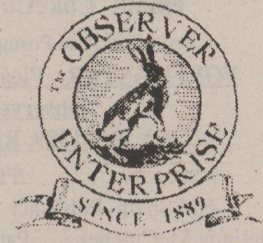


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Friday, February 23, 2007

RLBC to host B'ball tourney

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting a 12 & Under Basketball Tournament called the Jesus Hoopfest. It is a fundraiser to help students attend summer youth church camp. It will be held on Saturday, February 24, at the RLISD gyms.

For more information and to register, please contact Paul Tanner, Youth Minister, Robert Lee Baptist Church, PO Box 493; 22 West 11th Street, Robert Lee, TX 76945, Office: 325-453-2724, Fax: 325-453-4650, www.robertlee.org, paultanner0506@wtxs.net, rlbaptist1904@wtxs.net.

Softball/baseball signup slated

Registration for softball/baseball will be held this Saturday, February 24 at the Bronte Elementary entrance from 11 am to 1 pm. This includes boys & girls T-ball, girls softball, and boys baseball.

The cost will cover a shirt and hat that every team player will get to keep at season's end. Payment is due in full when turning in your registration.

RL Methodists plan Potluck Lunch

The Robert Lee United Methodist Church will host a potluck lunch for members and their guests this Sunday, February 25, 2007. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish, and the meal will be served immediately following the Sunday morning worship service.

4-H Photography Contest slated

The Coke County 4-H Photography Contest will be held Monday, March 5, 2007. The photos should be 4 x 6 and mounted on construction paper or photo board with a 2-inch border on all four sides.

You may have two entries in each category, which include: People, Animals, Still Life, Natural Landscape, Plant/Flora, Architectural Elements, Special Effects/Creative Effects, Story Board and Theme - which is "Celebrating the Centennial-A Hundred Years of Texas 4-H".

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office at 453-2461.

School Board candidate workshop slated

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 1, 7 pm - 9 pm at the Region 14 Education Service Center (1850 Highway 351, Service Center/Taylor Room).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain to board members key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards and video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. For more information about the workshop, call Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6248, or check the TASB Web Site at www.lts.tasb.org/candidates for other dates.

Filing for local elections has begun

There are several local elections set for Saturday, May 12, 2007, and filing for inclusion on ballots has begun. The last day to file will be March 12, 2007.

West Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up at the Robert Lee Care Center.

The East Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the



Air Med Flight! Tuesday morning, February 20, was a busy morning for the Bronte Fire Department and EMS personnel. Shannon's Life Flight helicopter was summoned, and arrived at approximately 10:45 am at the Depot in Bronte. VFD members directed traffic while EMS personnel assisted Shannon emergency technicians in the transport and exchange. As with any emergency situation, no details were released concerning the victim or his/her condition. The identity of the Life Flight passenger was still unknown at presstime.

ballot. The terms of Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Bronte Heath & Rehab Center.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill three 2 year council seats. City officials whose terms are expiring are John Carver, Jackie Walker and Gary Payne. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Robert Lee City Hall.

The city of Bronte will have to fill two 2 year and one 1 year council seats currently held by Elton Moore, Misti Bedford and Paula McWright. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Bronte City Hall.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on two 3 year terms. The terms of Kevin Roe and Tod Reed are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up at the Robert Lee Administration Office.

Bronte Independent School District has two vacancies to fill for full three-year terms. Positions open are currently held by Terry Charles and Quinda Feilduncan. Applications may be picked up at Superintendent's office

during regular business hours 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Concho Valley Cotton Conference set for San Angelo

On March 21, 2007, the Concho Valley Cotton Conference will be held at the San Angelo Convention Center from 8 am- 5 pm.

Reniform Nematodes, Verticillium Wilt, Weed Resistance Management, Cotton Root Rot, Early Season Insect Control, Drought Tolerant Cotton, Harvest-aids Challenges, Fertilizer Placement, Untraditionals, Cotton's Role in U.S. Energy and the SRPCGA Annual Meeting will be the topics for the day.

To preregister, call 365-5212, 365-2219 or 659-6522. After March 16, there will be a late registering fee.

Bronte City Wide Garage Sale set for May 5

It's time for Bronte's annual city wide garage sale. The Sorosis Study Club is sponsoring the annual garage sale so that it costs individuals nothing. The garage sale is scheduled for the first Saturday in May-May 5, 2007 at 8 am.

If you want to participate in the garage sale, please call the City Hall at 473-3501 and get your name on the list.

This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets

and store rooms, and sell, sell, sell! Remember to call City Hall if you would like your address on the free maps to be handed out the morning of the garage sale.

Coke County Relay for Life set May 11

All cancer survivors are invited to join as honorary guests in the Survivor Lap on Friday at 7 pm, which will kickoff the 2007 relay.

Survivors who wish to participate in the Survivor Lap will need to register at the Survivor Table beginning at 5:30 pm and will also need to pick up their purple T-Shirt and sash to wear during the Survivor Lap at 7 pm. In honor of those who are survivors, they will be provided a complimentary hamburger meal at 5:30 pm for those participating in the Survivor Lap at the Bronte track field.

The strength and courage of each cancer survivor helps community and friends see that cancer survivorship is real and that progress is being made to battle all kinds of cancer...one step at a time.

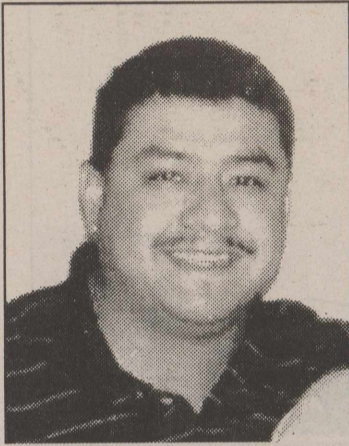
If you are a cancer survivor and would like to participate, please complete the survivor form (see page 7 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise) and return as soon as possible to: Joe and Glenda Draper, P.O. Box 655, Bronte, TX 76933 or Eddy and Sue Spiller, 724 Brunson, Bronte, TX 76933.

