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County receives more moisture

by Hal Spain, Publisher On Monday and Tuesday, March 15 and 16, the rain and the cold came again to Coke County. Early reports include approximately .75" to .80" on the west side, and from 40" to .80" on the east side of the county. Most of the rainfall from this storm fell very slowly, with the result being that soils are saturated, and fields are muddy.

What is amazing about this winter's moisture is that many locations in Coke County are now boasting over 8 inches of moisture in the new year. Contrast that to almost none at this same time for the previous two winters.

This year is shaping up well for winter wheat pastures and anyone who likes wildflowers, especially bluebonnets. We are expecting quite an array of color on the roadsides, somewhere around April 15, depending on soil temperatures. Hopefully we'll have enough color to bring some visitors back to the county after a pretty slim couple of years.

We are also looking forward to reviving the Bluebonnet Brigade once again this spring; so we can spread some more seed to some different locations. Stay tuned for more information concerning our bluebonnet endeavors.

Singing Winds to host one-day scramble

The Singing Winds Golf Course at Bronte will host a 3-person, 27 hole scramble on March 20th. Interested golfers may call 473-2156 to sign up.

County Political Parties to hold County Conventions

The Coke County Republican Party and the Coke County Democratic Party will hold county conventions on Saturday, March 20th at 10:00 am at the county courthouse in Robert Lee.

A major topic for both parties will be the state conventions to be held this summer. If you are interested in becoming active in either of these local groups, please plan to attend.

Bronte City-wide Garage Sale slated

It's time again for the. annual City-Wide Garage Sale. Mark your calendars for May 1st at 8 am.

If you would like to participate, please call City Hall at 473-3501. Your location will be added to the city maps that will be given away the day of the garage sales. This is a great opportunity to recycle, reuse and reduce unwanted items in your closets and storage items.

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

Robert Lee Sunrise Service slated

The Community Wide Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7 am April 4, 2010.

Facing East on the grounds of the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee, people can sing, pray and hear the Easter message in an authentic way, outside watching the sunrise, just like the day the tomb was found empty!

Come join in at 7 am Easter Morning. Contact Steve Peyton at 453-2417 for more information.



Longhorns are State Runners-Up! The Bronte Longhorn Basketball Team competed in the State Tournament at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin last weekend, defeating Gruver, but falling in overtime to #1 ranked Cayuga. Presenting the team's award was Texas Governor Rick Perry. For more on this tremendous effort, please see the story on page 4 of this issue.

Relay fundraising lunch set

There will be a lasagna lunch held Sunday, March 28, at 12 noon at the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee at Chadbourne and 9th Street. This lunch will benefit Coke County Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

On the menu will be lasagna, salad, bread stick and dessert. Purchase your tickets now and you will not only have your Sunday meal prepared and ready for you, but will be helping support Coke County Relay for Life.

You can get your tickets from team members Debra Brashear, Beverly Bell, Gayle Bolding, Maudie Conley, Debbie Ditmore, James Ditmore, Earla Ferry, Karen Hodge, Jeanette Jacobs, Sherry Peyton, Steve Peyton, Joe White, Marilyn White, Fred Williams and Carla Wojtek.

Relay For Life "Party Girls fundraiser" set

There will be a brisket lunch held Friday March 26, 2010, at the Robert Lee Care Center. The meals will be available in the Conference Room from 11 am to 1 pm. Delivery will be available for large groups. This lunch will benefit the Relay for Life and

On the menu will be Thursday, March 25, at 6 pm brisket, potato salad, beans, onion, pickles, bread and dessert.

Tickets may be purchased from Party Girls team members. For more information call Mary Rodriquez at 325-453-2511.

Sorosis Club Relay For Life fundraiser set

The Sorosis Study Club in Bronte is having a "Hamburger Meal" fundraiser for Relay for Life. It will be at the First National Bank parking lot in Bronte from 11 am until 1 pm (or until meals are gone) Sunday, March 28.

The meal will be DONATION ONLY and will consist of a hamburger with trimmings, bag of chips, and cookie. Please come and donate generously to support Coke County Relay for Life and have a meal at the same

Census representative to be in Coke County for applicant testing

The U.S. Census 2010 representative was in Coke County Thursday, March 18, at the Coke County Library at 10 am and 6 pm to accept job applications.

