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Coke County Sheriff's Office recovers vehicles

Two stolen vehicles were recovered Monday morning, January 24, 2011, by the Coke County Sheriff's Office.

The first vehicle was a 2009 Chevrolet pickup stolen from Odessa. It was found by Chief Deputy Randall Jacks and Deputy Emmitt Crisp. The vehicle when pulled from the water had license plates tracing to a 1984 Datsun. However, the VIN# provided the correct information. When found, the keys were in the ignition and the transmission was in drive.

The above officers discovered the second vehicle, stolen out of Ballinger, during a search for four runaway Runnels County juveniles. The 2003 Pontiac Grand Prix was found behind the Robert Lee Rec Hall with all four juveniles inside the vehicle. The one boy and three girls were detained and transported to the Coke County Courthouse. The stolen automobile was also taken to the courthouse. The four were released into the custody of Ballinger

Police Officer Covington. Ballinger Police Department officials contacted the owner of the vehicle who arrived to take possession.

Coke County Relay For Life Kickoff Scheduled

The Coke County Relay For Life Kickoff has been scheduled for the Bronte/Robert Lee basketball games on February 8, 2011 in Robert Lee.

New kickoff t-shirts will be sold this year as a fundraiser. They will be available in either maroon or orange to support your school and will both have the design "Coke County Basketball & Relay For Life Shattering Cancer". A few t-shirts will be available for sale at the ballgame for \$15.

The Robert Lee/Silver Lion's Club will be cooking a Pancake Supper at RLISD to benefit the Coke County Relay For Life from 4:30 - 6:30 pm before the games. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, West Central Wireless and Robert Lee



More Than a Fish! This pickup, stolen from Odessa, Texas, was found by Coke County Deputy Emmitt Crisp and Chief Deputy Randall Jacks on January 24, 2011. It was recovered from the area of Lake Spence near the picnic tables at Wildcat Marina. Also aiding in the recovery were TPWD Game Warden Jim Allen and Rick Drennan with Best Connection.

State Bank. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Cancer survivors will be recognized during halftime of the girls' game. Contact Rhonda Hood at 453-2065 to register or for more information.

Anyone interested in starting a team can pick up

a team packet at the game. Team members will need to register online at www.relayforlife.org/cokecotx.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. It is an overnight event which celebrates survivors, remembers loved ones, and raises money to help prevent cancer, save lives and diminish suffering from the disease. The 2011 Coke County Relay For Life will be held on April 29-30 in Robert Lee.

Daddy Daughter Date Night set for February 12

The 2nd Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night "Pretty in Pink" will be held Saturday, February 12, from 5 to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or friends can enjoy this special evening out. There will be light appetizers, refreshments, music, door prizes, and a complimentary photo. The girls may bring their own camera to capture special moments of the evening.

You may purchase tickets at DJ's Merle Norman in Robert

Lee or in Bronte at Bronte Hometown Hardware LLC or Shear Heaven Salon.

For more information, call Katie Drennan 453-2343, Natalie Clawson 650-8424, or Angel Cervenka 456-3966.

The Barber Shop announces new location

Deborah England has moved her business, The Barber Shop, from the location on Main Street to 211 N. Lombard (2 blocks north of the Robert Lee highway) in Bronte.

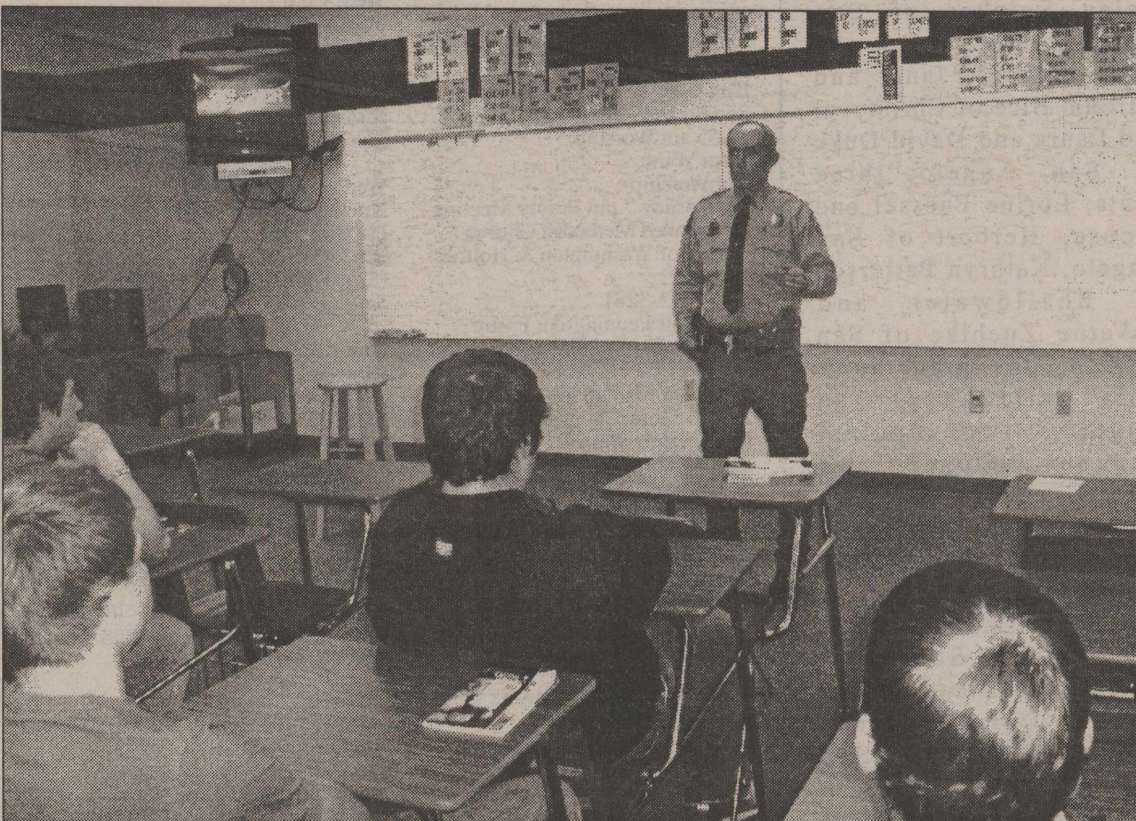
For more information, call 650-1970.

