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Spring Turkey Season starts Saturday

Spring Turkey Season begins Saturday, April 2, and runs through Sunday, May 15, 2011. This is for gobblers only, with a bag limit of 4 (all seasons combined).

There have been a couple of good years to raise turkey poults and several people have reported seeing turkey in the area.

Basketball Honors announced

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches has included Dakota Rawls and Kerwin Rawls, seniors at Bronte High School, to their All-State team.

Named to the All Region Team are Dakota, Kerwin, and Heath Richey, also a senior at Bronte High school.

Dakota Rawls was named the Most Valuable Player on the District 12-A Division II All-District Team. Heath Richey was named Defensive Player of the Year, while Creed Coalson, a junior at Bronte, was named Newcomer of the Year.

Named to the District 12-A Division II 1st Team were Caleb Magness, a senior at Blackwell High School, Kerwin Rawls, and Logan Philley, a senior at Robert Lee High School.

The District 12-A Division II 2nd team includes Terron Charles, a senior at Bronte High School, Haden Dillard, a senior at Robert Lee High School, and Justin Gartman, a sophomore at Robert Lee High School.

Donations needed for auction

Donations of baked goods and other items are needed for the annual Community Banquet to be held Monday, April 11, in Bronte.

If you want to donate an item for the auction, please bring it with you to the banquet.

Street Affair meeting set for April 5

A Robert Lee Street Affair meeting will be held at 6 pm Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Victory Assembly Rec Hall.

The annual event is planned for Saturday, October 1, 2011.

For more information, call Toni at 453-4317.

Relay For Life announces fundraiser

The Relay for Life team Praying for a Cure (P4C) is selling gourmet popcorn to benefit the American Cancer Society. Pre-sale orders will be taken until April 6 with delivery on April 12.

The popcorn comes in the following flavors: caramel, vanilla, white cheddar, salsa 'n' cheddar, yellow cheese, butter, and dark chocolate.

To place an order, please contact Karen Rasco at karasco@wtxs.net or Kenda Rasco at kjrascos@wtxs.net or leave a message at 453-5408.

Singing Winds Golf Course to host Reverse Scramble

The Singing Winds Golf course in Bronte will host a 2 person 18 hole Reverse Scramble on Saturday, April 2. Tee off time will be 9:30 am. Call the office at 325-473-2156 for entry and entry fee.

Red Hat Society to meet April 7

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11 am Thursday, April 7, at City Cafe in Blackwell. Dorothy is preparing another wonderful buffet lunch for us at a reasonable price. YUM!!!!!! If you wish to carpool be at the bank parking lot in Bronte by 10:30.

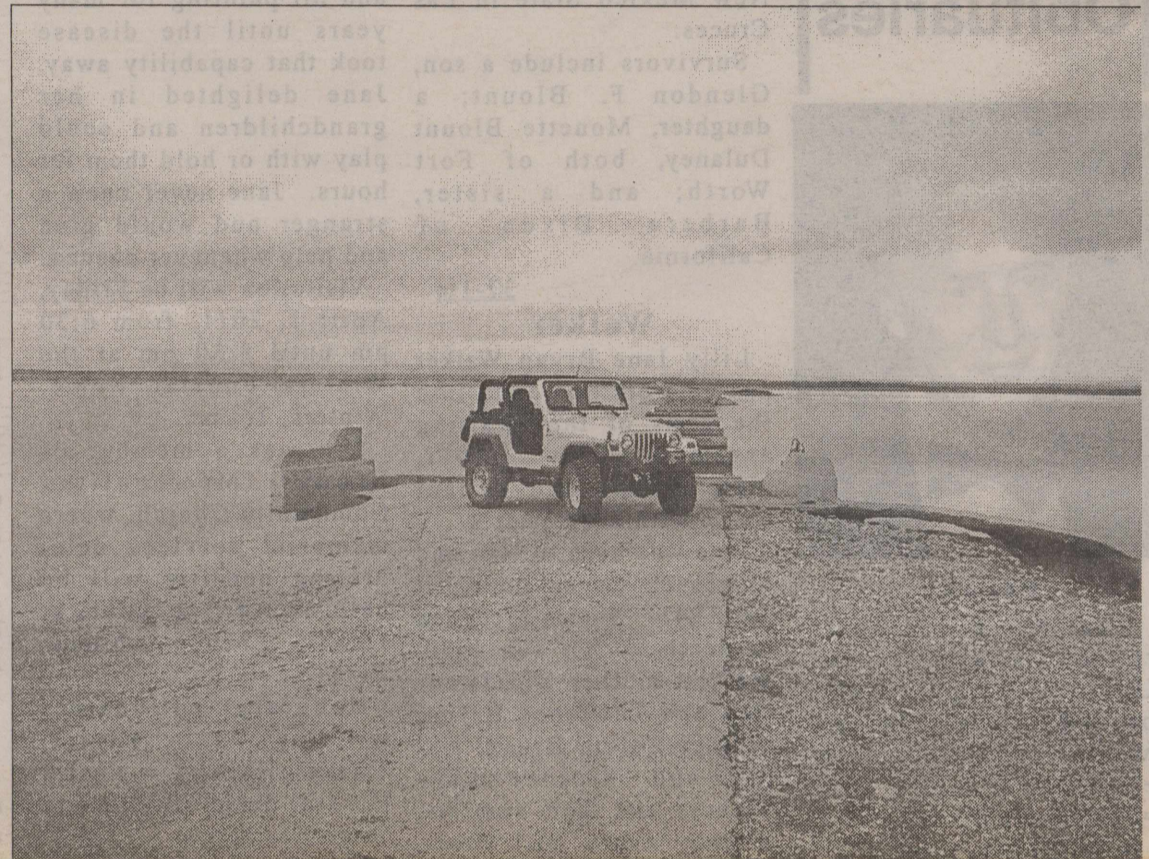
You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. What a fun group we are! Red Hat is one of the things that we really look forward to -- no dues, no rules, no business, no nothing really, but lots of good fun, food and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Ladies under fifty usually wear something lavender and wear a pink hat. At or over 50 we usually wear something purple and wear a red hat. You can't miss us. Don't have a hat? Come join us for food and fun anyway. We hope to see you there.

