior High boys team defeated Blackwell Junior High on December 1 by a score of 32-21. Scoring for Robert Lee were Justin Gartman 8, Zack Skinner 9, Cooper Hinderliter 6 and Zachary Sanchez 7. The next boys game will be on December 8 at Water Valley.

The Robert Lee Junior High girls team also defeated Blackwell Junior High by a score of 25-8. Scoring for Robert Lee were Jordan Gartman 8, Sara Lara 6, Biana Huapilla 5, Sydney Sheldon 4 and Kelsey Hewitt 2.

Letter to the Editor

(Editor's Note: This is a letter from B.C. Hardin, an American serviceman serving in Afghanistan, sent to his family.)
November 29, 2008

Happy Thanksgiving! What an absolutely perfect time to be writing this letter. At the beginning of the week, I received an email from BC telling me that he had the opportunity to fly

several American flags in Afghanistan honoring his heroes back home. Today, November 29, 2008, for a duration of 24 hours, an American flag is being flown in honor of you...Inez and Kenneth Harper, Southside Church of Christ and the Coke County area. After this 24 hour period, the flag will be properly folded and set aside until early 2009 when BC returns home. At this time, the flag and a letter/certificate of appreciation signed by the general over the HHC 420th Engineering Brigade will be presented to you.

BC wishes to convey these thoughts. "Thank you so much for supporting our American service men and women. I know that you

send multiple care packages to different areas and they mean more to us than you can imagine. I also know that you pray for many of us...something that we desperately need. It is because of your kindness and dedication to us that we continue to feel connected to our loved ones back home. We recognize that it is YOU, our heroes back home, who make it possible for us to be gone in order to protect the freedoms of our country. Thank you for supporting each other and loving on each other in our absence. I especially want to say thank you to Kenneth/Inez and Bill/Linda for giving so much support and love to Sheree, Sydney and Taylor.

Flying this American flag in honor of you is the very least that I can do to show my gratitude. God Bless each of you and your church family!"

Sincerely,
SSG Hardin

Texas Military Heroes Span Generations

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

As we celebrated Veterans Day, we remembered that generations of courageous men and women served in our armed forces to ensure we remain a land of opportunity. Since the earliest days of our nation, whenever freedom was threatened, our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have risen to its defense. On

battlefields in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and other parts of the world they heeded the call to service.

In Texas, there are more than 225,000 active duty, civilian, and guard service members — more than any other state. We are also home to over 1.6 million veterans. Our veterans are part of a long tradition of Texans who bravely fought on the frontlines and are shining examples of the true measure of American character. Our legacy of great military heroes began with the Texas Revolution. The grit and valor of leaders like Sam Houston and William Barret Travis secured our independence from Mexico and enabled Texas' union with the United States.

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...Military Heroes

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Some of the most courageous champions for freedom are from the "Greatest Generation." Many of our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers rose to meet America's greatest test and defeated fascism during World War II. On D-Day, Texan Lt. Col. James Earl Rudder led his battalion of Army Rangers up the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc on the beaches of Normandy, where they successfully established a critically important beachhead for Allied Forces. Later, he played a key role in overcoming the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, Lt. Col. Rudder went on to serve as President of Texas A&M University. Another famous Texan is Audie Murphy, whose brave service earned him the distinction of the most decorated hero of World War II. The young soldier from Kingston, Texas served 27 months in multiple campaigns and was awarded 32 medals, including the Congressional Medal of Honor. Sergeant Alfredo Gonzalez, a native of Edinburg, Texas fought bravely through two tours of duty in Vietnam. In his final battle in Hue City, he nearly single-handedly defeated a heavily-armed contingent of Viet Cong. He paid the ultimate sacrifice in that fight, and he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The U.S. Navy named the USS Gonzalez in memory of his service, making Sergeant Gonzalez the first Mexican-American to receive that honor.

In October, I was privileged to participate in a ceremony at West Point, honoring the memory and service of another hero of the Vietnam War, Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez, a daring and fearless soldier from Cuero, Texas. MSG Benavidez was so badly wounded in combat that his commander nominated him for a Distinguished Service Cross award, instead of the nation's highest award, because the Army was afraid he wouldn't survive long enough for the extensive Medal of Honor process to be completed. But he did survive, and was subsequently awarded the well-deserved Congressional Medal of Honor.

These heroes, as well as the countless men and women who have served our country alongside them, have fought to preserve our freedom and the American way of life. The same dedication to service and spirit of heroism is alive and well in the "Next Great Generation" – the men and women who comprise our active duty and reserve forces and are veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq.



Walk Across Texas! During the months of October and November, Jan Yanez, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent conducted the Walk Across Texas youth program with the students of Robert Lee ISD. The Kindergarten through 4th grade recently participated in the Walk Across Texas program. Students walked a total of 738 miles. Walk Across Texas was created to help establish the habit of walking and promoting healthy exercise. Individual class totals are as follows: Kindergarten (top left photo) walked 44.25 miles and the top student walker was Jullisa with 9 miles; First grade (top right photo) walked 123 miles and the top student walker was Jonathan with 11 miles; Second grade (bottom left photo) walked 179.50 miles and the top student walker was Daniel with 12.5 miles; Third grade (middle right photo) walked 169 miles and the top student walker was Issac with 10.5 miles; Fourth grade (bottom right photo) walked 106 miles and the top student walker was Kaden with 12.75 miles.

I saw firsthand this strength and character in one of our nation's youngest heroes, David Lewis of Houston. David had always wanted to serve his country, and after witnessing the horrible attacks of 9/11 he was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant. David served two tours in Iraq and was awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation

Medal with V for his service. When he returned home to Texas, he grew increasingly frustrated by the media's negative portrayal of the war – and the cause he believed in. So he came to Washington, where he ably served on my staff. Lieutenant Lewis' service represents the commitment and sense of responsibility we see in so many young Americans today. Every November, America



celebrates Veterans Day. But to protect the freedom we all our recognition of our enjoy. military men and women – past and present – must not be limited to a single day or month of commemoration. We should all embrace every opportunity to express our genuine gratitude for their service. And let us always remember the Texas heroes who have inspired this generation to keep fighting

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