GriefShare Recovery seminar and support group to be held

GriefShare Recovery Seminar and Support Group meets in the Bronte First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall each Sunday from 3-5 pm.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "The Journey of Grief," "The Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Why?" and "Stuck in Grief."

For more information, call the church at 473-2331 or Linda Agent at 473-2429.



TPWD Game Warden Talks to Students! Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden Jim Allen recently spoke to students at Bronte High School who were interested in learning about a career as a Game Warden. Warden Allen spoke to the students about how to apply, educational requirements and job duties. The students also had the opportunity to ask questions.

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Obituaries



McCutchen

Douglas Ray McCutchen, devoted husband, father and friend, passed away Tuesday, January 25, 2011, in San Angelo. He was currently serving as Executive Director of Athletics for the San Angelo Independent School District.

Doug was born in Bronte, Texas, on October 11, 1949, to Calvin and Irma Lee McCutchen. After graduating from Bronte High School in 1968, he attended Texas Tech University where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and earned his Master's degree in Special Education at Angelo State University.

While at Tech, Doug played football leading the Southwest Conference in rushing in 1970 and was named to the All SWC Offensive Team in 1970. He was the first back in Tech history to rush for 1000 yards.

Doug began his coaching career in San Angelo at Central High School. After three years and a National Championship at Texas A and I, Kingsville, he started his head coaching career at Liberty High School followed by head positions at Klein Forest, Midland, Duncanville and Amarillo Tascosa. During this time he was twice named 5A Coach of the Year in 1981 and 1997, Coach of the Year All West South Plains in 1997, and was appointed to THSCA North All Star Selection Committee in 1988.

After twenty-seven years in coaching, Doug became Director of Athletics for the Spring Independent School District. While in this position, he earned the John Kelly Distinguished Service Award and was selected as Award's Chairman and Region IV chairman for the Athletic Directors Association. While in this position, there were six state finalists in football, girls' basketball and baseball, one state championship in girls' basketball and five individual state championships in cross country, swimming and track.

Doug felt great pleasure in seeing young people and their coaching staffs succeed and was truly passionate in providing the best facilities and equipment to help in these successes.

Doug is survived by his wife of thirty-six years, Kathy, his two proudest achievements, son Chad McCutchen of Dallas and Shae McCutchen of Spring, sister Patricia Lee and brother-in-law Martin of Bronte, sister Yvonne Black of Lubbock, brother, Ken McCutchen and wife Minerva of Mullin, sisters-in-law Marty Borden of Cleburne and Charlotte Sollers of Forney, aunt Georgia Rhue Gibbs of Winters, and a number of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Friday, January 28, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, officiated by Dr. Mark Bumpus.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, January 29, at 2:00p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Bronte, officiated by Mills Carraway.

Following the service, a private family burial was held in Hayrick, officiated by Rev. Brian Brownlow, nephew of the deceased.

Pallbearers were Robert Young of Houston, Davis Corley of Midland and Don Hageman, Larry Garvin, Mike Martin and Mark Baker of San Angelo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Meals for the Elderly, San Angelo, Hospice of San Angelo or the charity of choice.

Phillips

Glenda Phillips, 59 of San Angelo went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on January 31, 2011. Glenda was born Glenda Joyce Zuehlke on August 29, 1951, in San Angelo, Texas. She was preceded in death by her father, Leroy Zuehlke; her paternal grandparents Gus and Pauline Zuehlke and her maternal grandparents Edwin and Anna Spieker.

Glenda attended Lutheran school and other schools in Austin and San Angelo. Glenda was married to Lynn Phillips in 1967. After briefly living in San Angelo and Victoria, Texas, the family moved to Bronte, Texas, to make their home there for over twenty years. During this time Glenda was a nurturing homemaker and volunteered for many school and community events. Glenda worked on the family farm and later became actively involved with the family's computer business throughout the 80's. While in Bronte, the family attended both the Church of Christ and First United Methodist Church. Glenda moved to Abilene in 2001 and became a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Glenda had the gift of time for anyone who asked. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, fishing and most of all family. She especially adored her four beloved grandchildren. Her giving heart of compassion touched everyone she met.

Glenda is survived by her four grandchildren, Kenedee, Isabella, Jett and Rhyen; her two sons and their spouses, David and Jacque Phillips of Austin and Justin and Dodi Phillips of Lubbock; friend, Lynn Phillips of San Angelo; her mother, Helen Spieker of San Angelo; two sisters and their spouses, Janet and William Bice of Christoval and Laura and David Duke of San Angelo; three aunts; Lorine Fuessel and spouse, Herbert of San Angelo, Kathryn Patterson of Shallowater and LaVerne Zuehlke of San Angelo; one great aunt, Dora Galloway of San Angelo; two uncles, Eugene Spieker and spouse, Lessie of San Angelo and Clarence Spieker and spouse, Mary of Hermleigh; niece, Julie Bice of Christoval; nephews, Jason Stuart of Austin, Jared and Jordan Bice of Christoval, and Mason Duke of San Angelo.

Funeral service will be at 11 am Friday February 4, 2011, at the Christian Church of San Angelo, 4064 S. Bryant Blvd. with graveside service to follow



Marines Appreciate Efforts! *These are some of the marines that got the Christmas gifts the community and Southside Church of Christ sent. They wanted to thank the community. "They feel appreciated when something is sent as they know people do care for them and what they are fighting for." reported Pat Gunnells.*

at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Visitation was held at Shaffer Funeral Home, 1939 Sherwood Way, on Thursday February 3, with the family present from 6 pm to 8 pm. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

The Family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Peter Chang and the staff at Shannon Medical Center.

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Death Notices

Hensley

Bennie Carol Oglesby Hensley of New Braunfels, Texas, passed away Thursday, January 27,

2011, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born in Bronte, Texas, on September 9, 1950, to Ben Oglesby and Elizabeth Young Oglesby.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney Thomas Hensley. She is survived by her sister, Margaret Koranek, of New Braunfels; her stepson, Sidney Thomas Hensley, Jr., and his wife, Sheila Hensley, of Plano; her granddaughter, Lauren Dedear, her husband, Justin Dedear, and their son, Parker Dedear, of Houston.

