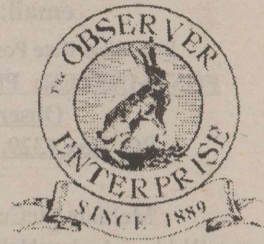


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Filing period ends for 2012 primary elections

The filing period for the March 6, 2012, Democratic and Republican primary elections ended at 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.

As of presstime (Tuesday afternoon), Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock have filed to retain their seats on the commissioners' court. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen has filed for re-election, along with Precinct 2 Constable Marty Boyd and Precinct 1 Constable Marshall Millican. The other two incumbents have picked up the filing applications, but had not yet

returned them.

Bank Card scam detected

Recently, several customers of Robert Lee State Bank have received calls telling them that their check cards have been cancelled and requesting further information. These calls are not coming from Robert Lee State Bank.

Robert Lee State Bank reminds their customers not to give out any information about their banking business over the phone unless they are positive they are speaking with a local employee of Robert Lee State Bank.

Coke County Sheriff's Department is currently investigating this matter.

New ministry to assist with local needs

In His Name Ministries has been formed to minister to people in Bronte, Robert Lee, and Coke County by meeting their practical needs.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with necessary home repairs, past due utility bills, food shortage, etc., please drop a note with the situation and contact information to In His Name Ministries, PO Box



Robert Lee's Water Situation! Robert Lee continues to make the news because of the water situation. This time it was broken water mains. Residents had the water turned off on Saturday and service was not restored until Monday afternoon. Due to the lack of water, Robert Lee ISD cancelled classes on Monday. According to E. R. Roberts, the breaks depleted about a week's worth of water. On a brighter note, clearing of the pipeline right-of-way should begin next week with construction to begin in mid-January 2012. City representatives travelled to Austin this week to meet with the Water Development Board to determine specifications of funding (grant and loan) from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Disadvantaged Communities. The funds will be applied to the pipeline construction costs, but will also be used to develop new well fields and to make water system improvements.

279, Bronte, Texas 76933.

For urgent needs, please contact Tammy at Bronte City Hall or the Observer/Enterprise office in Robert Lee.

Bronte Health & Rehab Center

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center has 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.

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.

Annual Christmas Greetings issue set for next week

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.

For more information or to place your greeting, contact the O/E office at 453-2433.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

The attendance of the populace is hereby requested to attend a Yuletide Celebration the 19th day of December, 2011 AD at the Library of Coke County at 6:00 in the evening.

This celebration is hosted by the Coke County Genealogy Society. The members will have tidbits that might have been served in Colonial Williamsburg or the 1880 western frontier of Coke County.

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.

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, call the golf course at 453-2317.



Tis the Season - the "Christ"mas Season! Forgiven Ministries held their annual Bronte Toy Run Saturday, December 10, 2011. Fifteen children received a complete Christmas that might not have been possible without this group.

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Obituaries



Aldridge

Norman Ray Aldridge, 65, won his victory over his battle with cancer on December 12, 2011, a journey he referred to as a "bump in the road." He was surrounded by his family and friends.

He was born on June 9, 1946, to Warren and Marion (Guess) Aldridge in San Angelo, Texas. He spent his childhood in the El Paso gas camps of Jal, New Mexico. On January 22, 1966, he married the love of his life, Leta Robertson in Robert Lee, Texas. After several years, he answered the call of God into the ministry and together they pastored Emmanuel Pentecostal Church and the town of Robert Lee, Texas, for more than thirty years. He also worked for Ivey Motor Company for most of those years as the Service Manager.

To know Ray was to love him; he left a great legacy and big shoes to fill. His faith never waned. In his own words, "Cancer, you did not create me and you will not destroy me."

Ray is survived by his wife of the home, Leta Faye Robertson Aldridge; two daughters and their spouses, Kristi and Tim Buddin and Karla and Brian Hamrick all of Robert Lee; one son and his wife, William and Danielle Aldridge of Staford, Virginia; eight grandchildren, Hanna and Hunter Hamrick, Jaden Ray Aldridge, Casey Scruggs, and Bruce Buddin all of Robert Lee, Breanna, Jasmine, and Brandon Aldridge all of Staford,