Spring Fling Plant and Bake Sale set for Bronte

Did you lose a lot of your plants this winter due to the freezing temperatures? Help is on the way.

The United Methodist



Low Lake Level! The water at Lake Spence has now gotten low enough that old Highway 158 is uncovered.

Women will be holding their annual Plant and Bake Sale on Friday, April 8, from 3 pm to 6 pm at 324 South Washington.

Various flowering and vegetable plants will be available for sale.

Funds raised will be used for local, national and global missions. Health kits have been sent to victims of flooding in the northeast, earthquake victims in Haiti and to the disaster victims in Japan.

Texas Steer Validation Tag Order Deadline set

It is once again time to plan for the 2011-2012 Texas Steer Validation. If you are planning on exhibiting a steer at next year's major shows you need to have your steer projects validated with the state.

Please contact Garrett at the extension office 453-2461 to place an order for tags. TAG ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY APRIL 8, 2011 by 12 noon.

Bronte Chamber Banquet set for Monday, April 11

The annual community banquet, sponsored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, will be held Monday, April 11, 2011, at 6:30 pm in the Bronte Community Center.

Awards to be presented include: Hometown Heroes, Citizen of the Year, Elementary and Secondary Educators of the Year, and

Male and Female Students of the Year.

Updates will be given regarding the City of Bronte, the Bronte Economic Development Corporation, Bronte ISD, Coke County, Fort Chadbourne, and the Coke County Detention Center.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the door.

Robert Lee City-Wide Spring Cleanup

The City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services will sponsor a City-wide Spring Clean-Up.

The event is scheduled for Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16.

This free service is offered to the residents and business owners of the City and is an opportunity to get rid of clutter and unwanted items. Volunteers are needed. For more information call City Hall at 453-2831.

Roll-off dumpsters will be located at the County Precinct 3 Yard located on Coke Street between E. 6th & 7th Street. This location will be open on Friday, April 15, from 9 am - 3 pm and on Saturday, April 16, from 8 am to 12 noon.

Items that will be accepted are appliances, household and yard items. Batteries will be accepted. Absolutely NO, tires, household trash, wet

paint or chemicals. Appliances must have refrigerant removed.

Brush, tree limbs, and wood material needs to go to the landfill. Take advantage of the FREE disposal offered at the City Landfill during this clean-up event.

The Landfill will be open, weather permitting, from 9 am - 12 noon on Saturday, April 16.

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.

Hunters already searching for leases

Hunters are looking for leases for this year's upcoming deer season. If you have a lease available in or around Coke County please contact Bronte City Hall (325) 473-3501. Your lease will be listed on the Bronte web site and information given out to people looking for leases.

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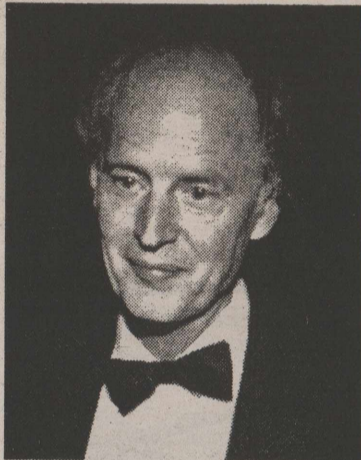
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Obituaries



Blount

Charles E. Blount, retired Texas Christian University professor, passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2011, from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

A "Gathering of Remembrance" was held Monday, March 28, 2011, from 6 to 8 pm at Alexanders in Fort Worth, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Charles Blount to TCU Men's Basketball, c/o The Frog Club, TCU Box 297140, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.

Dr. Blount was a professor of physics at TCU from 1963 to 1997. He retired to pursue another degree, a Bachelor of

Science in surveying, at New Mexico State in Las Cruces.

Survivors include a son, Glendon F. Blount; a daughter, Monette Blount Dulaney, both of Fort Worth; and a sister, Barbara Dixon of California.

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Walker

Lilly Jane Bryan Walker passed from this earth into the arms of the awaiting angels on March 27, 2011, after a long and valiant battle with Alzheimer's.

Jane was born to Nan and Lawrence Bryan on April 19, 1941. She is preceded in death by her son Jodie Walker, mother and father Nan and Lawrence Bryan, brother Calvin Bryan, sister and brother-in-law Francis and Bob Sumrall, brother-in-law Bill Scott, and brother-in-law Ray Allard.

