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Early voting for March 7 primary begins Tuesday

Early voting for the March 7, 2006, primary election begins Tuesday, February 21, and will continue through Friday, March 3.

Tuesday, February 28, is the final day the clerk's office may receive an application for a ballot by mail.

Early voting at the Law Enforcement Center in Bronte is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23 and March 1 and 2, from 9 am to 1 pm.

On the ballot in the Democratic Primary are Roy Blair, Incumbent County Judge; Mary Grim, Incumbent County/District Clerk; Phelan Wrinkle, Incumbent County Treasurer; Bill Wheat, Incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 2; George Snapp, Incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Bobby Blaylock, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Joan Davis, Incumbent Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Grady Coulter, Incumbent Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; Marshall Millican, Constable, Precinct 1,

unexpired term; Josie Dean, Tax Assessor-Collector, unexpired term; Robert Feil, County Commissioner, Precinct 2; and Clint Porter, County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

In the Republican Primary, Hal Spain is a candidate for County Judge and Andra Arrott for County Treasurer. One of the most controversial, or at least the most highly advertised, race is the Republican Primary race for State Representative, District 72. Incumbent Scott Campbell will be facing Drew Darby and Kevin Housley.

Filing for May 13 local elections began February 13

Monday, February 13, 2006, was the first day to file for inclusion on the ballot for the May 13 local elections.

West Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Mike Lomas, Rick Sanchez, and Gayland Hurst are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's



BHRC Meeting Well Attended! Approximately fifty interested citizens attended the Monday meeting of the East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors. A detailed accounting of the meeting appears in this issue.

office at Robert Lee Care Center.

East Coke County Hospital District will have three 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Ed Cumbie, Lee Wommack, and Mark Duncan are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Bronte Health & Rehab

Center.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill the position of Mayor - two year term, Two (2) Council Members - two year terms, and One (1) Council Member - One Year Unexpired Term. City Officials terms expiring are: Mayor, Joe White, Council Members, Beth Prather, Bonita Copeland, and Gary Payne. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Robert Lee City Hall through 5 pm March 13, 2006.

The city of Bronte will have to fill three 2 year council seats currently held by Martha Ratliff, Charles Sonnenburg, and Jim Guthrie. Mayor Martin Lee's term is also expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Bronte City Hall.

Three 3 year terms will be on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. The terms of Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, and Bob Frazee are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Superintendent's office at Bronte ISD.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on three 3 year terms and one unexpired term with 2 years remaining. The terms of Wes Washam, Fredda McCabe, and Tom Sawyer are expiring. Mark Riley formerly held the unexpired term. Candidate applications may be picked up in the

Administration office at Robert Lee ISD.

ECCHD board rebuts taxpayer's claims

by Hal Spain, Publisher
- A good crowd of about fifty very interested residents, board members, and staff attended Monday night's East Coke County Hospital District board meeting. The most lengthy item on the agenda was a power point presentation by Mrs. Louanna Peters of Oak Creek. Her discussion centered around paid advertisements she had made in the Observer/Enterprise which included accusations against the Hospital District and the Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

Mrs. Peters detailed her arguments in the presentation, which included her contention that 1) the enabling legislation for the hospital district did not include providing a nursing home, 2) the BHRC had 27 deficiencies in the annual state survey, 3) has lost over \$1.1 million over the last three year period, 4) was operating without a financial statement since June 2005, and 5) that the district should be providing medical care to all residents of the county, specifically indigents - not just subsidizing the nursing home. During the conclusion of her presentation, Mrs. Peters suggested several options which consisted of selling the nursing home to a private entity and dissolving the taxing district.

In response to Mrs. Peters' allegations, Mr. Ed Cumbie, board president, read a statement

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Style Show is Success! Thanks to all of the people involved, The Sorosis Study Club Style Show on February 9, 2006, was a tremendous success, raising over \$700 for the scholarship fund. We would like to extend sincere appreciation to the models for a beautiful job well done. Steinmart of Abilene supplied the fashions and Stacie Garces of Steinmart coordinated the entire production. The event was held at First Baptist Church in their fellowship hall. All those who bought tickets and donated money should be proud of their support of our youth. Because of you a graduating senior of Bronte High School will be awarded a scholarship of the entire proceeds. The models in the picture are (from left) Valorie Braswell, Donna Poehls, Emily Fiveash, Stephanie Frasier, Kay Styles, Lanette Fletcher and Glenda Draper; Mason Aguirri is in front. Not pictured are Swan and Paul Archinal.

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Obituaries

McCutchen

Our loving Mother and Mammaw, entered into God's presence on February 11, 2006, having lived her 93 years and 343 days on earth to the fullest.

Funeral service was held at 2 pm Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte with Larry Tianen officiating. Burial followed the service at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Eula Maud Phillips McCutchen was born on March 5, 1912, to Thomas Jefferson and Mary Etta Phillips in Coke County. Thomas and Mary moved from Alabama with their five children and later added four children, making their home in the Bronte area. Eula Maud attended Union School, located three miles north of Bronte, until the 5th grade. At that time, the family moved to the Hayrick community, where Eula finished the 9th grade. On October 6, 1931, she married Luther Franklin McCutchen in Bronte at the Methodist Parsonage. They lived in Bronte where they farmed and later Luther was employed by Humble Oil (Exxon) until he retired in 1967. Throughout the years, they followed their children

and grandchildren all over, supporting them in all sorts of activities. Eula Maud was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church in Bronte.

Her husband, Luther McCutchen, her parents, eight brothers and sisters, and one grandson, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her five children, son Marlon and wife JoAnn, daughter Rita and husband Larry, son Harold and wife Gina, son Jerry and wife Bette, and son Keith and wife Vicky; thirteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Tommy McCutchen, Shane McCutchen, Lynn McCutchen, Kyle Abbott, Tobin Abbott, Sterling Abbott, Terry McCutchen, and Jonathan McCutchen.

Eula (Mammaw) was an inspiring woman. Throughout her life she touched many people with her willful spirit. In her 93 years she went through many triumphs and sorrows, and her testament to life would be, never give up. Keep on going, trusting in the Lord, no matter what the circumstances are and you will come out on top. She is on top today, as she joined her Lord and Savior, and all of her loved ones that have passed on before her.

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To All Voters in Robert Lee

The July, 2005 edition of the *Texas Monthly* refers to **Scott Campbell** as "furniture" in the legislature. This reference to furniture means that they feel that his representation has been no more consequential than the political effect of his "furniture, ie. desk, chairs, etc." in his office.

I would like to urge all Democratic voters in Robert Lee to **vote in the Republican Primary election and make a difference** in your representation in Austin. Since you have no contested local primary races, your vote will be inconsequential if you vote in the Democratic Primary.

I am supporting **Drew Darby** for State Representative. I think Drew Darby will be an effective and respected legislator.

