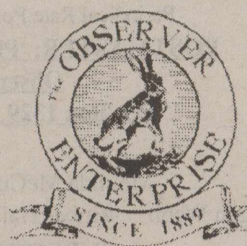


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RL Open House celebrations set for December 2

The opening of the Christmas season in Robert Lee is Friday, December 2. A number of local offices and businesses hold open house to serve refreshments and celebrate the season with their valued customers and friends.

The Coke County Courthouse will have an open house from 8 am to 1 pm. Robert Lee State Bank is having their open house from 9 am to 3 pm and Ivey Motor Company, Inc., will celebrate from 11 am to 2 pm.

Other businesses and offices participating with open house celebrations include Robert Lee City Hall, Coke County Hardware, B's Blossoms N Blooms, DJ's Merle Norman and Especially For You, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, Rock Solid Communications, and This 'N That Shop.

The Coke County Library will also participate in the Open House day. Visitors are welcome to stop by from 8 am to 12 noon.

Christmas in Bronte set for December 3

Christmas in Ole Bronte promises a day full of fun. Activities for the event include the Fun Run, a golf tournament, arts and crafts booths and, of course, Santa.

Bronte Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a drawing for a TV. You can sign up at local merchants beginning November 25. The drawing will be December 22 at 12 noon at the Bronte Mini Park.

For more information, visit brontetexas.org or call (325) 473-3501. Remember to shop your hometown stores first.

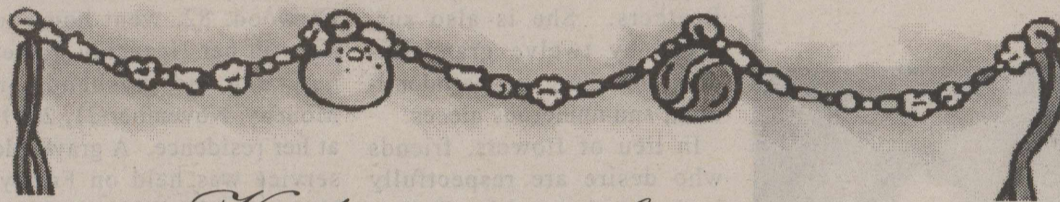
BHS Class of 2014 to sponsor Fun Run

The Bronte High School Class of 2014 will be sponsoring a Fun Run on Saturday, December 3, 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with Christmas in 'Ole Bronte. Registration will begin at 8 am, with the race beginning at 9 am.

Participants may choose between a 10K run, a 5K run, or a 1 mile run/walk. Registration and fees will be paid on race day only. The overall winners, both male and female and the top three males and the top three females in each of the following age groups will be awarded prizes: under 19; 20-25; 26-44; 45-59; and 60 and up.

Refreshments and water stops will be provided. For more information, contact Jerita Taylor at 473-8966 or 473-5551 (Jerita.taylor@bronteisd.net), or Tammy Thorn at Bronte City Hall, 473-3501.

Minors must have parents' permission and no dogs will be allowed on the course.



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Open
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celebrations.*



Santa to visit Bronte Health & Rehab Center

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center is sponsoring a special visit from Santa for all community children. The event will be held Thursday, December 8, 2011, at BHRC, 900 S. State Street in Bronte from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

The Center has also scheduled the Residents Christmas Party and New Year's Party. The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011, from 1 pm to 3 pm and the New Year's Party will be held on Friday, December 30, 2011, at 3 pm.

Christmas Greetings deadline set for December 15

It is time once again for Christmas greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas Greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 23 issue.

Deadline of this year's greetings is Thursday, December 15, at 12 noon. For more information or to place your greeting, contact the O/E office at 453-2433.

Santa Letter deadline set for December 5

Deadline for Letters to Santa Claus to be printed in this year's Christmas edition has been set for Monday,

December 5. As in the past, we will go by the schools and pick up their Letters for Santa for inclusion in the Christmas paper on December 23. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. This is why we have to have them early.

As in the case of Letters to Santa which are delivered to the post office, we will pick them up, type them for the paper, and mail them on to Santa as fast as we can.

If you have any questions about this year's Santa Letters deadline or the holiday printing schedule, please call 453-2433.

Filing period for 2012 primaries to continue

The filing period for the March 6, 2012, Democratic and Republican primaries began Monday, November 28, 2011, and will continue through 6 pm Thursday, December 15, 2011.

County offices up for election include Coke County Commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, currently held by Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock; County Constables in Precincts 1 and 2, currently held by Marshall Millican and Marty Boyd respectively; County Attorney, currently held by Nancy Arthur; County Tax Assessor/Collector, currently held by Josie Dean; and

County Sheriff, currently held by Wayne McCutchen.

Those interested in filing may pick up and return the applications and the filing fee (or petition with signatures) to either the County Party Chairman or to the Coke County Clerk's office. The Democratic Party Chairman for Coke County is Robert Houck, 849 Mountain Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, (325) 453-2158. The Republican Party Chairman for Coke County is David Kitten, 653 Sweet Road, Blackwell, Texas 79506, (325) 282-2425. Before filing an application, potential candidates must file a treasurer appointment.

For more information, contact either party chairman or the Clerk's office at (325) 453-2631.

Coke County buildings for rent

The first day to rent the following Coke County buildings for 2012 will be on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 am in the Judge's Office in the Coke County Courthouse.

The buildings include the Robert Lee Large Recreation, Robert Lee Senior Citizen Building, Robert Lee Pavilion, Bronte Large Recreation Hall, Bronte Senior Citizen Building, and the Bronte Pavilion. If you have any questions, please call the Judge's Office at 453-2641.



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Obituaries



Stewart

May Belle Whittington Stewart, 93, passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2011. Visitation was held all day Monday, November 28, 2011, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm to 7 pm. Funeral service was held at 10 am Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with Danny White officiating. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery. The pallbearers were her grandsons and great-grandsons. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

May Belle was born in Port Arthur, Texas, on July 7, 1918. She graduated from Port Arthur High School. She met John T. Stewart and married on April 24, 1937. They were married one month short of 55 years before his passing. The union had four children.

May Belle was active in the Robert Lee Baptist Church. She served as Sunday school teacher and sang in the choir. She also served as treasurer for the 64 Study Club.

May Belle spent her life totally and unconditionally devoted to her husband and their children. She was admired for her pure and simple lifestyle. She was a strong mother, asking little, but giving a lot.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John T. Stewart; parents, Lawrence and Elodie Butaud Whittington; brother, Clyde Joseph Whittington; sisters, Joyce Gehrta, Estelle Nepevux.

May Belle is survived by her daughter, Kay and husband Reid Biggs; sons, John

Stewart Jr., Lawrence and wife Brenda Stewart; daughter, Vicki and husband Eric Brothers. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces.