On Tuesday, March 23, job applications will be accepted at Bronte City Hall at 10 am and 6 pm. A third opportunity the American Cancer Society. will be available on

at the Coke County Library.

This part-time job pays \$10-plus an hour for training and canvassing. Applicants can test more than once if a passing score is not reached on the first try. Practice tests are available at the Library.

The U.S. Census helps determine representation, funding, state and federal office openings (and closings). The numbers also determine the services that represent the best in U.S. government. Conservation, crop insurance, Medicare, school lunches, CHIP, state certification of health workers, child support enforcement, postal operations and the military are just a few of the not-for-profit programs that serve ordinary people.

Thursday, March 18, in Robert Lee, Tuesday, March 23, in Bronte, and Thursday, March 25, in Robert Lee are dates to apply for U.S. Census 2010 part-time jobs.

Coke County Relay for Life fundraising raffle slated

Coke County Relay for Life is holding a raffle for a \$100 Academy gift card. You may purchase your ticket through Team Lifesavers (7th and 8th grade team). The drawing will be held April 23, 2010, and you need not be present to win.



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Texas Sage Memorials

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association is working to beautify the Robert Lee Cemetery with Texas sages.

If you are interested in donating to buy a sage, donations may be mailed to Linda Burns, 981 Paint Creek Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

If your donation is in memory of someone, please include the person's name. The sages will be planted in the spring of 2010. The Cemetery Association runs only on donations and memorials.

Donations and memorials recently received include the following.

Memorials

Jerry Harmon Joe and Donna Ash Wilson Bryan Joe and Donna Ash **CCRTA** elects

new officers

two years were announced at Lee Wommack and two the Monday, March 15th guests: Corey Cornutt and

meeting of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association. The meeting was held at The First Baptist Church in Bronte.

The new slate of officers includes: Beth Prather, president, Gary Smith, first vice president, Jamie Boren, second vice president, Sug Lawhon, treasurer, Ann Hamilton, secretary. Committee chairpersons include: Paul Gothard, legislative, Wanda Barbee, parliamentarian, Nina Brewer, historian, Glenda Draper, informative and protective services, Janice Foshee, community volunteer services, Gerald Sandusky, retirement education, Brenda Hines, health care, Ida Lou Oliphant, member benefits, Bettye McCutchen, foundation representative, Jerry Horn, technology contact, Celia Bowden, yearbook.

Beth Prather, current first vice president, presided at the meeting in the absence of William Hood, president.

Unit members voted to contribute to Project Graduation of Bronte High School and Robert Lee High

Attending the meeting were: Wanda Barbee, Jamie Boren, Nina Brewer, Wanda Brewer, Brenda Hines, Sug Lawhon, Carolyn Lee, Pat Lee, Beth Prather, Gerald New officers for the next Sandusky, Janet Wommack, Leah Rosson.

Support A Soldier

It's that time again. Time to send items to our troops! The boxes will be packed on March 30. To donate or for more information, please call Pat Gunnels at 453-5503.

T-shirts (light brown), tube baggies.

web, go to www.any soldier.com.

Any letters or cards to the Thank you!

Teachers' Conservation Institute accepting applications

Applications are being taken for the 2010 Teachers' Conservation Institute. Sponsored by Texas Forestry Association, the Teachers' Conservation Institute (TCI) is a week-long summer workshop which uses the forest as a theme for environmental education. Activities are led by foresters, educators, natu-

ral resource conservationists and industry professionals.

Teachers will receive 45 hours of continuing education (SBEC) credit. TCI meets the requirements of Professional Development Appraisal System, and grauate credit is available.

All materials presented at socks, flashlights, flashlight TCI are correlated to TEKS batteries, snacks, visine, and teaching strategies utilized chapstick, gum, jerky, cup of are research-based and proven soups, underwear, baby to improve students' achievewipes (easily carried type), ment. TCI is field-based and movie DVD's (cheerful provides opportunities for themes), small bar soap, inquiry investigation. TCI toothpaste, toothbrushes, provides teachers with activishampoo (small bottles), ties to meet requirement that razors, games (car games, 40% of science be taught in lab horseshoes, board games, setting or field as stated by law hand held games), candy, and all activities are interdisciplinary. In addition, teachers To contact a soldier on the receive certification in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD.

