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# TDA awards Bronte grant for Community Development

as one of nine rural commu- communities to share and nities selected to receive a Hardworking Rural Community Award.

"Innovative community spirit, sound leadership, unrivaled dedication and hard work are having an impact on the future of rural Texas," Commissioner Staples said. "The Hardworking Rural Community Awards provide excellent examples of what happens when people work together toward a common state of Texas for the 2010 vision of making their community a better place."

Hardworking Rural nities' efforts to boost tourmentoring, community development and other economic opportunities.

Bronte's achievements include the Texas Midwest Guide that provides valuable information to potential visi- from every neighborhood," tors; the construction of a says Gabriel Sanchez, the Dollar General Store that Census Bureau's Regional will provide sales tax dollars Director for the Dallas to the city and create 10 new jobs; and a partnership with of Mississippi, Louisiana, 4 B Development Cooperation to census is mandated at a implement a new business national level, but cannot be loan program for community successful without the help businesses.

The rural communities recognized this year will receive grants that can be applied to future tourism, economic development or community development efforts. In addition, winning communities will be featured on the GO TEXAN Hardworking Rural Community Web page under the Members Corner at http://www.gotexan.org/.

The eight other finalists that will each receive a \$1,500 grant are Brady, Crosbyton, Gun Barrel City, Hico, Navasota, Nocona. South Padre Island and Zapata County.

The GO TEXAN Rural Community Program creates a single rallying call for rural Texas, educating the public will both be held at this time.

The Texas Department of about all rural Texas has to Agriculture honored Bronte offer and encouraging rural promote successful ideas. Membership is free and open to qualifying rural communities, rural businesses and other organizations devoted to the success of rural Texas.

# Census Bureau seeking applicants

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting and testing motivated individuals to work in local communities across the Census. These temporary positions offer paid training, Launched in 2003, TDA's mileage reimbursement, and a flexible work schedule up Community Program markets to 40 hours per week. Pay is and promotes rural Texas based on position and locawhile raising public aware- tion. Peak hiring will take ness of all that rural Texas place in May but applicants has to offer. The awards may be offered positions as spotlight rural Texas commu- early as January. Testing for these positions is taking ism, job growth, leadership place now! Testing information is available at 866-861-2010. The Census Bureau hires locally, so new hires will work where they live.

"We are committed to our goal of recruiting individuals Region, which is comprised Economic and Texas. "The decennial and support from the community.'

> Census Day is April 1, 2010, and the Census Bureau's Dallas Region has commenced operations to ensure that every person is counted in the 2010 Census. A total of 38 Local Census Offices are operating across Texas. Based on the workload, these offices will need to recruit and employ approximately 84,000 workers during peak 2010 Census operations throughout the

> The Coke County Library is providing testing space for the 2010 Census job program. Testing dates include Thursday, January 28, at 6 pm. Interviews and testing



Community Grant! The City of Bronte was honored with a Hardworking Rural Community Award by the Texas Department of Agriculture on Thursday, January 14. Those present included (back row, from left to right) Pat Martindale, Tammy Thorn, TDA Representative Chandra Eggemeyer, Jimmie Guthrie, Buzz Gohman, Ricky Royall, (front row, left to right) Paula McWright, Jennifer Stango, Mayor Gerald Sandusky and Misti Bedford.

Also, Saturday, February 6, at 10 am, the Library will be opened for Census 2010 personnel for interviews and testing; the date of Thursday, February 11, at 10 am has been set as a date for testing as well.

To apply for employment, applicates should call 866-861-2010 to schedule a 30minute employment test which will include basic math, reading and organization skills. Applicants may visit 2010censusjobs.gov to find a sample test.

# Bronte Chamber directors needed

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is looking for directors to serve on the board. If you are interested, please attend the next chamber meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, February 2, at 5:30 pm in the Bronte Church of Christ Fellowship

## Trade Act Info Session set for RL

Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley will have representatives available on Friday, January 22, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee to provide information about the Trade Act to Oil and/or Oil Well Service Companies who have downsized during the past year or who may be planning layoffs in the future. Information will also be provided to anyone who lost his or her job support the oil industry.

# Answers on Aging to be in Coke Co.

On Monday, January 25, Sylvia Nombrano and Cassandra Moreno will be available to discuss the many services offered by the Area Agency on Aging for seniors through its various programs including Care Coordination, Support, Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion Services, nursing facility Ombudsman, and The Community Outreach Program for all ages.

"Answers on Aging and Community Outreach "will be offered at the following locations:

Answers on Aging Bronte Senior Center, 613 East Oliver, 10:45 am

Robert Lee Senior Center, 1402 County Park Road, 11:30 am Community Outreach

Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street, 1 pm.

# Daddy/Daughter date night slated

A "Denim and Diamonds" Daddy/Daughter Date Night will be held Saturday, January 30, from 6 pm until 9 141.

during the past year while pm at the Catholic Church working in the oil or oil Hall in Robert Lee. This is a related industry. The Trade evening for all girls (grades Act is a Department of Labor K - 6th grade) to bring their initiative and could poten- dad, stepdad, grandfather, tially provide thousands of uncle, big brother or special dollars to benefit dislocated friend and enjoy light hors workers from the Oil and d'oeuvres, dancing, photos Mining industries, as well as and door prizes. Tickets may the service providers who be purchased at Meagan's Massage Therapy or DJ Merle Norman.

For more information, contact Katie Drennan at 453-2343 or Natalie Clawson at 650-8424.

# Baseball/Softball Association meeting set

meeting of the Baseball/Softball Assocation Benefits Counseling, Caregiver will be held Wednesday, February 3, in the Robert Lee High School Cafeteria at 6 pm. Please be ready to elect new officers, pick coaches, and register the kids!

# Special Olympics Basketball Tourney volunteers needed

The 2nd Annual Special Basketball Olympics Tournament will be held at Bronte ISD on Saturday, February 13. There are a multitude of areas to volunteer, including referees, medical staff, game books, game clocks, hospitality room, dance, opening ceremonies, awards, skills and concession stand). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tammy Hortenstine at 473-2251 ext.

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# **Obituaries**



Service

J. W. Service, Jr., a fifth generation Texas farmer and rancher, went to be with His Lord and Savior Friday, January 15, 2010, at the Robert Lee Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. J. W. was born October 16, 1927, the oldest child of John Warren and Lelia Ruth Service of Robert Lee and the Graham Community of Texas.