Don't let your vote get lost in the Democratic Primary. You can choose to **vote in the Republican Primary and make a difference** in your representation in Austin!

Tom Lee

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Tom Lee, 11750 St. Hwy. 208, Robert Lee, TX 76945

Holiday Closings

The Coke County Courthouse and the Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will close Monday, January 20, in observance of Presidents' Day. The Robert Lee Landfill will be open Saturday, January 18.

Coke County USDA center closed for holiday

The Coke County USDA Service Center will be closed Monday, February 20, 2006, for "Presidents' Day". The service center will re-open for business as usual on Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

Hayrick Mountain Cemetery meeting slated

Mark your calendars for March 4, 2006, 10:00 am, for the next Hayrick Cemetery meeting.

This past summer and fall several individuals and organizations supported the clean-up of the west side of the cemetery. This combined effort included clearing brush, building a new fence and entry gate. Also, a new sign was placed on the top rail of the fence near the entry gate.

Work that remains is brush pile removal along the northwest fence, cleaning the grave sites on the east side and formulating a plan for future care. These will be the topics we will discuss at the meeting on March 4. Please plan to attend and assist with the long-term maintenance of the cemetery.

2006 Relay for Life

"Kick-Off" slated

The 2006 Relay for Life "Kick-Off" for the Coke County Cancer Society will be held Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 6:00 pm at Bronte City Council Chambers.

The agenda for the meeting will be to appoint a Committee Chairman, Co-Chairman & members at each position.

There will be "door prizes" and all residents of Coke County

are encouraged to attend.

Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Assoc. meeting set

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association (Robert Lee Cemetery) will meet Monday, February 20, 2006, at 5:30 pm in the Masonic Lodge building in Robert Lee. Anyone interested in the cemetery is invited to attend this meeting. For more information call 453-2957.

CCRT Assoc. meeting set

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 20, 2006. The noon luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

RLUMW set to host District Meeting

Robert Lee United Methodist Women will be hosting the UMW District Meeting February 18, 2006 at the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church, 22 W. 9th Street.

The meeting will be on Saturday from 9:30 am til 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided and a program presented by the Director of the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Trey Oakley. The topic will be Rekindle the Spirit-Preserving Property and Serving People.

CVRW sets general meeting

The Concho Valley Republican Women is having its February general meeting at 11:30 am on Thursday, February 23, at Zentner's Daughter Restaurant.

The program will be a power point presentation of the Electronic Voting Machines. There will be a machine for demonstration as well.

The second part of the program is in regards to the Precinct Conventions that will be held March 7, at 7:30 pm.

There will also be an opportunity for you to visit with the Republican candidates. Most will be there.

For reservations call the Republican Women of Concho Valley at 653-7500 (Teddy Read).

Music Festival set Feb. 19th

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Sunday, February 19 at First Baptist Church, Winters for a Music Festival.

The Music Festival will begin at 4:00. An evening meal will follow the festival.

Dale Ellis, association music director, is in charge of the program. Churches that have individuals, ensembles, choirs or instrumentalists that would like to sing or play, may contact the area office. You may mail your entries to: Baptist Area Office, P.O. Box 639, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

The public is invited to attend.

Central Baptist begins new series

Pastor Tim White will be beginning and continuing some important Bible study series in February and March. On Sunday mornings in the 11 am Worship Service, he will be continuing the "Church Triumphant" series through February. In March, he will begin a series entitled "Eight Vital Keys to Christian Maturity."

On Sunday nights at 6 pm, beginning February 12, Pastor White will be teaching through the book of Revelations. There will be a short period of questions and answers at the end of each lesson.

On Wednesday nights at 6 pm, Pastor White has just begun a study of the book of John.

Everyone is welcome to come and learn, fellowship and grow during these important Bible study series.

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and Worship

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11:00 am Worship

5:00 Youth

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11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

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Wed. 6 pm

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Bro. Mike Poye, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Southside Church of Christ

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(325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Tennyson Baptist Church

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Joe Hodges, Pastor

(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

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Robert Lee

(325) 453-2208

Rev. Irene Ford, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Prayer Meeting

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from Section 10 of the enabling legislation for the district. This enabling legislation was confirmed once again later on during the discussion by Bronte Mayor Martin Lee, who had obtained some legal opinions from attorneys concerning the enabling legislation, and Mr. Lee assured attendees that the district was on firm footing with the enabling legislation.

Possibly the most potentially damaging charge made by Mrs. Peters concerned the 27 deficiencies that she alleged the nursing home had incurred during the previous year. Hospital Administrator John DiFrancesco stated that he didn't know where Mrs. Peters got her figures, but the correct number of deficiencies for the nursing home for the past four years was 0 - 0 - 8, and 2, respectively. On closer inspection, the website Mrs. Peters was using as a source for these figures made reference to a "deficiency rating" figure of 27, which does not correspond to any particular amount of deficiencies. A follow-up inspection of this particular webpage revealed that the nursing home facility was awarded the highest rating concerning resident condition, and their nursing home staff numbers revealed that the BHRC staffing rate was listed at 4.5, which was considered a higher and thus superior rating than the 3.2 average rating for the state, or the 3.5 average rating given to nursing homes across the nation.

Board members also addressed the issue of the \$1.1 million in losses over the past three years, and stated these figures was inaccurate as well. Mr. Cumbie reported that the bonded indebtedness for the district would be paid off in September of this year. He also stated that the district had taken a loan from the First National Bank in Bronte in



Engagement Announced! *The engagement and approaching marriage of Krista Michele Minchew of Pampa, Texas, and Jeremy Eaton of Pampa, Texas, has been announced. The bride elect is the daughter of Milton and Catherine Minchew of Denver City, Texas. The groom to be is the son of Terry and Linda Eaton of Robert Lee, Texas. The prospective bride is a 2003 graduate of Denver City High School and is currently attending Amarillo College majoring as a Physical Therapist Assistant. The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Robert Lee High School and graduated in 2003 from Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas with a degree in Golf Course Management and Landscape technology. He is currently employed by Mesa Vista Ranch in Roberts County. The couple plans to be married March 11, 2006, at 3 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Denver City, Texas with Randy Gooch officiating. All friends and family of the bride and groom are invited to attend. After the ceremony, the couple will make their home in Pampa, Texas.*

the amount of \$150,000. Mr. DiFrancesco stated in a personal conversation with me this morning (March 14, 2006), that a payment of \$100,000 had been made on this \$150,000 debt.

Concerning the indigent issue, DiFrancesco reported that only 18 county residents had applied for indigent care since 2001. It was also reported that due to an ineffective accounting program, the district has fallen behind in

their record keeping. Mrs. Andra Arrott is bringing the books up to date at the present time.

The final portion of this discussion was concluded with some very assertive remarks from those attending concerning the necessity of the nursing home and its current operational policies, and some positive reinforcement for members serving on the board of directors.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Longhorn basketball results

The Bronte Longhorns defeated Robert Lee 42-36. Bronte stats: Riley Coalson 2 pts.; Logan Rawls 25 pts., 11 rebounds; Eric Hendrickson 8 pts., 10 rebounds; Albert Force 4 pts.; and Philip Rawlings 3 pts.