In lieu of flowers, friends who desire are respectfully invited to honor May Belle's memory with contributions in her name to Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee, Texas.

God Bless you Mother, as you enjoy eternal life and perfect peace.

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Vega

Gena K. Vega, age 44 of Rowlett, Texas, passed away November 18, 2011.

She was born May 23, 1967, in San Angelo, Texas, to Ed and Linda (Bates) Martindale. Gena was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church and taught music in the Garland ISD for 17 years. She enjoyed working with children and was an exceptional music teacher. Gena was a devoted homemaker and loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed her cats and antiques.

Gena is survived by her husband, Ivan Vega, and daughter, Marri Lynn, both of Rowlett, Texas; father and stepmother, Ed and Pat

Martindale of Bronte, Texas; sister, Lorie White and husband Bryan of Arlington, Texas; brother, Blake Wootten and wife Sheila of Seward, Alaska; and aunt, Kay Bates and husband Dale of San Angelo, Texas. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Funeral services were held at 10 am Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rowlett Chapel with Aaron Cloud officiating. The family received friends prior to the service.

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Earwood

Helen LaVerne Holmes Earwood, 82, went home to be with her Heavenly Father and beloved husband on Monday, November 21, 2011, at her residence. A graveside service was held on Friday, November 25, 2011, in Paint Creek Cemetery in Coke County. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Helen was born on July 18, 1929, to Boyd Holmes and Jettie Sumrall Holmes in Pecos County near Sheffield, Texas. She married Elwin Clement Earwood in Del Rio, Texas, on July 18, 1946. To this union were born two daughters, Shirlyn Johnson of Port Arthur, Texas, and Clement Ann Aguirre of Bronte, Texas. Helen "Nanny" dedicated herself to family. She was loved and respected by her family and many others whose lives she had touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwin Clement Earwood; two brothers, John and Giles Holmes; and one sister, Winno-Jean Herring.

She is survived by her daughters; four great-grandsons, Cisco Moreno, Dustin Moreno, Jacob Moreno, and Jerry Lee Wofford of the home; seven grandchildren, Toni Williams, Joan Thomas, Joseph Xavi, Joshua Aguirre, Tasha Aguirre, Dwayne Johnson, and Dawn Johnson. She was also survived by nine great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Maxine Stroud and Jettie Winston, both of San Angelo, Texas.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me

will never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26

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Death Notices

Caston

Lowell Thomas Caston passed away on Monday, October 31, 2011, at Pecos County Memorial Hospital in Fort Stockton. A Memorial Service was held at 2pm Thursday, November 3, 2011, at First United Methodist Church in Fort Stockton with J.C. Caston officiating. Heritage Funeral Home of the Big Bend of Fort Stockton has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lowell was born on Thursday, December 29, 1932, in Artesia, New Mexico, to parents Joseph C. and Bessie L. (Johnson) Caston. Lowell was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Bessie, his brothers Henry, Clemence and Carlton,

and his sisters Mary Jo and Betty Lou.

Survivors include his wife Johnnie L. Caston of Fort Stockton, Texas; son Rodney D. Caston of Jacksonville, Florida; stepsons Harold Snyder of Fort Stockton, Texas and John Snyder of Odessa, Texas; daughter Tammy K. (Caston) Holcomb of Fort Worth, Texas; brother J.C. Caston of Odessa, Texas; sister Evelyn June Copple of Oregon; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Memorials for West Coke County EMS

Jim Chadwick

Mary & Ben Bessent

Sheriff reminds citizens of 24 hour phone number

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen wishes to remind all Coke County citizens that the Sheriff's Department phone is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number to call is (325) 453-2717.

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 Wed. 6 pm

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 5 pm Worship
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Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am

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 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
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 Steve Peyton, Pastor
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 11 am Worship
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

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 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm

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 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
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 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
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 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
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 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
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**Gartmans
celebrate
Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving Day was a special day for Douglas Gartman; his entire family came home to celebrate with him. A total of fifty-four (54) children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present. A beautiful day helped keep the grandchildren and great-grand children in the park to release their energy.

Inside the rec hall, lots of memories and visitation took place. At noon a special time of "thanks" for the Lord blessing this family so abundantly and thanking Him for providing Douglas to lead this family was given.

Then a pot luck meal with lots of food and desserts provided by the families centered around the "excellent" turkey and dressing prepared by Frankie Gartman. After lunch, the kids hit the outside, visitation, a loud Farkle game the the famous "modified" hearts game with Douglas again showing his skill at cards. This Thanksgiving will be remembered because everyone was here and had a great time with the family.

Those attending: Douglas Gartman (Sanco); Dennis and Linda Gartman, (Ganado); Brad and Rhonda Gartman, (Garin, Grayson, (League City) Kenneth Gartman, (New York City). Bill and Rhonda Hood, Robert Lee; Wesley and Amy Hood, Angela, Jett, Levi, Zane, (Haslet); Jody and Kimberly Tavaraz, Madison, Rheagan, (Keller), Aaron and Maranda Hood, Braylee, Brewer, Brennen, (Robert Lee); Eric Hood, Jorey, Devin, Amber Martin (Roanoke).

Roy and Judy Blair (Robert Lee); Tracie Tennison, Josh, Ashlie, (Robert Lee); Joe and Daisy Blair, Stran, Daylee, Cutter, (Abilene). Walter and Vicki Flowers, Grant, (Mertzson), Kerry and Frankie Gartman, Justin, Jordon, (Robert Lee). Hoza and Jana Scott, Preston, Janae, (Keller). Randy and Shea Gartman, Brandon, Brycen, Gracie, (Garden City).

**Kickapoo Water
Board sets election**

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election Tuesday, January 10, 2012, for the purpose of electing two directors.

Directors filing for re-election are Jack Corley and Bob Ragsdale. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, December 9, 2011.

**Longhorn
Golf Club**

scramble slated

The Longhorn Golf Club will be hosting a 18-hole 2-person scramble Saturday, December 3. It will begin at 9 am at the golf course in Bronte.

For more information, call 473-2156.

**Mountain Creek
Golf Course**

tournaments slated

The Sunday Skins Golf Tournaments will be held every Sunday from now until March, 4 2012, at Mountain Creek Golf Course.

Lunch will be held at 12 noon and Tee off is 1 pm.

Teams will be drawn based on handicap/known ability. Participants may play with their own groups. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call the golf course at 453-2317.



Callie Smith, daughter of Luke and Cheryl Smith bagged a javalina on her hunting trip with her dad! Callie is the granddaughter of Clyde and Jo Frances (Box) Smith of Santa Fe, Texas. The family was hunting on the Jacobs Ranch in Coke County.

**4-H holds raffle
for trailer**

All the Coke County 4-H members and FFA kids from Robert Lee and Bronte are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2011 S & H 5' x 14' x 6' 6" Rawhide Stock Trailer.

