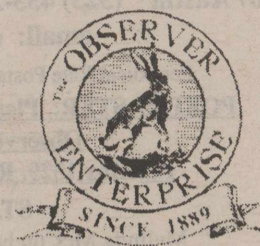


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Special Olympics Basketball Tourney set for Saturday

Bronte ISD will host a Special Olympics basketball tournament on Saturday, February 12, 2011. Opening ceremonies will be at 9:30 and competition begins at 10.

Team and volunteer registration will be before the opening ceremonies. A dinner and dance will be held after the competition.

There will be four divisions of 3 on 3 basketball, individual skills, traditional basketball and unified basketball (3 special Olympics athletes and 2 partners on the court).

The following teams will participate in the tournament: Abilene Dreamakers, Abilene Tigers, Amarillo Mavericks, Amarillo Texas Tornados, Amarillo ADVO Dream Team, San Angelo Bobcats, Cooper Cougars, Jags, Mosaic Mustangs, Recing Crew of Abilene, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and the Trent Gorillas.

Special Olympic souvenirs will be sold throughout the day and a concession stand will be open. Hoopin' Horns, Bronte cheerleaders and Bronte varsity basketball player will perform.

Trail Ride to camp in Bronte

The 2011 San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Santa Fe Trail Ride will be bedding down at the Coke County Park in Bronte.

The group will arrive in Bronte sometime on Sunday, February 13, and will leave to complete their journey to San Angelo early the next morning.

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.

Bronte Chamber of Commerce planning Business Directory

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is planning a Business Directory to go out to all local residents. Because they want to include as many Bronte businesses as possible, they are asking anyone in the Bronte area who has a home business or a business that's off the beaten path to please call Melinda McCutchen at 453-2433 or 473-3201.

Once you are on the list, you will be contacted by one of the Bronte COC directors to get your business's information, logos, etc. for the directory.

Learn to search family trees

Following the interest shown in an introduction to Genealogy recently held at the Coke County Library, the group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Library.

During the beginning session, one person discovered a second great-grandfather using selected web sites and another found a passenger ship list of a great-grandfather.

The meeting for February 14th will expand on the sources used in research. Also to be discussed is the available material through the internet and through inter-library loan.

Fran Lomas will conduct the sessions. She was instrumental in presenting to Angelo State University the need for a depository of materials. This idea developed into the West Texas Collection. Mrs. Lomas has also taught genealogy throughout the state.

Robert Lee Street Affair meeting set for Tuesday, Feb. 15

The first meeting of the year for organizing the 2011 Robert Lee Street Affair has been set for Tuesday, February 15, at 6 pm at



Victory Assembly in Robert Lee.

Last year's event was extremely successful. In order for the annual Street Affair to remain an event Robert Lee can be proud of, residents are urged to get involved and to start by coming to Tuesday's meeting.

Coke County Historical Commission to meet February 15

The Coke County Historical Commission will hold a meeting in the Coke County Library on Tuesday, February 15, at 3 pm to work out details for a proposed Coke County history volume. Several proposals are under consideration and a publisher will be decided upon at this meeting.

Arcadia Publishing Company, Chapman Printing and Ballinger Printing companies are being considered. Coke County's varied areas have been identified and will be the topics of the book.

Those who attended the first meeting are especially encouraged to continue meet-

ing with the group to decide the follow-up procedure to preparing the book for production.

Historians and pioneer families are encouraged to be at this meeting. Preserving the previous eras of the county's history is important so that in the future, historians will have a sturdy foundation to continue the project.

Make sure that Tuesday, February 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the Coke County Library is on the calendar.

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.

Bronte Chamber of Commerce asking for nominations

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is requesting nominations for Citizen of the Year and Hometown Hero. These awards will be presented at the annual Chamber banquet set for the spring.

If you want to make a nomination, please send the person's name and a paragraph or two detailing the reasons you believe this person deserves the award.

You may send your nominations to the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 516, Bronte, Texas 76933.

Sheriff reminds citizens of 24 hour phone number

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen wishes to remind all Coke County citizens that the Sheriff's Department phone is answered 24 hours a day. The number to call is (325) 453-2717.

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Obituaries

Adkins
 Elmer Dresden Adkins, 84, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2011, at the Robert Lee Care Center. Graveside services were held at 2 pm Sunday, February 6, 2011, in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Elmer was born on August 28, 1926, to Orel and Edna Adkins in Sanco, Texas. He proudly served in the United States Army serving in Japan as the Army of Occupation. Upon returning to Robert Lee from the Army he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Ross on October 25, 1947. They lived most of their married lives in Robert Lee where they raised their family.

He was employed by Tucker Drilling and Patterson Drilling. He was a tool pusher until he retired from Patterson Drilling in 1986.

Elmer had a great love for family. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Elmer enjoyed woodworking and making pieces of furniture for his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and

sons, Mac Adkins and Charlie Adkins.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Barbara Adkins of Robert Lee; his son, Ross Adkins and wife Kay of Sonora; his daughter, Jo Louise Adkins of San Angelo, and daughter-in-law Angie Vann of Abilene; his grandchildren, Michael Adkins and wife Asaco of Keene, Texas, Zachary Adkins of Round Rock, Texas, Michelle Fickle and husband Kenneth of Allen, Texas, Jessica Adkins of Austin, Claire Flores and husband Richard of San Angelo; and his great grandchildren, Derick, Karissa, and Michiah Fickle, Hope and James Flores. He also leaves behind numerous cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a favorite charity.

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Modgling
 Winston Modgling of Bronte passed from this life on Friday, February 4, 2011, in a San Angelo hospital after a short illness. Visitation was all day Sunday, February 6, 2011, at the funeral home with the family present from 2 pm to 4 pm. Graveside service was held at 2 pm Monday, February 7, 2011, in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Winston was born to Barney E. Modgling and Adah Louise Kiker Modgling on May 29,

1922, in Bronte, Coke County. He attended school in Bronte. Winston proudly served his country during World War II in the United States Air Force. He worked for Arco for 30 years before retiring and returning to Bronte. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bronte.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Winnie Dean Jagt; brothers, Elmer Modgling and Thomas A. Modgling.

