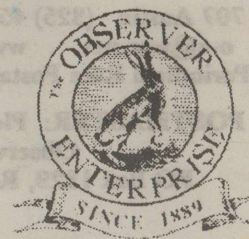


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## Coke County July 4th Celebrations

### Bronte Health and Rehab Auxiliary and Bronte Health and Rehab Center to hold July 4th Celebration

Well it's almost that time of year again, for the annual 4th of July Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 4 at 6 pm that takes place at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. The 4th of July Celebration includes a free picnic meal, a silent auction and a live dessert auction (the group's only fundraisers), and a wonderful fireworks display.

The purpose of the BHRC Auxiliary, is to render volunteer services to the East Coke County Hospital District, dba, Bronte Health and Rehab Center and residents, by providing funds, services and material goods (such as equipment) to aid in its functions, services, and programs of the facility.

The BHRC Auxiliary is a non-profit organization. No part of its net earnings shall be insured to the benefit of any officer, director, member, or individual who has a personal and private interest in the activities of the BHRC Auxiliary; nor shall the BHRC Auxiliary ever declare or pay to any such persons any dividend or other distribution except for a reimbursement specific to BHRC Auxiliary expenditure.

Membership in the BHRC Auxiliary is open to all people interested in the community health and the welfare of the BHRC residents, and who agree to abide by the policies of the BHRC Auxiliary and BHRC. The BHRC Auxiliary has 3 levels of membership and all donations and memorials are welcome.

### July 4th Blowout planned for Robert Lee

A July 4th Blowout has been scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2015, in Robert Lee Park. The event will begin around 9 am and conclude at 12 midnight. Activities slated include fireworks at dusk, a dance, swimming, lawnmower races, a washer pitchin contest, a progressive Cow Patty Bingo, food, vendors and all kinds of fun games.

The swimming pool will

remain open until 11 pm. Brandon Bohall and his band will provide the music for the dance. The Street Affair committee will have a concession stand featuring hot dogs of all kinds.

### Annual Ivey Motors July 4th Golf Tournament slated

The annual Ivey Motors July 4th Golf Tournament will be held July 4, 2015, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee.

There is no entry fee and everyone is welcome to participate in this unsanctioned and unauthorized tournament. Green fees are not included.

Tee off time is between 8 am and 2 pm. In individual play, the maximum score is a double bogey. Two mulligans will be allowed.

Cash prizes will be given to individual winners in each flight. A cash prize will also be awarded to the golfer hitting closest to the hole on Par 3 holes. Entrants must register before tee off and pick up the rules. Golfers must compete in at least a threesome. Golfers must keep a neat and clean individual scorecard.

Something new for this year is the prize offered to the first golfer who gets a "Hole in One" on the #10 Hole during the 2015 July 4th tournament. If this goal is achieved, Ivey Motors will award a Ruby Red Metallic 2015 F-150 Super Crew Sport 4x4 to the lucky golfer!

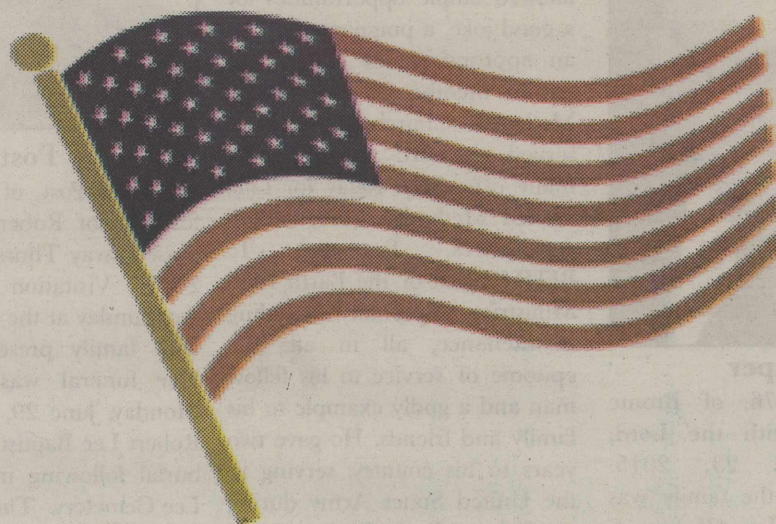
### RLHS Classes of '59, '60 and '61 to hold reunion

The Robert Lee High School Classes of 1959-61 will hold a reunion Saturday, July 25, 2015, at the old Rec Hall in Robert Lee. This building is now called the Senior Citizens Center.

The building is reserved all day Saturday until midnight for the reunion. Bring your annuals and any music you have from the 1950s and 1960s.