This year marks the 21st year troops supporting them can of TCI. Sessions will be held be put in the box also. June 27-July2, and July 11-16, 2010. Registration is \$150 and includes all teaching materials and instruction, food, lodging and transportation during the workshop. Participants are responsible for travel to and from the Piney Woods Conservation Center near Broaddus, (www.sfasu.edu/forestry/pwcc)

> To register for TCI, call (936) 632-TREE or download the registration form at www.texasforestry.org.

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County citizens attend area meeting

An interested group of Coke County citizens attended a meeting held Tuesday, March 2, in Abilene.

Gary Decker of Rebuilding Stamford presented a program on how individuals working together can make a in their difference By joining community. forces, yards and vacant lots can be cleaned up, illegal dump sites removed and the over-all appearance of the community can be improved dramatically.

Citizens attending were Tammy Thorn, Bobby Blaylock, Marshall Millican, Kay Torres, John Driggers, Pete Percifull, Cynthia Turner, John Jacobs, Pat Martindale, Beth Prather and Joe White.

Youth Leadership Conference entry deadline April 30

The United States has the best economic structure and best form of government in the world. The legacy of the Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference is teaching young people how they can become involved in the system.

Farm Bureau is once again looking for young men and women to attend the 2010 Youth Leadership Conference, scheduled for June 14-18 at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Eligible students, who will be entering the 11th or 12th grade in August 2010, are selected by their county Farm Bureaus. Those students must possess good character and the desire to enhance their leadership skills. They should be in the upper 30 percent of their class scholastically. Students who have attended previous Youth Leadership

Conferences are not eligible unless they have been selected as a junior counselor.

The topic of free enterprise, constitutional government, leadership, goal setting, family and self-awareness will be explored during the weeklong seminar.

A student does not have to be a Farm Bureau member to attend the conference, but must become a member to compete in the Free Enterprise Speech Contest. The contest begins with giving five local speeches on free enterprise. This enables the entrant to be eligible for the district competition. The Free Enterprise Speech contest scholarships at the state level include \$4,000 for the winner, \$2,500 for the runner-up, \$1,500 each for the four finalists and \$1,000 each for the remaining seven district winners.

Deadline for application is April 30. For more information contact the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau office at (325)453-4505.

Texas Mesquite Art Festival slated

The Texas Mesquite Art Festival is returning to San Angelo, on April 16-18th and promises to showcase the best mesquite artisans.

Roger Ellison, San Angelo Festival Director, said many juried artists from around the state and beyond will gather at Fort Concho for a 3 day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite. "Besides seeing the absolute best of mesquite, visitors will enjoy one of the largest gatherings of mesquite artisans," Ellison said.

The festival, like mesquite wood itself, has come a long way since the first Fest, which was held in-Fredericksburg, Texas in 1992, and is still going strong today.

County Citizens Attend Meeting! These Coke County citizens attended a meeting in Abilene on March 2. The program discussed ways individuals could work together to improve their communities.

Visitors will be treated to collections of sculpted wood from the world's absolute finest mesqute craftsmen. Items range from large furniture items such as beds, dressers and chairs made entirely from mesquite, to unique craft and gift items such as beautifully turned lamps, delicate scroll work, handsome pen and pencil sets, unique Christmas tree ornaments, sturdy gun stocks, sculpted vases, and dimensionalized artwork, all carefully crafted of mesquite.

Once viewed as a nuisance, mesquite has become the darling of architects and retailers. Mesquite's growing appeal comes in part from the high profile offered mesquite's quality and value hae appeared in such magazines as "Texas Highways," "Veranda," and "Fine Woodworking."

Architects now vie to install mesquite accents in upscale homes," Ellison said. Mantles, doors, flooring, art items, dining sets, tables, and other furniture are increasingly requested in mesquite.

Hours are Friday, 4:00 pm-9:00 pm; Saaturday, 10:00-6:00 pm and Sunday, 10:00 am-4 pm. Items are available for purchase, with food and drink sold on the grounds. Free parking.

More information on the

by the Texas Mesquite Texas Mesquite Art Festival Association and have both and the Association is availfestivals, according to able by calling the Fest office Ellison. Articles praising toll free at 1-866-TEX-FEST (839-3378).