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Obituaries



Casarez

Nicholas Casarez of Ballinger died at 1:24 am on February 16, 2007, of a car accident.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Sunday, February 18, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte, and was officiated by Rev. Morris Johnson. Pallbearers were Daniel Casarez, Steven Casarez, Dean Casarez, Lupe Sanchez, Jon Warner, David Oaker and Mario Minjarez as honorary pallbearer. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He was born July 22, 1981 and graduated from Bronte High School in 2000. He moved to Ballinger and worked at Dixie's Hardware in Ballinger.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa; one son, Nicholas, Jr.; one daughter, Josalyn Marie; and a baby on the way, all of Ballinger; his mother, Lidia Casarez of Bronte; his father, Anzelmo Casarez of Andrews; four brothers, Daniel Casarez and David Casarez of Lubbock, Steven Casarez of Ballinger, and Dean Casarez of San Angelo; two sisters, Lucy Casarez of Bronte and Linda Alonzo of Lubbock; his grandmother, Angelina Sanchez of Bronte; and several nephews and nieces.

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Perdue

Ina Mae Perdue, 78, of San Angelo passed away on Friday, February 16, 2007.

Services were held on Monday, February 19th at Johnson's Funeral Home

Chapel. Burial followed at Belvedere Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Perdue; sons, Darrell Hamblen and Dale Hamblen, both of San Angelo, Texas, and Way Hamblen and wife Linda of Hutton, Texas; brothers, Hervy Wayne McPeek and wife Doris of Highland Haven, Texas, Douglas McPeek and wife Winnie of Robert Lee; sisters Helen Eisenbach and Gayle Marecek of San Angelo and Jewell Sanders and husband Joe of Waco, stepchildren Patty Perdue of Lakeland, Florida; Boyd Perdue of Delvalle, Texas, and Shanna Culver of The Colony, Texas. She is also survived by her 3 grandsons, and her 5 great-grandchildren.

McFarland

John C. McFarland, 82, who was born in Tennyson, Texas, died Thursday, February 15, 2007.

A private funeral service was held under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his two sons, Charles "Chuck" McFarland and wife Judy, and Sr. Master Sgt. David McFarland and wife Donna of Great Falls, Montana; son-in-law Richard Leake; 7 grandchildren; five great-granddaughters and Frances McFarland, the mother of his children.

CCRT enjoys noon luncheon

Lynda Gottschalk, TRTA District XV president, spoke to the Coke County Retired Teachers Association when they met Monday, February 19, 2007. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Bill Hood, unit president, presided at the meeting. He, as well as Paul Gothard, gave legislative updates.

President Gottschalk gave further information on the current legislative session. She was in Austin last month and had contact with all legislators that represent District XV. Ms. Gottschalk stated she observed a more positive attitude on the financial stability of the TRS fund and other issues of interest to retired and active educators.

In other business, Nina Brewer, Community Services chairperson, reported a total of 29,534 hours of volunteer service by unit members for the past year. Patricia Lee and Mimzi Horn were cited for having the most volunteer hours.

Members voted to honor Sybil Henry, recently deceased member, with a memorial to Bronte United Methodist Church.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Twenty members and five guests attended the meeting. Members present were: C.B. Barbee, Wanda Barbee, Emma Lee Bickley, Jimmy Bickley, Jamie Boren, Oleta Braswell, Nina Brewer, Harrell Foshee, Janice Foshee, Judy Gibbs, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, Bill Hood, Mary Lawhon, Ida Lou Oliphant, Kenneth Rasco, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack.

Guests present were: Lynda Gottschalk, Aaron Hood, Terry Marrs, Alan Richey, and Wayne Simpson.

Genealogy Workshop

scheduled at ASU

Dr. George Schweitzer, distinguished professor at the University of Tennessee and a genealogist who uses historical reenactment to teach genealogy, will lead the sixth annual genealogical workshop sponsored by the Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection at Angelo State University on Saturday, March 31.

The program will run from 8:30 am to 4 pm March 31 in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont on the ASU campus.

There will be a cost for registration and luncheon.

Persons interested in registering should contact the Friends of the Library by phone at (325) 942-2164 or by mail at Friends, ASU Station #11013, San Angelo, TX, 76909-1013.

Think Texas

By Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples

Texas is the nation's second leading agriculture producer and the nation's leader in the number of farms and ranches. But changes in the weather and markets make it critical for farmers and ranchers to diversify. Many of our

producers have started taking a fresh look at their operations and have started growing new markets to create additional sources of income.

Entrepreneurial Texas landowners have formed recreational tourism ventures such as setting up hunting trips or skeet shooting opportunities, taking advantage of the \$1.5 billion annual economic impact hunting has in Texas. Nature tourism alone contributed \$301 million in additional local tax revenues, and wildlife-associated recreation contributes \$4.7 billion to the state's economy.

Other landowners have found success by offering bike trails, hosting retreats and theme parties, organizing hayrides and providing getaways for businesses and family functions to further diversify their operations.

Some horticulture operations offer scenic garden walks, while a handful of ranches receive revenue by providing the set location for movies and print ads.

Recreational tourism will bring dollars to our state and we must promote strategies to allow rural Texas to capitalize on these opportunities while farming and ranching families maximize their investment.

For more ideas on how to diversify your operation, please contact TDA's Rural Economic Development division at (800) TELL-TDA (800)-835-5832 or visit our Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us.

Area Churches

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Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811

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. Morris Johnson, 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. Steve Rowe, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel

101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
 Pastor: Basilio Esquivel

Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
 & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
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 (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

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Portis Ribble, Minister
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 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
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Rev. Richard Easterling, 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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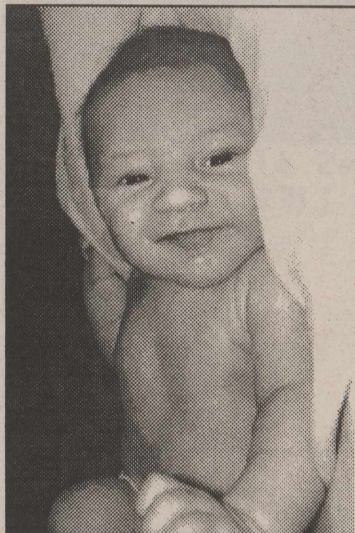
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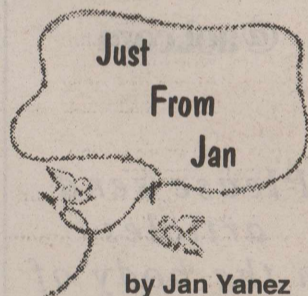
Proud parents, Felipe Rangel and Tiffany Bruning, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first son, Rhett Felipe Rangel, on January 19 at 8:49 am. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

He is welcomed by his grandparents, Tracie Bruning of Robert Lee, Bruce Bruning of San Angelo and Maria Miramontes of Mexico. His great-grandparents are Bud and Rose Marie Bruning of Bruning, Nebraska, and Venita Womack of Hillsborough, California.

