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Filing continues in local government entity elections

Filing for places on the ballot in the upcoming local entities elections will be allowed until March 14, 2011. The election will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Bronte City Council

There are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Misty Bedford and Paula McWright. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

Robert Lee City Council

There are three two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. These offices are held by Janie Munoz, Gary Payne and Troy Wimberly. Currently, no one has filed for a place on the ballot.

West Coke County Hospital District

There are two two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

East Coke County Hospital District

There are two two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

Bronte ISD

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Paul Williams and David McWright. Mr. Williams and Mr. McWright have filed for re-election. Ray Barnett and Andra Arrott have also filed for places on the ballot.

Robert Lee

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Jeffie Roberts and Irma Torres. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Torres have filed

for re-election. One unexpired two year term is also available, following the resignation of Tod Reed. As of presstime, no one has filed for this office.

Emergency cards being distributed to East Coke County

The Sorosis Study Club of Bronte has printed up bright yellow East Coke County Ambulance Service Cards. All of the ambulance crew knows to look on the refrigerator to see if you have this bright yellow card. The card has pertinent information that can assist the ambulance crews and can help you. You just need to have one filled out for each member of the household.

These cards are free. No gimmick, nothing to buy. We promise! We only ask that you pick up one card for each family member at one of the following: Bronte Hometown Hardware, Glenn-Bivins Insurance, First Baptist Church, Bronte United Methodist Church, or Bronte City Hall.

This is a community project that the Sorosis Study Club felt could benefit the community and they want each person in the East Coke County Ambulance area to take advantage of this. We never know when we might need an ambulance. Let's help to make the ambulance service volunteers' job a little easier.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call any club member, or Glenn-Bivins Insurance and ask for Lanette or Marilyn.

RL Landfill resumes regular schedule

The Robert Lee Landfill will resume regular schedule on Saturday, March 5. The Landfill will be open to the public each Saturday from 9 am until 12 noon.

Acceptable items are lumber, tree limbs, grass, concrete, bricks, construction and demolition.

Singing Winds Golf course to host

"Shamble" March 5

The Singing Winds Golf course in Bronte will host a 2 person 18 hole "Shamble"

FIRE DANGER IS EXTREMELY HIGH!

*Please act responsibly.
If you see smoke, call 911.*

Saturday, March 5, with a 9:30 am tee off.

Call the office for information on fee per person and entry, 325-473-2156.

Coke County Historical Commission considering chronicle

"I wish I had asked my grandparents about that," almost everyone has said, or will say, at one time or another. The following may be a good response to that dilemma.

The Coke County Historical Commission is considering putting together a Coke County chronicle featuring each community in the county and the historic events which took place in the community. The early settlers, the weather, the crops, stock, schools, churches, businesses, geographic names, ranching, farming, oil, gas, and wind farms are some of the areas that can be covered. Each community will have its own story told in the book. Dating the book from the early 1800's to 2000 will bring local history up to date.

Some of the communities identified are Divide, Edith, Paint Creek, Robert Lee, Tennyson, Bronte, Hayrick, Blackwell, Sanco, and Silver. This is not a complete list and others will be added as they

are identified by interested people. Co-ordinators for some of the communities have come forth. For the Divide community, contact Jo Collier; Bronte, Brenda Hines; Sanco, June Gulley; Tennyson, Russell Brown; Paint Creek, Kay Pitcock; Hayrick, Donna Waldrop; Edith, Jeffie Roberts and Bobbie Box; Robert Lee, Bobby Roberts, Ava Lou Davis.

The co-ordinators of each community will work with their fellow historians to set up a chronicle of the community. A deadline of July 31, 2012, has been set to give plenty of time to identify events and find photos. An email address is available for all interested people (call the Library). It has been decided that machine copies of photographs must be used rather than originals. Originals are too precious to be submitted. Copy stores in San Angelo do a good job of copying old photos.

The chronicle can not be done by one or two people. Community residents can get together over coffee, or arrange a meeting time at the Coke County Library, to discuss the best way to detail the events and places in their communities. Coke County communities have many unique stories to tell and preserve. A Coke County

Chronicle will supply the future generations' need-to-know when they say, "I wish I had asked my grandparents about that." Later in the year, a county-wide get-together of community historians will be held to discuss problems, progress, and the satisfaction of contributing to a much needed chronicle.

It was suggested that family legends will arise from these meetings and should be put on paper as well - perhaps for inclusion, or maybe another book.

The work will go forward on the book when people have united to compile a picture of their community through photographs of events and participants and recollections. Those who take the initiative to chronicle their community will be handing the past over to the present for a greater understanding of places and events. Historian think of what they personally know, ask questions, call people, verify and document.