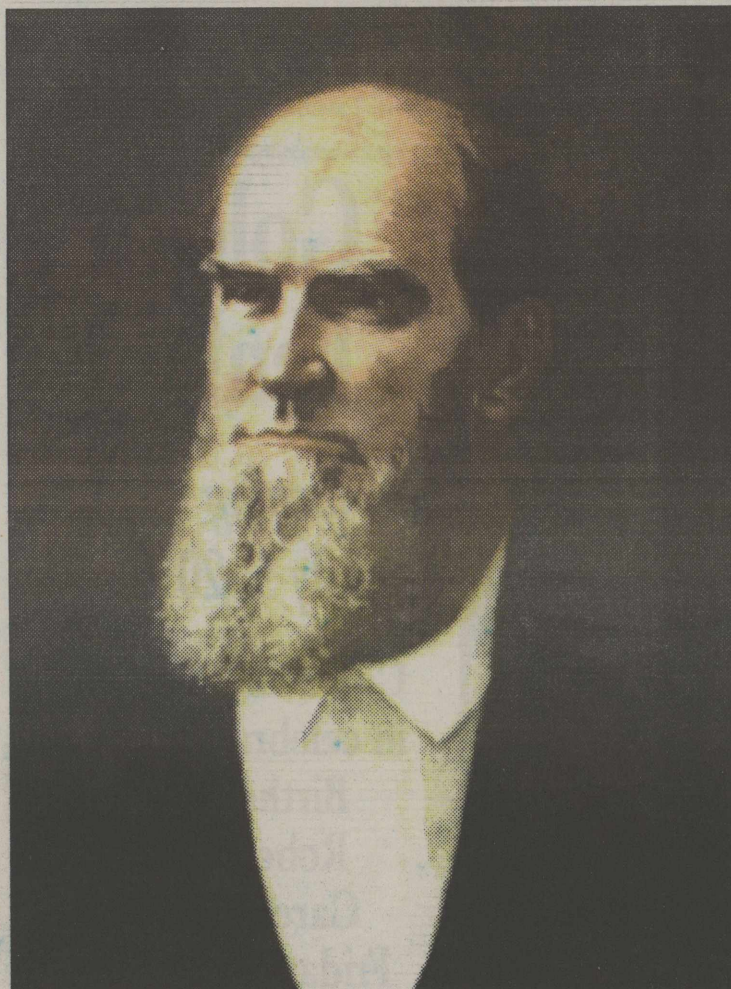
For information on the reunion, please call Sondra "Sandy" (Roe) Caves at (325) 896-2503, or send a note to PO Box 42, Christoval, Texas 76935, or contact Jerry Blair at (940) 569-0472 or Pat (Fowler) Clement at (325) 453-4627.

## Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July Holiday!



Please Pray for our  
Communities, Our County,  
Our State and Our Country.

## County named for colorful politician



Richard Coke  
1829-1897

Coke County was named after Richard Coke, a very colorful Texas politician. Coke served as Texas Governor from 1874 through 1876 when he took office as US Senator from Texas. His election to these offices came following his removal from his seat on the bench as a judge of the Supreme Court of Texas. General Philip Sheridan, the commander of Texas (under military rule at the time) determined Coke was an "impediment to reconstruction".

In Coke's race for governor, he defeated his opponent, incumbent E. J. Davis, by a two to one margin. However despite the huge margin of victory, Davis refused to give up his seat. The resulting standoff, now known as the Coke-Davis Dispute, was a dramatic and often volatile confrontation between the supporters of these men. It fortunately ended peacefully with Davis conceding victory.

During Coke's two years as Texas governor, he reintroduced constitutional law and order

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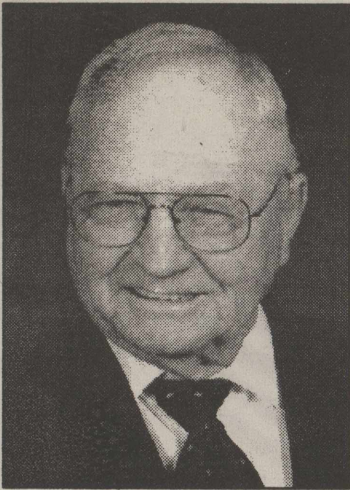
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**Obituaries**



**Draper**

Joe Draper, 76, of Bronte went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Visitation with the family was held Thursday, June 25 from 6 pm to 7 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte. A celebration of his life was held at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte on Friday, June 26, at 10 am, the Reverend Everette Boyce officiating, assisted by David Bailey of San Angelo, with burial following in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Joe was born August 20, 1938, in Lubbock, Texas, to Buel and Vern Draper of Tahoka. Farming and Ranching in Lynn, Terry, Tom Green, and Coke counties, he loved working

