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## Accident takes life of local woman

Julia Kennedy, 60, lost her life in yet another fatality accident north of Bronte on US Highway 277. This horrible tragedy occurred Saturday evening, December 27, 2014, and is the fourth fatality on this 3 mile stretch of Highway 277 in just the last few months. Alcohol was not listed as a contributing factor in any of these accidents.

Once the 2014 records are available, a future issue of The Observer/Enterprise will focus more closely at the accident statistics within the Coke County borders.

In conversation with law enforcement and city and county officials, increased traffic and speed limits are contributing factors. All officials urge Coke County residents and travellers to use caution.

## RLHS 1978 State

### Champion reunion slated

The Robert Lee 1978 Girls State Basketball Champions are having a reunion weekend on January 30-31, 2015. The team will be introduced during the current RLHS Lady Steers game the 30th of January.

On the following Saturday, they will be having a reunion/get together at the high school cafeteria from 3-7 pm.

Saturday events will consist of visiting, reminiscing, looking at old pictures and watching the state basketball games. Coach Ronnie Ruff will be speaking to the team members, family,

friends and anyone who would like to come up and visit on Saturday.

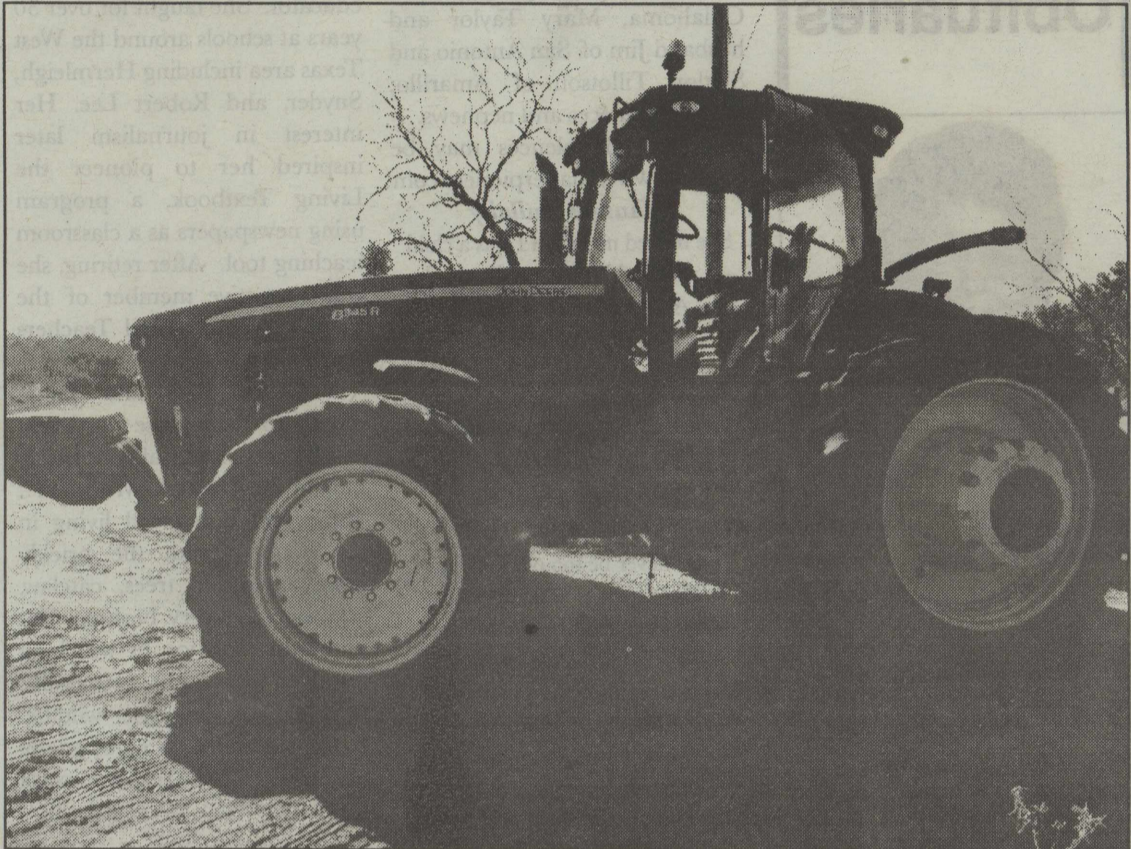
Any ladies who were a member of the 1978 team or played under Coach Ruff during the years he coached and taught at Robert Lee are encouraged to attend both Friday and Saturday events. Please bring old/new pictures, films or memorabilia Saturday to share. Assistant Coach Clyde Dukes will also be present at the reunion.

Refreshments will be provided on Saturday. Anyone wanting to attend or help with the reunion, needs to contact Carla Wojtek Kristinek at [www.whitharralisd.org](http://www.whitharralisd.org) for more information.

## Mountain Creek Golf Course Board of Directors request assistance

[Editor's Note: The following letter was received from a director of Mountain Creek Golf Course. It is from the MCGC Board of Directors to the people of Robert Lee.]

We the Board at MCGC would like to take this opportunity to let the community know that the golf course is in some financial problems mostly due to the low numbers of our membership. The golf course strives to do all of its business here in Robert Lee to help support our community. There are some things that we have to get outside our community due to the fact that it is not available in Robert Lee.



