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### Holiday Closings

Several Coke county offices and businesses will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day. The offices include the Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee City Hall, Bronte City Hall and the Coke-Sterling USDA Service Center, FSA Office and NRCS Office.

### CCRT Assoc. meeting set

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 19, 2007. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

### Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 2-person, 27-hole select shot golf tournament on Saturday, February 17. Tee off time will be 9 am. Food will be available on the golf course. For more information please call (325) 473-2156.

### Filing for local elections has begun

There are several local elections set for Saturday, May 12, 2007, and filing for inclusion on ballots has begun. The last day to file will be March 12, 2007.

West Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the ballot. The terms of Mary Bessent and Dessie



**New Ambulance!** Members of the West Coke County EMS pose with their newly acquired ambulance. The members include (back row, left to right) Larry Martin, Fred Taylor, Curtis Walker, Bill Kirby, Mary Bessent, JoNell Blair, Lew Millegan, Jackie Walker, (front row, left to right) Glenda Taylor, Ross Torres, Jan Magness, Jeanette Jacobs, and Jerome Hanna and (not pictured) Fred Sales and Bill Torres.

Kendall are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up at the Robert Lee Care Center.

The East Coke County Hospital District will have two 2 year terms on the bal-

lot. The terms of Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up in the Administrator's office at Bronte Heath & Rehab Center.

The city of Robert Lee will have to fill three 2 year council seats. City officials whose terms are expiring are John Carver, Jackie Walker and Gary Payne. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Robert Lee City Hall.

The city of Bronte will have to fill two 2 year and one 1 year council seats currently held by Elton Moore, Misti Bedford and Paula McWright. Candidate applications may be picked up in the City Secretary's office at Bronte City Hall.

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees will have to decide on two 3 year terms. The terms of Kevin Roe and Tod Reed are expiring. Candidate applications may be picked up at the Robert Lee Administration Office.

Bronte Independent School District has two vacancies to fill for full three-year terms. Positions open are currently held by Terry Charles and Quinda Feil-Duncan. Applications may be picked up at Superintendent's

office during regular business hours 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

### Congressional Rep. to be in Bronte

On Wednesday, February 21, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am, a member of Congressman Mike Conaway's staff will be at Bronte City Hall to visit personally with constituents. This will allow you to share concerns, request help on a federal issue or to ask any questions you may have.

### Coke-Sterling USDA Service

#### Center to be closed

The Coke-Sterling FSA Office will be closed for a two-day meeting Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 1. The Office will re-open for business as usual Friday, March 2. Producers are reminded it is vital that they call ahead before driving in to the office, as sometimes we don't know enough ahead of time to get the word out that we are closed. This is for your benefit. They don't want you making unnecessary trips. Producers may come by the FSA office or call (325) 453-2751 for additional information.



**Check Presentation!** Local Hochheim Insurance Agent Marilyn Bivins presents Bronte Volunteer Fire Department representative, Darrell Sowell, with a check in the amount of \$1,000. The BVFD prepared the meal for the Hochheim annual meeting at the Community Center on Monday night, February 12.



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## Death Notices

**Smith**  
 Frank Stephen Smith, 65, formerly of Robert Lee passed away Thursday, February 1, 2007, at his home in San Angelo.

He is survived by his wife, Robin; daughter, Tammy Lopez and husband Bobby of Lubbock; son, Randy of Austin; daughters, Lori Smith of Granbury; Teri Smith of San Angelo; son, Stephen; mother, Eugenia Smith of Carlsbad, NM; brothers; Raymond E. of Robert Lee, Rasler W. Smith Sr. and wife Fran of Las Cruces, NM; sister, Angela D. Sparks of Carlsbad, NM; grandchildren, Robby, Daniel and Matthew Lopez of Lubbock, Mikayla Smith of Grandbury; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and a host of friends.

### RLBC to host B'ball tourney

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting a 12 & Under Basketball Tournament called the Jesus Hoopfest. It is a fundraiser to help students attend summer youth church camp. It will be held on Saturday, February 24, at the RLISD gyms.