with cows and horses, and "buddying up" with his comrades to work calves. Fall was a special time: hunting with sons, and forty-two with deer hunters and special friends. A stock tank provided many afternoons of fishing pleasure for grandkids, and feeding the cows allowed ample opportunities for a good joke, a poignant story, or an appropriate life lesson. A faithful member of First United Methodist Church, Bronte, Joe served his Lord and others in many capacities: Relay for Life, United Methodist Men, church committees, Emmaus, Tc BFUMC Salt of the Earth Food Ministries, Epiphany, building maintenance, all in all, the epitome of service to his fellow man and a godly example to his family and friends. He gave two years to his country, serving in the United States Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by his loving wife of fifty years, Glenda Young Draper of Bronte and two sons, Troy Draper and wife Scotty Draper of Beeville and Randy Draper and wife Laura Draper of The Colony; eight special grandchildren whom he loved dearly: Levi, Sarah, Thad, Faith and Trisha Draper, and Mollee, River and Cotton Carr; brother Milt Draper and wife Dorothy of Tahoka; sister Nancy Turner and husband Wayne of Copperas Cove; four beloved nieces and their families; and many cousins and good friends.

Memorials may be sent to the Bronte Health & Rehab Center, the Bronte First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, and the Bronte Fire Department Building Fund.

The family expresses deepest gratitude to the staff of the Bronte Health and Rehab Facility auxiliary and Gentiva Hospice of San Angelo.

Online condolences can be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).

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**Post**

Maxine Post, of Snyder, and formerly of Robert Lee, Texas, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2015. Visitation was held all day Sunday at the funeral home with family present 2-4 p.m. Her funeral was at 10 am Monday, June 29, 2015, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial following in the Robert Lee Cemetery. The Pall Bearers were her grandsons. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Maxine was born May 31, 1925, in Marion, LA to Perry Lee and Mittie Day Reppond. She married Perry Allen Post on March 21, 1941, and they were together fifty-five years before his passing in 1997. They were married and lived in Louisiana, but moved to Silver, Texas, in 1950 where they lived for many years. They had three children. They moved to Laverne, Oklahoma, and she was amazed at how high the snow drifts were compared to West Texas. In Laverne, she worked for Fruit of

the Loom, which was her first job outside the home. She and her husband were in a bowling league in Laverne and won several trophies. After several years, they moved to Alice, Texas, and then retired to Robert Lee, Texas, in 1981 where she lived until she moved to Snyder, Texas, in January 2015.

She loved to read and crochet. She was also an excellent cook. Everyone always enjoyed her food. She loved to sing, especially hymns. She had a strong faith in God and was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Maxine had just celebrated her 90th birthday with a small party with her family that made her happy. She was always interested in her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even great-great-grandchildren. She wanted to keep up with what was going on in their lives and was always so proud of them and all their accomplishments. Some people said that she was the youngest ninety year old that they had ever known. She was still going strong right up until the end.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Perry and Mittie, her husband, Perry, her brothers, Travis Reppond and Benny Joe Reppond, her sisters Marylene Reppond and Atha McCorkle, and son-in-law Clayton Bloodworth.

Maxine is survived by her daughter, Pansy Bloodworth; sons, Stanley Post and wife Anne, Mike Post and wife Kathy; her sister, Patsy Jameson; her

grandchildren, Janice Smith and husband Monte, Clay Bloodworth and wife Diana, Patty Schniers and husband, Curtis, Bryan Post and wife Meredith, Kelly Potteiger and husband Adam, Ricky Post and wife Tiffany, Christopher Post and wife Sarah; great-grandchildren, Matthew and wife Glynis, Jacob and wife Danielle, Erin, Lewis and wife Ashley, Chad and wife Mandy, Brad, Leslie, Caden, Conner, Parker, Pierson, Phoebe, Jackson, Charlie Marie, & Tristan; and great-great-grandchildren, Danita, Cassidy, Riley, Kadence, Ryan, Braden, Cassidy, and Kaleb.

Memorials may be given to Robert Lee Baptist Church at 22 W 11th St. Robert Lee, TX 76945 or any charity of your choice. She will be greatly missed!

On line condolences may be made to <http://www.shafferpioneer.com>.

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**Blackburn**

Edward Blackburn, III, 66, passed Saturday night, June 20, 2015, surrounded by his loved ones in San Angelo, Texas.

Ed is survived by his mother, Sadie Gwin Blackburn; his brother, Robert A. Blackburn Sr. and his family; his daughter, Sarah Catherine Blackburn and her family, and his furry companions.

A memorial service was held in Houston at St. Martin's Episcopal Church Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at 2 pm.

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**Central Baptist Church**  
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Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm  
**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
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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  
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 11:00 am Worship

**Forgiven Ministries**  
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 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am

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 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

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 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176

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

Wed. 6 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 508

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 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or  
 (325) 473-1053

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 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**  
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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

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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



**Coleta Fenley**  
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**Check Out  
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Summer!**

The Coke County Library Summer Reading Club is underway. Each child who visits the library will be entered in a weekly drawing.

Winners for the week of June 23-26 are Fallon Raney, Kaleb Samaniego, Cash Suess, Taylor Rose, and Mason Pritchard. These children need to stop by the library to claim their prizes.