The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show on January 21, 2012. You do not need to be present to win.

**FSA accepting Loan
applications**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by wildfires occurring from August 30, 2011 and continuing.

Nolan County has been named as primary a county where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Fisher, Scurry, Coke, Mitchell & Taylor Counties have been named as contiguous counties 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 July 3, 2012, 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.

**Winter schedule for
RL Landfill
announced**

Due to low activity during the winter months, the Robert Lee Landfill will implement the winter schedule.

Beginning November 5th, the Landfill will open ONLY on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 12 noon, weather permitting.

Residents may call city hall for further information.

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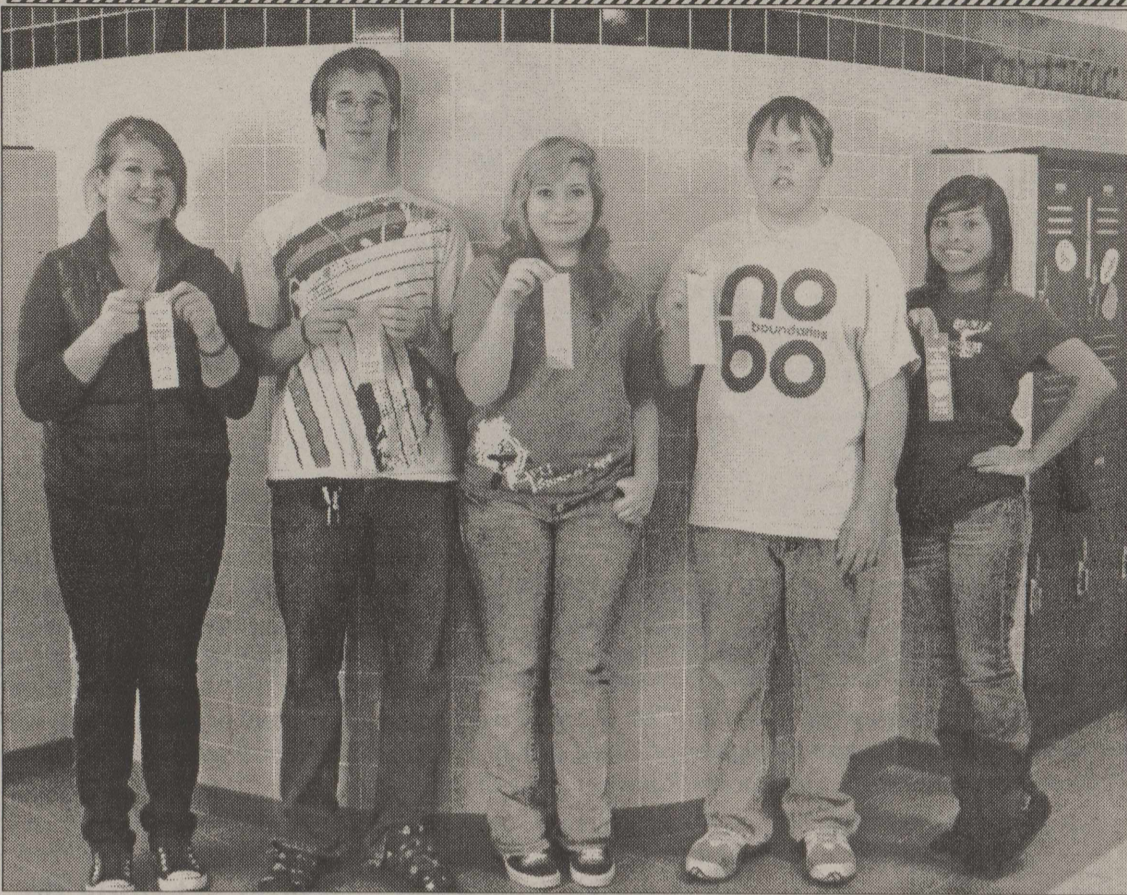
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Academic UIL! The UIL Academic team traveled to Texas Tech on Saturday to participate in the Fall Fandango practice meet. Bronte was in the small schools division consisting of Andrews, Bronte, Brownfield, Forsan, Lubbock Estacado, Garden City, Idalou, Lockney, Lubbock Cooper, Morton, New Deal, Plains, Ralls, Roosevelt, Seminole, Tahoka, Sudan, and Sundown. The TMSCA (Texas Math and Science Coaches Association) materials used are much more rigorous than the UIL materials. Suzette Diaries placed 6th in Calculators for 11th graders. Conner Clark tied for 4th in Calculator for 12th graders and was tied for 9th overall in small schools Calculator. Austin Mertz placed 8th in Current Issues and Events. Mikayla Fraune placed 10th in Spelling and Vocabulary. Megan Yackley placed 5th in Ready Writing.



Teens in the Driver Seat Party! A Teens In the Driver Seat Halloween Party was held Sunday, October 30, for BHS junior and senior students. Activities included costume contests and a digital scavenger hunt. The fun time was to remind teens to be safe and focused drivers on Halloween night and to watch closely for little kids running in the streets trick-or-treating because sometimes elementary students forget to watch for cars. Be safe, don't text and drive, and stay focused on the road.

be the score at the half. Windthorst was driving for a final time in the half, but Nathan McGinnis intercepted a Trojan pass with less than 30 seconds remaining as the teams headed to the locker room.

In the second half, the Longhorns could not get untracked. The Trojans scored twice in the third quarter and once early in the fourth quarter to win the Regional Championship 42-10. Bronte stopped a Windthorst drive midway through the third period as Creed Coalson intercepted a pass and returned the ball to near midfield. With the Trojans leading 28-10, Bronte came up just short on fourth and five inside the Trojan's thirty yard line and that would be their last scoring threat.

Although the Horns fell last Friday, it was a great season. The Longhorns won the District 6A title, won the Area game against Electra, and finished the season 10-2 on the year.

I want to thank our seniors for a great year and for helping guide our team on such a memorable ride. Those seniors who played their last football game as Bronte Longhorns were Beau Grigg, Creed Coalson, Jordan Baumann, John Deller, Vaughn Stillely, Adrian Padilla, and Cody Martin. We wish you nothing but the best in the future and we appreciate all you have done that led to our success this

past Fall. Congratulations!!!!

Lady Longhorns earn All District

Volleyball awards
Members of the Bronte Lady Longhorns volleyball team claimed several spots in the District 4-1A All District team.

Kimber Lee was named Outstanding Hitter, while Jill Scott earned Defensive Specialist honors.

Harley Wallace was named to the 1st Team All-District. Earning spots on the 2nd Team All-District were Brooke Bedford, Mackenzie Gibbs, and Erika Puentez. Brenda Perez earned Honorable Mention.