This chronicle will be different from the Coke County 1984 book of family histories. It is hoped at some date that this important historical family book can be updated and reprinted.

Call the Coke County Library for further information, 453-2495.

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Obituaries



Sonnenberg

Marguerite "Granny" Sonnenberg, 92, went to be with her Lord in Heaven on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Visitation was held all day Friday, February 25, 2011, with the family present from 6 pm to 8 pm. Funeral services were held at 2 pm Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Shaffer Funeral Home's Chapel at 1939 Sherwood Way, officiated by John Pennington. Interment followed in the Mereta Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Marguerite was born on January 24, 1919, in Mereta, Texas to Harry S. Tinkler and Mattie Eckert Tinkler. She met and married the love of her life, L. J. Sonnenberg and lived her entire life in the San Angelo area where she raised her family.

She supported her husband and worked side by side with him in the agriculture business for many years as well as numerous other endeavors to support their family until his death. In her younger days she was the backbone of the Mereta and Norton gins. After the passing of her husband she sold the family farm and moved to San Angelo.

Marguerite was very talented and loved working with her hands. Some of the things she enjoyed most were quilting and crocheting. She lavished those she loved with these special gifts as she had a great desire to do for others. She not only did for her family and friends but for others as well, she once crocheted over two thousand toboggans to be sent to the troops in Afghanistan. These same hands were used as well to prepare wonderful meals for her family. She loved everyone she met and especially had a great love for children. She will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she has touched over the years.

Marguerite is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 58 years, L. J. Sonnenberg, two sons, Arthur Lewis Sonnenberg and Bruce Lionel Sonnenberg, one son-in-law Lee Haynie, grandson Stephen Sonnenberg, great grandson, Gideon Morris, one sister, and four brothers.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Sonnenberg and wife Dorris of Bronte, Otto Sonnenberg and wife Georganna of Early; daughter, Wilma Haynie of San Angelo; daughters-in-law, Fran Sonnenberg of Bronte and Donna Rains of Colorado; brother, Roy E. Tinkler and wife Jenny of Robert Lee; sisters, Ella Mae Dumas of Brady, Polly Large and husband Bob of Robert Lee; sisters-in-law, Stella Tinkler of Brownwood and Sylvia Tinkler of Robert Lee; brother-in-law, J. C. Sonnenberg and wife Olga of Mereta; twelve grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request in memory of Granny's love for children that memorials be made to a children's charity of your choice.

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Barnes

James Q. Barnes, 84, of Hatch, New Mexico, passed away February 7, 2011. He was born February 7, 1927, to J.Q. and Ila Ruth Turney Barnes in Santa Anna, Texas. His grandfather was Dr. F.K. Turney, the medical doctor in Coke County in the 1910's, 1920's, and 1930's.

James Q. attended the Robert Lee Schools in 1939-1940 when he was in the sixth grade. He graduated from Hatch High School, New Mexico, then served his country in the United States Navy. He received his B.S. degree from Sul Ross University at Alpine, Texas, and his M.A. degree from New Mexico Western University, Silver City, New Mexico.

Barnes taught school at Rincon and Hatch, New Mexico, served as a principal and superintendent of Hatch Valley School for almost 20 years. After his retirement, he taught graduate classes in Business Administration at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

James Q. loved outdoor sports-boating, fishing, hunting, camping, and exploring the dessert of southern New Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy A. Barnes of Hatch; a brother, Donald Joseph Barnes and sister-in-law, Kathy Barnes of Las Cruces, New Mexico, two nephews,

one niece, four grandnieces and four grandnephews.

Following a funeral service in Hatch on February 12, 2011, interment was in the family plot at the Robert Lee Cemetery in Robert Lee, Texas, on February 15, 2011. Gravesite rites were conducted by the Rev. Steve Peyton, pastor of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church.

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Death Notices

Wilde

Debbie Wilde, 53 of Wall, Texas, passed away Saturday, February 26, 2011, in San Angelo Community Hospital following a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Visitation was held from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday, February 28, 2011, at the funeral home. A rosary was held at 7 pm Monday, February 28, 2011, in St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall. The funeral mass was at 10 am Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall with Father Chinna officiating. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Henry Sturm; her father-in-law,

Fenton Wilde; and brother-in-law Jimmy Wilde.