Winston is survived by his wife, Martha E. Fletcher Modgling of Bronte; son, Lynn Gardenhire and wife Ellery of Dallas; daughters, Sheila Cumpston of Red Bluff, California, Linda Issac and husband Thomas of Newman, Georgia; and two grandchildren. He is also survived by cousin, Wayne Modgling of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Mountain Creek Golf Course news
 At a recent meeting, new board of directors were elected for two year terms at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. President is Darin Clawson, Secretary Dick Sims and Treasurer Ricky Ross. Also serving on the

board is Scotty Jackson and Tommy Antilley. The new board wishes to express their appreciation to former board members Randy Flanagan, Stephen Myers and Jeff Brisbin.

The new tournament schedule has been released and everyone is encouraged to come out and play. This years tournament payouts will be increased and food will be supplied at every tournament.

Everyone is invited to come on Sunday afternons for food and fun. The low ball 18 hole tournament and skins game begins at 1:00 pm. The Thursday

scrambles will also begin soon.

Free Exercise Class offered
 Are you ready to start on your New Years resolution? A low impact 1 mile walking class is being offered at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee every Monday from 2-2:30 pm.

The class is free and is designed for you to go at your own pace to accommodate all fitness levels.

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

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 Wed. 6 pm

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 10:55 am Worship,
 6 pm Youth and Worship
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church
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 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Matt Pennington, Pastor
 Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

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 (325) 453-2176
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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship

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 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
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 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
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 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development host annual meeting

The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council welcomed residents from 13 Texas counties to its Annual Sponsors Meeting held January 19, 2011 in Mertzon, Texas.

The Concho Valley RC&D helps local communities gain a general improvement to the economic activity and enhance the overall environment and standard of living. They were organized by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to accelerate conservation and utilization of natural resources. The counties served by Concho Valley RC&D include: Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Irion, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green and Upton.

The Annual Sponsors Meeting included a council board meeting, a special speaker and a presentation by Concho Valley RC&D Coordinator Tony Resendez. During the council board meeting, Resendez discussed that the Concho Valley RC&D will be receiving over \$8,000 in additional funding. The board elected to use these funds to help in the production and printing of a Concho Valley plant identification book that is being created by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Rangeland Management Specialist George Clendenin.

"The book, Rangeland Plants and Ecology of the Concho Valley, is not just a plant book," Clendenin stated, "it is a book that not only depicts plants of the region but also how those

plants can be managed to benefit livestock, wildlife and a healthy watershed."

The book is set to be released in fall of 2011.

After adjourning from the board meeting, attendees enjoyed a complimentary meal provided by Irion County.

USDA-Rural Development (RD) Area Specialist Randy Verner was first to address the participants with a presentation about "Rural Development". Verner has managed the USDA-RD Ozona office since 2006.

He explained the role of his office and the programs they promote and manage. USDA-RD programs touch on a variety of rural community issues including housing, community facilities, and water/waste and business/industry improvement.

"The goal of working at the local level is to improve the economy and quality of life for rural communities," Verner said.

Resendez gave a presentation that highlighted the impacts over the last year made by RC&D.

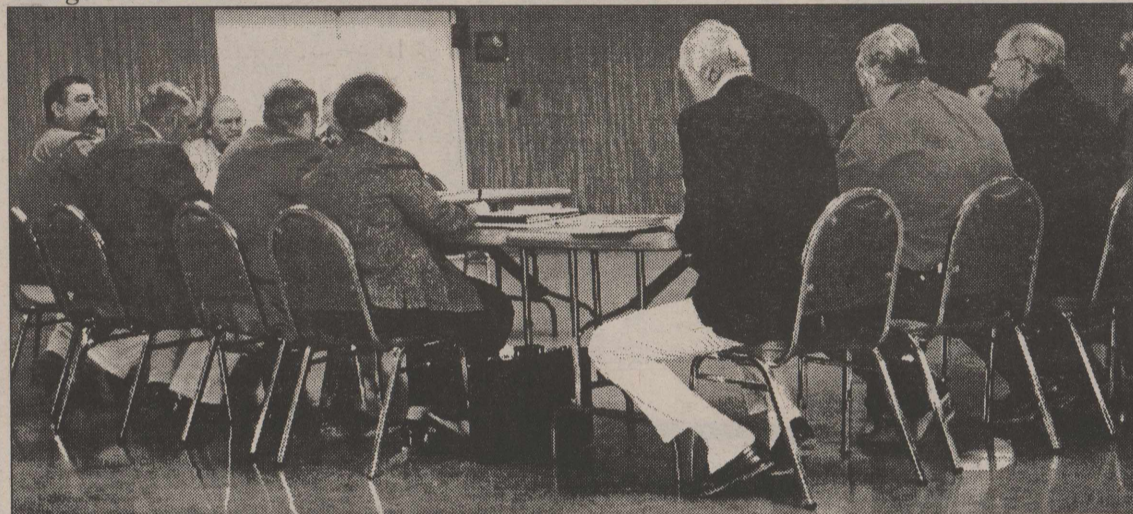
"Our goal is to improve the quality of life in the Concho Valley," Resendez said.

"The smallest contribution can have a direct impact in a rural community," he added, "we want to insure that folks have a place to call home."

The RC&D program is administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Non-profit RC&D councils, comprised of local leaders, identify community needs and work with USDA to plan and realize projects in the areas of community development, water and land



Concho Valley RC&DC Annual Meeting! Randy Verner (top photo), area specialist with USDA's Rural Development, addresses attendees during the Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development's Annual Sponsor Meeting held in Mertzon, Texas. Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council elected to use funds to help in the production and printing of a Concho Valley plant identification book that is being created by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Rangeland Management Specialist George Clendenin.



management and land conservation. Concho Valley RC&D's China Garden in San Angelo, next meeting will be held at (Continued on Page 12)

Attention
All Ladies

Age 13
and Up!