For more information and to register, please contact Paul Tanner, Youth Minister, Robert Lee Baptist Church, PO Box 493; 22 West 11th Street, Robert Lee, TX 76945, Office: 325-453-2724, Fax: 325-453-4650, www.robertlee.org, paul.tanner0506@wtxs.net, rlbaptist1904@wtxs.net.

### Runnels Baptist Assoc. meeting set

Runnels Baptist Association will meet Sunday, February 18 at Robert Lee Baptist Church, Robert Lee for a Music Festival.

The Music Festival will begin at 4 pm. An evening meal will follow the festival. Prior to the Music Festival the Executive Board will meet.

Date 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: 365-2585. You may mail your entries to: Baptist Area, P.O. Box 639, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

The public is invited to attend.

### Sorosis Study Club news

The Sorosis Study Club met for their regular meeting on February 8, 2007, in the home of Glenda Draper. Tiffany Lange, chairman, and Elizabeth Bailey, co-chairman, for the Relay for Life in Coke County, spoke to us concerning the services available through the American Cancer Society in San Angelo.

The study club will again sponsor a booth at the Relay for Life event on May 11. Janet Wommack signed up members and gave out packets to those who are willing to participate.

A style show will be presented on March 8, 2007, at 6 o'clock, in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Fashions will be provided by

Turner Collection of San Angelo. The ticket proceeds are going to scholarships for Bronte High School seniors. Tickets may be purchased from Study Club members or at the door.

A sno-cone booth at Ft. Chadbourne Days on May 4 and 5 will be provided by the Sorosis Study Club as well as participation in the city-wide garage sale on May 5.

The club has purchased a banner provided by the City of Bronte to be displayed on Highway 277. The banners are to celebrate 100 years since the City of Bronte was incorporated.

A bake sale will be held on April 1 in front of Lanette Fletcher's home. All proceeds will be donated to the Relay for Life.

Jane Cumbie won the Chinese auction.

Members present were: Swan Archinal, Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Jane Cumbie, Jean Fancher, Mary Glenn, Peggy Hembree, Pat Lee, Joyce Snapp, Kay Styles, Jane Wheat, Janet Wommack, hostess, Glenda Draper, president, Lanette Fletcher and guests, Tiffany Lange and Elizabeth Bailey.

### Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo Set for Feb. 20-21 in Abilene

The annual Texas Farm, Ranch, Wildlife Expo is set for February 20-21 on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. The center is located at 1700 State Highway 36 in Abilene. Show hours are 10 am to 7 pm on February 20 and 9 am to 4 pm February 21.

The event is sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and Texas

Cooperative Extension.

The show features educational seminars, equipment exhibits, product demonstrations, the Town and Country Women's Fair, the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual meeting, and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce's annual membership luncheon. Highlight of the luncheon is the naming of the Taylor County Farm Family of the Year.

Ten Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units are offered during the educational seminars.

The women's fair starts at 9 am on February 20 in the Modern Living Mall.

The show's agricultural-related educational programs begin at 8 am on February 20 with "Tools III, Intensive Wildlife Management Seminar, in the Western Heritage Ranch House.

The seminar "Range Management for Livestock and Wildlife" starts at 8:30 am in the Extension Classroom.

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual meeting followed by their membership luncheon starts at 10 a.m. in the Big Country Hall.

The afternoon's "Cotton Production in 2007" follows at 1 pm in the Big Country Hall.

Concurrent programs on February 21 begin at 8 am and 8:30 am. Included are an 8 am Texas Department of Agriculture re-certification course in the Big Country Hall, a Texas Wildlife Association Membership Meeting at 8:30 am in the Extension Classroom and a Wildlife Food Plot Workshop in the Western Heritage Ranch House also at 8:30 am.

The chamber of commerce luncheon will be at noon on February 21 in the Big Country Hall. Keynote speaker is Dr. Elsa Murano of College Station, vice chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M University and director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Water, Watersheds and Stream Health Conference," the final educational program starts at 2 pm in the Big Country Hall.

The seminars are free to the public with the exception of the "Tools III, Intensive Wildlife Management Seminar," which has a registration fee. Tickets for the chamber of commerce luncheon are available at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 325-677-7241.

For more information contact the Extension office in Taylor County at 325-672-6048.