She is survived by her husband Danny Wilde of Wall; daughters Dara Anderson and husband Patrick of Wall, Chandra Graves and husband Dalton of Bronte, Cayla Wilde and Danica Wilde of Wall; granddaughter Addison Graves of Bronte; mother Rosalie Sturm of Veribest; sisters Marilee Jost and husband Eugene of St. Lawrence, Texas, Ruby Braden and husband Michael of Wall; brothers Michael Sturm and wife Connie of Veribest, and Kevin Sturm and wife Theresa of Veribest; sisters-in-law Karen Eggemeyer and husband Bobby of Wall, Susan Jost and husband Lee Allen of Rowena; brothers-in-law Walter (Pete) Wilde and wife Joyce of Wall, Alan Wilde of Wall; and mother-in-law Velma Wilde of Rowena. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and extended family.

RLCC raffle winner announced

Robert Lee Care Center raffled off a Super Bowl Basket as a fundraiser for Coke County Relay for Life. The lucky winner was Sherri Munsey of Bronte.

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

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www.pecanbaptist.org
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 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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Bible Study • Tuesday 7 pm

Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm

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In Jesus' Name

Bronte City-wide Garage Sale slated

It's time again for the annual City-Wide Garage Sale. Mark your calendars for May 7 at 8 am.

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

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

Genealogical classes to study censuses

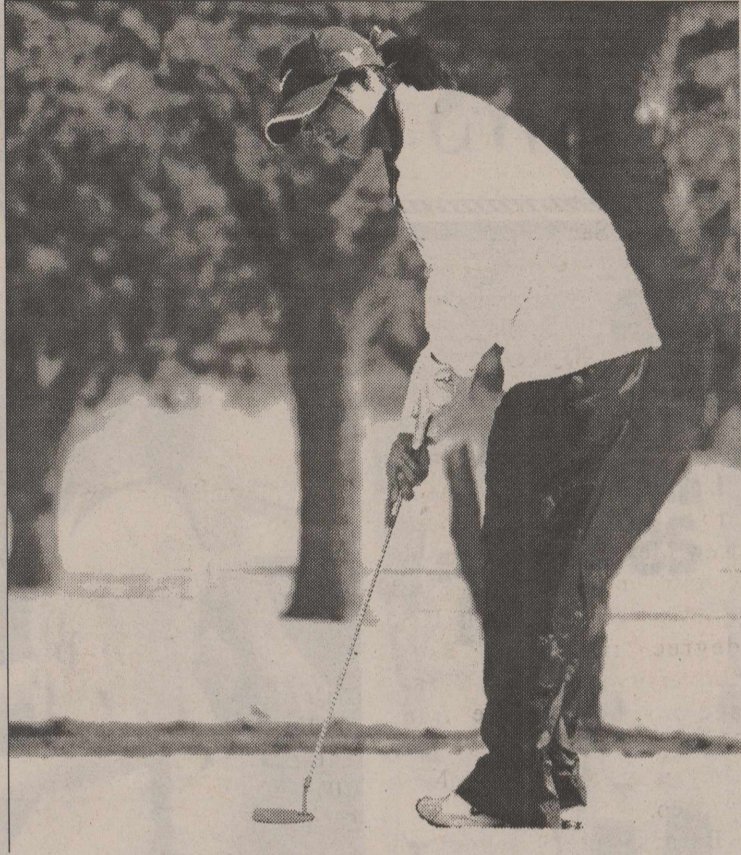
Exploration of the federal enumeration, the territorial and state censuses will be the main topic for the class to be held Monday, March 7. Also the agriculture and manufacturing schedules will be discussed. Tracing an ancestor through these records can provide much information for the researcher of family history.

All attending should bring information of one ancestor. A lineage (also called a pedigree) chart and family group sheet would be very helpful but not necessary. Helpful tips will be discussed by the group.

The classes are from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Coke County Library and are open to all. Attendance for for each session is not necessary and newcomers are always welcomed. A repeat of classes will also be held following the first series. Any questions should be directed to Fran Lomas at 453-2894 or Beth Prather at the library.

Bronte EMS Memorials

In memory of Doug McCutchen
Joan Davis



Praying for a Good Putt! Robert Lee High School golfer Amanda Mendoza putts during the annual Robert Lee High School Invitational held February 22 and 23 in Robert Lee. Her score of 96 helped the RLHS Lady Steers team capture 2nd place in the tourney.