Angel Food Ministries

distribution set

The distribution day will be Saturday, February 24, also at Central Baptist Church. They are also seeking volunteers to assist with distribution and donations are always welcome.



Just From Jan

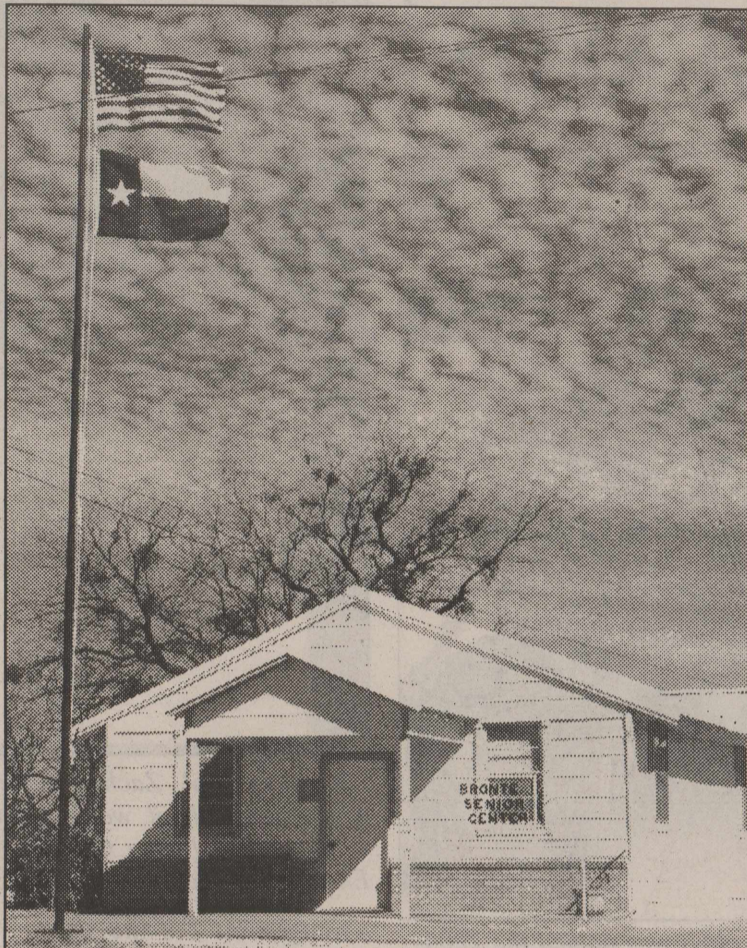
by Jan Yanez
Cooperative Extension Agent

Women and Heart Disease

A little over half of women know the leading cause of death for women is heart disease. Almost 500,000 women die from cardiovascular diseases, while 270,000 women die from all forms of cancer combined.

Because so many studies are reported in the news, some with conflicting findings, about half of women report being confused about how to reduce their risks for heart disease.

Experts at the National Institutes of Health agree, however, there are five essential things women can do to reduce their risks, even if they know heart disease



New Flags! Recent additions to the Bronte Senior Center are the U.S. and Texas Flags, flying proudly on a windy Tuesday, February 20 morning. The new flags were donated by Senior Citizen director Darla Parker and her dad, Alvin Jones.

runs in their family:

1. Do not smoke, and, if you do, quit. Keep trying even if you have tried many times. Ask your doctor about nicotine patches. Use the counseling offered by the National Cancer Institute at 1-877-44U-QUIT.

2. Aim for a healthy weight.

3. Become more physically active. Aim for 30 minutes on all or almost all days each week. Walking is a great way to be active, whether walking

indoors on a treadmill or outside.

4. Eat smart. Choose a diet low in saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol, and moderate in total fats.

5. Know your blood pressure, total HDL and LDL cholesterol, and blood glucose. Ask your doctor to do these tests and to inform you as to whether or not the numbers are within the recommended limits. Ask what you need to do if your numbers are outside the recommended range.

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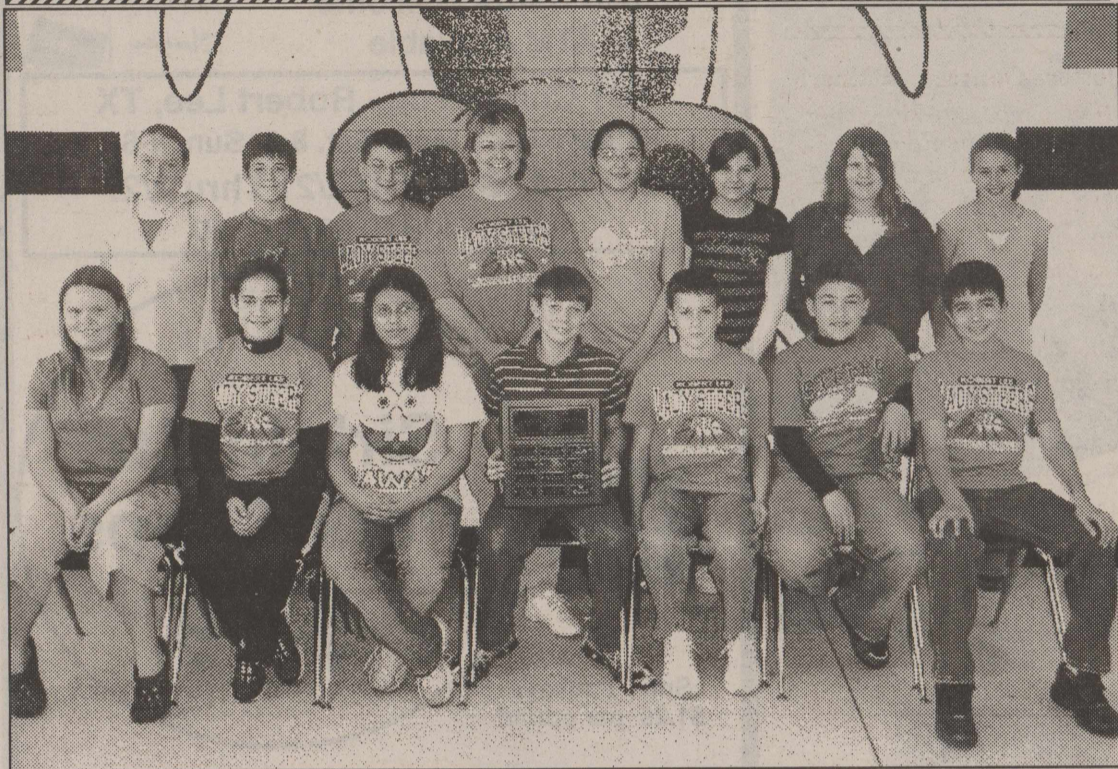
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Outstanding Class! The Robert Lee Elementary 6th grade class was named the 2006-2007 Outstanding Class in the Coke County Conservation Poster Contest. A rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year was presented to the class, which is taught by Mrs. Denise Roberts.