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**'64 Study Club ladies night out**

The '64 Study Club met for an evening out on February 1, 2007. After a wonderful meal and short business meeting at Henry's Diner, they attended the Angelo Civic Theatre for the performance of "The Odd Couple". A grand time was enjoyed by all.

February birthday members are: Joan Cantrell, Bette Hurley, Charlotte McKnight, Deone Roe, Glenda Taylor and Jackie Walker.

**Angel Food Ministries**

**distribution set**

The distribution day will be Saturday, February 24, also at Central Baptist Church. They are also seeking volunteers to assist with distribution and donations are always welcome.

**Check Out Coke County Library**

The Coke County Library has received copies of Funding Education Beyond High School by the U.S. Department of Education/Federal Student Aid.

The book covers aid for trade school, community college or university. Whether a borrower is just finishing high school or has been out of school for a while, the book covers almost everything a prospective student will need to receive funds for furthering an education. More information can be obtained by calling 1-800-433-3243.

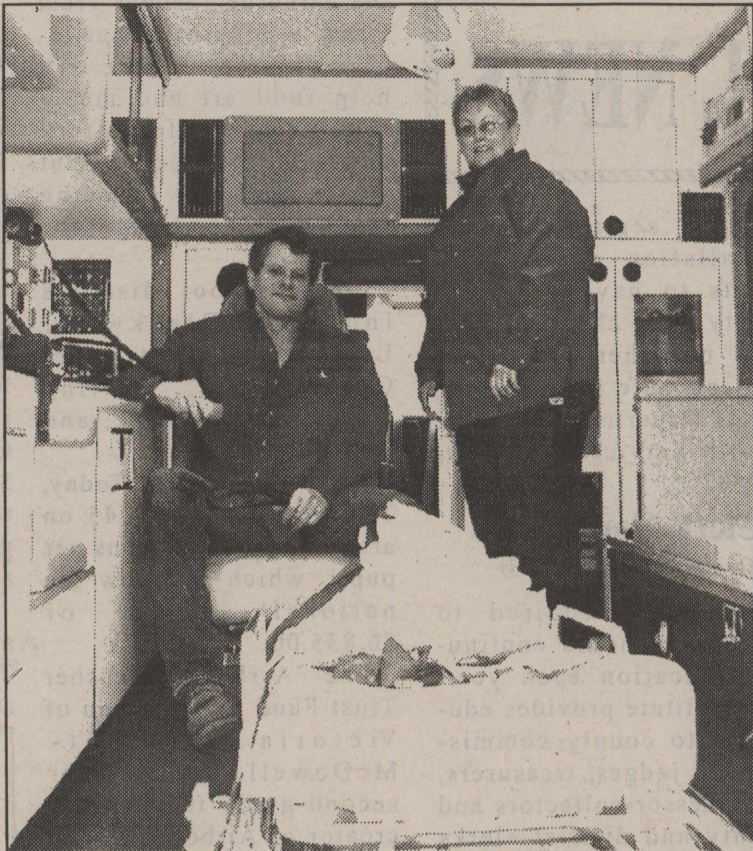
Also, the library has received maps of the Texas Trail Region with 32 ideas for road trips in this area. Coke County's Fort Chadbourne is noted along with Fort Concho and Fort Phantom Hill, Fort Belknap, Fort Griffin, Fort McKavett, Presidio San Luis de Las Amarillas, and Fort Mason. Maps are free while the supply lasts.

**'64 Study Club works telethon**

The '64 Study Club worked the West Texas Rehab Telethon on January 20 from Ivey Motor Company. Twenty-four members worked throughout the evening, and collected just over \$4,000.00.

Hostesses providing snacks for the evening were: Kay Lackey, Johnetta Lawrence, Nancy Allen, Fay Roe, Patsy Gunnels, Grace Ditmore, Virginia Milliff and Olean Strickland.

Members with birthdays in January were: Pansy Bloodworth, Pat Carwile,



**New Ambulance!** Larry Martin and Jeanette Jacobs display the equipment inside the new ambulance, acquired by West Coke County EMS.

Yvonne Devoll, Dale Fields, Melba Gray, Billie Ross, and Jennie Tinkler.

