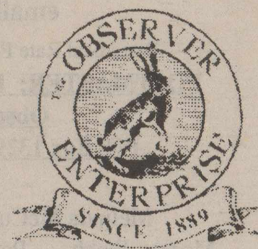


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Coke County ravaged by Wildcat fire



Escaping the Flames! These brave firefighters escaped at the last minute when the fire went across the west end of FM 2662 this past weekend.

Special Wildcat Fire Edition

This issue of the Observer/Enterprise is dedicated to the men and women who fought tirelessly over the last week to protect Coke County and its residents from the monster fire that swept across us. The photos on the following pages in black and white can't show the flames and smoke nearly as well as color pictures. However, readers can get an idea of the devastation from them. A full color edition is available at observerenterprise.com. In addition to the fire news and photos, this issue only contains upcoming articles.

Melinda McCutchen
Editor/Publisher

What has become known as the Wildcat Fire began with a lightning strike Sunday night, April 10, 2011, at approximately 11:30 pm near the upper end of Mountain Road just east of FM 2034 west of Robert Lee.

At that time, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department searched for the blaze and a way into the small fire throughout the night. The fire flared up once again Monday afternoon and was contained by trucks from the RL VFD and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

It again flared on Tuesday afternoon and was contained by county firefighters.

Prior to Thursday afternoon when the fire came back and blazed out of control, less

than 75 acres were involved. That figure is now almost 160,000 acres burned in Coke County and Tom Green County.

At approximately 5 pm, Thursday, April 14, reports came in that the fire was burning in the original area. It quickly spread in the canyons and hills between State Highway 208 and FM 2034, north and west of Robert Lee. Due to the extremely rough

terrain and high winds, local firefighters requested assistance from the Texas Forest Service and other area departments. Among those responding on Thursday evening were Rowena, Miles, Quail Valley, East Concho, and Sterling City. Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Sheriff's Deputies Trey Davis, Emmitt Crisp and Brandon Neal

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**Coke County Relay
for Life Food Drive
underway**

Coke County Relay For Life is once again collecting canned goods for use in luminaria bags. After the Relay, all food will be donated to the Coke County Food Pantry. Last year, over 1,000 items were donated. Collection boxes are located at most of the local churches and grocery stores in Robert Lee and Bronte. Boxes are also located at the courthouse, Robert Lee State Bank, First National Bank, Glenn-Bivins Insurance, Robert Lee ISD and Bronte ISD. If your business, church or organization would like a collection box, please call or text Bonnie Cason, 473-1110.

Luminarias are white bags that are "In Memory" or "In Honor" of someone affected by cancer. They line the track and are held down with a canned good and lit up with a battery operated candle during a very special ceremony. The luminarias can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5 from any CCRFL team member; DeeAnna Harmon, 453-2804 or 453-2545 in Robert Lee or Lanette Fletcher, 473-6791 in Bronte. You may want to donate a canned good for each luminaria bag you purchase.

For the food drive, please have cans turned in by Monday, April 25.

The luminaria ceremony will be held during the Relay on Friday night, April 29, 2011, at the Robert Lee High School track.

**Horsemanship
Clinic set for
April 30**

A horsemanship clinic, focusing on Stock Horse of Texas events, will be held in Bronte at the Coke County Arena Saturday, April 30, 2011, beginning at 9 am.

For more information, call 473-3201.

**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.

**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.

**Coke County seeking
trained personnel to
continue service**

Bronte Ambulance Service (ECCAS) and Robert Lee EMS (WCCEMS) are both in need of trained, certified personnel to continue providing service to Coke County.

Bronte would like to offer a training class at a date, time and location to be determined, with approval by the State Department of Health Services.

If you are interested and willing to take the training and volunteer for either Robert Lee EMS or Bronte, please call Larry at 473-4014, Steve at 224-3047, or Jan at 453-2511.

**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.

**RLISD announces
early release date**

The Robert Lee Independent School District will release all students on Friday, April 15, at 12:30 pm. The buses will be running at that time and arrangements

will need to be made to pick up students at the early release time.

Also there will be no school on Friday, April 22, in observance of Good Friday.

**RL ISD to hold Pre-K
and Kindergarten
pre-registration**

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten pre-registration Monday, May 2, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Elementary office.

All new students to the Robert Lee ISD Pre-K and Kindergarten programs are encouraged to attend.

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11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Friday, April 22
7 pm

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For more information,
call Pastor Steve Peyton at 453-2417.