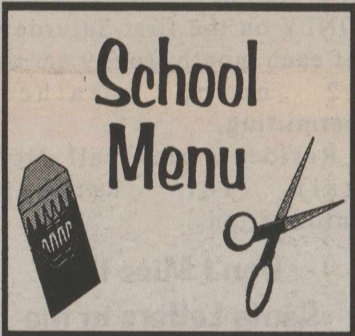
Achieving Academic All-District recognition were Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Lauren Burns, Mackenzie Gibbs, Kimber Lee, Brenda Perez, Jill Scott, and Harley Wallace,

4th grade to hold dinner December 4

The 4th grade at Bronte Elementary will have a HEB Camp Luncheon Sunday, December 4, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Plates may be purchased in front of the Bronte School.

Each plate will consist of pork loin, sausage, potato salad, beans, and a slice of bread.

The 4th grade is raising money to attend HEB Camp in May. HEB Camp is an outdoor education program that is located in the Hill Country. There, the students



Breakfast

- Monday, December 5**
Sausage rolls or cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, December 6**
Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, December 7**
Pancake on a stick or cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, December 8**
Breakfast burrito or cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, December 9**
Sausage patty w/ biscuit or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, December 5**
Toasted ham & cheese sandwich, veggie dippers, orange smiles, baked chips, milk
- Tuesday, December 6**
Crispy tacos, salad cups, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy jello, milk
- Wednesday, December 7**
Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, fruit cup, milk
- Thursday, December 8**
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garden salad, green beans, French bread sticks, apple crisp, milk
- Friday, December 9**
Sub sandwich, salad cups, tater tots, peaches, brownie, milk

Longhorns finish 2011 football season as Area Champions

By Coach Kevin Burns
The 2011 Bronte Longhorns football season came to an end last Friday afternoon in Abilene as the Windthorst Trojans defeated the Longhorns by a score of 42-10.

The defending Regional Champions and State Runners-up from 2010 proved that they are worthy of all the accolades they have been receiving all year. The Longhorns fought extremely hard and, though it's consolation, made the Trojans earn every yard they got. By the same token, those Trojans made the Longhorns earn every yard we got.

Their defense doesn't get all the press that their offense gets, but it was by far the best defense we saw all year. The Trojan defense limited the Longhorns to their lowest total yardage for the season, and that is what championship caliber teams do.

Bronte gained 235 yards while Windthorst gained 481 yards. Big plays were made on both sides of the ball but

Windthorst made more of them. The Bronte boys fought till the final buzzer and I was proud of their efforts and the way they represented our school all year long.

In the first quarter with the Trojans leading 14-0, Bronte finally got on the scoreboard. Ty Lee connected with Cody Martin for a 78 yard touchdown. The pass covered 15 yards and Cody was able to outrun the defenders to the endzone. Adrian Padilla booted the PAT and cut the Windthorst lead to 14-7. Windthorst would respond to that score just one minute later as they ended the first quarter scoring on a 24 yard run and led 21-7.

Bronte would hold the Trojans scoreless in the second quarter. The Longhorns were able to score one more time in the second quarter. The Longhorns capped off a 16 play drive that covered 70 yards with an Adrian Padilla field goal. The Longhorns converted two fourth down plays and three third down plays into first downs that kept the drive alive. Adrian's 21 yard field goal cut the lead to 21-10 and that would

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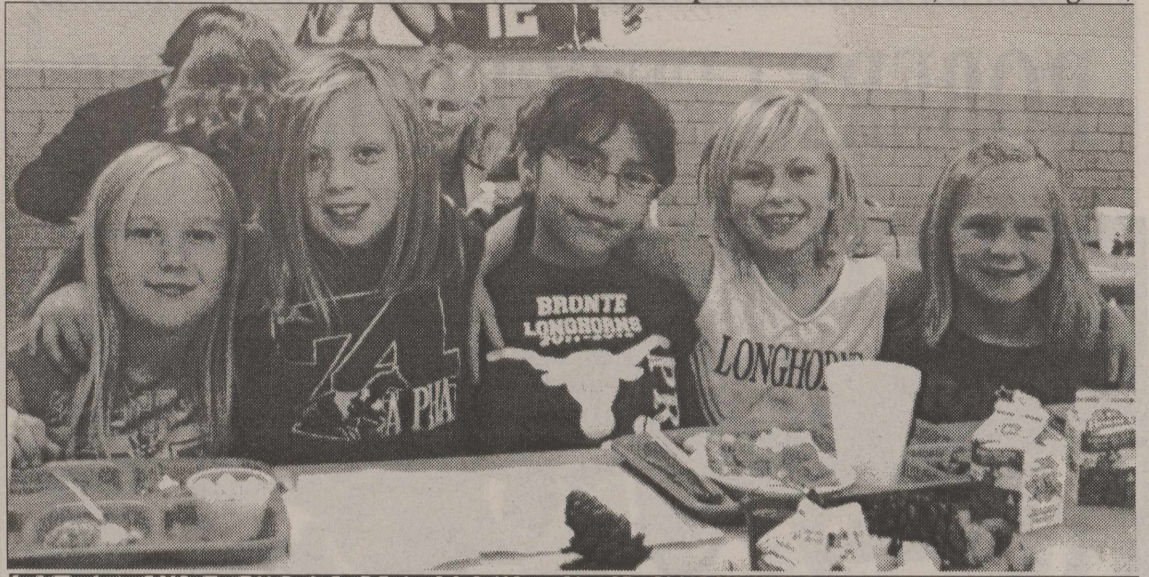
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Thanksgiving Family Lunch! Bronte Elementary hosted its first annual Thanksgiving Family Lunch on November 17. Families were invited to join their child for a Thanksgiving meal consisting of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, fruit cocktail and pumpkin pie, all prepared by the school cafeteria. Helping serve were Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, and Superintendent Alan Richey. The cafeteria was decorated in fall colors and the tables were adorned with place mats designed by the students. Around 70 parents attended the lunch to make it a huge success.



will participate in archery, canoeing, bird watching, gun safety, archeology, water resources, fishing, etc. Come, eat, and support the 4th grade HEB Camp!

BHS to issue Senior Citizen passes
Bronte ISD will be issuing District Basketball passes to senior citizens. Anyone 65 years and older may come by

the administration office to pick up their District Basketball pass during regular office hours. Basketball pass is good for District Basketball games.

HEB Camp Luncheon
Sunday • December 4
11:30 am to 1 pm
 Carry-out Only. Plates may be picked up in front of Bronte School.
Porked Loin • Sausage
Potato Salad • Beans & Bread
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Celebrate the Season with Christmas in 'Ole Bronte
 —Calendar of Events—
December 3rd:
Fun Run
 8 a.m. - Registration at the Depot for 10K, 5K, or 1 mile run/walk
 9 a.m. - Race Begins
Divisions: Under 19, 20-25, 26-44, 45-59, 60 & Up
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Holiday Craft Bazaar on Main Street
12 noon to 2 p.m. - Santa Arrives!
 Have your picture taken with Santa in Downtown Bronte!
 Don't forget to "Shop at Home" this Holiday Season!

