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Save the Park Fun Day set for Saturday at Bronte Park

"Save the Park" Fun Day will be held this Saturday, June 13, from 10 am to 4 pm at the park in Bronte.

The event will be fun for the entire family and is featuring food, fun, face painting, a petting zoo, train rides, a bounce house and more.

The line-up for the dunking booth includes Coach Tatsch, John Seales, George Tomez, Coach Davis, Deputy Lopez, and Rowdy Akins. The booth will open at 10 am and each "dunkee" will sit for an hour.

This event is the first in a series of fundraisers aimed to revitalize the Bronte Park. Some of their goals include the following items.

*** Overhaul the basketball/tennis courts**

- a. New goals and nets
- b. Paint new lines on courts
- c. Fix fences around the courts
- d. Fix cracked concrete

*** Rebuild the sand volleyball court**

- a. Add terrace/berm to keep sand in and grass out
- b. Add nets and lights

- c. Add stands
- d. Storage unit to hold balls?

*** Add swings: Behind ball court and in main play area.**

*** Add flowers and trees**

- a. Plant a drought tolerant butterfly/hummingbird garden
- b. Plant new trees to replace the ones that have died

*** Clean and revamp BBQ pits**

- a. Repaint Pits
- b. Rework pits so that all parts work

*** Rebuild Picnic tables**

- a. Find a Rock Mason to rebuild seats
- b. Clean and paint/stain seats and table tops

*** Add walking trail and outdoor fitness equipment**

- a. Trail that winds around lake and through the park
- b. Fitness equipment area; beside main baseball fields, up near lake (where the old dump site was), Where the old park keeper's house was.

*** Pool**

- a. Large canopy/ pergola/ shade for parents to sit under
- b. mushroom needs fresh pain

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World Record Bluebonnet?! This unusual bluebonnet was found at Fred Hohmeyers, just south of Robert Lee. His article begins on page 3 of this issue.

Sanco Homecoming to be held Sunday

Sanco Homecoming will be held Sunday, June 14, at the Tabernacle in Sanco. The music and devotional are set to begin at 10:30 am followed by a meeting and potluck.

For more information, please contact Mike Pentecost at 325-453-2329.

Harmon-Sparks reunion slated

The 76th annual Harmon-Sparks reunion will be held Saturday, June 13, 2015, in the large rec hall in the Coke County Park in Robert Lee. A pot luck lunch will be served at 12:30. There will be visiting all day. Friends and relatives are more than welcome. For more information, call Jeffie Roberts at (325) 453-2957.

Date Change noted

The June regular meeting of the Robert Lee City Council has been changed from June 8 to June 15.

Meetings are held at City Hall, begin promptly at 7:00 p.m., and are open to the public.

Coke County Library announces Summer Reading Club

The Coke County Library will be sponsoring a Summer Reading Club. All students who have completed Head Start, Pre-K, and K-6 are invited to join. Prizes will be given to those who visit the library during the summer months. Library story time will continue for those children who have not entered school (ages 1-4) on Wednesdays from 10:00-10:30. For further information, please contact the library at 453-2495. Library hours are: Tuesday 8-12, Wednesday 8-4, Thursday 1-5, Friday 8-12, Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Annual Celebration issue set for July 3rd

Last year's 125th Coke County Anniversary issue was a huge success. Although it included many stories of early Coke County, there will never be room enough in a single issue to tell all of the interesting history surrounding Coke County and

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Veterans Honored! Resident veterans were honored during the Robert Lee Care Center Memorial Day Party on May 22, 2015. Each resident veteran was recognized and shared accounts of their time in the armed forces. Each received a flag pin and certificate and enjoyed red, white and blue cupcakes. Shown are David Key, Air Force; Jim Skinner, Army Reserves; and Thomas Martin, Air Force. Not pictured are John Walker, Air Force; and Eddie Everidge, Air Force.

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... Special Issue

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 the people who have lived here.
 With this said, the July 3, 2015, issue and the issue nearest to July 4th of the years following will be devoted to celebrating the history of Coke County. We are asking for your stories, old pictures and anything you believe pertains to our history here in Coke County. Please contact us at (325) 453-2433 (email o-e@wcc.net).

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Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose posts update

The monthly VP meeting couldn't have been better. The group was blessed with Robert Lee's new Mayor Leroy Casey and his wife, Jami. The couple was presented with a welcome VP basket. Mayor Casey presented his agenda and vision for the Robert Lee community. The "Sons of Pitches" midnight madness tournament is set for August 8. The July 4th celebration the Street Affair committee is planning is sure to be fun. VP will have a booth with goodies, membership drive, sales of memorial bricks and benches. These are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Great things are happening in Robert Lee everyday. Join Vision with a Purpose each first Thursday of the month to see what's going on in the Robert Lee Community. The meeting is held at 6 pm at the VP headquarters (Austin Street).



Frances

Employee of the Month! Frances Mendoza was selected as the Robert Lee Care Center Employee of the Month for May 2015. Frances has worn many hats at the Care Center and is always willing to jump in to help however possible. She has previously worked as a Certified Nurses Aide and currently serves as both Janitor and Van Driver. Frances is the definition of team player and works diligently to keep RLCC residents safe and on time during appointments. When asked to take care of another task, Frances always agrees willingly and without complaint. She is a proud mother of six children and grandmother to 12 grandchildren.