A memorial service will be held at the Unity Church in New Braunfels at 11:30 am Saturday, February 5. The service will be followed by a celebration of Carol's life at her home.

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

- Bronte**
Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 (325) 473-3291
 Preacher John V. Driggers
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm
First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 6 pm Youth
 and Worship
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Matt Pennington, Pastor
 Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Coke County

- Pecan Baptist**
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2482
 www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee

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

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

- Iglesia Bautista Bethel**
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354
 Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm

- Southside Church of Christ**
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2176
 Jordan Arnold, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship

- Northside Church of Christ**
 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

- Robert Lee Baptist Church**
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

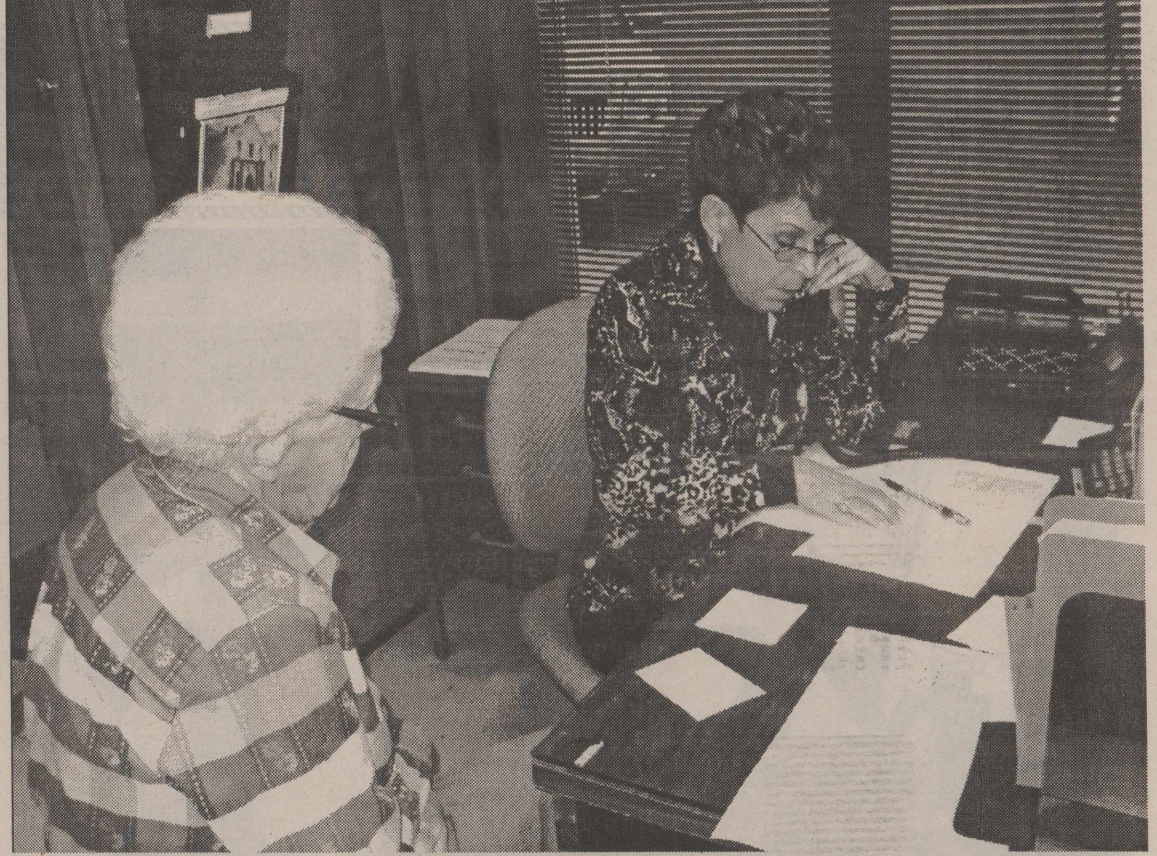
- Victory Assembly of God**
 PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

- Tennyson**
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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West Texas Rehab Telethon! Members of Robert Lee's 64 Study Club manned a phone bank at Ivey Motor Company during the recent West Texas Rehabilitation Center telethon. Sid and Carolyn Long and Don Lawrence (above photo, from left) were on the collection team. Carol Benton (top right photo) answers the phone, with Virginia Milliff assisting. Kay Lackey and Grace Ditmore (bottom right photo) served as hostesses for the evening.



'64 Study Club helps in worthy cause for WTRC

On Saturday evening, 20 members of the '64 Study Club met for their January meeting. This is a special time for the ladies of the club to join forces to conduct the phone bank for Robert Lee and Silver communities. The calls are made asking for donations and pledges for money to go directly the West Texas Rehab.

As of 1-25-11, they have collected \$3,600 for this worthy cause. Most everyone in our communities has been helped in some way by the West Texas Rehab and trust that this collection of funds will be used to help someone who need their services.

Ivey Motor Company has provided their offices and telephones for many years so that the Study Club could conduct their telethon from their facility. The ladies are very grateful for Ivey Motors generosity.

While some members of the club are making phone calls, others are going out to collect the donations. Several husbands of club members were present to go assist in the collection runs.

Hostesses for the evening provide finger foods and drinks to those who are working.

The '64 Study Club is very grateful to the community for your donations!

Chapter 36) of the Texas Water Code and confirmed by the voters of Coke County in a general election held for that purpose. The statute requires the District to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharge and prevention of waste of the underground water reservoirs beneath Coke County.