> 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.

Hope in God for unseen

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. • Romans 8:24-25

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life. • Proverbs 13:12

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him. • Lamentations 3:24

Why art thou cast down, o my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. • Psalm 42:11

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. • Proverbs 10:28

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. • Hebrews 11:1-3

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, on behalf of the governing body and all the citizens of our community, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to extend to all the members of the Bronte Longhorn Basketball Team and Coaches our sincere congratulations for advancing to the State Finals; and

Whereas, the Longhorns earned the title of State Runner-Up; and

Whereas, we express our pride in their accomplishments and our appreciation for the fine publicity they have brought to our community by their good sportsmanship and inspired team play; and

Whereas, they displayed character, ability and perseverance of the highest order in this season; and

Whereas, a special commendation is due to all team members, to Coach Rawls and his staff;

Now, therefore we congratulate the members of the Bronte Longhorn basketball team and coaching staff for their outstanding accomplishments.

Gerald Sandusky

Mayor

March 16, 2010

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns are State Runners-Up

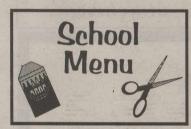
The Bronte Longhorn basketball team traveled to Austin to compete in the State Tournament last weekend.

Their first opponent was Gruver, whom they defeated 47-32. Statistics for that game are: Rob Rosson 2 pts., 3 reb.; Heath Richey 5 pts., 6 reb.; Dakota Rawls 26 pts., 10 reb.; Kerwin Rawls 9 pts., 5 assists; and Ernesto Casillas 5 pts., and 6 rebounds.

The Horns then faced Cayuga in the state final match-up Saturday morning at 8:30. Cayuga came into the State Tournament ranked #1 averaging over 90 points per game. Cayuga High School boasts an enrollment of 199 students, compared to Bronte's 99 students.

The Longhorns surprised the over 10,000 spectators with their tenacity and skill as most thought they were the "underdogs" in this game. Only the large number of Bronte fans in attendance knew what to expect from the local team.

The game stayed close, going back and forth throughout the four quarters of regulation play. With 53 seconds left in the game, Bronte led by 6 points. A fresh player in for Cayuga



Breakfast Monday, March 22 Cereal, fruit, toast, milk Tuesday, March 23

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk Wednesday, March 24

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk Thursday, March 25

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Friday, March 26

stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Lunch Monday, March 22

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, fruit, flour tortilla, milk Tuesday, March 23

Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, baked chips, pinto beans, apple crisp, milk Wednesday, March 24

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

Thursday, March 25 Burrito, Spanish rice, pinto beans, apple, salsa, milk

Friday, March 26 Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tator tots, buns, cookies, milk

put in two 3 point baskets to bring the score even at the buzzer. The final score in overtime was 66-60 Cayuga.

Statistics: Rob Rosson 10 pts., 6 reb.; Heath Richey 5 pts., 4 reb.; Dakota Rawls 29 pts., 10 reb.; Kerwin Rawls 14 pts., 7 reb., 4 assists; and Ernesto Casillas 2 pts., 6 reb., and 3 assists.

Bronte finished their season with a 27-6 record.

Named to the All State Tournament Team were Dakota Rawls and Kerwin Rawls.

Named to the All Region Team were Dakota Rawls and Kerwin Rawls.

Named to the All State Team were Dakota Rawls and Kerwin Rawls.

Named to the All District Team were:

Most Valuable Player -Dakota Rawls;

First Team -Kerwin

Second Team - Heath Richey and Rob Rosson;

Honorable Mention -Ernesto Casillas.

The Longhorns would like to thank all the fans who supported them this year, especially the big crowd who followed them to Austin. It was so special for them to see all of Bronte on Saturday.

Bronte High Band wins thirteen medals

On Saturday, February 6, students from the Longhorn competed Brownwood at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. Thirteen of these students received first division (superior) medals on their Megan Yakley on flute - Cindy Davila, Mikayla Fraune, Stacia Emfinger, and Carlos Fuentez 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, the SAT test will be offered and Jonathan Dannheim on on May 1, 2010 at other locatimpani all received medals.

