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## RL Landfill resumes regular schedule

The Robert Lee Landfill will resume regular schedule on Saturday, March 7. The Landfill will be open to the public each Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon. Acceptable items are lumber, tree limbs, grass, concrete, bricks, construction and demolition. The City-Wide Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for April 24-25.

## RL City General Election information

Monday, March 9, is the last day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot for the City General Election to be held May 9. Applications may be picked up at the City Secretaries office at Robert Lee City Hall. An election will be held for the positions of Three (3) Council Members. Terms are two years. City Officials whose terms are expiring include Gary Payne, Jackie Walker, and Troy Wimberley.

## City of Bronte Election slated

A General Election will be held to elect two councilmembers for two-year terms to the Bronte City Council. The terms of Misti Bedford and Paula McWright will expire and both have filed for re-election.

The last day to apply for a place on the ballot for the General Election is March 9, 2009. A Special Election will be held to elect a councilmember for a one-year unexpired term. Councilmember Alvin Jones resigned the first of February. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot for the Special Election is March 3, 2009. Jennifer Stango has filed for this term.

Candidate applications may be picked up from the City Secretary at the Bronte City Hall at 114 South Washington.

## CC Relay For Life meeting slated

There will be a Relay For Life Team Captains meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:15 pm at West Central Wireless in Robert Lee. All Team Captains, as well as any team members, are



**Reminiscing!** *Quentin Stambaugh (left) drove a combined total (both ways) of 3,700 miles on his trip from his home in Pennsylvania to Robert Lee to visit with relatives of Frank Tubb. Quentin and Frank both served as radio operators in the Air Apaches 345th Bombardment Group during World War II. To read more about the reunion, see page 3 of this edition of the Observer/Enterprise.*



encouraged to attend.

This will be an important meeting as plans will be finalized for the upcoming Relay For Life on April 3-4, 2009, at the Robert Lee ISD football field/track. Teams will be picking their campsites at this meeting. Also any money already collected can be turned in.

There is a goal of 20 teams and currently there are only 13; four from Bronte and nine from Robert Lee. There is still time to get a team together. Extra shirts have been ordered. Please try and come to the meeting or contact Judy Blair, 453-2380 or Lanette Fletcher, 473-6791 to get signed up.

Together we can make a difference in the fight against cancer!

## Brisket lunch set for March 13

The Robert Lee Care Center Relay for Life team "We Care" will host a brisket lunch on Friday, March 13, at the Robert Lee Care Center, in the conference room.

The lunch includes: brisket, rice, beans, potato salad and dessert. Plates can be picked up at the Care Center or can be delivered to you.

Please call the Care Center to place your order at 453-2511 and ask for any of these team members: Mary Rodriguez, Martha Trejo, Tammy Riley, Blanca Mendoza, Patsy Cason, Josie Salazar, Liz Minjarez, Erika Galvan, Emma Minjarez,

Janie Munoz, Christina Saucedo, Debra Horne or Dottie Mitchell.

## CNA classes to be held

Bronte Health and Rehab Center will be having a CNA class in March to staff their facility. You must be 18 years old, want to start a lifetime career in the healthcare field, love to work with elderly people, like to have fun and be dedicated to your work.

If this sounds like you, then come by BHRC and pick up an application. Class starts on March 23. Applications will be accepted until March 13.

## Sports package tickets for sale

Relay for Life team "Team Boo" will be selling chances to win a Robert Lee Sporting Package. The package will include:

- \*2 Steer stadium chairs - donated by Mountain Creek RV
- \*2 Steer drink mugs - donated by Mountain Creek RV
- \*2 Steer T-shirts - donated by Mountain Creek RV
- \*2 2009-2010 tickets to all Dogie/Steer games/extra-curricular activities-donated by RLISD

\*Spirit Fleece blanket-handmade and donated by Team Boo!

Team members include the following 7th and 8th graders from Robert Lee: Ashlie Wheat, Lubbock Roe, Sarah Lara, Dusty Howard, Jesse Sheets, Alexis Mendoza, Sydney Sheldon, Bernice

Fabian, Taylor Sheldon, Kelsie Hewitt, Ashlie Tennison, Will Howard, Amy Sheets - Team Captain and Jan Sheets - Honorary Survivor.

## Hamburger Meal Deal set for March 29

The Cabbage Patch Kids of Bronte will have a "Hamburger Meal Deal" Sunday, March 29. The meal will include a hamburger, vegetables, chips, and cookie. The cost will be a minimum donation. All donations will be given to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. It will be held at Longbranch BBQ in Bronte at 11:30 am.

For more information contact one of the Cabbage Patch Kids: DeAnn Grigg, Jeanna Lee, Stacy McGinnis, Kathy Reyes, Veronica Rodriguez, Jackie and Benny Corley, Sue and Eddy Spiller, or Bette and Jerry McCutchen.

## Dry Cleaning Service available

For the past several weeks you have been reading the article that stated Coke County was in danger of losing their laundry/dry cleaning services offered by Wise X-Press located in Coleman, Texas. These services will continue as a result of the generous support of the residents of Coke County during the last thirty days.

