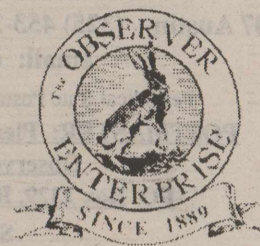


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RLISD to host meeting on bond election

Robert Lee ISD will host a public meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 6 pm in the school cafeteria. The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss a May 2012 Bond Election.

Fundraiser Lunch slated for Wendell Lee

A Fundraiser Lunch for Wendell Lee will be held Sunday, February 26, at 12 noon at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Wendell was injured in an accident Tuesday, February 7, on Main Street in Bronte. Show your love and support to Wendell and Jeanna Lee by attending this fundraiser. A donation for the lunch is appreciated.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person 18 hole select shot golf tournament on Saturday, March 3. Tee time is 9 am.

Carts are limited, so sign up early if one is needed. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156 or after 4 pm on weekdays, call 432-661-3431.

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.

Farm Service Agency hours to change

Due to the retirement of longtime employee, Melinda Sasser, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office in Robert Lee will no longer have a full time employee in the office effective January 30, 2012. The only day that an employee will be present will be Tuesdays when the CED, Michael Sturm, from Tom Green County will open the office to conduct busi-

ness. Business can also be conducted through the Tom Green County FAS Office at 3514 Devonian in San Angelo.

FSA apologizes for any inconvenience and would encourage producers with questions to contact the Tom Green County Farm Service Agency at 325-653-1246 in San Angelo.

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club calls meeting

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club will hold a general meeting for member on Monday, March 5, 2012, at the Bronte Community Center beginning at 6 pm.

For more information, call 473-2156.

Filing continues in local government entity elections

Filing will be allowed until Monday, March 5, 2012, in the upcoming local entities elections. The election will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Along with the mayor, there are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Gerald Sandusky, mayor, and council members, Jennifer Stango, Paul (Buzz) Gohmann, and Jimmie Guthrie. As of presstime, all incumbents have filed for re-election.

There are two council member terms and the mayoral position on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held by Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. The office of mayor is held by John Jacobs. As of presstime, only Mayor Jacobs had filed for re-election.

There are three two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Pat Stephens, Sarah Green, and Farrell Jean Washam. Only Sarah Green has filed at this time.

There are two two-year terms and one unexpired term on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Beverly Sims, Nancy Cooper, and Howard Baker. As of presstime, there have been no filings.



Lady Horns Bring Home Area Trophy! *The Bronte Lady Horns won the Area Championship against the Sierra Blanca Greyhounds in Monahans last Friday night. The Lady Horns advanced to the Regional Quarterfinals and played the Roby Lady Lions Tuesday night in Anson. They won 46-35 and will advance to the Regional Tournament held at Abilene Christian University in Abilene on Friday, February 24. Good luck Lady Horns!*

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Ericka Knight, Wayne Coalson, and Doug Tounget. Currently, nobody has filed for these seats.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Brandi Brosh, Wes Washam, and Tom Sawyer, Jr. The incumbents have all filed for re-election.

Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose meets the first Thursday evening of every month at 7 pm. For more information and location, call 325-453-2301.

Tight cattle market could push beef prices higher in 2012

Coke County ranchers have been feeling the pinch in the cattle market.

Although cattle prices are high, rising feed costs and a weak economy are putting them in a bind.

As input costs rise, Texas cattle ranchers are decreasing the size of their herds to remain in business. Cattle numbers in Texas are dropping, which will lead to smaller beef supply in the future.

"It is extremely costly to

maintain a herd of beef cattle," said John Ross Copeland, president of Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "Dry weather has stunted pasture growth and the supplemental feed that is needed for the cows is very expensive."

The U.S. cattle market has been decreasing from 132 million head in 1975 to only 90 million last year. While beef export demand is building, many ranchers are concerned with meeting current challenges.

Texas ranchers are making difficult decisions as to how they will provide enough beef to meet consumer demand. With less meat to offer consumers, retail beef prices likely will increase.

"If we maintain our herds, it costs a lot of money and may not make good business sense. Decreasing our herd numbers will mean less meat will show up on grocery store shelves, and then the rule of supply and demand will take over," John Ross Copeland said.

Republican Primary Ballot Propositions announced

Submitted by David Kitten, Coke County Republican Chair

Coke County residents who vote in the 2012 Republican Party Primary Election, currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, will have the oppor-

tunity to vote "yes" or "no" on several non-binding propositions. These propositions will appear only on the Republican primary ballot. They are intended to give State and National officials an indication of the will of the people.