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 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
- First Baptist Church**
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
- First United Methodist Church**
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
- Forgiven Ministries**
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
- St. James Catholic Church**
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm
- Coke County**
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
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- Robert Lee**
Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 (325) 453-2621 Robert Lee, Dennis Clark, Pastor
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 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm
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 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
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 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice
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 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm
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 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
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 Services: Sun. 10 am
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 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
- Victory Assembly of God**
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
- Tennyson**
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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 Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm

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Possible world record flower found in Coke County

By Fred Hohmeyer
 [Editor's Note: Originally printed in Ranch & Rural Living.]

It's the spring of the year and the earth is renewing itself. This article features what may just be the World Record Bluebonnet. I am blessed by having bluebonnets come up every year just outside of my north fence. My north fence is bordered by FM 2034 and historically the bluebonnets that come up along this two-mile stretch of highway connecting Highway 208 and Highway 158 are some of the best in the state of Texas. Folks come from long distances just to see the bluebonnets along this highway every spring.

About 15 years ago a man from the Texas Highway Department came by my ranch and showed me a photo he had taken about an hour earlier. The picture was of a huge bluebonnet that he said was growing just outside of my north gate. We drove over to where he said that he had seen the flower and it was no where to be seen. Someone had taken it (which is a violation of state law) or a deer or other animal had eaten it. I check this area every Spring and the big bluebonnet bloom has never come back. This bluebonnet was the size of about five or six normal flowers and had a stalk that was as big in circumference as your thumb. It was huge! In fact I have never seen such a large bluebonnet anywhere and perhaps the size of this bloom would be a world record if anyone is keeping records on such a thing.

As anyone from Texas knows, the bluebonnet is the Texas State Flower and has been since 1901. There are actually five different varieties of bluebonnets with two of them occurring only in Texas. Because new varieties were springing up from time to time, in 1971 the legislature changed the laws to include "any other variety of bluebonnet no heretofore recorded" and lumped all of the varieties into one state flower.

I recently read a paper put out by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service entitled, "Texas Bluebonnets-Pride of Texas" written by Jerry M. Parsons, Steve George and Greg Grant. The description of the five varieties given below was taken from this paper.

The five state flowers of Texas are:

1. *Lupinus subcarneus*, the original champion and still co-holder of the title, grows naturally in deep sandy loams

from Leon County southwest to LaSalle County and down in the northern part of Hidalgo County in the Valley. It is often referred to as the sandy land bluebonnet. The plant's leaflets are blunt, sometimes notched with silky undersides. This species, which reaches peak bloom in late March, is not easy to maintain in clay soils.

2. *Lupinus texensis*, the favorite of tourists and artists, provides the blue spring carpet of Central Texas. It is widely known as THE Texas bluebonnet. It has pointed leaflets, the flowering stalk is tipped with white (like a bunny's tail) and hits peak bloom in the late March and early April. It is the easiest of all species to grow.

3. *Lupinus Havardii*, also known as the Big Bend or Chisos Bluebonnet, is the most majestic of the Texas Bluebonnet tribe with flowering spikes up to three feet. It is found on the flats of the Big Bend country in early spring, usually has seven leaflets and is difficult to cultivate outside its native habitat.

4. *Lupinus concinnus* is an inconspicuous little lupine, from 2 to 7 inches, which combine elements of white, rosy purple and lavender. Commonly known as the annual lupine, it is found sparingly in the Trans-Pecos region, blooming in early spring.

5. *Lupinus plattensis* sneaks down from the north into the Texas Panhandle's sandy dunes. It is the only perennial species in the state and grows to about two feet tall. It normally blooms in mid to late spring and is also known as the dune bluebonnet and the Nebraska Lupine.

The iconic name *Lupinus* is derived from the Latin word *lupus*, meaning wolf. At one point bluebonnets were known as "wolf flowers" because they appeared to devour the soil as they were often found growing

in thin rocky soils which did not support any other plant life. It was later discovered that bluebonnets did not rob from the soil but rather they enhanced the soil through producing natural fertilizer which is pure and clean, namely nitrogen. Bluebonnets are legumes. The best known nitrogen fixing organisms is a bacterium called *Rhizobium* which lives on the roots of legumes such as clover, alfalfa and vetch. The Texas bluebonnet belongs to the legume or bean family (*Fabaceae* or *Leguminosae*).

According to the paper referenced above bluebonnets are probably the most important native rangeland legume in Texas, often occupying hundreds of acres of rolling hillsides during the cool fall, winter and spring months. The roots of the legumes are highly nodulated, making them important sources of nitrogen for the soil. According to the paper, bluebonnets with the help of *Rhizobium* produce as much nitrogen as soybeans, which often yield as much as 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre. While clover and vetch are preferred by whitetail deer bluebonnets are not which means that areas populated by a lot of deer do not harm the bluebonnets growing there.