These services are available in Bronte at Shirley's Place located at 121 N. State St. Wise X-Press will continue to pick up laundry

on Thursdays and will return laundry on Fridays. Shirley's Place is also open on Saturday for your convenience.

## Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale slated

The Sosis Study Club has again voted to provide all of the advertising for the Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale and yes, it's that time again! Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of May (May 3) at 8 am.

If you want to participate and have a garage sale, please call City Hall at 473-3501 and they will add your location to the city maps that will be given away the day of the garage sales. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and sell, sell, sell! Remember to call Bronte City Hall and get your name on the map.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please call Pat or Tammy at 473-3501.

## Gourmet Popcorn for sale

The Coke County Relay for Life team "Prayin' for a Cure" is selling gourmet popcorn for their fundraiser. Popcorn flavors are Butter, Carmel, Cheese, Dark Chocolate, Salsa 'n' Cheddar, Vanilla, and White Cheddar. Please call Kenda or Karen Rasco at 453-5408 or email karasco@wtxs.net to place your order. "Prayin' for a Cure" team members are Kenda Rasco, Karen Rasco, Cole Rasco, Cathy Jinkins, Doris McIntosh, and Caitlyn McIntosh.

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**Obituaries**

**Coalson**

Armene Coalson left this world to be with her Savior this past Monday, March 2, 2009, while residing at Bronte Health and Rehab Center in Bronte, Texas.

She is survived by a son, Ken Coalson and wife Melinda and her granddaughter, Kendra Armene and grandson, Christopher, all of Bronte. Two brothers, Robby Brewer and wife Rondyl of San Angelo, and Bert Brewer and wife Doris of Houston. Several nephews, nieces and cousins who are proud of their Aunt Armene.

A daughter, Odelene Ivy, preceded her in death and also her husband, Louis Coalson.

Armene was born April, 12, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. C.C. (Lum) Brewer in Eden, Texas. Armene met Louis and together started a Bar-B-Que business that spanned several decades and tickled the palate of thousands of repeat customers. The first café was north of Abilene and they later moved to Bronte and opened the Red Barn Bar-B-Que establishment. Louis did his magic with the cooking while Armene took care of the customers. Most of the friends and relatives knew that if they needed someone to care for them during an emergency or illness, all they had to do was to call Armene and without asking "what for" or "how much", she would be there to help. She loved to laugh and she loved to dance. Armene sure will leave a gap in the community and she is fondly

remembered by everyone.

Services for Armene will be Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 1:30 pm at the Eden Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been provided by Shaffer Funeral Home. We wish to give thanks to the staff at Bronte Health and Rehab Center for caring for Armene, to Shaffer Funeral Home for their support and to Vista and their great help. Memorials may be sent to your favorite charity.

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**Perry**

Ina Mae Perry, 83, of Midland passed away Friday, February 27, 2009, in Midland, Texas.

She was the daughter of A. G. Barton Dulin and Leona Ayers Dulin and a long time resident of Midland/Odessa. Ina Graduated from Odessa High School in 1942 and married Thomas W. Perry September 23, 1944. The couple resided in Odessa in 1949, moving to Midland County in 1969. She is our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Perry was preceded in death by her son, Charles H. (Chuck) Perry, as well as her five siblings, Dean Dulin, J.D. Dulin, Charles Dulin, Billie June Ivy and Dorothy Harrington.

She is survived by her husband of sixty-four years, Thomas W. Perry; son, Thomas W. Perry, Jr. and wife Martha; grandson, Matthew Perry and wife

Amanda and great-grandchildren Michael William and Kelsey Aerlyn Perry; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in the West Texas area.

The family received friends on Monday, March 2, 2009, from 5 pm to 7 pm at Sunset Funeral Home. Services were Tuesday with Pastor Don Palmer officiating.

Services were under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

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**Monsey**

John Douglas Monsey, 70, of Blackwell, Texas, passed away Friday, February 27, 2009, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 4 pm Monday, March 2, 2009, at Cate - Spencer and Trent Funeral Home Chapel in Sweetwater. Graveside Services were held at 2 pm Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Offarrell Cemetery in Atlanta, Texas, under the direction of Cate - Spencer and Trent Funeral Home with the Rev. Aubrey Jones officiating.

John owned and operated Lucky Bottle Feed Store in Blackwell, Texas, for 22 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Enola Monsey; and his parents, Ivan and Willie Mae Monsey.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Codi and David Davis of Sweetwater; granddaughter, Kelci Renee Davis of Sweetwater; sister, Jo Nell Shipp of Hereford, Texas; cousins, Tommy Fulbright of Grand Prairie, Texas; Edward and Betty Fulbright of Irving, Texas; Joyce Monsey of Grand Prairie, Texas; Lester Ray Monsey of Alba, Texas; James Monsey of Salem, Oregon; Dorothy Pitman of Grand Prairie, Texas; June Locke of Grand Prairie and Edna Nanny of Arlington, Texas.

Pallbearers were Jim Buck Monroe, Josh McWhorter, David Morgan, Sammy Baker, Angel Solis, and

Tommy White.

