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## Early primary voting begins Tuesday, Feb. 16

Early voting for the upcoming primary election begins in Coke County on Tuesday, February 16 and will continue through Friday, February 26. Early voting will be conducted at the courthouse in Robert Lee, from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm on Friday.

In addition, branch polling will be conducted at the First National Bank in Bronte on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, February 16 and 17, and February 23 and 24, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. When voting, please remember to bring your voter registration card or your driver's license.

Primary elections are held in March of even-numbered years to determine the Democratic and Republican candidates to be on the ballot in the November General Election. The 2010 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 2.

Coke County offices up for election in 2010 are County Judge, County/District Clerk, County Treasurer, County Commissioners for Precincts 2 and 4, and both Justices of the Peace.

Those filing for local county offices include: Coke County Judge - Roy Blair (Democratic Primary); Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 - Grady Coulter (Democratic Primary); Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 - Jackie Walker and Judy Gartrell (Democratic Primary), and Leroy Casey, (Republican Primary); County/District Clerk - Mary Grim (Democratic Primary); County Treasurer - Kathi Cox and Ronny Brown (Democratic Primary), and Hal Spain (Republican Primary); County Commissioner, Precinct 2 - Robert Feil and Wendell Lee (Democratic Primary); and County Commissioner, Precinct 4 - Bobby Blaylock and Joe Sefcik (Democratic Primary).

In addition, County Chairs for the Democratic and Republican Parties will be elected in the March Primary. Linda Burns has filed for re-election as Democratic

County Chair. David Kitten has filed as Republican County Chair.

Other important information concerning the primary includes the last day to apply for a ballot by mail, which is February 23. This date is when it should be RECEIVED, not POSTMARKED.

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.

### Early rainfall total for 2010 yields up to seven inches

by Hal Spain, Publisher  
El Nino is on a roll in Texas, and Coke County is getting her share of the early moisture this year. As a result of last week's rainfall, the county was doused with another two to three inches of moisture, depending on where you live.

As a result, most locations in the county are boasting up to five inches of rainfall, just over a month into the new year, and some places on the east side of the county have recorded up to seven inches so far in 2010.

Temperatures remain awfully cold this winter. If it keeps this up, we should set some kind of record, as far as I'm concerned. There's always a silver lining, it seems, and this year's cold weather should kill a lot of bugs, I think.

And the abundant moisture should make these wheat pastures turn to a sea of green, as soon as we have a few warm days. I'm looking forward to whenever those days arrive. I've just about worn out a set of insulated coveralls and rubber boots this year. Seems like I'm either putting them on or taking them off, depending on whether I'm at the barn or getting to the office. All in all, it's a pretty nice problem to have. We don't have to look too far back to remember when we were evacuating the city and trying to move



most of our treasured belongings and livestock in advance of one of the most threatening range fires in the history of this county. That puts everything in perspective, I think. It also makes the cooler temperatures and muddy boots not nearly as big an issue.

### Valentine's Day Get-Away & Bake Sale

The Robert Lee State Bank Relay For Life team will be selling chances for a Valentine's Get-Away that will include a one night stay for 2 at the Hummer House in Christoval; \$25 gift card at Logan's Restaurant; 2 Mexican dinners at Henry's Diner; 2 movie passes to Cinemark Tinseltown and a heart box of Russell Stover chocolates. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be on Friday, February 12, 2010 at noon at the courthouse. Contact any of the following team members for chances: Valerie Howard, Brenda Skinner, Stephanie Puentez, Maria Tijerina, Robin Longoria, Lisa Service, D'Ann Eubanks, Teresa Millican, or DeeAnna

Harmon at 453-2545.

There will also be a Valentine's Day Bake Sale at the Robert Lee State Bank on Friday, February 12, 2010 starting at 9:00 am. There will be casseroles, cakes, pies, hot rolls and more. All proceeds will benefit the Coke County Relay For Life. Call 453-2545 for more information or to place an order.

### Bronte Chamber Banquet set for February 20

The annual community banquet, sponsored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, February 20, at 6 pm at the Bronte Community Center. Advance tickets may be purchased at Hometown Hardware beginning Monday, February 8.

### 2010 Street Affair fundraising kicks off with Valentine's Day dance

The Robert Lee Street Affair committee is hosting a Valentine's Day dance Saturday night, February 13, from 8 pm to midnight at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Crow

Haven will provide the music.

Children 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent. BYOB and setups are available.

For more information, contact Toni Rainwater at 453-4317.

### Sherrill benefit set for February 27

Robert Lee's own Driftwood country dance band is back together for one special night on Saturday, February 27, 9:00 pm, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. The purpose for the return engagement is a benefit dance for the Ann and Charles Sherrill family of Robert Lee.

All proceeds will benefit the Sherrill family. For more information, contact David at 234-3460 or Scott at 763-7418.

### Blood Drive set

Straight from the Heart Blood Drive, Thursday, Feb. 18th, 3-6 pm, Robert Lee Baptist Church; All donors receive free T-Shirt and are included in drawings for rodeo tickets, Mr. Boots gift certificates, and George Strait autographed jacket!



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**Obituaries**



**Barbee**

Following a battle to recover from injuries suffered in a fall while working at his home, C.B. Barbee, 88, of Bronte succumbed Tuesday night, February 2, 2010, at a San Angelo hospital. In his passing, he is remembered as a man of enormous compassion and integrity who will be greatly missed by the community he served so many years.

Visitation was held all day Friday, February 5, 2010, with the family present from 4 to 7 pm. Funeral service was held at 2 pm Saturday, February 6, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte, with burial following at Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

C.B. was born to John Randolph (Rip) Barbee and Maggie Neely Barbee in Rule, Texas on July 5, 1921. Then known as Beraline, he and his twin sister Geraline were the fifth and sixth of nine children. He graduated from Rule High School in 1939, then matriculated to Howard Payne College in Brownwood, where his college career was interrupted by his service in World War II. After the war, he returned to earn a Bachelor of Science degree at Howard Payne, and a Masters of Education degree from the University of Texas.

C.B. served the Public Schools of Texas for 35 years as a Teacher, Coach, Principal, and Superintendent, the last 25 as Superintendent of Schools at Bronte I.S.D., the longest tenure in the history of Bronte or Coke County. He was President of the Texas Small Schools Association in 1971-72. He

served on numerous educational committees at the state level and worked closely with Governor Preston Smith on legislation of benefit to Texas small schools. He was active in the Texas Retired Teachers Association, serving for several years as District XV President.

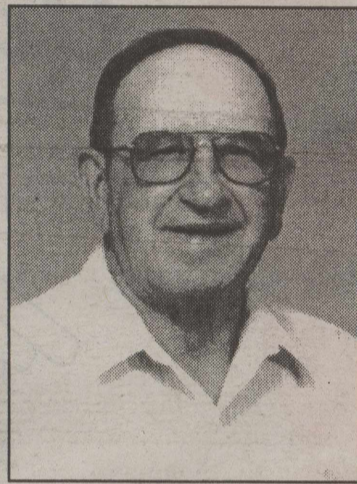
C.B. taught Sunday School classes in the Baptist church for more than 50 years. He was ordained a Deacon in 1951 and was a faithful member of the church until his death. With his wife, Wanda, he participated in more than 50 Baptist Lay Renewals in Texas, and served two years as the Director of the Adult Camp at the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment at Lake Brownwood. For many years, he was a consultant volunteer in the Mission Service Corp of Texas.

For 20 years Mr. Barbee was director of the Bronte Community Chest. He belonged to Lions Club International for 45. He was selected Citizen of the Year by the Bronte Lions Club in 1981, Citizen of the Year by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce in 1992, and with wife, Wanda, he was selected Pioneer of the Year by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce in 2005 and 2007.

