



Union Texas Petroleum Reunion! Retirees of Union Texas Petroleum attended the 12th annual reunion held September 14 at Zentner's Daughter in San Angelo.

Union Texas Petroleum 12th Reunion held

By Jeffie H. Roberts
The 12th Annual Union Texas Petroleum former and retiree's reunion was held at Zentner's Daughter Steakhouse in San Angelo Saturday, September 14, 2013. The gathering started at 11:00 a.m. with a lot of visiting. While the meal was being prepared,

Ronnie Walker lead the group with a prayer. Jeffie Roberts conducted a short business meeting. Ronnie Walker, Brenda Hines and Jeffie welcomed the 43 present. Jeffie read the minutes of the 2012 reunion and gave a financial report. The group voted to have the 13th reunion September 13, 2014, the same place and time if possible. Ronnie and Linda Walker, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts and Steve and Brenda Hines agreed to serve as the Reunion Committee again for 2014.

Those present for the 2013 reunion were: Ronnie and Linda Walker of Rankin; Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee; and Steve and Brenda Hines of Bronte (2013 reunion committee). Others present were Winton and Virginia Milliff of Robert Lee; Jerry Wilkes of Silver; Buddy and Gayna Eldred of Blackwell; Stella Webb of Ballinger; Joe Tarter of Abilene; Paul and Lavera Tharp of Winters; Joe and Sharon Young of The Colony; Kathryn (Giest) Stienbarger, J.A. "Red" Weatherbee, Jimmy Weatherbee, David Fernandez, Donald and Janis Walker, and Larry Robinson all of San Angelo; Bill Barnes, Nelson Barnes, and Cynthia Barnes all of Colorado City; James and Brenda Tidwell of Bronte; Charles and Donna Stephens of Novice; Pete and Carlene Golson,

Tommy and Joyce Latham, and Barbara Wheeler all of Rankin; James and Wanda Goble of Cross Plains; Bob and Clara Doege of May; Gary and Sandra Parsley of Greenwood; Randle and Jami Parsley Hudson Oaks.

After the meal, pictures were taken and everyone visited until 2 pm.

Coke County SWCD hosts Field Day

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted the sixth annual Coke County Conservation Field Day on September 18, 2013. Co-sponsors of the event were the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Coke County Underground Water Conservation District, Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, Texas Agri-Life Extension, The First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte, Robert Lee State Bank, Hall's Super Save, Super H, Walmart, and Albertson's. With monetary donations from our co-sponsors, students and adults were provided a Conservation Field Day tee-shirt.

The fifth and sixth grade students from Bronte and Robert Lee gathered at the scenic Wildcat Mountain

Ranch for a fun filled day focusing on wildlife habitat and management education. The morning session began at 9 am.

Ryan McClintock, NRCS Zone 2 Wildlife Biologist, assisted by Wade Day and James Ellisor, NRCS, played host to Station #1 which included active participation in a game of "Oh Deer." Ryan explained how population interacts with habitat and why it is important to landowners.

James Jackson, Agri-Life Extension Service, assisted by Trace Justiss, hosted Station #2 teaching that proper habitat management benefits both livestock and quail. In a game of "Run for Your Life," students became quail to learn feeding habits, while adults took on the roles of hawks, raccoons, and bulldozers to show the importance of brush as escape cover.

Mark Wright, Taxidermist, along with ranch co-owner, Hollis Farris, Station #3, hosted a tour of Wildcat Mountain Ranch lodge with a question and answer session of various wildlife mounts on display in the lodge. Mr. Wright also had an assortment of skulls for identification by the students.

Steve Bardin, Texas Pro Lake Management Company, presented interesting facts about lake and



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pond stocking at Station #4. Steve explained habitat of different species of fish and types of food each species needs for survival. He also enlightened the students how his business helps ranchers and lake managers accomplish their goals of raising healthy fish for human consumption and recreation.

Jim Allen and Michael Jaramillo, Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens, Station #5, spoke with students about their responsibilities as hunters and demonstrated proper use of a bow and arrow. Each student was allowed to test their skill at shooting the bow. Students were also quizzed about their knowledge of Texas game laws and shown how to reference these laws and regulations, including deer hunting.

Following these five stations, the group enjoyed a

hot dog lunch provided by Coke County SWCD, Hall's Super Save in Bronte, Super H in Robert Lee, Walmart, and Albertson's in San Angelo.

To conclude the outdoor education day, students enjoyed Kat Bunker, Naturalist, from the San Angelo Nature Center. Kat presented a very detailed and humorous program explaining how and why the animals do the things they do. The students were allowed a hands-on experience with the animals. They loved petting the animals and learning all about them. The highlighted conclusion of the program was a visit and a petting of "Luke" the special skunk.

As a result of a very successful sixth annual Conservation Day, Coke County SWCD is looking forward to hosting the next one.

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