... Wildcat Fire

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Brandon Neal assisted the firefighters in locating routes in to fight the fire. Along with Robert Lee VFD Fire Chief Mark Sides and Assistant Fire Chief Ross Torres, Coke County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Randall Jacks coordinated the fire fighting efforts. Also assisting the firefighters were Coke County Constables Marshall Millican and Marty Boyd. Coke County Commissioners and County employees were providing support through water trucks and heavy equipment. Other heavy equipment and operators, as well as water tankers, were provided by W.E.B., Dunagin, Sterling County and private ranchers from the area. Precinct 2 employees Darrell Sowell and Mike Saunders assisted by spotting routes and requesting units off upper Mountain Road.



[Editor's Note: The Observer/Enterprise, as well as those in command of the fire fighting operations, are working to get an accurate report of all departments and support services involved. However, some may be missed and I apologize for their omission.]

In the early morning hours of Friday, April 15, the fire raced up the western side of the divide on Highway 208 and threatened the Hooten home. In a very short time, the fire jumped Highway 208 near the bottom of the divide.

On Friday, Tom Green County was also attacked by the Wildcat Fire as it crossed the county line on Highway 208, FM 2034, and March Road. Doc Holladay surrounded his headquarters with a 40 foot firebreak and was able to save them with the help of family and friends. Less than 100 acres remained unburned from over two sections of the Holladay property.

Areas in Tom Green County around Grape Creek and Quail Valley were evacuated.

Saturday morning, the fire crossed to the west side of

FM 2034 near the bottom of Mountain Road and the Paint Creek Loop intersection. At this time, Coke County Precinct 4 employee Jimmy Walker was injured when his road grader was engulfed. He suffered from burns and smoke inhalation. He was back out fighting again within a couple of days. A firetruck was providing cover for the grader, but ran out of water.

Saturday afternoon, the fire

jumped from the south side of FM 2662 to the north side on the west end closest to Highway 208.

Saturday evacuations in Coke County included the Mountain Road area, Paint Creek Loop area, all areas on the west side of Lake Spence, residents on either side of FM 2662, Valley View area, Buffalo Creek area, Harmon Lane, and FM 2034.

By Sunday, the fire

appeared to be rolling northeast toward Bronte at an alarming rate.

Sunday afternoon, a call was heard on the emergency radio from a firefighter reporting a breach of the fire-line near Double Barrel Road east of 7 Mile Hill. At this time, the Incident Commander ordered an evacuation of Bronte. Law enforcement personnel, including the Coke County

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NOW THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of Bronte, do proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in Bronte, and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have affixed our signatures and seal on this the 14th day of April, 2011.

Gerald Sandusky

Mayor, City of Bronte

Witness:

Pat Martindale

City Secretary



This road grader burned near the Mountain Road/Paint Creek Loop and FM 2034 intersection on Saturday. The operator, Jimmy Walker, was back on duty shortly after recovering (Texas-style) from his injuries.

... Wildcat Fire

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Sheriff's Department, Texas Parks and Wildlife officers, and DPS troopers, started going door-to-door in Bronte. Shortly thereafter, the evacuation order was withdrawn after original report of the breach could not be verified.

Also on Sunday afternoon, the fire was racing to cross FM 2662 on the east end near Highway 277. Firefighters were able to stop it from crossing near the McIntyre residence. It also was burning across the Arrott's Ranch.

On Sunday night into Monday, the fire continued to rage, and the Tennyson area was evacuated. Mount Margaret burned, but firefighters were able to save the homes on Tennyson School Road. It did cross Highway 277 in spots on Monday. One spot was just south of Tennyson, between FM 2333 and Hartman Lane. It also crossed near Simpson Ranch Feedyard.

Air support was involved in the firefighting efforts. However, their help on

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday enabled the containment that we now enjoy. Helicopters and spotter planes were on scene early with larger planes being used in the latter stages. On Monday, a heavy equipment operator was surrounded by the fire when spotted by a helicopter that swooped in and dropped its load providing a way to safety for the operator. On Tuesday, a DC 10 was used to put on the final touches. This was the first time this type of plane has been used in Texas. It carries a 12,000 gallon load



This house on the Blackburn Ranch on Highway 208 was spared due to efforts of firefighters on the scene.

of fire retardant.

By Tuesday afternoon, the only evacuation order still remaining was the west side of Highway 277 from FM 2662 to the Goodyear Proving Grounds.