Dean Percifull
In Memory of Wayne Arrott
Dean Percifull
In memory of Ida Lou Oliphant
Joan Davis

RLCC Memorials
In memory of Elton Millican
Nell Hines

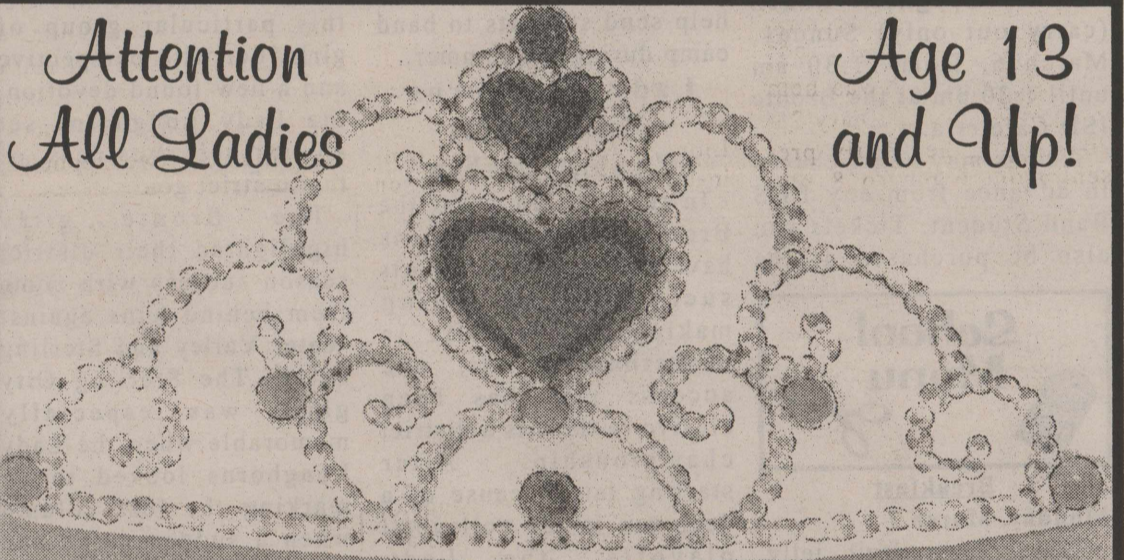
2nd Annual Rancher's Workshop slated for Big Lake
The Crockett, Middle Concho, North Concho River, Edwards Plateau, Eldorado-Divide and Tom Green Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) are partnering up with local landowners, Angelo State University (ASU), Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to host the 2nd annual "Rancher's

Workshop". The event is scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2011, at the Big Lake Community Center in Big Lake. There will be a BBQ lunch, catered by Kenny Blanek's Village Café, and vendors will be on site to display improvements



How Many Horns! Charissa Buchanan and her daughter, Ansley, attended the send off for the boys basketball team. Both mother and daughter "had their horns up" but you might notice that Ansley has an extra "horn."

in today's agriculture business sector. Continuing Education Credits (CEU) will be offered for participants, registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the first speaker starting the day at 8:45 a.m. and concluding at 2:30 p.m. The mission is to bring
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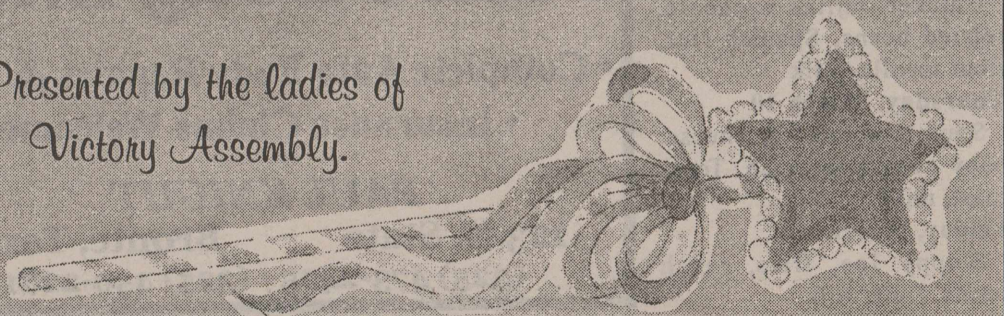
Are you tired of winter and ready to think about Spring? Well, don't just sit there - jump off that sofa and mark your calendar for April 16 at 11:30 am!

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

Get ready for an uplifting, inspirational, fantastic event.

Plan Now! Watch for future announcements!

Presented by the ladies of Victory Assembly.



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I'm Retiring!

As of March 1, 2011, I am retired!
Jennifer Ward has LEASED Twisters Restaurant and it is now under her management.
Customers will enjoy the same great menu, service and food.
I want to thank all of you who patronized Twisters during the last couple of years.
I appreciate your business and your friendship so much.
Les & Geneva Gray

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Longhorn Basketball! *The Longhorns defeated Fort Davis Friday evening, February 25, in Crane to win the area championship.*

Band Boosters slate fundraising luncheon

The Bronte Longhorn Band Boosters will have a Chicken Spaghetti Lunch (carry out only) Sunday, March 6, from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm at the Bronte ISD Cafeteria.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from any BHS Band Student. Tickets can also be purchased at the

Country Inn from 6 pm to 9 pm everyday or at the bank in Bronte from 9 am to 3 pm Monday thru Friday. Tickets are \$6.00 each. All proceeds will help send students to band camp during the summer.