Library hours are Tuesdays 8-12, Wednesdays 8-4, Thursdays 1-5, and Fridays 8-12. For more information, call 453-2495. The library will be closed Friday, July 3.

**Scott Reunion held  
June 6 in Bronte**

Sixty family members of Joseph Lee and Margaret Ann Rodgers Scott gathered for their annual reunion June 6, 2015 at the Bronte Community Center. Both the Scott and Rodgers families have been residents of Coke County since around 1890. A fun day was had by all, with much visitation. Of the original eight children, five had family members present.

Jesse and Ara Scott; Noel Dean and Sharon Scott; Davida and Donna Scott; Steve Scott and Jean Gregory.

James Walter and Faye Scott; Ken and Linda Scott; Bette Scott, Lana Muncy, Marla Muncy; Randal Stone and sons; Leslie Muncy with her children Paul and Basil Roth; Ki, Mandi, Jaden, Kiley and Jackson Bartlett; Cherie, Riley, Drake and Kyler Ellison; Carey and Tresia Scott; Mickey, Kay, Sarah and Emily Scott. Cody, Misty, Levi, Ty, Drew Muncy, and one guest.

Lizzie and Bill Athey; Mike

Athey, Alyssa & Kade Esparsa Lee Roy and Fairy Scott; Troy and Sallie Scott; Kenley, Amber, Dustin and Hunter Powell; Paul, Angela and Addie Burkhalter; and visitor Wyatt Beard

Joe Edward and Wilma Scott; Steve and Brenda Hines; Merritt Scott; Amanda Scott, Marlena and Savannah Graves; Shane, Tina and Summer Sanders.

Others cousins present were Frank Scott of Amarillo; Mary Kathryn Jackson Hafertson of Washington; Loretha Wrinkle Knight of Abilene; Joy Keele of Alvin; Roy & Donna Proctor of Monahans.

**King Family Reunion  
held last Saturday**

The descendants of Sam and Anna King met for their 54th annual reunion on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Victory Assembly of God Family Center in Robert Lee. Sam and Anna (Benson) King were long time residents of Coke County. Sam and Anna were married January 1, 1890 in the home of W.C. Benson in Edith.

The day was spent eating, visiting, sharing pictures and enjoying the morning rain. There was a moment of remembrance for Clara Belle Gaines-Deese, Gwen King-Anderson, Sam King, Leota King-Vinion Brooks and Eugenia Davis-Smith who had passed away since the last reunion. Jess Gaines led the prayer before lunch and had the "hat passed" for donations. That evening Darlene Kelly gave a financial report and Lavelta McVicker led the prayer before the meal. It was mentioned that Jess Gaines was the oldest attending and Kellan Cates was the youngest attending. Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to next year.

Attending the event were:

Thomas King family: Kay and David Hall of Kennedale, TX

Will King family: None

Beulah King Gaines family: Jess Gaines and Randy Gaines



**Family Reunion!** The King Family Reunion was held Saturday, June 27, 2015, in Robert Lee. Among those attending were King Family 1st cousins: Jess Gaines, Jim and Olivia King, Burt and Lavelta McVicker, Garland and Rena Gaines, and Joyce and Bobby Walker.

of Dallas, TX, DecAnna and Joe Harmon of Robert Lee, TX, Katie and Waymond Dixon, Garland and Rena Dec Gaines. Kylan and Kim Wilson all of San Angelo, TX, Adam, Kari, Kali and Kellan Cates of Lubbock, TX; Karla Kay, Kaiden, Keegan, Katelyn, and Kelton Ryan of Holloman AFB, NM; and Dorothy Ann and

Scott McCormick of Fort Worth, TX

Vela King Davis Plumlee Kelly of Ballinger, TX; Sarah Kay Gandy-Baker and Shirley Strakos all of San Angelo, TX; Judy Snowden of Odessa, TX; Christa, Emily and Gracie McClellan of View, TX.

Frank Otis King family: Jim

and Olivia King, of Robert Lee, TX.

George King family: None  
Lillie King Gaines family: None

Dave King family: Joyce and Bobby Walker of Robert Lee, TX;

Mac King Blair family: None

R.B. King Family: Burt and Lavelta McVicker of Burnet, TX

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**Story Hour!** Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen read to over twenty children at the Story Hour held at Coke County Library Wednesday morning, June 24, 2015. The children were each given "Junior Deputy" badges and enjoyed a demonstration of all the bells and whistles (lights and siren) on the patrol vehicle.

### The Case of the Thirsty Bees

[The story of the Case of the Thirsty Bees as told by Eddie Paul Good, son of Sheriff Paul Good (1947-59) in the dedication brochure of the Old Coke County Jail, Sept. 20, 2014.]

Late one early spring afternoon, Dad received a call that there was a suspicious looking truck that had been parked all day on the Bronte Road just outside of Robert Lee. This also happened to be close to the city lake. Dad went to investigate and as he pulled up to the truck he noticed that it was loaded with boxes and a very fine net was pulled back exposing the boxes. Dad introduced himself to the truck driver and inquired of what he was doing parked there all day.