Honorary Pallbearers included Bob Konze, Truman Davis, Bill Westerman, Oscar Tankersley, Travis Walston, Mike Waller, Tyrone Boyd, and Jim Bennett.

**Attention Crafters in Coke County**

Bronte Chamber of Commerce is having a Craft Fair on June 6, 2009. The Community Center on East Oliver will be the site for the event. There is a small charge for the indoor booths (10'x10'). Set up time for vendors is 8 am, time for fair is 10 am. For more information or an application, call 473-2604 or 473-2093.

**Josephine Bird turns 100**

A milestone has been reached by a Coke County native who chronicled many of Sanco's milestones in two books compiled from carefully kept papers, pictures, books, news print, records, and first person stories.

Josephine Bird is 100 years old. The First United Methodist Church in Rockport, Texas, will be the scene of her party on Saturday, March 14, at 2 pm.

Mrs. Bird's work has assured that the history of Coke County will be on record for generations to come. She recognized that the history of Sanco is unique

and formed a foundation on which this generation could build. She has done Coke County a great service through her dedicated drive to preserve what has passed. Decendants of Sanco families will appreciate her collections.

The address for cards is Gulfpointe Plaza, 1008 Enterprise Blvd., Rockport, Texas 78382.

**FUMC - RL "good news"**

The "good news" from the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church includes two new Sunday school classes that had their initial meetings Sunday, March 1.

A class for teenagers meets with Pastor Steve Peyton in his study. Discussions will focus on "what it means to be a Christian." Seven teenagers attended the first session.

A class for the parents of teenagers and anyone else who chooses to attend is being led by Sherry Peyton. These are short-termed studies and the current study is on the book of Mark with study guide by Max Lucado.

Pastor Peyton's Sunday worship sermons during the period of Lent will be on "The Foundations of Faith." He will speak each Sunday on one faith foundation, such as the Bible, the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, and other foundations for our faith.

**Area Churches**

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**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
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Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**  
324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
(325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Robert Lee

(325) 453-2360  
Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte

(325) 473-3281  
Rev. David Bailey, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship  
5 pm Youth

**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 • 9th and Chadbourne  
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(325) 453-2417  
Steve Peyton, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship  
5:30 pm Choir Practice

**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
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Wed. 7 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
Portis Ribble, Minister

Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm  
Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
601 W. 10th • Robert Lee  
(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sat. 6 pm

**Pecan Baptist Church**  
PO Box 542 • 12 miles west of  
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(325) 453-2482

Jim Dominey, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
(325) 453-2724

Jason Martin, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
Hwy 277 • Tennyson

Joe Hodges, Pastor  
(325) 473-2040  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6 pm Prayer Meeting

**Victory Assembly of God**  
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2208

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
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**Frank Tubb family enjoys visit from fellow comrade**

After 64 years, Quentin Stambaugh retired as district judge from Spring Grove, Pennsylvania, and then drove a combined total of 3700 miles to Robert Lee, Texas. Quentin came to Robert Lee to visit family members of Frank Tubb (deceased). Quentin and Frank were both radio operators and tail gunners on B-25's. They met while in gunnery training. The men were in the Air Apaches 345th Bombardment Group. Frank was in the 500th Squadron, while Quentin served in the 498th Squadron.

Quentin and Frank were both stationed in the Philippines while making missions needed to defeat the enemy.

Frank Tubb was killed March 15, 1945, on Bold Venture B-25 while bombing a Japanese freighter. The impact from the bomb knocked all the controls out. Their plane crashed 16 miles from Hong Kong, killing all the crew on board. After Frank was killed, Quentin wrote a letter to Frank's mother, Mary Tubb, hoping to console her. He exchanged several letters with Mary Tubb. He told her he hoped to be able to come by and visit Frank's family. Frank told him he wanted him to come by after the war to get some fresh apricots from the Tubb orchard.

After Frank was killed, Quentin went on to finish 39 combat missions. After one mission, Quentin was radio operator with other Falcon crew members. They were bombing off the coast of Japan. The pilot told them to look out the windows and they witnessed in the distance the first atomic bomb being dropped on Japan in August of 1945.

The following is an account by Quentin of his experience on his last mission. It is an excerpt from a letter written by Quentin Stambaugh.

"The story of Joe Cosentino and the "Surrender Flight" in the December 2001 issue of the "Strafer" brought back vivid memories for me, as I passed up an opportunity to fly with Major McClure on that eventful day.



**Memorial!** Quentin Stambaugh and Ava Lou Davis visit the memorial honoring soldiers who attended Angelo State University and were killed in action.

At that moment in time, I was senior radio operator on base, at least in the 498th Squadron. I had finished my missions about August 10, 1945.

My 39th and last mission was a rough one. I was in the tail-gunner's position when our plane hit a waterspout from a bomb dropped by the plane just ahead of us during a run on a Jap ship. The waterspout lifted our plane with such force that my flack helmet struck the canopy and came down across my face, cutting a deep gash between my nose and upper lip! I was soaking wet with salt water up my nose and in my eyes so I couldn't see. I was thinking we were in the drink and struggling to find the canopy emergency release handle when I realized we were still flying! The leading edge of one of the vertical stabilizers was split from top to bottom and a six-foot man could have easily walked through the hole without touching any metal. Needless to say we had a real rough ride back to base. I can't remember hearing it was his first strike against shipping - and my last!