The horticulturists working at the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, in cooperation with seed producers, bedding plant growers and vegetable farmers, have domesticated the bluebonnet wildflower into a multi-million dollar bedding plant. In 1982 a terminally ill entrepreneur and Texas naturalist named Carol Abbot, known as "Mr. Texas Bluebonnet" had a dream of planting the design of the state of Texas with just bluebonnets to celebrate the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial. This project ultimately involved thousands of people, created a multi-million dollar industry and generated tremendous publicity for Texas



LOOK WHO'S NEW!! Big brothers, Rhett and Reed, are excited to announce the arrival of their baby brother, Ren Asher Rangel. He arrived six weeks early on May 4, 2015, at 2:45 am. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 oz, and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Felipe and Tiffany of Robert Lee. Grandparents are Tracie Bruning of Robert Lee and Bruce Bruning of Pueblo, Colorado. Great-grandparents are Venita Womack of Robert Lee and Wilson and Rose Marie Bruning of Bruning, Nebraska. Ren is also welcomed by his aunt Tara Chapman of Albany, Texas, who perfectly photographed him.

A&M University. This project is still producing new products and wildflower knowledge today.

Developing different and unusual bluebonnet colors has been the main goal of this project from the beginning. The colors developed include blue, or course, white, pink, red, burgundy, maroon and other shades. What is very exciting to me is that there is a patch of bluebonnets that come up every spring about a mile from my ranch that includes all of the colors mentioned above. Some photos of this patch of bluebonnets are included with this article. I am rather secretive about the location of this bluebonnet patch as I don't want someone coming along and pulling up all of these plants and destroying this beautiful gift of nature.

I am also including some pictures of this colorful bluebonnet patch as well as some pictures of my wonderful

dog, Daisy, lying in a field of bluebonnets just outside my north gate where the huge bluebonnet bloom once grew. Also included, below, is a photo of a rocky bluff just down the road from by place where bluebonnets and other wildflowers thrive along with cactus and mesquite trees.

If you live in Texas I hope you have the opportunity this spring to drive out and around the state to view some of the beautiful bluebonnet fields that are there for your enjoyment. There are fields around my area that are solid bluebonnets and produce a blue carpet that extends as far as the eye can see. We are truly blessed to live in a state that has the bluebonnet as the State Flower.

Springtime in Texas should give us time "to smell the roses" or in this case the bluebonnets.


Until next time...Vaya con Dios!



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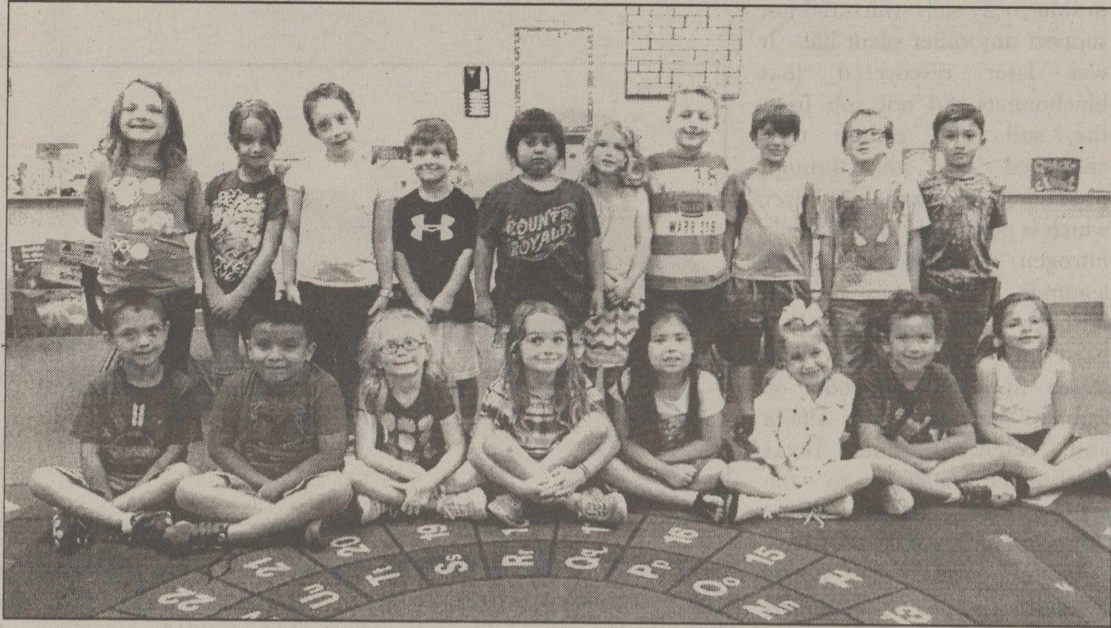
BOUNTIFUL BASKETS



Do you want to eat healthy AND save money? Bountiful Baskets Food Co-Op gives you that opportunity and comes to Robert Lee Park every other week. It is a grassroots, all volunteer, no contracts, no catch co-operative that offers fresh produce and other add-ons at rock bottom prices for all of Coke County and the surrounding areas to use.

The next contribution date is Monday, June 15, at 12 noon to be picked up on Saturday, June 20, at 10:15 am at the Robert Lee Park Pavilion. Visit www.bountifulbaskets.org for more information.

