

"He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

-Matthew 24:13

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Beebe, Arkansas

## Class of 2001 to Hold Reunion Sat.

The Beebe High School Class of 2001 will hold their 5-year reunion this Saturday, June 10th at the Beebe Ball Park. They will have a cookout beginning at 5 p.m. All classmates are encouraged to attend.

## Price-Lendermon Reunion is Sunday

The Price-Lendermon reunion will be held Sunday, June 11th from 10 a.m. until ? at Beebe City Hall's Community Bank room.

All descendants of Fullwell Price are invited to attend plus any long lost cousins. For more information, call 230-1208.

## Senior Transportation

White County Aging Program is offering transportation to senior citizens Monday through Friday. They go to Wal-Mart, grocery stores, pharmacies, and they will take you to and from your doctor's appointments in White County. They also have a medical van for those in a wheelchair or unable to step up into the regular vans. For more information, please call 501-268-2587.

## Your Dog Needs a City Tag

If you lost your dog and your dog had city tags on, it would only take a matter of minutes for the city to contact you to pick up your dog. If you don't have tags and your dog gets out and the city animal control officer picks him up, he will be placed in the animal shelter with lots of other dogs and it may take you several days to figure out where your dog has gone. Dog tags are required for dogs 6 mos. of age and over. You may purchase them at Beebe City Hall for \$3.00 per dog/ per year. Please protect your dog by purchasing a tag. Call 882-6295, ext. 6 for more information.

## Important Phone Numbers

Beebe Police Dept. 882-3365

Beebe Animal Control - Horace Taylor 501-288-2221 or 882-3365

Beebe Humane Society- 882-5281

For Emergencies call 911

## Run-Off Election is Tuesday, June 13th

Beebe voters will be asked to go to the polls again Tuesday, June 13th to vote on three state offices.

The ballot will include:

**Lieutenant Governor**  
Bill Halter  
**Sen. Tim Wooldridge**  
**Attorney General**  
Rep. Dustin McDaniel  
No. Little Rock City Atty.  
Paul Suskie  
**State Treasurer**  
Martha A. Shoffner  
Mac Campbell

There will be two polling places in Beebe: Beebe City Hall for Wards 1 and 2 and Beebe Church of Christ for Wards 3, 3C and Union Township. Polls open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.



## Adam Barret Short Grandson of Beebe Woman Graduates Law School

Adam Barret Short graduated from U.A.L.R. William H. Bowen School of Law May 20th. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Keith Short of Jacksonville and grandson of Lillian "Bill" Short of Beebe and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mason of Sherwood.



## 2nd Lt. Carl Fisher Grandson of Beebe Couple Graduates from West Point

Second Lieutenant Gregory Carl Fisher, Jr. recently graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Fisher will report to Ft. Rucker, Alabama in August to begin his career as an Army Aviation Officer.

Fisher is the grandson of Mattie Ruth and Jim Fisher, of Beebe. His parents, Greg and Susan Fisher, reside in Tampa, Florida.

## Beebe Man, Bobby West, Dies in Iraq

While investigating potential insurgent activity, an Improvised Explosive Device killed West and critically injured 5 members of his team

BY LEE "CAT" McLANE  
Editor/Publisher

They were two brothers serving their country in Iraq - doing what they considered as their patriotic duty - when one of them, the youngest of the two, Bobby, was tragically killed by an IED (Improvised Explosive Device).

"Bobby was on a patrol with his team investigating potential insurgent activity," explained his older brother Patrick who has just returned from duty in Iraq with the 101st Airborne. "Bobby was looking at anti-American graffiti when an IED went off and killed him and critically injured five members of his team."

Patrick said that Bobby's injured team members were immediately evacuated for medical care.

Bobby and Patrick West - 21 months apart with Patrick being the eldest - each joined the Ark. National Guard when they reached eighteen. Then, after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, each of the brothers felt they needed to serve their country in a more active theater. Bobby joined the Army and was in the 1st Brigade, 22nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. He was on his second tour of Iraq and had been there seven months - stationed at FOB Falcon - about 45-minutes from the Baghdad Airport. Patrick is with the 101st Airborne and was on his first tour of Iraq stationed near the Baghdad Airport with the military police at an interment facility.

"We didn't get to go see each other but we did write a couple of times," Patrick said. "The last time I saw him was at Christmastime 2004."

Patrick said that while in Beebe, Bobby loved sports - especially basketball and baseball. "He would play endlessly with the multitude of friends he had," Patrick said. "He was better at sports than me," Patrick confessed.

Patrick said that Bobby had gotten saved just before he went to Iraq when he was at Ft. Hood, Tex. Patrick said that he, too, had been saved here in Beebe at the First Baptist Church.