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Zachary Sanchez

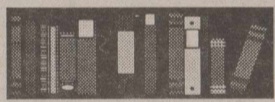
Steers fall to Mountaineers

On November 22, the Robert Lee Steers took on the Santa Anna Mountaineers and fell 36-41. Scoring for the Steers were Will Howard 14, James Roberts 10, Everett Wilson 6, Zach Skinner 4, and Zachary Sanchez 2.



Victoria Roe

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, December 5**
Pancake on stick, cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, December 6**
Biscuit & jelly, cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, December 7**
Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, December 8**
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, December 9**
Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, December 5**
Chicken O's, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, roll, pineapple, milk
- Tuesday, December 6**
Corndog, French fries, carrot sticks, applesauce, graham crackers, milk
- Wednesday, December 7**
Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, crackers, grapes, milk
- Thursday, December 8**
Frito pie, salad, cheese, pinto beans, oranges, milk
- Friday, December 9**
Chicken patty on bun, French fries, pickles, salad, ice cream, milk

Robert Lee Junior High basketball results posted

On November 19, the Robert Lee Dogies participated in the Irion County Junior High Basketball tournament.

The "B" Dogies lost to Christoval 5-33. Scoring for Robert Lee were Casey Scruggs, 3, and Matthew Curry 2.

They next faced the Irion County 7th grade team and fell 12-35. Scoring for Robert Lee were Gabriel Abalos, Matthew Curry and Kaden Hayes, all with 4 points each.

On November 22, the Dogies defeated Sterling City 16-13. Scoring for Robert Lee were Jake Jackson 6, Ricky Williams 4, Bruce Buddin 4, and Wade Allen 2.

The Robert Lee Lady Dogies almost shut out the Sterling City team 29-2. Scoring for Robert Lee were Pammy Meeks 16, Brady

Clawson 6, Yulissa Peraza 3, Sandra Flores 2, and Kodi Drennan 2.

Robert Lee ISD Board minutes posted

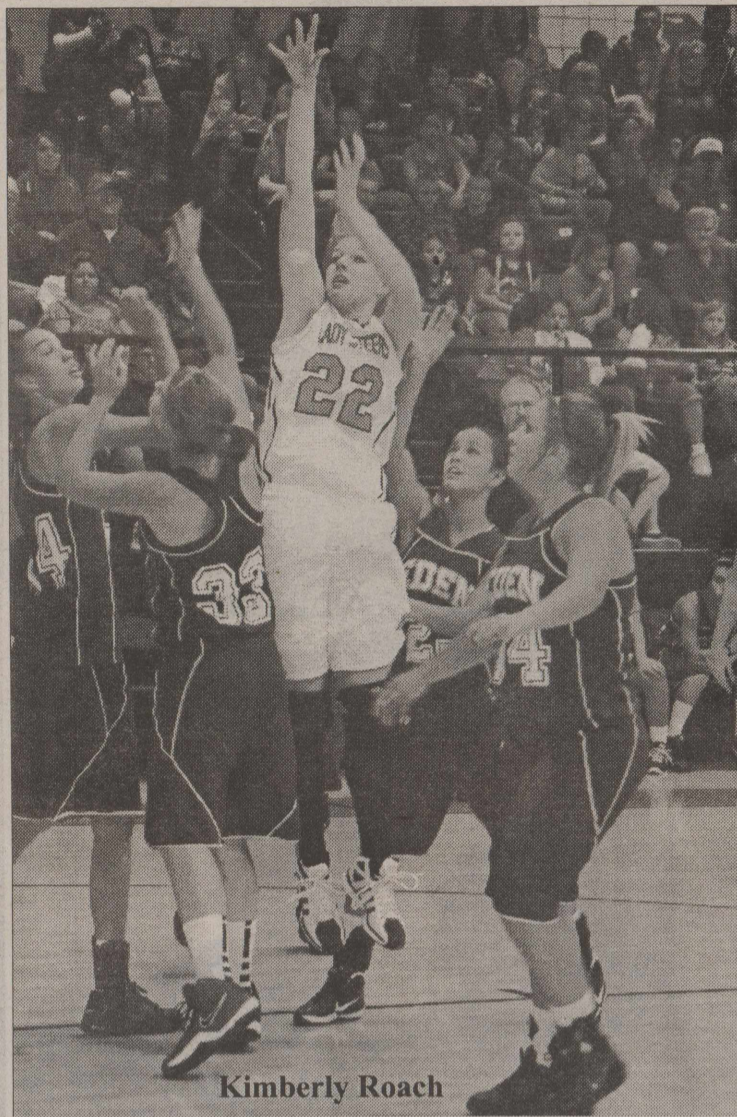
The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees met Thursday, November 17, 2011, in regular session in the Robert Lee High ISD Conference Room 119 at 6 pm.

The meeting was called to order by President Washam. Members present were Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, and Tracy Allen. Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres and Brandi Brosh were absent.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Wes Washam.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2011, meeting. The motion was seconded by Tracy Allen. All voted for.

Beverly Sinclair made a



Kimberly Roach

motion to accept the financial report presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills. It was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for. Matters related to 2008 Construction Project were discussed.

Supt. Hood gave reports on the upcoming activities of the elementary and high school campus.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion, seconded by Tracy Allen, to amend the 2010-2011

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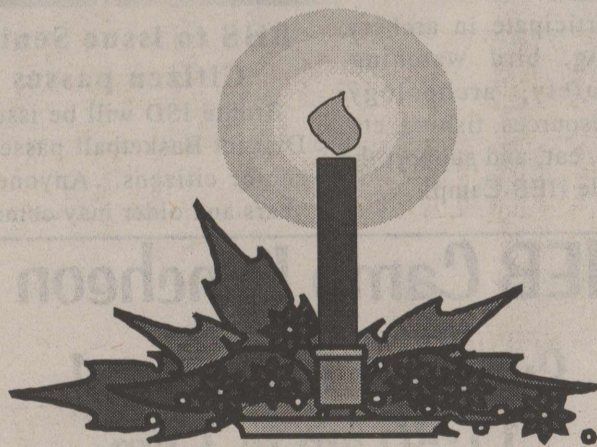


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Friday, December 2, 2011

9:00 am to 3:00 pm



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Rachel Rojas



Smoke 'em Out! The RLHS Chemistry class students did presentations for the Elementary students on Halloween called *The CheMYSTRY Extravaganza*.



RLHS Trip! The Robert Lee High School Spanish III and Gifted and Talented groups traveled to Odessa to attend a bilingual performance of "Alicia in Wonder Tierra" at the Globe Theatre of the Southwest. Pictured from left to right are Meagan Ross, Sara Lara, Diana Vera, Ashlie Wheat, Luisa Carrera, Mason Hill, Wade Allen, Zachary Sanchez, Will Howard, Madison Wright, Hunter Hamrick and Hanna Hamrick.