Jane is survived by her life partner and care giver Earla Ahrens and four children, Michael and wife Sommer Ahrens, Ryan Ahrens and partner Kristi Nichols, Jill and husband Mark McMurray and Bill and wife Lou Walker. She is survived by 11 grandchildren, Courtney, Kaden, Bailey, Logan, Dylan, Zachary, Jennifer, Kelly, Kari, Kindy and Reed, due in May, and 3 great-grand-

children. She is also survived by sisters Lou Ann Scott, Betty and husband Bud Bonham, sister-in-law Hazel Bryan, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and many friends.

Jane graduated from Winters High School in 1959 and became a homemaker, later going to work at Dyess Air Force Base in the Civil Engineering Dept. from which she retired in 2001 after 21 years of service. She loved and pursued her hobbies of wood working and oil painting for many years until the disease took that capability away. Jane delighted in her grandchildren and could play with or hold them for hours. Jane never knew a stranger and would give aid and help whenever needed.

Visitation will be Friday, April 1, 2011, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at the Winters Funeral Home, Winters, Texas.

She was a member of Exodus Metropolitan Community Church, where memorial services celebrating her life will be held on April 2, 2011, at 1933 27th, Abilene, Texas.

Honorary pallbearers will be Paula Kinter, Tricia Harvey, Kathy Hardin, Julie Hardin and Sissy Heathcott.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Adult Enrichment Center of San

Angelo and the Bronte Health and Rehab Center for the loving care, dignity, and quality of life given to her over the last 5 years.

The family requests that instead of flowers, memorials be sent in her name to the Adult Enrichment Center of San Angelo, Texas, or the Bronte Health and Rehab Center, Bronte, Texas.

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Death Notices

Gloria

James Gregory Gloria Sr., 47, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2011. A memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

He is survived by his mother, Gloria Gloria of San Angelo; his wife, Viviana Gloria of San Angelo; his sons, Eric James Gloria, and James Gregory Gloria Jr. both of San Angelo; his daughter, Monica Salinas of San Angelo; his sisters, Janette Ramon of San Angelo, and Amanda Justo of Waco.

Reminder to Bronte trash customers

Bronte residents and businesses are reminded to move their trash carts back to their homes or businesses after they have been emptied.

This effort will help

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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
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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

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

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. 6 pm, Bible Study

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

improve the appearance of our City.

Residents needing help moving their carts to and from the street can call the City Hall at 473-3501 for assistance.

Private Applicator's Pesticide Licensing Training set April 29 in Coke County

Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Coke County will be holding a Private Pesticide Applicator's License training on Friday April 29, 2011, at 1 pm. The training will be held at the Rec Hall of the county show barn in Robert Lee. There will be a \$50 per person fee for the training.

Please RSVP by 12 noon Friday, April 15, by contacting the Coke County Extension Office at 325-453-2461.

Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, will be present to administer the exam that day. This will be a good opportunity for landowners to get their license in order to purchase controlled chemicals that are utilized for brush control on rangeland.

For more information, please call Garrett Gilliam at the Coke County Extension Office 325-453-2461.

Deadline is Tuesday at 2 pm



We learn as children that Jesus loves us, but do we realize that our belief in Jesus as our Savior provides so much more!

We learn in *II Timothy 1:7* that fear doesn't come from God. He has given us good gifts instead.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

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New Book on Fort Chadbourne
by local author

A new book has just been published on Fort Chadbourne. It is the first and only full length book detailing the Coke County landmark. The 350 page hardcover edition entitled "Fort Chadbourne, A Military Post, A Family Heritage" begins with the establishment of the frontier Fort in 1852 by Company's A & K of the 8th U. S. Infantry. The book is taken from factual events, muster rolls, post returns, sick and wounded reports, letters, and information collected through years of research at Fort Chadbourne.

It also contains maps and photographs, along with rosters of soldiers and Commanders who served there through the 15 years of its military existence. The Fort served Federal, Texas, and Confederate troops. It also served as a Butterfield Stage Stop from 1858 to 1861 when the route was stopped due to the outbreak of the Civil War. Those years are also documented in the book.

Many notable men are associated with Fort Chadbourne including military officers such as Robert E. Lee, James Longstreet, and George Pickett. Other men such as Samuel Maverick and Charles Goodnight make up part of the Chadbourne history.

In 1877, Thomas and Lucinda Odom purchased the property that contained Fort Chadbourne for five hundred dollars in gold. The life and times of the family, who have owned the Fort for over 130 years, brings to light the ranching years including the Fence Cutting Wars, the Winchester Quarantine, and even a Texas Ranger who was shot and killed in Sweetwater, Texas, while sitting next to Odom at the Central Hotel.

The book was written by Ann Pate, a native of Coke County. Ms. Pate said it was impossible to tell the story of Fort Chadbourne without



Ann Pate

touching on both the military and the family that has called it home for eight generations. So she chose to do both. A foreword is included by Garland Richards, the great-great-grandson of the original owner, Thomas Odom.

Ms. Pate was born and raised in Bronte. She now serves on the Board of Directors of the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, and works daily at the Fort doing research, along with tours. Ms. Pate is the daughter of the late Ernest and Elizabeth Ivey, who were lifetime residents of Coke County.

The book may be purchased by contacting the Fort Chadbourne Foundation at 325-473-5311 or 325-743-2555. For more information, you may also visit the Fort Chadbourne website at www.fortchadbourne.org. All proceeds from the sell of the book benefit the Fort Chadbourne Foundation. The book is also available in some bookstores throughout the area.