**Recovered Stolen Tractor!** The Runnels County Sheriff's Office contacted the Coke County Sheriff's Office on Monday, December 15, 2014, with regard to a stolen John Deere 8345 R tractor. The equipment, valued at approximately \$200,000, was stolen from a field in western Runnels County. Coke County Chief Deputy Brandon Neal discovered the stolen property near Tennyson later that evening. Representatives of Minzenmayer Farms arrived the following morning to pick up the tractor. Charges are pending in this case.

The Board is taking this opportunity to tell the people and businesses that we think the golf course is a vital part of this community and we feel that it does bring in some business to Robert Lee mostly through the summer months. It is one of the only activities, entertainment and fun to do in Robert Lee that will bring outside people into our town. Not saying there is nothing to do here but it is one thing that can bring people here.

We are a non-profit business and the Board is asking for any business or person that would like to make a monetary donation to the golf course we would greatly appreciate the help to keep our golf course open.

We do pretty well from March to September but we always struggle from October to February. We have always been able to make it but our membership has declined and it is getting harder to make it through the winter months.

We want to thank you in advance for any help that you can provide is greatly appreciated.

We also want to take this opportunity to recognize two of

our businesses that have been great supporters of the golf course for many years, probably since the course opened and that is Robert Lee State Bank and Ivey Motor Company.

We have had some fantastic high school golf teams in the past and would like to see more in the future, so get those kids out there and get them started. They can have a lot of fun and make some lasting memories and friends.

Donations can be sent to PO Box 700, Robert Lee, Texas. If a receipt is needed please leave an address with donation and we will mail it to you.

Thank you,  
MCGC Board of Directors.

*Wishing all a  
very Happy,  
Prosperous and  
Blessed 2015.*

**Regular Meetings of the  
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**Obituaries**



**Cooper**

Services for Marjorie "Nanny" Marie Cooper, 86, of Bronte were held at 10 am, Monday, December 22, 2014, at PaulAnn Baptist Church in San Angelo with her grandson Jeff Gilliam officiating. Burial followed at 2 pm at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Visitation was held Sunday, December 21, 2014, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte.

Marjorie went to be with her Lord on Friday, December 19, 2014, in Ballinger. She was born in Newlin, Texas, to Otho "O.C." and Mamie (Whitten) Crabtree. Marjorie graduated from Quitaque High School in 1947 and went straight from her graduation ceremony to the First Baptist Church in Turkey, Texas, to wed Norris "Dick" Paul Cooper. Dick preceded her in death in 2002. She is also preceded in death by a son, Danny Cooper in 1980 and a brother, Wayne Crabtree. She was a homemaker and mother of 8 children. She was a woman of strong faith and everlasting spirit. She was a member of PaulAnn Baptist Church in San Angelo.

Marjorie is survived by her loving children; Donald Cooper and wife Mary Jane of Bronte, Ron Cooper and Nancy Cooper of Bronte, Andra Arrott and husband Mike of Bronte, Shalon Hall and husband Kerry of Bronte, Sherri Crawford and husband Donald of Houston, Dicki Steen and husband Tim of Ballinger and Robbie Cooper and wife Enesbeth of Vernon 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Clifford Crabtree and wife Jimmie of Muleshoe, Morris Crabtree of El Campo, Ronnie Crabtree and wife Cathy of San Antonio; 3 sisters, Joyce Shoup

and husband Johnny of Oklahoma, Mary Taylor and husband Jim of San Antonio and Shalon Tillotson of Amarillo; numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be made to [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com)

**Nanny's Lullaby**

She rocked me when I was a child  
 And held me to her breast  
 And sang to me a lullaby  
 As I lay down to rest  
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Then wrapped her arms around me  
 While drawing me so near  
 I hear them still and start to hum  
 Those tunes of yesteryear  
 \*\*\*

I'll never be too old to hold  
 Her precious hand in mine  
 And listen as she croons to me  
 The songs as old as time  
 \*\*\*

I'll hear her voice and feel her arms  
 Until the day I die  
 She's softly singing to me  
 One of Nanny's lullabies  
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Mother, thank you for your  
 Beautiful voice and sweet spirit  
 Your adoring daughter,  
 Andra  
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**Boren**

Jamie Chloe Boren, 87, went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 22, 2014, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas. She was surrounded by family. Visitation was held on Friday, December 26, 2014, at the funeral home with family present from 7 pm to 8 pm. Her life was celebrated by family and friends at 2 pm Saturday, December 27, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee with the Reverend Cyndi Weidner officiating. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Jamie was born November 11, 1927, to Alley and Alta Bilbo in Robert Lee, Texas. She was one of five sisters, all of whom grew up in Robert Lee, often helping their father at the Bilbo Drug

Store. After graduating from Robert Lee High School, Jamie went on to study journalism at Sul Ross University. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts and went on to write for the Sheep and Goat Raisers Magazine. She later worked for the Big Spring Herald as editor for the society section.