When J. W. found and raised a kit of baby pigeons, his friends affectionately started calling him "Squab", a nickname that stuck the remainder of his life. Squab grew up in the hills of Graham Valley near Sanco, Texas. He graduated from Robert Lee High School in January 1946 after staying additional time so that he could play his favorite game which was football. After graduation Squab joined the Air Force and served at several bases including Scott Field Air Force Base in Illinois, Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, and Camp Kilmer in New Jersey. He was trained and held all qualifications as a radio operator. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal.

J. W. married his high school sweetheart, Ida Belle Eaton, on August 10, 1948. They started their lives together after eloping to Maverick, Texas. They were married by Pastor Fred Blake, the minister of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

J. W. worked 34 1/2 years as a roustabout pumper for Sun Oil Company until his retirement. He also served on the Coke County Water Board, the Robert Lee School board, and served as President of the school board for a number of years.

J. W. was a loving father, brother, adored grandfather Marie Boyd Wylie, 82, of and great-grandfather. was known for his quick wit January 17, 2010, at Croley and easy smile. He never Funeral Home Chapel in met a stranger and loved to Gilmer, with Brother Wayne tease his children and grand- Norvell and Rev. Ann Stevens children. The family has officiating. Interment was in the many fond memories of vaca- Fairview Cemetery, in Bronte, tions and get-togethers at Coke County, their home.

he touched, and we sincerely Home in Gilmer. appreciate his shining example of a godly man.

one brother, Butch, and his Manor Nursing Home. wife Betty Service of San Angelo, his daughter Kathy and her husband, Joe Brasher of San Angelo, his son, Johnny H. and his wife, Sheila of Higgins, Texas, his son Jay Lyn and his wife great-grandchildren.

Visitation was all day the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm San Angelo and later for a until 8 pm. Funeral services doctor and then a dentist in were at 2 pm, Monday, League City, Texas. January 18, 2010, at the also participated in a 30-year Robert Lee Baptist Church, Nurses' Health Study for the officiated by long time fam- Harvard Medical School ily friend Dr. Byron Orand, Health Study from 1976with burial to follow at the 2006, which aided in further-Robert Lee Cemetery, ing the knowledge of Services were under the women's health issues.

direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

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Wylie

Memorial service for Jo He Gilmer, was at 2 pm Sunday, Arrangements were under the J. W. will be missed by all direction of Croley Funeral

Mrs. Wylie was welcomed into the restful peace of He is survived by Ida Belle, heaven on Friday, December his loving wife of 61 years; 18, 2009, in the Upshur

Mrs. Wylie was born September 11, 1927, in Pioneer, Texas, to Joseph Boyd and Sybil Inabnet Boyd. She graduated from Stephenville High School, San Angelo College, and was Celeste of Robert Lee, his a 1948 graduate of the daughter, Konny and her hus- Shannon School of Nursing band, Robert Drennan of in San Angelo, Texas. She Arlington, Texas, his daugh- married Richard (Dick) ter Kaylan and her husband Wylie in Stephenville on July Rod Gardner of Menard, 2, 1948. They recently celeeleven grandchildren and 16 brated their 61st Wedding Anniversary.

As a RN, she worked in a Sunday, January 17, 2010, at pediatrician's office and Shannon Hospital, both in



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The Wylie's lived in San Angelo, Hobbs, New Mexico, League City, Brownwood and Bryan. They recently moved to Gilmer to be closer to their children.

Mrs. Wylie was a long-time member of the Baptist Church, currently a member of Central Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas. She was a member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR) since 1985.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Richard (Dick) Wylie of Gilmer; son, Milton Joe Wylie and wife, Mary Ann of Gilmer; daughter, Barbara Smith and husband, Gary, of Gilmer; four grandchildren, Matthew Milton Wylie and wife Roza, of Toronto, Canada, Meredith Ann Woodchek and husband Mike, of Dallas; Shea Irwin Wylie Smith of Lewisville and Audra Marie Smith of Arlington; great-grandchild Atticus Wylie of Toronto, Canada; sister Jean Sanders of Irving; her loving nieces and nephews; and her loyal dog, Pete.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Charles Boyd and Richard Boyd; and sisters Norma Louise Boyd and Jacqueline Rez Robertson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Kinsman Hospice in Gilmer or to a favorite charity.

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### FUMC-RL to host new service

Wednesday evenings will be new and exciting at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Starting Wednesday, February 3, FUMC-RL will have a worship service at 7 pm.

"This will be very different than what people are used to", Rev Steve Peyton said. It will be music that you hear on Contemporary Christian Radio. This service is for the whole community, not just the Methodist. Assisting in the leadership will be Sam Peyton, a junior at Robert Lee High School who said, "It will be the kind of worship that teenagers will fit into, but it will not be just for youth, but all ages who want to worship". It will be a very casual, come as you are, setting and children are welcome. The worship time will be in the sanctuary with an informal visiting time to follow.

## Weight Management classes slated

Do you need help managing your weight? Free classes are now being offered to learn practical steps to controlling your weight. There is no soliciting at these classes. Come and join us Monday, February 1, at the Robert Lee United Methodist Church from 1 pm to 2 pm. Learn how to get started on managing your weight and much more.

For more information contact FUMC Wesley Nurse Misty McGlothlin, RN at 473-2069.

# Area Churches Invite You to Worship

**Bronte Church of Christ** PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte (325) 473-3291 Preacher John V. Driggers Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Central Baptist Church 324 S. Franklin • Bronte (325) 473-4811 Dale Patterson, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm Worship

**Emmanuel Pentecostal** PO Box 683 •1019 Colorado City Hwy Robert Lee (325) 453-2360 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm First 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. 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship

5:00 Youth First United Methodist Church PO Box 144 •9th & Chadbourne Robert Lee (325) 453-2417 Steve Peyton, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship 5:00 pm Choir Practice Iglesia Bautista Bethel 101 Houston • Robert Lee (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354 Sun. 10 am • Worship 11 am & 6 pm • Service

Wed. 7 pm St. James Catholic Church 215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor Sun. 5 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 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** PO Box 542 •12 miles West of Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy (323) 433-2402 www.pecanbaptist.org 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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship 7 pm, Prayer Meeting Wed. **Tennyson Baptist Church** Hwy 277 • Tennyson 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 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 Forgiven Ministries 117 W. Main, Bronte Russ Frasier, Pastor Sun. 10 am



#### Drennan receives degree from Tech

Brittni Helen Drennan (above photo), daughter of Mindi Helen Drennan and the late Grant Drennan, received her Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University at commencement on December 19, 2009. Her major was Ag Communications from the College of Animal Science and Natural Resources. Brittni plans to continue her education by pursuing a Master's degree at Texas Tech. She is a 2006 graduate of Dawson ISD.