Gardening Program set for May 13
Texas AgriLife Extension Office of Coke County will

be holding a gardening program on May 13, 2011, at 1 pm at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee.

The program will focus on assisting homeowners on being more environmentally minded by addressing organic versus inorganic means for lawn and gardens as well as pest control.

Tom Green County Horticulture Extension Agent Allison Watkins will address organic and inorganic lawn

care as well as drought tolerant varieties for the lawn and garden. Dr. Chris Sansone, Texas AgriLife Extension Entomology Specialist, will cover organic and inorganic pest control for the lawn and garden.

"In addition, Allison will cover how to make your lawn and garden more drought tolerant," states Garrett

Gilliam- Coke County Texas AgriLife Extension Agent.

Also those looking to get CEUs for their private applicator license will be able to receive 1 CEU for attending the program.

For more information contact Garrett Gilliam at the Coke County Texas AgriLife Extension Office 453-2461.



Community Banquet

Monday • April 11, 2011

6:30 pm • Bronte Community Center

Join us this year for a banquet with delicious food, fun and fellowship! Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door!

Awards to be Presented:

- Hometown Heroes • Citizen of the Year
- Elementary & Secondary Educators of the Year
- Male & Female Students of the Year

Updates to be Given:

- Coke County Detention Center
- Bronte ISD • City of Bronte
- Bronte Economic Development Board • Coke County
- Fort Chadbourne
- Bronte Business Directory

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Golf! The RLHS golf team came home with numerous honors and awards from a recent tournament. Logan Philley (left) earned medalist honors. The team includes (above photo) Justin Gartman, Josh Tennison, Logan Philley, Foster Allen, Haden Dillard and Dawson Brisbin. The team is coached by Wayne Alexander.



RLHS Golf results

The Steers golf team continued their outstanding play at the Christoval Invitational hosted at Riverside Hills Golf Course in San Angelo. The Steers, for their third

round in a row, broke the 300 barrier by firing a 295 (7 over par) team score. Leading the way were seniors Logan Philley, Haden Dillard, and Foster Allen. Philley once again claimed the top medalist spot with a 2 under par 70, Dillard followed closely with a 1 under 71, and Allen chased that with a 74. Both Dillard's and Allen's scores were career bests. Dillard was 2nd in the medalist race and Allen 4th. Rounding out the Steer's scoring were Josh Tennison with an 87 and Justin Gartman with his best score of the year, an 80. Eldorado was 2nd, 30 shots behind the Steers, with a 325.

The Lady Steers also took top honors and shot their best score of the season with a 370 total. Meagan Ross and Jordan Gartman led the girl's team with Ross shooting her season's best 85 and Gartman also coming up with her best effort of 86. Ross took medalist honors and Gartman was a close 2nd. The Lady Steers also had the 3rd and 4th place medalists with Mandy Mendoza taking 3rd with a 99 and Sarah Walker had an even 100 for 4th. Kacee Roberts rounded out the Lady Steers scoring with a 113.

The Steers "Black" team also took first place honors in Division II with a team total of 361. Dawson Brisbin led the way, taking medalist honors with his 84. Other Black team scores were: Zach

Skinner 99, Will Howard 95, Bailey Smith 93, and Michael Curry 133.

The golf teams' next action will be at Shady Oaks in Baird for the 1st round of the District 11A tournament, April 4, followed by the 2nd round at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo, April 11.

2011-2012 Robert Lee Cheerleaders named

Tryouts for Robert Lee High School and Junior High Cheerleaders were held Thursday, March 24, 2011.

RLJH Cheerleaders for next year include Brady Clawson, Kodi Drennan, Anna Huapilla, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, and Kandace Skipworth.

RLHS Cheerleaders include Taylor Benton, Jordan Gartman, Kimberly Roach, Rachel Rojas, Jesse Sheets, and Ashlie Wheat.

RLISD Board Minutes posted

A regular meeting of the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees was held Monday,

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by Stephanie
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Designs
by Toni**

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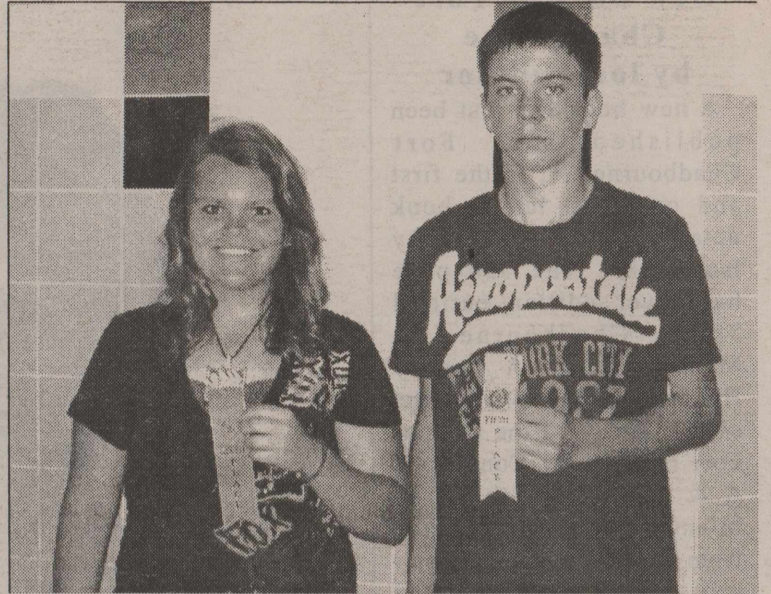
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UIL Meet! Robert Lee students recently competed at the Wall UIL meet. Ashlie Wheat placed 6th in Calculator Applications and Michael Curry placed 5th in Mathematics.