Lady Steers basketball results

In their final regular season game on February 6, the varsity clinched a playoff berth with a win over Bronte 43-26.

The Lady Steers came up short in their bid for a Bi-District Championship against Westbrook 38-42 in a game played at Merkel on February 13.

In the Bronte win, the Lady Steers were led by Brettie Reed with 14 points, Sarah Philley 9, Arrin Minjarez 7,

Kasie Skinner 4, Becca Skinner 4, Megan Percifull 3, and Kelsy Duncan added 2.

In the Bi-District match-up with Westbrook, Reed had 10, B. Skinner 9, Philley 5, Percifull 4, Minjarez 4 and K. Skinner 3, and Duncan 3.

The Lady Steers, after starting the season at 1-5, finished with a 15-14 record.

On February 6, the Bronte JV defeated Robert Lee JV by a tight score of 23-22. Scoring: Molli Hinderliter 10, Briana Brisbin 4, Norma Rojas 4, Jodi Sheldon 2, and Chesea Conner 2.

RLISD board meets in regular session

The Robert Lee board of trustees met in regular session on February 15th at 7:00 pm in the high school library. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members present were K. Roe, W. Washam, J. Roberts, I. Torres, T. Reed, B. Duncan, and T. Sawyer was absent.

The 7:00 meeting was called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge led by Irma Torres.

There were no comments from the public.

Jeffie Roberts made a

motion to approve the January 16, 2007 minutes as read seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

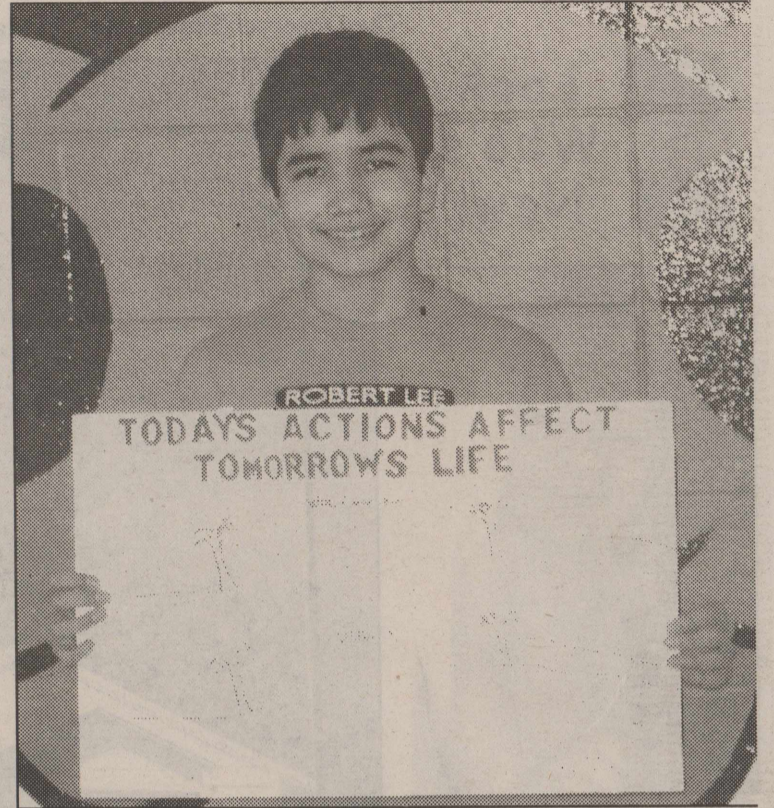
Irma Torres made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the financial report and to pay the bills seconded by Tod Reed. All for. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the amendment to the budget of \$25,245.79 WADA money seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Wayne Simpson, Asst. Principal, gave his principal's report for the elementary campus. 131 students enrolled, 94% ADA; Dwin Nanny, Principal, gave his principal's report for the high school campus. 113 students enrolled, 96% ADA.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve the Sup. recommendation to approve the Engagement Letter/Agreement to secure Eckert, Ingrum, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston & Barr, L.L.P. CPA's for the District Audit 2006-2007 school year seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All for.

Buck Duncan made a motion to approve the contract for the Shared Service



Runner Up! Zachary Sanchez, a 6th grader at Robert Lee Elementary School, was district runner-up in the Coke County Conservation Poster Contest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Sanchez of Robert Lee.

Arrangement for the 2007-2008 school year with Fairview Alternative Education Co-op seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve change to FMF (LOCAL) Student Activities, No Pass/No Play list to include dual credit courses seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve change to FFC (LOCAL) naming Aaron Hood, Superintendent as Liaison for Homeless Students seconded by Buck Duncan. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the change to EIC (LOCAL), College-Level Courses Completed during High School seconded by Tod Reed. All for.

Supt. Hood gave his report on enrollment numbers, wind project update, security system update, award of honorary diploma, JH/HS Cheerleader Election Changes and Procedures, Wolslager Grant and Waiver for ADA.

The board recessed at 8:01 pm. The board entered closed session at 8:34 pm and reconvened into open session at 9:47 pm.