A collision between two out-of-town fire units occurred on Highway 277 near Tennyson on Monday with no injuries reported. The cause of the collision was limited visibility due to the heavy smoke.

By Tuesday, road closures

issued up to that time City, FM 2034 from Highway included Highway 277 from 158 to US Highway 87, and FM 2105 in Tom Green Highway 208 from Robert County to Bronte, FM 2333 Lee to San Angelo.

At presstime, no road closures remain in effect. The only other injury reported to the

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Wildcat Mountain Ranch after the fire.



Observer/Enterprise was a heavy equipment operator who had worked in Coke County, both west of Robert Lee and near Bronte, on the divide on Highway 208, on the Holladay Ranch in Tom Green County and finished up by building a fireline on the Crows Nest Ranch across from Goodyear. He was taken to the emergency room, suffering from smoke inhalation and severe dehydration. He is reported in good condition.

Another fire on the old Rough Creek Ranch on Menneille and Exxon Road, approximately 8 miles north of Robert Lee, started late Friday night. It was contained to around 30 acres at that time and thought to be out. However, high winds uncovered embers on Saturday and the fire raged out of control before being extinguished later that night.

At presstime, the Wildcat Fire was reported to be 30-40% contained. However, no evacuation orders or road closures remain in effect. Coke County appears to finally be seeing daylight,

not smoke.

Departments who had checked in to assist with the fire include Robert Lee, Bronte, Sterling City, Goodfellow, Miles, Wall, Rowena, Winters, Pedernales Valley, Big Spring, Mitchell County, Westbrook, Elm Grove, San Saba, East Concho, Quail Valley, Coleman County, Llano, Nolan, McCullough, Big Lake, Eden, Wingate, Menard, Howard County, Burkett, Christoval, Sweetwater, Ballinger, North Runnels, Paint Rock, Lake Coleman, Colorado City, Lakeview, Lohn, Mason, Junction, Melvin, Lake Ivey, Dallas County, Tarrant County, Celina, Abilene, Needham, Montgomery County, Weatherford, London, Santa Anna, Loraine, Irion County, Benbrook, Crowley, Kennedale, Eules, Burleson, Fort McKavett, Cockrell

Hill, and Hutchins. Other departments may have been omitted unintentionally.

A few of the organizations providing support include W.E.B. (the Brosh and Skinner families), Dunagin, Funderburg, Rust Street Ministries, Hargraves Tire, TxDot, Baptist Men's Association, Salvation Army, and the Red Cross. Toby Virden and the people of Ballinger and Runnels County were also a great deal of help in providing for firefighters needs.

Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen wishes to thank everyone who assisted Coke County in any way during this catastrophe. "It's great to live in an area

where all of your neighbors come to help when needed."

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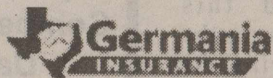
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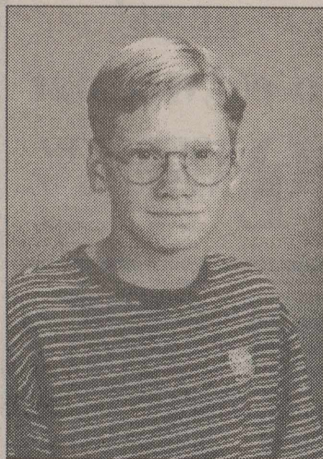
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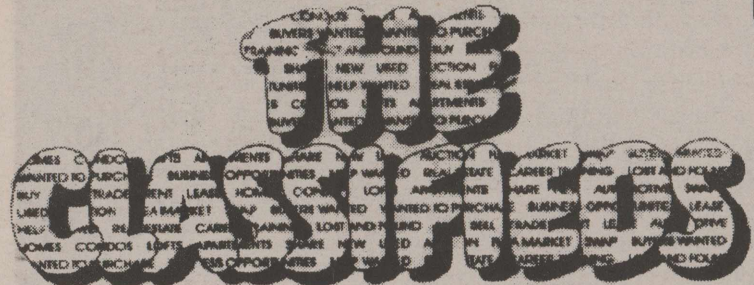
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Sincerely,

Jerry & Susan Wellborn

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Bronte ISD Trustee election held on May 14, 2011 will be tested on April 25, 2011 at 8:00 am at 13 E. 7th Street, County Clerk's Office, Robert Lee, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes for all offices. The public is invited.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS Cause No. CV11-04367

TO: MANUEL HEREDIA and to all whom it may concern, Respondent(s): GREETING

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 day after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of ANGELICA MARIA HEREDIA Petitioner, was filed in the 51st DISTRICT Court of COKE COUNTY, Texas, on the 8th day of FEBRUARY, 2011, against MANUEL HEREDIA, Respondent(s), numbered CV11-04367, and entitled [*In the Matter of the Marriage of ANGELICA MARIA HEREDIA and MANUEL HEREDIA And In the Interest of PATRICIO LEVORDEO BARRERA, JOSE MANUEL HEREDIA AND PALOMA TOPAZIA JIMENEZ, MINOR CHILDREN.