But back to the "Surrender Flight". I had previously flown with Major McClure on a number of missions, and in late afternoon on the day before the flight he sent a courier to my tent with a note. I opened it and read, "Going out to meet the Japs tomorrow, would like you to fly radio with me (Signed,

Jack)." While the orderly waited for my reply, I simply turned the note over and wrote, "Thanks Major but no thanks". (The "flight" referred to by Major McClure was to attend the signing of the peace treaty between General MacArthur and the Japanese.)

I stood in parade the day the Jap envoys were escorted to Ie Shima. I was standing at attention, elbow to elbow with everyone else on the base directly across the narrow strip from where one of the Betty bombers taxied into a ditch. It took all the self-control we could muster to keep from laughing.

In looking back, I now think it would have been nice to have had my name recorded in the history books, but at that moment, after having finished my missions, all the glory I wanted was waiting back home in Pennsylvania!"

Quentin was here in Robert Lee to visit Frank Tubb's sister, Ava Lou Davis, and family. He was accompanied by a friend, Charlie Runk of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania.

One day while Quentin was here, Ava Lou took them on a sight-seeing tour which included the San Angelo Rodeo Parade, museum and Visitors Center. They also visited the Oak Grove at Angelo State University. This memorial has the names of men who attended Angelo State University and were killed in the war. Frank Tubb



**Betty's Dream!** Quentin Stambaugh attended the Yankee Air Museum's annual "Thunder Over Michigan" airshow recently. He poses with "Betty's Dream", one of the B-25's. While at the airshow, Quentin went on one more B-25 flight. During Quentin's tour in World War II, he was credited with two confirmed 'kills' and one probable. Prior to "Thunder Over Michigan", he had not seen the inside of a Mitchell since his last mission in August 1945.

was among them. Quentin and Charlie took pictures of the B-25 at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

It was a wonderful time of remembrance for Ava Lou and Quentin. The trip to Robert Lee has been on Quentin's agenda for over 64 years. At the age of 85, he attained his desire.

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| Jasmine Cortinez | Michael Rodriguez |
| Josh Gallegos    | Norma Rojas       |
| Sarah Jones      | Mason Ross        |
| Prescilla Lara   | Jodi Sheldon      |
| Jeremy Martinez  | Blake Thompson    |
| Arrin Minjarez   | Cori Torres       |
| Dustin Moreno    | Jimmy Womack      |

**TRUNK SHOWING**

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- Wednesday, March 11**  
Lasagna
- Thursday, March 12**  
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**Look Who's Turning 40!**



**Happy Birthday Bobo!**

# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**First Division Trophy!** The combined fifth and sixth grade band from Bronte Elementary received a first division in both concert and sight-reading at the Colorado City Wolf Band Festival. The judges were Jeff Whitacker from Monahans and Dr. Chris Neal from McMurry. Both spoke to the band after the performance and gave both praise and constructive comments for improvement. Students who participated were Amber Betts, Sarah Sanchez, Jerica Davis, Stacia Emfinger, Carlos Fuentez, Jessica Arthur, Dakota Arthur, Kourtney Kelton, Moriah Royall, Dakota Pullen, Edison Diaries, Maria Franco, Addie Rosson, Jared Scott, Chris James, Kevin Charles, Lance Burns, Jensen Reed, Crystal Bilbrey, Oscar Pena, Rankin Deronde, Ricky Amendi, Madison Harris, Josh Puentez, Marley Braswell, and Christian Davila. The band also watched the beginning band from Grape Creek and were very polite and attentive. Mr. Dannheim was very proud of the students and hopes that more parents can attend their next contest.



**TSTC!** Bronte High School Seniors (from left to right) Eddie May, Larry Rosales, Israel Cecelio, Cory Glover and (not pictured) Cortiney Sutton attended Texas State Technical College's Discover Day on February 25. The students, along with Counselor Mrs. Timmerman and teacher Mr. Cooper, toured the campus and learned more about the programs and degrees at TSTC.

2009. For additional information, please contact the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2521.

## Bronte Scholarships

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship is now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School.

Applications are available online at [www.bronteisd.net](http://www.bronteisd.net) on the Counselor's Corner page under scholarships or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 14, 2009. The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates.

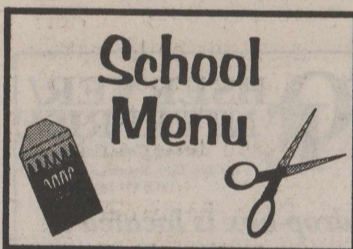
Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2521.

she played tennis and was on the Drill team. Mrs. Timmerman attended college at Tarleton State University. It took her three years to receive her degree. Mrs. Timmerman started teaching because it's fun and she likes school. She has been in education for 18 years. Her favorite subject to teach is citizenship.