Tod Reed made a motion to approve Supt. Hood's recommendation to extend Mr. Nanny's contract two years

with a 3% raise seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to extend Mr. Simpson's contract for one year making a two-year contract with 3% raise seconded by Irma Torres. All for.

Irma Torres made a motion to extend Mr. Gartman's contract for one year making a two year contract with step raise seconded by Wes Washam. All for.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 26

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Tuesday, February 27

Juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Wednesday, February 28

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Thursday, March 1

Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk

Friday, March 2

Juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 26

Rib B Ques, mac & cheese, corn on cob, roll, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, February 27

Grilled cheese, soup, crackers, pickles, orange, milk

Wednesday, February 28

Chili w/crackers, baked potato, broccoli in cheese sauce, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, March 1

Chicken fried steak on bun, pickles, salad, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Friday, March 2

Hamburger, salad, pickles, tator tots, pears, milk

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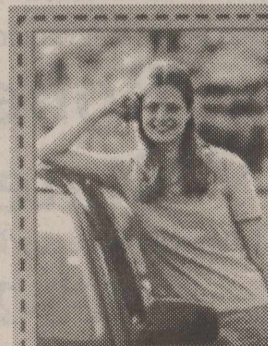
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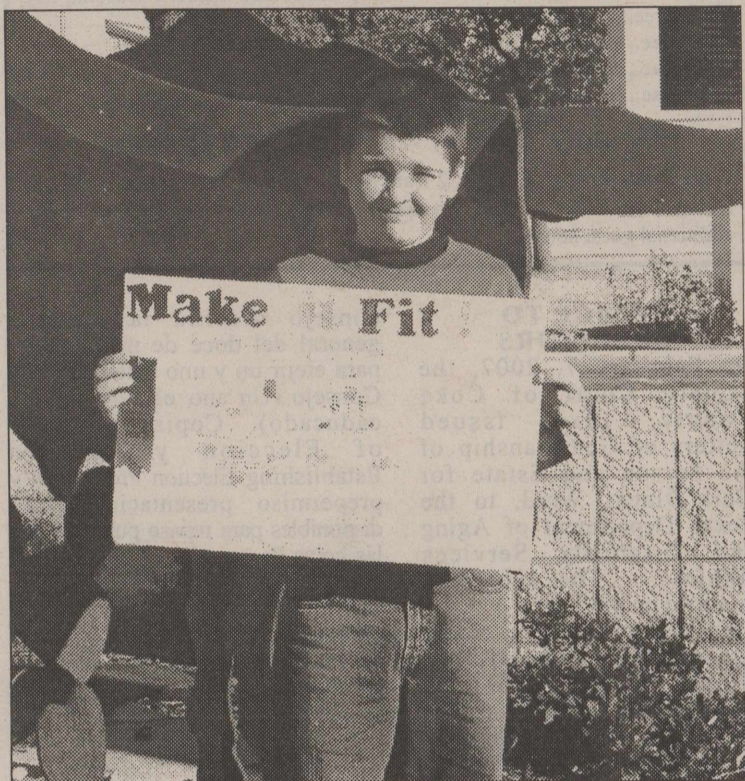
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Poster Contest Winner!
Ty Lee (left), a 5th grade student at Bronte Elementary, won first place in the 2006-2007 Coke County Conservation Poster Contest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Lee of Bronte.

Lee wins Poster Contest

Ty Lee of the Bronte 5th grade is the winner of the conservation poster contest for Coke County students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades for 2006-2007. Mrs. Heather Lee is his teacher. The contest is sponsored by

the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. In addition to a ribbon and certificate, Ty received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and will be honored at an awards banquet in Wall on March 22, 2007. Ty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Lee of Bronte.

Zachary Sanchez of Mrs. Denise Roberts' Robert Lee 6th grade was the district runner-up and the recipient of a \$50 savings bond. Zachary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Sanchez of Robert Lee.

The top places in each class were:

Bronte 5th Grade (Mrs. Heather Lee); 1st) Ty Lee, 2nd) Bailey McGlothlin, 3rd) Megan Yackley, 4th) Stetsen Emfinger, Honorable Mention - Tammie Halfacer and Shanyia Parker.

Bronte 6th grade (Mrs. Heather Lee); 1st) Jael Williams, 2nd) Randon Eubanks, 3rd) Ethan Sedden, 4th) Mason Hoyt, Honorable Mention - Kyle Kelton, Mario Delarosa and Cindy Davila.

Robert Lee 4th Grade (Mrs. Sandy Sawyer); 1st) James Roberts, 2nd) Jayton Torres, 3rd) Jerry Wofford, 4th) Tristen Hildebrand, Honorable Mention - Eric Wells, Jaden Aldridge, and Daria Tinkler.

Robert Lee 6th grade (Mrs. Denise Roberts); 1st) Zachary Sanchez, 2nd) Kelsey Hewitt, 3rd) Jordan Gartman, 4th) Dusty Howard, Honorable Mention - Cooper Hinderliter and Lubbock Roe.

Every student who submitted a poster received a certificate from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in appreciation for the thought, effort and publicity on the need and worth of soil and water conservation that the posters depicted. The posters will be displayed

at the Robert Lee State Bank and the First National Bank in Bronte for public viewing at a later date.

A rotating trophy plaque with a space for engraving the class name and year was presented to the class with the most outstanding posters. The Outstanding Class award went to Mrs. Denise Roberts' Robert Lee 6th grade.

Three posters prepared by Ty Lee, Zachary Sanchez and Jordan Gartman were entered in the Texas Area II Contest which includes 52 counties. The theme for 2006 was

"Today is the Day to be a part of Conservation's Power." This is open to several basic topics which include energy saved by no-till farming practices; solar, wind, alternative fuel sources; renewable and non-renewable resources; conservation at home and partnerships working together for conservation. Students submitted outstanding artwork and content which made the job of choosing a winner and runner-up very difficult. Contributions from the Robert Lee State Bank, the First National Bank in Bronte, and the Kickapoo Creek Water Control and Improvement District, made the contest possible. Without their support and the enthusiastic participation by the teachers and school administration the contest could not have been successful.