C.B. served in the Army Air Corps from 1942-1945. He was a member of the famed 339th Fighter Squadron that shot down Admiral Yamamoto in the South Pacific on April 18, 1943. He served in aircraft maintenance and before war's end

he was elevated to Line Chief, in charge of all the squadron's legendary P-38 aircraft.

He married Wanda Sue Nelson on May 23, 1948, who survives him. He fathered three sons; Randy of New York; Alan of Arlington, Texas; and Ricky, who died in infancy in 1955. He had one daughter, Leah Rosson, of Bronte. His daughters-in-law are Ina Mayhew and Cara Barbee, and his son-in-law is Kerry Rosson. He is survived by eight wonderful grandchildren: Anna Smith; Jesse, Rob, Caleb and Addie Rosson; and by Nelson, Caitlyn, and Alyssa Barbee. He is also survived by two energetic great-grandchildren: Ethan and Elizabeth Smith. He has one surviving brother, Ernest, of Canton, Texas.



**Landers**

Marvin Hollis Landers, 85, passed away on Monday, February 8, 2010 at Meadow Creek Nursing Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home all day Thursday, February 11, 2010, with the family present from 5 pm to 7 pm. Funeral service will be at 2 pm Friday, February 12, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery. Services will be conducted by Gary Bivins and assisted by Cory Cornut. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Marvin was born on May 8, 1924, to Jess and Susie Landers. He married Snookye Bell on July 31, 1948. They joined First

Baptist Church of Bronte on February 16, 1947, and were baptized together by the Rev. Reuben Blake. They had many beautiful years together and were so fortunate to share that time with their daughter, Paula Jane and her family. She and her family were one of their greatest joys in life.

Pallbearers will be James Tidwell, Bill Thomas, Wayne Coalson, James Lynn Vaughn, Ray Barnett, and Kyle Donaldson. Honorary pallbearers are Royce Fancher and Harold Halfmann.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Edna Florence, Velma Hall, and Mildred Lee; along with one brother, Jerry Landers.

Marvin is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Snookye Landers of Bronte; his daughter, Paula Jane McGinley of San Angelo; his grandson, Blake Rolls and his wife, Nicole; his great-grandsons, Ashton and Avery all of San Angelo; his sister, Mattie McKay of Clyde, Texas; his nephews, J. O. Landers, Jody Luttrell, Maxc Luttrell, and Jason Donaldson; his nieces, Elaine Donaldson and her husband Kyle of Sonora, Traci Hart, Sandra, Susan, and Sally. There are two very special friends that we have counted on for so long and they are Gene Allen Sherrod and Sissy Burson. They are our family.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Dr. Anderton and the special

staff at Meadow Creek Nursing Home for taking such good care of Pa.

We love you Pa and will all see you again one day. You will always be with us and will remain forever in our hearts.

**Bronte Health & Rehab Auxiliary to meet**

Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 18 in the living room of BHRC for a luncheon meeting. This is our first meeting of the new year since the January meeting was cancelled. Lots of things will be happening soon--Spring dance and Easter and it's not too soon to begin thinking about our big July 4 celebration. Please try to attend this meeting. All members and help are appreciated. For more information, call Lanette Fletcher (473-6791) or Janet Wommack (473-5388).

**West Coke County EMS Memorials**

**In memory of Raymond Bloodworth**

Robbie and Lynn Beal  
**Texas Sage Donations and Memorials**

Donations and Memorials received for Texas Sage and Upkeep of the Robert Lee Cemetery through February 9, 2010. In Memory of:

Freeman and Willie Clark  
Carleen (Clark) Craddock  
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Bell (Grammie & Papa)

Carleen (Clark) Craddock  
Donations may be mailed to Linda Burns, 981 Paint Creek Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945

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Preacher John V. Driggers  
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Dale Patterson, Pastor  
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Wed. 6 pm

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
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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,  
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6 pm Youth  
and Worship  
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

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**Presidents' Day Closings**

The city offices for both Bronte and Robert Lee, along with the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Monday, February 15, 2010, in observance of Presidents' Day.

**City of Bronte to hold election**

A General Election will be held on May 8, 2010 to elect a Mayor and three councilmembers for two-year terms to the Bronte City Council. The terms of Mayor Gerald Sandusky, Councilmember Jim Guthrie, Councilmember Buzz Gohman and Councilmember Jennifer Stango will expire. The deadline to apply for a place on the ballot is 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2010. Candidate applications may be picked up from the City Secretary at the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington. For information, you can call 473-3501.

**CCRTA to meet**

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 15, 2010. The noon luncheon will be held at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

**Cancer Survivors wanted for relay**

Survivors are the heart of any Relay For Life event. A survivor is anyone who has ever heard the words "You have cancer". We invite all cancer survivors in Coke County to attend Relay For Life on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the RLISD track/football field.

Our goal is to create a world where more people survive cancer so they can celebrate another birthday. This year more than 11 million people will be able to do that thanks to the support of millions of dedicated Relay participants.

Survivors are the guests of honor at Relay. The Coke County Relay For Life events offers survivors special purple T-shirts in their honor. Our Relay will open with the Survivors Lap where survivors lead the way around the track while being honored and applauded by all participants. Being a part of the Survivors Lap allows survivors to celebrate what they've overcome while inspiring and motivating their community to fight back against cancer. Survivors are proof that cancer can be defeated!

Relay For Life is also a great way for people to meet other survivors in their own community. In many communities, survivors form their own teams, join the Relay committee, or volunteer for the American Cancer Society in other ways.

If you would like to participate in this year's Survivors Lap or other activities, please call Rhonda Hood, 453-2065 or Glenda Draper, 473-2050. Please

register by February 22, 2010 in order to guarantee your new purple t-shirt.

**Free ESL classes offered**

English as a second language classes will be offered beginning Monday, February 15th at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. The classes are free. If anyone would like to help tutor the students we could always use extra volunteers. If you are interested in tutoring or if you would like to attend the classes please contact Misty McGlothlin at 473-2069 or Sherry Peyton at 453-2417 for more information.

**Special Olympics Basketball Tourney volunteers needed**

The 2nd Annual Special Olympics Basketball 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. 141.

**"SOAR" worship continues this Wednesday**

First United Methodist Robert Lee continues "SOAR" on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. This contemporary worship service is for the whole community with modern music, youth involvement, and time for prayer. With a "come as you are" casual approach, Rev. Steve Peyton wants everyone to feel welcome.

**Check Out Coke County Library**

In honor of the season of hearts and flowers, the Coke County Library is asking patrons to search their book shelves for any Coke County Library books and return them with no charges



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**Engagement Announced!** Gerald and Paula Rodgers and Jerry and Jamie Woods are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Hope Woods to Brandon Kyle Poehls, son of Terry Poehls and Donna Poehls of Bronte.

Jennifer graduated from Hamlin High School in 2004 and Hardin-Simmons University in 2007 with a degree in accounting. Jennifer is currently employed by Davis Kinard and Company, PC in Abilene, Texas. Brandon graduated from Bronte High School in 2002 and Tarleton State University in 2006 with a degree in Agribusiness and Economics. Brandon is currently employed by Triangle P Development Corporation in Bronte, Texas.

The couple is planning to be wed on June 5, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Hamlin, Texas.

attached.

A new record system is being planned and the Library would like to clear as many records as possible before the new system is put into operation.

New books have arrived and are on the shelves ready to be checked out during this cold and wet "curl-up-with-a-good-book season."