**Check Out
Coke County
Library This
Summer!**



Box Tops for Education! Bronte Elementary School has been participating in the Box Tops for Education program. Students in grades PK through 6th grade, in addition to community members, have been collecting Box Tops to help Bronte Elementary School raise funds to purchase educational supplies. Pictured above is Mrs. Webb's kindergarten class which collected the most Box Tops and they enjoyed a Box Tops party. Last fall, Mrs. Boyd's PK class collected the most Box Tops. For the spring semester, the elementary and community raised \$286.30. The total raised for the year was \$558.60. Way to go Longhorns! Please continue to collect Box Tops throughout the summer.



Safe Driving Presentation! Todd Deere from the Texas Department of Transportation recently spoke to students at Bronte High School about safe driving practices. He talked about the dangers of distracted driving, including texting while driving. The students had the opportunity to participate in the presentation by answering and asking questions. For more information about safe driving practices, please visit www.t-driver.com.

**RL Elementary 6th
6 week Awards
A Honor Roll**

1st Grade

Denis Bagby, Eli Bradshaw, Carter Fluhmann, Max Garcia, Dinah Gonzales, Olivia Gregston, Alec Henson, Brennen Hood, Kallie Kohutek, Maci Lee, Dylan Perry, Kylan Pitcock, Karmen Radloff, Nathaniel Samanico, Brenner Sherwood, Lillian Wyatt

2nd Grade

Gage Allen, Zachary Avants, Christian Higgins, Khadie Kohutek, Denver O'Dell, Rhett Rangel

3rd Grade

Abigail Arthur, Caitlyn Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Tristan Grantham, Quentin Immel, Canyon Moran, Brody Pitcock, Jimma Richardson, Brayden Sherwood

4th Grade

Cambreigh Fluhmann, Roxy Rangel

5th Grade

Zane Avants, Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood

6th Grade

Mason Fowler, Harlee Richardson, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno

A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade

Dalton Abalos, Ava Poguc, Savannah Reyes

2nd Grade

Cloey Baker, Melinda Franklin Paiz, Jose Heredia, Brewer Hood, Carlos Olguin, Kendra Ridings, Ryen White, Braxton Wright

3rd Grade

Aden Burns, Jason Jowers, Cloe Minjarez, Zoey Nichols, Judah Smith

4th Grade

Ryan Mendoza, Kristen Moreno, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksiuk, Ethan Perry, Brooke Smith

5th Grade

Gavin Freeman, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzie Puentez, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

6th Grade

Rachelle Arthur, Emma Brewer, Trenton Galvan, Zoic Posas, Hemma Rangel, Mikayla Rodriguez, Casey Skipworth, Adison Thomas, Elizabeth Weaver, Jasmine Williams

Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten

Zachary Cerritos, Joshua Garcez, Sarah Garcez, Alyssa Landeros, Micah Tetherow, Eduardo Ureno, Brody Wilson

1st Grade

Dennis Bagby, Carter Fluhmann, Max Garcia, Olivia Gregston, Alec Henson, Brennen Hood, Kallie Kohutek, Kylan Pitcock, Ava Poguc, Karmen Radloff, Nathaniel Baker, Brenner Sherwood, Cash Seuss, Lillian Wyatt

2nd Grade



Robert Lee Elementary Field Day

Noah Gonzales, Joe Heredia, Christian Higgins, Brewer Hood, Anthony Landeros, Carlos Olguin, Kailan Poguc, Braxton Wright

3rd Grade

Abigail Arthur, Aden Burns, Caitlyn Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Tristan Grantham, Quentin Immel, Jason Jowers, Cloe Minjarez, Canyon Moran, Zoey Nichols, Brody Pitcock, Jimma Richardson, Brayden Sherwood

4th Grade

Patrick Barrera, Cambreigh Fluhmann, Skyler Horne, Ryan Mendoza, Kristen Moreno, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksiuk, Cierra Poguc

5th Grade

Reaghan Bohannon, Gavin Freeman, Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzie Puentez, Caleb Smith, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

6th Grade

Rachelle Arthur, Emma Brewer, Trenton Galvan, Mikayla Rodriguez, Casey Skipworth, Adison Thomas, Dayden Thomas, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno, Taylor Wyatt

RL Elementary School

Awards

UIL Awards

2nd Grade

Creative Writing
Denver O'Dell, 3

Storytelling

Rhett Rangel, 6

3rd Grade

Ready Writing

Abigail Arthur, 6

Spelling

Abigail Arthur, 4

4th Grade

Ready Writing

Kristen Moreno, 2

Number Sense

Ryan Mendoza, 6

Oral Reading

Kristen Moreno, 6

Music Memory

Ethan Perry, 3

Spelling

Brooke Smith, 6

5th Grade

Ready Writing

Braylee Hood, 2; Mia Galvan, 5

Spelling

Team placed 3rd Brisely Ureno, 6; Zane Avants, 4;

Michael Munoz

Listening Skills

Team placed 3rd Braylee Hood, 3; Zane Avants; Brisely Ureno

Ureno

Music Memory

Team placed 1st McKenzie Puentez, 1; Braylee Hood, 2;

Aubrey Nichols, 3; Heather Huapilla, 5

Art

Team placed 3rd Gavin Freeman, 4; Mia Galvan, 3;

Brisely Ureno

Maps, Graphs, Charts

Team placed 2nd Zane Avants, 1; Gavin Freeman; Mia Galvan

Galvan

Chess

Team placed 2nd Caleb Smith, 5 (tied with Sterling City); Zane Avants; Michael Munoz

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Basketball! West Texas Wildcats played in the prime time tournament in Plano, Texas, on June 6-7. The Wildcats placed 2nd in the tournament. The team consists of players from Robert Lee (Brady Clawson, Kelby Clawson, and Mariah Munoz), Rochelle, Eden, Flower Mound, and Wichita Falls. Coaches are Tommy Wright and Jon Cox.