Jamie was married to Robert J. Boren at the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church on June 1, 1951. Born to this union were their three children, Kathy Jo, Thomas Bilbo "Bebo", and John Robert. In addition to being a full-time mother, Jamie had a lifelong career as an educator. She taught for over 30 years at schools around the West Texas area including Hermleigh, Snyder, and Robert Lee. Her interest in journalism later inspired her to pioneer the Living Textbook, a program using newspapers as a classroom teaching tool. After retiring, she was an active member of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association.

In 1981, Bob and Jamie moved to their place northwest of Robert Lee, affectionately named the "Hoot Owl Ranch". Jamie and Bob loved living in the country with the prickly pears, mesquite trees, catclaw, and algerita berry bushes. She and Bob took joy in watching the deer, jackrabbits, cottontails, turkey, birds, and other wildlife. Jamie continued to enjoy many beautiful West Texas sunsets from their back deck after Bob passed away in 2004.

Jamie was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee and the United Methodist Women's group. She wrote and edited a variety of books and newsletters, including the booklet "United Methodist Women in Mission" and "A Trip Down Memory Lane with the Quilting Women". She also took special pride in counting the number of pews her family filled on special occasions like Easter and Thanksgiving.

Known as "Nana" to her six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, she loved to host family and friends at Hoot Owl Ranch. She was fond of piling into the family's ancient open-air jeep to take rides around the land, often joining in to sing Christmas carols no matter the time of year. These jeep rides always included a stop at Hallelujah Point, a special place on the property that overlooked, in Jamie's words, "the mountains to the north, up Sanco way". Jamie named the point after noticing that she always felt an urge to proclaim "Hallelujah!" when standing on the ridge and looking over God's beautiful creation. She loved God, her country, her family, her church family, and her many friends. Her quick wit, good nature, and independent spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her husband Bob, parents, Alley and Alta Bilbo, her sisters Ferrell Jean Bilbo and Peggy Bilbo Gilmore.

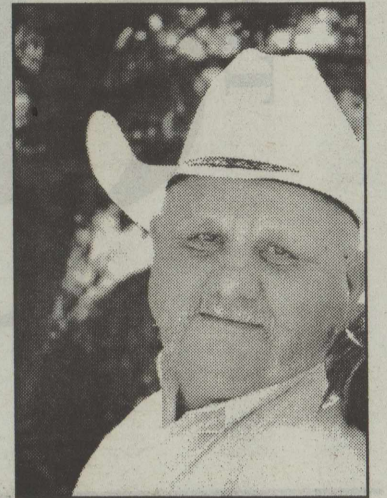
She is survived by her sisters, Alta Bell Kay of Alpine, Jo Ann Littlefield of Grove, Oklahoma, and Janet Rathmmell of Merida, Mexico; one daughter, Kathy Alexander of Robert Lee; two sons, Tom Boren of Lubbock and John Robert Boren of Snyder; six grandchildren, Miranda Wauson serving in the Dominican Republic, Jamie Jeter of Granbury, Joe Bob Alexander of Stanton, Lauren Donelson of Snyder, Jordan Donelson of Snyder, and Sloan Boren of Snyder. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Mark Kay of Andrews, Billy Havins of Pleasonton, Sandy Evans of Arlington, Joe Bob Alexander of Stanton, Sloan Boren of Snyder, and Kayce Hungate of Waco.

The family wishes to give special thanks to the nursing staff at Shannon Medical Center for the loving care shown to our family. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in memory of Jamie to Robert Lee First United Methodist Church.

On line condolences may be made to [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com)

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**Hall**

Kerry James "Pops" Hall, 57, of Bronte went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 26, 2014, while in Dallas. Services were held at 10 am, Monday, December 29, 2014, at First Baptist Church in Bronte, with Jeff Gilliam officiating. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Kerry was born in San Pedro, California, to Sonny and Jeanette

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 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

California, to Sonny and Jeanette (Holt) Hall. He attended Winters High School, and moved to Bronte in 1990 where he was owner and operator of Hall's Super Save. Later, he and son, Brian, opened B&K Processing in 1994. Kerry and Shalon Cooper Gibbs married on May 22, 2010.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Jeanette, in 2006.

Kerry is survived by his wife Shalon Gibbs Hall of Bronte; loving children, Brian Hall of Bronte, Kim Hall Graves and husband, Jack of San Angelo, Brandon Hall and wife, Chandra of San Angelo, Casey Gibbs and wife, Jackey of San Angelo, and Anthony Gibbs of Abilene six grandchildren; father, Sonny Hall and wife, Nora; five brothers, Steve Hall and wife Cindy of Coleman; Freddy Hall and wife, Holly of Jacksboro, Kevin Hall and wife, Sherry of Kingsland, Jimmy Hall and wife, Jennifer of Liberty Hill and Eddie Hall and wife, Nancy of Flower Mound, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be made to [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).

## Death Notices

### Moore

Fredna Marrs Moore, 80, passed away on Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Services were held at 2 pm, Saturday, December 20, 2014, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Elton Moore; sons, Kent Moore of Snyder, Ray Moore of Midland; daughter, Rhonda Greenwood of Merkel; two sisters, Melba Cox and Ova Rae Edwards.

