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**LOOK WHO'S NEW!** Sophie Grace Jimenez was born at 12:49 am Friday, January 22, 2016, in San Angelo to brand new parents Emmanuel and Bethany Jimenez. Emmanuel is the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Bronte. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19.25 inches long. Sophie's grandparents are Roger and Donna Jay of Georgetown, Texas, Eva and Jerry Bible of Bangs, Texas, and Eligio Jimenez of Wheaton, Maryland.

## Death Notices

### Lawhon

Jerry Lawhon 88, died Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Visitation was all day Friday, February 5, 2016, at he funeral home with family present from 6 pm to 7 pm. Funeral services were at 2 pm, Saturday, February 6, 2016, at First Baptist Church in Bronte with interment following in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lawhon of Blackwell; son, Lynn Lawhon of Abilene; and daughter Kelly Perry of Corpus Christi.

### Navarro

Soyla Reina Navarro, 54, died February 6, 2016. Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Delfino Navarro of Robert Lee; daughters, Soyla Barrera of Robert Lee, Flor Scranton of Mississippi; Amanda Barrera of San Angelo; Linda "Mari" Barrera of Robert Lee and Monica Barrera of Robert Lee; brothers, Pascal Samaniego of Oklahoma, Ubill Samaniego of San Angelo and Ray Samaniego of Oklahoma; sisters, Lupe Foster of San Angelo and Anita Lujan of Abilene.

### Ode to a dying town

By Marg Clader

Reprinted from the Boise City Oklahoma News

The men were quite cocky as the stood in the sun

"Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun

We'll buy by the case all under one roof

And save lots too, of that we have proof."

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So they did just that for many a year

And from the results never took any fear

Until one day they met once again

Standing uptown just out of the rain.

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"What's happened here!" cried one in dismay.

Their faces were ashen, they had much to say.

Then one scratched his head. The other said loud

"There's no beer and no coffee, not even a crowd;

My wife is real sick and right off her feet

I came for some drugs, some milk and some meat

The hospital is closed, the grocery stores too

What in the world are we going to do?"

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"My furnace is shot and the plumbing all broken"

The other one gasped, I thought he was chokin'

"My car's a near wreck and my tires are low

I need nails and lumber, and there's no place to go"

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His friend has his head right down to his chest

"We're to blame," he muttered, "on our heads it does rest

We passed this town for the glimmer of lights

Bought stuff by the car load and took in the sights.

The city is bustling and bursting with pride.

While all our own merchants just up and died.

The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed.

I'll tell you old boy, we're in for a test"

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"We should have been smarter and wise," they said

"Then the town would be bustling, not half so dead"

"It's never too late, we've

learned," someone did say.

But for foolishness of many they'd all have to pay.

They parted at last as the wind

turned cold

And muttered, "Buy locally as this story is told"

## Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Table Time • Tuesday evening



**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

**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  
 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

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**Farm-Ranch, Commercial, Recreational & Residential Real Estate**

**EDGE OF TOWN!** Large remodeled manufactured home siting on almost 1/2 acre in Bronte! Due to wood remodel, home is now permanent to property. Quiet neighborhood on outskirts of rural community.

**CLOSE TO SCHOOL!** Cute home on two lots in rural community with many updates and metal roof only a couple of blocks from the school! A large fenced-in backyard with pecan trees and reasonable price make this an excellent option for first-time home-buyers! Many extras including a storm shelter!

**MANY UPDATES!** Large older home is just perfect for family. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms. Numerous built-ins throughout home, huge closets, woodburning stove in den, 2 car attached carport. Potential efficiency apartment or guest house on property includes full basement and 2 car attached carport. Loads of character in this home on 1.91 acres.

**BEAUTIFUL LOCATION ABOVE ELM CREEK IN BALLINGER!** Lovely home in excellent neighborhood with tons of character! Move-in ready with new roof put on in 2015 and new paint throughout! Large lot on hill above city park! Beautiful views from backyard patio!

**WONDERFUL CRAFTSMANSHIP!** Beautiful older home with lots of extras - built-ins, hardwoods, cedar closet, decorative ceilings, stained glass inserts, antique chandeliers and more! Lovely porches and trees! Updated with modern convenience while keeping old world charm!

**PRICE REDUCED!** Beautiful views just add to this great ranch. Perfect for hunting, livestock, or just getting away! Electricity, well and rural water onsite. Rolling terrain with good interior roads for easy access to all areas of ranch. Good cover for wildlife with cleared areas for that perfect shot! 713.1 Acres +/-; \$1,150/acre.

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