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

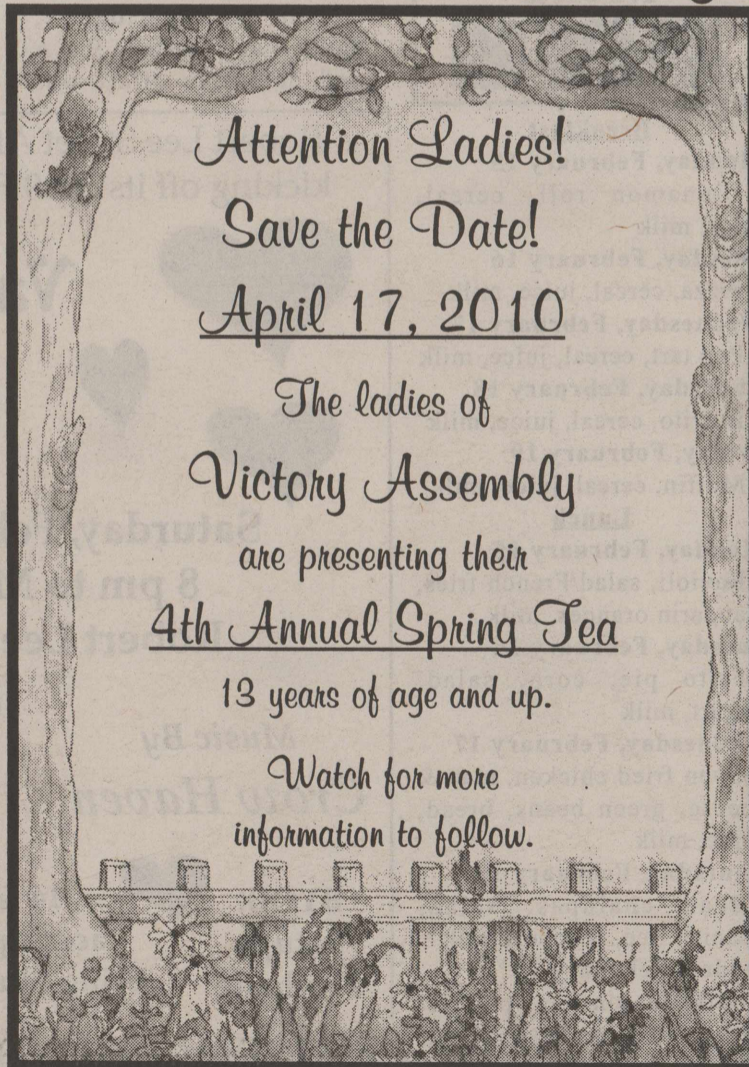


*Happy Valentine Day*

*Attention Ladies!  
Save the Date!  
April 17, 2010*

*The ladies of  
Victory Assembly  
are presenting their  
4th Annual Spring Tea  
13 years of age and up.*

*Watch for more  
information to follow.*





# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## RLISD sets early release day

On Wednesday, February 24th, the Robert Lee Independent School District will release all students at 12:00 noon. All RLISD faculty and staff members will be participating in on campus staff development that afternoon, thus requiring an early release for the students.

Please make arrangements to pick up your children at the early release time. The buses will be running at 12:00 noon. Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 for any questions concerning the early release.

## Baseball/Softball meeting slated

A meeting in the Robert Lee High School Cafeteria at 5:30 on Wednesday February 24 is planned. Everyone needs to make this meeting so coaches can be determined for each team.

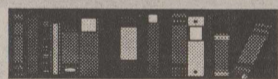
The deadline to sign up is March 1st. If you have any questions, please call Brandi at 325-716-8319 and leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Lady Steers take win over WV

The Robert Lady Steers defeated the Water Valley Lady Wildcats, 45-38.

Scoring: Connie Saucedo 2, Kimberly Roach 2, Mollie Hinderliter 14, Briana Brisbin 4, Skyler Rainwater 3, Amanda Mendoza 8, Sarah Walker 12

## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, February 15**  
Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

**Tuesday, February 16**  
Pizza, cereal, juice, milk

**Wednesday, February 17**  
Pop tart, cereal, juice, milk

**Thursday, February 18**  
Burrito, cereal, juice, milk

**Friday, February 19**  
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, February 15**  
Ravioli, salad/French fries, mandarin oranges, milk

**Tuesday, February 16**  
Frito pie, corn, salad, yogurt, milk

**Wednesday, February 17**  
Oven fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, bread, apple, milk

**Thursday, February 18**  
Bean chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, peaches, milk

**Friday, February 19**  
Barbecue on bun, pickles, chips, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, milk

The Lady Steers are currently placing 2nd in District with a District Record of 6-3.

## Steers varsity lose two

The Steers varsity lost to Blackwell by a score of 51-43. Scoring: Justin Gartman 5, Sam Peyton 4, Stetson Nesbit 17, Haden Dillard 11 and Logan Philley 6.

The Steers varsity lost to Water Valley by a score of 84-58. Scoring: Justin Gartman 4, Tyler Henderson 3, Sam Peyton 4, Stetson Nesbit 21, Haden Dillard 15, Logan Philley 9 and Tanner Hanigan 2.

## RLJH girls results

The RLJH girls won a very exciting game against Westbrook by a score of 24-23. Scoring: Jesse Sheets 2, Taylor Benton 4, Bianca Huapilla 6, Ashlie Tennison 3 and Sidney Sheldon 9.

The girls lost to Sterling City 48-16. Scoring: Sheets 2, Huapilla 10 and Sheldon 4.

The girls also lost to Water Valley 28-12. Scoring: Sheets 2, Huapilla 6 and Hanna Hamrick 4.

## RL Dogies win 3rd in District Tournament

In the 1st round of the District tournament, Robert Lee defeated Sterling City by a score of 37-21.

Scoring: Will Howard 11, JR Aldridge 2, Tristen Hildebrand 2, Efrain Olguin 6, Kevin Saucedo 6, Eric Wells 3, James Roberts 1 and Jerry Wofford 6.

In the 2nd round, Robert Lee was defeated by Water Valley by a score of 43-21. Scoring: Howard 6, Michael Tijerina 1, Aldridge 1, Olguin 4 and Saucedo 9. A good defensive effort was

made by Shelby Davis and Everett Wilson.

In the 3rd round Robert Lee won over Blackwell by a score of 27-17. Scoring: Howard 12, Olguin 3, Saucedo 6, Wells 3, Roberts 2 and Wofford 1. Good defensive effort by Mason Hill and Michael Curry.

The Dogies finished 3rd in the tournament. They had a 7-6 record for the season and a marked improvement was noticed by the coaching staff.

## UTPB Falcon makes promise

UTPB is announcing the Falcon Promise Program for students from families making \$60,000 per year or less! Beginning Fall 2009, students who are Texas residents and Pell Grant eligible can acquire a quality, four-year education at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin with 12 hours of tuition per semester covered by the Falcon Promise Program.

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Have been accepted to UTPB

The Falcon Promise Program will cover tuition and mandatory fees. The program will not cover books, room/board, supplies, or miscellaneous expenses.

Prospective UTPB students must enroll in a minimum of

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Funding for this new program comes from federal and state need-based aid as well as institutional funds.

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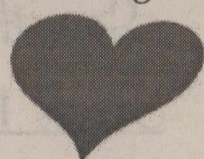
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Robert Lee Street Affair Committee is kicking off its 2010 Fundraising with a



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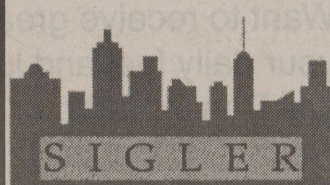
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Youth place at UIL Meet!** Mikayla Fraune placed 5th and Caleb Rosson placed 4th in UIL Spelling at the Irion County UIL Invitational Meet.