More RLJH basketball results

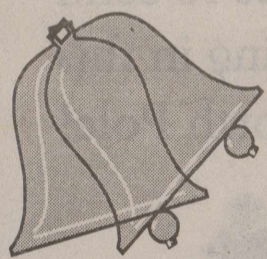
The Robert Lee Junior High Lady Dogies "A" basketball team defeated the Blackwell Lady Hornets 19-15.

Scoring for Robert Lee were Pammy Meeks 10, Brady Clawson 5, Anna Huapilla 2, Justice Saucedo

1, and Karlee Roach 1.

The Dogies "A" team fell to Blackwell 10-35. Scoring for the Dogies were Ricky Williams 6, Bruce Buddin 2 and Wade Allen 2.

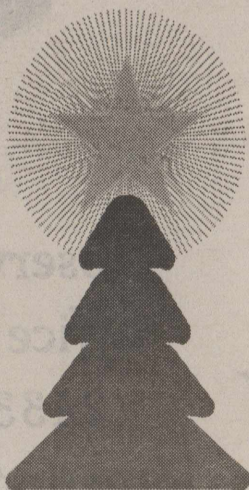
The Dogies "B" team also lost to Blackwell 2-4. Casey Scruggs put up Robert Lee's 2 points.



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from 5 to 6:30 pm at the
Wilson Bryan Mini-Park.



BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Oak Creek Classic Tournament to be held this weekend

The Oak Creek Classic Basketball Tournament will be held this weekend at Blackwell High School.

In the first round of the girls bracket, Westbrook JV will play Hermleigh Thursday morning,

December 1, at 9 am and Westbook Varsity will face Panther Creek on Thursday at 12 noon.

The winner of the Westbrook JV/Hermleigh game will face Roscoe Thursday at 3 pm while the winner of the Westbrook V/Panther Creek game will take on Blackwell at 6 pm on Thursday evening.

The loser of the Westbrook JV/Hermleigh game will face the loser of the 6 pm Blackwell game on Friday morning at 9 am.

The loser of the Westbrook V/Panther Creek game will take on the loser of the 3 pm Roscoe game on Friday at 12 noon.

The semi-final game in the championship bracket will be held Friday at 3 pm.

The semi-final game in the consolation bracket will be held Friday at 6 pm.

The game to determine who gets the consolation trophy will be held Saturday morning at 9 am.

The championship game is slated for Saturday at 12:30.

In the first round of the boys bracket, Novice will face Roscoe Thursday morning, December 1, at 10:30 am.

Panther Creek and Westbrook will play their first round game at 1:30 on Thursday.

The final boys first round game will be between Hermleigh and Menard at 4:30 pm Thursday.

Blackwell drew a bye in the first round and will play the winner of the Hermleigh/Menard game Friday, December 2, at 4:30 pm.

The loser of the Hermleigh/Menard game has a bye in the consolation bracket.

The winners of the Novice/Roscoe game will face the winners of the Panther Creek/Westbrook game Friday at 1:30 pm.

The losers of the aforementioned contests will play Friday morning at 10:30.

The Consolation Championship game will

be played Saturday, December 3, at 10:30 am.

The battle for 3rd place will be held Saturday at 1:30 pm.

The Championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 4:30 pm.

BJH boys defeat Robert Lee

The Blackwell Junior High Boys basketball team defeated the Robert Lee Dogies 35-10 on Monday, November 28.

Scoring for Blackwell were Tristen Hayes 17, Charlie Cano 10, and with

2 each - Cole Alley, Doug Hardy, Chase Wynne and Garrett Davison.

Junior One Act Play set

The district Junior High One Act Play contest will be held Tuesday, December 6, in the Bronte ISD auditorium.

District UIL competition slated

The district Elementary and Junior High Academic UIL competition is slated for Wednesday and Thursday, December 7 and 8, at Trent ISD.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 5

French toast sticks or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 6

Breakfast burrito, salsa or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 7

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, December 8

Biscuits, gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, December 9

Donuts, gogurt or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 5

Turkey pot pie, corn, tossed salad, fruit, milk

Tuesday, December 6

Homemade beef enchiladas, pinto beans, spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 7

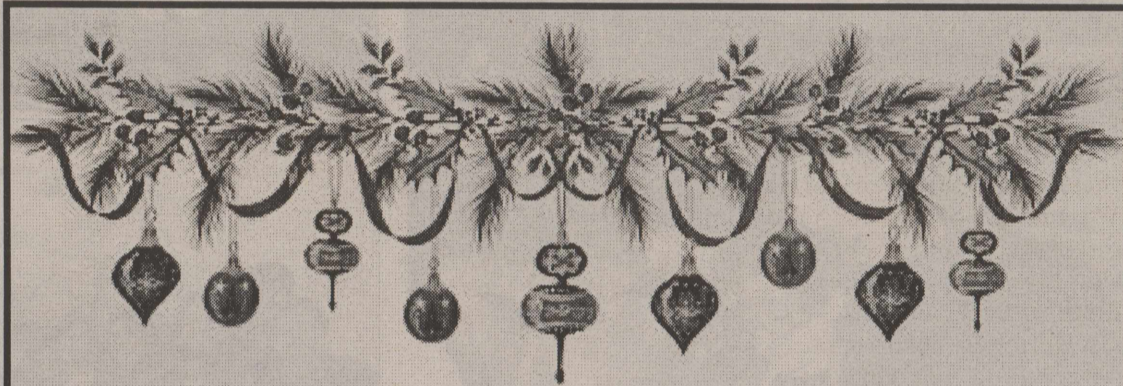
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, mac-n-cheese, hot rolls, fruit, milk

Thursday, December 8

Grilled chicken patty, chicken flavored rice, broccoli normandy, fruit, milk

Friday, December 9

Hamburger, cheese, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk



The annual Christmas issue is scheduled for Friday, December 23, 2011!



This issue will contain Santa Letters from all of the younger elementary children in Blackwell, Bronte, and Robert Lee.

Also, any other children are welcome to send their letters to Santa to us for printing in this issue and then forwarding to the North Pole!

Included in this issue are Christmas Greetings from local business and individuals.



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Euterpean Club news

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met November 15th for their monthly meeting, held in the Baptist Fellowship Hall with Jan Hall as hostess.

A very timely and informative program was presented by Karen Walls, a member of the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department. We took tests on correct behavior in handling our home in case of fire and found our answers and the experts often clashed so it was very beneficial in bringing us up to date. She brought uniforms to display and we were amazed at the weight the firemen have to carry. We are so proud to have our Fire Department, for this year has been a disaster everywhere.