SA A&M

Mother's Club

offering scholarships

The San Angelo A&M University Mother's Club is offering two scholarship opportunities. The first scholarship is a \$1000 renewable scholarship to students admitted to or currently attending Texas A&M University. To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must be a graduate of a high school located within the area served by the San Angelo A&M University Mother's Club and is applied for through the San Angelo Area Foundation. The application is available on the Foundation web site: ssa-found.org and is due March 1, 2007.

The second scholarship opportunity offered by the San Angelo A&M University Mother's Club is a one-year scholarship to Texas A&M upper class students (students having completed two full

semesters) at Texas A&M University. The \$1000 scholarship, payable \$500 per semester beginning with 2007 Fall semester, may go to any student from the area served by the San Angelo A&M University Mother's Club. The application for this scholarship is available through the San Angelo Mother's Club web site: sanangeloaggie.com or you may contact: Judie Williams @ 325-378-8631. This completed application must be postmarked by April 15, 2007. Winners will be announced at the May Aggie Mom's meeting.

Longhorn

basketball results

In a practice game, the Longhorns defeated Irion County 68-30. Stats: Logan Rawls 18 pts., 12 rebounds, 9 assists; Eric Hendrickson 15 pts., 6 rebounds; Albert Force 11 pts., 4 assists; Philip Rawlings 3 pts.; Jonathan Marrs 9 pts., 4 steals; Brett Wills 4 pts.; Matt Allen 5 pts.; and Adam Halfacer 3 pts.

The Longhorns finished 2nd in district play-off by defeating Garden City by a score of 35-30. Stats: Logan Rawls 5 pts., 12 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals; Eric Hendrickson 5 pts., 10 rebounds, 3 steals; Albert Force 17 pts., 5 rebounds; Philip Rawlings 5 pts.; and Johnathan Ehl 3 pts., 5 rebounds.

Texas "Teacher of the Year" award nominations open

Nominations for the Texas 2006-2007 "Teacher of the Year" award are being accepted through March 1, 2007. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Last year's state winner was Elizabeth Charbonnet, a 4th grade teacher at Lakeway Elementary School in Lakeway.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 315,000 accredited teachers. Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community. Winners will be announced at the start of the next school year. Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by licensed members of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

Pet Talk

Animal experts agree: leave those whiskers on Whiskers alone. That's the advice of animal experts when it comes to vibrissae, the technical name for whiskers. They serve a purpose and it's not a good idea to cut or trim them, as many pet owners feel they should do.

"It's best to leave them alone," says Dr. Bonnie Beaver, an animal behavior expert at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

"Some pet owners might get the urge to take out some scissors and give some long whiskers a little trim, but they should not. Whiskers serve a very real purpose -- they are like a sensory device for the dog or cat."

"Especially in cats, whiskers keep the animal from bumping into things at night and help with depth perception. They help the animal decide where it's going, so it's not a good idea to cut them."

Cats can have whiskers on the sides of their face, under their chin, above their eyes and on the back of their front legs. The average cat has between 20 and 30 whiskers.

Whiskers are attached to a nerve under the skin, and these whiskers can provide cats with all sorts of information. They can tell the animal about its immediate surroundings and also help it move in closed-in areas where space is tight.

"Sometimes, whiskers will naturally fall off the animal," Beaver explains.

"If this happens, it's nothing to be alarmed about. Over time, the whisker will eventually grow back." (Continued on page 8)

Breakfast

Monday, February 26

Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, February 27

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Wednesday, February 28

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Thursday, March 1

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Friday, March 2

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 26

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, tossed salad, orange smiles, flour tortilla, banana pudding, milk

Tuesday, February 27

Pigs in a blanket, pork & beans, tator tots, pineapple orange salad, milk

Wednesday, February 28

Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, rosie applesauce, milk

Thursday, March 1

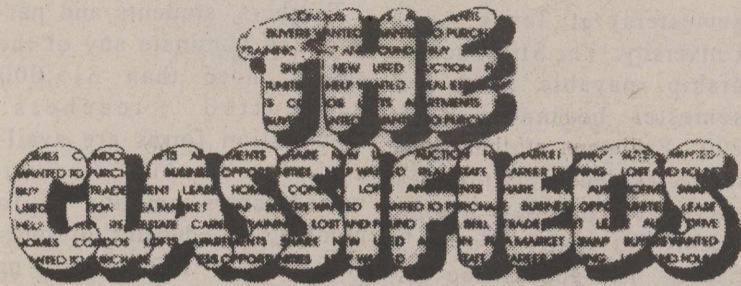
Beef & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, chips, strawberry shortcake, milk

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each and every one of God's angels who helped with food and prayers in our time of need. A special thanks to the following people for going above and beyond, Julie, Janie, Rosa, Becky, Susan, Christina, Mari, Nicolas, Luis, Pauline, George, Rhonda, Lisa, John, Charlotte, Rosa S., Gilbert and last but not least, the ladies from the First Baptist Church for the wonderful meal they provided.
The Casarez Family
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES
The East Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 12, 2007 Election. Two (2) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot until March 12, 2007. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center during normal business hours, 8 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Patrick Young, Administrator.

LA NOTA DE LA CLASIFICACION LAS FECHAS TOPES
La Junta directiva Occidental del Distrito del Hospital del Condado del Coque Este por la presente avisa de la clasificacion las fechas topes para el mayo 12, 2007 Eleccion. Dos (2) Directores seran elegidos para un termino de dos (2) anos cada. Los candidatos pueden archivar las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion hasta el 12 de marzo de 2007. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en el Bronte Health and Rehab Center durante horas de oficina normales, 8 am - 4 pm, el lunes por el viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Patrick Young, el Administrador.
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622 S. Oakes St., Ste. E-1
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas, posts this notice in compliance with 28 C.F.R. 51.28(g), as follows:
On February 8, 2007, at a duly called Council Meeting, the City Council ordered the May 12, 2007 Special Election. The Election will be held to elect a Councilmember (One-Year Unexpired Term). Copies of the Order of Election, Resolution Establishing Election Procedures and preclearance submission are available for public review during business hours at the City Hall located at 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas. Any persons wishing to make comments for consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:
Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
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Department of Justice
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NOTICIA PUBLICA
El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Bronte, Texas anuncia esta noticia en conforme de 28 C.F.R. 51.28(g) come sigue:
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consejo ordeno la eleccion general del doce de mayo, 2007 para elejir un y uno Miembros del Consejo (Un ano el termino no caducado). Copias del Order of Eleccion y Resolution Establishing Election Procedures y prepermiso presentacion estan disponibles para repaso publico entre las horas de negocios en el City Hall que esta en la Calle South Washington, 114 de Bronte, Texas. Algunas personas que quieren hacer comentarios al United States Attorney General pueden mandar los comentarios a