## Bronte High Band wins medals

On Saturday, February 6, students from the Longhorn Band competed in Brownwood at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. Thirteen of these students

received first division (superior) medals on their solos. Megan Yakley on flute - Cindy Davila, Mikayla Fraune, Stacia Emfinger, and Carlos Fuentes on clarinet, Leticia Pena on alto saxophone, Dalton Ogle on tenor saxophone, Deedra Harkins and Kyle Kelton on trumpet, Maria Franco and Jaylon Seales on French horn, Jensen Reed on trombone, and Jonathan Dannheim on timpani all received medals.

Students who received excellent ratings were as follows: Shelbe Amendt and Chris James on French horn, John Deller on trumpet, Fred Arthur on trombone, Crystal Bilbrey on baritone, Ricky Amendt and Mason Stevens-Smith on tuba. Brenda Perez received a good rating on her baritone solo.

Mr. Dannheim is extremely proud of all students who participated in the contest. Every student is a much better player than when they started this process the second week in January. The next big event for the high school band is the chicken spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 7. Please see a band student for a ticket. The tickets are \$6 each. This fundraiser for the band was a great success last year. Also, the band will have regular Monday night rehearsals beginning on February 22 through April 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to prepare for the April 14 UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest in Llano. The band will not practice on Monday night the week of spring break.

Jonathan Dannheim performs as a member of the



**Medal Winning Students!** Thirteen members of the Bronte High School Band earned First Division Medals on their solos at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest in Brownwood.

ATSSB All-State band Saturday the thirteenth in San Antonio at the Texas Music Educators Association convention. Jonathan was one of only 13 Class A students to make the All-State band which consists of students from 1A, 2A, and 3A. The percussion in this band is selected through rigorous tryouts in which students from all three classes compete against each other on snare drum, mallet percussion, and timpani.

The band appreciates Mrs. Ellis for her piano accompaniment on Saturday and expresses its condolences to the Rosson family in their loss.

## ACT and SAT Tests to be offered in Bronte

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High

School on April 10, 2010 and the SAT test will be offered on May 1, 2010 at other locations in the surrounding area. Registration is open to anyone, but juniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the high school counselor's office or online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT test and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for the SAT test. Fee waivers are also available for students who are on free or reduced lunches. In order to avoid late fees, please register by March 5, 2010 for the ACT test and March 25, 2010 for the SAT test. For more information, please call the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2521. Free study guides are available in the counselor's office and all high school students at BHS have a password that allows them

access to the web site ACT Online Prep to help prepare for the test.

## Bronte Longhorns win two

The Longhorns defeated Winters by a score of 36-28. Stats: Rob Rosson 11 pts., 6 rebounds, 3 assists, Ernesto Casillas 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 6 pts., 5 rebounds, Heath Richey 10 pts., 6 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls 7 pts., 4 assists and 3 steals.

In OT, the Longhorns defeated Albany by a score of 60-57. Stats: Rob Rosson 8 pts., 13 rebounds, Ernesto Casillas 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 21 pts., 8 rebounds, Heath Richey 5 pts., 5 rebounds, 7 assists and Kerwin Rawls 24 pts.

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### Breakfast

#### Monday, February 15

Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk

#### Tuesday, February 16

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

#### Wednesday, February 17

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

#### Thursday, February 18

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

#### Friday, February 19

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, February 15

Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, fruit, Texas toast, cookie, milk

#### Tuesday, February 16

Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, apple crisp, pinto beans, milk

#### Wednesday, February 17

Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk

#### Thursday, February 18

Chicken fajita, refried beans, seasoned corn, flour tortilla, apricot cobbler, milk

#### Friday, February 19

Pizza, tossed salad, corn, fruit, pink panther cake, milk

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**WCCHD minutes reported**

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met Monday, January 25, 2010, in regular session in the conference room at the Robert Lee Care Center. Members present were Mary Bessent, Dessie Kendall, Marilyn White, and Pat Stephens. Others present were Janie Munoz, Business Office Manager, and Roger Alexander, Administrator. President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM, and declared there was a quorum. Roger Alexander gave the invocation. There were no visitors.

Absent Board members Marilyn White and Mike Lomas were excused from the November meeting. The minutes from the November 30 and January 12 meetings were approved.

In the staffing update, Roger shared the need to increase the staff in the Alzheimer's unit because there are currently 9 residents in the unit. He is looking at the possibility of hiring some more CNAs.

The Board discussed accounts receivable, and no action was needed at this time.

In discussing public relations, the Board was informed that discharge planners in the area will receive a visit from facility representatives, and the Care Center webpage and signs are still pending.

Roger provided the Board members copies of the yearly audit which was completed in November. There were no significant difficulties encountered in performing and completing the audit, and it was accepted.

In the report on capital projects, Roger reported a new RO water system has been purchased and installed. Roger and the Board discussed the renovation of the dining room at the facility, and it was decided that Roger would contact an interior designer and architect; then bring a list of ideas and costs before the Board for review. Roger will also inquire about the possibility of adding some storage areas in the facility.

An election has been called for May 8, 2010, for three seats on the Board of Directors. This will be posted in the Observer/Enterprise, and petitions can be picked up at the Administrator's office in February.

Relay for Life is fast approaching, and the Board voted to underwrite the Care Center team, "Party Girls", and purchase T-shirts for the team members, as well as

assisting with fund raisers. Everyone is excited and enthusiastic about working together to raise money to help find a cure for cancer. This year, once again, is shaping up to be a tremendous success.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:45 and reconvened at 12:30.

The financial statements were discussed and approved.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next meeting date was set for March 1, 2010. The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

**Robert Lee VFD posts recent donations**

**Memorials**

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**A Census Prospectus by a Genealogist**

by Fran Lomas

The census is probably the greatest primary source for researching ancestry that a genealogist can find. Whether the US, the UK, Ireland, or other countries, a census makes connections necessary for family researches.

It is interesting to note that the United Kingdom's first census was in 1841, several years after the first US census; and that Ireland's started in 1766 as a religious accounting.

A few limited censuses were taken during the colonial period and are beneficial especially when needed to replace missing federal ones. The first US federal census was in 1790, established by the Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, and to be taken every ten years to count the population.

That first census went one step further to list the head of household. This, as those to follow, enumerated by civil division (county and state) each "counted" household.

There exists at least two extractions of what remains of the 1790 census which has been published in book form. A researcher must be aware that both need to be researched, as well as state tax rolls, which correspond to the time-frame.

No printed forms for census takers were available prior to 1820, no lines, no columns, unless made by hand by the census marshal's

assistants. The 1790 enumerations were taken on papers ranging from four inches to three feet long, and some were recorded on anything from merchant's account books to wall paper.

The first census, after listing head of household, enumerated "free males over 16 in the household, free males under 16, free females, free other persons and slaves."

The 1790 census locates a family but the following five censuses, at first glance, may just be bypassed by a beginning genealogist; but migration, addition of family members (or loss), changes in occupation can be gleaned from them. Then by looking at the county (and adjoining counties) families' connections through migration can be made.

The 1800-1840 Census improved the age brackets with each census and, among other items, counted those engaged in agriculture, commerce, manufacturing, etc. A researcher could now determine the occupation of the head of household.

Regardless of head of household, Revolutionary War soldiers were listed on the 1840 census, another help to the genealogist as this leads to military records which can also be searched.

Before 1850 there were no rules to enumerate the districts. Some were recorded at the "general store" as residents appeared. Some enumerators went

across their assigned divisions. Both probably missed various citizens. Many are recorded during this period in alphabetical order by district, leading to the possibility that some could have been deleted accidentally when transcribing.