### Lomas

Dr. Russell Warren Lomas of Dyersburg, Tennessee, age 52, passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2014. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Russell was predeceased by an infant son, Andrew Lomas; his mother, Glenda Blair Hammond; his paternal grandfather, George E. Lomas; and his maternal grandparents, Ralph and Ruby Blair.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Betsy Lomas of Dyersburg; a son, Will Lomas, and Will's fiancée, Caitlin Armstrong, both of Dyersburg; his father, Pat Lomas of Iola, Texas; three sisters, Kim Hodge of College Station, Texas, Jamie Gressett and husband, Kevin, of Iola, Texas, and Jennifer Lomas of Houston, Texas; a brother, Derek Lomas and wife, Sarah, of Ft. Worth, Texas; his paternal grandmother, Thelma Lomas of San Angelo, Texas; two uncles, Mike Lomas and wife, Fran, of Robert Lee, Texas, and Bob Lomas and wife, Juanita, of Longview, Texas; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; and his beloved dogs Peanut, Lulu, and Nash.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 3, 2015 at First Baptist Church Worship Center. Dyersburg Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

### Texas Lions looking for campers

Texas Lions Camp is a summer camp dedicated to serving children from the state of Texas with physical disabilities, type-1 diabetes and cancer between the ages of seven and sixteen. The camp is a modern facility located on over 500 acres outside of Kerrville in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

Texas Lions Camp offers campers a chance to try new activities and create long lasting friendships while developing greater self-esteem, independence, and most of all, they get to have FUN!

Children eligible for the Texas Lions Camp summer program includes children age 7 to 16 with physical disabilities. Eligible children include, but are not limited to, children who are hearing impaired or deaf, visually impaired or blind, have a missing limb, birth defects, cerebral palsy, arthritis, muscular dystrophy, cancer, asthma, heart conditions and others. One camp session is for children with Down syndrome ages 12 to 16. Two sessions are provided for children who have type-1 diabetes ages 8 to 15.

Learning can take on many forms and Texas Lions Camp is a unique experience for many campers in the types of challenges presented. Counselors are assigned to each group of campers and escort them throughout the session, teaching and encouraging campers while meeting their special needs. Another key lesson is learning that everyone has a 'disability' some are just more obvious than others.

The goal of Texas Lions Camp is to help children become more independent, productive adults. The programs of the Texas Lions Camp are intended to develop such qualities as improved self-image, social adjustment and self-reliance. These services are offered to campers at no charge to them or their families.

Registration will begin in January 2015. If there are questions on whether your child would qualify, please contact the Texas Lions Camp Registrar, Melissa Wilson at 830-896-8500 X250 or [mwilson@lionscamp.com](mailto:mwilson@lionscamp.com). Also, you can check out the Lions Camp webpage at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com).



**County Judge Honored!** Coke County Judge Roy Blair has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge. Judge Blair was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy November 19, 2014, at a Luncheon in Austin, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, during the 2014 Fall Judicial Education Session. The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law. The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

Locally, you can contact the Bronte Evening Lions Club at 325-473-2911.

### '64 Study Club drawing winners announced

The '64 Study Club drew from a box of donors' names three lucky folks who received the three generously donated prizes to raise funds for the scholarship fund.

The TV was presented to Troy Millican who couldn't remember when he contributed, but several members remembered him stopping by the booth at a football game.

Two other contributors' names drawn for the \$50 gift cards were Sid Long and Jack Smith.

Two scholarships are awarded Robert Lee High School seniors each year by the '64 Study Club. The fund raisers are supported each year by generous folks and those folks are very much appreciated by the club members.

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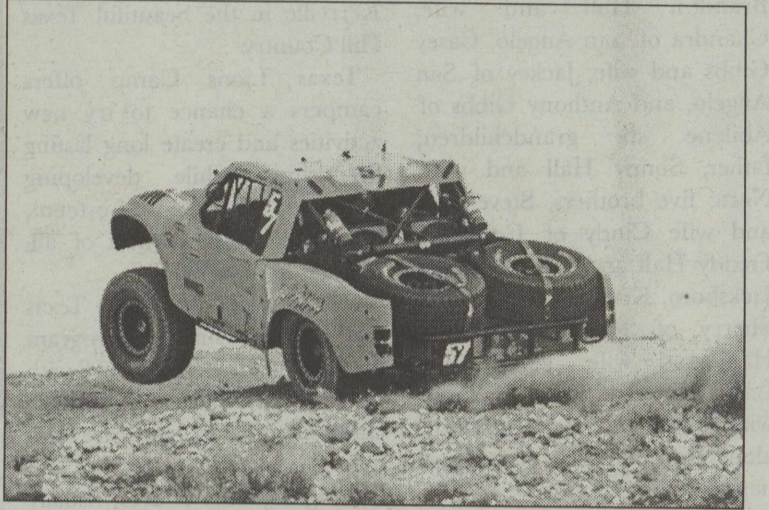
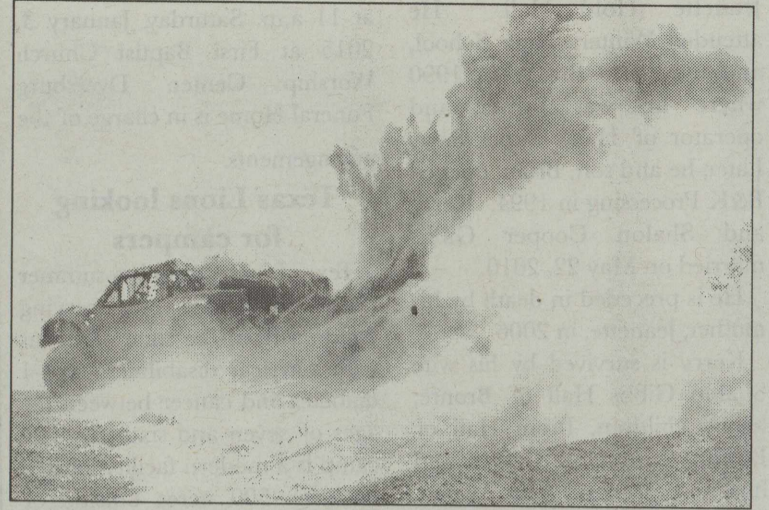
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**Beal Family Fun!** Four members of the Beal Racing Team are shown in their team shirts! Family patriarch Carty Beal is shown with his son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Krisha Beal, and their daughter Hailey. Carl drives the red truck (top photo), Carty is the driver of the yellow truck (bottom photo) and Krisha drives the pink truck (opposite page). The racing team is shown at the awards ceremony (opposite page).