March 21, 2011, in the Robert Lee ISD Conference Room 119 at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Washam.

Members present were Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres and Brandi Brosh.

At 6:06 pm, the meeting was called to order by President Washam, with a quorum of members present.

The invocation and pledge were led by Tom Sawyer.

The Board recessed for a tour at 6:08 pm and reconvened into open session at 6:42 pm.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2011, meeting, seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills. It was seconded by

Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Rusty Hodges with W.B. Kibler attended the meeting and gave an update on the construction project.

Steve Ellinger, CADCO and Dale Parker with W.B. Kibler addressed Board concerns with the project.

Supt. Hood considered any matters related to 2008 Construction Project.

Wayne Simpson, Elementary Principal, gave his report; enrollment for elementary 139 students and 94% ADA for the month of February. Mr. Simpson also gave the High School Principal's report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 100 and ADA was 94% for the month of February.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve Supt. Hood's recommendation to sign another service agreement with Interquest Detection Canines of West Texas for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion was

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City-Wide Spring Cleanup

for City of Robert Lee Residents

Location:

County Precinct 3 Yard

Coke Street (between E. 6th & 7th Street)

Friday, April 15

9 am - 3 pm

Saturday, April 16

8 am - 12 noon

- Free disposal of appliances and unwanted household and yard items
- Refrigerant must be removed from appliances
- Batteries will be accepted this year.
- Absolutely no household trash, tires, wet paint or chemicals
- Absolutely no brush and lumber material

**Free Disposal at the City Landfill
Saturday, April 16 • 9 am - 12 noon**

Contact City Hall at 453-2831
for more information or if you need assistance.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, April 4

Pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, April 5

Biscuit and sausage,

cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 6

Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, April 7

Pancake on stick, cereal,

juice, milk

Friday, April 8

Cinnamon roll, cereal,

juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 4

Corndog, baked beans,

French fries, brownies, milk

Tuesday, April 5

Bean chalupas, salad,

Spanish rice, oranges, milk

Wednesday, April 6

Chicken spaghetti, salad,

carrots, breadstick, jello,

milk

Thursday, April 7

Frito pie, cheese, carrot

sticks, applesauce, pretzels,

milk

Friday, April 8

Hamburger, chips, pickles,

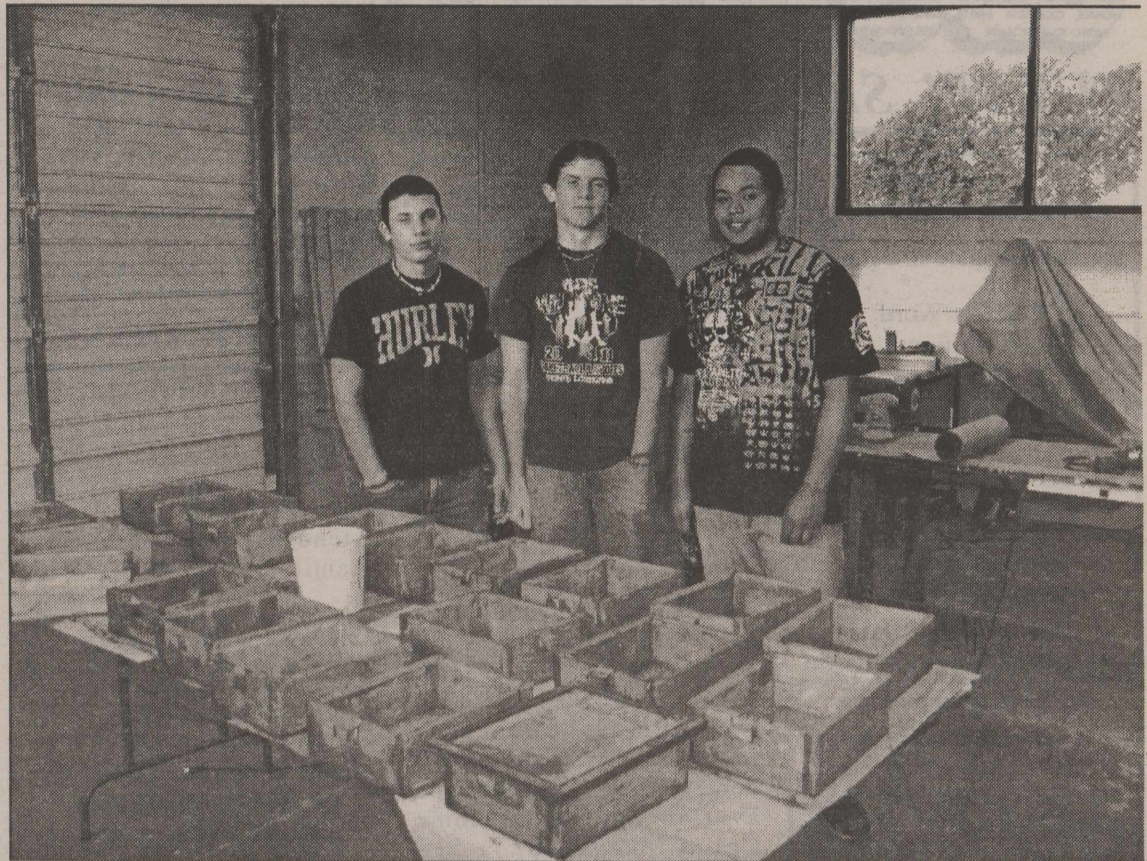
salad, grapes, milk

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Debate Team! Austin Mertz and Katie Austin (above) of Bronte High School competed in the State Cross Examination Debate Tournament on March 14, 2011 in Austin, Texas. Mertz and Austin won two rounds and lost two rounds. Mertz and Austin did a great job.

Community Service Project! Students in Mr. Cooper's Building Trades class (right top photo) at Bronte High School have been making shadow boxes to present to the residents of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. Pictured left to right are Terron Charles, Jake Cotter and Justin Saldana.



BISD schedules pre-registration
 Bronte Elementary has scheduled their pre-registration for the 2011-2012 Prechool Program for Children With Disabilities, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for all students residing in the Bronte school district for Wednesday, April 13, from 3 - 4:30 pm.

In order to enroll, you must bring the following documents with you: immunization record, social security card, birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e. utility bill, rent receipt, etc.) If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please call the elementary office at 473-2251.

Bronte Scholarships Available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship is available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under scholarships or may be picked up in the counselor's office.

The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 12, 2011.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates.

Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor.

For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2521.

The First National Bank of Sterling City is also offering a scholarship to a senior at Bronte High School.

In order to qualify, a



One Act Play! Bronte High School's One-Act Play competed in the zone One-Act Play contest in Santa Anna on March 22. Bronte performed *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The play is directed by Cheryl Cornutt. Kelsey Sedden received the Best Actress award, Austin Mertz and Chase Harris received All-Star Cast awards, Jill Scott received Honorable Mention All-Star cast award, and Shandee Vaughn received Honor Crew award. Bronte advanced from the zone competition to district which was held in Bronte on March 29. Participating are Kelsey Sedden, Cindy Davila, Alejandra Franco, Michelle Rhodes, Rachael Deller, Cheyenne Boyd, Ethan Sedden, Jill Scott, Heath Richey, Austin Mertz, Chase Harris, Nathan Fillman, Jaylon Seales, Creed Coalson, Jordan Baumann, Mitchell Butler, Shandee Vaughn, Vaughn Stilley, Candice Sutton, Kaitlyn Braswell, Fernando Perez, and Cheryl Cornutt. Not pictured is Nathan McGinnis.

senior must have been enrolled at BHS for his or her junior and senior years, been enrolled in the accelerated curriculum and have an 85 or higher GPA average. Applications are

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- Monday, April 4**
Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk
 - Tuesday, April 5**
French toast, assorted juice, syrup, milk
 - Wednesday, April 6**
Sausage patty, biscuit, assorted juice, jelly, milk
 - Thursday, April 7**
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
 - Friday, April 8**
Pancake on stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, April 4**
Chicken fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, milk
 - Tuesday, April 5**
Frito pie w/cheese, pinto beans, apple cake, milk
 - Wednesday, April 6**
Steak fingers, creamed potatoes, sweet peas, rolls, gravy, milk
 - Thursday, April 7**
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 - Friday, April 8**
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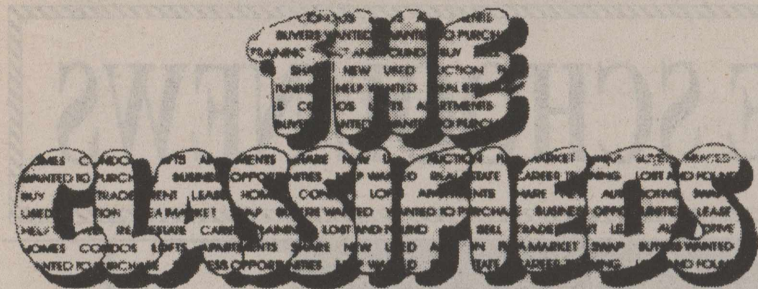
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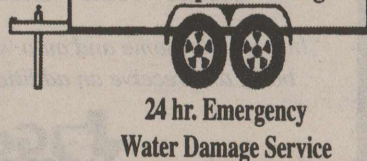
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NOTICES

ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE CANCELING THE MAY 14, 2011, GENERAL ELECTION AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with law a general election has been ordered for May 14, 2011, for the purpose of election two council members to serve on the City Council in the City of Bronte; and

WHEREAS, no proposition is to appear on the ballot in that election; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary has certified in writing that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 14, 2011, General Election and Special Election, are hereby declared elected to office, and shall be issued a certificate of election:

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Councilman: Misti Bedford (Two-Year Term)
Councilman: Paul McWright (Two-Year Term)

SECTION 5.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

GERALD SANDUSKY,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAT MARTINDALE,
CITY SECRETARY

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRONTE PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE #367 VIOLATION

NOTICE TO ABATE
TO: Kathleen and Kyle James

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211 South State, Bronte
All of Lots 9 thru 13, Block 62, OT, Bronte

VIOLATIONS: Failure to remove disabled vehicle and vehicle parts in a timely manner.

ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ABATE NUISANCE:
Remove the 1998 Lincoln, License # 579-XSR and pickup bed.

DEADLINE FOR ABATING NUSIANCES:
APRIL 11, 2011

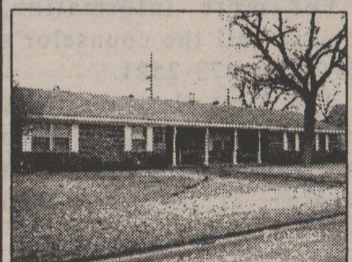
IF NO ACTION IS TAKEN TO ABATE THE NUISANCE VIOLATIONS, THE CITY SHALL ABATE SUCH NUISANCES AND ASSESS THE COST AGAINST SUCH PERSON OR ESTATE.

BY: GRADY COULTER,
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE,
CITY OF BRONTE

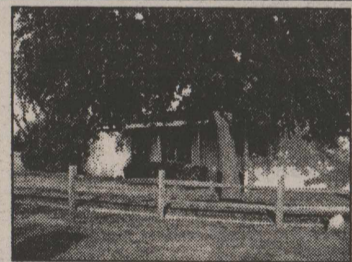
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The Dragon's Not Gone, Just Asleep

By Mark Sides, Chief, RLVFD

Above average temperatures, large amounts of dry fuels, low relative humidity, and strong winds again set the stage where a careless spark, a lightning strike, or a arcing power line are the opening number in a Texas Firestorm.

On February 25, 2008, Robert Lee almost learned the meaning of the phrase Urban-Wildland Interface the hard way. High winds caused arcing in overhead power lines. Temps in the upper seventies, coupled with 25 mph winds, and high fuel loads turned a few small sparks into a wildfire that destroyed several homes and outbuildings and consumed approximately 20,000 acres of rangeland. This fire was just one of the 26 wildland fires occurring on that day.

More recently, on February 27, 2011, Barnhart, Matador, and portions of Colorado City were evacuated due to wildland fires.

Robert Lee, Bronte and outlying communities are no different from other rural Texas towns where rangeland, pastures, and CRP may be near or immediately adjacent to homes and businesses.

These are a few simple items that will reduce the chances of your home going up in smoke:

1) Routinely clean gutters, especially in the fall. Keep your yard clean of leaves, limbs, and dead grass.

2) Remove tree limbs that extend over the eaves of the roof or within 10-15 feet of the chimney

3) Keep your grass mowed to a 4" height or less, and if possible, well watered during periods of extreme drought. Prune tree branches at least 10 feet from the ground.

4) Landscape using deciduous trees and shrubs such as oaks, agarito, eastern redbud, desert willow, and sages. Avoid junipers, pines, and other evergreens unless they are planted 100 feet or further from the house.

5) Make sure your house number and street number are clearly posted to provide firefighters easy identification.

6) Maintain at least 30 feet of open space between your home and the surrounding brush line or CRP field.

7) Avoid concentrations of shrubbery or ornamental grasses up against the house.

8) Have garden hoses connected at all times and long enough to reach around the house.

9) Store firewood at least 15 to 30 feet away from the house.

10) Maintain roads and entrances to provide easy access and adequate turnaround space for emergency equipment.

11) Exercise extreme cau-

tion and keep a reliable, pressurized water source handy when doing any outdoor burning or welding.

12) Don't allow tall grass and debris to accumulate against your house or under your porch or deck.

These items alone may not guarantee that your home will survive, but they will give your home and responding firefighters a fighting chance.

... RL ISD Minutes

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seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve Supt. Hood's recommendation to sign extension for Depository Contract for Funds with Robert Lee State Bank until year 2013. The motion was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Supt Hood gave his report on enrollment numbers, Legislative Update, Update on budget process and staffing.

The Board took a break at 8:26 pm before entering into closed session at 8:37 pm. The Board reconvened into open session 9:30 pm.

A motion was made by Tom Sawyer and seconded by Beverly Sinclair to accept the resignation of Kathy McCown and Sheri Millican effective May 31, 2011.

Supt. Hood made recommendation to offer 11 month contract to Shay Avants, Jeff Brisbin, Denise Roberts and Sandy Sawyer for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion was made by Irma Torres and seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Supt. Hood made recommendation to offer 10 month contract for the school year 2011-2012 for those presented; Patty Byrne, Audrey Devoll, Katie Drennan, Frankie Gartman, Mary Ann Hill, Maranda Hood, Sterling Myers, Amber Palmer, Wayne Alexander, Kerry Gartman, Brandon McDowell, Celeste Service, Kevin Meek, Elena Sanchez, Laura Gott and Dana Cauley. The motion was made by Tom Sawyer and seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Supt. Hood made recommendation to offer a One Year Probationary Contract to Vianna Madrid, Kelley Avants and Micah McDowell. The motion was made by Irma Torres and seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

A motion was made by Brandi Brosh and seconded by Beverly Sinclair to name Supt. Aaron Hood as Athletic Director. All voted for.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 6 pm.

The Board moved back to Item 11 for discussion by Supt. Hood on Student Health Advisory Council Annual Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

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, March 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, Sarah Green and Pat Stephens. Roger Alexander, Administrator was also in attendance.

President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:40 am, and declared there was a quorum. Pat Stephens gave the invocation. The minutes from the previous meetings were approved.