Brittni is the granddaughter of Dolores and Ray Seal of Robert Lee and the late Fred McCabe, Jr., and Joyce and Louie Drennan of Welch. Brittni's brother is Carson Drennan of Lubbock and she is the niece of Debbie and Melvin McCabe, who attended the graduation and family celebration.

# Webb named to Distinguished Students at Tarleton

Cheyenne Webb of Bronte, was recently named to Tarleton State University's Distinguished Students list. Students on the list include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio (GPR) and no grade lower than a 'C,' and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a 'C.' All must be in good standing with the university. Cheyenne is the daughter of Shane and Alisa Webb.

# ASU announces Dec. graduates

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 366 students during 2009 commencement exercises December 12 in San Angelo.

Fall graduates from Robert Lee included Micah A. McDowell, B.A. graduated magna cum laude.

#### Important 2010 Election Dates

Monday, February 1, will be the last day to register to vote for the upcoming March 2 primary election. If you have received your voter registration card, please check the mailing and physical address to make sure they are correct. If they are not, you need to contact the voter registration clerk and make the correction by February 1.

Tuesday, February 16, will be the first day to early vote in person and will continue through Friday, February 26.



Grand Champion! Ashley Royall, a senior at Bronte High School, was a big winner in her final year at this year's county show, taking home awards for Grand Champion Pig, Champion White OPB Pig, and Champion Crossbred Pig.

Tuesday, February 23, will be the last day to applyy for a ballot by mail. This date is when it should be RECEIVED, not postmarked.

When voting, please remember to bring your voter registration card or your driver's license.

If you have any questions regarding elections, please contact County Clerk Mary Grim at 453-2631. For any questions regarding your voter registration card, contact Josie Dean, county tax assessor, at 453-2614.

### CCRTA holds noon luncheon

new member was welcomed when the Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, January 18, 2010. The luncheon was held in the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Corey Cornutt gave the invocation and William Hood presided at the business meeting.

During the business meeting, President Hood called on Supt. Alan Richey and Supt. Aaron Hood for reports on the activities of the Bronte ISD and the Robert Lee ISD.

Sue Lawhon, treasurer, reported that a memorial had been sent to the Retired Teachers Foundation in memory of Fay Roe. The unit also contributed to the campaign fund of District President Lynda Gottschalk who is running for RTA state secretary/treasurer.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 15, 2010. Members attending were; C.B. Barbee, Wanda Brewer, Jamie Boren, Nina Brewer, Harrell Foshee, Janice Foshee, June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, Brenda Hines, William Hood, Charlotte Jackson, Sug Lawhon, Pat Lee, Ida Lou Oliphant, Beth Prather, Gerald Sandusky, Janet Wommack, and Lee Wommack.

Guests present were: David Bedford, Corey Cornutt, Aaron Hood, Alan Richey

The Coke County Library invites all new comers (and any old-timers, too) in the county to come by the library for a library card the cards are free. The Library provides current fiction, Internet access, Inter-library loan, Tex Share, reference materials including cooking, gardening, sports, true crime, regional history, health, and books on CDs.

The Library is just like a bookstore, but its collection The only thing is free. different from a book store is the need to return the material - and returning is easy: The Main Street

and Wayne Simpson. Check Out Coke County Library



Grand Champion! Blake Millican was a multiple winner in his last county stock show, as he is a senior at Robert Lee High School. His long list of champions at this year's show include Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Lambs, Champion and Reserve Champion Finewool Lambs, and Champion Finewool Crossbred Lamb. He also exhibited the Champion Duroc Pig. Blake was also presented the Frank Percifull Memorial Overall Showmanship award, as well as the Ralph Walker Memorial Top Hand award.

Market in Bronte will take it on the counter. returned books, a 24/7 book Library hours are Tuesdays,

drop is on the porch of the 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Libray, and, to return a book Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. inside the Library, just drop Call 453-2495 for information.

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> Thank You, Leroy Casey

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# Steers basketball loses two

On Tuesday, January 12, the Robert Lee High School Steers lost to Sterling City 55-47. Scoring: Justin Gartman 6, Tyler Henderson 4, Sam Peyton 6, Blake Hewitt 2, Stetson Nesbit 9, Haden Dillard 10, Logan Philley 8 and Cayetano Carrera 2.

On Thursday, January 14, the Steers lost to Blackwell 44-38. Scoring: Tyler Henderson 2, Stetson Nesbit 15, Haden Dillard 12, Logan Philley 6 and Cayetano Carrera 1.

## Lady Steers win some, lose some

On Friday, January 8 in Garden City, the Robert Lee High School Lady Steers lost to Garden City 44-23. Stats: Emilee Yanez 1 rebound, Connie Saucedo 2 pts., 6 rebounds, 2 assists, Kimberly Roach 7 pts., 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist, Molli Hinderliter 2 pts, 5 rebounds 1 steal, Luisa Carrera 1 pt., 1 rebound, Briana Brisbin 2 pts, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, Skyler Rainwater 1 rebound, 1 assist, Amanda Mendoza 6 pts., 7 rebounds, 2 assists, and Sarah Walker 3 pts., 3 rebounds and 1 steal.

The JV Lady Steers also lost to Garden City 16-13. Scoring: Jordan Gartman 4, Meagan Ross 2, Diana Vera 1, Victoria Roe 4, Raquel Rojas 1 and Linsey Vallery

On Tuesday, January 12,



Breakfast Monday, January 25

Pancake and sausage on stick, cereal, juice, milk Tuesday, January 26

Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk Wednesday, January 27

Pizza, cereal, juice, milk Thursday, January 28 Cinnamon roll, cereal,

juice, milk Friday, January 29 Pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch Monday, January 25

Burrito, salad, French fries, mandarin oranges, milk Tuesday, January 26

Chicken A La King, rice, egg roll, pineapple yogurt,

Wednesday, January 27 Chicken fajitas, salad, beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, January 28 Rib-b-Que, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll,

orange, milk Friday, January 29

Hamburger, salad, pickles, chips, peaches, milk

the Varsity Lady Steers won against Sterling City 41-27. Stats: Connie Saucedo 4 pts., 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 7 steals, Kimberly Roach 5 pts, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, Mollie Hinderliter 5 pts, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, Luisa Carrera 7 pts, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, Briana Brisbin 2 pts., 1 rebound, 1 steal, Skyler Rainwater 6 pts., 2 rebounds, 2 assists, Amanda Mendoza 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and Sarah Walker 12 pts., 3 rebounds, and 4 steals.