## Family Ties: Local racing team finding success on off-road circuit

By Len Hayward  
Reprinted from Midland Reporter Telegram

[Editor's Note: This article was written about the Beal Family, owners of the Texana Ranch in northern Coke County.]

There is one big thing that sticks out about the God is Awesome Racing Team -- it's that family is a major part.

Nearly all of the drivers on the team, which features off-road "Trophy" Trucks, are members of the Beal family. Patriarch and the team's main financier Carty Beal leads a team that features his son, daughter, daughter-in-law and granddaughters, along with close friends from Midland and other cities across Texas.

Heck, even the two guys that work on the machines are an uncle and nephew.

"It's absolutely heaven, for me," Carty said. "It's a true blessing to be able to do that. That's why we advertise on the truck, 'God is Awesome' because he gives me the finances to do the racing."

The team was successful this past season in the highly-competitive Best In The Desert racing series in Nevada and Arizona as two of the three teams finished in the top 10 in overall points. Plus, Carty's 48-year old son, Carl, earned the series' Rookie of the Year honor.

Competing and winning is a major draw for all involved, but it's that opportunity to spend extended periods with the family at the races that makes it special.

Carty and his son Carl are no strangers to off-road racing. Carty and his brothers competed in off-road racing nearly two decades ago and were successful, winning races such as the Baja 500. They then went drag racing for a few years,

racing on the ultra-competitive National Hot Rod Association Pro Stock circuit.

But it was in 2008 that they had a trophy truck in California and brought it back to Midland to get it ready to race.

"I had never seen it until six years ago," said Randy Wells, the team's crew chief who has worked for the Beals since 1992. "A guy in California had it, and oil prices went to nothing and they told me to bring the truck here and to finish it. I then went back to Arizona and got schooled on trophy trucks."

Wells, who has been working for Carty for 22 years, said the first few years the team ran races in Texas, in a regional series in different parts of the state and New Mexico.

Wells admitted the first few years were interesting as he got used to working on the high-powered off-road trucks that feature high suspensions and large tires. The team added another truck in 2011.

In 2013, the team won a title in a series in Texas and decided to make the move to the more competitive circuits in Nevada, Arizona and California with three trucks competing prior to

the 2014 season.

"It's a big deal out there, there is all the (Bureau of Land Management) land, and there are races out there every week somewhere," Carl said. "There are lot of race teams, a lot of race trucks out there. We are going out there to race and everyone has trucks, and it's virtually equivalent to what we have."

And the draw for the racers is that they can race in long stretches of anywhere between 80 to more than 100 miles, and it offers plenty of excitement. The racers race against the clock and not other races during an event.

"When you can run 100 to 120 miles an hour across the desert, it's so cool," Carl said. "And you jump 30-40 feet high. It's so neat."

The team has three trucks, and is based out of a shop in West Midland, a few blocks off Wall Street. Wells, along with his nephew Greg, do much of the maintenance and work on the trucks in between races.

And all of it is financed by Carty Beal.

The team has no sponsors, although Carl joked with the

recent dip in oil prices, they might be looking for some.

But even without sponsors, the team doesn't lack for anything. Wells said they have access to the same type of equipment larger teams have in the series, even without the same type of manpower.

Wells said, "they've got 10 guys on one truck, and we've got two, and I really think that's too much for those big teams. They just get in the way."

He said they have between four to six weeks between races, and after each race the trucks are torn down to the frame and rebuilt. It can be a time consuming process, but they've gotten used to it and Carty and Carl both said that Randy Wells, and Greg, are the linchpins to the whole operation.

He said Randy's meticulous preparation allowed them to

finish races and be as competitive as they were this past season.

"Without them we wouldn't be there," Carty said. "You have to have a good machine when you start off that starting line or you will not finish. My motto is, if I'm going to spend all the money to go all the way out there to Nevada, I want to finish the races."