School Choice:

The state should fund education by allowing dollars to follow the child instead of the bureaucracy, through a program which allows parents the freedom to choose their child's school, public or private, while also saving significant taxpayer dollars. Yes or No.

Repealing Obamacare:

Congress should immediately repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (otherwise known as Obamacare) and reject the rationing of healthcare by government or the intrusion by government into the doctor-patient relationship. Yes or No.

Public Prayer:

Government should be prohibited from restricting the content of public prayer. Yes or No.

Balanced Budget/Combining Government growth:

Out of control spending should be stopped at all levels of federal and state government through constitutional amendments limiting any increase in government

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**Robert Lee VFD
 Quilt Raffle winner
 announced**

Nancy Arthur was the lucky winner of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Quilt Raffle. Her name was drawn February 10, 2012.

The original quilt donated by Wanda Caulder and the quilting club from Abilene was withdrawn following Mrs. Caulder's death December 31, 2011, and given to her granddaughter. The club was generous enough to donate a replacement quilt for the raffle. A total of \$549 was collected during this fundraiser.

**Retired Teachers
 meeting held**

Mary Etta Kvpil was guest speaker when the Coke County Retired Teachers Association met on Monday, February 20, 2012. The noon luncheon meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Kvpil is from Ballinger and holds the office of second vice president of District 15. She also represents the district on the State Legislative Committee. She pointed out the importance for RTA members to visit Austin to know more about the legislative process, and to communicate with legislators on RTA issues. She reminded unit members that as members of TRTA, we are the voice for public education and school retirees.

Beth Prather, unit president, presided at the meeting. She announced that our state legislator, Drew Darby, will speak at the May meeting. Nancy Byler, president of District 15, will be our guest at the April meeting.

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The next meeting will be March 19, 2012.

Attending the meeting were: Cristie Bagwell, Jamie Boren, Judy Gibbs, Paul Gothard, June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, Brenda Hines, Mary Lawhon, Pat Lee, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Gerald Sandusky, Gary Smith, Charlotte Tounget, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack, and one guest, Mary Etta Kvpil.

**... Republican
 Primary Ballot
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 announced**

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 spending to the combined increase of population and inflation without voter approval.

Yes or No.

Redistricting:

The Texas Legislature should redraw the court-imposed lines for Congress and State legislative districts in its upcoming session in

order to remedy inequities.
 Yes or No

**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.

**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.

**IRS offers
 farmers and
 ranchers extension**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently announced an extension of replacement period for livestock producers who have been forced to sell animals due to the drought.

"The livestock industry has suffered \$2.06 billion in losses, as ranchers have sold off cattle due to lack of forage and escalating supplemental feed expenses," said Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. "This tax extension will help ranchers rebuild their herds."

If livestock (other than

poultry) held for any length of time for draft, breeding or dairy purposes is sold because of weather-related conditions, the capital gain on the sale does not have to be recognized if the proceeds are used to purchase replacement livestock.

"This year's drought has forced a lot of cattle out of Texas," John Ross Copeland said. "Every little bit will help when it rains again and ranchers begin to restock."

Please consult a tax specialist for more information or full details can be found at the IRS website, http://www.irs.gov/irb/2010-41_IRB/ar08.html.

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 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm
First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship

6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281

Rev. Matt Pennington, Pastor
 Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

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 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am

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 11 am Worship

5:00 pm Choir Practice

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 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
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Wed. 6 pm, Worship

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Just From Jan
by Jan Yanez
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Cluster Headaches Rare, But Severe

Cluster headache is a very severe form of primary headache occurring in about 1 percent of the population. Like migraine, cluster headaches have been classified as vascular headaches. The intense pain is caused by the dilation of blood vessels, which creates pressure on the trigeminal nerve (the fifth cranial nerve, emerging directly from the brain stem). While this process may be the immediate cause of the pain, the underlying cause(s) is not fully understood. Current scientific thought is that cluster headaches are related in some way to the release of histamine or serotonin.

Cluster headaches are distinct from migraine and tension-type headaches on several levels:

- Attacks occur in clusters or periods, with weeks or months between new cluster periods; remission periods may be months or even years; 10-15 percent of patients do not experience long periods of remission.

- Most cluster headache sufferers are men, with onset between ages of 20-40 (where more women suffer from migraines, with onset following the start of menstruation).