Pancake & sausage on a excellent ratings were as follows: Shelbe Amendt and Chris James on French horn, John Deller on trumpet, Fred

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 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 would like to thank Mrs. Ellis for her piano accompaniment on Saturday and express its condolences to the Rosson family in their

ACT and SAT Tests to be offered in Bronte

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 10, 2010 and tions in the surrounding area. Students who received Registration is open to anyone, but juniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the high school counselor's office or Arthur on trombone, Crystal online at www.actstudent.org

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Bronte 4th Grade Band



Bronte 5th Grade Band



Bronte 6th Grade Band

for the ACT test and 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.

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RL Golf teams post results

On March 9, the JV Boys golf team played at Merkel. No team scores listed. Three medalists: Freshmen - Justin Gartman 108, Dawson Brisbin 108, & Zach Skinner

The girls golf team played March 19 in the Baird Invitational.

Team score: 444 - 5th place out of 15 teams. Rival Baird won the tournament with a 378. RL scores: Jordan Gartman 105, Meagan Ross 109, Mandy Mendoza 110, Sarah Walker 120, & Becca Saucedo 122.

The Varsity Boys golf team participated in the San Angelo Classic Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13. They competed in the 3A & 4A division and were the only 6 man school in the field of mostly 3 & 4A teams from all over West Texas. The Steers finished 10th in the field of 19 teams and Logan Philley captured medalist honors with an even par 76-68-144 total with the 1st round played at Bentwood CC & the 2nd round at Riverside Hills GC. Philley's 144 total gave him a 2 shot win over a very srong-field.

The team shot a 336-312-648 total for their 10th place finish. State 4A powerhouses Canyon Randall (605), Aledo (606) and Frenship (607) took the top three team trophies. The Steers did manage to beat several 4A teams including Abilene Cooper, Plainview, Lakeview, & Hereford. Other Robert Lee scores



Breakfast Monday, March 22

Pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, juice, milk Tuesday, March 23

Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 24 Pizza, cereal, juice, milk Thursday, March 25

Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, March 26 Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch Monday, March 22

Burrito, French fries, applesauce, graham crackers, milk

Tuesday, March 23

Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, peas, bread, orange, milk

Wednesday, March 24

Oven fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, bread, peaches, milk

Thursday, March 25 Ravioli, corn, salad,

cheesestick, pears, milk Friday, March 26

Barbecue on bun, pickles, chips, pork & beans, fruit cocktail, milk

included: Haden Dillard 79-74-153; Foster Allen 83-85-168; Cody Brosh 100-85-185; & Josh Tennison 98-85-183. The Steers & Lady Steers will be off this week for Spring Break & then the girls will be at Merkel (3/23) and the boys will go to Baird (3/24) the week after the break is

RLJH boys win Eden track meet

The RLJH boys won the track meet by over 40 points.

100 m dash-1st-Eric Wells 12.59

400 m dash-1st-Will Howard 1:03.43

1600 m run-4th-Matthew Curry, 5th-Jaden Aldridge, 6th-Mason Hill

1600 m relay-2nd-Efrain Olguin, Everett Wilson, Jerry Wofford, Tristen Hildebrand

Long jump-2nd-Will Howard 14'-11", 5th-Eric Wells 14'-1"

Discus-1st-Will Howard 119'-9 1/2", 4th-Eric Wells 84'-11 1/2", 6th-Jerry Wofford 81'-0"

High jump-1st-Efrain Olguin 4'-10", 2nd-Will Howard 4'-8", 6th-Tristen Hildebrand 0.333

200 m dash-1st-Eric Wells 26.68, 5th-Jerry Wofford

800 m run-2nd-Will Howard 2:38.35

2400 m run-2nd-Matthew Curry 10:22.00, 4th-Mason Hill 15:09.00

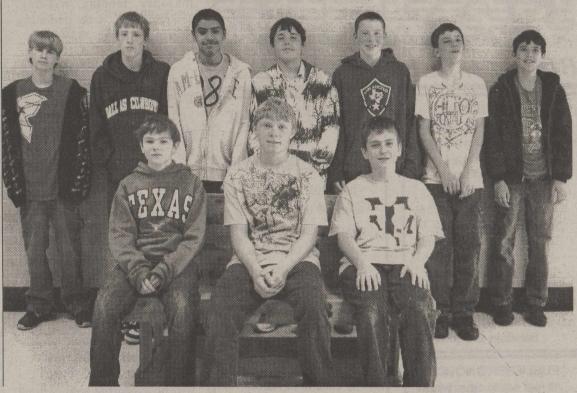
300 m hurdles-3rd-Efrain Olguin 1:00.12

Shot put-1st-Eric Wells 33'-7"