On Thursday, January 14, the Robert Lee High School varsity girls defeated Blackwell 41-25. Stats: Emilee Yanez 1 rebound, 1 assist, Connie Saucedo 2 pts, 1 rebound, 3 assists, Kimberly Roach 4 pts., 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, Molli Hinderliter 6 pts., 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 5 steals, Luisa Carrera 2 rebounds, 2 steals, Briana Brisbin 11 pts., 1 rebound, 2 assists, Skyler Rainwater 4 pts., 8 rebounds, Amanda Mendoza 3 pts., 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, and Sarah Walker 11 pts, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals.

On Thursday, January 14, the JV Lady Steers defeated Eden 34-20. Scoring: Jordan Gartman 12, Meagan Ross 4, Lubbock Roe 2, Victoria Roe 7, Raquel Rojas 9. The JV record is 14-1.

The Lady Steers' record is 11-9 and 2-1 in district play.

#### RLISD School Board recognized

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to help highlight the contributions of dedicated men and women who take the time to care about our local schools. The Robert Lee ISD will join districts across the state to thank board members voluntarily tackling the enormous job of governing local school districts.

As advocates for our children, school board members face difficult challenges. These local citizens, our neighbors, are elected by the community to make critical decisions that directly affect the future of our youth. They work tirelessly, devoting countless hours to help ensure a quality education that will lead our students to success.

The men and women serving Robert Lee ISD include President Kevin Roe, Vice President Wes Washam, Secretary Jeffie Roberts, Trustee Brandi Brosh, Trustee Tod Reed, Trustee Irma Torres, and Trustee Tom Sawyer Jr.

Honors Math

Camp slated Texas State University at

San Marcos is hosting the 21st Annual Texas State Honors Math Camp June 20 -July 31. Eligible applicants are students who will be entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade next school year. Applications are available in the counselor's office at Bronte High School or online www.txstate.edu/mathworks/ applications.html and are due by April 30. The program costs \$2,700, which will include room, board, books, supplies, a copy of Mathematica, and all weekend trips. Scholarships are available.

For more information about the camp, please visit the counselor's office at BHS or call a math camp official at (512) 245-3439.

# ACT Newsletter available

The January edition of the ACT Parent Newsletter is now available online. ACT's free monthly publication helps parents as they guide their children to succeed in middle school and high school.

The new year is an ideal time to make resolutions, including setting academic goals. Parents should encourage their children to take the most rigorous classes available in school. The tougher the classes, the more prepared students will be for college and the workforce.

In this month's edition, parents of juniors will learn 12 strategies to help their student prepare for life after high school. The newsletter contains links to useful websites where students can explore possible majors and occupations.

The January edition also discusses how to combat "senioritis" and offers tips to keep seniors motivated during the last semester of high school. Even after students are accepted to college, colleges still expect them to continue earning good grades.

Parents may read ACT Parent online or subscribe for monthly email delivery.

## State Bar of Texas Announces YouTube Video Contest

The State Bar of Texas is asking Texans to create a 30second video that answers one of two questions:

· Why are lawyers important to our society?

· How is the court system important to our society? The contest offers three

chances to win \$500. Videos may be submitted beginning Jan. 15, 2010. The entry deadline is April 1.

"What if our state - and our country - had no law-



Basketball! The Robert Lee High School Steers (above photo) and Lady Steers basketball teams battled the Blackwell Hornets on Thursday, January 14.



yers? Or no judges? What would happen to our society?" asks State Bar of Texas President Roland K. Johnson. "We want to know what you think."

Prizes will be awarded to individuals or groups in three categories:

- \$500 scholarship for under 18
- \$500 cash for 18 and over • \$500 cash for People's Choice Award

Winners also will receive an expenses-paid trip to the awards presentation April 30

See contest rules and details at texasbar.com/texansonjustice.

Upload entries http://www.YouTube.com/grou p/2010texansonjustice.

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## Beef raffle tickets on sale

The Bronte High School Senior Class is selling raffle tickets for a half side of beef to raise money for project graduation. Tickets are available from a senior or at a home basketball game. The drawing will be held at the Bronte vs Winters basketball game on January 29 in Bronte.

# BISD Board Meeting minutes told

On December 7, 2009, at 7 pm, the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in a regularly scheduled meeting.

Paul Williams opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll Call Establishment of Quorum -At 7:09 pm the Board commenced its regularly scheduled meeting. Those present were Wayne Coalson; Shane Kelton; Doug Tounget; Ouinda Feil-Duncan: Ericka Knight; and Paul Williams. David McWright was absent. Also present were Alan Richey, Superintendant and Burl Lowery - Auditor. Attending this meeting was an audience of seven people.

Reading and Approval of Minutes - Quinda Feil-Duncan made the motion to approve the November minutes as presented. Ericka Knight seconded the motion. Five voted for (Wayne Coalson had not arrived yet) and 0 voted against.

2008-2009 Audit by Burl



**Breakfast** Monday, January 25

Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, January 26 French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Wednesday, January 27 Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, January 28 Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Friday, January 29 Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Lunch Monday, January 25

Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, applesauce, cookies, milk

Tuesday, January 26 Baked potato, chili and

cheese, baby carrots w/ranch, fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday, January 27

Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello, milk

Thursday, January 28

Nachos grande, lettuce and tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, nacho chips, milk Friday, January 29

Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, pork and beans, apple crisp, milk

Lowery - Burl Lowery presented and explained the 2008-2009 BISD audit to the Board. Quinda Feil-Duncan made the motion to approve the audit as presented. Wayne Coalson seconded the motion. Six voted for and 0 voted against.

Audience Items - Bill Thomas presented to the Board a petition to keep the football stadium at its current location, signed by 123 Bronte residents. He also explained to the Board his reasoning and desire to keep the football stadium at its current location. Jerry McCutchen explained to the Board his reasoning and desire to move the football stadium behind the school on the west side of the creek.

Principals Report - Donna Poehls reported to the Board that the Elementary campus has a 2009 Accountability rating of Exemplary with a Gold performance acknowledgements on writing and science. Currently the elementary has 175 students enrolled and is looking forward to the upcoming UIL events. David Bedford reported that the High School has a 2009 Accountability Rating of Recognized with Gold performance acknowledgements in College-Ready Graduates, Recommended High School Program, TSI-ELA, TSI - Mathematics, Commended Social Studies Comparable Improvement in Mathematics. High School attendance of 100, and Junior High of 51.