Bronte Longhorns defeated Panther Creek 70-46. Bronte stats: Riley Coalson 18 pts., 5 rebounds; Zach White 5 assists; Logan Rawls 24 pts., 5 rebounds, 7 assists, 6 steals; Eric Hendrickson 14 pts., 5 rebounds; Albert Force 4 pts., 5 rebounds; Philip Rawlings 5 pts.; Adam Halfacer 2 pts.; and Garret Acker 3 pts.

Bronte finished 2nd in district and made the playoffs. They are 19-12 overall and 12-2in district.

They will play Eden in Bi-district on February 21 in the Junell Center at ASU at 7:00 pm.

BISD board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator System for the Bronte Independent School District on February 9, 2006, in the board room. Those in attendance were: Wayne Coalson, Kendall Gibbs, Gary Acker, Bob Frazee, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Rick Howell, Michael Bohensky, Terry Marris, and Brian Arrott. The board reviewed AEIS reports and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

The regular board meeting started at 6:50 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Kendall Gibbs, Gary Acker, Bob Frazee, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Michael Bohensky,

Terry Marris, Rick Howell, and Brian Arrott. Absent were Scott Frasier, Terry Charles, and Jeff Schoenfeld.

The meeting opened with prayer by Terry Marris.

Michael Bohensky, CCJJC Principal, Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, and Terry Marris, Elementary Principal, gave their reports.

The board set the March board meeting for Tuesday, March 7, 2006, and the April board meeting for Tuesday, April 11, 2006. Wayne Coalson, President, reported the board members continuing education credits for 2005. The School Board Election was ordered for May 13, 2006, and by resolution, the Board approved the Eslate, by Hart, for the new voting system. The board discussed the Principals' evaluations and extended their contracts one year. The board reviewed certified employees and discussed District staff.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, reported on child care, Incentive committee, photo ID system, and a Headstart Program.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:58 pm.



Updates on the Wheat Situation

What is an adequate wheat stand? Wheat has an amazing ability to compensate for low plant populations by increasing tiller number and spikelet size. Typically, plant populations at or above 10 plants/ft² stands for wheat that has adequate time to develop tillers. However, late emerging wheat (emergence after 12/15) that is growing under unfavorable conditions (drought) probably will not develop many tillers. See the publication entitled "Estimating Wheat Yield Potential" at <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu>

/wheat/docs/mime-6.pdf for specific details on yield potential (remember this publication will only estimate wheat yield potential and therefore, should only be used as a guide in making cropping decision). When estimating wheat yields one will most likely want to use the formulas developed with 15 seeds/head. This will especially be true for wheat that is stressed and has very little underground moisture. Care should also be taken to use live tillers and not ones that have already died in these estimations. Additional areas with low or no wheat stand should also be considered when estimating the overall field yields. Also, weeds will also emerge in these bare areas and will require management.

Expected yield losses: Wheat can remain viable in the soil for long periods of time, as long as the seed never germinated. As time passes the level of viability and vigor will typically decrease due to several factors; however, the seeds can still emerge if an adequate rainfall event occurs in the near future. Also, if adequate soil moisture is present but soil temperatures are cold, wheat seed requires much longer to germinate and emerge (7-10 days) than under warmer soil conditions. However, wheat emerging in late December or January will develop fewer tillers than early planted wheat and good stands are more important in late emerging wheat. In recent research at McGregor in 2003 and 2004, wheat planted after late-November yielded substantially less (30-60%) than the earlier planting dates. Also, refer to the publication "Estimating Wheat Yield Potential" mentioned above.

Vernalization Issues: Another concern for wheat emerging in late-December and January will be adequate chilling days (vernalization) for winter wheat. Winter wheat varieties require between 5 to 45 days of accumulated exposure to temperatures between 45 to 32 degrees F at the growing point to vernalize. Without adequate vernalization, winter wheat plants will remain vegetative and will not produce grain. Fields that inadequately

vernalized exert heads later than normal and heading is very erratic. Vernalization requirements are different for each variety. The exact number of vernalization days for most wheat varieties are not known.

If adequate rain was received today to initiate germination and average temperatures occur for the remainder of January and February, approximately 25 and 35 days of vernalization can still occur before jointing in Central Texas, and North/Rolling Plains, respectively. This level of vernalization should be sufficient for most wheat varieties grown in Central and North Texas, and Rolling Plains.

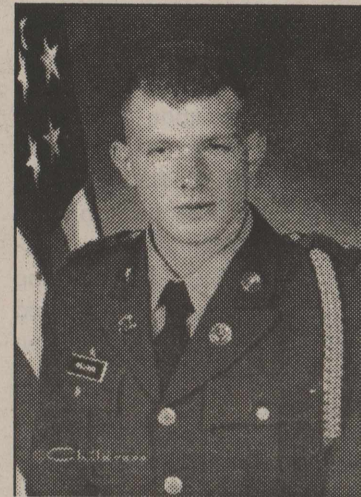
What if vernalization does not occur?: If winter wheat plants are not adequately vernalized, then spikelets (heads) will not develop, or heading will be late and erratic. Most of the wheat will remain in the vegetative stage and can be used for forage, hay or silage.

Should the wheat crop be destroyed to prepare for a summer crop? Before any crop is destroyed, visit with the appropriate agencies about your wheat crop and carefully plan your alternatives.

Wheat that emerged in October, November, and December will still have the potential to produce grain because the root system has developed and vernalization will occur. However, yields will likely be substantially reduced due to drought stress conditions and poor plant development at this point. However, there is the possibility, with a cool and moist spring, that wheat yields will not be significantly reduced.

Wheat emerging after mid-January will likely have several issues, and yields will be substantially reduced. In particular, the wheat will need to be checked in early to mid-March to determine if adequate vernalization has occurred. If the wheat has been vernalized, the wheat plant will joint (nodes will be present) and the future wheat head will be present in the lower stem. If vernalization has occurred, the wheat crop will produce some grain.