Virginia; four brothers and their spouses, Don and Vicki Aldridge of Lewisville, Texas, Martin and Janice Aldridge of Midland, Texas, Andy and Marcia Aldridge of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Stephen and Karla Aldridge of Jal, New Mexico; four brothers-in-law and their spouses, James and Nell Robertson of Brownfield, Texas, Harold and Mary Robertson of Grand Prairie, Texas, Douglas and Peggy Robertson of Brownwood, Texas, and Doyle and Sandy Robertson of Abilene, Texas. He is also survived by his church family, many close friends, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation was held all day Wednesday and Thursday, December 14 and 15, 2011, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm to 8 pm Thursday. Funeral service will be held at 2 pm on Friday, December 16, 2011, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with Terry Pugh, Steve Carrington, Nathan Carrington, and Danny White

officiating. Burial will follow in Robert Lee Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Colby Eubanks, Vaughn Howard, Martin Aldridge, Don Aldridge, Andy Aldridge, Stephen Aldridge, Tony Smith, and Brantley Robertson. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank the staff at Vistacare Hospice, Robert Lee Care Center, the doctors and staff at Shannon Medical Center, and a special thank you to Ray's far reaching community of friends for all of their support.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Robert Lee Fire Department, Robert Lee Care Center, Robert Lee Ambulance Service, or the building fund for Emmanuel Pentecostal Church.

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Death Notices

Jones

James Albert Jones, 72, of Blackwell, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at his residence. Visitation is from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home. Graveside service is at 2 p.m. Monday in Blackwell Cemetery.

Survivors include his daughters, Debbie Pate and Pam Alley, both of Blackwell, and Manie Clem of Sweetwater; son Johnny Jones of Roscoe; sister Gladys Croker of Comanche; and brother Tommie Jones of Comanche.

GOD IS LOVE

We love him, because he first loved us. • 1 John 4:19

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. • Titus 2:11-12

Beloved, let us love one another: For love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation of our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. • 1 John 4:7-11

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God; and God in him. • 1 John 4:16

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: Therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. • Jeremiah 31:3

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. • John 3:16

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. • Romans 5:8

Victory Assembly of God
 Corner of 6th & Houston • Robert Lee
 Pastor Irving Smith

Service Schedule:

Sunday School 9:45 • Worship & Childrens Church 10:45
 Sunday & Wednesday: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm

McCarty

Jody Brent McCarty was born June 2, 1985 in McAlester, Oklahoma to Jimmy Dwayne and Janet Lynn (Butts) McCarty. He passed from this life December 11, 2011 in Ravia, Oklahoma, at the age of 26.

He is survived by his wife: Jessica of the home; parents: Jimmy & Janet McCarty of Farris, Oklahoma; sister: Julie Wolfe & husband Thomas of Seminole, Oklahoma; maternal grandmother: Imogene Butts of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; paternal grandmother: Wanda Fillmore of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; mother-in-law: Bobbie Fluhmann & husband Mike of Robert Lee, Texas; several brothers & sisters-in-law; many nieces, nephews, & cousins; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at Antlers First Baptist Church with Reverend Sam Dyer officiating. Interment followed at Darwin Cemetery.

Wulfjen

Maxine Craddock Wulfjen died Thursday, December 8 in Richardson, Texas. She was born 27 June 1923 in Robert Lee to Jess and Lela Craddock and was a graduate of Texas Tech. She was married 15 June 1947 in Colorado City to Robert "Bob" Wulfjen. Preceding her in death were her husband, son Luke, 2 brothers and a sister. Lou C Harbart of Forney, survives her mother as do 5 nieces and a nephew, including Fran Lomas and husband, Mike, of Robert Lee. A memorial service will be at a later day.

Maxine was the first editor of the Robert Lee annual and instrumental in naming it the Corral.

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 is (325) 453-2717.

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 Wed. 6 pm

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 6 pm Youth
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 (325) 473-3281
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 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am

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 11 am Worship
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 Wed. 7 pm

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 Wed. 6 pm, Worship

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 Wed. 6 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
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 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



Newest Addition! Four generations of the Ed Cumbie family of Bronte are shown in Austin with the newest addition, Jack Gladden. Enjoying the little one are his sister, Samantha Gladden (from left), his dad Jeff Gladden (mother Ashley Gladden is not pictured), grandfather Pat Gladden, great-grandmother Jane Cumbie, great-grandfather Ed Cumbie and grandmother Linda Gladden.



BHRC Christmas Festivities! Santa (top left photo) visited the Bronte Health & Rehab Center on December 8, 2011. Several community children and the residents visited with Santa. He took their Christmas wish lists and handed out gifts to the kids. This is likely to become a tradition, so plan ahead for next year.