Mrs. Timmerman's favorite food is steak. Her favorite dessert is Rice Crispie treats. She loves the color blue. She likes the summertime. Her favorite animal is a cat. She loves the shape of a diamond. Her favorite sport is tennis. Her favorite book is Ramona Quimby. Her favorite vacation spot is Walt Disney World. Her hobby is scrap booking. Her daughter is what makes her the happiest.

Mrs. Timmerman's favorite quote is "Be kind to people and animals." She gets most embarrassed when she forgets someone's birthday.

We are glad Mrs. Timmerman is our counselor at Bronte.



## School Menu

### Breakfast

**Monday, March 9**

Cereal, apple sauce, toast, jelly, milk

**Tuesday, March 10**

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

**Wednesday, March 11**

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

**Thursday, March 12**

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

**Friday, March 13**

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, March 9**

Pizza, tossed salad, corn, strawberry cup, milk

**Tuesday, March 10**

Spud day, chili and cheese, baked potato, baby carrots with ranch, sliced peaches, Texas toast, milk

**Wednesday, March 11**

Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, carrot coins, roll, apricot cobbler, milk

**Thursday, March 12**

Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit jello, milk

**Friday, March 13**

Burgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tator tots, assorted fruit, bread, pink panther cake, milk

## Monday is last day to file for BISD School Board

Bronte ISD has four vacancies to fill for full three year terms. Three positions are full three year terms currently held by Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield and Bob Frazee. The fourth position is for the last year of a three year term currently held by board-appointed Shane Kelton. Last day to file is March 9, 2009.

Applications may be picked up at the Superintendent's office during regular business hours, 8 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

## Longhorns lose in Area round

In the Area basketball game, Bronte lost to Lindsay by a close score of 34-30. Scorers: Sam Rawlings 4, Lahne Burns 3, Rob Rosson 4, Dakota Rawls 13, Heath Richey 2, and Kerwin Rawls 4.

Bronte finished as District Champs and had an overall record of 26-5.

## Register for the ACT Test

Junior and senior high school students may still register for the April 4, 2009, ACT test until March 13, 2009. There will be a late charge. Bronte High School will be a testing center for the April 4 test.

Students may also register for the June 13, 2009, ACT by May 8 and pay the regular registration fee.

Application packets are

available in the counselor's office at BHS or register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Please remember that fee waivers are available for students who receive free or reduced lunches. See the high school counselor for waiver forms.

## FNB-SC Scholarship available

The First National Bank of Sterling City will fund one \$4,000 scholarship to a graduating senior at Bronte High-School. One thousand (\$1,000) per year will be funded - \$500 per fall and spring semesters. To be eligible to apply and be considered for the scholarship, an applicant must have been a full-time student of Bronte High School for his or her junior and senior years. The four semesters, including the semester of application, shall have been consecutive semesters at BHS. The student must have at least an 85 high school average for his or her four-year high school career. The student must be enrolled in the accelerated/advanced curriculum section at BHS. Applications are available in the counselor's office at BHS or on the BHS Counselor's Corner web page under "Scholarships".

All applications must be returned to The First National Bank of Sterling City - Bronte location, no later than 3 pm on March 31,



**Jackie Timmerman**

by Jacob Eubanks

Mrs. Jackie Timmerman is married and has one child named Tiffany. They have cats and dogs. She has a brother and a sister. Mrs. Timmerman does not live in Coke County.

Mrs. Timmerman went to school at Garden City where

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### 3 places available on RLISD board

Candidate applications will be available for 3 places on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees with all 3 places being three year terms. Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration office during the hours of 8 am - 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The deadline for filing a candidate application is Monday, March 9, 2009, at 5 pm. Election day will be Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Requirements for filing are that you must have lived 1 year in the state and 6 months in the school district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at time of election. Robert Lee ISD will need to elect three trustees. The 3 year terms of Tom Sawyer, Jr., Wes Washam, and Brandi Brosh are expiring.

### RL Booster Club meeting set

The Robert Lee All Sports Booster Club meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, at 7 pm in the high school library. Please help support the athletes of RLISD.

### RL golfers start season

The Robert Lee golfers started the season last week at Bronte. The girls team started off right with a first place finish, edging Christoval by 5 shots, 418-423. Pacing the Lady Steers was Meagan Ross with a 98, placing her third in the medalist race. Other scores for the Lady Steers included: Amanda Mendoza and Kacey Roberts at 106, Rebecca

Saucedo 108 and Sarah Walker at 132.

The Steers were represented by Foster Allen and Josh Tennison, as the majority of the team had a B-District basketball game. Allen's 86 was good enough for a tie for fourth place and Tennison's 98 was a vast improvement over his 139 from last year at the same tournament.

Next action for the golf team was held this week when the boys hosted the Robert Lee Invitational on Wednesday and the girls tournament on Thursday.

### RL Steers basketball season comes to a close

The Bi-District game ended with Robert Lee losing to Sands by a score of 44-63. Scorers: Josh Gallegos 6, Michael Rodriguez 2, Stetson Nesbit 13, Haden Dillard 11, Logan Philley 6 and Cody Brosh 4.

### Steers named to All-District

Several Robert Lee High School Steers were named to the All-District team. They include Josh Gallegos, Logan Philley and Cody Brosh. Honorable Mentions included Stetson Nesbit and Haden Dillard.