Two trucks completed the full 2014 season in the 1400 or "Trick Truck Unlimited" class in the Best of Desert Series. The class has few rules for engines, chassis and tires, but does have stringent safety requirements.

The team's top truck is the "Red" truck and is No. 69 with Carl as a driver, and also had Midlander Kevin Allen behind the wheel. Matt Parks and Greg Wells served as navigators.

The second truck, which is

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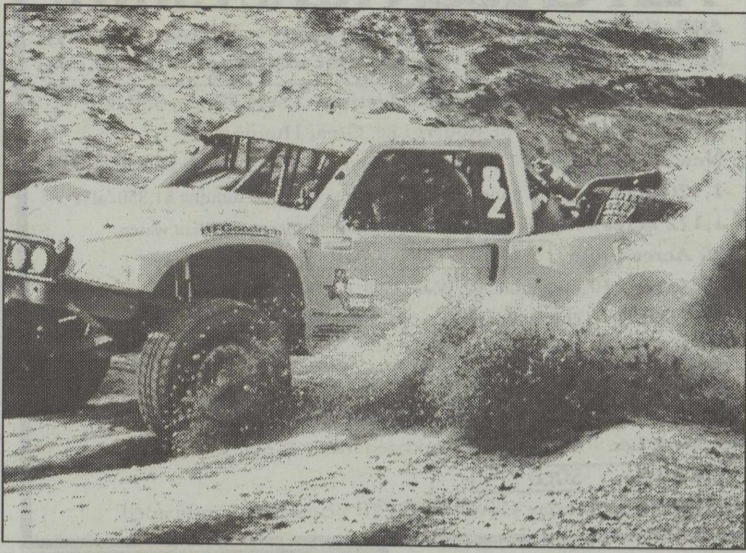
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No. 57 and yellow, is driven by Carty, Brian Sherry and David Pedregon, and Dustin Turner and Trey Palreiro served as navigators.

A third truck, which is No. 82 and pink, was driven by Carl's wife Krisha, Carty's daughter Lauren Sherry and two teenage granddaughters 18-year old Claire Pedregon and 16-year old Rose Pedregon. Robert Stamper and Palreiro shared navigation duties on that truck. They competed in a different class early in the season before getting a new truck to race in the Trophy Truck class later in the year.

"Our goal was to get one truck in the top 10 in points," Wells said. "We were kind of intimidated at first seeing those guys, thinking, 'We don't have a chance against them,' and wanted to go out there and have fun."

When the season ended at the Henderson 250 in Nevada earlier this month, Carl finished third overall in points, second in the 1400 class, and had a third-place finish at the Bluewater Desert Challenge in Parker, Arizona.

The yellow truck was fifth in overall points and third in the class. The pink truck finished outside the top 10 but in the two races it did race in the 1400 class it finished 11th and 15th in the class standings.

Those accomplishments were coupled with Carl winning Rookie of the Year, and finishing three minutes shy of the fastest combined time in all six events.

The success surprised all involved. The goal at the beginning of the season was to finish races and drive the trucks on the trailers to return home to Midland.

"None of us could believe it,"

said Carty, who was born in California but has lived in Midland since the early 1950s. "When we started, if Carl could be in the top 10 and I could be in the top 20, we would be really doing good. I never dreamed going into the last race we would be doing so good."

Beyond those surprising results, though, the key is being with family. The family comes from different parts of Texas and Colorado each time there is a race, and Carl called it a "family reunion."

"It's so cool and it's so fun," Carl said. "We all have kids now about the same age, and they all play in the pits. And the racing is just awesome. But it's the family deal is what makes it funnest."