The Board went into executive session at 9:44 am to discuss personnel matters. They returned to regular session at 11:08 am. No action was taken.

In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board of the hiring of 2 CNAs. He reported there are currently 10 residents in the Alzheimer's Unit, and 46 residents total in the Care Center.

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

progressing very slowly. Accounts receivable were discussed in depth.

The Board voted to cancel the May election since only incumbents had filed for office.

The website for the Open Records training session will be shared with those Board members and facility staff who need to attend. The signature card will be updated in the near future, and the Board voted to keep two Board member's signatures mandatory for the checks.

Tammy Riley gave the Board an update on the facility's Relay for Life team. The team, "Royal Flush", chose the t-shirts they will wear. The team logo is "Flushing Out Cancer", and t-shirts will be available to anyone desiring to purchase one. Luminaries can be purchased from any team member. The luminaries will line the track around the football field, and be held in place by donated canned goods, which will, in turn, later be donated to the Coke County Food Pantry. The team will serve hamburgers and chips the evening of

April 29 to kick off the festivities. The meal proceeds will benefit the fight against cancer. Go, Royal Flush!!!

Looking at the facility calendar for April, spring is definitely in the air!

The monthly birthday party will be held April 29 at 3:30. Those celebrating birthdays this month are Luis Pineda, Johnie Underwood, and Pauline Millican.

Everyone at the facility will be busy hunting Easter eggs April 22, at 2:30. Do you suppose there will be a grand prize for the person who finds the most eggs?

The monthly Sing-a-Long is scheduled for April 29, and everyone is invited to come and do just that!

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 April 25, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM, and the Board enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

HOW A CHRISTIAN SHOULD LIVE

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again. • II Corinthians 5:14-15

I am crucified with Christ: Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me. • Galatians 2:20

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. • Romans 14:7-8

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat, Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not bread from heaven, For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. • John 6:31-33

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TRTA Day in Austin! Attending from Bronte were (front row, right) Merle Kelso and Janet Wommack, (back row, right) Brenda Hines and Charlotte Jackson.

TRTA Day at the Capitol makes impact on Texas Legislature

By Janet Wommack
Brenda Hines, Charlotte Jackson, Merle Kelso, and Janet Wommack from Coke County Retired Teachers and more than 800 TRTA members converged on the Texas Capitol on Wednesday, March 23 to stress the importance of maintaining state appropriations to the TRS-Care health insurance program and TRS pension trust fund.

TRTA members delivered a message to the Texas Legislature, and it came through loud and

clear...Restore Funding To TRS And TRS-Care; Protect Our Health Care Program!!

The four ladies from Bronte visited with Rep. Drew Darby's staff since he was on the floor of the House of Representatives. They said that Rep. Darby would continue his support of TRTA and education. He and many legislators promised they would fight any effort to transition the pension fund from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan.

Legislators in both the Texas Senate and House recognized the work done by TRTA volunteers to improve the livelihood of all public

education retirees.

Senator Robert Duncan and Representative Vicki Truitt authored resolutions recognizing this week as TRTA week. This news was met with loud applause from the hundreds of retirees taking nearly every seat in the public galleries. In fact, the Texas Senate was standing room only!

Dozens of senators spoke in favor of the resolution in the Texas Senate.

CCRTA combines luncheon/business session

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, March 21 for a noon luncheon at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Following the sumptuous lunch buffet, Beth Prather, president, presided at the business session.

Supt. Alan Richey of BISD, told of numerous upcoming school events including the District Track Meet on April 5. He asked for volunteers to work in the concession stands that day. Richey reported the Supt. Aaron Hood of RLISD is in Austin this past week to

communicate with legislators on school issues. Supt. Richey plans to go to Austin this week for the same purpose.

Four members of Coke County unit of RTA went to Brownwood to board a special District XV bus to go to Austin for the Texas Retired Teachers Rally day that was held on March 24. They had an appointment with Rep. Drew Darby that day to discuss school and retiree concerns. Those representing our unit were: Brenda Hines, Charlotte Jackson, Merle Kelso, and Janet Wommack.

Members voted to send contribution to the Bronte and Robert Lee Project Graduation Funds. Unit members enjoyed the colorful, creative posters from the elementary libraries of the Bronte and Robert Lee schools. Students made and signed the posters to express their appreciation for the books given to them by CCRTA last month.

Janet Wommack announced that Betty Tankersley is a new member of the unit.

Members attending the meeting: Wanda Barbee, Jamie Boren, Nina Brewer,

June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, Brenda Hines, William Hood, Jerry Horn, Mimzi Horn, Charlotte Jackson, Merle Kelso, Mary Lawhon, Pat Lee, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Gary Smith, Charlotte Tounget, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack, and guests: Donna Pochls and Alan Richey.

Genealogy classes to meet

Monday, April 4, will conclude the first group of lessons with internal migrations of the United States. A second series, historical development of states and European migration will commence in the fall.

The members of the classes have expressed an interest in becoming a genealogical club and continuing with meetings during the summer and fall. These meetings would have programs ranging from preserving heirlooms, history of trails, a Civil War battle, etc.

The meeting will be from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Coke County Library. We ask everyone who is interested, even if they have not attended a session to please come Monday night. Any questions should be directed to Fran Lomas at 453-2894 or Beth Prather at the library.

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April 16, 2011
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