### RL Pool in need of repairs

The swimming pool at the Coke County Park in Robert Lee was built in 1957. Funds were available then because of the oil boom. Since that time, the county commissioners and crews have repaired and maintained the pool for the enjoyment of the citizens of Robert Lee and the visitors to the park.

The above-ground repairs kept the pool operating and open, but below ground, the system was aging. It is now necessary to act aggressively to stop the deterioration and replace many of the parts of the system. This must be done to ensure the opening of the pool this summer by making repairs and replacements that will meet state and federal regulations.

The county commissioners court has determined that the best way to proceed is to repair the plumbing fixtures and the pool this year and attack the dressing rooms, concession stand, fencing and indoor plumbing next year. Approximately one-half of

the expense is expected for each phase of the project. The second half of the project will require volunteer fund raisers and requests to foundations.

The swimming pool replacements and repairs are costly. The total amount is expected to reach \$300,000. In an effort to ensure a summer opening, the Economic Development Sales Tax board has agreed to release up to \$100,000 that have accumulated in the fund's account. The EDC4A funds have accumulated due to the restrictions placed upon expenditures of the funds by the state legislature. The funds in 4A can be spent only to create jobs unless other expenditures are approved by a vote of the citizens. The funds have accumulated in hopes that a manufacturer chooses to locate in this area. As this has not been the case, nor is it likely with the economy the way it is, the board determined to allow this money to be applied to the repair of the swimming pool. The thinking was that the money would be well spent to provide a safe place for summer activities. Another asset of a pool is that the water can be used to fight fires if needed.

Because of the rulings of the state, this proposal must appear on a ballot for approval by the citizens of Robert Lee. It is hoped that a "yes" vote will result in support for releasing the money to repair the swimming pool. Our neighbor, Bronte, faced a similar situation last year. The citizens of Bronte worked diligently and long to raise the funds for the repair of their pool. A transfer of funds from their EDC4A to EDC4B was approved in a ballot initiative. A 4B EDC may spend money on community improvement projects.

The initiative will be on the May 9, 2009, ballot at the time that the city council, school board and hospital district board candidates are elected.

### Turning Children Into Good Readers

Nearly every child can become a successful reader,

but parents need to focus on this skill early on, from the time their children are babies.

So says new research from the National Early Literacy Panel.

As the organization that directed the research, the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) is providing free tips and activities for parents to practice with their kids.

The National Early Literacy Panel analyzed more than 3000 studies on early childhood literacy to determine which critical skills lead to future academic success.

"For the first time ever we've been able to identify early literacy skills that lead to later reading success," said Sharon Darling, president and founder of the NCFL. "Now parents can use these skills to help hone their child's reading ability."

These key skills include alphabet knowledge; awareness of the individual sounds of words; rapid naming of letters, numbers, objects and colors; the ability to write, including a child writing his or her name; and oral language.

The experts at the NCFL have translated these findings into everyday activities that parents can perform with young children:

\* Shower Your Baby With Words. Even though he may not understand, he stores the sounds. Soon he'll be able to put sounds and words together and speak. Talk about what you and your child are doing throughout the day. For example, describe activities like changing your child's diaper, feeding your child, or giving her a bath.

\* Words + Words = More Words! As your baby begins to speak, encourage him by adding extra words. For example, if your child points to his toy and says, "Truck," add some words. "Yes, that's your big, red truck!"

\* What Is This? Make a picture game using photos of things your child sees at home. Find pictures in magazines -- chairs, teddy bears,

foods, etc. Hand your child a picture and ask him if he knows what it is. When he says the word, have him find the object and lead you to it. This increases your child's vocabulary and gives him practice using symbols.

\* Reading and Sharing. Preschoolers aged three-to-five are ready to be your reading partner. Read books aloud, asking questions about what is happening in the story and the pictures.

\* Rhyme Time. Read rhyming stories with pre-schoolers and recite nursery rhymes. Pause at the end of lines and let your child fill in the rhyming word. This encourages children to listen carefully to the different sounds.

\* My Name Is Special! Children are fascinated by the letters in their names. Playing word games with these letters can get them learning about language. Write the letters on paper, cut them apart and put them in an envelope. Let your child pull out the letters and put them in order. Look for things in your home that start with that letter or the first letter of her name.

\* My ABCs. Look for ABC books that match your child's interests -- animals, foods, children's names, machines. You can also help your child make her own alphabet book. You could start by looking for one picture for each letter in her name.

\* Book Time. Point out the title and the illustration on the cover. Read the title and author's name out loud. Let your child turn the pages. Follow along with the text, running your finger under words. Learning how books work are important steps toward learning to read.

For more tips and activities, visit [www.familit.org/cultivatingreaders](http://www.familit.org/cultivatingreaders).

Send your news in through the internet.

Email:

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Please send articles in the body of the email and photos as a jpeg attachment.