All groundwater districts are bound by Section 36.002 of the Texas Water Code which currently states:

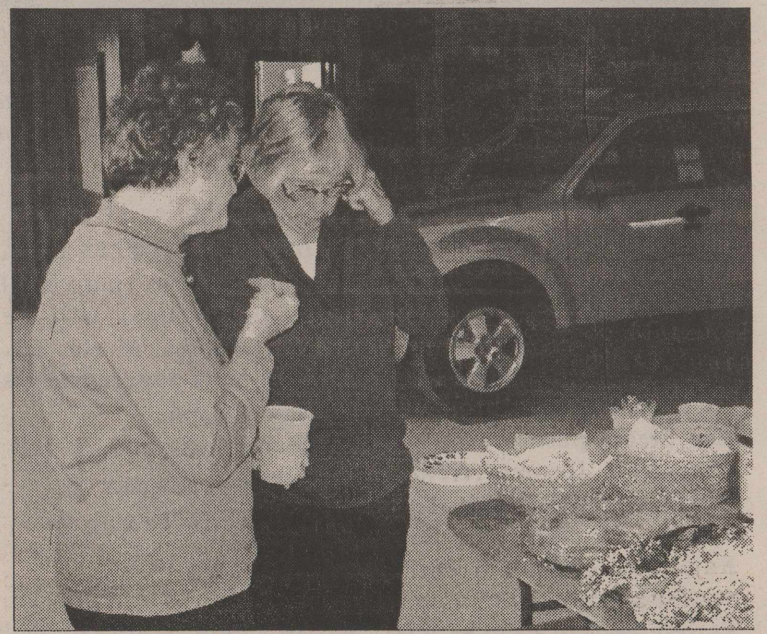
"Sec. 36.002. OWNERSHIP OF GROUNDWATER. The ownership and rights of the owners of the land and their lessees and assigns in groundwater are hereby recognized, and nothing in this code shall be construed as depriving or divesting the owners or their lessees and assigns of the ownership or rights, except as those rights may be limited or altered by rules promulgated by a district."

There could not be a clearer statement that groundwater is the private property of Texas landowners, and that local groundwater districts are charged with protecting those rights.

Those districts have several concerns with the changes to 36.002 proposed in SB 332, the Farm Bureau-Texas and Southwestern Cattle-Raiser's Association-Texas Wildlife Association-backed bill purporting to secure landowners' vested property rights in water.

There is conflict between the "vested property rights" provisions of the bill and the Right of Capture, the judicial doctrine which has defined ownership of groundwater rights in Texas for more than 100 years. The regulatory scheme we have now, which allows a landowner's water to be depleted under his land without his consent, does not give him a "vested property right" in all the water under his land. It gives him only a vested property right in the water he produces, but does give him a right to produce which is limited solely by groundwater district rules. That may be good or bad, but a true vested interest in water in place under land would be a big change in law, with consequences we have not yet thought through.

And there is certainly a conflict between "vested property rights" in groundwater and the provision



guaranteeing a right to produce a "reasonable" amount of water, unless "reasonable" will be defined as an amount which does not impair or deplete an adjoining neighbor's water supply. If the proposed legislation truly protects property rights in landowner has a right to pump all of the water out from under his land only until he starts to draw down his neighbor's supply - groundwater districts could wholeheartedly support it, even with the increased regulatory burden that would necessarily follow. However, it appears that "reasonable" amount of production

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Daddy Daughter Date Night
Saturday • February 12th • 5-8 pm
"Pretty in Pink"
Robert Lee Rec Hall
 Tickets - \$15/couple & \$5 for additional child
 Grades K-6th
 Purchase tickets by Wednesday, February 9,
 in Robert Lee at DJ's Merle Norman
 and in Bronte at
 Shear Heaven Salon and
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 For more information, contact
 Katie Drennan 453-2343,
 Natalie Clawson 650-8424,
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Ground water districts do protect landowner rights in ground water.