A delicious assortment of finger food was served by the hostess Jan Hall to Marilyn Clarkston, Betty Cole, Shirley McCloud, Heather Sanderson, Rosemary Ten Eyck, Connie Tomlinson, Bobbie Varnadore, and Gwen Ware.

Beginning in 2012 – Registration and New Exemption Certificates Required for Ag/Timber Sales and Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Claims

Registration Number
House Bill 268, passed during the 82nd Regular Legislative Session, requires, beginning Jan. 1, 2012, that a person claiming an exemption from sales tax on the purchase of certain items used in the production of agricultural and timber products must provide a registration number issued by the Comptroller of Public Accounts on the exemption certificate issued to the seller.

Exemption Certificates
Also beginning Jan. 1, 2012, purchasers claiming an exemption on qualifying items used in the production of food or other agricultural products are required to issue the new Texas Agricultural Sales and Use Tax Exemption certificate, Form 01-924 (PDF, 297KB).

Purchasers of qualifying items used in the production of timber products must issue the new Texas Timber Operations Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate, Form 01-925 (PDF, 270KB).

The generic exemption certificate, form 01-339, should not be used to claim either the agricultural or timber exemptions on purchases made on or after Jan. 1, 2012. Blanket

exemption certificates issued to suppliers on the old form must also be updated and replaced with new certificates for purchases made on or after Jan. 1, 2012.

Sales Tax Agriculture

Farmers and ranchers are not exempt entities; nor are all purchases that farmers and ranchers make exempt from sales tax. Some agricultural items, however, are exempt, while others are taxable unless purchased for exclusive use on a commercial farm or ranch in the production of food or other agricultural products for sale.

For sales tax purposes, a farm or ranch is land used wholly or in part in the production of crops, livestock and/or other agricultural products held for sale in the regular course of business. Examples of farms and ranches include commercial greenhouses, feed lots, dairy farms, poultry farms, commercial orchards and similar commercial agricultural operations. A farm or ranch is not a home garden, timber operation, kennel, land used for wildlife management or conservation, land used as a hunting or fishing lease or similar types of operations that do not result in the sale of agricultural products in the normal course of business.

Timber

Certain items used exclusively in the production of timber for sale in the regular course of business qualify for exemption from Texas sales and use tax. Timber production includes activities to prepare the production site, and to plant, cultivate, or harvest commercial timber that will be sold in the regular course of business; and the construction,



Sanderson Competes in San Angelo! Emilee Sanderson of Blackwell won Reserve Breed Champion Southdown and Reserve Breed Champion Finewool in Show B at the San Angelo Fall Spectacular Stock Show on November 13, 2011. She is shown with James, Heather, Halee, Emilee (far right) and Lilee Sanderson and Stephen and Penny Baucom

repair, and maintenance of private roads and lanes exclusively used for access to commercial timber sites.

Learn more about Sales and Use Tax.

Motor Vehicle Tax

Farm machines, trailers and semitrailers used primarily for farming and ranching, including machines and trailers used primarily in poultry operations and on feedlots, qualify for exemption from Texas motor vehicle tax.

Learn more about Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax.

Motor Fuels Tax

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That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. • Romans 10:9-10

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. • Romans 10:1

Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. • John 5:24

SATAN WILL LIE TO YOU

He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: For he is a liar, and the father of it. • John 8:44

YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. • I John 2:29

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. • I John 3:6

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: And he cannot sin, because he is born of God. • I John 3:9

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. • I John 5:18

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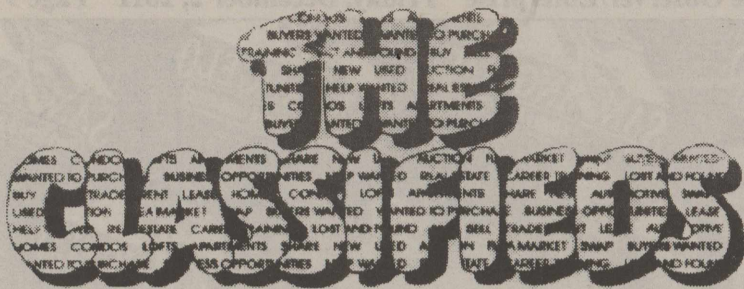
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The Bids will be received by Kay Torres, City Secretary, at the office of City Hall, Robert Lee, Texas 76945-0026, until 10:00 am (Local Time), Friday, December 16, 2011, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location(s):

- City Hall (6 East 7th Street), Robert Lee, Texas 76945-0026
- Burgess & Niple, Inc., 1030 Andrews Hwy., Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Issuing Office, Burgess & Niple, Inc., located at 1030 Andrews Hwy., Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701 upon payment of \$ 175.00 for each set.

Date
November 21, 2011

By:
Kay Torres, City Secretary,
City of Robert Lee
20-2tc

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW

To promote fair housing practices, the City of Robert Lee encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT:

The City of Robert Lee does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Robert Lee has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs, which outline the steps a citizen may follow to file a written complaint about proposed or completed TX CDBG activity. The City of Robert Lee will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within ten (10) working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at Robert Lee City Hall, 6 East 7th St, Robert Lee, TX 76945 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, through the mail, or by calling the Mayor at (325) 453-2831.

PUBLIC NOTICE: POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS

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21-1tc

... RLISD minutes

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Budget for Committed Fund Balance as \$100,000 for Land and \$100,000 for Technology. All voted for.

Beverly Sinclair made a motion, seconded by Tracy Allen, to split 2,465 votes evenly between RLISD residents for the Coke County Board of Directors for the Appraisal District. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on budget update,

2012-2013 school calendar, State Comptroller's Office, intervention, district audit, and superintendents evaluation packet.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

... Sales Tax

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Texas imposes a tax of twenty cents (\$.20) per gallon on motor fuel. The tax is imposed when motor fuel is removed from the terminal rack and included in the price paid at the pump.

Gasoline

A producer of agricultural or timber products can get refunds of tax paid on gasoline used in power take-off equipment or auxiliary power units, off-highway equipment, stationary engines and for other non-highway purposes.

Learn more about Gasoline Tax.

Diesel

All purchases of clear diesel fuel are taxable, including clear diesel used in power take-off equipment or auxiliary power units, off-highway equipment, stationary engines and for other non-highway applications.

Dyed diesel used exclusively to power non-highway agricultural equipment, such as a tractor or combine, on a farm or ranch can be purchased tax-free. A farm or ranch can be a feedlot, dairy farm, poultry farm, commercial orchard, commercial nursery or similar commercial agricultural operation. Unlike sales tax, agricultural use for purposes of the fuels tax exemption also includes dyed diesel used to power non-highway equipment used in a timber operation or for wildlife management as defined by the Property Tax Code, Section 23.51(7). A home garden however does not qualify.