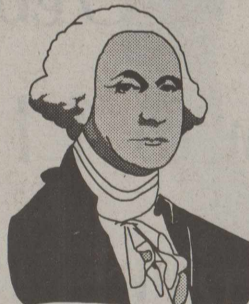
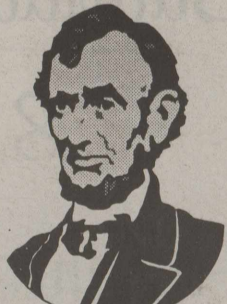
Also adding to misinterpretation, is the citizen who talks with a speech impairment or a foreign accent. The census taker wrote down what he heard. Prior to 1870, many Americans could not read nor write and few knew how to spell their names. So, many variations in spelling exist in the records. This is most noted when the name Smith can be spelled 27 different ways. The lazy census taker who wants to go home for the night just asks, "Who lives in the house on the hill and how old is he/she?" There is also the census taker who has recorded John Jones' family. The next day he visits another John Jones, but since he already has one, he records this person as John Jones, Jr. even though they may or may not be distantly related.

Sometimes census takers padded their population. Apparently reimbursed in proportion to the number enumerated, the workers listed many families twice in different parts of their schedules, most likely varying the information.

Since the advent of the federal census, the next greatest improvement for genealogical research came in

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1850 in which each person in the household was listed with their age (supposedly as of June 1) and state or country of birth. Each district of the county was given a number and in turn, each house was also. In this census a column asks if the head owns real estate which can lead to searches of land deed. In the early days family genealogical information might have been added.

From 1850 to 1870 relationships are implied between members of a household and provides the best circumstantial evidence for eventually proving family connections.

In 1880 the birthplace of the parents of each person was listed as was their relationship to the head of the household.

The majority of the 1890 census was destroyed by fire in 1921. The 1930 census asked if anyone in the household was a veteran and in which conflict they served.

A mortality schedule was taken beginning with the 1850 census through the 1880 census. Its purpose was to collect data about persons who had died during the previous 12 months.

The earlier the census, the more incomplete. Nine months was allowed for taking the 1790 and 1800-1840 censuses; in 1850, the time was cut to five months and in 1870, only one month was allowed. In early America, the population was very mobile and some families were missed completely, or counted twice.

Between 1936 and 1940 the Census Bureau microfilmed the schedules of 1840 and 1940. Copies of the released census film were placed in the National Archives and are available for purchase.

There are many subscription genealogical web sites with complete census records and the West Texas Collection at Angelo State University is a repository of many, with WEB sites available.

The importance of this federal record points the way for researchers to other records to study land, marriage, military, and, in later years, to birth and death records of their ancestors.

A 70-year block is placed on all censuses after they have been compiled. It takes approximately two years to extract the data. The announced release date for the 1940 census is April 1, 2012, but as this is a Sunday, the expected date will be the following day.

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**Scholarships available**

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Street or online at [www.cvec.coop](http://www.cvec.coop).

**Texans Get Help Filing for Earned Income Tax Credit**

The Texas Workforce Commission encourages qualifying taxpayers to take advantage of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which allows lower-income individuals and families to pay less or no federal tax, or receive cash payments. Tax preparation services or community site referrals are offered statewide through the 28 local workforce development boards. The deadline to file 2009 federal income tax returns is April 15, 2010.

EITC inserts have been included in the mailings of 1099 tax forms to all Calendar Year (CY) 2009 Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants. Services provided by local workforce boards vary statewide. Assistance can include providing tax filers with free tax preparation services, helpful tax information or free-site location referrals, and bookmarking Internal Revenue Service EITC Web sites on computers in workforce center resource rooms, which provide information on EITC and various local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in Texas. Taxpayers can locate their nearest local workforce development board by visiting <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbmap.html>

The IRS estimates that in 2008 more than 2.3 million Texans claimed more than \$5.3 billion in EITC credits, with an average refund of \$2,313. In recent years, Texas has ranked first in the nation in the number of EITC dollars claimed by taxpayers. Despite the credit's availability, however, the IRS estimates that as many as 20 to 25 percent of Americans who qualify for the credit fail to claim it on their tax returns.

Under certain limitations for 2009, individuals may qualify if their adjusted gross income is less than:

- o \$43,279 (\$58,279 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children;
- o \$40,295 (\$45,295

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The maximum credit for 2009 is as follows:

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- o \$5,028 with two or more qualifying children;
- o \$3,043 with one qualifying child;
- o \$457 with no qualifying children.

Investment income must be less than \$3,100 for the year.

EITC has no effect on an individual's eligibility to receive certain public assistance benefits. In most cases, the credit payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), food stamps, low-income housing or most Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments.

Congress originally approved the tax credit legislation in 1975 to provide an incentive to work and to offset Social Security taxes.

More information on EITC can be found at <http://www.eitc.irs.gov/central/main/>

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# Political Profiles



**Bobby Blaylock**

I grew up on the Greenland Ranch located in the Lometa Community here in Coke County and have lived in the area most of my 64 years. After completing twelve years of Robert Lee I.S.D., I went to college at Angelo State College and later to Texas Tech where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Range Management. I came back to Coke County to ranch with my dad and began raising my family.

I moved to Marfa, Texas, in the late 1990's to work with a friend who had an ostrich facility and was the manager of the second largest ostrich facility in the U.S. When the competition with China became too great, the ostrich were shipped to Chicago and I became co-manager of the Fancy Feather factory in Marfa where we made and sold feather products to customers all over the world.

I suppose the Good Lord knew what He was doing by sending me to far West Texas, because there is where I met my wife, Melissa. We have four children between us, Jason, Coleman, Elise and Cody. Two of our children have provided us with four grandchildren with whom we thoroughly enjoy.

Melissa is employed in Bronte and I have been county commissioner of precinct 4 for the past three years. I have learned a great deal and I have made some mistakes from which I have learned more. One that doesn't make mistakes once in a while, does not do very much or so I've been told.

We practice our faith in the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger, Texas, and live each day by trying our best to live by the Golden Rule.

I am a past president of the Business Men's Bible Class, a director of the Texas Wool and Mohair Association, and Chairman of Marfa ISD Site Base Committee. Currently, I am Worshipful Master of Hayrick Masonic Lodge, a private in the Fort Chadbourne Cavalry, and I am a member of the Coke County Historical Commission and the Bronte Veterans Memorial Committee.

I cannot predict the weather and I cannot make promises, but I will continue to do everything I can to work for our friends and neighbors in Coke County.

Bobby Blaylock



**Jackie Walker**

I'm Jackie Walker, Candidate for Justice of Peace, in the Democratic Primary, Pct. 1, serving Pct. 1 and III. As for my qualifications to serve as your Justice of Peace, I feel the two years I served as Municipal Judge and the eight years as County Judge give me a firm understanding as to what the Justice of Peace is responsible for. I have held court in the Municipal Court and County Civil, Probate and Criminal. While serving as County Judge, I served on the educa-

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tion committee and feel that you can not have too much knowledge of the law, as it changes every two years. Also while serving as County Judge I assisted Judge Moore in keeping Judge Davis' office open while she was out with a stroke. During that time I performed inquests, marriages, and helped with the record keeping. I have accounting experience that will enable me to prepare budgets and maintain them, also to keep the books balanced and ready for inspection.

I was born and raised in Robert Lee and then moved to Junction for seventeen years before moving back to Robert Lee. I have served on many city, county, area and state committees and positions. A few are as follows: Municipal Judge, Mayor, County Judge, City Council, member of Robert Lee Baptist Church, teach Adult Ladies Sunday School Class, Driver for the West Coke County EMS, 64-Study Club, Order of Eastern Star, participate in the Hunter's Bar-B-Que, Street Affair and Coke County Livestock Show. I serve on the Advisory Board for the Concho Valley Area of Aging, Trustee for Concho Valley MHMR and Trustee for the Texas Council of Risk Management.