The Bronte Health & Rehab Center held their annual Employee Christmas Party on December 9, 2011. Besides having some great food and lots of fun with the Chinese Christmas, the Employee Of The Year and Department Head Of The Year were named. Employee Of The Year was Bertha Frausto and Department Head Of The Year was Angela Minjarez. Bertha is an LVN at the facility and Angela is the MDS Coordinator. Both of them have done an outstanding job this past year.



Texas agriculture producers," John Ross Copeland noted. "Farmers and ranchers need to take note of the change."

John Ross Copeland said the registration number requirement does not change the agriculture/timber exemption that has been in place since 1961. Anyone engaged in the production of agriculture or timber products still qualifies.

"The new law is aimed at curbing abuse of those who falsely claim the exemption, costing sales tax dollars to the state, municipalities and local communities," John Ross Copeland said.

In the past, anyone who bought products for use in

New law aimed at ag sales tax abuse

A new law aimed at reducing the misuse of agriculture sales tax exemptions is going into

effect in January, said John Ross Copeland, president of the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau.

"The law creates a new tax exemption number for

agricultural items must provide a registration number, which will be issued by the comptroller.

"This new procedure is an important tool to protect (Continued on page 7)

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.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Santa Claus! Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose is sponsoring visits with Santa at the Wilson Bryan Mini-Park (next door to City Hall) in Robert Lee. His next visit is Saturday, December 17, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Don't miss your chance to tell Santa your Christmas wish, get your picture made with the jolly fella and pick up an early Christmas present!

Steers named to All Region team

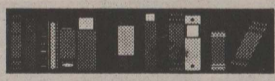
Several members of the Robert Lee Steers football team earned 2011 Region II Division I All Region honors recently.

Will Howard, a RLHS sophomore, was named to the First Team Offense as a wide receiver.

Zach Skinner, a RLHS junior, was named to the Second Team Offense as a center, with Justin Gartman, RLHS junior, being named as a spread back. Will Howard also was named to this team as a kicker.

Justin Gartman was named to the Second Team Defense as a linebacker. Will Howard was named as a safety on this team.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, December 19
Cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 20
Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 21
Holiday

Thursday, December 22
Holiday

Friday, December 23
Holiday

Lunch

Monday, December 19
Pizza, salad, celery sticks, orange, breadsticks, milk

Tuesday, December 20
Chicken patty on bun, salad, pickles, sun chips, peaches, milk

Wednesday, December 21
Holiday

Thursday, December 22
Holiday

Friday, December 23
Holiday

Zach Skinner received Honorable Mention on the Defense as a defensive end.

Robert Lee ISD announced early dismissal

The Robert Lee Independent School District will have early release of all students on Tuesday, December 20, at

12:30 pm for the Christmas break. The buses will be running at that time and arrangements will need to be made to pick up students at the early release time. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 for any questions concerning

the early release.

Steers fall to IC Hornets

On December 6, the RLHS Steers faced Irion County and were defeated 18-48.

Scoring for the Steers were Will Howard 10, Zach Skinner 7, and Dawson Brisbin 1.

The Robert Lee JV also lost to Irion County 19-30.

Scoring for the JV Steers were Michael Curry 2, Shelby Davis 7, Mychael Tijerina 4, Mason Hill 3, and Blake Smith 2.

Steers and Lady Steers take Consolation at Highland

The Robert Lee Steers took home the Consolation trophy from the Highland Hilltop Classic.

On December 8, they faced Snyder's JV and fell 25-36. Scoring for the Steers were Everett Wilson 2, Eric Well 1, Zachary Sanchez 6 Will Howard 4, Zach Skinner 9, and James Roberts 3.

On December 9, the Steers met up with Highland and defeated them 34-30.

Scoring for the Steers were Everett Wilson, Zachary Sanchez 6, Will Howard 9, Zach Skinner 14, and James Roberts 3.

They next defeated the Loraine Bulldogs 33-31.

Scoring for the Steers were Everett Wilson 1, Zachary Sanchez 6, Will Howard 8,

Zach Skinner 15, James Roberts 2, and Dawson Brisbin 1.

The Robert Lee Lady Steers won Consolation at the Highland Tournament.

The Lady Steers fell to Roscoe 24-32 in their first game.