## School Menu

### Breakfast

Monday, March 9

Juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

Tuesday, March 10

Juice, pigs in blanket, cereal, milk

Wednesday, March 11

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Thursday, March 12

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Friday, March 13

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

### Lunch

Monday, March 9

Rib B Ques, corn, boccoli & cheese, sliced bread, pears, milk

Tuesday, March 10

Fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, pinto beans, apricots, milk

Wednesday, March 11

Sliced turkey, creamed potatoes, green peas, sliced bread, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, March 12

Grilled cheese, veg. soup, crackers, pickles, banana, milk

Friday, March 13

Chicken patty on bun, pickles, baked chips, strawberries, milk

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Coke County Judge's office will be accepting applications for the position of a Bronte Senior Citizens Director. Applications may be picked up at the Judge's office in the Courthouse in Robert Lee, Texas. This is a part-time position that provides retirement, vacation and sick leave. Applications will be accepted until 9:00 am Monday, March 9, 2009. If you have any questions, you may contact the Auditor's office at 325-453-2922 or Judge's office at 325-453-2641. Coke County is an equal opportunity employer.

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**MY FAMILY**

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for all your prayers, visits, cards and calls while I was in the hospital. Your concern meant so much to me. It made every day a little better. I also want to thank the EMS crew for a job well done.

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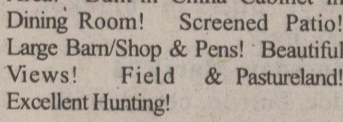
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas, posts this notice in compliance with 28.C.F.R. 51.28(g), as follows:

On February 12, 2009, at a duly called Council Meeting, the City Council ordered the May 9, 2009, Special Election. The Election will be held to elect a Councilmember (One-Year Unexpired Term). Copies of the Order of Election, Resolution Establishing Election Procedures and pre-clearance submission are available for public review during business hours at the City Hall located at 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas. Any persons wishing to make comments for consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:

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**NOTICIA PUBLICA**

El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Bronte, Texas anuncia esta noticia an conforme de 28 C.F.R. 51.28(g) come sigue:

En del doce de febrero, 2009 en Un Junto Consejo ordenado por el Consejo Municipal, el consejo ordeno la eleccion general en nueve de mayo, 2009 para elejir up y uno Miembros del Consejo (Un ano el termino no caducado). Copias del Order of Eleccion y Resolution Establishing Election Procedures y prepermiso presentacion estan disponibles para repaso publico entre las horas de negocios en el City Hall que esta el la Calle South Washington, 114 de Bronte, Texas. Algunas personas que quieren hacer comentarios al United States Attorney General pueden mandar los comentarios a

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**A PUBLIC HEARING**

shall be held on the proposition to be included on the May 9, 2009 ballot. The proposition would authorize the Robert Lee 4A Economic

Development Corporation to transfer funds to the Robert Lee 4B Economic Development Corporation to be used to participate in the renovation of the park swimming pool.

The hearing will be held on March 9, 2009, at 7:00 pm at the City Hall, 6 E. 7th Street.

**UNA VISTA PUBLICA**

sera aguantada la proposicion para ser incluida en el 9 de mayo de 2009 la votacion. La proposicion autorizaria el Robert Lee 4A la Corporacion Economica del Desarrollo a transferir los fondos al Robert Lee 4B la Corporacion Economica del Desarrollo para tomar parte en la renovacion del piscine del parquet.

La Vista se tendra en el 9 de marco de 2009 en 7:00 de la tarde en el municipalidad, 6 E. 7th del sur.

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**Check Out  
Coke County  
Library**

The Coke County Library has received a set of reproducible copies of IRS forms and instructions. These forms can be borrowed from the library and copied. The reproducible must be returned to the library.

"Reading about fictional characters helps you understand real people you can't understand," is a quote found in an article in a book review section of the San Antonio Express.

The fiction section of the Coke County Library is ready to help folks understand real people. From mystery to romance to sagas to westerns, it is easy to find characters and places and situations that help explain reality.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte and to the 24/7 drop

box at the Library. Library membership is free. Call 453-2495 for information.

**Letter to  
the Editor**

We would like to compliment Bronte ISD for hosting the Area Special Olympics basketball tournament on Saturday, February 28. Tammy Hortenstein and her committee did a wonderful job in organizing and running the tournament. The enthusiasm and participation of the special Olympians was great, hospitality room was great, the food in the concession stand was great--in a word the tournament was GREAT!! We are only sorry that more Bronte people didn't observe the ball games.

We are so proud that we live in a community like Bronte.

Lee and Janet Wommack

**College Planning  
website available**

Do you know a high school student who could benefit from learning more about planning, preparing and paying for college? The U.S. Department of Education has created a web site at [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov) which offers students helpful tools for college planning, such as the opportunity to create their college roadmap or view videos of students who are just like them. The site also helps students understand the steps of the college admission process such as taking the SAT or ACT test, filling out the FAFSA and finding scholarships.

**Scholarship  
Opportunities**

The CHS Foundation will award 25 \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to study an agricultural-related major at a university or two-year college. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., a leading energy, grains and foods company. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS

Foundation invests in the future of rural America, agriculture and cooperative business through education and leadership development through grants, scholarships and educational support.