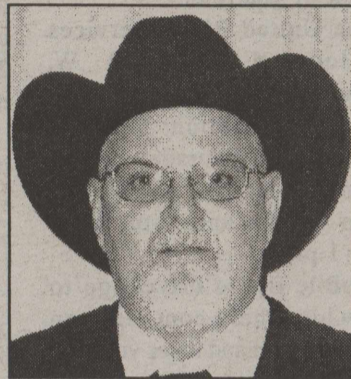
I was married to Ralph Walker, who passed away in 1981. We have four daughters of whom I'm very proud, Loretta Bridges, Carla Moore, Pamala Talley and

Frankie Gartman. I owned and operated Walker's Income Tax Service and Mountain Creek Lodge from 1979-2009. I currently drive a school bus for Robert Lee ISD.

If you have any questions you would like to ask, please feel free to call. I'm listed in the phone book.

If elected, I assure you that I will serve you the best I can. I would certainly appreciate your support and vote.

Thank you,  
**JACKIE WALKER,**  
Candidate for  
Justice Of Peace Pct. 1.



**Leroy Casey**

Leroy Casey was born and raised in Coke County to Roy and Carrie Casey. He graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1969. Leroy worked his senior year on the maintenance crew while Lake E.V. Spence was under construction.

Leroy has five children, Lori, Terri, Kimberly, James, and angel Vicky who is watching over her daddy. He is also the stepfather of Justin, Blake, and Kelsey Hewitt. Leroy's wife is Jami, who works in the surgery department as an RN at Shannon Medical Center.

Leroy served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1977, having served in various locations all over. He worked with heavy equipment during his military

career among other areas. Leroy also helped during a presidential inaugural parade in 1972, being a great honor. After returning home from serving his country, he began working as a diesel mechanic.

Leroy worked as a diesel mechanic from 1977 to 1994 in various areas, including the oil fields of west Texas. He did eventually transition to working on diesel trucks, becoming Service Manager in 1992 at Anderson International in San Angelo.

Leroy has always had an interest in helping people, initially wanting to be in law enforcement. He was accepted to the training academy in Maricopa County, Arizona, but had to turn it down when he found out his father had cancer. He came home and took an interest in firefighting, rejoining Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. Leroy and several other fire department members spent numerous hours in various training and fire schools.

In 1991, Leroy had even more interest in helping people. He began his career in the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) with West Coke County EMS. He started out driving the ambulance, acquiring the various levels of being an Emergency Medical Technician, finally obtaining his paramedic in 1996 after attending Howard College in Big Spring. During his paramedic career, he also has instructed students helping them obtain their EMT patches up to the level of paramedic.

Leroy has training in National Incident Management Training (NIMS), Disaster Management, and Weapons of Mass Destruction training for Law Enforcement. He has a good, working relationship with the members of our law enforcement agencies.

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# Political Profiles

Leroy wants to continue to give the people of Coke County honesty as well as open mindedness, integrity, fairness, and accountability.

The office of Justice of the Peace involves a lot of hard work and knowledge. If elected, Leroy will be accountable to the letter of the law for all his decisions made as your Justice of the Peace.



### Judy Gartrell

My name is Judy Gartrell and I am a candidate for Coke County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1.

I was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. Graduated from Tulooso Midway High School in 1966. I participated in school band in Junior & Senior High School and senior year High School twirler. After graduation I attended Southwest Texas Commercial College in Corpus Christi, obtaining an Executive Secretarial Degree. After graduating from commercial college my first job was at ARADMAC - Naval Airbase, Corpus Christi - working in the "incoming" office and keeping dossier files.

I have been married to Gerry Gartrell for 42 years. Gerry is a retired school teacher and six-man football coach. We have three children: Chris Gartrell, residing in Robert Lee; Greg Gartrell, residing in Midland and Teresa Gartrell, also residing in Robert Lee. We also have

four grandchildren: Larissa, Jacob, Baleigh and Justin.

My Experiences Include:

\*Deputy Clerk Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas (09/07 present)

\*Interim Justice of the Peace, Coke County, Robert Lee, Texas

\*Secretary-Municipal Court Judge Jim Stevens, Sonora, Texas

\*Secretary- County Court Judge George Grubb, Ft. Davis, Texas

\*Interim Secretary - District Court Judge Glen Ashworth, Kaufman, Texas

\*Administrative Assistant - District Attorney Bill Conradt, Kaufman

\*Secretary to Larry Lea, Founder of Church on the Rock, Rockwall, Texas

\*Finance Secretary to Charlie Parker, Church on the Rock, Rockwall, Texas

\*Secretary to Vice President, 1st National Bank, Refugio, Texas

While not working as a secretary I have owned my own businesses: Fort Davis - The Desert Rose (coffee, sandwich and antique shop) and Robert Lee - JuneDangs Sandwich Shop.

I have been a secretary in the legal field for the better part of my professional career. Being an executive secretary to the District Attorney of Kaufman County, Kaufman, Texas, as well as being personal secretary to the founder of Church on the Rock, Rockwall, Texas, with a membership of 11,000, and presently serving as a deputy clerk in the Coke County Clerks office, has given me the opportunity to deal with the public in many different capacities and circumstances. As I have been interim Justice of the Peace in Coke County, I have knowledge of the computer system and dealing with the public when that need arises. I would appreciate your con-

sideration and vote for the upcoming Democratic Primary Election.



### Kathi Cox

I am Kathi Cox, Candidate for Coke County Treasurer. Although the general election is in November, I am counting on your early support in the upcoming March 2nd primary to help me to a victory. I want to tell you a little about myself in addi-

tion to why I am worthy of your vote.

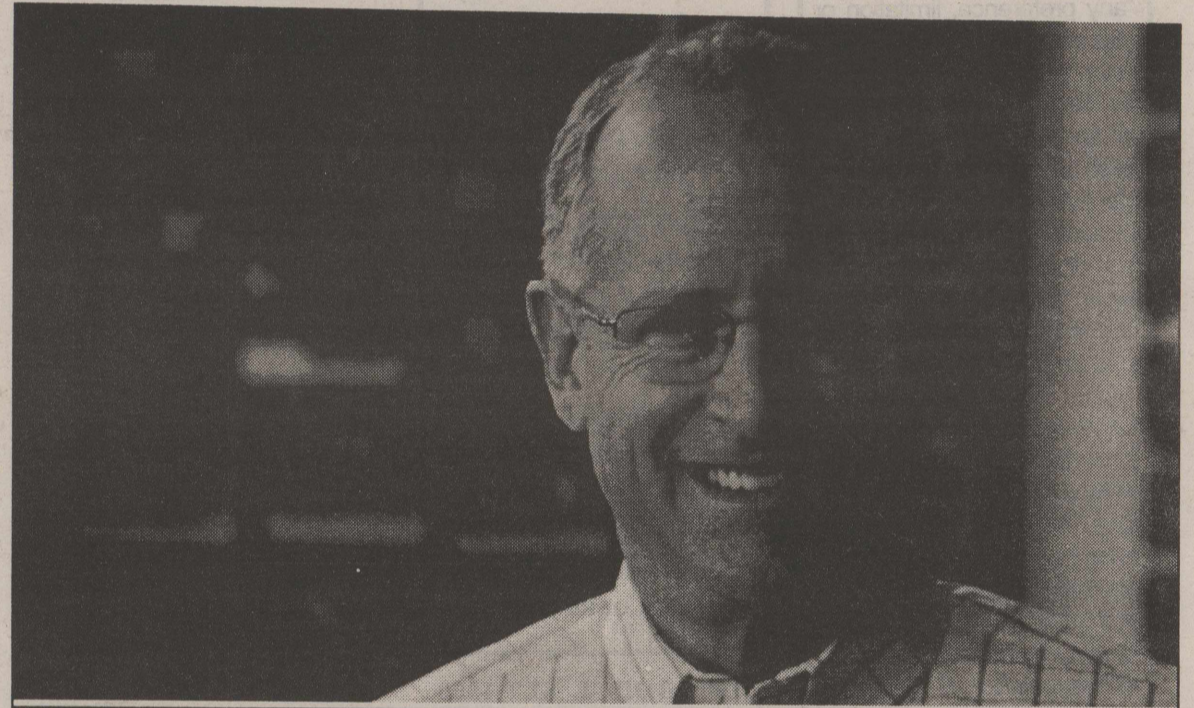
My husband and I moved to Bronte 4 years ago. We attend the First Baptist Church and have 5 grown children and 2 handsome grandsons. Kade, age 7 of Matador, Texas and Kashton, age 1 of Bronte. Currently, I am the 2010-2012 Secretary Reporter and board member of the Financial Committee of the Bronte Sorosis Study Club and a member of the Bronte Nursing Home Auxillary.