The man said that he was watering his bees! The beekeeper said he was transporting the bees from South Texas to Colorado for the summer to make honey from the clover fields there. The bees would remain in Colorado over the summer and then would be transported back to South Texas for the winter. He said the bees would return about dusk and he would be on his way.

As you might have guessed by now the boxes on the truck were beehives. I have often wondered if bees really get thirsty and just how dependable they would be to return. After this happened I did notice several other trucks loaded with beehives going north through Robert Lee, I supposed to Colorado.

### Mountain Creek Golf Course History

Mt. Creek Golf Course was established by a volunteer board of directors in early 1960's on the bank of Mountain Creek. Volunteers divided themselves into teams, each responsible for the construction of a green. The teams provided their own

equipment and invested their sweat equity to construct the golf course. Billy Wayne Roe and Add Davis can testify to the sweat equity.

The nine-hole golf course hosts tournaments and provides a practice area for the local high school golf teams who have made Robert Lee proud in many competitions across the state.

Today's volunteer board of directors is working to maintain and upgrade Mt. Creek for future residents, visitors and students.

### ... Governor Coke

*(Continued from page 1)* following more than a dozen years of war and military rule. He felt strongly about higher education and was instrumental in the establishment of Texas A&M.

Following is an article on Governor Coke from TSHA Online, the online outlet of the Texas State Historical Association.

Richard Coke, Texas governor and United States senator, son of John and Eliza (Hankins) Coke, was born near Williamsburg, Virginia, on March 13, 1829. He entered William and Mary College in 1843 and in July 1848 was awarded a diploma in civil law.

In 1850, he moved to Waco, then only a shantytown on the Texas frontier, where he soon earned a reputation as an able lawyer in both civil and criminal cases.

In 1852, he married Mary Evans Horne of Waco, who was only fifteen years old. They had two daughters who died in

infancy, and two sons, both of whom died before the age of thirty.

In 1859, Coke was appointed by Gov. Hardin R. Runnels to a commission that decided that Comanche Indians on the Brazos Indian Reservation should be removed from Texas.

In 1861, Coke was a delegate to the Secession Convention in Austin and voted for secession. The next year he raised a company that became part of Joseph W. Speight's Fifteenth Texas Infantry and, as captain, served throughout the Civil War, except for a sixty-day leave in 1864. He was wounded at Bayou Bourbeau (Muddy Creek), near Opelousas, Louisiana, on November 3, 1863.

In September 1865, he was appointed judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District by Gov. A. J. Hamilton, who valued Coke's integrity in spite of their political differences. Coke was elected associate justice of the state Supreme Court in 1866 but was removed a year later by Philip Henry Sheridan, the military commander.

Coke won the Democratic nomination for governor in 1873 and, in a bitter and sometimes violent election, defeated Governor Edmund J. Davis, the Republican candidate, by a vote of 85,549 to 42,663. He took office in January 1874 in spite of Davis's resistance and an attempt of the Texas Supreme Court to nullify the election by its decision in the case *Ex parte Rodriguez*.

Governor Coke tried to restore financial order by cutting expenditures for public printing and the state asylums, but the cost of securing the safety of the

Mexican border and combatting Comanche and Kiowa Indians on the western frontier offset such reductions.

On one occasion, he ignored threats of physical violence when he vetoed a popular bill for a subsidy to the International-Great Northern Railroad.

The new governor was burdened with job applications, pleas for pardons, and requests for six-gun permits and for reward money to aid in the capture of criminals.

Under the Constitution of 1876, adopted during his term, Coke served on a three-member board that supervised a new, decentralized system of public education. Vocational education benefited from the opening of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (now Texas A&M University), at which Coke made an eloquent speech.

He was reelected governor by a ratio of three to one over William Morton Chambers, the Republican candidate. He was elected to the United States Senate in May 1876 and resigned the governorship in December. He began his first term as senator on March 4, 1877, replacing Morgan C. Hamilton.

Coke was generally regarded as an able and well-informed member of the Senate. "Old Brains," as his admirers called him, supported the Bland-Allison Act of 1878 and the Interstate Commerce Act of 1887.

On grounds of unconstitutionality and extravagance, he opposed the Blair Bill for federal aid to the common schools.

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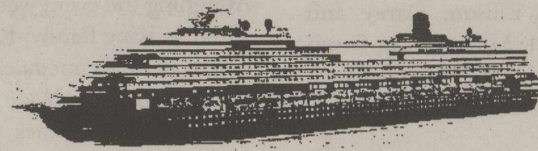
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He also opposed the protective tariff, the suspension of silver coinage, and the Force Bill, which would have provided federal protection for voters and elections threatened by intimidation and violence.

Meanwhile, Coke continued his involvement in Texas politics. He spoke as a strong opponent of prohibition throughout the state.