Are you tired of winter and ready to think about Spring? Well, don't just sit there - jump off that sofa and mark your calendar for April 16 at 11:30 am!

The Fifth Annual "Ladies Spring Tea" is just around the corner.

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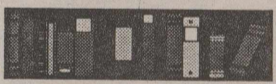
Logan Philley



Scoring for the Dogies were Torres 4, Bruce Buddin 2, Tijerina 4, Roberts 9, and Wofford 6.

Scoring for the Dogies were JR Aldridge 2, Torres 5, Tijerina 6, Roberts 8, and Wofford 2.

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, February 14**
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, February 15**
Pizza, cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, February 16**
Burrito, cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, February 17**
Biscuit, sausage, cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, February 18**
Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, February 14**
Pizza, breadsticks, corn, salad, applesauce, graham crackers, milk
- Tuesday, February 15**
Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, roll, pineapple, milk
- Wednesday, February 16**
Hot dog, chili, cheese, fritos, baked beans, cake, milk
- Thursday, February 17**
Salisbury steak, steamed broccoli, new potatoes, peaches, sliced bread, milk
- Friday, February 18**
BBQ on bun, French fries, pickles, cheesestick, orange, milk

RLISD adds early release date

The Robert Lee Independent School District will release all students on Friday, February 18th at 12:30 pm. This early release day is not listed on the official school calendar and has been added for staff development purposes.

The buses will be running at that time and arrangements will need to be made to pick up your children at the early release time. Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 for any questions concerning the early release.

Robert Lee Basketball results posted

The Lady Dogies wrapped up their basketball season this past weekend. They played in the Trent Tournament on Thursday and Saturday, and finished the year out with Bronte on Monday.

The Lady Dogies defeated Ira 15-13 in the first game of the Trent tournament.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Justice Saucedo 1, Karlee Roach 4, and Pammy Meeks 10.

In game 2, they were defeated by Anson 8-46.

Scoring for the Lady

Dogies were Brady Clawson 5, Karlee Roach 1, and Hunter Hamrick 2.

In game 3, the Lady Dogies fell to Trent 10-29.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Brady Clawson 2 and Pammy Meeks 8.

In the Lady Dogies final game of the year, they lost to the Bronte Lady Shorthorns 18-30.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Brady Clawson 2, Justice Saucedo 6, Pammy Meeks 8, and Kodi Drennan 2.

The Dogies fell to Ira in the first game of the Trent tournament 14-52.

Scoring for the Dogies were Jayton Torres 2, Tristen Hildebrand 4, Mychael Tijerina 2, James Roberts 2, and Jerry Wofford 4.

They lost a tough one in the Consolation semifinal to Highland 25-26.

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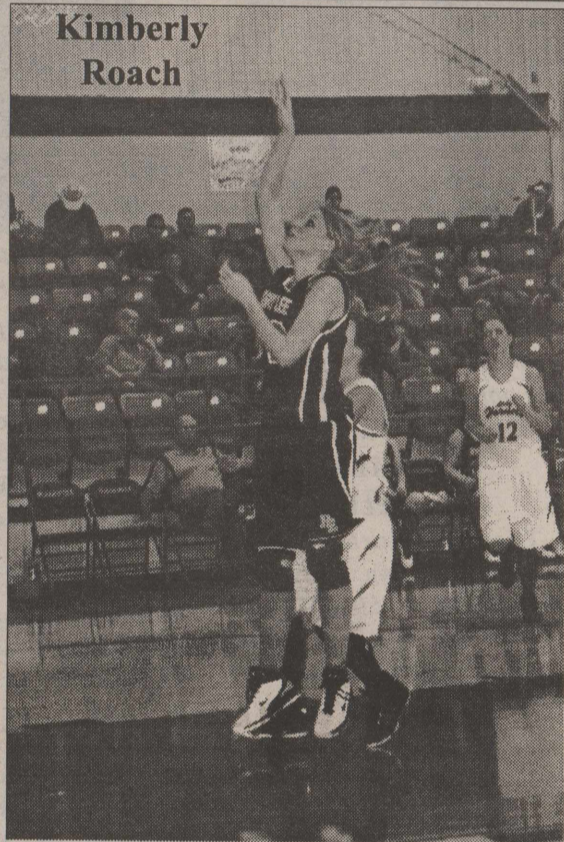


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Spring Pictures set

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.

Register Now for April ACT® Test Texas Juniors Eligible for Free ACT Voucher

Registration is now open for the April 9, 2011, ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register before March 4, 2011.

As part of the Texas College Preparation Program, Texas juniors may ask for a free ACT exam voucher from their counselors. Those who cannot take the April test may receive a voucher for the June 11, 2011 test.

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. It tests what students have actually learned in school, not their aptitude for learning. The ACT also measures what students need to know to be ready for first year credit-bearing college courses based on ACT College Readiness Standards™. Every student's results can be tied directly to these consistent standards.

The ACT has four sections—English,

mathematics, reading and science—and takes about three hours to complete. Students who take the ACT Plus Writing complete an optional writing test that requires an additional 30 minutes. Unlike other exams, students are not penalized for guessing or answering all the questions on each test section. In fact, it is beneficial for test takers to answer all questions within the time allowed.

During registration, students may select up to four universities to receive their score reports. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the United States. ACT reports scores only when requested to do so by the student. Additional score reports are available for a small fee.

All students complete a detailed inventory of questions during ACT registration. Each test taker receives an ACT score report that includes a wide variety of information to assist with high school course selection, college readiness, career planning, and college admissions.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$33. When combined with the optional ACT Writing Test, the total

cost is \$48. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

Texas students can find more information about vouchers at <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/voucher.html>.

The ACT website, www.actstudent.org, has helpful information, free sample items, and options to order inexpensive test prep materials to assist test takers get ready for the exam. However, the best preparation is to take rigorous core courses in school, study hard, and learn the academic skills needed in college.

Most students register online at www.actstudent.org. Students may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices. Late registration is available until March 18, 2011 for an additional \$21 fee.