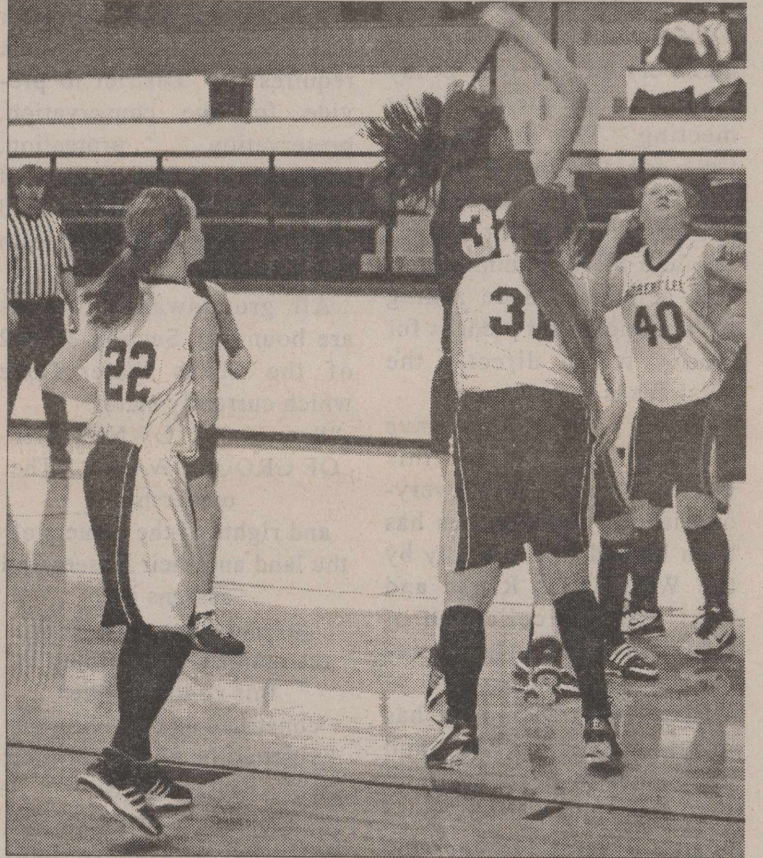
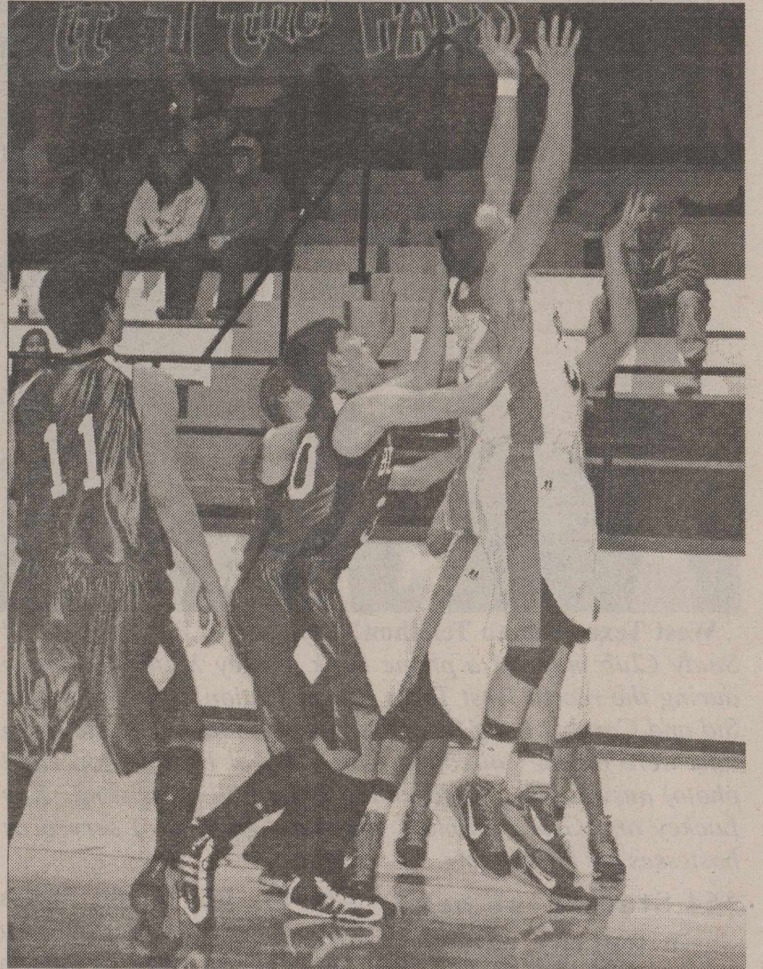
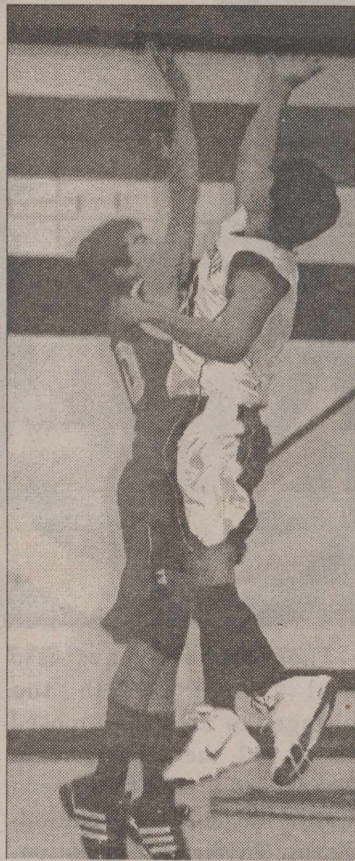
The Coke County Underground Water Conservation District was established on April 16, 1985, pursuant to Article XVI, Sec. 59 of the Texas Constitution and chapters 51 and 52 (recodified in 1995 as

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee Basketball! The Robert Lee High School Steers (top far right) and Lady Steers (above) faced off against the Blackwell Hornets on Tuesday, January 25. The Robert Lee Dogies (near right) and Lady Dogies (bottom far right) squared off against the Bronte Shorthorns.



Senior Night slated

The RLHS Senior Parent Night will be held during the Bronte at Robert Lee district basketball games February 8.

Steers split wins

On January 25, the Robert Lee Steers pushed past the Blackwell Hornets 59-55. Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman 3, Sam Peyton 8, Zachary Sanchez 1, Haden Dillard 17, Logan Philley 28, and Zach Skinner 2.

The Steers were defeated by the Water Valley Wildcats 45-64. Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman 9, Sam Peyton 11, Will Howard 5, Haden Dillard 9,

and Logan Philley 11.

Spring Pictures set

Spring pictures (individual only- no groups) will be taken Tuesday, March 22. Spring Sports picture packets must be prepaid.

Robert Lee JH & HS Cheerleader & Mascot Tryouts slated

Tryouts for both RLJH and RLHS cheerleaders and mascot will be held in the gym Thursday, March 24. Sign-up week is February 28 through March 4 in the HS Office.

Meetings and Practice times will be announced soon.

Community

Calendars for Sale

RLHS Spanish Club is selling Community Calendars. They are \$6 each. Pick your calendar up today at the High School Library.

RLISD Board posts minutes

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, January 24, 2011. The regular meeting was held in the Robert Lee High ISD Conference Room 119 at 7 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Washam.

All members were present. They include Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Tod Reed, Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres, and Brandi Brosh.

At 7 pm, the meeting was called to order by President Washam, with a quorum of members present.

The invocation and pledge were led by Brandi Brosh.

The 2009-2010 RLISD Audit was presented by Jerry Tinkler with Eckert & Company LLP. Tom Sawyer made the motion to approve the 2009-2010 Audit as presented, seconded by Tod Reed. All voted for.

Ed Portier, Joe Spoon and Rusty Hodges, all with W.B.

Kibler, were at the meeting. The Board recessed at 7:45 pm to tour facilities under construction and reconvened into open session at 8:16 pm.

Supt. Hood discussed matters related to the construction project.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2010, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Wayne Simpson, Elementary Principal, gave his report; enrollment for elementary 136 students and 96% ADA for the month of December. Austin Crawley, High School Principal, gave his report: enrollment for grades 7-12 was 102 and ADA was 96% for the month of December.

Wayne Simpson and Austin Crawley gave the 2009-2010 AEIS Report along with RLISD School Report Card and AYP.

Supt. Hood made a recommendation to sign the Shared Service Agreement with Fairview Alternative Education Co-op for the 2011-2012 school year. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

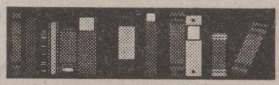
Supt. Hood discussed Small School Co-op agreement for 2011-2012.