The suit requests: that upon a final hearing of this case, the Court grant

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Cedar Cove Addition, 2/2.5 Brick House on 3 ac. Several Storage Bldgs. Lake on 3 sides.

Petitioner a divorce from Respondent, dissolve the bonds of matrimony and decree the other relief requested in this Petition, as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

["*The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property that will be binding on you.]

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Robert Lee, Texas, this the 13th day of April, 2011.

Atty For Petitioner or
Petitioner

Thomas T. Williams
15 E. Harris Avenue
San Angelo, Texas 76903

*Strike if not a
divorce/annulment

Clerk of the Court

Mary Grim
13 E. 7th Street
Robert Lee, Texas

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 116 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, will accept sealed competitive requests for proposals (RPF's) with regards to Depository contracts. All bid proposals are to be received at the office of

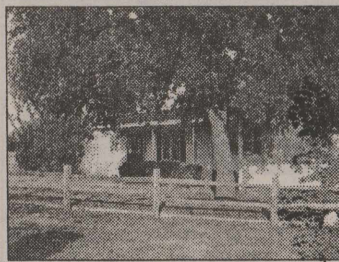
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of Bronte ISD, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on May 14, 2011, for voting in a General Election to elect two trustees for full three-year terms. Location of polling place: City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Tx 76933. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Bronte ISD Superintendent's Office at 210 South Jefferson, Bronte, TX between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. beginning Monday, May 2, 2011 and ending on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to Gina McCutchen, Early Voting Clerk, PO Box 670, Bronte, TX 76933. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business day on Friday, May 6, 2011.

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A los votantes registrados del Bronte ISD, Texas: Notifíquese, Por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abirón desde las 7:00 am hasta las 7:00 pm el 14 de mayo de 2011 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir eleccion dos administradores por un periodo de tres anos del consejo de la escuela de Bronte.

DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES, City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, TX 76933. La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Bronte ISD Superintendent's Office, 210 south Jefferson, Bronte, TX entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 2 de mayo, 2011 terminado el 10 de mayo, 2011. Las solicitudes para boletas que votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Gina McCutchen Early Voting Clerk, PO Box 670, Bronte, Tx 76933. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Gina McCutchen, Early Voting Clerk, PO Box 670, Bronte, TX 76933. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las hora de negocio el 6 de mayo, 2011.

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School Menu

Bronte ISD Breakfast

Monday, April 25
Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk
Tuesday, April 26
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk
Wednesday, April 27
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
Thursday, April 28
Oatmeal, assorted juice, cinnamon toast, milk
Friday, April 29
Sausage patty, biscuit, assorted juice, jelly, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 25
Chicken strips, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, gravy, milk
Tuesday, April 26
Fish sticks, tossed salad, macaroni & cheese, rolls, cookies, milk
Wednesday, April 27
Chicken fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, fruit, milk
Thursday, April 28
Spud day, chili & cheese, baby carrots w/ranch, Texas toast, milk
Friday, April 29
Patty melt, fries, ranch beans, pudding, milk

Robert Lee ISD Breakfast

Monday, April 25
Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk
Tuesday, April 26
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk
Wednesday, April 27
Pancake on stick, cereal, juice, milk
Thursday, April 28
Pizza, cereal, juice, milk
Friday, April 29
Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 25
Burritos, tator tots, salad, brownies, milk
Tuesday, April 26
Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, peas, gravy, fruit cocktail, bread, milk
Wednesday, April 27
Spaghetti, salad, corn, roll, peaches, milk
Thursday, April 28
Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, bread, orange, milk
Friday, April 29
Sub sandwich, salad, pickles, chips, pineapple, milk

Annual Coke County Health Fair set for next week

The third annual Coke County Health Fair will be Monday, April 25, from 2:30-5 pm in Robert Lee at the community building. Admission is free.

There will be a healthy cooking demonstration and sampling of the food.