Technology Plan - Alan Richey presented to the Board the BISD's technology plan with assurances that it met all State/Federal guidelines. Paul Williams made the motion to approve the Technology Plan as presented. Ericka Knight sec- Ericka Knight - 15.75; Shane for and 0 voted against.

Volleyball Tournament - Alan 15.75. Richey recommended January 15, 2010, as the makeup day January Board Meeting for the State Volleyball Alan Richey recommended Tournament. Doug Tounget made the motion to use seconded the motion. Six voted for and 0 voted against.

Legal Counsel - Alan Richey recommended retaining Walsh Anderson of Austin as the law firm for the BISD. The retainer fee is \$1000.00. Shane Kelton made the motion as recommended. Quinda Feil-Duncan seconded the motion. Six voted for and 0 voted against.

Location of the Football

Construction Services, Inc.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NETWORK

School Board Month! Bronte ISD Board of Education members (from left) Shane Kelton, Doug Tounget, Ericka Knight and Quinda Feil-Duncan visit before the start of a recent board meeting. The Board spends countless hours serving the school community. Other current Bronte ISD Board members include David McWright, Wayne Coalson, and Paul Williams.

Stadium - After a lengthy discussion by all parties concerned about the location of the football stadium, Wayne Coalson made the motion to move the stadium behind the school on the west side of the creek and Ouinda Feil-Duncan seconded the motion. Three voted for (Wayne Coalson, Quinda Feil-Duncan, Doug Tounget) and three voted against (Paul Williams, Ericka Knight, Shane Kelton). The vote was tied 3-3 and the motion failed for a lack of a majority.

Superintendants Report -Update on Fairview - Alan Richey informed the Board that the school's current cost of the Fairview retention was \$32,000.00 annually and would rise to \$43,050.00 next year.

Update on Federal Funds -Alan Richey explained to the Board how the Federal Funds flow through the school.

Board Training Hours -Alan Richey informed the Board of its individual training hours - Wayne Coalson -5; Quinda Feil-Duncan - 8; Make Up Day for the State 15.75; and Paul Williams -

> Discuss Date for the Thursday, January 14, 2010.

Discuss Telemedicine -January 15, 2010, as the BISD has been accepted to makeup day. Wayne Coalson participate in the Texas Tech Telemedicine program. Alan Richey suggested the Telemedicine be placed in the existing nursing area. The school has 30 day notice terms for cancellation by either party.

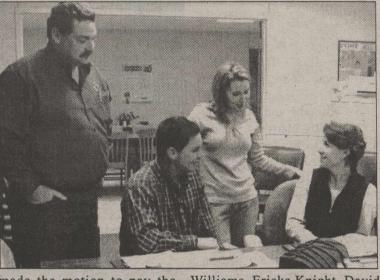
Correspondence - The faculty Christmas party was held at Fort Chadbourne on December 17, 2009, from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Pay Bills - Paul Williams

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made the motion to pay the bills and Ericka Knight seconded the motion. Five voted for, 0 voted against and abstained (Doug one Tounget).

meeting The adjourned.

On December 17, 2009, at 8 pm, the Bronte Board of Trustees met in a special called meeting.

Paul Williams opened the meeting with a prayer.

Call Roll and Establishment of Quorum -At 8 pm, the Board commenced its special called meeting. Those present were David McWright - President; Wayne Coalson; Shane Kelton; Doug Tounget; Quinda Feil-Duncan; Ericka Knight; and Paul Williams. Also present was Alan Richey, Superintendant. Attending this meeting was an audience in excess of 20 people.

Location of Stadium - After a lengthy and lively discusmotion to leave the stadium at its current location and onded the motion. Six voted Kelton - 13; David McWright Ericka Knight seconded the - 15.5; Doug Tounget - motion. The motion failed. Three voted for (Paul

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Williams, Ericka Knight, David McWright) and four voted against (Wayne Coalson, Shane Kelton, Doug Tounget, Quinda-Feil Duncan). Wayne Coalson then made the motion to move the stadium behind the current school location to the west side of the creek and Quinda-Feil Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed. Four voted for (Wayne Coalson, Shane Kelton, Doug Tounget, Quinda-Feil Duncan) and three voted against (Paul Williams, Ericka Knight, David McWright).

Renovation of Stadium -David McWright made the motion to authorize Mr. Richey to go out for Requests for Qualifications to select an Architecture and Engineering firm. Subsequently then to authorize Mr. Richey to request bids for bleachers and specifications, and lights and electrical engineering and Wayne Coalson seconded the motion. Seven voted for and 0 voted against.

Adjournment - Ericka sion, Paul Williams made the Knight made the motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm and Quinda Feil-Duncan seconded the motion. Seven voted for and 0 voted against.

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# Winners named for 70th annual county livestock show

The 70th edition of the Coke County Livestock Show was held this past weekend at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building Robert Lee. This year's show was dedicated to the memory of longtime stock show director and supporter Ernest (Eli) Ybarra.

The action was hot and heavy on Friday night, as Blake Millican exhibited both the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs. This was followed by another multiple champion, as Ryan Everheart showed the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Goats.

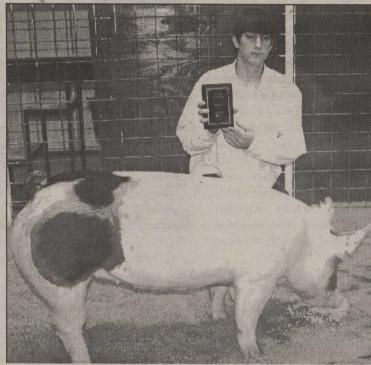
On Saturday morning, Ashley Royall won the top spot in the Pig Show, with her entry being named Grand Champion Pig. Reserve Grand Champion Pig was shown by James Roberts.

The Steer Show followed, with Shandee Vaughn taking the top spot, as her entry was selected as Grand Champion Steer. Reserve Grand Champion Steer was shown by Cambri Kelso.

A delicious barbecue lunch followed at 12 noon, with the Premium Sale beginning at 2 pm. The weather cooperated to make this year's show another big success, coupled with the hard work of all the directors and their wives, husbands, Lightweight Duroc exhibitors and parents.



Meagan Ross displayed this entry to Reserve Champion Duroc Pig honors at this year's show.