**Application Eligibility**

• Student is a high school senior, graduating in the spring

• Student will study an agricultural-related major at a two or four year college in the United States

• Student must be a U.S. citizen

**Application Instructions**

Students must complete the entire application form, available at [www.chsfoundation.org](http://www.chsfoundation.org), and mail in the application with the required attachments. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2009. The form can be recreated. The following information will need to be included with the application: a copy of school transcripts, two letters of reference, completed answers to short essay questions, school administrator/guidance counselor signature, applicant and parent/guardian signature, if applicant is under 18 years.

The CHS Foundation also offers scholarships for students who are majoring in agriculture related fields at Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University. In addition, there are also scholarships available for students who are majoring in Ag related fields at two-year colleges. Please see the web site for more information.

Scholarship applications are also available to graduating seniors with at least a 3.00 GPA from the Leadership San Angelo Alumni Association. Please visit the counselor's office at Bronte High School for an application. The deadline to apply is March 23, 2009.

The Texas Trial Lawyers Association is now accepting applications for the 2009 Scholarship Program which is dedicated to assisting stu-

dents who have proven the ability to do college level work, yet may not be able to obtain financial aid through traditional sources. These true-need-based scholarships of \$1000 each are awarded to high school seniors statewide. The scholarship criteria do not include requirements concerning race, sex or field of study.

Prospective scholarship candidates must submit the following: the completed 2009 TTLA Application form, a transcript and report card, two letters of recommendation on official letterhead from school counselors, teachers or administrators, an essay titled "Why the jury is the cornerstone of the civil justice system", a list of work/school activities, a personal statement; and the applicant must sign and date the certification section of the application.

The application must be post-marked no later than March 20 to be eligible for consideration. Students do not need to plan on majoring in Law to apply for this scholarship. Please visit [www.ttla.com](http://www.ttla.com) for an application.

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**Use your tax refund wisely**

By Jason Alderman

More and more Americans are filing, and paying, their taxes electronically. The IRS projects the number of individual tax returns filed electronically in 2009 to exceed last year's record of nearly 90 million taxpayers.

On the flip side, they'll also receive any tax refunds electronically as well, which dramatically speeds up the process. But before you rush out and spend your refund on the latest gadget, check out these recession-smart ways to invest it:

**Pay down debt.** This strategy will have the most pronounced impact on your financial well-being because the interest you carry forward month after month can significantly magnify the cost of the money borrowed.

**For example,** suppose you carry a \$1,000 balance on a credit card with 18 percent interest and you're only making the minimum monthly payment (\$40, assuming a 4 percent minimum payment). Even with no additional purchases made, it will take more than seven years to pay off the balance and cost an extra \$516 in interest. Simply doubling your monthly payment to \$80 could cut the payoff time in half and lower the interest paid to \$216.

**Save for emergencies.** Even in the best of times, financial planners recommend socking away at least three to six months of living expenses in easily accessible savings in case of job loss or other unexpected emergency. If you don't already have a savings account, use part of your refund to open one and have money automatically deposited from each paycheck.

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Because regular savings accounts currently offer very low interest rates, you may want to shop for a higher-yield money market savings account or short-term CD at a site like [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com).

**Save for the future.** With so many pressing needs today, it's easy to overlook the importance of saving for tomorrow. If your debt and emergency savings are under control, consider stashing at least part of your refund in an IRA or 401(k) plan, particularly if your employer matches employee 401(k) contributions, since that's like getting free money.

**Practical Money Skills for Life,** Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, contains detailed retirement financial planning information such as how 401(k) plans work, tax ramifications and interactive retirement savings calculators ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com)).

Invest in yourself. We've all seen how quickly jobs – and whole companies – can become obsolete and disappear. Make sure you have additional skills to fall back on and boost your earnings potential by enrolling in college courses or vocational training. See if your employer will help pay for job-related education.

Invest in your family's future. Another good use for your refund is to set up a 529 Qualified State Tuition Plan or a Coverdell Education Savings Account to fund your children's or grandchildren's education – all while lowering your tax bill. Visit the websites of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ([www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/intr\\_o529.htm](http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/intr_o529.htm)) and the IRS ([www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc310.html](http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc310.html)) for information.

Avoid getting a tax refund in the first place. By having

too much tax withheld, you're just giving the government an interest-free loan – money you could use to pay down your own interest owed throughout the year. Ask for a new W-4 form at work and recalculate how much is being deducted each pay period. Your goal should be to receive little or no refund.

One last suggestion: Spend part of your refund on a session with a financial planner who can help you map out a long-term financial strategy. If you don't know one, [www.plannersearch.org](http://www.plannersearch.org) is a good place to start your search.

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**Before Death You Have Two Choices**

*Deuteronomy 30:19*

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.

*Joshua 24:15*

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord (Jesus), choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Jesus).

*Mark 8:35*

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

**After Death You Have None**

*Mark 9:47-48*

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.

*Matthew 10:28*

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

*Isaiah 28:15 & 18*

Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with sheol (hell) we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves."

Your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with sheol (hell) will not stand; when the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it.

*Revelation 20:12 & 15*

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the "Book of Life". And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

And anyone not found written in the "Book of Life" was cast into the lake of fire.

*Proverbs 1:28-29*

Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord.

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