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**7th Grade**

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**9th Grade**

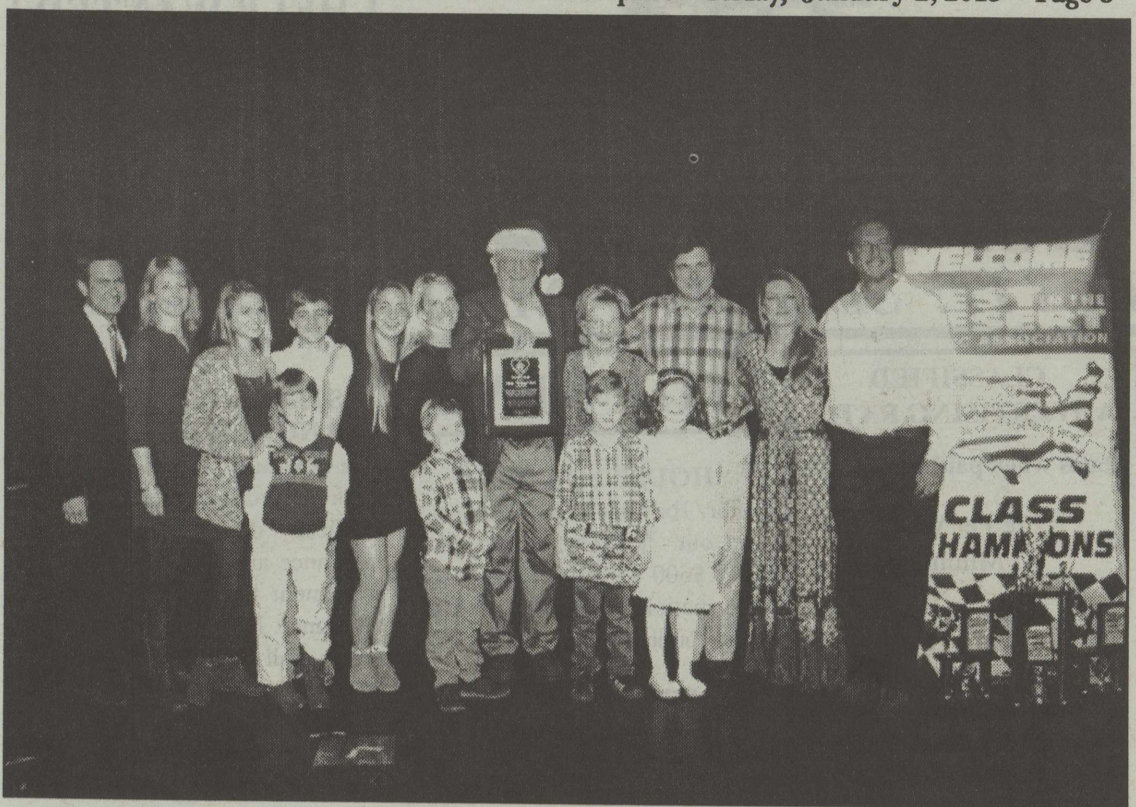
Kiara Burns, Bethany Coppedge, Jasmine Rojas, Isaiah Smith

**10th Grade**

Gabriel Abalos, Matthew Curry, Kaden Hayes, Anna Huapilla, Chesney Minjarez, Mauricio Ureno

**11th Grade**

Bruce Buddin, Brady Clawson, Kodi Drennan, Sandra Flores, Julia Madrid, Pammy Meeks, Myrka Rangel,



Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Paulina Vizcaino, Blaine Yanez

**12th Grade**

JR Aldridge, Mason Hill, James Roberts, Mychael Tijerina

**A Honor Roll**

**7th Grade**

Cole Leal, Kari O'Dell

**8th Grade**

Kelby Clawson, Corbin Drennan, Megan Grantham, Autumn Ramon, Chelsea Wyatt, Aimee Zimmerman

**9th Grade**

Kiara Burns, Margo Mendoza, Tavo Rangel

**10th Grade**

Matthew Curry, Kaden Hayes, James Wyatt

**11th Grade**

Wade Allen, Brady Clawson, Kodi Drennan, Julia Madrid, Myrka Rangel, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo

**12th Grade**

Tristen Hildebrand, Mason Hill, James Roberts, Mychael Tijerina

**A/B Honor Roll**

**7th Grade**

McKenzie Bachmann, Taylor Cantrell, Lane Fowler, Kaleb Gregston, Sydney Hayes, Haleigh Soto, Veronica Ureno

**8th Grade**

Kaylee Puentez

**9th Grade**

Peyton Dooley, Mariah Munoz, Braden Richardson, Isiah Smith

**10th Grade**

Gabriel Abalos, Bailey

Grimes, Nicole Jones, Chesney Minjarez, Kyla O'Dell, Erin Smith

**11th Grade**

Bruce Buddin, Jesus Landeros, Pammy Meeks, Yulissa Perez,

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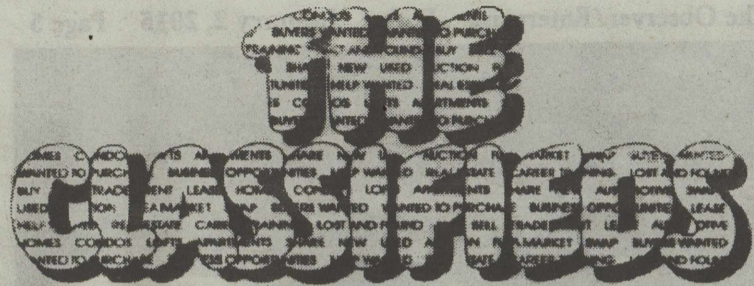
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
CITY OF ROBERT LEE  
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GRANT PROGRAM**

The City of Robert Lee will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on January 12, 2015 at the Robert Lee City Hall in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG). The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend the meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

John R. Jacobs, Mayor  
City of Robert Lee  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Robert Lee City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the continuation of the City's Curfew Ordinance. The Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 2015 in the Council Room of the City Hall at 6 E. 7th Street.

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**Robert Lee ISD Board  
Minutes posted**

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at 6:45 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Washam.

Members present included Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Tom Sawyer, George Grim, Erin Oleksiuk and Irma Torres. No members were absent.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Beverly Sinclair

Cathy Pitcock from Eckert & Company presented the 2013-2014 Robert Lee ISD Audit report. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the Audit as presented, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2014, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the financial reports given by Robin Allen and to approve the bills, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Enrollment for grades 7-12 was 108 and attendance rate was 95.5% for the month of November. Supt. Hood gave the elementary principals report; elementary enrollment for November was 158 students and 94.8% attendance rate.