Lady Longhorns win District Championship

In the last ten years the Bronte Lady Longhorns have met with many sports successes, including making the playoffs in basketball. But, one success that has been elusive to them is a district championship. After starting late because of a deep run in the volleyball playoffs, the Lady Longhorns decided as a team that a district championship was a goal that they wanted to challenge.

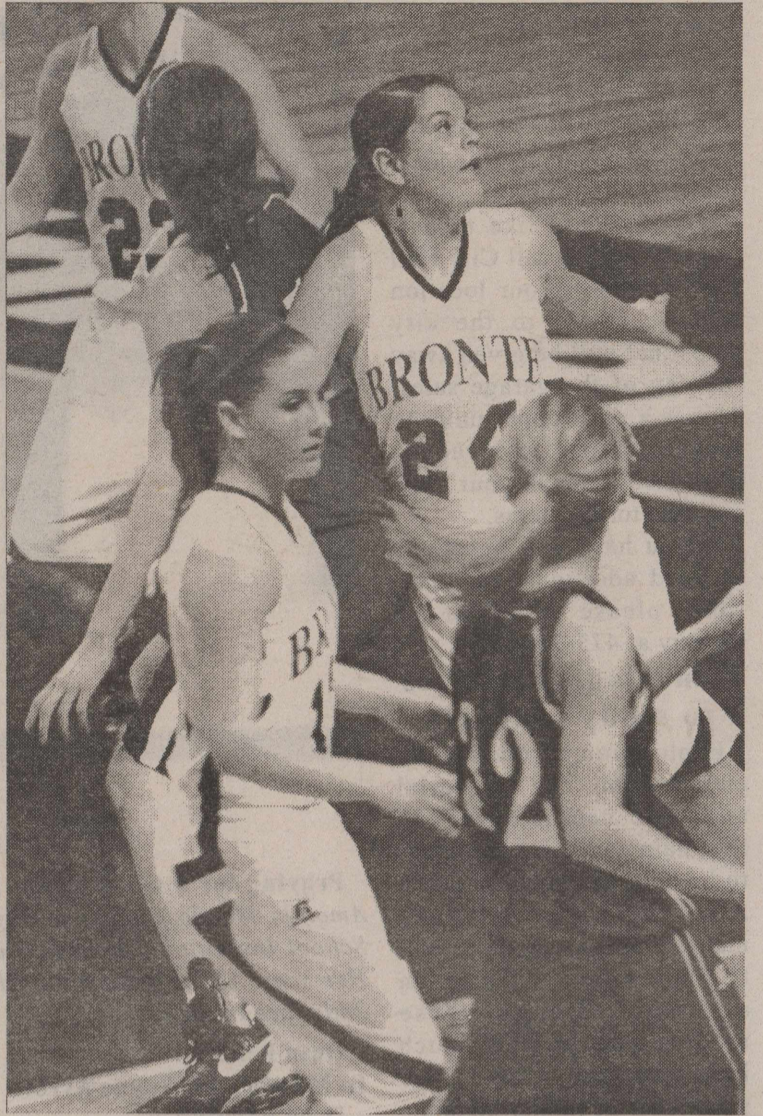
With UIL realignment and a pre-season schedule that was designed to match Bronte against powerhouse basketball teams, a district championship was not an undoable task; but work ethic, commitment, and dedication would have to become buzz words in every workout.

The Lady Longhorns played in two pre-holiday tournaments in Bronte and at Hamlin finishing fourth in both. They then played in the Caprock Classic in

Lubbock which is an invitation only tournament. Losing three straight games in that tournament didn't fit the competitive mind set of this particular group of girls, but with perspective and a new found devotion, the Lady Longhorns set about their business of that district goal.

The Bronte girls highlighted their district season success with come from behind wins against Water Valley and Sterling City. The Sterling City game was especially memorable when the Lady Longhorns looked to be marking the loss column when a sudden surge had them scoring 7 points in the last 18 seconds of the game to win at the buzzer. Decisive wins at Garden City and Robert Lee also lent themselves to finishing and culminating a season of goals met and that once elusive championship attained.