I am a native Texan, born in Dallas. I was raised in Hereford on my father's farm where we raised quarter horses to show. We moved to my parent's hometown of Ralls, Texas where

my father owned and operated restaurants in Ralls, Acuff and Shallowater. I went to school and graduated from Ralls while working in our family businesses. I attended Texas Tech University and majored in Early Childhood Education. Before moving to Bronte, my husband Randy and I were cotton farmers in Morton, Texas. I miss a lot of things about the farm, but changing irrigation pipe at 3:00 am is not one of them.

Many of you may know me from the Tax Office where I worked for almost 2 years as Deputy Tax Clerk. That position gave me very valuable insight into how organized and detail oriented a county employee must be to serve the

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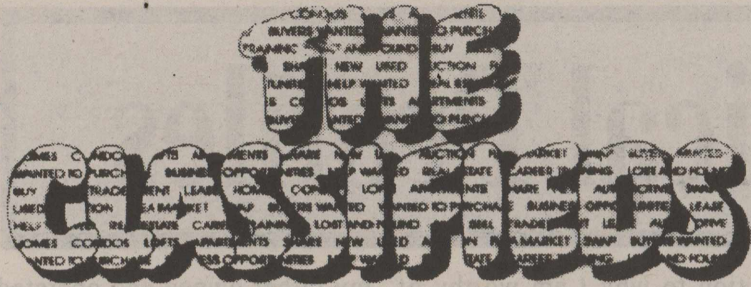
**Tuesday, February 16**  
Early Voting Begins

Monday through Friday  
Coke County Courthouse  
8 am to 5 pm - Monday through Thursday  
8 am to 1 pm - Fridays

First National Bank in Bronte  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
February 16 & 17, February 23 and 24  
9 am to 1 pm

**Friday, February 26**  
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**Political Calendar**

**The Observer/Enterprise** has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

- COUNTY JUDGE**  
Roy Blair (Dem.)
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**  
Robert Feil (Dem.)  
Wendell Lee (Dem.)
- COUNTY TREASURER**  
Hal Spain (Rep.)  
Ronny Brown (Dem.)  
Kathi Cox (Dem.)
- JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1**  
Jackie Walker (Dem.)  
Judy Gartrell (Dem.)  
Leroy Casey (Rep.)
- JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 2**  
Grady Coulter (Dem.)

**2005 DODGE SLT 1500**  
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**BRONTE MINI STORAGE**  
 has new storage buildings for rent. 473-2221, 473-0409.  
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34-tnc  
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20-tnc  
**TWISTER'S RESTAURANT**  
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28-tnc  
**CHRIS WILSON**  
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29-2tp  
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**CARD OF THANKS**

**THE FAMILY OF C. B. BARBEE**  
 wishes to express deepest gratitude for the magnanimous outpouring of sympathy during his passing. There are no words to state how dear the folks of Coke County have been during this time. C. B. loved you all and would have been quite pleased with the loving support you have shown his family.

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 Alan and Cara Barbee  
 Kerry and Leah Rosson  
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**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**  
 The West Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 8, 2010 Election, Three Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 6, 2010, and March 8, 2010. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.  
 30-1tc

**AVISO DE FECHA LIMITE**  
 El Consejo Administrativo de West Coke County Hospital District da aviso a su eleccion que da principio el 8 de mayo, 2010, con el proposito de elejir tres (3) directores por plazo de dos (2) años cada uno. Los candidatos pueden obtener las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion entre el 6 de febrero 2010 y el 8 de marzo de 2010. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en las oficinas de Robert Lee Care Center durante el horario normal, 9 am - 5 pm, de lunes ha viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigida a Roger Alexander, el Administrador.  
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**PROPOSAL NOTICE**

Robert Lee ISD is now accepting competitive proposals for a SUV (Expedition, Expedition EL, Suburban or Comparable Vehicle). The vehicle should have V-8 engine, automatic transmission, second and third row bench seating, power steering, rear AC and Heat, towing package, all required safety devices, leather interior, AM/FM radio with CD, power locks and windows, and white exterior preferred. Proposals will be accepted through Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Proposals should be mailed or faxed to: Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, TX 76945, fax 325/453-2326. Robert Lee ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.  
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**ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER**  
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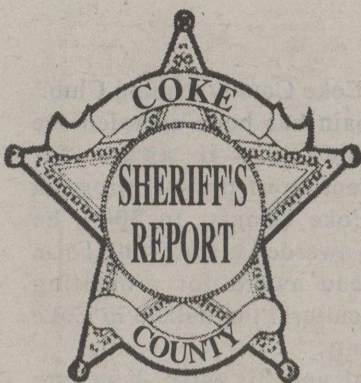
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**Arrest and Dispositions**

Henry Rivas, DWI w/Child under 15, 12-23-09

Lori Garcia, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 12-27-09

Crystal Gonzales, Possession of Marijuana <2oz, 12-27-09

**County Court Dispositions**

12-16-09

The State of Texas vs. Reymundo Ramirez, Charge: Driving while License Invalid with Previous Conviction, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$228.00

The State of Texas vs. Stephanie Fajardo, Charge: Possession of Marijuana <2oz, Plea: 12 Months Deferred Adjudication, Fine \$400.00, Court Cost \$303.00, 40 Hours Community Service

The State of Texas vs. Charles Ogden, Charge: Purchase/Furnish Alcohol to a Minor, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$228.00

The State of Texas vs. Summer Murray, Charge: Driving while License Invalid with Previous Conviction, Plea: Fine \$300.00, Court Cost \$228.00

The State of Texas vs. Christopher Larue, Charge: Possession of a Dangerous Drug, Plea: 30 Days Jail, Credit Given for 30 Days, Court Cost \$278.00, Restitution \$140.00

The State of Texas vs. Jessica Olszewski, Charge: Assault, Plea: Dismissed by Motion of the County Attorney

The State of Texas vs. Cody Denton, Charge: Evading Arrest and/or Detention, Plea: Dismissed by Motion of the County Attorney

The State of Texas vs. Blake Millican, Charge: Evading Arrest and/or Detention, Plea: Dismissed by Motion of the County Attorney

**Bronte Scholarships Available**

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship are 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 13th, 2010. 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.

**Ozarka Scholarship offered**

Ozarka Spring Water has announced their 2010 "Every Drop Counts" Earth Scholarship.