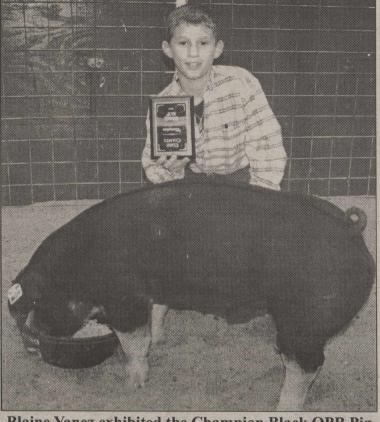
**Exhibiting the Reserve Champion Crossbred Pig** was Zach Skinner.

Market Swine

Complete results of this Madison Wright, 3rd) year's show are included Meagan Ross, 4th) Brady Clawson, 5th) Blaine Yanez

Heavyweight Duroc

1st) Meagan Ross, 2nd) 1st) Blake Millican, 2nd) Cassidy McWright, 3rd) Cody Brosh, 4th) Chelsea Cook, 5th) Briana Brisbin, 6th) James Roberts



Blaine Yanez exhibited the Champion Black OPB Pig at this year's show, along with taking home the Goat Showmanship award.



The Reserve Champion Hampshire Pig at this year's show was fed and exhibited by Moriah Royall. Moriah also won the Swine Showmanship award.

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Champion Duroc - Blake Millican

Reserve Champion Duroc - Meagan Ross

Lightweight Hampshire

1st) James Roberts, 2nd) Kelby Clawson, 3rd) Kacee Roberts, 4th) Kaci Queen, 5th) Rani Coppedge

Middleweight Hampshire 1st) Kaci Queen, 2nd)

Zach Skinner, 3rd) Zach Skinner, 4th) Briana Brisbin, 5th) Cody Brosh, 6th) Autumn Ramon

Heavyweight Hampshire

1st) Moriah Royall, 2nd) Zach Skinner, 3rd) Blake Millican, 4th) Kaci Queen, 5th) Emery McCullough, 6th) Ashley Royall, 7th) Zach Skinner

Champion Hampshire -**James Roberts** 

Champion Reserve Hampshire - Moriah Royall White OPB

1st) Ashley Royall, 2nd) Chelsea Cook, 3rd) Meagan Ross, 4th) Chelsea Cook, 5th) Jael Williams, 6th) Colton King

Champion White OPB -**Ashley Royall** 

Reserve Champion OPB -Chelsea Cook Black OPB

1st) Blaine Yanez, 2nd) Chelsea Cook, 3rd) Kacee Roberts, 4th) Blake Millican, 5th) Carson Kelso, 6th) Kaci Queen, 7th) Briana Brisbin, 8th) Madison Wright

Blaine Yanez

Chelsea Cook Lightweight Crosses

1st) Kaci Queen, 2nd) Royall Cambri Kelso, 3rd) Kaci Queen, 4th) Briana Brisbin, - Zach Skinner 5th) Kandace Skipworth, 6th) Brittany Sutton Heavyweight Crosses

1st) Ashley Royall, 2nd) Market Swine - James



Grand Champion Steer at this year's county show was this Champion European Crossbred Steer shown by Shandee Vaughn.



Cambri Kelso showed her Reserve **Champion European Cross Steer to Reserve** Grand Champion Steer honors.

Champion Black OPB - Zach Skinner, 3rd) Kaci Queen, 4th) Cody Brosh, Reserve Champion OPB - 5th) Zach Skinner, 6th) Blake Millican

Champion Cross - Ashley

Reserve Champion Cross

Grand Champion Market

Swine - Ashley Royall Reserve Champion

Roberts

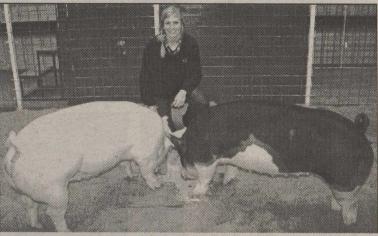
**Market Steers** English Breeds

1st) Kacee Roberts, 2nd) Shandee Vaughn, 3rd) Creed Coalson

American Breeds and Crosses

1st) Carson Kelso, 2nd) Cambri Kelso

Lightweight European Crosses



Chelsea Cook had a couple of Reserve Champions at this year's show, one for her Black OPB and White OPB Pigs.



**Exhibiting the Reserve Grand Champion and** Champion Hampshire Pig was James Roberts.

1st) Shandee Vaughn, 2nd) Cambri Kelso, 3rd) Dalton Ogle

Heavyweight European Crosses

1st) Creed Coalson, 2nd) Carson Kelso, 3rd) Mason Hoyt

Champion European Steer - Shandee Vaughn

Reserve Champion European Steer - Cambri Kelso

Grand Champion Market Steer - Shandee Vaughn

Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer - Cambri Kelso

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Market Lambs

Finewool

1st) Blake Millican, 2nd) Blake Milican, 3rd) Briana Brisbin, 4th) Briana Brisbin, 5th) Colton King

Champion Finewool -Blake Millican

Reserve Champion Finewool - Blake Millican **Finewool Crosses** 

1st) Blake Millican, 2nd) Kacee Roberts, 3rd) Blake Millican, 4th) Briana Brisbin, 5th) James Roberts, 6th) Kacee Roberts, 7th) Briana

**Champion Finewool Cross** - Blake Millican

Champion Reserve Finewool Cross - Kacee Roberts

Medium Wool

1st) Blake Millican, 2nd) Blake Millican, 3rd) Garrett Knight, 4th) Brady Clawson

**Grand Champion Market** Lamb - Blake Millican

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb - Blake Millican

**Market Goats** 

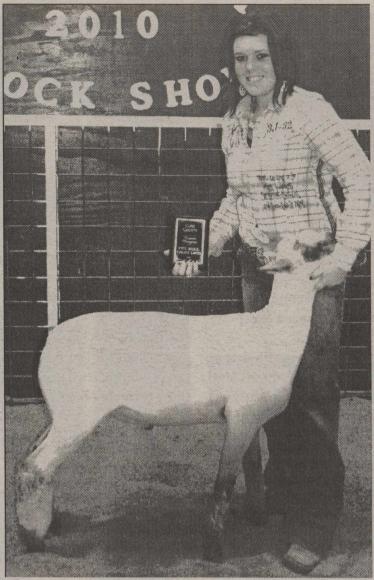
Class 1

1st) Zachary Sanchez, 2nd) Briana Brisbin, 3rd) Jael Williams, 4th) Kimberly Ogle, 5th) Hailey Padgett, 6th) Julian Torres, 7th) Julian Torres, 8th) Corey Padgett, 9th) Kimberly Ogle, 10th) Kimberly Ogle, 11th) Sydney Sheldon, 12th) Aaron Cervenka, 13th) Deedra Harkin, 14th) Colton King Class 2