In 1892, he traveled home to support the reelection of Gov. James S. Hogg over George Clark of Waco, Coke's former friend and campaign manager. Coke was reelected to the Senate in January 1883 and again in January 1889, both times by unanimous vote in the legislature. In 1894, he announced that he would not seek another term.

In the spring of 1897, he suffered from exposure while caring for his flooded Brazos valley farm and was ill for three weeks. He died at his home in Waco on May 14. After a state funeral, he was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.

Information about Coke's religion is scanty; he was probably raised as an Episcopalian but in later years attended the Baptist Church.

A white-bearded, hulking figure who towered six feet, three inches and weighed 240 pounds, Coke was a commanding presence. It is said that on the political platform he could bellow "like a prairie bull." His Senate speeches, while often ponderous, were factual, well-organized, and persuasive. He is considered one of the important leaders in Texas in the late nineteenth century.

The following information was also found about Governor Coke.

In 1865, Coke was appointed a Texas District Court judge, and in 1866 he was elected as an associate justice to the Texas Supreme Court. The following year the military governor General Philip Sheridan fired Coke and four other judges as 'an impediment to reconstruction', in pursuit of unionist Reconstruction policies. The firing of the five judges became a cause célèbre and made their names famous, synonymous in the public eye with resistance to Union occupation.

No one benefited more from prevailing public sentiment than Richard Coke, who in 1873 leveraged resentment at Union occupation to construct a Democratic electoral coalition that ruled Texas for more than 100 years. This Democratic power was based on disfranchisement of blacks, Mexican Americans and poor whites through the use of poll taxes and white primaries. For example, the number of black voters decreased sharply from more than 100,000 in the 1890s to 5,000 in 1906.

Having been fired by military governor Philip Sheridan, Coke ran for Governor as a Democrat in 1873 and took office in January 1874. The Texas Supreme Court - forever after known as the "Semicolon" court

thanks to this case - ruled his election invalid in an extraordinary habeas corpus writ styled Ex Parte Rodriguez. As recounted by the Texas State Historical Association, in response, "Disregarding the court ruling, the Democrats secured the keys to the second floor of the Capitol and took possession. Incumbent Gov. Edmund Davis was reported to have state troops stationed on the lower floor. The Travis Rifles (a Texas military unit

created to fight Indians), summoned to protect Davis, were converted into a sheriff's posse and protected Coke. On January 15, 1874, Coke was inaugurated as governor. On January 16, Davis arranged for a truce, but he made one final appeal for federal intervention. A telegram from President Ulysses S. Grant said that he did not feel warranted in sending federal troops to keep Davis in office. Davis resigned his office on January 19. Coke's

inauguration restored Democratic control in Texas." Coke's administration was marked by vigorous action to balance the budget and by a revised state constitution adopted in 1876. He was also instrumental in creating the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, which became Texas A&M University. Having once been fired from the Texas Supreme Court, as Governor he appointed all its members, naming as Chief Justice Oran

Roberts (after the US Senate had refused to seat him). George F. Moore, who was Chief Justice when he'd been fired along with Coke, became the first Chief Justice elected under Texas' 1876 Constitution, an honor he held until his death. Others from the Texas judiciary under the Confederacy received key appointments.

Once the new Constitution had been negotiated, Coke resigned his office in December

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## ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY GOLF TOURNAMENT

