

THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE

Published Weekly

707 Austin (325) 453-2433 (325) 453-4643 Fax
o-e@wcc.net www.ObserverEnterprise.com
Periodical Rate Postage paid at Robert Lee, Texas

POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to
Observer/Enterprise
PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, Texas 76945

STAFF

Melinda McCutchen, Publisher/Editor
Aja Chandler and Amber Sawyer

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Per Year in Coke County ... \$30.00
Per Year Elsewhere in Texas ... \$35.00
Per Year Outside of Texas ... \$37.00

Obituaries



Blair

Billy J. Blair, 84, went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday, October 25, 2015.

Billy J. Blair was born to Jeff Davis Blair and Thelma Daniel Blair on December 24, 1930, in Sterling County. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to Robert Lee where he attended school and was a star athlete, graduating in 1949. On July 12, 1950, he married his high school sweetheart Eula Fay Smith and they recently celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. To this union three children, Roy Blair, Linda Blair Porter, and Billy J. Blair Jr. were born. Bill spent his life working in the oil fields and as a rancher.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his infant son Billy J. Blair Jr., two brothers J. D. Blair Jr. and Don Blair.

He is survived by his loving wife, Eula Fay Blair; son, Roy Blair and wife Judy; and daughter, Linda Blair Porter and husband Jack; two sisters, Edith McGinley and Ruth Weimer; and two brothers, Dan and his wife Lennie and Jerry; five grandchildren, Tracie Corley and her husband Barry, Joe Blair and his wife Daisy, Amy Porter, Russell Porter and his wife Jennifer, Christopher Porter and thirteen great grandchildren, and another due in January.

There was open visitation on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee. The funeral was November 1, 2015, at 2 pm at the Robert Lee Baptist Church followed by a graveside service at Robert Lee Cemetery. Reverend Danny White officiated the service. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com

18-1tc



Sanderson

Bobby James Sanderson of Blackwell passed from this earth on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 in the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. Visitation will be held all

day Friday, October 30, 2015 at the funeral home in Bronte. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Blackwell United Methodist Church with burial to follow in Blackwell Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Bobby was born to pioneer farming family James Roy & Nila English Sanderson. Dad had a very unique and easily remembered birthdate, 1-2-34. He was the youngest child of four children and their only son.

Growing up on the home place he lived west of Blackwell. He went to Blackwell schools, graduated high school in 1952 and attended McMurry College in Abilene. He was drafted or "called up" to serve his country and went into the Army. Dad told us that while stationed at Fort Belvoir near Washington DC he had a buddy that had a car and they went to church together. His buddy elbowed him and asked "Do you know who you are sitting by?" Dad said "No" and his friend quickly informed him that it was Major John Eisenhower. Another favorite moment while in the Army was that dad got to attend President Eisenhower's inauguration. Dad told us that he stood on the parade route. His job was if "something broke

out" they were supposed to help the policemen. He was there all day long, it was a cold day in January, but it was one of his favorite service memories.

Bobby then came home to Blackwell to help his parents who owned several local businesses and the service station following his stint in the service. Daddy married Dona Hendry Garvin on March 12, 1966, he put a ring on Mom's finger and Linda's too. Daddy had been friends with Linda's birth father Eddy Garvin, and after he died in a tragic wreck and as time passed he began to court Dona. After the wedding, Daddy adopted Linda because he said if something happened to Dona he wanted to be able to take care of her. We can honestly say our Daddy was the sweetest man with the biggest heart. Then, in 1969 James Lee was born and he was the "apple of Dads eye," they enjoyed the best relationship a father and son could have. They each adored the other, so much that when James and Heather married, Daddy was James' best man. What a tribute

to Daddy. Daddy worked for West Texas Utilities Oak Creek Power Plant as a shift supervisor. He worked shift work, farmed and ranched on the side. Mom and Dad always had both cattle and sheep, he was a welder and did custom hay baling too. Dad taught us to work hard, there was always work to do at the farm. Daddy built Linda her own hay hook that was shorter, so she could manage it better when hauling hay or stacking hay in barns. Many times Mom drove the truck and we had a "pop up loader" for the hay that we picked up in the fields. Daddy and Linda would stack the hay on the back of the big truck and then unload it in the barns. Daddy would pay us by each bale that we hauled. Daddy would hire local students and football boys that were big and strong and wanted to make extra money in the summers to help with the haying.

Dad was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church of Blackwell. Dad served as church treasurer for twenty years until passing it on to

Glenn-Bivins Insurance

325-473-6791

GlennBivinsUsa@aim.com

Locally and Family Owned Since 1922

We'll Be Here When You Need Us!

Home - Auto - Life - Commercial - RV

"Insure your home and auto with Germania and save 15% on both; and receive an additional 10% with a Life policy."



*What does the future hold for you?
(It depends.)*

YOU ARE INVITED
*Take a New Look at an Old Book
in a Series of Lectures on Daniel*

Presented by

Dr. Edward P. Myers
of Batesville, Arkansas
(confirming belief

in God's Control of this world)

Sunday - Wednesday
November 8-11, 2015
Sunday 10 am, 10:50 am, 6 pm
Mon - Wed - 7:00 pm

BRONTE CHURCH OF CHRIST
120 S. Jefferson, Bronte, Texas
(Look for the water tower)

Come As You Are



Sunday Mornings • 10 am
Table Time • Tuesday evening
Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm



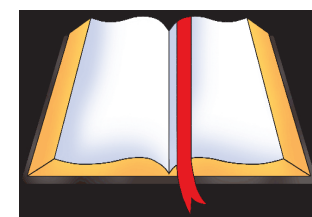
FORGIVEN MINISTRIES
Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
Russ Frasier, Preacher

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
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
Coke County Cowboy Church
Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Preacher - Robert Lemonds
Sunday, 10:30 am
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

Coke County
Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
www.pecanbaptist.org
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Robert Lee, Ed Zimmermann, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
11 am & 6 pm Worship.
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice
Iglesia Bautista Betel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm
Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
Jordan Arnold, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
(325) 473-1053
Services: Sun. 10 am
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
(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