For nine years the company has awarded two students in the state of Texas a \$10,000.00 scholarship each.

This scholarship is intended for students pursuing degrees at a four-year college or university in the field of earth/environmental science.

Examples of earth/environmental science fields include but are not limited to: Geology, Hydrology, Environmental science, Environmental Law, Environmental Education, Forestry, Oceanography, and Ecology.

Students must be a U.S. citizen and a Texas resident and have a 3.0 or above G.P.A. Applications are available online at [www.ozarkawater.com](http://www.ozarkawater.com) or in the counselor's office at Bronte High School.

**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

at [www.txstate.edu/mathworks/applications.html](http://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.

**Evans Scholarship Applications Available**

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte United Methodist Church.

The Scholarship is for students 19 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to the City Hall by February 10. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on February 16.

**Local Scholarships for Seniors**

**C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship**

Seniors at Bronte High School may now go online at [www.bronteisd.net](http://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 may also apply for a C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship, as well.

**First National Bank of Sterling City**

The First National Bank of Sterling City is also offering a scholarship to a BHS student and the application is also available online at [www.bronteisd.net](http://www.bronteisd.net) under the Counselor's Corner link under Scholarships. In order to qualify, a senior must be

enrolled in an accelerated curriculum and have at least an 85 average. Seniors who apply for this scholarship must be willing to attend an interview session at the bank in Sterling City on a date to be announced. Applications will be due the end of March to the bank in Bronte.

**San Angelo Area Foundation**

The San Angelo Area Foundation has also posted their scholarship application online at [www.saafound.org](http://www.saafound.org). The deadline to turn in this scholarship application is March 1, 2010.

**Permian Basin Area Foundation**

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 are available at [www.pbaf.org](http://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 apply for this contest. 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 Thursday, 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.

For more information, please call Carolyn Mullican at (325) 725-3043 or Laura Gilbert at (325) 338-2713.

**Righteousness Exalts Sin Destroys**

God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. • *Psalm 7:11*

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. • *Psalm 1:6*

The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. • *Psalm 11:5*

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the Lord upholdeth the righteous. I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. • *Psalm 37: 16, 17, & 25*

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. • *Proverbs 14:34*

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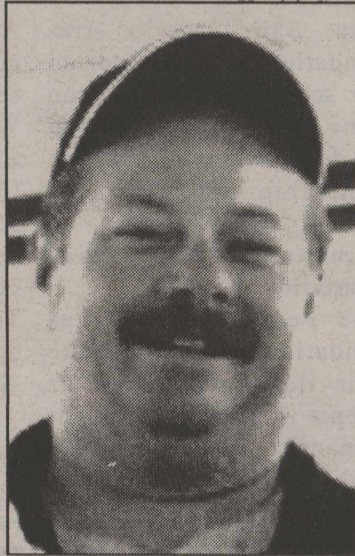
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 voters and taxpayers. While I lived in Morton, besides running the cotton module builder during the harvest, I owned a nail salon. I know the pressures of a small business owner. Later I became a supervisor for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program, a position I held for three years. I learned and help institute State mandated policies and supervised many employees. Just prior to leaving Morton, I worked at Morton ISD as a reading tutor to children that were unable to read at their grade level.

I enjoy reading, camping and fishing (when I say I like "fishing" I mean Randy and the kids put their hooks in the water while I grab a good book and find a shady spot to read.) I love spending time with my family.

My husband Randy is employed by Coke County; I know the challenges faced by our County employees. If elected, I will use my talents, abilities and years of management experience in the role of Coke County Treasurer. I can and will devote all my time and efforts to this career opportunity. I look forward to continuing my education at the Courthouse in order to better serve our county.

I love the Concho Valley and the people here. I want the chance to serve the community that I am proud of and that has so openly embraced me and my family. As an elected official, I realize this is not a job but a public service. Thank you for your vote in the Primary

and on Election Day that would allow me to serve you as your Coke County Treasurer.



**Ronny Brown**

I am running for election to the office of Coke County Treasurer.

I was born in Houston, Texas, in 1965, and have lived in numerous towns before my family settled in the San Angelo area. I graduated from Wall High School and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Angelo State University with a major in finance.

I began working at grocery stores while attending college and after graduation from ASU worked in Dallas, Texas, for a mortgage company. The opportunity opened for me to return to San Angelo and work as part of management team during Grand Opening of HEB. I worked for HEB Gro. for 12 years during which I completed many more hours of management training, certifications, and experience.

In 2001 I moved to Robert Lee, Texas, to assist Cindy Brown in the opening of Cindy's Bar-B-Q. We have made Coke County home and welcomed our grandson Joseph Kole Leal into our home. Kole attends Robert Lee Elementary where he is in the 2nd Grade Class. My parents also began calling Robert Lee home when they too moved here in 2005. We are members of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

I am an active member of Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and participate in various community events. A special treat for me is helping to bring back youth shooting sports to Coke County, where I serve as a Coach to the 4-H shooting sports team.

Cindy and I were honored in 2007 when we received the Coke County 4-H "Friend of 4-H" award.

I would appreciate your vote and support for the office of Coke County Treasurer on March 2nd.



**Hal Spain**

Hal Spain was born and raised in Haskell, Texas, where he was involved in various sports and agricultural activities, earning his Eagle Scout and God and Country awards.

He furthered his educational career by earning his Bachelor and Master's degrees in Agricultural Education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

After graduation, he served six years as a county agricultural agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service before going into private business in Sonora. In 1983, he purchased the Observer/Enterprise in Coke County. Spain also published the Lone Star Roper monthly magazine for 18 years, and raises cattle and horses.

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

Spain worked with retired game warden R. L. Flanagan to establish the Lake Spence Striper Reward Program, which was funded solely by local businesses. He also established the Bluebonnet Brigade beautification program in Coke County, which, under the direction of retired TxDOT director John Stephens, redistributes bluebonnets throughout the county.

In addition to having served as an officer of West Coke County Community Development, Spain is a business member of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Coke County Foundation, Robert Lee Economic Development Committee, and

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

Hal and his wife, Kim, are members of the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, where he has served as finance chairman and on the board of trustees. He has two children, Christi, who is completing her doctoral thesis in English in New York City, and Wade, also a graduate of Texas Tech, who works in auto supply sales in the Dallas - Fort Worth metroplex.

When asked why he was running for county treasurer, Spain responded, "I have over 25 years of experience in bookkeeping, payrolls, payroll taxes, and governmental reporting. With the retirements of Stover Taylor and Phelan Wrinkle, the county has recently lost 52 years of experience in the auditor and treasurer's positions. This situation makes the election of a new county treasurer even more critical to Coke County. I feel my years of experience and commitment to working full time in this position will be an asset to the county."

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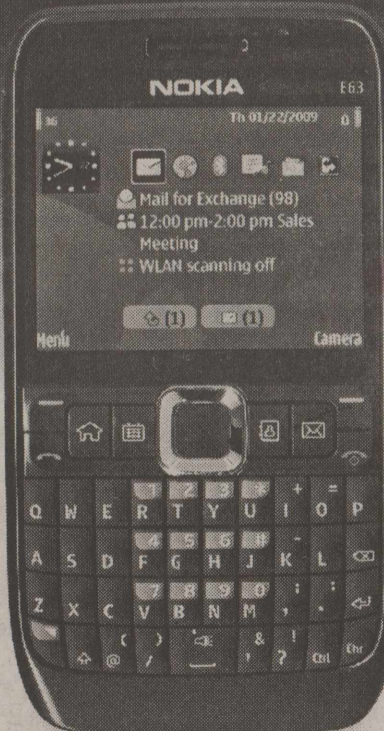
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