Chief Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
Room 7254 NWB
Department of Justice
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Washington, DC 20530
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Lance D. Evans, Defendant, Greeting: YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 51st District Court of Coke County at the Courthouse being located at 13 East 7th Street, in the City of Robert Lee, Coke County Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock am of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the date for answer being the 2nd day of April, A.D. 2007, in this cause, numbered 4209 on the docket of said court and styled WILLIAM L. ARCHER, SR. AND WIFE, NITA ALLEN ARCHER, Plaintiff, vs. LANCE D. EVANS, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit:
Plaintiffs seek a court order to require Defendant to sell to Plaintiffs the undivided interest of Defendant in the property in accordance with the Chapter 29 of the Texas Property Code.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Witness, Mary Grim, Clerk of the 51st District Court(s) of Coke County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at office this the 12th day of February, A.D. 2007.

Mary Grim Clerk,
51st District Court
Coke County, Texas
By Sharon Lee, Deputy
13 East 7th Street
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NOTICE
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(Editor's Note: Below is the first part of a 2-part story, written by Earl Glenn of Bronte.)

My name is Earl F. Glenn, and I was born on March 22, 1921. In September, 1939, I enrolled at Texas A & M College, which is a military school. The students at A & M - after the war started - did not have summer vacations and the draft boards were after most of the students there. Men that were in the ROTC, as I was, were asked to enlist in the Enlisted Reserve Corp, which I did on my birthday in 1943. I was working my way through college by working as a waiter in the A & M mess hall. After I was inducted into active service, we were not allowed to work. I was finishing school, drawing \$30 a month (which was great), and all my laundry and everything was paid. I graduated in May, 1943.

Immediately after graduation, we were sent to various army camps around the nation. I was sent to Fort Sam Houston to Dodd Field to await Officer Candidate School. In July, 1943, the army sent me to Fort Knox, Kentucky for OCS. I graduated from OCS and was put into the AFRTC (Armored Force Replacement Training Center). I spent a couple of months there training recruits. I remember one thing in particular that happened as we readied to go on a 25 mile road march. We were a bunch of draftees, enlistees and some smart-aleck 2nd Lieutenants. On the way to begin the march, I went through the kitchen and stole a gallon of peaches and put it in my musette bag. We had musette bags for our bed rolls and what have you. I carried that can of peaches twelve and one half miles out to our turn-around point on the 25 mile road march. Three or four of we smart alecks eased away and used our bayonets to cut open the can of peaches. We reached our hands down in the can, and it was asparagus. The other smart-alecks made me eat most of that gallon of asparagus.

Shortly after, I was sent to Camp Cook in California to the 11th Armored Division. It was about as far west as you can go. I was assigned to the 21st Armored Infantry Battalion and was put into Service Company. I was Transportation Officer. The Battalion Commander, Colonel Hoffman, wanted me to be the Packing and Crating Officer, preparing all of our stuff for overseas shipment. He told me that I could have a 3 day pass if I packed it all on time. It all had to be packed into heavy oil that was called Cosmoline and then wrapped in a kind of rubbery paper that kind

of made it waterproof. Nothing was visible of me but my eyeballs because I worked in that Cosmoline all day and all night. My friends gave me a nickname. They called me Cosmo from then on.

When we went on the troop train going to Camp Kilmer to ship out, we were supposed to check the troops up all the way through the train. But we had mumps in the next car so we didn't have to do anything. They'd stop every so often and everyone would have to get out and do exercises. We rode a troop train from Camp Cook, California all the way across our nation to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. When we got to New Jersey, everyone, I believe, was allowed to go into New York City for overnight. There were a good many disagreeable jobs in every battalion and being the Trial Judge Advocate was one of them. That is kind of like the Prosecuting Attorney. I was made Trial Judge Advocate for our battalion. When our ship was ready to go, about 8 or 10 of our guys did not show up. The FBI had every one of them back and on that ship when we sailed out. It was my job to prosecute those people for going AWOL. Every one of them was reduced in rank to buck private and was given six months hard labor. When we got to England, this hard labor consisted of emptying the "honey buckets.", for one thing. The honey buckets were our sewage disposal, at that time, because the affluence belonged to the king of England. I guess it was used for fertilizer. These people who had gone AWOL when we were trying to sail had the job of emptying the honey buckets into the truck that the king sent around and then, cleaning those buckets. You can imagine that was a pretty disagreeable job. One big "six

striper" was in charge of our ordinance. He was good, he could make anything run. Of course, we had an awful lot of half-tracks, jeeps, tanks, trucks and what have you. Anyway, he was one of the ones who was reduced to a private. Incidentally, he was promoted back to his six stripes shortly after we went into combat, because he was needed - very much.

When we were going over, we went in a convoy of many, many ships. The speed of the convoy was limited to the fastest speed of the slowest ship in there. And we'd have these alerts, I think they called them corvettes, some kind of little light ship that carried depth charges. They would make a rip, rip, rip sound and zip around in between us hunting for submarines. There was a ship that was right behind us a quarter of a mile. I think they called it a pocket aircraft carrier. We never did see a plane land or take off on it but it just stayed right back there the whole trip over. Just up and down and up and down on the ocean waves.

After spending a short time in England at Warminster Barracks, we were sent across the channel and landed at Cherbourg, France. Our 11th Armored Division was started toward a pocket of Germans that were on the southwest corner of France, down toward Rennes. We had hardly started down there until the breakthrough of the Battle of the Bulge. With all of our armor, we had to make a run up to meet the oncoming Germans. The whole division drove hard to get there. We were on the far side of Bastonne after we had been there a few days. We were on one side of a road and the famous 101st Airborne Division was on the other side. Our casualties were just terrible and the weather was unbearably cold. We didn't have enough clothing and people's feet were freezing. I believe that soon our strongest infantry company was about 52 men and they were supposed to be about 250 men.