Ryan Everheart, 3rd) Rachel Sanchez, 6th) Ryan Everheart, 4th) Kiara Burns, Everheart, 7th) Emilee Padgett, 8th) Zachary Kandace Skipworth, 11th) Darby Duncan, 13th) Aaron Duncan Cervenka

Class 3

1st) Briana Brisbin, 2nd) Zachary Sanchez, 3rd) Market Goat - Ryan Rachel Everheart, 4th) Ryan Everheart Everheart, 5th) Emilee Yanez, 6th) Jesse Sheets, 7th) Jael Williams, 8th) Jesse Sheets, 9th) Jael Williams,



**Exhibiting the Reserve Champion Finewool** Cross Lamb was Kacee Roberts.

Roberts, Sanchez

1st) Ryan Everheart, 2nd) Jesse Sheets, 3rd) Kandace Skipworth, 4th) Rachel 1st) Ryan Everheart, 2nd) Everheart, 5th) Zachary 5th) Blaine Yanez, 6th) Jael Yanez, 8th) Corey Padgett, Williams, 7th) Hailey 9th) Emilee Yanez, 10th) Sanchez, 9th) Elexis Blaine Yanez, 12th) Jael Sanchez, 10th) Dalton Ogle, Williams, 13th) Rachel 11th) Kimberly Ogle, 12th) Everheart, 14th) Darby

Goat - Ryan Everheart

RLJH defeats Blackwell

The Robert Lee Junior High 10th) Kiara Burns, 11th) Lady Dogies defeated Dalton Ogle, 12th) James Blackwell 20-11 recently.

13th) Elexis Scoring: Jesse Sheets 4, Taylor Benton 2, Bianca Huapilla 8, Ashlie Tennison 2, Sydney Sheldon 4.

The 7th Grade Dogies defeated Blackwell 15-7. Scoring: Michael Tijerina 2, Jayton Torres 3, James Roberts 3, and Jerry Wofford 2. A good defensive effort was made by J.R. Aldridge, Mason Hill and Tristen Hildebrand.

The RLJH 8th grade boys also defeated Blackwell 23-17. Scoring: Will Howard Grand Champion Market 9, Everett Wilson 2, Efrain Olguin 4, Kevin Saucedo 4, Reserve Grand Champion and Jacob Torres 4. A good defensive effort was made by Michael Curry and Eric Wells.

> Local Scholarships C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship

Seniors at Bronte High School may now go online at The First National Bank of Bronte.

www.bronteisd.net to apply for local scholarships. The Bronte Community Scholarship application and the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship applications are available under the Counselor's Corner link under Scholarships. These applications are due in the counselor's office on or by April 13, 2010. Please note that current college students

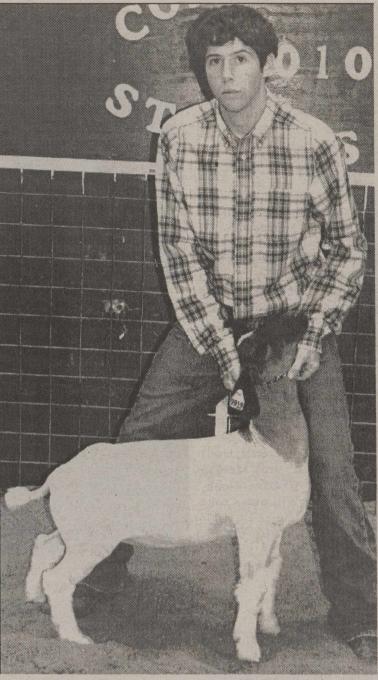
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Ryan Everheart dominated this year's goat show, winning the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Goat awards, after winning two of the four goat classes.

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Briana Brisbin, shown with (buyers) her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ragsdale, was Champion of Class 3 in the Goat Show, along with taking home the Lamb Showmanship award.

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The Permian Basin Area Foundation has posted the Marie Hall Scholarship for students who are attending or are planning on attending one of the following schools: Angelo State University, Howard College, Sul Ross State University, Texas Tech, Odessa College, Midland College or the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Applications available www.pbaf.org. Applications for this scholarship are due May 31, 2010.

Lions Club Scholarship

The Lion's Club is sponsoring an "Outstanding Youth Award" contest for current junior and senior high school students. The Contest Winner will receive a check for \$1,500 and the District Runner-Up will receive a check for \$1,000. Applicants should have a record of community service to apply. Please see Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor, for a copy of the rules and an application. The deadline to apply is March 1.

The Lion's Club is also sponsoring a "Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest" for current junior and senior high school students. The District Winner will receive a check for \$1,500 and the District Runner-Up will receive a check for \$1,000. You do not have to have diabetes to www.collegeboard.com for the



Kacee Roberts (center) was awarded the Clay Antilley Memorial Steer Showmanship Award at this year's county livestock show. Presenting the award was (from left to right) Kei Antilley, Cara Eaton, Tommy Antilley, Kyla Millican, and Casey Antilley.

Please see Mrs. Timmerman for a copy of the application and rules.

## Miss Snake Charmer Pageant slated

The Sweetwater Jaycees Pageant Committee is getting ready for the 2010 Miss Snake Charmer Pageant to be held March 11, where a total of \$2,500 will be distributed. Applicants should be between the ages of 16-19 years old and the deadline to apply is February 14. Applications are now available in the counselor's office at Bronte High School.

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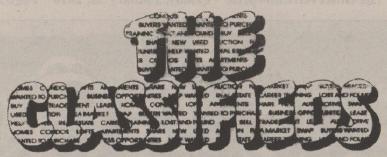
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# NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY PATTERSON KELLY, Deceased, were issued on January 12, 2010, in the above-captioned cause pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to DANNY KELLY, c/o Gerald R. Ratliff, at Ratliff & Edwards, P.O. Drawer 1588, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Bronte Health & Rehab Center is currently accepting applications for: CNA's (All Shifts)

> For more information: (325) 473-3621, Lindsey or Sue Ann

All person having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time an in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: January 12, 2010 Gerald R. Ratliff Attorney for Estate State Bar No: 16566000 125 South Irving Street P.O. Box 1588 San Angelo, TX 76902 Telephone: (325) 653-6767 Facsimile: (325) 655-3808 27-1tc

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: January 14, 2010

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# ..."Opt-out" Scams (Continued from Page 9)

The problem has grown in recent months, thanks to deceptive merchants taking advantage of lower advertising costs to reach broader audiences. Visa, which monitors the merchant payment system, found that merchants using deceptive marketing practices have up to 20 times as many consumer disputes as average e-commerce merchants.