The blood bank will be there doing the quarterly blood drive, sponsored by the First Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

Free Blood Pressure screenings will also be available.

Kool Smiles Dentistry will attend this year and give out free toothbrushes.

Myers Drug will also be there with information on free prescription mailing and their My Dose Alert program that reminds customers when to take their medication.

The Alliance for Women & Children will have information on breast cancer and how uninsured women can get free mammograms and pap smears.

Attendees can also find out how to get financial assistance with Medicare Part D, information on the HCG diet, and much more from other local agencies.

For more information please contact Misty McGlothlin, RN Bronte & Robert Lee First United Methodist Church Wesley Nurse at 473-2069.



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6 Cheese Bread Sticks \$2.19
12 Cheese Bread Sticks \$3.69

WINGS

6 Hot Wings \$3.99
12 Hot Wings \$7.49
6 Beer Bacon Wings \$4.39
12 Beer Bacon Wings \$7.99

SANDWICH MEALS

*Tuna Salad Sandwich \$4.00
*Chicken Salad Sandwich \$4.00
*Egg Salad Sandwich \$4.00
*Includes canned drink & bag of chips.
Add .25 for slice of cheese.

SINGLE SANDWICHES

Tuna Salad Sandwich \$2.50
Chicken Salad Sandwich \$2.50
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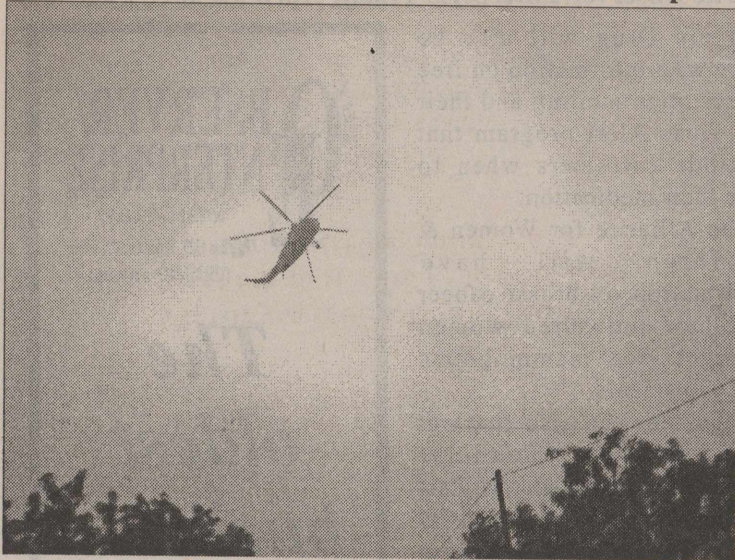
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Paul and Susan Williams will open the Williams Building in downtown Bronte (across from Hall's Grocery) on Saturday evening, April 23, from 6 pm to 9 pm for a "Meet and Greet" financial benefit for the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. Plans include visiting with friends and people are encouraged to bring a check, finger foods, etc.

"There have been a lot of folks doing a lot of hard work, given freely to each of us in the form of volunteering. Let's have a party to honor their efforts by making sure our Fire Dept's financial needs are met," stated Mr. Williams in a letter to the Observer/Enterprise.

An account, the Coke County Recovery Fund, has been set up at Robert Lee State Bank in

order for people to make donations.

Surplus supplies (drinking water, etc.) that were not needed by Wildcat firefighters are being packed up and sent with the firefighters leaving our area and going to other large fires within the state.

With the help of these firefighters, Coke County lost no occupied residences.

Help available to feed livestock

Coke County's Texas AgriLife Extension Agent Garrett Gilliam reported that people in the county needing feed for livestock and horses may contact his office to arrange for assistance. That number is 325/453-2461. If no answer, please leave a message and they will return your call.

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Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: And they that hear shall live. • *John 5:24-25*

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this? • *John 11:25-26*

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. • *Romans 8:13*

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me; because I live, ye shall live also. • *John 14:16-19*

And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: And he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it. • *Matthew 10:38-39*

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Sunday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm
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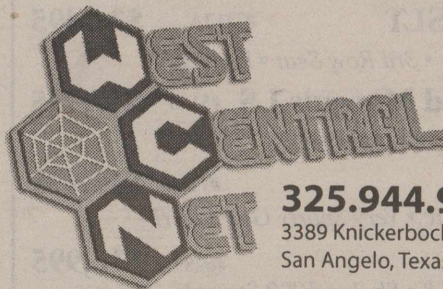
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