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### Bilbo's enjoy family reunion

The Bilbo family reunion was held July 1-4, 2011, at the Grand Lake of the Cherokees in northeastern Oklahoma. Descendants of Alley J. Bilbo and Alta C. Bilbo were hosted for the event by Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield and their four children and their spouses: Jerry and Debbie Littlefield, Jim and Debbie Littlefield, Rick and Alicia Littlefield, Lynda and Tony Caudill.

Alley and Alta Bilbo were both natives of Coke County, as were their five daughters and the children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren of the five Bilbo daughters.

Alley Bilbo died in 1992 at the age of 92. Alta Bilbo passes away in 2000 at the age of 98.

The Bilbo sisters at the reunion were: Alta Bell Kay of Alpine, Jamie Boren of Robert Lee, and Jo Ann Littlefield of Grove, Oklahoma. Janet Rathmell of Progreso, Yucatan, Mexico was unable to attend. Peggy Gilmore, the youngest sister, died in 1987.

The clan gathered at the recreation cabin of Jim and Debbie Littlefield for Western Night. The cabin is located on their beautiful green acres next to their log home. Cowboys, cowgirls, and a few saloon girls chowed down on barbecued pork ribs and sausages, beans, potato salad, slaw, and an array of delicious desserts.

The Horseshoe Pitching Tournament was the big event for Saturday at the lakeside home of Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield. Jo Ann had a noon buffet of brisket, ham, and all the trimmings as well as watermelon, cantaloupe and cakes. One group of woment toured a nearby casino in the afternoon.

After the last horseshoe was pitched, Shane Littlefield, capable director of the tournament, announced the winners. The 2011 Horseshoe Trophy was awarded to partners, Jim Littlefield and Rick Littlefield. They defeated a field of 15 teams, in the double elimination contest.

The setting for Saturday

night was the hilltop home of Jerry and Debbie Littlefield. The celebration was Cartoon Night and some of those in attendance were: Fred and Wilma Flintstone and Pebbles, Barney and Betty Rubble, George and Jane Jetson, Batman and Robin, Cruella Deville was there looking for her Dalmatian puppies and she found a couple of them. Four lovely cats were present, two mother leopards and their two cubs.

This was also the night of the big "catfish fry" fresh from Grand Lake. The delicious meal included fried fish fillets, beans, fried potato chips, a specialty of coated and fried pickles, tea, lemonade, and for dessert, peach ice cream and blackberry cobbler. The meal was served on the extended deck which faced the indoor swimming pool. As the children splashed in the pool, the cartoon characters entered through the open side of the pool. The deck was centered around a waterfall and many palm trees, banana trees and other greenery and flowers.

The star attracion Sunday was the Chili Cook-Off. After much tasting, note-taking, and deliberation by the five judges, Jim Littlefield, director of the event, announced the winners. The third place award went to Jeremy Littlefield; second place award to Debbie Littlefield and Tyler Griauque. Place number one went to the team of Bebo Boren, John Boren and Sloan Boren. They declared they had used Grandy's (A.J. Bilbo's) renowned chili recipe.

The clan then feasted on the pots of chili, crackers, hot dogs with all the trimmings and more desserts.

"The Nights of the Caribbean" was celebrated at the beautiful plantation-style home of Lynda and Tony Caudill. Patios and decks overlooked the exquisite formal garden and swimming pool. This was a key attraction for the younger children. In attendance were beautiful island girls clad in sarongs, bare-chested island boys, many attendees in floral blouses and shirts, and there was an Obnoxious Tourist present.

The sumptuous supper included chicken strips, salads, baked beans, rolls, and



Bilbo Reunion! The three Bilbo sisters attending the event at Grand Lake of the Cherokee in northeastern Oklahoma were Jamie Boren of Robert Lee (from left), Jo Ann Littlefield of Grove, Oklahoma, and Alta Bell Kay of Alpine.

strawberry shortcake.

the tiered decks. masters-of-ceremony.

Say Goodbye to Yesterday" for the cheering crowd of fans. Tyler recently tried out deemed a success due to the for the new TV show, "The Oklahoma hospitality dis-X-Factor". Although Tyler played by the hosts, their did not make the final cut, he children, grandchildren, and received encouraging words great-grandchildren. from Simon Cowell, producer of the show. He asked Tyler attended the get-together: 34 to try again next season.

guitar and sang a family 20 from Texas.

favorite "Hallelujah Square". The stage for the Talent Other upcoming talent Show was on one side of the included song and jokes by pool and the audience was the younger children. The seated on the opposite side on show was interrupted by a Casey rain shower, to the amaze-Littlefield and Shane ment of the Texas attendees. Littlefield presided as The show was moved into the large garage-playroom. The Headliner for the Talent finale of the show was syn-Show was Tyler Griauque chronized dance performed by who sang "It's So Hard to Will Havins and his friend, Garrett McDermott.

This Bilbo Reunion was

A total number of 65 from Oklahoma, 7 from Jerry Littlefield played his Missouri, 4 from Kansas, and

# Come as you are...



Sunday Mornings • 10 am Bible Study • Tuesday 7 pm Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm



# **FORGIVEN MINISTRIES**

**Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store** Russ Frasier, Preacher

## DO YOU EXPRESS THANKS?

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

And they lifted up their voices and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

So when He saw them, He said to them, Go, show yourselves to the priests. And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God.

And fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well. • Luke 17:11-19

> Victory Assembly of God Corner of 6th & Houston • Robert Lee Pastor Irving Smith

### Service Schedule:

Sunday morning

Sunday School 9:45 • Worship & Childrens Church 10:45 Sunday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm Wednesday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm

# Area Churches Invite You to Worship

**Bronte Bronte Church of Christ** POBox 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 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth

and Worship Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting First United Methodist Church Corner of Washington & Holmes

(325) 473-3281 Rev. Matt Pennington, Pastor Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship

**Forgiven Ministries** 117 W. Main, Bronte Russ Frasier, Pastor Sun. 10 am 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) 453-2482 www.pecanbaptist.org Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Emmanuel Pentecostal PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy

Robert Lee (325) 453-2360 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm First United Methodist Church PO Box 144 •9th & Chadbourne Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417 Steve Peyton, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel 101 Houston • Robert Lee Sun. 10 am • Worship 11 am & 6 pm • Service

Wed. 7 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) 655-9784 or 453-2685 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;

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** PO Box 638 6th & Houston, Robert Lee

(325) 453-2208 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study 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