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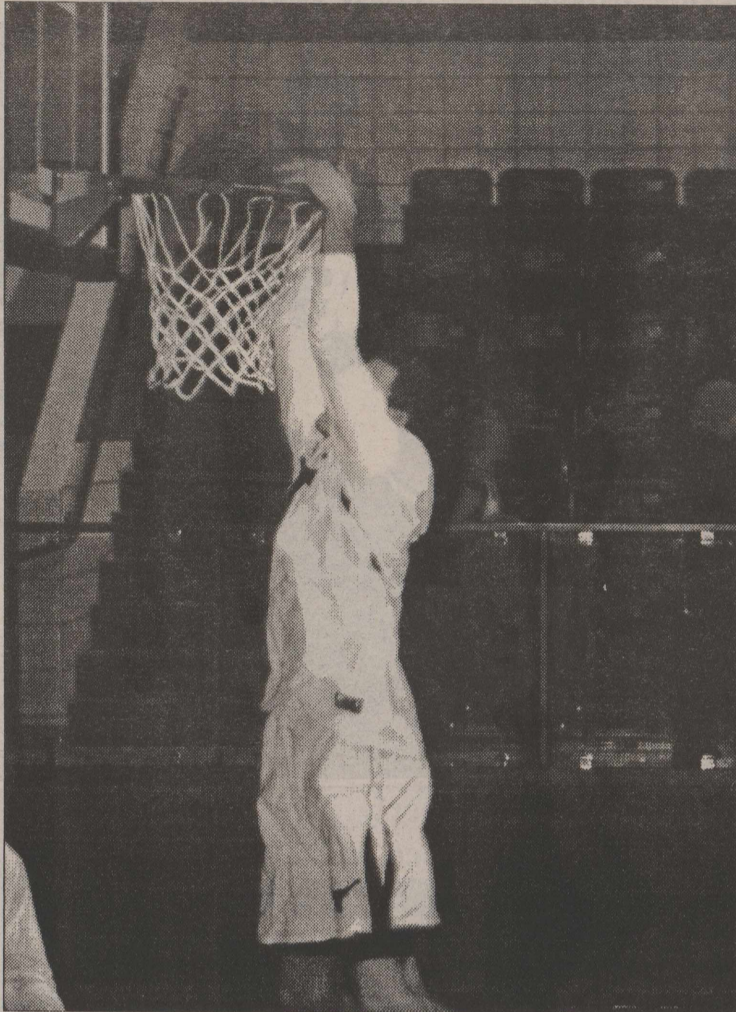
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Dakota Dunks! Fans enjoy watching Dakota Rawls dunk the basketball during games. Dakota dunks the ball during the warm up and also during the game if the game plan allows. It is unusual to have a player in Class A who can do this, so fans and opponents find it interesting.

Longhorn's take two wins in basketball

The Longhorns made it look easy with a win over Water Valley 50-35.

Statistics include Dakota Rawls 32 pts., 9 rebounds; Kerwin Rawls 5 pts., 5 rebounds, 7 assists, 5 steals; Heath Richey 7 pts., 9 rebounds; Terron Charles 2 pts.; and Creed Coalson 4 pts.

Once again, the

Longhorns took care of business by defeating the Sterling City Eagles 62-22.

Statistics include Dakota Rawls 18 pts., 17 rebounds, 6 assists; Kerwin Rawls 6 pts., 10 rebounds, 6 assists; Heath Richey 13 pts., 3 blocks; Terron Charles 4 pts.; Creed Coalson 5 pts., 5 rebounds; Jordan Baumann 9 pts, 5 assists; and Caleb Rosson 3 pts. and 5 rebounds.

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 (24-2);
2. Anton (23-3);
3. Paducah (21-5);
4. San Isidro (30-0);
5. Dodd City (27-0);
6. Laneville (19-6);
7. Wells (24-3);
8. Throckmorton (11-4);
9. Sands (26-4);
10. Grady (24-3);
11. Ira (18-4);
12. Martinsville (23-3);
13. Saltillo (25-4);
14. Frost (18-4);
15. Calvert (14-3);
16. Waelder (23-6);
17. Austwell Tivoli (22-5);
18. Knippa (18-8);
19. Zephyr (20-4);
20. Garden City (11-5);
21. Meadow (18-9);
22. Kopperl (19-4);
23. Ropes (18-9);
24. Lipan



Lady Longhorn Basketball! Ponytails go flying as Kimber Lee, Harley Wallace and Jill Scott give it all they've got in a game against Sterling City.

(16-11); and 25. Richland Springs (9-2).

Bronte ISD Board posts minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on February 3, 2011, at 7 pm in the Board Room. Those in attendance were Paul Williams, President, Shane Kelton, Doug Tounget, Ericka Knight, Wayne Coalson, David McWright, Kay Syles, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Donna Poehls, David Bedford, Sujane Schoenfield, and Bryan Swecker.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, and David Bedford, Secondary Principal reported on activities.

The Board reviewed Board Member continuing education credits for the year. They are: Wayne Coalson-3.0, Shane Kelton-5.0, Ericka Knight-8.0, David McWright-8.0, Kay Styles-12.0, Doug Tounget-8.0, and Paul Williams 5.0.