Number Sense

Team placed 1st Zane Avants, 2; Dylan Thomas, 3; Caleb Smith

6th Grade

Spelling

Emma Brewer, 2

Dictionary Skills

Team placed 3rd Emma Brewer, 2; Zoie Posas; Jullisa Ureno

Music Memory

Team placed 1st Zoe Tijerina, 1; Hemma Rangel, 5; Adison Thomas

Number Sense

Harlee Richardson, 4

Listening Skills

Team placed 3rd Emma Brewer; Adison Thomas; Elizabeth Weaver

Walk Across Texas (6 week program)

6th Grade walked the most miles with 175.25; Kindergarten-Micah Smith with 9.25 miles; 1st Grade-Aubrey Lofton with 9 miles; 2nd Grade-Jose Heredia with 12.25 miles; 3rd Grade-David Jowers with 11.75 miles; 4th Grade-Brooke Smith with 10 miles; 5th Grade-Gavin Freeman and Caleb Smith with 12 miles each; 6th Grade and Overall Winner-Jullisa Ureno with 25 miles

P.E. Awards

Basketball Champions

"The 6 Amigos"-Hemma Rangel, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Emma Brewer, Elizabeth Weaver, Cambreigh Fluhmann

Ring Toss Champions

Team 4-Shac Guerra, Michael Munoz, Casey Skipworth, Dylan Thomas, Heather Huapilla, Roxie Rangel, Ethan Perry, Skyler Horne

Field Day Champions

White Team-Adison Thomas, Hemma Rangel, Jullisa Ureno, Dayden Thomas, Brooke Smith, Ethan Perry, Heather Huapilla, Alex Munoz

New Track Records

Abigail Arthur set a new record in the 3rd Grade girls 40M run with a time of 7.5. The old record was set by Roxie Rangel with 7.6 in 2014.

Harlee Richardson set a new record in the high jump with 3' 8". The old record was held by Crystal Salinas at 3' 6" in 2013.

Casey Skipworth set a new record in the triple jump with 23' 5". The old record was set by B.J. Bessent at 21' 8" in 1993.

The old record in the 800 meter relay was 2:16.5 set in 1996 by Kizre Mathews, Bret Ballew, Cooper Riley and Travis Pitcock. The new record of 2:16.4 was set by Dayden Thomas, Hemma Rangel, Adison Thomas, and Jullisa Ureno.

Dodgeball Champions

6th Grade Class

1st Grade

AR 100

Eli Bradshaw, Kaleb Fitchett, Max Garcia, Aubrey Lofton, Kylene Pitcock, Edward Samaniego, Dalton Abalos, Dennis Bagby, Carter Fluhmann, Dinah Gonzales, Brennen Hood, Maci Lee, Dylan Perry, Nathaniel Samaniego

AR 200

Olivia Gregston, Alec Henson, Kallie Kohutck, Karmen Radloff

A/B Honor Roll

Max Garcia, Kylene Pitcock, Dylan Perry

2nd Grade

AR 100

Gage Allen, Cloey Baker, Noah Gonzales, Jose Heredia, Brewer Hood, Clayton Raynor, Khadie Kohutck, Anthony Landeros, Carlos Olguin, Melinda Paiz, Kailan Pogue, Rhett Rangel, Kendra Ridings, Ryen White, Braxton Wright

AR 200

Zachary Avants, Denver O'Dell

Perfect Attendance

Brewer Hood, Carlos Olguin

A/B Honor Roll

Melinda Franklin Paiz, Khadie Kohutck, Ryen White

3rd Grade

AR 100

Caitlyn Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Jimma Richardson

Perfect Attendance

Aden Burns, Jimma Richardson

A/B Honor Roll

Tristan Grantham, Jason Jowers, Cloe Minjarez, Zoey Nichols, Judah Smith

Advanced STAAR Tests

Abigail Arthur, Reading; Caitlyn Cerritos, Reading

Most Improved Overall

Trenton Smith

4th Grade

AR 100

Cambreigh Fluhmann, Ryan Mendoza, Presley Oleksiuk, Roxie Rangel, Brooke Smith

AR 200



Scholarships Awarded! Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose awarded two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors of Robert Lee High School this year. The winners were James Roberts and Mason Hill. They are shown with VP representatives Sheri Millican and Debbie Childers.