Triple jump-4th-Efrain Olguin 27'-11 1/4"

Pole vault-1st-Everett Wilson 6'-9", 2nd-Matthew Curry 6'-3"

DBERT LEE SCHOOL



Robert Lee Junior High Boys Track Team

RLJH girls Eden track results

The events listed below: 100 m dash-3rd-Jesse Sheets 14.96

100 m hurdles-1st-Sydney Sheldon 21.18

Long jump-6th-Bianca Huapilla 11'-1"

200 m dash-2nd-Jesse Sheets 32.18

300 m hurdles-1st-Sheldon Sydney 58.46

Shot put-2nd-Bianca Huapilla 21'-1", 4th-Bernice Fabian 20;-5 1/2"

Robert Lee Robotics holding fundraising raffle

Robert Lee Robotics team members are selling raffle tickets for a freezer beef. The beef is pasture fed, no grain, no hormones, and limited antibiotics.

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Proceeds from the ticket sales will help pay for trip expenses when the four Secondary teams head to Seguin, Texas in May for the State Robotics Competition.

Get in touch with team members Jorge Rostro, Luke Sheldon, Linsey Arellano,

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Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas, that:

Section 1.

The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 8, 2010, General Election are hereby declared elected to office, and shall be issued a certificate of election:

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Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by grants/loans from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), and other agencies issuing notice of funding (NOF) announcements. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this RFQ, or any resulting contract. This RFQ is issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act) and Title 40 CFR Part 31 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).

This procurement is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy," which includes EPAapproved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) & Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to SMWBEs. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

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City upon request or by picking up a copy at the address below during regular business hours. Four (4) copies of the SOQ Package should be submitted by 5:00 pm (Local Time), April 6, 2010, in a sealed envelope to the following address and clearly labeled accordingly:

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35-2tc Programs to build beef demand Cattle Conference

The 2010 Cattle Industry Conference and National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Trade Show came to Texas this year! conference was held in San Antonio and brought thousands of beef producers from across the country together to make decisions on nationally checkoff-funded programs and appoint producers to leadership roles. The Texas Beef Council (TBC) showcased its mobile marketing unit, The Ultimate Backyard, in the trade show giving producers a glimpse into the consumer promotions and events marketing their

beef industry leaders where state of Texas beef industry. Lean Beef Retail Promotion

The Texas beef checkoff The RFQ is available from the recently partnered with HEB grocery stores for a beef promotion to encourage shoppers to choose lean proteins such as lean beef while shopping the meat case. The checkofffunded "29 Ways to Love Lean Beef" nutritional information was included in the promotion along with meat case displays and onpackage labels. campaign promoted health and wellness for the New Year in 88 HEB stores across Showcasing lean beef's role in optimal health remains a focus for the Texas Beef Council.

Beef Showcase

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) recently partnered with Texas Farm Bureau to showcase beef at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. During the first two weekends of the show TBC

Agriculture conducting five "Kids in the appointments. Kitchen" cooking demonstrations. The interactive sessions give children and parents an opportunity to particapte in the recipe demonstration and chance to win "Beef. It's What's for Dinner" prizes. TBC distributed over 1,200 beef samples and nearly 8,000 beef recipes and nutrition 2010. information.

Congressman Conaway to hold "Academy Day"

Congressman K. Michael Conaway invites area high school students interested in attending a military service academy to an "Academy Day" event, Saturday, April 20, 2010.

The event will be held from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at Angelo State University, MCS Building, Room 100, 2200 Dena Drive in San Angelo.

Academy Liaison Officers. ROTC Representatives and others will be on hand to meet with prospective students and their families.

The "Academy Day" program will feature information

was featured in the Planet about the nomination process exhibit involved in securing academy

Students who reside in the 11th Congressional District are encouraged to submit their applications in the spring of their junior year of high school to Congressman Conaway at play the beef trivia game for a his San Angelo Regional Office, 33 East Twohig, Suite 307, San Angelo, Texas 76903. Application deadline for the Class of 2015 is October 27,

> Congressional staff members will be at the "Academy Day" event to assist prospective applicants.