The Board called and ordered the next School Board election which will be held May 14, 2011. All

were in favor. The Board approved an Exit Incentive Agreement for all certified teachers. All were in favor. The Board did not take action on the Telemedicine agreements because Mr. Richey informed the Board of the termination of the Telemedicine program due to funding cuts at Texas Tech.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a legislative update and discussion was held on the March board meeting which will be held (Continued on page 8)

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, February 14

Cereal, toast, fruit, jelly, milk

Tuesday, February 15

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Wednesday, February 16

Pancake on stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Thursday, February 17

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, salsa, milk

Friday, February 18

Scrambled eggs, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 14

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 15

Frito pie w/cheese, pinto beans, fruit, cake, milk

Wednesday, February 16

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

Thursday, February 17

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Friday, February 18

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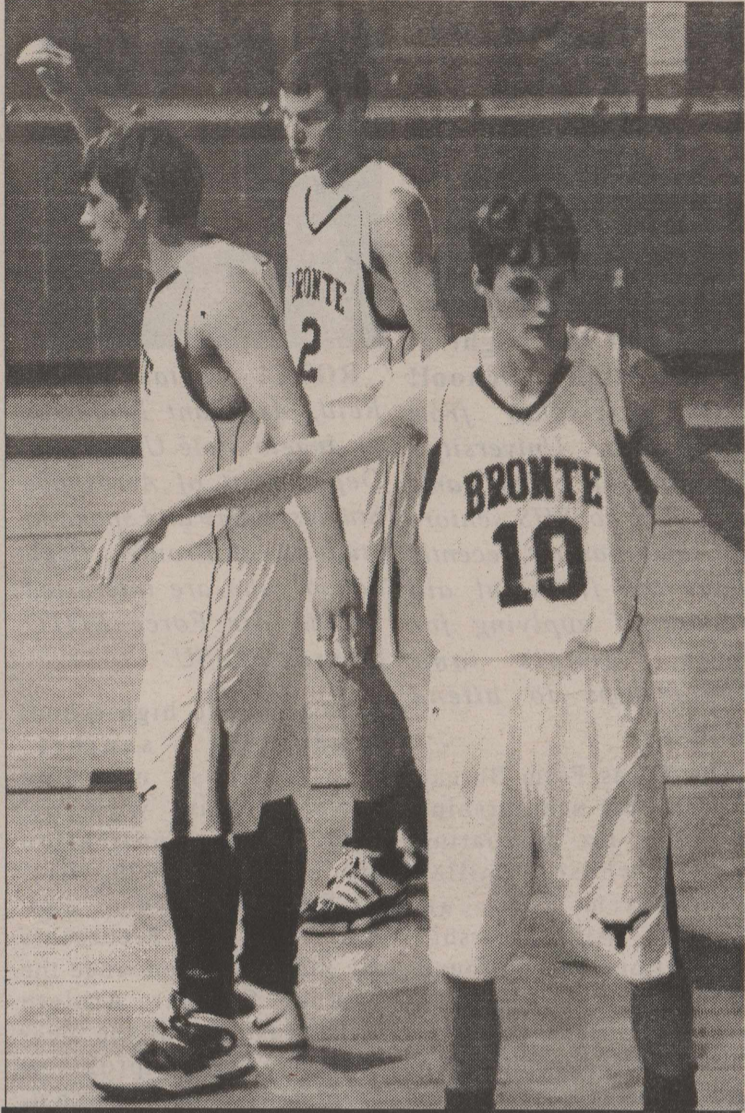
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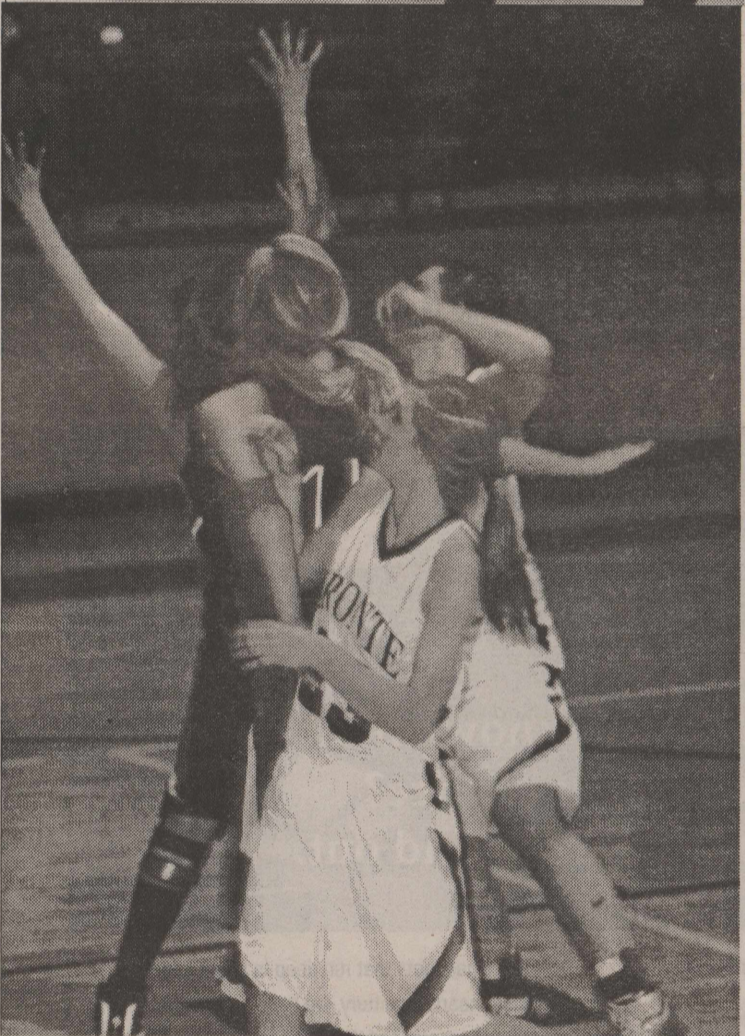




Bronte Basketball! The Bronte Shorthorn basketball team (above) completed an undefeated season. The team is coached by Kyle Sanford.

Amber Betts, Moriah Royall and Crystal Bilbrey (below, left) play hard against the Lady Dogies during the last game of the season.

Lance Burns (below, right) is busy trying to defend the basketball from the Robert Lee Dogies. If you look carefully, he is also trying to hang onto his glasses with one hand.



Bronte Basketball! Seniors Kerwin Rawls (10), Heath Richey (5) and Dakota Rawls (2) (top photo) have only one home game remaining in their impressive high school career.

Kimber Lee and Kaycee Baker (middle photo) dominate Garden City as they led the team to a 51-21 wing.

Addie Rosson (bottom photo) plays strong defense against the Lady Dogies.