Tod Reed made a motion, seconded by Tom Sawyer, to approve additional testing to the student drug testing policy. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the sale of the old HVAC units, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, February 7

Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 8

Egg, sausage, biscuit, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 9

Pancake on stick, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, February 10

Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, February 11

French toast, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 7

Burrito, salad, corn, orange, milk

Tuesday, February 8

Corndog, baked beans, chips, fruit jello, milk

Wednesday, February 9

Frito pie, salad, corn, cheese, apple, milk

Thursday, February 10

Taco soup, corn muffin, cheese stick, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Friday, February 11

Chicken patty on bun, pickles, salad, French fries, fruit, milk

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS UIL Competitors! Erika Puentez, Mikayla Fraune, Megan Yackley and Caleb Rosson placed at the Irion County academic meet. Erika, Mikayla, and Caleb placed third in the team spelling contest. Megan Yackley placed second in Ready Writing, and Caleb Rosson placed sixth in individual spelling.

Longhorns continue ratings high

The Bronte Longhorns continue their reign at the top of the Class 1A Division II State Basketball Poll. A complete list of the top 25 teams and their records is included below.

1. Bronte (22-2); 2. Anton (23-3); 3. Paducah (19-5); 4. San Isidro (28-0); 5. Dodd City (27-0); 6. Laneville (17-6); 7. Wells (23-2); 8. Throckmorton (9-4); 9. Sands (24-4); 10. Grady (22-3); 11. Ira (18-4); 12. Martinsville (21-3); 13. Saltillo (23-4); 14. Knippa (17-7); 15. Calvert (11-3); 16. Frost (17-4); 17. Waelder (17-6); 18. Austwell Tivoli (22-5); 19. Zephyr (20-4); 20. Richland Springs (7-1); 21. Garden City (10-4); 22. Meadow (16-9); 23. Kopperl (19-4); 24. Ropes (16-9); and 25. Lipan (16-11).

ASU Discover Day set for February 5

High school juniors and seniors are invited to attend

Angelo State University's Discover Day on Saturday, February 5, from 9:45 am to 2 pm. This free event will give prospective students an opportunity to learn about ASU, including its' academic programs and student services as well as extracurricular programs. Students will also have an opportunity to talk to current students and faculty. Lunch will be provided free of charge to participants and a tour of ASU will be offered. Parents are invited to attend. Discover ASU participants will be offered free admission to the Planetarium showing of "Stars of the Pharaohs" at 3:00 PM, if they are interested. To register for Discover Day, please call 942-2041 or register online at www.angelo.edu.

Camp Arch set for Texas A & M

The College of Architecture at Texas A & M will be hosting Camp Arch this summer from July 10th to the 16th. The resident summer camp is designed to give students who have competed the 9th grade or higher and incoming freshmen college students an opportunity to experience the professions of Architect, Constructor and Visual Designer. For more information on this camp or to apply, please visit <http://camparch.tamu.edu> or pick up a flyer off the bulletin board at Bronte High School.

Scholarship Opportunities

Bronte High School seniors may now apply for the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship. The applications are available on the counselor's page on the BHS web site at www.bronteisd.net. Please note that Bronte HS Alumni may apply for a C.J. Macon



BHS Multimedia Class recognized! The Texas Council on Family Violence in Austin, Texas recognized Bronte High School's Multimedia Class for their video production on teen dating violence. The council stated they appreciated their outstanding commitment and accomplishment with a letter and will possibly showcase their efforts nationally through their social media channels during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February. Congratulations Bronte High School. The students involved are Kayla Cagle, (from left) Shandee Vaughn, Rachael Deller, Chéyenne Boyd, Alejandra Franco, Kealy Wallace, and Ginny Caston.

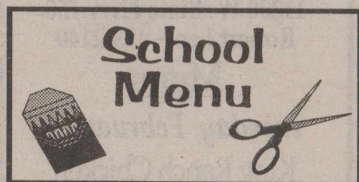


Students Attend Leadership Seminar! Several sophomore students from Bronte High School attended the John Ben Sheppard Public Leadership Institute at Angelo State University on Wednesday, January 26, 2011. The leadership forum offers young people the opportunity to learn leadership skills, such as goal setting and communication, and heightens their awareness of responsible citizenship. Forum attendees discussed public affairs issues that impact our local communities and state, while learning skills for affecting positive change. Students also had the opportunity to interact in small discussion groups, as well as hear from keynote speakers. Pictured from left to right are Kyle Kelton, Jael Williams, Brooke Bedford, Erika Puentez, Suzette Diares, Mikayla Fraune and Caleb Rosson.

senior, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Applications are available in the counselor's office or by April 12, 2011.

If your family is a member of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative and you are a

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 7

Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Jelly, Milk

Tuesday, February 8

Sausage Roll, Juice, Milk

Wednesday, February 9

Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk

Thursday, February 10

Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk

Friday, February 11

Sausage Patty, Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday, February 7

Ranch Style Chili, Cornbread, Tator Tots, Fruit, Cookies, Milk

Tuesday, February 8

Lasagna, Corn, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Texas Toast, Milk

Wednesday, February 9

Breaded Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Rolls, Milk

Thursday, February 10

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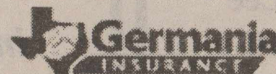
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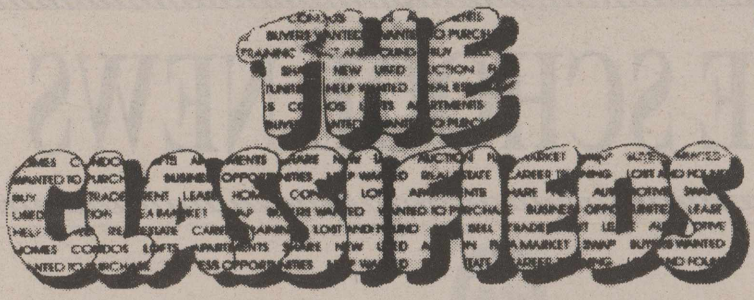
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Also, we extend our thanks to Pastor Corey Cornutt of the First Baptist Church in Bronte for opening his fellowship hall for the dinner for Doug's family and friends.