FMI contact Jo Anne Powell, Office of Congressman K. Michael Conaway, 325-659-

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Outlook Fair for Spring Turkey Season

gobblers on the ground.

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Texas' spring turkey season and take about 25,000 spring turkey hunting activity occurs in South Texas and in leader Jason Hardin noted hunting should be. timely rainfall could give the bird population a boost.

enough older birds to keep Hardin. "We have seen a fair the season interesting," number of jakes over the last predicts Hardin. "All of the two years. They have not had moisture we have had this a boom year since 2007, but winter is setting the stage for they have had more moisture an early hatch. If the than the rest of the Rio range. moisture continues I expect This year is shaping up to be the population to boom in a boom year. We just need these areas and get us back this moisture to continue. All on track."

Rio Grande spring turkey great productions." 14 and May 8-9.

set for April 1-30 in 8 turkeys," Dickerson says. counties, including: Bastrop, Milam counties.

Hunters should temper TPWD biologist Ralph and the excellent wet expectations for this spring's Suarez in Ballinger is based turkey season after back-to- along a transitional area back years of dry conditions between the northern Hill negatively impacted nesting Country, southern Rolling success across much of Plains and western cross Texas, resulting in fewer timbers. He says that they have had near record The good news is 2007 moisture this winter and that produced a bumper crop of he is seeing a lot of green birds and that carryover of weeds already. Suarez is mature toms in South Texas predicting an early start to and the Hill Country, the nesting season, however, combined with excellent he expects the overall nesting habitat conditions number of gobblers to be this year, could result in down this season due to the past two years of drought.

Gene T. Miller, TPWD TPWD estimates about biologist in Canyon, says that 72,000 hunters take part in production has been better in his area of the Panhandle than farther south in Texas gobblers. Most of the state's and he expects to have a decent crop of 2, 3, and 4year old birds in the eastern the Hill Country, where Panhandle. Miller advises the Texas Parks and Wildlife later you hunt in the season Department turkey program the more productive the

"From what I have seen in the Rolling Plains I tend to "I expect there will be agree with Gene," says this moisture should lead to

hunting season opens in the The Trans-Pecos region North Zone, which includes also looks pretty good, Coke County, April 3 and according to Philip runs through May 16. Special Dickerson, TPWD biologist youth-only weekends are set in Alpine, who commented for March 27-28 and May 22- that staff saw quite a few 23. The South Zone opens flocks while flying mule deer March 20 and runs through surveys and that 2008 May 2, with youth-only reproduction was pretty weekends set for March 13- good. "There appeared to have been good numbers of A special one-gobbler-only birds in 2009 on many of the Rio Grande spring season is ranches I contacted about

"Overall the habitat Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, conditions are very good Jackson, Lavaca, Lee and across the region. With decent production in 2009

conditions we've had, the hens should have no problem getting into nesting condition this spring."

Hardin notes that those ranches that adapted to the recent droughts by reducing stocking rates and maintaining adequate cover should have the most rapid and positive responses to the recent moisture. However, birds will be well distributed with an early production of forbs. Again, Rio Grande turkeys should be in excellent condition range wide.

East Texas is moving along at a usual pace, according to TPWD district biologist Gary Calkins in Jasper, who predicts a normal year. He is expecting nesting to get somewhat of a late start due to the fact East Texas actually got some winter weather this year. "We did see a fair amount of production in 2009," Calkins see a fair number of jakes this season."

Statewide regulations allow the use of shotgun, rifle, handgun, legal archery equipment or crossbow to take Rio Grande turkey; individual however, landowners and public hunting areas may further restrict the devices to be

The bag limit for Rio Grande turkey is four turkeys per license year. Regulations and bag limits vary by county, so check the county specific rules where you are hunting. Only gobblers are allowed to be harvested during the spring hunting season. Consult the 2009-10 Outdoor Annual for season dates and bag limits in your

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notes. "I think hunters will low cost, family oriented, spontaneous hunts for turkeys. Each year, the department publishes maps of more than 1 million acres of public hunting lands. Access for turkey hunting is provided by the Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit.

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