Patrick Barrera

Perfect Attendance

Alex Munoz

A/B Honor Roll

Cambreigh Fluhmann, Ryan Mendoza, Kristen Moreno, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksiuk, Ethan Perry, Roxie Rangel, Brooke Smith

Advanced STAAR Test

Kailey Bradshaw, Reading; Cambreigh Fluhmann, Reading; Writing; Skyler Horne, Reading; Ryan Mendoza, Reading; Presley Oleksiuk, Reading; Roxie Rangel, Reading

Most Improved Overall

Skyler Horne

5th Grade

AR 100

Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood, Michael Munoz, McKenzee Puentez, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

AR 200

Zane Avants

AR 300

Gavin Freeman

Perfect Attendance

Reaghan Bohannon, Heather Huapilla, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

A/B Honor Roll

Gavin Freeman, Mia Galvan, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzee Puentez, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

Advanced STAAR Test

Gavin Freeman, Reading; Mia Galvan, Reading; Braylee Hood, Reading

6th Grade

AR 100

Zoie Posas, Hemma Rangel, Mikayla Rodriguez, Adison Thomas, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno

AR 200

Rachelle Arthur, Emma Brewer, Trenton Galvan, Harlee Richardson

AR 500

Dayden Thomas

Perfect Attendance

Mikayla Rodriguez, Adison Thomas, Dayden Thomas

A/B Honor Roll

Rachelle Arthur, Emma

Brewer, Hemma Rangel, Harlee

Richardson, Casey Skipworth, Adison Thomas, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno, Elizabeth Weaver

Advanced STAAR Test

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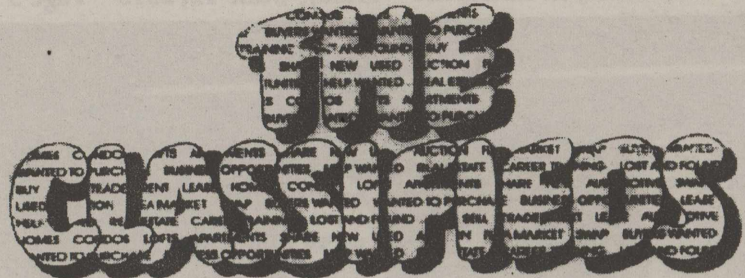
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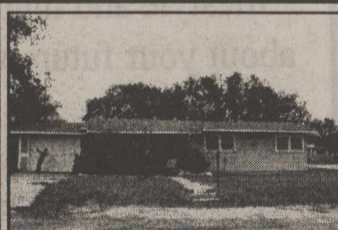
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MIKE AND I GIVE OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

To all the ladies of the AON Service Club of Robert Lee. Our thanks goes out to each and every one who contributed to their scholarship project-designated as The Kirk Bagwell Scholarship.

For more than 2 decades, hundreds of RLHS graduating seniors have been positively touched by your investments of hard work, dedication, and generosity.

Thank you for continuing to "plant seeds" for the futures of our youth.

Mike and Cristie Bagwell

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all the wonderful friends and family that helped us celebrate Mom and Dad's 50th Anniversary. It was a wonderful day.

Randy & Laura Draper Family
Troy & Scotty Draper Family
Joe & Glenda Draper

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GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE

Fundraiser for Church Building - A little bit of everything - Also, Burritos! Rain or Shine. Friday, 8 am until ?, Saturday, 8 am until 1 pm, June 12 and 13. Nueva Vida en Cristo, New Life in Christ, 214 N. Jefferson, Bronte.

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5 FAMILY HUGE SALE

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NOTICES

MCL COLIFORM VIOLATION (TCR 22)

The City of Robert Lee Public Water Supply/ PWS ID0410002 water system collected two water samples during May, 2015, that contained coliform bacteria. This water system is required to submit a minimum of two routine water samples each month for bacteriological analysis. Two routine samples were coliform-found and one repeat sample was coliform-found for the month and year indicated above.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

For water systems analyzing at least 40 samples per month, no more than five (5) percent of the monthly samples may be positive for total coliform. For systems analyzing fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than one (1) sample per month may be positive for total coliform

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Water Superintendent, E.R. Roberts, at (325) 453-2831.

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**Blackwell 6th 6 week awards
A Honor Roll**

1st Grade

Avery Glenn, Morgan Rasco, Jaxon Shipman

2nd Grade

Brianna Sommerfeld

4th Grade

Luz Cano, Matthew Shipman

5th Grade

Cadi Powers

6th Grade

Nathaniel Shipman

7th Grade

Haylee Cason, Jordan Jones, Katelyn Robertson, Emilee Sanderson, Brendan Scott, Madison Solis

8th Grade

Vickie Davis, Carli Powers, Tori Scott

9th Grade

Cambrey Coulter, Payton McKee, Shelby Panzer

10th Grade

Krista Clower, Abby Gott, Audrey Mink, Halee Sanderson

11th Grade

Stormie Lewis, Shianne Solis

12th Grade

Harrison Gott

A/B Honor Roll

2nd Grade

Makinlee Killough, Riley Linney, Bryson Smith, Emma Williams

3rd Grade

Jesse McKinney, Zachary Pierce

4th Grade

Autumn Clark, Blane Crosson, Cedric Ware

5th Grade

Stockton Solis

6th Grade

Madeline Bell, Devan Clower, Cameron Coldiron, Darrian Kenney, Caitlin Lange, Eden Linney, Allison Panzer, Carson Sorrells