Patrick said that Bobby loved the military and that is why he had stayed in for two tours of duty. After the loss of his brother, Patrick will continue his military career stateside at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

"I want to thank the town of Beebe for being so incredibly supportive," Patrick said. "My brother and I not only fought for America, we fought for small-town America, such as Beebe."

"And on behalf of my mother,

I would like to say that she appreciates the genuine concern that this town has shown for the family," Patrick said.

U.S. Army Specialist Bobby Russell West, age 23, of Beebe, Arkansas, was killed May 30, 2006, while serving in Iraq. He attended Beebe High School.

He is survived by his father, Ricky West of Carlisle; his mother, Linda Wiggins West of Beebe; one brother, Patrick West, U.S. Army, Iraq; grandmother, Syble West of Carlisle; aunts, Marge Liddle of North Little Rock, Marcella Wiggins of Little Rock, Marie Smith of Alabama and Jan Anderson of Carlisle; uncle, Leonard Wiggins of Searcy.

Funeral was Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Beebe First Baptist Church, with burial in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens by Westbrook Funeral Home, Beebe. Memorials may be made to National Guard Family Assistance, 6402



U.S. Army Specialist Bobby Russell West

Missouri Avenue, Bldg. 6402, www.westbrookfuneralhome.com.  
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## Eulogy to Bobby West

of Beebe, Arkansas,  
Who was killed in Baghdad May 30, 2006

*Bobby West was a soldier. With each beat of his heart he was a true American soldier. What does that mean? Those words seem to lose something after you hear them every night on the news, or from the politician's lips. I think that I can describe the all American soldier for you; at least I can describe my cousin...*

*Every soldier enters into a covenant with society. They make a promise creating a sacred bond of trust that we, as Americans, must live up to. Those young men and women promise that they will fight for us in a foreign land, fight for our shared values, and that they will lay down their lives for us if that is what it takes to protect our citizens and our country. This is the soldier's covenant, and just like any covenant it is not easily broken, and just like any promise it reveals the character of its keeper.*

*My cousin died this week fighting for you and me. He died upholding the covenant that all soldiers make for us. In our society there is no status higher than that of a person willing to die for what he believes in. Nothing is nobler, nothing is more honored, and nothing is more sacred. The highest honors before God and our society go to those who would sacrifice all for principle.*

*I think about that American soldier...Tonight, we may sleep soundly in our warm beds because he is out there in the dust storms. Tonight, we may voice our opposition to policies or plans because he is out there in the dark with a gun. Tonight, we can go home, kiss our children, watch TV, vote on American Idol, and argue about the war in Iraq... because he is there, upholding his covenant.*

*This weekend I lost my cousin Bobby, and my mom lost her nephew, and my weeping aunt lost her son, and her other son (who is also in Iraq) lost his only brother, and our country lost a devoted warrior. The loss to my family is great; but I cannot help but feel that as a nation we have lost so much more than this. I have no doubt that Bobby West lived up to his promise to us, our nation, and our children. My worry is that we will not live up to him. It is not often that a true American hero comes our way. Our duty, as grateful bystanders in the war; is to make sure that that soldier is treated on earth as he will be in heaven...With armies of angels heralding the next true American hero.*

*We owe all that we are to our troops, male or female, and it is time that we as everyday citizens upheld the covenant! Our troops are not asking for our lives. They are asking for our support before, during, and after their sacrifice. They are asking for our commitment to their noble cause, beyond the "support the troops" bumper stickers, and beyond the twenty second headlines for our fallen heroes. They are asking that you realize what they fought for, and ultimately, what they died for.*

*Bobby, I say this to you with overwhelming pride in who you are; and I only wish that you could hear me... you are my inspiration, and my hero.*

*I love you, and thank you for what you did for us. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.*

Ken Liddle

## Anti-Gay "Religious" Protesters Mar Funeral of Fallen Beebe Hero

More than 300 veteran motorcyclists come to aid of family by blocking off funeral procession

BY LEE "CAT" McLANE  
Editor/Publisher

It was a sight that has never been seen in Beebe and hopefully will never be seen again as about 10 members of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, KS, picketed the sight of the funeral of U.S. Army Specialist Bobby West, of

Beebe, Wednesday afternoon.

The protesters held up signs to berate gays and other anti-American slogans on the north side of Hwy. 64 West - just across the street from Beebe First Baptist Church where the funeral was held. On the church side of Hwy. 64 West were over 300 motorcyclists - most of them

veterans who were there to protect the West family from seeing and being heckled by the protesters. There were at least 30 law enforcement officers present controlling the crowds.

"Look at all these people that have showed up to demonstrate their patriotism?" said First Baptist minister Bro. Bob Hall

just before the funeral service. "These people far outweigh the ones who came to demonstrate anti-American slogans."

"I applaud all these people who came out to support the West family and to salute our fallen hero, Bobby West," Hall said.

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