The Bronte Lady Longhorns ended the 2011 basketball season with heavy hearts after an uncharacteristic loss to Highland in the Regional Quarter Final game. But with a championship established, a drought broken, and that well deserved playoff run to add to their resume; the once hazy view of Bronte



Lady Longhorn Basketball! *Junior Harley Wallace and senior Kaycee Baker play against Highland in the playoffs. Highland defeated the Lady Longhorns in a tough match.*

Girls Basketball now stands tall, strong and steady on the girl's basketball horizon.

Team members of the 12A District Championship team are: Seniors-Kaycee Baker, Kayla Cagle, Kelsey Sedden; Juniors-Lauren Burns, Mackenzie Gibbs, Kimber Lee, Leticia Pena, Brenda Perez, Jill Scott, Harley Wallace; Sophomores - Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Erika Puentez; Bench personnel: Freshmen-Candice Sutton and Megan Yackley; Videographer-Skyler Ellis-York, Senior.

Earning All District Honors: Kaycee Baker-MVP of District 12A; Jill Scott-Defensive MVP; Kimber Lee-All District 1st Team; Harley Wallace-All District 1st Team; and Mackenzie Gibbs-All District 2nd Team.

Horns win Area Championship

The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Fort Davis Indians in the Area round of the basketball playoffs, 76-38.

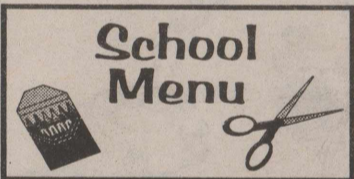
Statistics include:

Dakota Rawls 31 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, and 4 assists; Kerwin Rawls 14 points, 12 rebounds, 6 assists; Heath Richey 4 points, 5 rebounds; Terron Charles 10 points, 7 assists; Creed Coalson 5 points; Jordan Baumann 2 points; Caleb Rosson 8 points, 8 rebounds; and Newt McGinnis 2 points.

The Longhorns faced the Sterling City Eagles in the next round of the playoffs this past Wednesday evening. However, scores were not available at presstime.

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 amparch.tamu.edu.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 7

Cereal, toast, fruit, jelly, milk

Tuesday, March 8

Pancake & sausage on stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Wednesday, March 9

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, March 10

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Friday, March 11

Sausage patty, biscuit, jelly, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 7

Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, chips, pickle spears, ranch beans, apple cobbler, milk

Tuesday, March 8

Fish sticks, tossed salad, macaroni & cheese, rolls, cookies, milk

Wednesday, March 9

Chicken fajitas w/cheese, refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, milk

Thursday, March 10

Spud day, chili & cheese, baby carrots w/ranch, Texas toast, milk

Friday, March 11

Sloppy Joe, fries, ranch beans, fruit, milk

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Golf! The Robert Lee Steers golf teams (top right photo) took first place with a 315 in the Robert Lee Golf Tournament on February 23. Logan Philley took 1st place with a 73, Haden Dillard took 2nd place with a 76, Foster Allen 80, Josh Tennison 86, and Justin Gartman 94. Merkel was 2nd with a 342 and Colorado City 3rd with a 363. Not pictured is Zach Skinner.

The Robert Lee Lady Steers golf team (bottom right photo) took second place with a 406 in the Robert Lee Golf Tournament on February 22. Meagan Ross took 2nd place with an 89, Jordan Gartman took 3rd place with a 92, Amanda Mendoza 96, and Kacee Roberts 129. Also pictured is Sarah Walker.

Medaling for the Lady Steers (above photo) were Meagan Ross (left) with 2nd and Jordan Gartman with 3rd.



Lady Steers named to All District Basketball Team

Jordan Gartman, a RLHS Sophomore was named Top Newcomer for District 12 A Division II.

Sarah Walker and Amanda Mendoza, RLHS Seniors were named to the All District 1st Team.

Kimberly Roach, RLHS Junior, was named to the All District 2nd Team.

Receiving Honorable

Mention was Raquel Rojas, RLHS Junior

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, at 8 am. Sign-up week is February 28 through March 4 in the High School Office.

A high school tryout meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, in the Corral Room 159.

There will be two tryout practices. The first will be held Sunday, March 20, from 2-4 pm and the second will be Tuesday, March 22, from 6 to 7:30 pm. A mock tryout (practice) will be held Wednesday, March 23, from 6 to 7 pm.

For those selected, a uniform fitting is slated for Wednesday, April 20. UCA Cheer Camp will be June 26 through June 30.

RLHS Golf results

The Robert Lee High School Invitational Golf Tournament was held February 22 and 23 in Robert Lee.

In the girls' team standings, Brownwood took first with 367. Robert Lee was second with 406 and coming in third with 562 was Christoval. Only three teams competed.