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Longhorn Basketball! Heath Richey uses "spider tape" to protect his shoulder from an injury. Heath is a physical player and the tape has caught the eye of some fans who may be wondering what it is.

... BISD minutes
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on Monday, March 28, 2011.

Mr. Richey informed the Board of the resignation of Tammy Royall and Joe Yackley. The Board approved the Principals' contracts through the 2012-2013 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

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 Memorial Scholarship. Applications must be turned into the counselor's office on or by April 12, 2011.

If your family is a member of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative and you are a senior, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Applications are available in 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.



Financial Aid Night at Bronte High School! Keith Hoelscher from Angelo State University's financial aid office came and spoke to BHS seniors and their parents recently about the financial aid process of applying for loans, grants and scholarships to attend college.

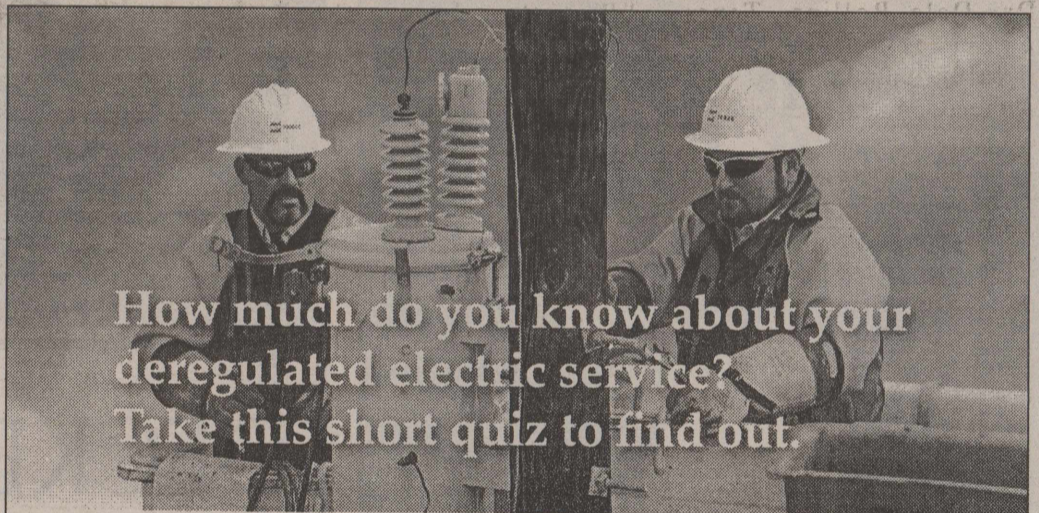
The Texas Farm Bureau has several scholarships available for graduating seniors whose families are Farm Bureau members. All scholarship applications can be found on the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.txfb.org. Click on the Ag Education and Youth tab. The deadline to apply for the district and state 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



ROTC! Captain Valerie Reid, Assistant Professor at Angelo State University, Department of Aerospace Studies, came and spoke to students at Bronte High School who are interested in the Air Force ROTC program at ASU.

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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Texas Brigades summer camp registration begins

Registration for the Texas Brigades Youth Wildlife Education and Leadership Development Program is now open!

Youth are taught leadership skills and natural resources conservation at the camps, each of which are limited to 20-30 students from ages 13 through 17, said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and the concept's originator.

"The camps are designed to develop life skills such as critical thinking and team-building through fun and interesting activities that focus on a particular game species," Rollins said.

"As I reflect on my career, the dividends I've witnessed from the Brigades camps are not only professionally rewarding, but they also stoke my fires daily to push for conservation education," he said. "And I believe those same sentiments apply to each and every one of the 100 or so volunteers who assist with the various camps."

"A lot of high school students aspire to find a career in wildlife management, but the field has always been highly competitive. Participation in the Brigade camps offers them a chance to get not only a taste for such careers, but also to develop a network of contacts who can help them achieve their career goals. The Brigades network is one big family."

Camp dates and locations:

- 12th Battalion South Texas Buckskin Brigade - Carrizo Springs, June 5-9

- 19th Battalion Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade - Coleman, June 18-22

- 14th Battalion South Texas Bobwhite Brigade - Campbellton, June 26-30

- 6th Battalion Bass Brigade - Santa Anna, July 11-15

- 10th Battalion North Texas Buckskin Brigade - Albany, July 17-21

"Parents love the program", said Helen Holdsworth, San Antonio-based Texas Brigades Executive Director. "They appreciate the level of education offered by the wildlife and natural resource professionals, as well as the challenges presented to the participants. We offer a high quality, unique experience for the students," she added.

"We receive many positive reports back from cadets and parents about the Brigades. One father sent an email to Dr. Rollins." Holdsworth said.

The father wrote, "But in my opinion all that pales in comparison to what you have done for kids like Sam through the Brigades program. For two summers, now, I have seen how these kids become very passionate about wildlife and conservation. And I have seen firsthand how my own son has grown as a person as well, thanks to y'all."

Participants are just as enthused. Charlie Neuendorff of Fayetteville wrote, "The camp was life changing; it was the best experience of my life. I made wonderful friends and I am excited to hopefully see them next year when we all return as Assistant Covey Leaders."

The camps are a partnership effort of the

Texas Wildlife Association, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, several universities, conservation groups, local soil and water conservation districts, private businesses and individuals with an interest in wildlife and youth leadership development. Tuition is \$400 per cadet per camp, but sponsors are available to provide financial aid when needed, Rollins said.