A farmer or rancher who holds a valid Texas Dyed Diesel Fuel Agricultural End User Signed Statement

County Rainfall Totals				
	July	August	September	Total/Year
Dee & Dessie Kendall • Edith Area				
2010	5.40	0.20	5.10	28.50
2011	0.00	2.05	1.35	4.09
Bobby and Jeffie Roberts • Valley View Area				
2010	4.41	0.07	5.90	26.62
2011	0.02	4.33	0.45	6.90
Dolores McCabe Seal • Divide Area				
2010	6.51	0.50	4.62	27.62
2011	0.96	1.48	1.59	6.06
Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2010	4.33	0.75	5.50	27.91
2011	0.00	1.47	0.54	3.70
Paul Sheffler • 7 Mile Hill				
2010	4.66	0.21	6.65	31.52
2011	0.00	2.36	0.36	4.81
Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg • Bronte Area				
2010	3.27	0.15	6.69	27.49
2011	0.00	1.48	0.74	4.42
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2010	3.43	0.00	5.20	28.03
2011	0.00	1.15	0.78	3.79
Wellborn Ranch • 12 miles W. of Robert Lee				
2010	4.35	0.50	5.20	25.75
2011	0.00	1.00	1.40	3.45

Number is allowed to buy up to 25,000 gallons of tax-free dyed diesel per month. Producers of agricultural products can also apply for a Dyed Diesel Fuel Bonded User license which will allow them to purchase unlimited amounts of tax-free dyed diesel fuel for use in non-highway equipment.

Learn more about Diesel Fuel Tax.

Franchise Tax

Texas franchise tax applies to partnerships (general, limited and limited liability), corporations, LLCs, business trusts, professional associations, business associations, joint ventures and other legal entities.

Learn more about Franchise Tax. Property Tax

Property taxes—also called ad valorem taxes—are locally assessed taxes levied by local taxing units. The state does not have local tax records on each property and its owner-

ship and does not set property's value for property taxes. State law allows the Comptroller's office to advise local governments and taxpayers on property tax issues, but it cannot intervene in local tax matters.

The county appraisal district appraises property located in the county, while local taxing units set tax rates and collect property taxes based on those values. Land that qualifies for an agricultural appraisal has a lower taxable value for property tax purposes. Qualified agricultural lands are based on the land's capacity to produce agricultural products, including timber, rather than its market value.

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Hunting on the Jacobs Ranch! Luke Smith and daughter Callie Smith, Chad Jacobs, Jim Jacobs and Erik Kattner, all of Deer Park, Texas, enjoyed a weekend of hunting and camping on the Jacobs Ranch in Coke County the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Check Out Coke County Library

The Coke County Library will welcome visitors during the Robert Lee Open House day on Friday, December 2. Come have a snack and see what's available to read during the cold days of winter.

The Library will host the drawing for the '64 Study Club's king-sized quilt. The quilt is a fundraiser to provide scholarships for Robert Lee graduates. Tickets are available from members and there is a supply of tickets at the Library.

On December 5th at 6:00 p.m., the Library will host the Coke County genealogy group. Folks are invited to visit at any meeting date. The group provides a short program and a no-holds-barred sharing of research adventures. Books on genealogy aides are available at the Library, too.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

CCRT have

November meeting

The Coke County Retired Teachers met on Monday, November 21, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Sixteen members and three guests attended the luncheon meeting. The book project was discussed and it was agreed that January would be the deadline for donating books or funds for the project. A \$50 club stipend was awarded for the purchase of books to be donated to the kindergarden classes at Coke County schools.

Mary Etta Kvapil, State Legislative Committee

Representative for District XV, will meet with the CCRTA at the February meeting, rather than the January meeting. Ms. Kvapil will be attending a legislative session in Austin in January, but will bring the latest information regarding action needed to preserve the defined benefit pension plan for teachers in Texas at the February 20th meeting at noon at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. The information will be essential for teachers and retired teachers to have.

Members attending were William Hood, Paul and Kay Gothard, Mary Lawhon,

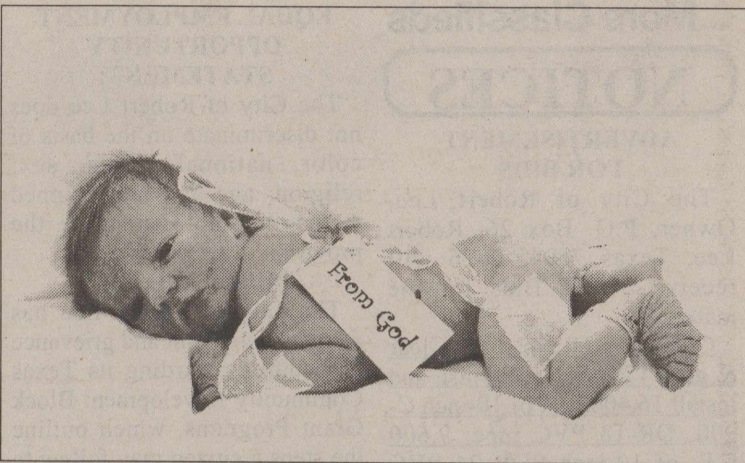
Gerald Sandusky, Brenda Hines, Wanda Barbee, Merle Kelso, Janet and Lee Wommack, June Gulley Sheri Millican, Judy Gibbs, Beth Prather.

Troop packages to be mailed December 8

By Pat Gunnels

We are mailing to the troops for Christmas, we are mailing to Afghanistan. If you will call me, Pat Gunnels, 325-453-5503, or Laura Wade, 325-453-2604, we can pick up your donation.

Here is a list of things they need.



Look Who's New - Lucky Baby born on 11/11/11! Drew and Bailey Leeton proudly announce the birth of their son, Hagen Worth. Hagen was born November 11, 2011, at 4:37 pm in Midland, Texas. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Mark and Cindy Saunders of Bronte and Bill and Jean Anne Fort of Alpine.

- Flashlights and batteries
- Snacks
- Chapstick
- Jerky
- Candy (can mail chocolate if individually wrapped)
- Hard Candy
- Ramon Noodle Soup
- Baby wipes (that they can carry with them)
- Movie DVD's
- Chewing Gum of all kinds
- Trail Mix
- Trail Mix Bars
- Games, hand held games, cards,
- Christmas Cards thanking them for their service
- Any goodies that means Christmas to these young people
- No homemade goodies can be sent.
- Hand warmers or feet warm-

ers as it is cold like in Colorado there.

- Cocoa
- Coffee
- Sugar packets
- Creamer
- Plastic spoons

Thank you for helping with our troops. We have been doing this for 6 years now. Thank to all for contributing.

Southside Church of Christ and Pat Gunnels

New Medicare open enrollment dates

Medicare open enrollment began Saturday, October 15, and will continue through Wednesday, December 7.

Assistance is available from benefits counselors. Call (325) 223-5704 for an appointment.

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