Scoring for the Lady Steers were Kimberly Roach 9 points 10 rebounds, 8 steals; Raquel Rojas 7 points, 3 steals, 2 assists; Jordan Gartman 4 points, 2 assists; Victoria Roe 2 points, 2 rebounds; Bianca Huapilla 2 points; and Louisa Carrera 2 points, 3 rebounds

The Robert Lee Ladies next trounced Sands 50-21.

Scoring for the Lady Steers were Victoria Roe 11 points, 6 rebounds, 6 steals; Jordan Gartman 11 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 3 assists; Kimberly Roach 9 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals; Bianca Huapilla 8 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals; Raquel Rojas 5 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals, 2 assists; Louisa Carrera 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal, 2 assists; and Ashlie Wheat 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists.

The Lady Steers next defeated Rotan 46-17.

Scoring for the Lady Steers were Kimberly Roach 17 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal; Bianca Huapilla 10 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Jordan Gartman 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 5 assists; Victoria Roe 7 points, 9 rebounds, 4 steals; and Ashlie Wheat 4 points, 4 steals, 1 assist.

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Longhorn Basketball

The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Christoval Cougars 61-51.

Scoring for the Horns were Creed Coalson 8 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists; Jordan Baumann 15 points, 9 rebounds; John Deller 4 points; Beau Grigg 3 points; Cody Martin 4 points; Newt McGinnis 13 points; Ty Lee 8 points, 6 rebounds; and Josh Puentez 6 points.

The Longhorns made it to the Championship game of the Hamlin tournament.

In their first game, they faced Hamlin and won 35-29.

Scoring for the Horns were John Deller 7 points; Newt McGinnis 4 points; Jordan Baumann 5 points; Creed Coalson 7 points; Ty Lee 4 points; Josh Puentez 6 points; and Beau Grigg 2 points.

In the Semi-final game, the Horns took on and defeated Knox City 36-31.

Scoring for the Longhorns were Newt McGinnis 14 points; Creed Coalson 10 points; Ty Lee 5 points; Cody Martin 2 points; Josh Puentez 3 points; and Beau Grigg 2 points;

The Longhorns were defeated by Seymour in the Championship 39-29.

Scoring for the Longhorns were John Deller 3 points; Newt McGinnis 4 points; Jordan Baumann 10 points; Creed Coalson 6 points; Cody Martin 2 points; Lance Burns 2 points; and Beau Grigg 2 points.

Mertz wins place in All Region Band

Austin Mertz placed 8th out of 48 percussion students to win a place in the Region 7 ATSSB All-Region band.

He was the only student from Class A to place in the percussion section and will be the section leader of the Concert Band. He will perform with the other All-Region students in a concert in January at Tarleton in Stephenville.

The ATSSB Region 7 stretches all the way from Kennedale between Ft. Worth and Arlington to Sonora and includes all 1A, 2A, and 3A schools.

Bronte Elementary UIL Awards

Music Memory

3rd Grade: Team 1st Place - Keeley Queen, Austin Buchanan, Michaela Basquez, Katelyn Powell, Johnathan Saldana

Individuals - 1st Michaela Basquez, 2nd Austin Buchanan, 3rd Keeley Queen, 4th Katelyn Powell,

4th Grade: Team 1st Place - Karissa Cervenka, Hunter Hortenstine, E'lexia Davis, Whitney Moran, India Chumney

Individuals - 2nd Hunter Hortenstine, 3rd E'lexia Davis, 4th Karissa Cervenka

Art

4th Grade: Team 1st Place - Hunter Hortenstine, India Chumney, Hannah Mertz

Individuals - 1st Hunter Hortenstine, 2nd India

Chumney, 3rd Hannah Mertz

5th Grade: Team 1st Place - Cassidy McWright, Raegen Moore, Tiffani Sullivan

Individuals - 2nd Raegen Moore, tie for 3rd Cassidy McWright and Tiffani Sullivan