"We're also always looking for highly

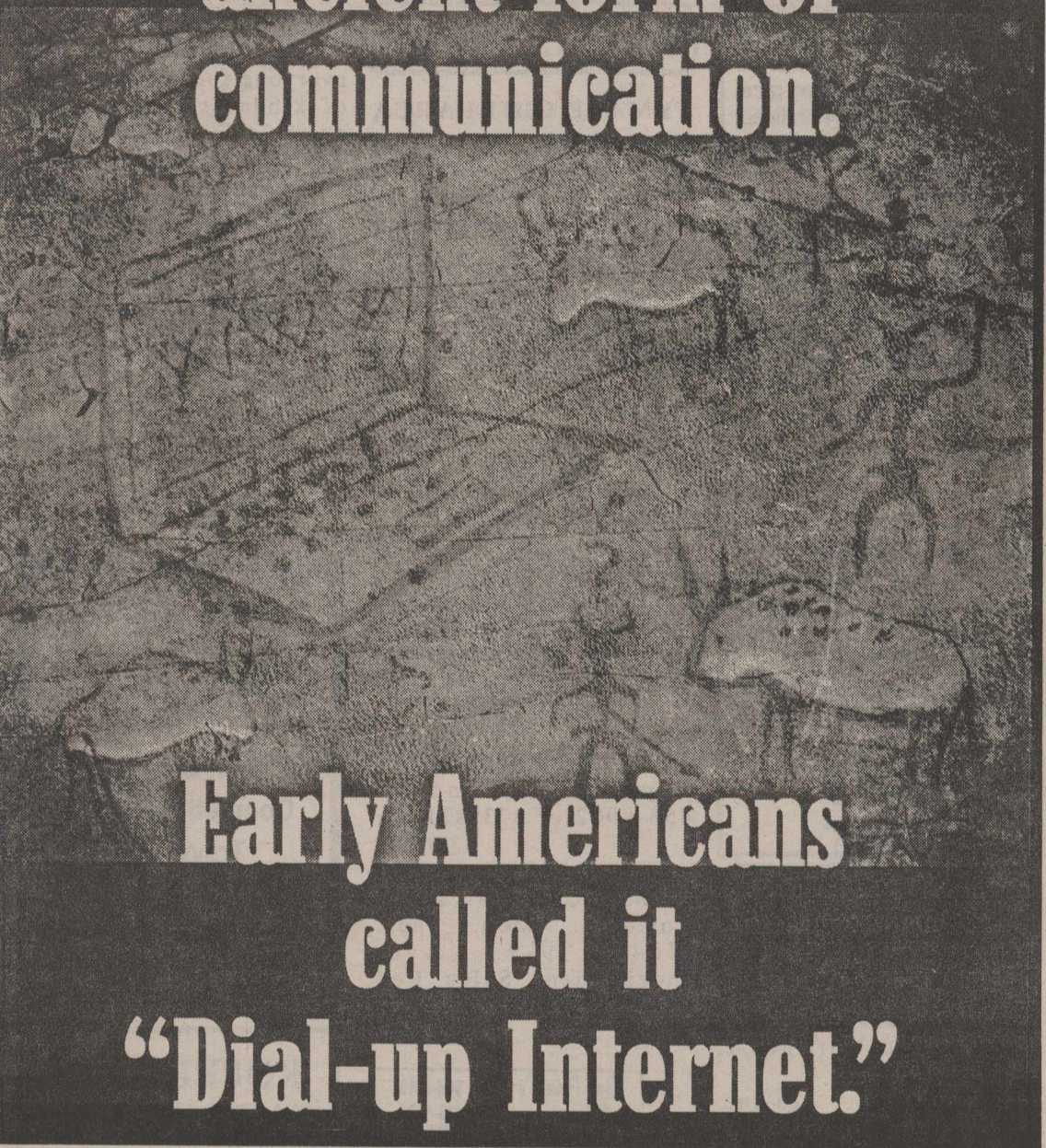
motivated adults from 20 to 60 years of age who are willing to serve as 'covey' 'school' or 'herd' leaders," Rollins said. "They'll get a one-of-a-kind intensive workshop in the game species they choose. But even better, they'll get a full helping of appreciation and optimism about today's youth and what a powerful impact they can have on conservation."

Applications may be completed online or downloaded at <http://www.texasbrigades.org>. The deadline is April 1, 2011. For more

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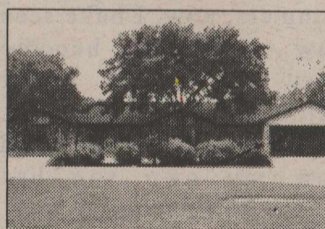
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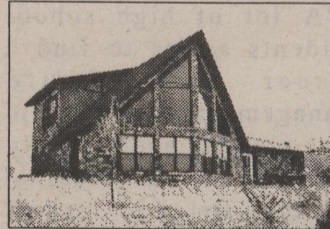
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BRONTE ISD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

Applications for candidates to apply for a position on Bronte ISD Board of Trustees may be picked up at the Superintendent's office beginning Monday, February 14, 2011 during the hours of 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. The deadline to file is Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:00 pm. Election Day will be Saturday, May 14, 2011. Requirements for filing are that you have lived in the state for one year and six months in the district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, 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.

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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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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE 2012 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND 2011-2014 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVISION

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting to solicit public comments and input on the development of the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years (FY) 2012 through 2021 and the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle revision to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

The public meeting will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the TxDOT - El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization Office, 10767 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas

Unified Transportation Program

The 2012 UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

Beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and development of the UTP. Additional information and exhibits will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please go to www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP

website at: www.txdot.gov, using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: David Plutowski, P.E., UTP Engineer, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until March 3, 2011.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This public meeting pertains specifically to the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle STIP revision for a single project in the San Antonio area. TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions.

The FY 2011 STIP Amendment for January 2011 may be viewed online at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stip/s/htm> or visit any TxDOT District Office prior to the meeting. Locations of these offices can be found at: http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/.

Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Marty Boyd at (915) 790-4326 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dis/Div: El Paso Contract 6221-74-001 for TOTAL REST AREA MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND REPAIR in EL PASO

County, etc will be opened on March 09, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$3,984,000.00.