We also extend a very heartfelt thank you to the people of Bronte for the wonderful food, for sharing memories and stories about Doug, and for your prayers and best wishes. He was very fortunate to have grown up in such a positive and supportive community.

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NOTICES

THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUB-AREA OFFICE
in Ozona will be holding an Office day/ housing fair. Thursday, February, 24 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Courthouse located at 13 East 7th Street in Robert Lee, Texas. A representative will be available to discuss Housing Programs for Very Low, Low, and Moderate income families; additional information on various community program loans and grants, business and industry loans and grants, and to provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistance.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES
The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 14, 2011 Election. Two (2) Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between

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INFORMACION DE EL DIA FINALE PARA LOS DATOS
El Consejo De Directores del Hospital Distrito Del Condado Este De Coke hacen saber que el dia 14 de Mayo, 2011 sera el dia final para hacer los datos para las elecciones. Cada dos (2) directores seran elejidos para un termino de dos (2) anos. El dia 12 de Febrero, 2011 hasta el 14 de Marzo, 2011 seran los dias para que los candidatos llenen las aplicaciones; favor de incluir su nombre en las boletas. Las aplicaciones seran obtenidas de las 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. en Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 S. State Street, Bronte, Texas 76933.

and a registered voter at time of election. Bronte ISD has two places for full three year terms. The terms of Paul Williams and David McWright are expiring.

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ROBERT LEE ISD NOTICE
Candidate applications will be available for 2 places on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees with both places being three year terms. Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration Office beginning Monday, February 14, 2011 during the hours of 8:00-3:30 Monday thru Friday. The deadline for filing a candidate application is Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:00 pm. Election day will be Saturday, May 14, 2011. Requirements for filing are that you must have lived 1 year in the state and 6 months in the school district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at time of election. Robert Lee ISD will need to elect two trustees. The 3 year terms of Irma Torres and Jeffie Roberts are expiring.

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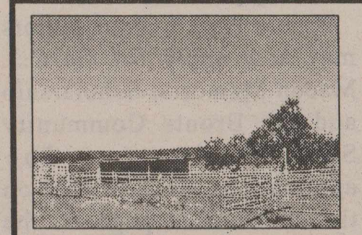
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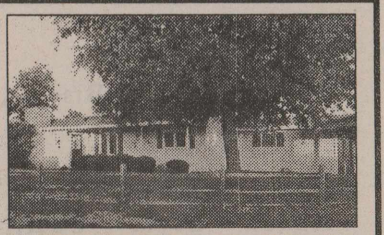
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All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6221-74-001 to be held on February 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the 150 EAST RIVERSIDE DR, ROOM 1B.1, AUSTIN TX. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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...Letter to the Editor

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tion will be defined entirely differently. The question then becomes who will be charged with making the final decision about how much water can "reasonably" be produced in an aquifer? Groundwater districts? The state? The courts?

Ultimately, if this bill passes, the "reasonable" provision will be taking regulation of water away from local districts, whose elected boards of directors are mainly agricultural, and putting it in the hands of appointed state bureaucrats or the courts.

The local Board of Directors for the Coke County Underground Water Conservation District consists of Joe Ash, Wayne King, Jimmie Byrne, LeDrew Arrott and Wes Washam. They are local landowners who are dedicated to protecting your property rights and who believe that the best interest of the residents of Coke County are best served by a local elected board and not the state or the courts.

Winton Milliff
General Manager

Coke County Historical

Commission to meet February 15

A second meeting will be held at the Coke County Library at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15 to discuss creating a book about Coke County and its history.

To be decided at this meeting is which publisher to choose. Arcadia Publishing Company will publish and distribute the book with no funds up front. The Coke

County Historical Commission will receive a royalty for each book sold and they will sell the books to the CCHC for a reduced price to be sold for fundraisers.

Local printers will require money up front meaning that pre-sales will have to be run to raise money to finance the printing of the book.

This is a decision that will require in-put from everyone interested in this project. Local printers will be contacted for more information. Arcadia has provided guidelines for using their company.

Coke County's rich heritage deserves to be preserved. Doing so as soon as possible will insure that Coke County's history will remain inspirational for those that follow. Coke County historians are encouraged to attend the meeting on Tuesday, February 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the Coke County Library.

Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association sets meeting

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Assoc., that oversees the care of the Robert Lee Cemetery, will meet on Monday, February 7, at 5:15 pm at the Lodge Hall.

Anyone interested in the operation and upkeep of the Robert Lee Cemetery is urged to attend this meeting.

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... RLISD minutes
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Beverly Sinclair made a motion to approve the Order of Election for Board of Trustees for May 14, 2011, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Supt Hood gave his report on enrollment numbers, legislative session, Mid-Winter conference, Intervention Trial Date, and Level II School Board training.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to extend Supt. Hood's contract one year making a total of a five year contract with a 3% increase in salary. Tom Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted for.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011, at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

... Scholarship Opportunities

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the counselor's office at Bronte HS or you may call the cooperative office at (325) 846-4111 to ask for an application to be mailed to you. Applications must be in to the Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. business office by April 1, 2011.

The San Angelo Area Foundation (SAAF) has also posted their scholarship online at www.saafound.org. The application deadline is

March 1, 2011. Many area scholarships may be applied for through the use of this one application being submitted. Students who are currently enrolled in college may also apply for this scholarship. For more information and a list of the scholarships offered, please visit the website.

The Texas Farm Bureau has several scholarships available for graduating seniors whose families are Farm Bureau members. All scholarship applications can be found on the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.txfb.org. Click on the Ag Education and Youth tab. The deadline to apply for the district and state scholarships is March 18, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact the area Field Rep., Sutton Page at (325) 374-0884.

The Texas Trial Lawyers Association is also offering a scholarship to high school graduating seniors. Applications may be downloaded at www.ttla.com. The application deadline is March 20, 2011.

USA Today and America's Milk Processors are pleased to announce the Annual Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (Sammy) award program. From now through March 4, 2011 teachers, coaches, principals, counselors, athletic directors, parents and relatives are encouraged to nominate a senior athlete for the SAMMY 2011 Award. Applications and official rules are available online at www.sammy.bodybymilk.com.