6th Grade: Team 1st Place - Darby Duncan, Jaqui Davila, Melissa Perez,

Individuals - 1st Melissa Perez, 2nd Jaqui Davila, 3rd Darby Duncan

Number Sense

6th Grade: Team 2nd Place - Tanner Bedford, Mercedes DelaCerde, Darby Duncan

Individuals - 2nd Tanner Bedford, 6th Mercedes DelaCerde

Calculator Applications

6th Grade: Team 1st Place - Cade Chumney, Melissa Perez, Jaqui Davila

Individuals - 1st Jaqui Davila, 2nd Cade Chumney

Chess Puzzles

3rd Grade: Team 1st Place - Michaela Basquez, Austin Buchanan, Jade Morgan

Individuals - 1st Austin Buchanan, tie for 2nd Jadan Morgan and Michaela Basquez

4th Grade: Team 1st Place - Hunter Hortenstine, Seth Hoyt, Whitney Moran

Individuals - 1st Seth Hoyt, 2nd Hunter Hortenstine, 3rd Whitney Moran

5th Grade: Team 1st Place - Tanner Braswell, Jacob Eubanks, Raegen Moore

Individuals - 1st Tanner Braswell, 2nd Jacob Eubanks, 3rd Raegen Moore

6th Grade: Team 1st Place - Vincent Basquez, Joshua Fuentez, Collin Moore

Individuals - 1st Collin

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Moore, 2nd Vincent Basquez, 3rd Joshua Fuentez

Spelling

3rd Grade: Team 1st Place - Michaela Basquez, Austin Buchanan, Saige Busby

Individuals - 1st Austin Buchanan, 2nd Michaela Basquez

Oral Reading

2nd Grade: 1st Tiffany Timmerman, 6th Lance Rolls

3rd Grade: 1st Austin Buchanan, 2nd Michaela Basquez

4th Grade: 1st India Chumney

5th Grade: 1st Hailey McKinney, 3rd Sara Allen, 4th Raegen Moore

6th Grade: 2nd Hanna McKinney, 3rd Mercedes DelaCerde

Storytelling

3rd Grade: 1st Austin Buchanan, 2nd Michaela Basquez, 4th Caitlin Lange

Dictionary Skills

6th Grade: 3rd Diana Tapia

Listening

5th Grade: Team 3rd Place - Tanner Braswell, Cassidy McWright, Kaily Torres

Individuals - 5th Kaily Torres

6th Grade: Team 1st Place - Tanner Bedford, Cade Chumney, Melissa Perez

Individuals - 1st Tanner Bedford

Social Studies

6th Grade: Team 2nd Place - Jaxon Brown, Emmanuel Casillas, Cade Chumney

Individuals - 2nd Jaxon



Bronte Elementary UIL! The above students helped Bronte Elementary win first at the UIL District Meet. This meet was held in Panther Creek on December 7, 2011. They include Austin Buchanan, Tanner Braswell, Hanna McKinney, Cassidy McWright, Jacob Eubanks, Darby Duncan, Johnathan Saldana, Tiffani Sullivan, Jaqui Davila, Jaxon Brown, Vincent Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Emmanuel Casillas, Mercedes DelaCerde, Joshua Fuentez, Collin Moore, Mellisa Perez, Hannah Mertz, Saige Busby, Tiffany Timmerman, Lance Rolls, Diana Tapia, Hailey McKinney, Caitlin Lange, Jadan Morgan, Keeley Queen, Michaela Basquez, Sara Allen, Hunter Hortenstine, Whitney Moran, Kaily Torres, Raegen Moore, Seth Hoyt, India Chumney, Katelyn Powell, Cade Chumney, E'lexia Davis, and Karissa Cervenka.

Brown	3rd Grade: 1st Place
Creative Writing	Austin Buchanan
2nd Grade: 1st Place	4th Grade: 5th Place
Lance Rolls	Whitney Moran, 6th Place
Ready Writing	Karissa Cervenka

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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

BJH One Act Play places 2nd in District

The Blackwell Junior High One Act Play finished in 2nd place in the recent District competition.

Halee Sanderson was named to the All Star Cast. Honorable Mention All Star Cast honors went to Krista Clower and Audrey Mink.

Named Best Crew were Cole Alley, Charlie Cano, Douglas Hardy, Brena Robison, and Jana Robison.

Cast members include Abby Gott, Hailey Bennett, Krista Clower, Audrey Mink, Halee Sanderson, Crystal Chavez, and Heath Rasco.

Members of the crew include Brena Robison, Cole Alley, Charlie Cano, Doug Hardy, and Jaina Robison

The play was directed by Carrie Powers. This placing wins 26 points toward the UIL Academic contest.