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

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Phone: 915-790-4200

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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OBEDIENCE

He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: And he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. • *John 14:21*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: A good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endureth forever. • *Psalms 111:10*

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart. They walk in His ways. • *Psalms 119:1-3*

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them. • *Psalms 103:17-18*

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. • *James 1:25*

And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him. • *Acts 5:32*

For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. • *Romans 2:13*

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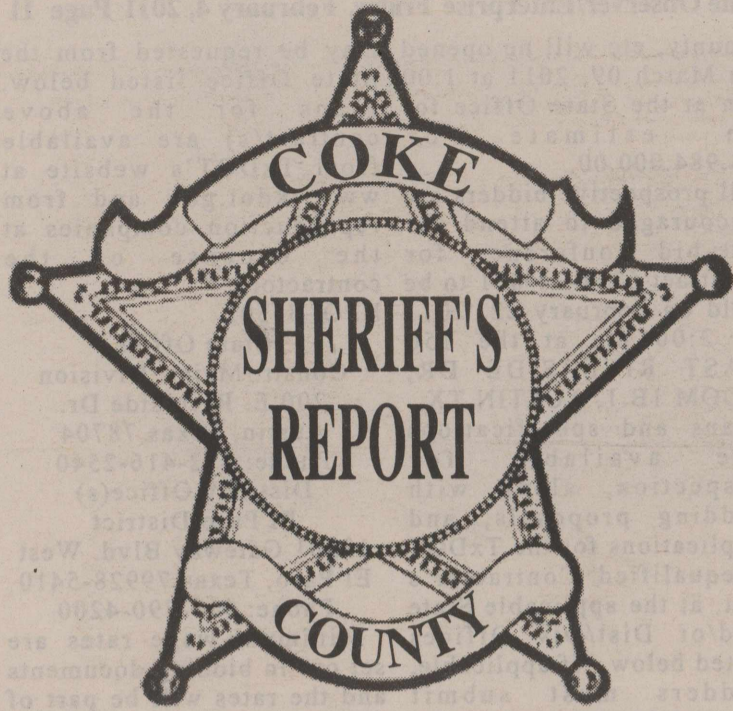
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January 2011 Arrest and Dispositions

January 2, 2011 - William Wheeler, Driving While License Invalid, Fictitious Registration, Fictitious Inspection

January 4, 2011 - Christopher Hawkins, Hunt Exotic Deer without Land Owner Consent

January 4, 2011 - David Hawkins, Sr., Hunt Exotic Deer without Land Owner Consent

January 4, 2011 - David Hawkins, Jr., Hunt Exotic Deer without Land Owner Consent

January 5, 2011 - Marsha Baker, Driving While License Invalid

District Court Dispositions

January 6, 2011 The State of Texas vs. Michael Shane Jordon
Charge: Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More
Plea: 6 Years Probated 6 Years, \$1500.00 Fine

County Court Plea Disposition

January 19, 2011 The State of Texas vs. Gary Nixon

Charge: Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz
Plea: Dismissed

The State of Texas vs. Taylor McMullan
Charge: Driving While License Invalid w/Previous Conviction

Plea: Dismissed

The State of Texas vs. Taylor McMullan

Charge: Driving While License Invalid w/Previous Conviction

Plea: 60 Days County Jail

The State of Texas vs. Taylor McMullan

Charge: DWI - Motion to Revoke Probation

Plea: 60 Days County Jail

The State of Texas vs. Michael Frazier

Charge: Assault Family Violence - Motion to Revoke Probation

Plea: 40 Days County Jail credit for 33 Days Time Served

The State of Texas vs. Jeremy Riggs

Charge: Assault Family Violence

Plea: True, \$500.00 Fine, \$232.00 Court Cost payable

... Concho Valley RC&D meeting

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on April 13, 2011. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. and if you have any questions you can contact the Concho Valley RC&D at 325-597-4666 or visit their office located at 306 W. Lockhart in Brady, Texas.

For more information about Concho Valley RC&D, or to find your local NRCS service center visit <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Food Check-Out Week 2011 upcoming
Stretching your grocery dollar with healthy, nutritious food

During this time of economic squeeze is it possible to feed your family healthy, nutritious meals and still stay within your budget? The Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau thinks so and it is joining the Texas Farm Bureau, American Farm Bureau Federation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in promoting Food Check-Out Week, February 20-26, 2011.

"Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week is devoted to helping teach Americans how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food," said Bobby Roberts, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president. "America's farmers and ranchers are dedicated to producing safe, healthy, and abundant food. And they share a common concern with consumers when it comes to putting nutritious meals on the table while sticking to a tight budget."

According to a USDA study, the cost of less-healthy foods has risen more than the cost of those foods which are more nutritious. It is still possible to spend between 10 and 11 percent of a family's disposable income on food and have a healthy diet.

"Eating healthier does



Bronte VFD Receives Donation! Randy Leifeste, (right) District Director for Hochheim, presented the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department with a check for \$1,000 from the local branch. Accepting the donation is Bronte Volunteer Fireman Dell Bratcher. The Bronte VFD catered the Annual Hochheim Dinner for Glenn-Bivins Insurance and Robert Wink Insurance.



Recipe of the Week

Tortilla Soup

Submitted by: Reese Braswell

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| 2 T. butter | 2 T. taco seasoning |
| 3 T. cilantro | garlic to taste |
| 2 cans tomato soup | 1 tsp.cumin |
| 2 cans spicy tomatoes | 1-2 cans chicken broth |
| 3 c. diced cooked chicken breasts | |
| 1 pkg. flour tortillas | Grated Cheese |

Saute cilantro, garlic and cumin in butter. Add tomato soup, tomatoes, chicken, taco seasoning and broth to butter mixture. Heat thoroughly. Before serving, garnish with cheese, fresh cilantro, and tortillas (cut to bite size).

not have to cost more and even cost some families less," said Bobby.

"The United States continues to have the safest, most abundant, healthiest, and least expensive food in the world."

Learning to use your grocery dollars wisely ensures that nutrition isn't neglected. Fruits and vegetables, along with whole grains, low-fat dairy products, lean meats, fish, beans,

eggs and nuts are all important parts of a healthy diet, according to health professionals.

To increase awareness and celebrate the week, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau is donating to the Coke County Food Pantry.

"As a farmer, I am producing affordable food for my family and yours," said Bobby. "I am proud of what we do and hope America will join us in Celebrating Food Check-Out Week."

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