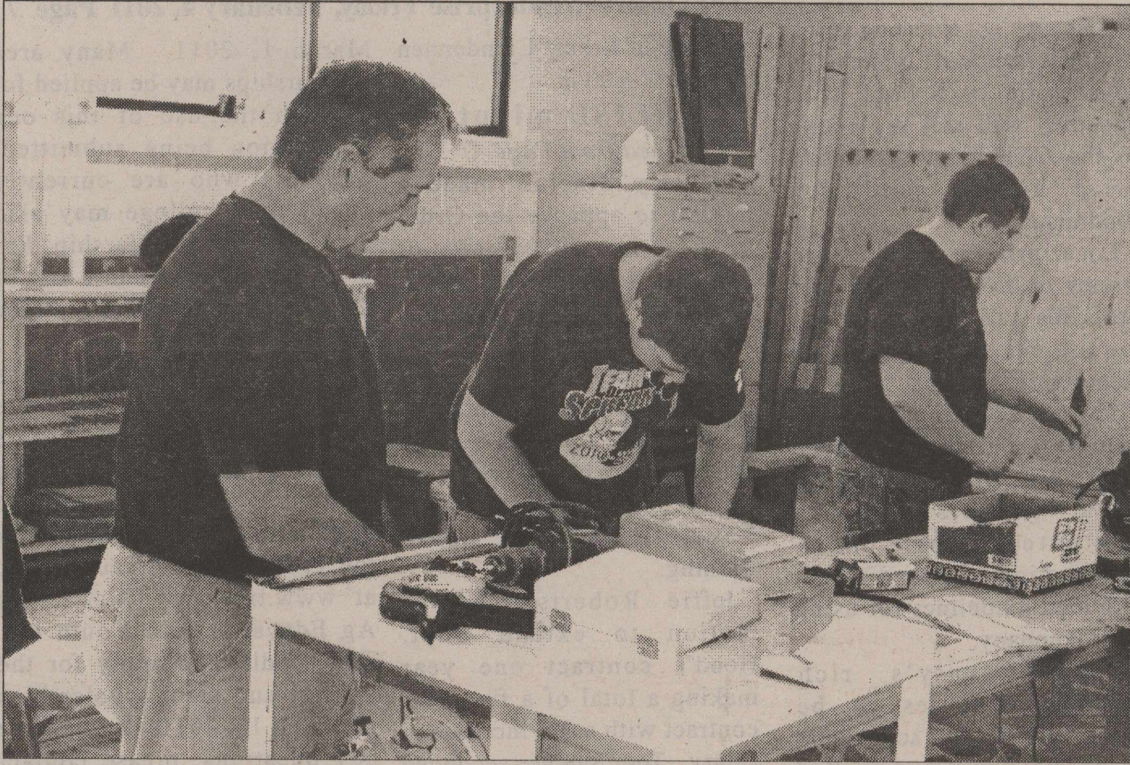
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BHS Art Class! Ron Cooper, art teacher at Bronte High School, works with Jaylon Seales and Austin Mertz on class projects. Mr. Cooper also teaches Building Trades. In his classes, students acquire many hands-on skills including woodworking, metal arts and sign making to name a few.

ASU Dean's List released for 2010 Fall Semester

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the honor roll include:

Blackwell: Ethan M. Anderson, John D. Everett, Marissa C. Griffin and Jacob M. Watts.

Bronte: B. Reese Braswell, Boyd L. Burns, Angel S. Cervenka, Natelle M. Laskiewicz, Ashley J. McCutchen, Samuel R. Rawlings, Logan D. Rawls and Robert P. Rosson.

Robert Lee: Molly A. Burns, Christopher C. Cooper, Mira M. Myrice and Brandi C. Sheldon.

West Coke County EMS Donations

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West Coke County Hospital Board minutes posted

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session, Monday, January 24, 2011, in the office of the Administrator at the Robert Lee Care Center, due to renovation work at the facility. Members present included President 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 was one visitor in attendance, Sarah Green.

The minutes from the

previous meeting were approved, and absent Board members from that meeting were excused. In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board of the need for CNAs, and he continues to interview nurses. There are currently 46 residents in the Care Center, with 8 residents in the unit.

As the Board discussed accounts receivable and collections, Roger reported things are going about as usual, with Janie continuing

to meet challenges as they arise due to changes in state regulations. Advancing to capital projects, the renovation of the dining room was again discussed and if you have been by the Care Center, you know the work has begun. It is challenging for the residents and staff with the main dining room blocked off, but everyone is working together to ensure everything keeps running smoothly. Roger and the Board are very proud of the cooperation and hard work of all the staff,

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especially during this time. The Board also authorized Roger to acquire a cost estimate of possible future renovation to be done in the Alzheimer Unit.

The financial statements were discussed and approved.

The February calendar for the Care Center is full again this month. Area churches will be bringing worship services as usual every Sunday afternoon at 3:30, and there will be a special Gospel Sing, sponsored by the Assembly of God Church Saturday, February 12, at 3:30. The Valentine party is scheduled for February 14, at 3:30, and the monthly birthday party will be February 23. The celebrants this month are Elizabeth Reed, A.R. Bagwell, Brenda Gilbreth, and Dot Brown, so come by

to wish them a very special day. Elizabeth's family provided a party Sunday, January 30, for residents, staff, and visitors to celebrate her 100th birthday. There were notes of congratulations from the governor and president on display, along with pictures of Elisabeth in days of yesteryear. She decided 100 years is a lot of ground to cover. The monthly Sing-a-long is set for February 25, at 3:30, and everyone is invited to come and make a joyful noise, whether it's on key, a tune in a bucket, or however you wish to join in.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next meeting date was set for February 28, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm, and the Board enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

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The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly. • *Proverbs 20:27*

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him, howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. • *1 Corinthians 14:2*

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. • *Romans 8:26-27*

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with understanding also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. • *1 Corinthians 14:14-15*

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. • *Romans 8:14*

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. • *John 16:13*

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. • *John 6:17*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. • *Psalms 51:10*

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