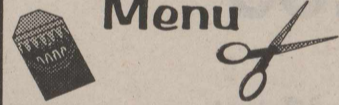
There is still time: We still have several weeks before any summer crop will need to be planted and



Williams appointed to West Point! Hunter Matt Williams has recently been appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Hunter is the son of Matt and Ginger Williams of The Woodlands. Grandparents are Eddie and Carolyn Braswell of College Station, Bud and Mary Dale Forbus of Plains and Charles Williams of Tokio. Great Grandmother is Oleta Braswell of Bronte. A 2005 graduate of Oak Ridge High School Academy of Science and Technology in Conroe, Hunter was a National Merit Finalist and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He is currently at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico, in the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program sponsored by the director of Admissions at West Point and the Association of West Point Graduates. Hunter was nominated by Congressman Kevin Brady, 8th district, The Woodlands for the appointment. He will report on June 26, 2006.

wheat is extremely resilient to adverse conditions. Because of this, we can afford to wait another few weeks to see what the wheat crop will do, if we get rain. With most of the state and region suffering from drought conditions, it is possible the wheat prices will be higher and lower yields can still be profitable.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 20

Cereal, diced pears, biscuit, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Donut, mixed fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Wed., Feb. 22

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Thurs., Feb. 23

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Friday, Feb. 24

Holiday-rodeo

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 20

Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, Texas toast, peach cobbler, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Frito pie, chili & cheese, tossed salad, corn, assorted fruit, corn chips, chocolate cake, milk

Wed., Feb. 22

Tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce & tomatoes, taco shell, apple crisp, milk

Thurs., Feb. 23

Chopped bar-b-que sandwich, tator tots, corn on the cob, pickle spears, bun, sugar cookies, milk

Friday, Feb. 24

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1999 Ford F-250 Super Cab 4x4 #4801A \$15,995

Silver • XLT • Powerstroke • Automatic

2005 Ford Taurus SE #7017A \$13,495

Spruce Green • V6 • Automatic • 26,000 Miles

2003 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT 4x4 #E166A \$16,995

White w/Gray Cloth Interior • 5.4 V8 • Automatic

2001 Ford F-150 Super Crew Lariat #7993B \$16,995

Dark Blue • 66,000 Miles • Off Road Special!

1996 Ford Econoline Van E-150 #E176A \$ 2,995

Silver • Great Work Vehicle!

2005 Mercury Grand Marquis LS #7025 \$18,495

White w/Leather Interior • 19,000 Miles • Luxury!

2002 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT #D270A \$12,995

White • 7,700 GVW Package • Great for Towing!

2003 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer #F110A \$18,995

White w/Arizona Beige Trim • Leather Interior

2004 Chevy 2500 Extended Cab LS #F132B \$24,995

Pewter • 40,000 Miles • Duramax Diesel

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1995 Ford F-250 Super Cab XLT #4751B \$ 5,995

Toreador Red • V8 • Good Work Truck

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Silver • All Wheel Drive • 22,000 Miles

2005 Ford Freestar SE #7015 \$17,995

White • 3rd Row Seat • Rear Air • 24,000 Miles

2002 Ford F-150 Super Crew #E214A \$12,995

White w/ltan interior • 5.4 V8 • XLT

2001 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT #F144A \$ 9,995

Maroon • V8 • 81,000 Miles • Nice Truck

2005 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 #7028 \$19,995

White • Rear Air • Third Row Seat

Low Mileage 12,000! • Like New!

2004 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab STX 4x4 #7029 \$21,995

Bright Yellow • V8 • Automatic • CD Player

6,900 Miles • Real Eye Catcher!

Ask For: **453-4561**
Randy Flanagan • Billy Wayne Roe

RL sets meeting for baseball and t-ball

There will be a meeting on Monday, February 20, 2006, at 7:00 pm in the Robert Lee High School library for all parents whose kids are interested in playing baseball and t-ball this year.

New officers will be elected and registration times will be set. If you have a child involved, please come and be a part of this meeting.

SPC names Caston to honor list

Adam Caston of Robert Lee was named to the South Plains College Dean's Honor List for the fall 2005 semester.

"It is exciting to see students achieving high grade point averages and we want to recognize this accomplishment by naming them to the honor lists," said Darrell Grimes, vice president of academic affairs.

Students named to the President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours.

SPC is a two-year community college located in Levelland, TX.

FSA approves haying & grazing of CRP

The Coke-Sterling FSA office is currently taking applications from producers with CRP contracts to graze or hay their CRP acres. To graze or hay it will cost the producers 25% of the total yearly CRP Payment.

If a landowner requests to hay his/her CRP, it must be hayed only once and the haying must be completed by May 1, 2006. Producers will then have 10 days to have all hay removed from the CRP fields. This means all haying operations must end by May 11, 2006.

If the landowner requests to graze his/her CRP, all livestock must be removed by June 1, 2006. Producers may lease their CRP out for grazing but only for the amount that their CRP Payment is to be reduced by.

Producers who wish to hay or graze must visit the county office and make a request and outline maps of the fields to be hayed or grazed

before any haying or grazing can take place. Producers must also sign and date a register for haying or grazing at this same time. This will authorize the reduction of the CRP payment by 25%.

Senior Supper huge success

On Thursday night, February 9, 2006, forty people celebrated at the Senior Citizen's building. The group enjoyed soup, salad, desserts and good fellowship. The dynamics of the senior citizens population in Coke County have changed over the last two decades. More and more seniors are continuing to work or are increasing their volunteer efforts in the community. Therefore, the needs of our roots have also been altered.

The leaders in our county have realized the need to offer more activities beyond three meals a week. The support for these events from local businesses has been overwhelming. Every senior who attended the Valentine Supper left with a special door prize, which Susan Millegan spent many hours collecting.

The businesses donating to this special project included: DJ's Merle Norman, Designs by Toni, This 'N That, C&H Hardware, Kickin' Up Roses, Super H, Cracker Barrel, Windmill Cafe, Cindy's Grocery, and Vincent's Pizza Place. Also, several individuals donated items for the drawing. These generous people include the following: Leta Stokes, Lewis and Susan Millegan, Joan Cantrell, and Ray and Leta Aldridge. What an overwhelming show of support!

Donations can be made to the activity fund to help with these special events, and memorial cards are sent to the families when a contribution is made on the behalf of a deceased loved one or friend.

For more information on upcoming celebrations, feel free to call Karla Hamrick at 453-2314 or 453-4780.

Deadline nears to nominate

"Teacher of the Year"

Teachers, parents, and students have until 11:59 pm on March 1, 2006 to nominate an educator for the state's 2005-2006 "Teacher of the

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Students Attend Concert! *The Robert Lee High School Spanish classes recently attended a Justo Lamas concert at Coleman High School. Justo Lamas is a gifted singer from Buenos Aires, Argentina who has earned the love, respect and admiration of thousands of Spanish teachers and their students. He has been performing at school concerts for more than 700 thousand students across the United States. The publishing company Glencoe/Mc-Graw Hill has incorporated his songs in their Spanish textbooks. Several schools from the Concho Valley attended the concert. Attending the concert from Robert Lee High School were: Blake Thompson, Will Parker, Chase Roe, Luke Thurman, Brianna Longoria, Anna Rojas, Cameron Hodge, Gaby Saucedo, Molly Burns, Andrea Pineda, Rosa Rojas, Jesse Eads, Chris Torres, Brandon Soliz, John Eads, Vanessa Saucedo, Brody Dillard, Taylor Percifull, Kasie Skinner, Jessica Long, Carolina Vera, Stephanie Trejo, Rosie Lara, Cody Denton, Olga Perez, Prescilla Lara, Arrin Minjarez, Jeremy Martinez, Josh Gallegos, Michael Rodriguez, Norma Rojas, Jodi Sheldon, Branden Phillips, Mrs. Sheri Millican, Mr. Dwin Nanny and Mrs. Elena Sanchez.*

Year" award. The announcement came from the award sponsor, Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less,

why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

Winners will be announced at the

end of the school year.

Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by Response Insurance Company, a licensed member of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

School Menu

- Breakfast**
Monday, Feb. 20
 Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk
Tuesday, Feb. 21
 Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk
Wed., Feb. 22
 Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
Thurs., Feb. 23
 Juice, donut, cereal, milk
Friday, Feb. 24
 Juice, burrito, cereal, milk
- Lunch**
Monday, Feb. 20
 Corn dog, tator tots, pork & beans, vanilla pudding w/cookie, milk
Tuesday, Feb. 21
 Steakfingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, peaches, milk
Wed., Feb. 22
 Fajitas, salad, chili beans, Spanish rice, pineapple, milk
Thurs., Feb. 23
 Chili con carne, crackers, corn, fruit cocktail, go-gurt, milk
Friday, Feb. 24
 Hamburger, pickles, baked chips, salad, peaches, milk

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 Home • Auto
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AON Chicken Spaghetti Sale
Deep 8" x 8" pan • \$8 each
Begin Taking orders February 20
Delivery on March 26
Tickets available from any AON member or at Kickin' Up Roses.
Proceeds to AON Scholarship Fund - to date, over \$20,000 awarded.

Paul's Body Shop
 Don't let the insurance company dictate who repairs your vehicle. It's your choice!
PAUL KNIGHT
123 N. State Bronte, Texas
 Office (325) 473-2425 • Home (325) 473-2026
 Cell (325) 450-2281

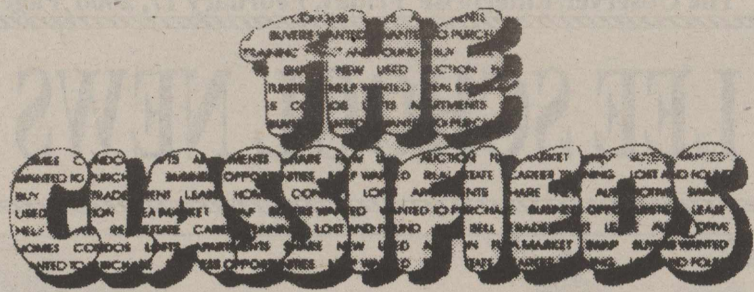
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You can always depend on us for help when you need a loan for a new or used car or truck. We have simple interest loans and payment plans you will like. Come see us. *You'll feel good!*

Robert Lee State Bank
 621 Austin Street • Robert Lee, Texas
453-2545

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ADVERTISING DEADLINE
Tuesdays at 2 pm

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



FOR SALE

COMPUTERS
New and Used. Repairs, upgrades, internet service. Ed Martindale, 473-3004.
22-tnc

FOR SALE
4 bedroom, 1 bath, CA/CH, single carport, new roof, fenced backyard at 101 East Jones in Bronte. 473-2221.
09-tnc

FOR RENT

FOR LEASE
Large shop with office & restroom on over 350' of Hwy 277 frontage in Bronte. Call 325/439-1051. \$500/ month.
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Political Calendar
The Observer/Enterprise
has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

COKE COUNTY JUDGE
Roy Blair
Hal Spain

COKE COUNTY TREASURER
Phelan Wrinkle
Andra Arrott

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
Bill Wheat
Robert Feil
Clint Porter

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
George Snapp
Bobby Blaylock

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1
D. Joan Davis

COKE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
Josie Dean

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1
Marshall Millican

NICE! NEW! BRICK!
3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths
2 bedroom 2 baths
Now Available!
Call: 325-473-3105 for information or 325-473-9548
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Bronte, Texas 76933
44-51tp

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FAX 453-4690

MISCELLANEOUS

LOST
Silver round keyring with clip to fasten to beltloop. Several important keys on ring, including two post office keys. If found, call 453-2714.
30-1tp

WARNING!!
The air in your home or office could be making you sick! Doesn't it make sense to breathe the cleanest air possible? Ask about free in-home trial. For more information, call (325) 453-2768 or 1-888-553-2768.
28-tnc

FOUND
One pair of combination splint/bell boots for horses. Found 4 miles east of Robert Lee on Hwy 158. Identify and pay for ad to claim at the newspaper office in Robert Lee. 453-2433.
28-tnc

PARKER PLUMBING
Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.
34-tnc

THE "BARBER" SHOP
Debora England, 107 W. Main, Bronte. 277-8164.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm.
33-tnc

AM INTERESTED
in maintaining rural cemeteries or cemetery plots. Call George Grim at 453-9902 after 5:00 for scheduled or as needed maintenance.
08-tnc

STUMP GRINDING
You have an unsightly tree stump in your yard? We'll grind it out without leaving a hole or a mess. Richard Baker. 473-2017 (home), (325) 669-7415 (cell).
20-tnc

TREES
Topped, trimmed or removed, Shrubs-brush. Call George Grim 453-9902 after 5.
08-tnc

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RNS AND LVNS
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29-2tp

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473-0164 MOBILE • 453-2554 HOME 473-0437 MOBILE • 453-9002 HOME

Blackwell, Extremely nice 1,661 sq. ft. Brick Home with 3 BR, 2 BA, CA/CH, single car garage and carport, 13 x 21 brick shop, storm cellar and covered patio.

Robert Lee
New Listing, 3 BR, 2 BA Home, 1,715 sq. ft., CA/CH, Single Carport, 24 x 31 metal with concrete floor, RV cover, back porch view.

New Listing on 10 Acres, 3 BR, 2 BA Home, 2,240 sq. ft., Vaulted Ceilings, Fireplace, Dining Room, Large Bathroom with Jacuzzi Tub, 31 x 60 and 25 x 35 metal buildings.

It's Fresh, 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 story home, secluded, near Lake Spence on a large lot

Less than 1 year old, 1984 sq. ft. Home, 3 BR, 2 BA, Vaulted ceiling in Living Area, Master Suite w/"Oasis" Bath, Office w/built-in desk, 2 car carport w/storage, landscaped

Very nice Brick Home with 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 Living Areas, Extra room for Office/Game Room, 2 car garage, 2 car carport, Privacy Fence.

Close to School! 3 BR, 2 BA home with extra room, CA/CH, 2 car carport, on corner lot.

Brick Veneer Home with 3 BR, 2 Bath, over 2560 sq. ft. Large living area with fireplace. Formal dining and living area, 14' x 16' shop.

Very Nice Office Building Prime location. Landscaped with additional lots.

We have Buyers, We need Land Listings.