Junior

High/Elementary UIL Academic Contest Results

Fifth Grade

Art Team - Clayton Cumby, Vickie Davis, Peyton Hinckley, Anthony Marshall - 3rd

Dictionary Skills - Carli Powers - 4th

Listening Skills - Clayton Cumby - 5th

team - Clayton Cumby, Anthony Marshall, Carli Powers - 3rd

Spelling - Carli Powers - 3rd

Social Studies - Clayton Cumby - 1st, Carli Powers - 6th

team - Clayton Cumby,

Carli Powers, Anthony Marshall - 2nd

Music - Vickie Davis - 6th

team - Vickie Davis, Elizabeth Meyer, Hunter Perry, Joe Sanchez - 2nd

Maps, Graphs, And Charts - Peyton Hinckley - 5th, Carli Powers - 6th

team - Carli Powers, Vickie Davis, Peyton Hinckley - 3rd

Sixth Grade

Dictionary Skills - Shelby Panzer - 1st

Listening Skills - Dillon Solis - 3rd, Logan Andrews - 4th, Hunter Clark - 6th

team - Dillon Solis, Logan Andrews, Hunter Clark - 2nd

Music Memory - Payton McKee - 6th, Shelby Panzer - 6th

team - Payton McKee, Shelby Panzer, Logan Andrews, Hunter Clark, Keegan Garrett - 2nd

Calculator Skills - Logan Andrews - 4th

team - Logan Andrews, Shelby Panzer, Dillon Solis - 3rd

Oral Reading - Shelby Panzer - 5th, Kyler Walls - 6th

Mathematics - Shelby Panzer - 1st

team - Shelby Panzer, Dillon Solis, Logan Andrews - 2nd

Number Sense - Shelby Panzer - 1st

team - Shelby Panzer, Dillon Solis, Logan Andrews - 2nd

Maps, Graphs, And Charts - Shelby Panzer - 2nd

7th Calculator - Tristen Hayes and Halee Sanderson tied for 4th place. 3rd place team also included Audrey Mink.

8th Dictionary - Shianne

Solis 6th place. 3rd place team also included Cole Alley and Charlie Cano.

7th Number Sense - Halee Sanderson 1st place and Audrey Mink 3rd place. 1st place team also included Tristen Hayes.

7th Oral Reading - Halee Sanderson 2nd place.

7th Dictionary - Audrey Mink 2nd place and Tristen Hayes 4th place.

1st place team also included Krista Clower.

7th Maps/graphs/charts - Halee Sanderson 4th place. 2nd place team also included Tristen Hayes and Audrey Mink

8th Art - Shianne Solis 6th place.

7th Listening - Halee Sanderson 6th place.

8th Listening - Halee Bennett 5th place.

7th Math - Tristen Hayes 3rd place. Audrey Mink and Halee Sanderson tied for 4th place. 1st place team.

8th Math - 3rd place team consisted of Hailey Bennett, Cole Alley, and

Shianne Solis.

7th Modern Oratory - Krista Clower 1st and Tristen Hayes 2nd.

8th Modern Oratory - Cole Alley 3rd and Shianne Solis 4th.

8th Social Studies - Cole Alley 6th.

Complete district results for the UIL Academic competition can be found at the following link http://www.trent.escl4.net/2011_uil.htm.



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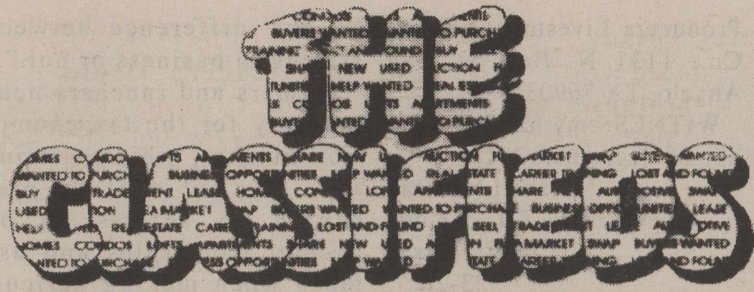


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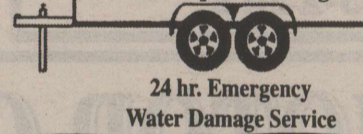
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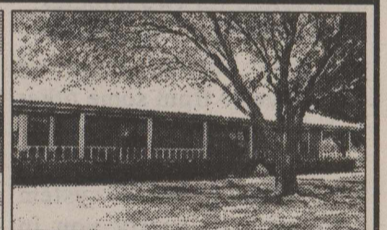
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(Continued from page 3)
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