7th Grade

Grant Gott

8th Grade

Elizabeth Meyer

10th Grade

Crystal Chavez, Gavin Gibson, Abigail Sorrells

11th Grade

Cole Alley, Hailey Bennett

12th Grade

Franck Cano, McKenzie Davis, Brandi Wright

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K

Bella Clark, Slade Wilkinson

Kindergarten

Lilee Sandersn

1st Grade

David Evangelista, Morgan Rasco, Jaxon Shipman

2nd Grade

Makinlee Killough, Lydia Pico, Emma Williams

3rd Grade

Shelby Rasco

4th Grade

Luz Cano, Blane Crosson, Matthew Shipman, Aaron Weldy

5th Grade

Izac Chavez, Tyson Walls, Michael Weldy

6th Grade

Devan Clower, Cameron Coldiron, Darrian Kenney, Allison Panzer, Zachary Panzer, Nathaniel Shipman, Carson Sorrells

7th Grade

Jacie Fields, Drew Hardy, Emily Rasco, Madison Solis

8th Grade

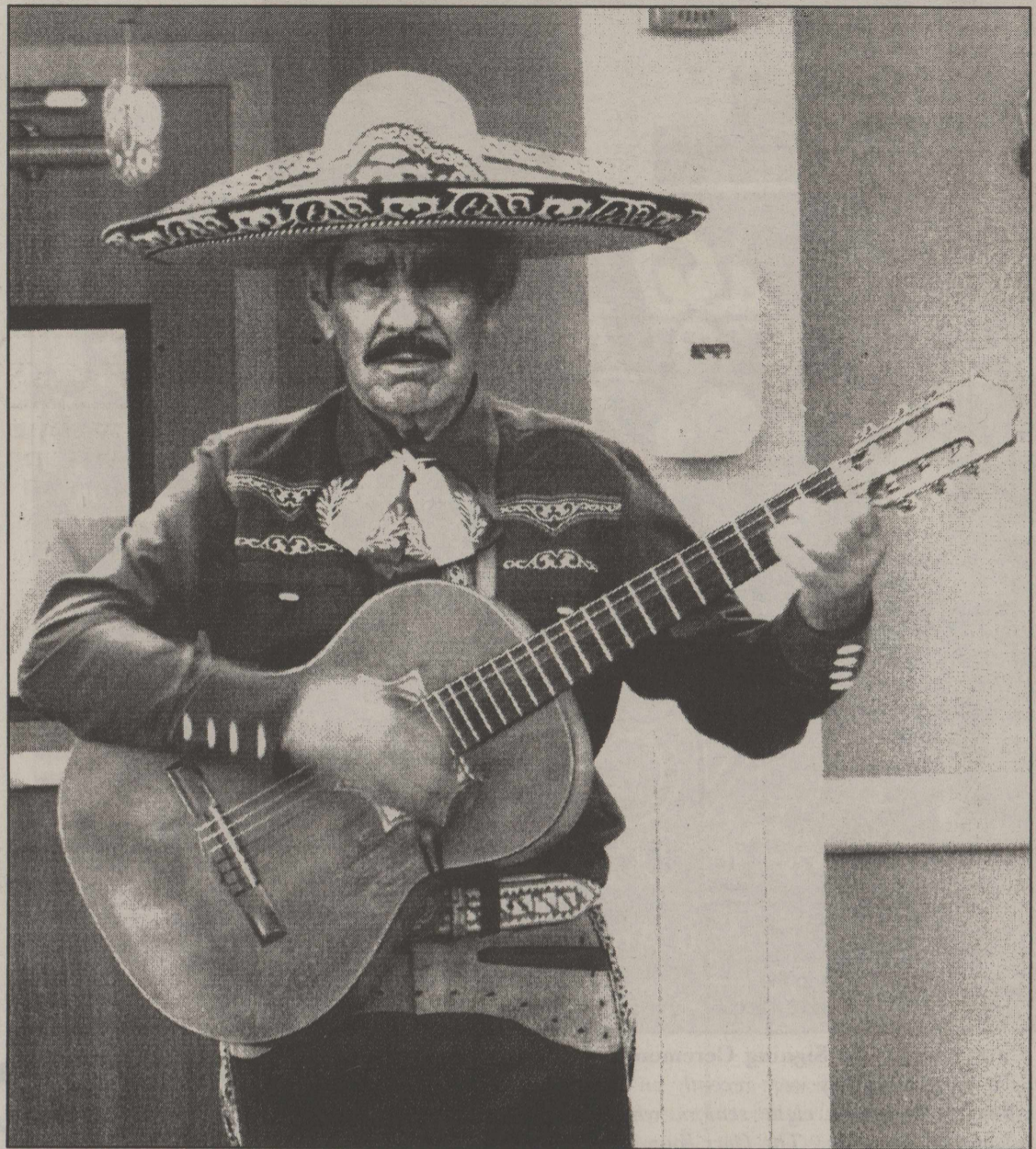
Maribel Carreno, Peyton Hinckley, Elizabeth Meyer

9th Grade

Alex Crawford, Payton McKee, Shelby Panzer, Devin Rasco, Kyler Walls

10th Grade

Crystal Chavez, Audrey Mink,



Fiesta! Robert Lee Care Center celebrated National Nursing Home Week May 10 through May 16 with a "Bring on the Fiesta" theme. The center hosted Emilio Diaz Hernandez, better known "El Charro Diaz," to entertain the residents and visitors. All enjoyed the Spanish music and sang along to familiar tunes such as "El Rancho Grande" and "Celito Lindo."