Meagan Ross with an 89 was 2nd medalist. Jordan Gartman and her score of 92 were 3rd and Amanda Mendoza was 6th place medalists out of a field of 19. Kacee Roberts posted a 129.

In the boys' team standings, the Robert Lee "A" team placed first with an overall score of 315. Merkel came in second with 342, followed by Colorado City with 363. The Robert Lee "B" team placed fifth with a 411 in the eight team field.

Logan Philley, 73, was first medalist. Haden Dillard was 2nd medalist with 76. Foster Allen tied for 4th medalist with an 80 and Josh Tennison tied for 7th medalist in the 46 player field.

Other RL "A" scores include Justin Gartman with a 94. RL "B" scores include Dawson Brisbin 94, Zach Skinner 104, Will Howard 104, Bailey Smith 109, and

Michael Curry 146.

The Lady Steers will play in Eden Monday, March 7, and the "B" Steers will play in Eden on Tuesday, March 8. The "A" Steers will play in the San Angelo Classic on Friday, March 11, at the San Angelo Country Club and on Saturday, March 12, at Riverside.

Register Now for April ACT® Test

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.

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, March 7

Biscuit & sausage, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 8

Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 9

Burrito, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, March 10

Pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, March 11

Pancakes/sausage, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 7

Burrito, salad, corn, orange, milk

Tuesday, March 8

Rotini w/ meat sauce, applesauce, graham crackers, roll, milk

Wednesday, March 9

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green peas, bread, strawberries, milk

Thursday, March 10

Salisbury steak, mac & cheese, green beans, roll, fruit cocktail, milk

Friday, March 11

Sub sandwich, salad, peaches, French fries, pickles, milk

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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.

Euterpean Club of Blackwell hold February meeting

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met at the Methodist Fellowship Hall for their February meeting. Shirley Lemley was hostess and conducted a short business meeting. She welcomed Connie Tomlinson as a new member. She also had the program and had previously told us to bring an oversized coffee mug and a dollar bill to club with us. To our surprise we each made a chocolate cake in our cup. The cake was called A Five-Minute Cake or The Worlds Most Dangerous Chocolate Cake (too easy and good for dieters). It was a fun time, it worked and with ice cream made a delicious refreshment. She shared a computer print-out with a history from the 15th century telling the background of common expressions used by us today. We studied our dollar bill learning the meaning of each part of it. Had knowledge and food in one meeting.

Present were the hostess, Connie, Shirley Passmore, Jane Battle, Rosie Ten Eyck, Sue Smiley, Cherry Green, Rebecca Whittle and Bobbie Varnadore.

This cake would be a fun project for a bored, visiting grandchild. In a large mug, mix 4 T. flour, 4 T. sugar, and 2T cocoa and stir, add 1 egg & stir; mix 3 T. milk, 3 T. oil, 3 T. chocolate chip, a splash of vanilla, stir; and cook 3 minutes in the microwave.

Direct & Counter-cyclical Payment Signup Ends June 1

USDA Farm Service Agency reminds producers that the deadline to sign up for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) program is June 1, 2011.

Payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Advance payments of 22 per-

cent on the 2011 DCP program will be available starting December 1, 2010. The remaining 78 percent of the DCP payment will be issued after October 1, 2011.

Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

"It is important that producers submit their DCP contracts before June 1, 2011 because applications will not be approved after this date.

Producers can fill out a DCP contract at any USDA Service Center or online. To access the online service, producers must have an

active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. To get a Level 2 account, producers must complete an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and then visit the local USDA Service Center to verify their identity.

For more information about DCP, please contact the Coke/Sterling County FSA office at 325-453-2751. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Scholarships available

High school seniors may apply for the Leadership San Angelo Alumni Association Scholarship. The deadline to apply is March 25th and applications are available on

the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte HS.

The Concho Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) also has announced a scholarship. In order to be eligible to apply, the applicant must be an active member of CVEC whose primary residence is served by CVEC or be the dependent of a CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC. The applicant will be chosen based on the following criteria: grades, leadership, community, school activities and essay. The deadline to apply is April 4, 2011. Applications are available on the scholarship bulletin board at BHS or one may be obtained by calling the CVEC office at 655-6957 or visit the CVEC website at www.cvec.coop.



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Check Out Coke County Library

Readers who enjoy the good mystery books that are also funny will be happy to see what authors series have been donated to the Coke County Library.

Mary Daheim, Carolyn Hart, Jane Isenbert, Shirley R. Murphy have turned out series with unique characters as the heroes, male and female, of detective stories. They always get their scoundrel, but they always have some really entertaining ways of going about it and they are far from perfect.

The donor of these books collected almost all the books of an author she liked.