Robin Allen presented the Board with Continuing Education Hours for each member; Wes Washam 241.35, Jeffie Roberts 105.05, Beverly Sinclair 51.75, Erin Oleksiuk 11.25, Tom Sawyer 94.35, Irma Torres 122.55, and George Grim 9.50.

Supt. Hood recommended declaring by Resolution that 4-H is an extracurricular activity. Tom Sawyer made a motion, seconded by Beverly Sinclair, to approve the Resolution as presented. All vote for.

Supt. Hood recommended naming Morgan Runyan, Coke County Extension Agent as Adjunct Faculty for 4-H. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended to request an Expedited Waiver for Timeline for Accelerated Instruction. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve recommendation as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended signing to request an Expedited Waiver for Staff Development. Irma Torres made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers,

Thanksgiving Meal Numbers and read thank you notes.

The Board went into closed session at 7:22 pm and reconvened into open session at 8 pm.

The next regular board

meeting will be Thursday, January 22, 2015. The Board appreciation meal will be at 6 pm and the Board meeting at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned 8:03 pm.

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**Bronte UIL Results**

**Art Smart**

**4th Grade**  
 Deliziah Flores - 1st with a Perfect Test (Special Award)  
 Jett Jackson - 5th  
 Ashlyn Richard - 6th  
 Team - 2nd

**5th Grade**  
 Zachary McWright - 1st with a Perfect Test (Special Award)  
 Marissa Reyes - 3rd  
 Lance Rolls - 5th  
 Team - 1st

**6th Grade**  
 Cami Davidson - 1st with a Perfect Test (Special Award)  
 Saige Busby - 2nd  
 Katelyn Powell - Tie for 3rd  
 Amanda Marrs - Tie for 3rd  
 Nico Willis - 5th  
 Team - 1st

**Creative Writing 2nd**

Jaxon Morris - 4th

**Dictionary Skills 6th**

Cami Davidson - 1st  
 Team - 1st (Cami Davidson, Keeley Queen, & Nico Willis)

**Listening**

**5th Grade**  
 Corbin Beam - 5th  
 Team - 1st (Tiffany Timmerman, Zachary McWright & Corbin Beam)

**6th Grade**  
 Cami Davidson - 2nd  
 Team - 2nd (Cami Davidson, Keeley Queen, & Emma Lozada)

**Maps, Graphs & Charts**

**5th Grade**  
 Corbin Beam - 3rd  
 Zachary McWright - 5th  
 Team - 1st (Corbin Beam, Zachary McWright & Tiffany Timmerman)

**6th Grade**  
 Cami Davidson - Tie 2nd  
 Team - 1st (Cami Davidson, Keeley Queen, & Nico Willis)

**Music Memory**

**3rd Grade**  
 Emily Jackson - 3rd  
 Team - 2nd (Emily Jackson, Daysiah Flores & Maelynn Williams)

**4th Grade**  
 Team - 3rd ( Zoey Hortenstine, Chyann Torres, & Juan Orlando DeLaGarza)

**5th Grade**  
 Tiffany Timmerman - 4th  
 Team - 2nd (Tiffany Timmerman, Zachary McWright, and Seth Parker)

**6th Grade**

Cami Davidson - 2nd  
 Team - 2nd (Cami Davidson,

Nico Willis, Keeley Queen, & Katelyn Powell)

**Number Sense**

**4th Grade**

Arath Brosig - 3rd  
 Team - 3rd (Arath Brosig, Kolson Follis, & Jett Jackson)

**6th Grade**

Katelyn Powell - 5th

**Oral Reading**

**5th Grade**  
 Lance Rolls - 1st  
 Tiffany Timmerman - 3rd  
 Zachary McWright - 6th

**6th Grade**

Cami Davidson - 2nd

**Ready Writing**

**3rd Grade**  
 Maelynn Williams - 2nd  
 Daysiah Flores - 4th

**4th Grade**

Ashlyn Richards - 5th

**5th Grade**

Thaliah Castaneda - 3rd  
 Alexis Sanchez - 4th

**6th Grade**

Cami Davidson - 3rd

**Social Studies**

**5th Grade**  
 Corbin Beam - 2nd

**6th Grade**

Michaela Basquez - Tie 6  
 Nico Willis - Tie 6  
 Team 3rd - (Michaela

Basquez, Nico Willis, & Katelyn Powell)

**Spelling**

**3rd Grade**  
 Emily Jackson - 2nd  
 Team 2nd - (Emily Jackson, Daysiah Flores, & Maelynn Williams)

**6th Grade**

Michaela Basquez - 3rd  
 Cami Davidson - 4th  
 Team 1st - (Michaela Basquez, Cami Davidson, & Nico Willis)

**Storytelling 3rd**

Emily Jackson - 3rd  
 Maelynn Williams - 5th  
 Daysiah Flores - 6th

**Chess**

**2nd Grade**

Jaxon Morris - 1st

**3rd Grade**

Emily Jackson - 6th

**4th Grade**

Jett Jackson - 4th  
 Arath Brosig - 5th  
 Team 2nd. (Arath Brosig, Jett Jackson, & Parker Bearden)

**5th Grade**

Corbin Beam - 2nd

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