In response the FTC, the Better Business Bureau and Visa have joined forces to educate the public about negative option marketing and how to avoid being victimized. Among the steps they recommend are:

• Read and understand all terms and conditions (the fine print) before completing any transaction.



# Benito Torres "Benny"

January 25

You would've been 48 today, But God had other plans for you. He needed a great hunter

and fisherman,
So he picked you.
I'm sure that hunting
And fishing is excellent
in heaven, for
Everything there is
perfect and right.
I keep asking God to
bless me and help me
Keep my faith, for with

Side I will be okay.

I love you and miss
you, Irma

God and you on my

• Pay particular attention to any pre-clicked boxes before submitting your payment card information.

• Always review your monthly credit and debit card statements to spot any unauthorized charges.

If you're being victimized by unauthorized recurring charges or inadvertently signed up for them, first try to resolve the situation with the merchant. Look for cancellation instructions on their website or call customer service.

If they can't or won't resolve the problem, contact the financial institution that issues your card and dispute the charges. As part of your cardholder agreement, they will advocate on your behalf with the merchant's bank.

Also report the problem to the Better Business Bureau ideally, with the local chapter where the merchant is head-quartered. And finally, report abusive marketing practices to the FTC's complaint assistance center at www.ftc.gov/complaint.

To learn more about protecting yourself from e-commerce scams, visit Visa's dedicated web page at www.visa.com/dmp.



All-State! Several Bronte High School football players were named to the Academic All-State Football team. They included (from left to right) Crawford James - Honorable Mention Academic All-State, Jacob Scott - Second Team Academic All-State, Louie Martinez - Second Team Academic All-State and Rob Rosson - First Team Academic All-State.

Send your news in through the internet.

Email: o-e@wcc.net

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

# God Reveals Himself to the Righteous

Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. • I Corinthians 15:49

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant. • Psalm 25:14

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known His way unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel. • Psalm 103:6-7

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: And His righteousness endureth forever. He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. He hath given meat unto them that fear (reverence) Him: He will ever be mindful of His covenant. He hath shown His people the power of His works, that He may give them the heritage of the heathen. • Psalm 111:2-6

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# Political Profiles



Mary Grim

I am a candidate for reelection to the office of County/District Clerk. I have worked 14 years for the County. Ten years of this time I have served as the County/District Clerk. I have lived in Coke County for 35 years.

I was born in San Angelo and grew up attending schools there. I graduated from Lake View High School. I have two children, Sheri Hood of Henrietta and Steve Ebenstein of Greenwood. They both attended Robert Lee ISD. I have seven grandchildren, Deisa, Sterlin, Denver, Kambree, Darbey, Slade and Sawyer. I am a member of Robert Lee Baptist Church.

After graduation, I began working at West Side National Bank as a bookkeper, taking some banking courses. I have also worked at North Park National Bank in Dallas, where I was over the collections department. I also worked 14 years at Coke County Pharmacy. Before going to work for the County as a deputy clerk, I worked at Texas State Bank in San Angelo.

I was active in school activities such as Band Boosters, Sports Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. I worked as a teacher and director of the primary department at the Baptist Church for seven years. I served 12 years on the Robert Lee ISD School Board. While on the board, I served as President, Vice-President and Secretary. I have served on the Coke County Child Welfare Board and presently serve on the Coke County Library Board.

I enjoy working around the house but spending time with my grandchildren is what I really enjoy most, "they are the light of my life".

I have enjoyed serving the people of Coke County as your County/District Clerk for the last 11 years. I am still learning about County government and continue to see many changes. With legislation changing from year to year, I promise to get my continuing education so I can provide the best service possible in the most effective way.

The Clerk's office has an open door policy and my goal remains the same, to continue the great service you have received from this office in the most cost effective way. Courtesy and efficiency are the main requirements of this office. If you haven't had to chance to visit the clerk's office to see what we do, I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to visit us. We would be glad to give you a tour and explain our job as the records keeper of the County.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote and

support for the office of County/District Clerk on March 2.

#### Most ID Theft Low-Tech

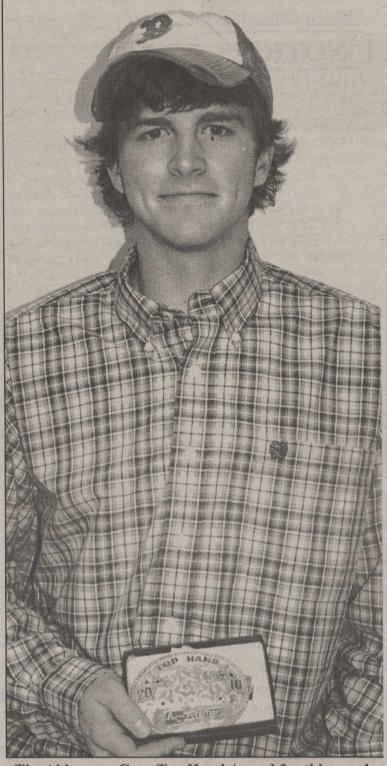
Identity theft claimed more than 10 million victims in the U.S. in 2008, according to the Better Business Bureau.

Of the cases where consumers knew how their identity was compromised, stolen wallets and physical documents accounted for 43 percent of all identity theft, while online methods accounted for only 11 percent. 'Consumers must remain vigilant and continue adhering to the adage, 'trust, but verify,' when it comes to providing personal information," says Steve Cox of the Council of Better Business Bureaus. For information about how to protect your identity, www.ProtectYourIDNow.org.

# Scareware Attacks On The Rise

Computer experts are reporting that scareware -- yet another sneaky technique used by hackers to steal personal information and spread viruses online -- is on the rise. Recently, companies like Google, Twitter and the New York Times have been exploited by hackers as part of scareware attacks on consumers.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following advice for protecting yourself from attack: never let your guard down, as these attacks can happen on trusted sites; protect your computer with the latest software updates and antivirus software; and take immediate action during an attack, such as forcing the window to close through your task manager.



The Alderman Cave Top Hand Award for this year's county livestock show was presented to Cody Brosh.

We are proud of all of the participants and winners of the 2010 Coke County Junior Livestock Show!

# Web Surfing & Picture Mail!

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