The library has also added some new audio books. Robert Parker's Painted Ladies; Nancy Martin, Our Lady of Immaculate Deception; Jason Elliot, The Network; Jeffrey Archer, And Thereby Hangs a Tale; and VanCauwelaert, Unknown.

The Monday night genealogy sessions are continuing with Fran Lomas at the Library.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-3; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting held

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session, Monday, February 28, 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 9:30 am, declared there was a quorum, and gave the invocation. Sarah Green, whom the Board appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mike Lomas, was also in attendance. The Board extends appreciation to Mike for a job well done. Judge Roy Blair administered the oath of office to Sarah Green, and at the Board's request, he gave a very informative update on the prison in Bronte.

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 continued need for CNAs and also the need of a janitor for the facility.

The Board then discussed capital projects. The renovation of the dining room is

progressing, though not quite as fast as everyone would like. Roger consulted the architect about some renovations the Board is considering for the Alzheimer's Unit, and will get some estimates to be presented in the future. Accounts receivable were discussed in depth, and Janie continues to meet the challenges in collections due to changes in state rules and regulations. It is very frustrating at times, and the Board commends Janie for her work in this area.

Mary Rodriguez popped in and gave the Board an update on the facility's Relay for Life team. The team consists of 15 members, Mary Rodriguez, Tammy Riley, Skeeter Horne, Janie Munoz, Erika Galvan, Olga Perez, Blanca Mendoza, Don Lofton, Sabrina Lofton, Martha Trejo, Tanner Hanigan, Cayetano Carrera, Debra Horne, Victoria Galvan, and Prescilla Lara. Their Team name is "Royal Flush", and they have already raised \$225 from their first fund-raiser. Go, Team!!!

RN Patsy Cason gave the Board a very informative report on some documentation changes in progress in the Alzheimer's Unit. There are currently 9 residents in the Unit.

Looking at the facility calendar for March, there won't be any dull moments in the facility. On March 17, at 6:30 pm, everyone will celebrate the "Wearing of the Green" at a St. Patrick's Day Party. Then at 3 the following day, on the 18th, Jim Gross will be entertaining the residents with his musical talent. The monthly birthday party will be held at March 22, at 3:30 pm. The

residents celebrating birthdays this month are Mildred Day, Billie Dunn, Donna Green, Tommy Hood, and James Jones. Happy Birthday to all!! The monthly Sing-A-Long will be held March 25, at 3:30. As always, everyone is invited and encouraged to come and join the fun. The residents continue to enjoy Brother Steve Peyton as he comes on Mondays at 3:30 for a wonderful time of 'pickin' and grinnin'.

The financial statements were discussed and approved.

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

Farm Service Agency has resources to help livestock producers

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that permanent disaster assistance programs created in the 2008 Farm Bill allow FSA to offer relief to producers affected by adverse weather.

The winter months brought much snow, ice and frigid temperatures across the state causing livestock and forage losses.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides livestock producers with benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease,

adverse weather or other conditions, including blizzards and wildfires. For livestock producers, ELAP assistance may be available for feed losses due to a major weather event. ELAP benefits paid are based on FSA's calculation of the value of feed lost compared to the feed needs of the livestock during the disaster period. Producers should document any additional costs associated with transporting feed to livestock.

Many farmers and ranchers have faced a rough winter, and they need to know FSA has programs that offer relief when they need it most. For LIP benefits, producers should document the number and kind of livestock that died due to the winter storms and notify our office as soon as possible.

To meet eligibility requirements under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss within 30 days from when the loss is apparent to the producer. It is also important that the verification of death loss is verified by an unrelated third party.

Another disaster assistance program available to livestock producers is the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) which provides financial assistance to producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP requires that producers obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the grazed forage crop under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA) or file the required paperwork and pay the administrative fee by the applicable state application closing date for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

"Although we don't often think of drought and snow in

the same context, it is very possible that both weather conditions are occurring at the same time and LFP is available to help alleviate the financial strain caused by drought.

Applications received for any of the livestock disaster assistance programs are considered on a case-by-case basis and producers should be prepared to provide required information to determine eligibility and applicable benefits.

Producers who have questions regarding livestock disaster assistance program eligibility and the application process should contact the Coke/Sterling County FSA office at 325-453-2751 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

FSA accepting loan assistance

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by excessive heat July 30, 2010-September 30, 2010.

Coke County has been named a primary disaster county where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is 10/17/2011, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater, Texas.

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Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me, he will keep my words: And my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: And the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. • *John 14:23-27*

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. • *Colossians 3:15*

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. • *Romans 12:17-18*

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. • *Philippians 4:7*

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