**Grim attends continuing education seminar**

County and District Clerk Mary Grim joined over 400 county and district clerks for the 35th Annual and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station Hotel and Conference Center on January 8-11, 2007.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young

Institute of County Government, which is part of Texas Cooperative Extension. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements. The seminar offered 21 hours of credit to clerks attending all of the sessions.

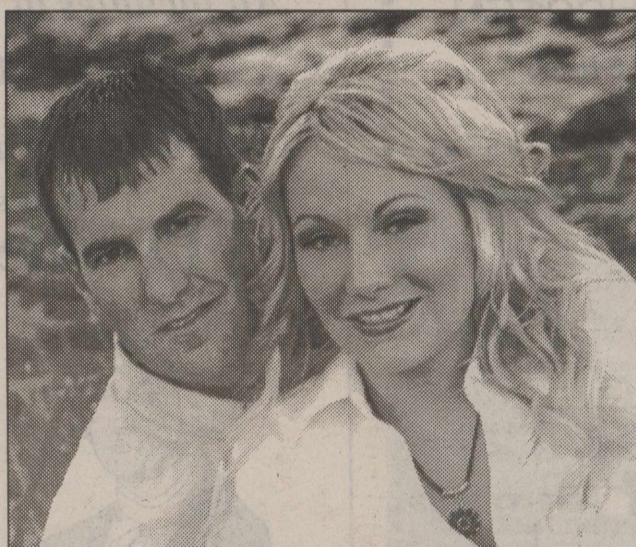
Texas is one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits.

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An April 28, 2007 wedding is planned at Wedding Chapel at Bellevue Place in Benton, with a reception to follow.

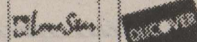
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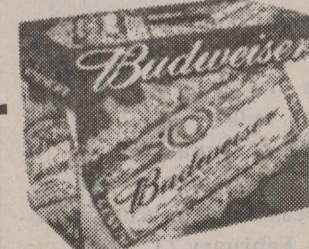
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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## TxDot promotes booster seats

State officials have a message for parents of children who have outgrown their conventional child safety seats: many need booster seats to ensure their safety while riding in a car, van, SUV or pickup truck.

In coordination with National Child Passenger Safety Week, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of State Health Services are launching their annual "Buckle Up Your Child" campaign. This year's initiative places special emphasis on keeping children up to 8 years old in booster seats and preventing children from graduating to safety belts too early.

"Without booster seats, children are often at risk for serious injury from the very things that parents think will protect them—their safety belts," said Carol Rawson, Deputy Director of TxDOT Traffic Operations.

"Safety belts are designed for adults, and they can fit properly on big kids, too. Some children who are older need a boost so their safety belts will fit them properly. Proper fit helps children avoid neck and internal injuries that can some-

times be caused by safety belts during a crash."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), approximately 7,500 lives have been saved by the proper use of child restraints over the past 20 years. Yet motor vehicle crashes still remain the number one killer of children ages 4 to 15 in America. Too often, improper use of child safety seats and booster seats is to blame.

Booster seats are recommended for children 4 to 8 years old, less than four feet, nine inches tall and less than 80 to 100 pounds. Children can use safety belts alone only when they can sit against the back of the vehicle's seat with their knees bent comfortably over the front edge of the seat and still touch the floorboard with their feet; the shoulder belt fits snugly across the chest; and the lap belt sits low and snug against the child's hips and upper thighs.

State law requires children younger than 17 years old to be buckled up in the front and back seat, and those younger than five years old and less than 36 inches tall must be secured in child safety seats. Violations can result in a fine of up to \$200. Though law in Texas does not require booster seats, advocates are hopeful that the safety benefits of booster seats will be motivation enough for parents to use them.

For information about

booster seats, car seat installation or arrangements to have a child's safety seat checked, parents or other caregivers can call Safe Riders at the Texas Department of State Health Services at 1-800-252-8255.

## ...Clerk Conference

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Clerks are required to receive 20 hours continuing education each year. The Institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, treasurers, tax assessor-collectors and county and district clerks through programs conducted in College Station and across the State. Ms. Grim stated "It is very important that all elected officials actively seek education". She received 16.5 hours at the A&M Conference.