Halee Sanderson, Abigail Sorrells

11th Grade

Cole Alley, Doug Hardy, Tanner Rutledge, Shianne Solis, Christopher Sorrells

12th Grade

Riley Meyer, Gary Roland

... Awards

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Rachelle Arthur, Reading; Trenton Galvan, Reading;

Dayden Thomas, Reading

Most Improved Overall

Elizabeth Weaver

A Honor Roll All Year

1st Grade

Carter Fluhmann, Dinah Gonzales, Olivia Gregston, Alec Henson, Brennen Hood, Kallie Kohutek, Maci Lee, Karmen Radloff, Nathaniel Samaniego, Lillian Wyatt

2nd Grade

Gage Allen, Zachary Avants, Denver O'Dell, Rhett Rangel

3rd Grade

Abigail Arthur, Caitlyn Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Brody Pitcock, Jimma Richardson

5th Grade

Zane Avants, Braylee Hood

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Carr Scholarship Signing Ceremony! Representatives from Angelo State University were recently on the Bronte High School campus to recognize eight seniors who were awarded Carr Academic Scholarships. The Carr Foundation has provided more than \$72 million to help over 28,000 students pay for their education at Angelo State University. The Foundation was made possible by Robert G. Carr and his wife, Nona K. Carr, who willed their interest in oil, gas, and other minerals from producing properties in West Texas. Last year alone, ASU offered \$142,000 to the graduating seniors from Bronte High School. The students who are pictured above signed a letter of intent to attend ASU and accept their CARR Scholarship. In addition, they received a certificate and an ASU t-shirt. Pictured from left to right is Marley Braswell, Jensen Reed, Jessica Arthur, Lance Burns, Crystal Bilbrey, Stacia Emfinger, Addison Rosson, and Colton Herzing. In the picture, the students are making the ASU Rams spirit sign with their hands. After the ceremony, the students, parents, and guests attended a reception.

Farmers consider brackish water

With a limited amount of freshwater available for municipal, industrial and agricultural uses, farmers and ranchers are considering brackish water supplies, said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland.

"There's a finite amount of fresh water available," John Ross Copeland said. "Brackish water is much more plentiful and all Texans need to take a look how we can best use it."

Brackish water has been found in 26 of the 30 aquifers in Texas with an estimated total of 2.7 billion acre-feet. That's enough to cover Texas in 15 feet of water. To qualify as brackish water, it must contain 1,000 to 10,000 parts per million total dissolved solids. Total dissolved solids are dissolved salts such as magnesium, potassium, calcium, sulphur, boron and sodium in the water.

"Brackish water will play an important role in supplying Texas' water needs in the future," John Ross Copeland said. "It is very important that Texans consider how to best use this resource and respect the property rights associated with it."

Delegates at Texas Farm

Bureau's last state convention voted to protect landowners' rights by including brackish water as part of their right to capture a fair share of groundwater beneath their property.

U.S. House moves to stop WOTUS implementation

The U.S. House of Representatives recently took action to stop the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementation of its proposed Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) plan, an action applauded by Coke County Farm Bureau.

"It's time to ditch this rule, for Texas' sake," said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland.

John Ross Copeland said EPA is moving forward with the proposed WOTUS plan, which could greatly limit what Texas landowners are able to do on their property. The rule would greatly expand federal jurisdiction to include very small water bodies, flood plains and land that is not even wet most of the time.

Farmers and ranchers, including those in Coke County, have voiced opposition.

"We want clean water," John Ross Copeland said. "But that's not what this is. This is an

attempt by EPA to control what we do on our lands. The move by the U.S. House is a step in the right direction."

Additional information on Ditch the Rule can be found at <http://ditchtherule.fb.org>

... Save the Park

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c. replace tiles within the pool near ropes that have fallen off, and has created sharp edges that can cause lacerations.

d. Fix road/access.

***Add playground equipment**

a. Update current equipment

b. Imagination Station in

Ballinger. Used Leathers & Associates. Area kids designed it and volunteers built it in 5 days under the direction of engineer from Leathers & Associates (they

send 2 guys out to be the project managers during those 5 days). Total cost 145k. 3k down payment to even start. Not wood, strong plastic. Great quality. All supplies come with total cost but equipment has to be donated by the community. Ballinger sold each post for extra money. Community could buy these and put 25 letters on them; kids name, in memory of, etc. Made 40k from that alone

***Develop the creek dam area**

a. Create a space that is not a hazard

***Community Center: Needs updating.**

Organizers urge community members to come out and bring all the friends and family - especially the kids!

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