I was assigned to Company C, or at least I became a part of it. One of the first men who was killed in our battalion was our

Battalion Adjutant, Lieutenant Dee. He'd had his headquarters in the back of a half-track. A mortar shell hit right in the middle of it and killed him. I was made Adjutant at that time. Someone had to be the Graves Registration Officer, so I was made that, too. My helper was an old First Sergeant who was not very brave. Due to his being a coward, he was busted down to a Private, and he drove our "Dead Truck". The bodies were just frozen. But he would gather up our GI's that were killed and carry them in the back of that truck and a trailer that he had.

One day I received a notice from the Inspector General to report to Reims, their headquarters. It seems that some mother or wife had received two death notices. I knew nothing about this and told them that, probably, the soldier was hit in the middle by an artillery shell that blew him in two. His buddies probably picked up his lower parts and gave them to the "Dead Wagon"

and then the quartermaster found his upper body with dogtags in a snow bank and also filed a death report. The quartermaster kind of cleaned the battlefields.

I was in the hospital with a severe stomach disorder for two or three days in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's palace. It was just crammed with GI's. After that, our unit went on through and captured many, many Germans and reached the Rhine River. With our armor, we couldn't cross the river without something to cross on. We were bivouacked about a mile from the river (I believe we were in Roxheim) but we would still out-post in the town of Worms. We were rambling around over there with the Germans sitting just across the river and we found a wine cellar. I don't know how many floors it went down. The floors were about five feet high. We found an old 6 by 6 truck and labored long and hard carrying up all this good champagne. -We had to carry it up from about 8 or 10 stories down.

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...Veteran's Story

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The next day someone opened some of it and when it quit bubbling, there wasn't but about an inch in the bottom. We tasted it and it was just like putting lye in your mouth. It was real green or whatever it was. So in place of having a party with that champagne, we had target practice.

We crossed the Rhine River. Several of us had picked us up some old vehicles of various and sundry kinds. And it seems to me like we were going up or maybe down the Rhine for several miles to where some infantry division had a bridge head over on the other side. We crossed on a pontoon bridge, and, of course, there was a full colonel standing at the edge of that thing. As we would get up there with these old wrecked vehicles we had driven off from the Germans, he would give everyone a good tongue lashing and had everybody pull them out. I guess if we got out there in the middle of those pontoons and they broke down, what were we supposed to do with them? So we lost our vehicles right there.

We went on after we crossed the river. It was kind of a mad dash through Germany. Every morning, without fail, you would have a bunch of worn out old coots, the Volkstrom, the home guard, that was going to save their little villages. We tried to travel through the little villages and on little country roads. Sometimes they would manage to shoot somebody off the back of a tank or jeep and our columns never would stop. I think our columns were probably 10 or 12 miles long and we would do what they called "coil". We would zig-zag around a little old village. We had about 13 battalions of artillery with us at all times. The artillery would just open up on these little old places and not leave one rock on top of the other. The white flags would come out from everywhere. You would go through the town and the old Germans would be hollering "All is kaput, All is kaput". Everything was ruined, as it was. Just as long as they could see, and hear, and smell, you could barely get down the streets for the white flags flying. Sometimes it was bedsheets or pillowcases.

In one place we went, the Germans had a warehouse of tobacco. It was just old bales of tobacco. Those people began to riot and loot and I never saw as much squabbling and wrestling and carrying off all that tobacco. But, you know, we didn't bother them. We just let them haul it out because we didn't care what they did with it. We went on and captured many, many Germans soldiers. The "Thunderbolts" took an average of 600 prisoners a day. In fact, our division captured 76,229 Germans, more than twice the number captured by the entire American army during WWI.

The Germans fought us all the way. We came to many crossroads. About every 150 feet along each side of the road the

Germans had used slave labor to dig fox holes. In these foxholes, they would have these little 12-15 year old kids. There were bazookas that they called Panzerfaust everywhere. It was like a truck had come through and thrown off 4 or 5 of those weapons at every crossroads for those people to use. Now and then, one of the little warts would raise up and pop a tank or something or other and maybe blow a track off of it.

One of the things we had to do every day was clear the road. The first people that were out were usually soldiers in a jeep. They went along and you didn't know what they would run over. Coming right behind them were tanks, about 5 or 6 tanks or maybe a platoon of them. We infantry would have to take turns about riding on the bustles of those tanks. Our job was to try to ward off these little warts like I was talking about. Of course, you were prime targets when you would ride on the back of the tank.

When the German 88's hit our tanks, it was like you had a pound of soft butter. It would push it up about an inch and then go through with a hole about two inches in diameter. Inside the tank the shell would go around and around and

around so many times that anything that was in there just looked like mincemeat.

When we went into combat, our tanks had 75 cannons. You could absolutely stand on the bustle of those tanks and fire and watch that projectile going through the air. They got them changed out to 75 rifles, longer barrels and larger ammunition, or powder charges. Right along at the very last of the war, we got three or four new tanks. I forgot what the names of them were, but they mounted a 90 millimeter gun. We were so protective of them that we kept them back in the back. I don't know that I ever saw one of them fire. But we went along fine.

These Germans would zero in on the crossroads, anywhere you were going. They were very good. One day as we were going along (I don't even remember where it was in Germany), the mortar shells began to fall on our vehicles and they just stopped us immediately. I jumped out of my jeep and ran and was crawling under a half track. In some manner, as I was getting under there, I didn't get under there quite fast enough. A mortar hit 3-4 feet from the side of that half track and some shrapnel or piece of

rock hit me right underneath my right arm. That's where I got my purple heart.

(Editor's Note: See next week's edition of the Observer/Enterprise for the second part of Earl Glenn's story.)

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Dogs use their whiskers in the same way as cats do, Beaver says, "but because cats are more nocturnal, they tend to rely on their whiskers a little more."

"We know cats can feel breezes by using their whiskers, and they can also use them to detect such things as high grasses. All of this goes back to their ability to hunt in the wild. They need whiskers to do certain things."

The slightest touch of a cat's whiskers will result in the blinking or closing of its eyes, again a natural reaction that goes back to the animal's hunting background.

Studies have shown that cats with poor eyesight will use their whiskers much like a person uses a cane -- as a sort of guide to help it maneuver through a room or an area.

"That's why it's best to leave the whiskers alone,"

Beaver adds.

"Your cat or dog will appreciate a nice brushing much more."

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