Included in the program were sessions on utilizing credit card payments, fraudulent filings, civil writs and working with the media. Other optional sessions were offered on passports, inmate collections program and recording IRS liens.

## Airborne launches teacher trust fund

With more school districts struggling to keep programs in arts and music alive, the nation's leading herbal product in the cough and cold aisle, announced recently that it will provide some much-needed relief to school districts throughout the country. Teachers in the following school districts are

now eligible to apply for

the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund, a nonprofit charitable corporation, that will help fund art and music programs in elementary and middle schools that are in jeopardy of being lost due to budgetary limitations:

Local school districts include Blackwell, Loraine, Robert Lee, Grape Creek, Sterling City, Water Valley, and Westbrook.

According to USA Today, TX is spending \$6,145 on art and music programs per pupil, which is below the national average of \$6,835.00.

The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is the vision of Victoria Knight-McDowell, a former second-grade teacher and creator of Airborne Health Formula. Victoria's goal with the initiative is to help other teachers get their dreams and ambitions off the ground.

"With budgets becoming tighter each year, schools are faced with the difficult decision of having to cut vital programs," says Knight-McDowell. "The Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is meant to fill the gap and keep our youth engaged and inspired, so they can live full and rewarding lives."

According to the 2006 Center for Education Policy, 71 percent of the nation's 15,000 school districts have reduced time spent on subjects such as art, social studies and history since 2002.

"It's frightening to think of a world in which children are not exposed to the arts in any meaningful way," says Elise Donahue, Airborne CEO. "As corporations and individuals it is up to us to make sure we're investing in the future of our country."

Donahue said that the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund is beginning with an investment of \$250,000. Grants ranging from \$200 to \$10,000 will be awarded to teachers to implement programs during the 2006-2007 school year.

Application information is available via the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund Web site at [www.airbornetrust.com](http://www.airbornetrust.com).

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## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, February 19**

Juice, pop tart, cereal, milk

**Tuesday, February 20**

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

**Wednesday, February 21**

Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk

**Thursday, February 22**

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

**Friday, February 23**

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, February 19**

Burrito, salad, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

**Tuesday, February 20**

Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, banana, pudding/cookie, milk

**Wednesday, February 21**

Hot dog, chili & cheese, French fries, pork & beans, shape up, milk

**Thursday, February 22**

Fish sticks, mac & cheese, green peas, bread, peaches, milk

**Friday, February 23**

Ham & cheese sandwich, pickles, salad, apple, peanut butter, milk

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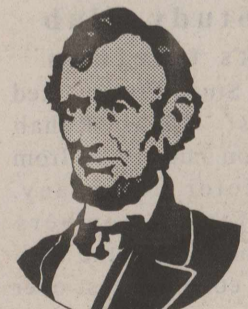
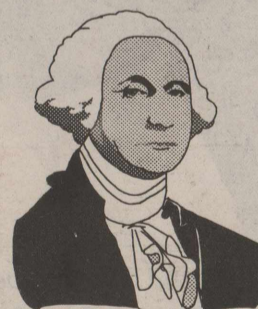
## HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

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**Monday, February 19**

In Observance Of

**Presidents Day**



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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Bronte Longhorns defeat Robert Lee Steers 42-27

The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Robert Lee Steers by a score of 42-27.

Stats: Logan Rawls 15 pts., 7 rebounds, 6 assists; Eric Hendrickson 8 pts., 12 rebounds; Albert Force 6 pts., 7 rebounds; Jonathan Marrs 7 pts.; Brett Wills 4 pts.; and Adam Halfacer 2 pts.

The Longhorns were defeated by Garden City by a score of 33-27.

Stats: Logan Rawls 4 pts., 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals; Eric Hendrickson 2 pts., 6 rebounds; Albert Force 17 pts.; Philip Rawlings 2 pts.; and Jonathan Marrs 2 pts.

### Bronte JV boys basketball results

The Bronte JV basketball team defeated Garden City by a score of 55-43. Scoring: Hayden White 2; Kolton Pena 3; Sam Rawlings 11; Reece Springer 10; Audi Miller 2; Jacob Scott 4; Rob Rosson 12; Zack Bennett 3; Jason Horton 2; and CJ McClure 6.