Acres
1023 +/- Acres, Will Divide, All pasture and flat to rolling terrain with deep creeks and rough headers, 3 water wells and electricity, excellent deer hunting with turkey and quail

908 +/- Acres, all pasture, rolling with hills, near the Colorado River, mountain views, 2 good dirt tanks, electricity, water well, good hunting.

884 +/- AC. 150 ac. in cultivation, 172 ac. improved pasture, 2 water wells, 2 tanks, barn, good fences, excellent hunting. Black Buck Antelope.

650 +/- AC. All pasture, close to Colorado River, rolling terrain, 3 tanks, excellent hunting.

338 +/- AC. FM frontage, Rolling hills with deep creek, water well & electricity. Under wildlife management.

320 +/- AC. Secluded, rolling terrain with hills and mountainous views, older rock home. Two water wells, crossed fenced. Good hunting.

314 +/- AC. Live Oak trees on Yellow Wolf Creek, good water well, 230 ac, cultivation, good hunting.

160 +/- AC. FM road access, all pasture, water well, scenic mountain views, good hunting.

90 +/- AC. All Pasture. Good water well. Electricity. 16'x32' custom built Morgan bldg. 3 deer stands & feeders, Good hunting.

80 +/- Acres, Very nice ranch style home with 3 BR, 2 BA 2 Living Areas. All Steel Horse and Cattle Pens. 3 Large Barns.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE to offer a special thanks to the following groups and individuals for their efforts in maintaining the Hayrick Mountain Cemetery: Precinct 2 & 4 Commissioners and their work crews and inmates, for brush clearing and mulching, and hauling to dump; the Caston Company, for grubbing and raking stumps; Friends of the Cemetery, for the west fence and entry gate material; Jim Guthrie and Clint Porter, who provided material for the entry sign; and Ron Cooper and his art

class, who designed and fabricated the entry sign. Thank you so much for your contributions.

Friends of the Cemetery
Donna & Riley Waldrop, Bob Lasswell
30-1tp

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NOTICES

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I have always been interested in the works of the churches, particularly those activities which involved the youth. I recently made an offer of some land for a building site for a retreat for the boys (Royal Ambassadors) and the girls (Girls Auxiliary), for the First Baptist Church youth at Bronte.

Having not heard from anyone on the matter in quite some time, I find it necessary to withdraw the offer as of the date of publication of this newspaper. If I have offended anyone, I am deeply sorry and hope you will forgive me.

J. F. Sanders
114 Trammell St.
Bronte, TX 76933

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Bronte Dangerous Building Board of Appeals will meet on February 28, 2006, at 4:30 pm, at the City Hall, 114 South Washington, to consider the following property:

Owner: Dennis Howard
Lien Holder: City Financial
Property: 424 S.W. Railroad,
Bronte, Texas.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND/OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The City of Bronte has recently received a contract award #1000522 from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation Assistance through the HOME Investment Partnership Program. The award includes \$495,000 for hard and soft costs and \$19,800 in administrative costs. Accordingly, the Contract Administrator is seeking to contract with a qualified professional management consultant to implement and administer the HOME contract activities.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to Attn: Pat Martindale, PO Box 370, Bronte, TX 76933. A copy of the proposal format is available at 114 S. Washington, Bronte, TX 76933.

The Contract Administrator must receive proposals no later than 5:00 pm on March 9, 2006 to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102. The City of Bronte is an Affirmative marketing/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses to submit proposal.

BRONTE ISD

is accepting proposals for a T840 or T940 Van Hool activity bus, or a 2000 Blue Bird LTC40. For specifications contact the Superintendent's office, 210 South Jefferson, Bronte, Texas. Mailing address: PO Box 670, Bronte, TX 76933. Phone: 325-473-2511, Fax: 325-473-2313. Proposals are due Monday, March 6, 2006 at 2:00

pm. Bronte ISD reserves the right to accept/reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby give notice of filing deadlines for the May 13, 2006 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file application for inclusion on the ballot between February 13, 2006 and March 13, 2006. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South State Street, Bronte, Texas 76933, during normal business hours, 8 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to John DiFrancesco, Jr., Administrator.

INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS

El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Este De Coke hacen saber que el dia 13 de Mayo, 2006 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para Las elecciones. Cada tres (3) direcores seran elejidos para un termion de dos (2) anos. El dia 13 de Febrero, 2006 hasta el 13 de Marzo, 2006, seran los dias para que los candidates llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las balletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 8 AM-5 PM en el Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 Al Sur Estudio Calle, Bronte, Texas 76933. Si tienen preguntas llamen al Administrador John DiFrancesco, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public test of the automatic tabulating election equipment for Coke County will be held February 22, 2006 at 3:00 pm in the Coke County Courthouse (Election Code 127.091).

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

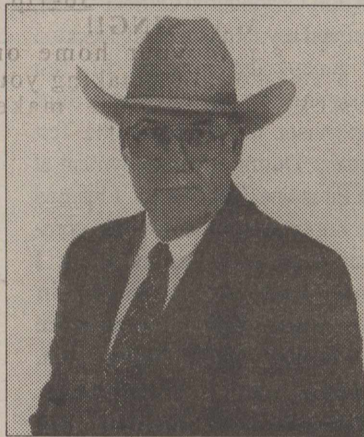
The West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 13, 2006 Election. Three (3) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 11, 2006 and March 13, 2006. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9am - 5pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Terri Tedford, Administrator.

LA NOTA DE LA CLASIFICACION LAS FECHAS TOPES

La Junta directiva Occidental del Distrito del Hospital del Condado del Coque por la presente avisa de la clasificación las fechas topes para el mayo 13, 2006 Elección. Tres (3) Directores serán elejidos para un término de dos (2) años cada. Los candidatos pueden archivar las aplicaciones para la inclusión en la votación entre el 11 de febrero de 2006 y el 13 de marzo de 2006. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en el Centro del Cuidado de Sotavento de Robert durante horas de oficina normales, 9am - 5 p.m., el lunes por el viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Terri Tedford, el Administrador.

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Political Profiles



Roy Blair

I am currently completing my first term as Coke County Judge. While there have been many challenges, it has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Coke County.

I am a grauate of Robert Lee ISD, attended Angelo State University, St. Edwards University, Bee County Jr. College, and have attended the required Judicial Education Courses. I retired from the Department of Public Safety in 2001, after serving 27 years, 4 months. I have 1,985 hours of training in law enforcement. I serve on several Concho Valley Council of Governments Boards, and Committees; Executive Committee Sec./Treas. for 2005-2006, Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, Economic Development District Board, and am starting my second year as Vice Chairman for the Concho Valley Community Action Agency.