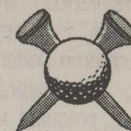
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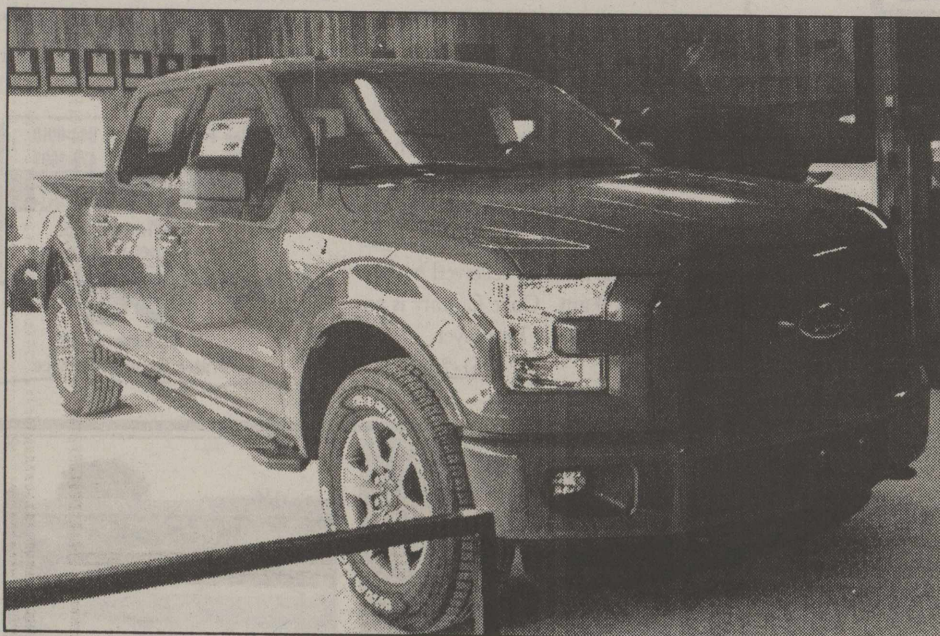
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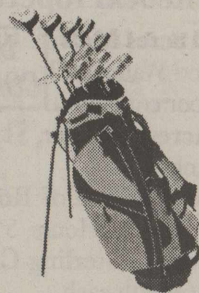
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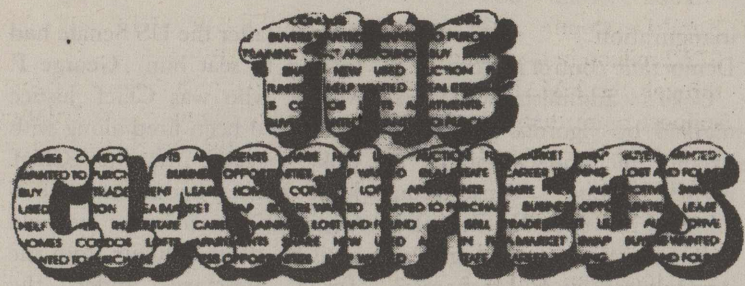


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 Would like to express their greatest appreciation for all the words and expressions of comfort and friendship for all the prayers, cards, food, memorials, etc. Joe loved Bronte and its people, the church family, his precious family and friends. Most of all he loved the lord and served him well. God bless you all.  
 The Draper Family  
 52-1twp

**NOTICES**

**CITY OF BRONTE DRINKING WATER REPORT**  
 In accordance with the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) Regulations, a Consumer Confidence Report (Drinking Water Quality) has been prepared for distribution to customers of City of Bronte Water System. The report was mailed on June 29th. Copies are also available at the City Hall at 114 South Washington beginning June 29, 2015.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Bronte ISD is accepting Dairy Product Bids for the 2015-2016 school Year.  
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Pint 1% Chocolate Milk, Half Pint 1% Strawberry Milk, Half Pint Skim Milk, Half Pint Buttermilk. Please attach a price listing of Ice Cream Products also. Bids must be submitted by 2:00 p.m., July 22, 2015 in the Superintendent's office, Bronte ISD, P.O. Box 670, Bronte TX 76933. Physical Address: 210 S. Jefferson, Bronte, Tx. For More Information Call 325-473-2511. Bronte ISD reserves the right to accept/reject any or all bids.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Bronte ISD is accepting bids on the following items: Teacher supplies, athletic supplies, janitorial supplies, maintenance supplies, computer supplies, food service supplies, and fuel for the 2015-2016 school year. Bids are due July 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. 325-473-2511, PO Box 670, Bronte, Tx 76933. Physical address, 210 S. Jefferson, Bronte, Tx 76933. BIDS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
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**CITY OF ROBERT LEE PUBLISHES WATER QUALITY REPORT**  
 In accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, A Consumer Confidence Report has been prepared and distributed to the customers of the City of Robert Lee. The report was mailed on 6-29-15.  
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### The Many Faces of Medicine

By Robin Roller

Do you know what the most important nutrient for the body is? The body will survive for a time without food. It will live for less time without water. However, I wouldn't recommend trying to find out how long the body will live without oxygen. Oxygen is necessary for every system in the body, for that matter, for every cell in the body.

Living in the rural areas, like we do in Robert Lee, the oxygen content in the air is higher than it would be in the metropolitan areas. However statistics show that 60% of Americans don't get enough oxygen. We get oxygen not only from the air we breathe but also from the food we eat. A 200 pound man will absorb 4 pounds of water through his skin during a 30 minute bath. So we also get the nutrient from the water absorbed through the skin.

We All have micro organisms inside our bodies, some beneficial, even necessary, some are harmful and disease causing. The interesting part of this is that the beneficial ones are aerobic, meaning they thrive in oxygen while the harmful ones (some bacteria and viruses, etc.) are anaerobic, meaning they die in oxygen. This includes some of the most feared diseases such as AIDS, cancer as well as a long list of others.

The FDA considers oxygen a medicine and therefore it is necessary to get a prescription from a doctor for it. (That sounds crazy to me) However there are medical professionals that specialize in oxydative therapies of which there are many. Hyperbolic chambers, ozone therapy as well as hydrogen peroxide therapies (there are many ways to use H2O2) to name a few.