### Bronte board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on February 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm



#### Breakfast

**Monday, February 19**  
Cereal, diced pears, biscuit, jelly, milk

**Tuesday, February 20**  
French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

**Wednesday, February 21**  
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

**Thursday, February 22**  
Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

**Friday, February 23**  
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, toast, milk

#### Lunch

**Monday, February 19**  
Hot dog, chili & cheese, tator tots, apple & orange smiles, bun, ice cream cup

**Tuesday, February 20**  
Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, Spanish rice, apple crisp, milk

**Wednesday, February 21**  
Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, corn on the cob, pineapple tidbits, bread sticks, milk

**Thursday, February 22**  
Taco salad, tossed salad, refried beans, taco shell, fruited jello, milk

**Friday, February 23**  
Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, baked beans, bun, chips, rice krispie bars, milk

in the board room. Those in attendance were Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Kendall Gibbs, Terry Charles, Scott Frasier, Bob Frazee, Quinda Feil-Duncan, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Michael Bohensky, Terry Marrs, David Bedford, Ericka Knight, and Paul Williams.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Terry Marrs.

Rob Sullivent with Direct Energy gave a presentation to the board.

David Bedford, CCJJC Principal, Michael Bohensky, Assistant Secondary Principal, and Terry Marrs, K-12 Principal, gave reports.

Wayne Coalson, President, announced the School Board Member training credits for 2006. The board called to order the School Board Trustee election for May 12, 2007. Bronte ISD has two vacancies for three year terms. Positions open are currently held by Terry Charles and Quinda Feil-Duncan.

The board approved the class waiver for 2nd grade, the textbook committee for Math, and the Fairview Cooperative agreement. Discussion was held on the 2007-2008 calendar and the board approved the purchase of a new bus. The March board meeting was set for Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 8:00 pm. The Site Based Retreat is tentatively set for Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave updates on facilities and CCJJC.

Kevin Burns was hired as head football coach. The board approved two-year contracts for the Principals and a five-year

contract for Alan Richey, Superintendent.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:59 pm.

### Texas "Teacher of the Year" award nominations open

Nominations for the Texas 2006-2007 "Teacher of the Year" award are being accepted through March 1, 2007. 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.

Last year's state winner was Elizabeth Charbonnet, a 4th grade teacher at Lakeway Elementary School in Lakeway.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of the state's more than 315,000 accredited teachers. Nomination forms are available online at [www.teachers.com/toty](http://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 start of the next school year. Teachers' Insurance Plan is underwritten by licensed members of the Response Insurance Group of Companies, as authorized by law.

### Pet Talk

Your dog may howl at the word 'bath,' but it doesn't have to be a four-letter word.

Janet Broadhead, a veterinary technician at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says a pet bath can also be an important step in a preventative health care routine. "Bathing every couple of weeks really helps with skin odor and skin problems," says Broadhead. "It also keeps the dog's coat shiny and healthy."

A dog with short hair that doesn't go outside much can go a little longer than two weeks between baths, but a longhaired dog that rolls in the dirt every afternoon may need to be bathed more often, she believes.

Broadhead also says seasons may affect bathing regularity. "In the winter, we find that they can go a little longer in-between baths because they tend not to get as dirty," she notes.

Just changing Rover's shampoo may help to ease his bathing discomfort. There are many dog shampoos on the market, but some may not be right for your pet.

"Bathing too often can dry the coat and skin out, so we like to use moisturizing shampoos," says Broadhead. If your dog suffers from a medical skin condition, you may need to see your veterinarian who might prescribe a special shampoo.

"If your dog doesn't have a medical skin condition, you should consider frequency of bathing and your dog's individual skin and coat type when choosing the shampoo that is best for your pet," she advises. Ear care is an essential, but often overlooked, concern that should be included in your pet's bathing ritual. Broadhead says the regularity of ear care should depend on the dog breed and its environment.

"Some breeds develop ear

problems more regularly than others; longer-flapped breeds like cockers or labs or dogs that get in the water a lot, may need ear cleanings more often," she adds.

Regardless of the breed, Broadhead suggests that dogs should have their ears cleaned after baths.