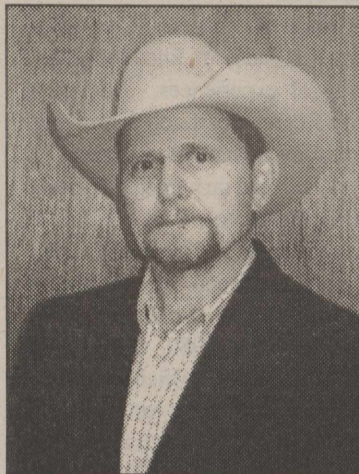
I am a Deacon at Pecan Baptist Church, and assistant Sunday School teacher. I have been a member of the Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club since 1993, currently as sec./treas. I am on the Coke County Water Supply Board.

My wife, Judy, and I have been married for 35 years, have 2 children, Tracie and Joe. Tracie Tennison lives in Robert Lee with her children, Joshua and Ashlie. Joe and Daisy live in Abilene with their children, Stran, Daylee, and Cutter.

Judy and I own Rock Solid Communications and serve as agents for Texas Cellular in Merkel, TX. I am also a member of AQHA, and enjoy competing as a reiner at AQHA events.

As a candidate for re-election

for Coke County Judge, I know the importance of this position and feel that I am qualified for the position. I would greatly appreciate your consideration for re-election.



Hal Spain

Harold R. (Hal) Spain, Jr., was born and raised in Haskell, Texas. Spain was involved in various sports and agricultural activities during his youth, and earned his Eagle Scout and God and Country award during his high school days.

During his tenure in college, he earned a Bachelor and Master's degree in Agricultural Education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

His work experience includes a six-year stint as county agricultural agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service before going into private business in Sonora, Texas. Since 1983, Spain has owned and operated the Observer/Enterprise newspaper in Coke County. The annual Hunting and Fishing Guide is recognized as one of the best publications of its kind for promoting the hunting and fishing resources of all of Coke County. Spain also published the Lone Star Roper monthly magazine for 18 years, and raises cattle and horses.

Hal and his wife, Kim, are members of the Robert Lee Methodist Church, where he serves on the board of trustees. He has two children, Christi, 35, who is pursuing a Master's Degree in English from NYU in New York City, and Wade, 30, who is also a graduate of Texas Tech, and a branch manager for Wells Fargo at Keller, Texas.

During his service as a county agent, Spain worked with the county judge in Dickens County, greatly increasing the Extension staff and presence in the county. Their efforts utilized CETA, state, and voluntary agricultural producer funds, with no increase in funds from county taxes. Spain was named to the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1980, having been nominated by a fellow county agent.

As President of the Chamber of Commerce at Sonora, Spain personally led the effort to successfully enact a hotel-motel tax in the city. This tax is paid almost totally by travelers and tourists

to the area, and raises from \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually for economic development purposes. Due to the differences in circumstances, Spain does not recommend the implementation of this tax for Bronte or Robert Lee.

Spain worked with retired game warden R. L. Flanagan to establish the Lake Spence Striper Reward promotion. Spain solicited twenty local businesses to contribute \$100 each year to establish the \$2,000 reward, which was to climb to \$10,000 in five years. However, the drought and low lake level, combined with the golden algae fish kill, has the program on hold with a reward of \$4,000. The funds are being held by the West Coke County Community Development until lake levels and fish numbers rebound.

Spain also established the Bluebonnet Brigade beautification program in Coke County, which, under the direction of retired TxDOT director and bluebonnet specialist John Stephens, redistributes bluebonnets throughout the county. This program brings tourists to the county, and the only cost of the annual program is a little elbow grease from some dedicated county residents.

In addition to having served as an officer of the West Coke County Community Development, Spain is a business member of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as treasurer of the Coke County Foundation and Robert Lee Economic Development Committee secretary, as well as president of the Coke County Roping Club for the past several years.

Spain has also been awarded the Friend of 4-H award for promotion of the 4-H program in Coke County. In 2004, he was awarded a statewide Farm Bureau award for promoting agricultural journalism in Coke County.

When asked why he was running for county judge, Spain responded that "he wants to add this kind of leadership to the court to make county government more efficient and effective in representing the needs of all county residents."

Singing Winds lends encouragement to young golfers

Coke County Golf Association is working to develop a junior golf program at Singing Winds Golf Course. Junior golfers are allowed to play free weekdays without adult accompaniment and are encouraged to come and take advantage of this playing time.

Fire guard information posted

For information about Fire Guards that may be placed on State Highways for the protection of structures, please call County Judge Roy Blair at 453-2641 or come by the Judge's office to pick up a packet.

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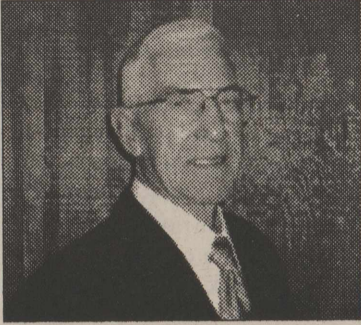
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Political Profiles



Bill Wheat

I was appointed commissioner, January 2, 2002, to fill the unexpired term of Wayne McCutchen. I ran for, and was elected in February 2002 for a full term.

My education consists of one year college at John Tarleton, 48 years of owning and operating my own business, with all the trial and errors associated with it, and five years of county business, a minimum of 16 hrs. per year continuing education with the Commissioners and Judges Association, Texas Association of Counties, and many other organizations, equaling 20 to 30 hrs. per year.

My practical experience consists of welding (coded pipe/vessel), carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, designing and building wood and metal structures, simple drafting, and in the past few years I have learned to do pencil portrait drawing, as well as the past five years as county commissioner.

I am now, and have been married to a wonderful girl for the past 57 glorious years. We have one daughter, Teri Johnson of Pflugerville, two granddaughters/grandsons, Jill and Drew Davis of Christoval, Tx., Wendy and Toby Davis of San Angelo, Tx., two great granddaughters, Jade Davis (Jill), Dree Davis (Wendy), and a great grandson who will be born some time in April (Jill).

I am a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bronte, and WM of Masonic Lodge 962 also of Bronte. I am seeking an additional term as commissioner pct. 2, in hopes of completing a few things, George Snapp (commissioner pct. 4) and I have started. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.



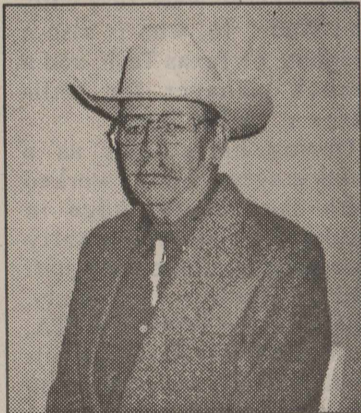
Clint Porter

Having spent 24 years of his life residing in Coke County, Clint Porter is a believer in the community and feels that he can contribute to its future success. In 1977, Clint graduated from Lakeview High School and married his high school sweetheart, Denise Porter. Denise currently works for the Geo Group Inc. as the payroll clerk. Together they raised two daughters, who both graduated from Bronte High School. His eldest daughter, Gale, completed two degrees from Angelo State University and obtained a master's degree from the University of

Houston. She currently lives in Denver, Colorado, where she works as an executive for Target Corporation. Daisy resides in San Angelo and works for Sitel Corporation while continuing her education.