If you or someone you love has health challenges (and who doesn't), there are some books I would recommend reading. "The Miracle Cure" by Kevin Richardson, and "The Truth About Food Grade Hydrogen Peroxide" by James Paul Rofuski. This is an ebook that is free to download at [www.FoodGradeHydrogenPeroxide.com](http://www.FoodGradeHydrogenPeroxide.com). These

books are resources for finding medical professionals in your area that specialize in these therapies.

In closing, allow me to make it clear that I have no affiliation with, nor do I benefit in any way from the sale of these books or any other product that may have been mentioned in this article.

#### ... Governor Coke

(Continued from page 5) 1876 following his election by the legislature to the United States Senate. He would be reelected to federal office in 1882 and 1888, serving in the 45th - 53rd Congresses until March 4, 1895. Coke was not a candidate for reelection in 1894.

Coke retired to his home in Waco and his nearby farm. He became ill after suffering exposure while fighting a flood of the Brazos River in April 1897. After a short illness, he died at his home in Waco and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Coke County in West Central Texas is named in his honor.

#### USDA Seeks Applications for Loans and Grants to Create Jobs and Support Rural Economic Development

USDA is accepting applications for loans and grants to support business expansion, create jobs and increase economic opportunities in rural communities.

"Small businesses are the engine that drives job creation and investment capital coupled with business savvy provide the spark that gets that engine running," USDA's Tom Vilsack said. "This funding will help the nation's rural micro-entrepreneurs strengthen their capacity to create jobs, grow their businesses and fuel the economy. USDA is working with

local organizations to provide capital to help small business owners achieve higher performance."

The 2014 Farm Bill reauthorized the program through 2018. For Fiscal Year 2015, more than \$16 million is available in loans and grants.

Application forms may be obtained from [USDA.gov](http://USDA.gov).

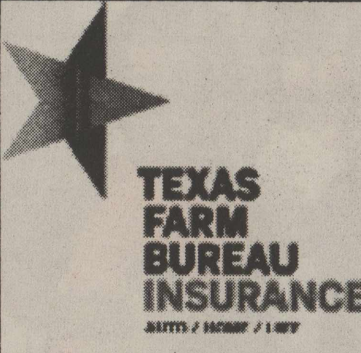
RMAP provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to help microentrepreneurs - very small businesses with 10 or fewer employees - access capital to start or grow businesses. MDOs use the funds to provide training and technical assistance to small businesses or to establish revolving loan funds that provide micro-loans, typically \$5,000 to \$50,000, to rural microentrepreneurs.

Since the beginning of the Obama Administration, USDA Rural Development has invested \$72.2 million in loans and grants through the RMAP program to support more than 390 projects that help very small business enterprises.

For example, in 2014, Rural Development awarded a \$500,000 loan and a \$105,000 grant to the Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG) in Maine to capitalize a revolving

loan fund. The fund provided technical assistance and training to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises.

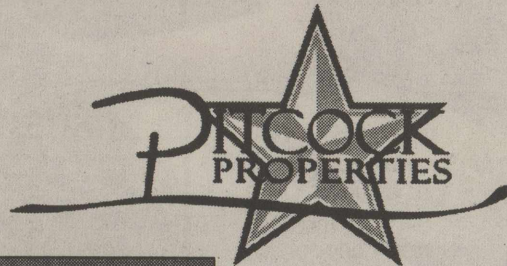
MCOG services Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties, the towns of Brunswick and Harpswell in Cumberland County, and the towns of Belmont, Lincolnville, Northport and Searsport in Waldo County. This project is expected to create 50 jobs, save 214 jobs and assist 234 businesses.



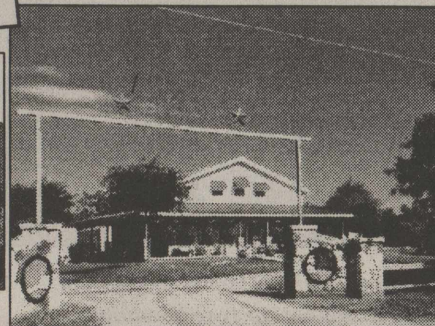
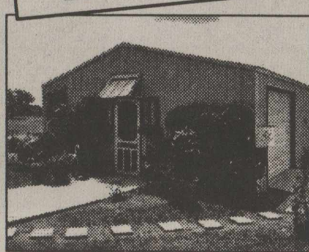
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**Red Hat Society to meet**

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am, Thursday, July 2, 2015, at Noel's. Noel's is located 5 miles west of Robert Lee on Highway 158. Look for the sign on the right, then follow

the drive through the pasture to the buildings.

Noel has a very special meal planned for the group. Come and enjoy the meal, good fun and fellowship.



**Hummer House Field Trip!** Robert Lee Care Center residents traveled to Christoval Friday, June 26, 2015, to visit the Hummer House. The group enjoyed listening to Kathy and Dan Brown tell about the birds and their habitats. They also enjoyed a picnic lunch and shopping at the gift shop. Everyone had a great time!

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**4<sup>th</sup> of July Blowout!**  
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