"Ear cleaner contains a drying agent that helps dry the ears out after a bath and keeps your pet from developing any problems such as infection," Broadhead says, "A veterinarian should clean your pet's ears the first time to ensure he doesn't have any problems, and to teach you how to clean them at home."

Some dog owners may also want to use bath time to cure their dog's "death" breath.

"Certain dogs seem to attract tartar more than others," says Broadhead. "Your veterinarian can help you decide whether your dog can get by with a yearly dental check-up."

If you are the owner of a dog that needs cleanings more often, or if you just want to prevent tartar buildup on your dog's teeth, you can buy toothpaste or rinses for your dog at the veterinarian's office.

Trimming your dog's nails is usually the most challenging of the grooming tasks and most detested by a dog, but Broadhead says, "The sooner the animal learns to have his nails trimmed, the better." She suggests asking your veterinarian for some basic trimming advice and starting your pet off slowly, just holding his paw at first.

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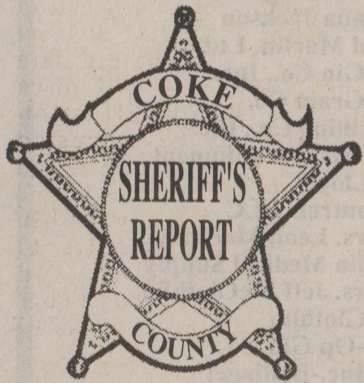
**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**

The West Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 12, 2007 Election. Two (2) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 10, 2007, and March 12, 2007. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Cy Jenkins, 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 clasificacion las fechas topes para el mayo 12, 2007 Eleccion. Dos (2) Directores seran elegidos para un termino de dos (2) anos cada. Los candidatos pueden archivar las aplicaciones, para la inclusion en la votacion entre el 10 de febrero de 2007 y el 12 de marzo de 2007. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en el Centro del Cuidado de Sotavento de Robert Lee durante horas de oficina normales, 9 am - 5 pm, el lunes por el viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigido a Cy Jenkins, el Administrador.

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**Arrest/Charges Filed**

**January 2007**

- Lyndan McMullan - 18; Possession of Marijuana <2oz 1-5-07;
- Luke Jimenez - 23; Driving While License Invalid; 1-7-07;
- Brandye McCarty - 21; Making Alcohol Available to a Minor; 1-18-07;
- Garry Dooly - 53; DWI 2nd; 1-20-07;
- Jerry Baldock - 35; Possession of Marijuana < 2oz; 1-21-07;
- Jerry Baccus - 28; Possession of Marijuana < 2oz; 1-21-07.

**District Court Dispositions 1-8-07**

The State of Texas vs. Manuel Martinez; Charge: Assault of a Family Member - Enhanced; Plea: Three Years TDCJ

**County Court Disposition Plea Hearing 1-16-07**

The State of Texas vs. Noel Barnett  
Charge: DWI  
Plea: 6 Months Pre Trial Intervention.

**County Court Dispositions 1-17-07**

The State of Texas vs. Tony Lara  
Charge: Criminal Mischief  
Plea: 30 Days Probated 12 Months, Fine \$100.00, Court

Cost \$309.00, Restitution to CRMWD \$415.00, 24 Hours Community Service;  
The State of Texas vs. Marshall Scates  
Charge: Purchase/Furnish Alcohol to a Minor  
Plea: 30 Days Probated 6 Months, Fine \$200.00, Court Cost \$249.00.

**District Court Dispositions 1-31-07**

The State of Texas vs. David O'Banon  
Charge: Aggravated Assault Causing Serious Bodily Injury

Plea: One Year County Jail, Probated One Year, \$1100.00 Restitution Paid Upfront.

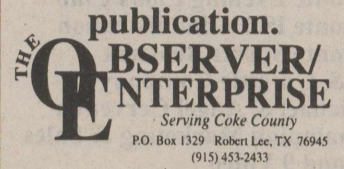
**County Court Disposition Plea Hearing 1-23-07**

The State of Texas vs. David Lee McMullan  
Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz  
Plea: 60 Days Probated 12 Months, Fine \$600.00, Court Cost \$249.00, Attorney Fee \$250.00, 40 Hours Community Service;  
The State of Texas vs. John Collard

Charge: Possession of Marijuana < 2oz  
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