Clint's past careers have given him a breadth of knowledge and array of experiences. Beginning with Reese Albert and John Deere Company, he had the opportunity to work with and on numerous types of heavy machinery. As a member of the road crew, he operated a variety of equipment and later learned to assemble and work on these machines. In 1980, Clint began working in the oilfield industry. During his 16 year career in this field he was promoted from Technician to Operator Repairman. He created and worked within a yearly budget while ensuring efficient functioning of multiple gas plants. He was blessed with the opportunity to attend many seminars, conferences, and schools in New York to Louisiana, and become certified in a variety of areas ranging from employee ethics to centrifugal pumps. Ending that career and beginning anew, Clint became Park Caretaker of Bronte Park. For five years Clint worked with public officials and members of the community to improve and maintain the park. Once again, working within a budget, Clint designed and created new playground equipment, picnic tables, a tennis court, fences and a pavilion. He and Denise enjoyed serving the Bronte community and providing everyone with a safe and aesthetically pleasing park area.

Clint's professional, work, and personal experiences give him the knowledge and insight needed to successfully serve Coke County. His care for the community, honesty, integrity, determination, and drive is a rare combination of characteristics that make him a candidate for Coke County Commissioner of Precinct 2. If elected, he will be fair and honest to the community. Believing in hard work, Clint will represent all of those who elect him equally. Promising to act in the interest of the people, Clint would greatly appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.



Robert Feil

To the People of Coke County, Precinct Two:

I, Robert Feil, am running for County Commissioner for Precinct Two. I have lived in Coke County for forty-two years. I graduated from Bronte High School in 1958 and soon after was employed by Angelo Pellets and then the Lone Star Gasoline Production Plant in

the Fort Chadbourne Oilfield. Later, I moved my family to Fort Stockton to accept the position of Test Assistant Engineer and later Shift Supervisor for the Firestone Test Center. During my employment at the Firestone Test Center, I learned the importance of teamwork, communication, leadership and safety. I completed coursework in Supervisor Safety, Employee Assessment, Basic Supervision, Management Guidelines, Supervisor Skill Building, and Defensive Driving Instruction.

My wife, Barbara, and I moved back to Coke County in 1987. I was soon hired for the Precinct Two Road and Bridge Crew with whom I worked until I retired in 2002. We have seven children, eighteen grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren between us. We have been married for seventeen years. I have been a member of the Tennyson Baptist Church since 1952.

If elected, I believe I would be a good Commissioner because of my ability to work as a team, supervise fairly, and my knowledge of road maintenance. I will work with the Commissioner's Court, the Cities of Coke County, the County employees and citizens, keeping an open mind for the progress of the County.



Phelan Wrinkle

I am announcing my intention to seek Re-Election to the office of Coke County Treasurer, a position I have held since 1987. Previous to my being elected as County Treasurer, I was employed by Maureen Vosburg in the Coke County Tax Office. As you can see, most of my professional life has been in the service of Coke County, and it has been an honor and pleasure to serve the taxpayers.

As a lifetime resident of Coke County, all issues that concern the county are important to me. As Treasurer, I received training in investments and public funds management. In addition to keeping informed on the best way to protect tax dollars, I have modernized the office in order to better serve the needs of all residents of Coke County.

In order to maintain a high standard of responsibility and reliability, I have attended all required courses to continue to be a Certified County Treasurer. When the opportunity arose for me to become even more astute in investment of tax dollars, I took the courses necessary to become a Certified Investment Officer. These courses require that I attend 20 hours each year for each certification, and I have kept my certification current.

The organization that is made up of all the County Treasurers

in the State of Texas is the first organization that made it a requirement for office-holders to obtain training for that particular job. Other organizations for elective office have since followed suit. The County Treasurer's Association of Texas (CTAT) is a strong organization, and it has been my great honor to have been selected as the "Texas' Outstanding County Treasurer" by my peers. I have been active in that organization serving on many committees including Nomination, Education, and Auditing. Also, I served as Director for my Region in this organization.

My future of Coke County is very precious to me because the past is so much a part of me. My parents were Jesse and Valeria Parker. My son, Kerry Don Wrinkle, and my daughter, Kristi Silvas, attended school here and still call Coke County "Home". Kerry lives with his wife and two sons in Vernon, Texas, and Kristi and her husband live in San Angelo.

I have served as Secretary/Treasurer of Corp A for the City of Robert Lee, Treasurer of the West Coke County Community Development, member of Coke County Historical Commission, and member of Robert Lee Baptist Church. There are many outstanding citizens in Coke County and I am proud to represent them in a public office.

It has been such a privilege to serve as your County Treasurer, and I promise to continue to work diligently for you. Your vote and support would be so very much appreciated. Election Day is Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

Andra Arrott

I am Andra Cooper Arrott of Bronte, a forty year resident of Bronte, and a candidate for Coke County Treasurer.

I graduated from Bronte High School in 1972 and then attended Commercial College of Abilene where I studied accounting and other business



related courses. I have worked as bookkeeper, medical transcriptionist, and/or office manager for San Angelo Cardiology Associates, San Angelo Cardiac Rehab, and more recently, Ivey Motor Company, Inc.

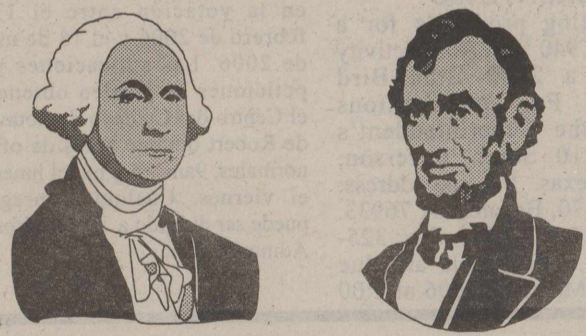
My greatest accomplishments, however, are being a wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend. Mike and I have been married for over thirty-one years and have four children - Micah, Courtney, Shaylon, and Michaela, all of whom we are very proud. We also have two sons-in-law, Danny Hoyt and Kale Beck, and a soon-to-be son-in-law, Stuart Beall. Our grandson, Mason, is now 11. I also have an amazing host of friends, whom I have come to rely on for so many things.

I come from a wonderful Christian family, and have 7 siblings. Marjorie and the late N.P. Cooper are my parents. I am thankful for them and have been blessed to be able to continue to have my mother near. She is the strength that has encouraged us to keep the faith and rely on God to get us through our daily trials and tribulations.

I have been a member of Central Baptist Church for nearly 40 years. I served on the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees for eighteen years. I love to read, write poetry, play tennis and spend time with family and friends.

I have a vested interest in our county and would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the mechanics of it as your treasurer.

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