- Attacks are characterized by sharp, boring, severe, one-sided pain that is around the eye or along the side of the head and develops rapidly over minutes; pain usually presents on the same side during a series of attacks; pain can occur on the opposite side when a new series starts.

- Headache attacks last from 15-180 minutes and occur once every other day to up to eight times daily.

- Pain is localized behind the eye or in the eye region and may radiate to the forehead, temple, nose, cheek, or upper gum on the affected side.

- Attacks are associated with excessive sweating, flushed face, tearing, nasal congestion, runny nose, forehead and facial sweating, drooping eyelids, or eyelid swelling on the affected side.

- During an attack, patients may be restless or agitated due to excruciating pain.

- During a cluster period, attacks may be provoked or triggered by substances that cause blood vessel swelling such as smoking, alcohol, or selected drugs like histamine or nitroglycerin. Bright lights, stress, or certain foods may also trigger an attack.

The degree of pain involved in cluster headaches is markedly greater than in other headache conditions, including severe migraines. Cluster headaches can be a severely disabling disorder when patients suffer from bouts of pain from 2-20 times a week during a cluster series.

Migraine Headaches

Migraine headaches are less common than tension-type headaches. Nevertheless, migraines afflict about 28 million people in the US alone. As many as 6 percent of all men and up to 18 percent of all women (about 12 percent of the population as a whole) experience a migraine headache at some time. Roughly three out of four migraine sufferers are female. It is important to recognize that children also get migraines, and it affects between 5-10 percent of children under the age of 18 years.

A typical migraine attack produces some or all of these signs and symptoms:

- moderate to severe pain, which may be confined to one side of the head (60 percent) or may affect both sides (40 percent);

- head pain with a pulsating or throbbing quality;

- pain that worsens with physical activity;

- pain that interferes with your regular activities;

- nausea with or without vomiting; and

- sensitivity to light, sound and smell

When left untreated, a migraine typically lasts from four to 72 hours, but the frequency with which headaches occur varies from person to person. You may have migraines several times a month or just once or twice a year. About one in five migraine sufferers experiences an aura prior to onset of a migraine headache. Auras are neurological symptoms that may occur before, during, and after a migraine. There are many different types of either visual or other sensory auras, and they may differ between attacks. When experiencing an aura, "you may:

- see sparkling flashes of light
- perceive dazzling zigzag lines in your field of vision



Moisture Yes - Snow No! Caitlyn and Zachary Cerritos, children of Lori and Jesse Cerritos of Robert Lee, enjoyed the snow earlier this month. Coke County received over 1.5" in most areas with some much higher totals over the weekend. However, this precipitation was only in the form of rain!

- experience slowly spreading blind spots in your vision
- feel tingling, pins and needles sensations in one arm or leg; and
- (rarely) experience weakness or language and speech problems

Migraines are considered vascular headaches, which involve dilation or swelling of the blood vessels in the head and scalp so that the normal pulsation of the vessels cause a throbbing type of pain. Still, the precise cause of migraine headaches is unclear. There seems to be general agreement, however, that a key element is blood flow changes in the brain. People who get migraine headaches appear to have blood vessels that overact to various triggers. Migraines may be triggered by stress, food, environmental changes, or some other factor; however, the exact chain of events remains unclear. These events seem to be largely driven by the nervous system.

Migraine pain can be disabling- "with symptoms so severe, all you can think about is finding a dark, quiet place to lie down. Migraine pain can be excruciating and

may incapacitate the sufferer for hours or even days. Fortunately, management of migraine pain has improved dramatically in the last decade. If you've seen a doctor in the past and had no success, it's time to make another appointment. Although there's still no cure, medications can help reduce the frequency of migraine and stop the pain once it has started. The right medicines combined with self-help remedies and changes in lifestyle may make a tremendous difference for you.

Coke County Library News

The Coke County Library has added many new titles to its large print section.

More patrons are seeing (literally) an enhanced reading situation with the large print. Readers who want to browse large print should go to the right of the big room and look at the shelves on the left.

An advantage of large print books is the amount of print available on one page which allows for a more connected reading experience.

Young adults considering college might want to look at a reading list for prospective college students.

There are several lists on the internet. The Coke County Library maintains a large section of classic books that are mentioned on these lists.

Several genealogy information seekers were on hand Monday night at the library to learn what Fran Lomas had researched about the settlement and immigration and emigration occurring on the East Coast in the 16th and 17th centuries. She provided sources for family name searches using records kept during that time.

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

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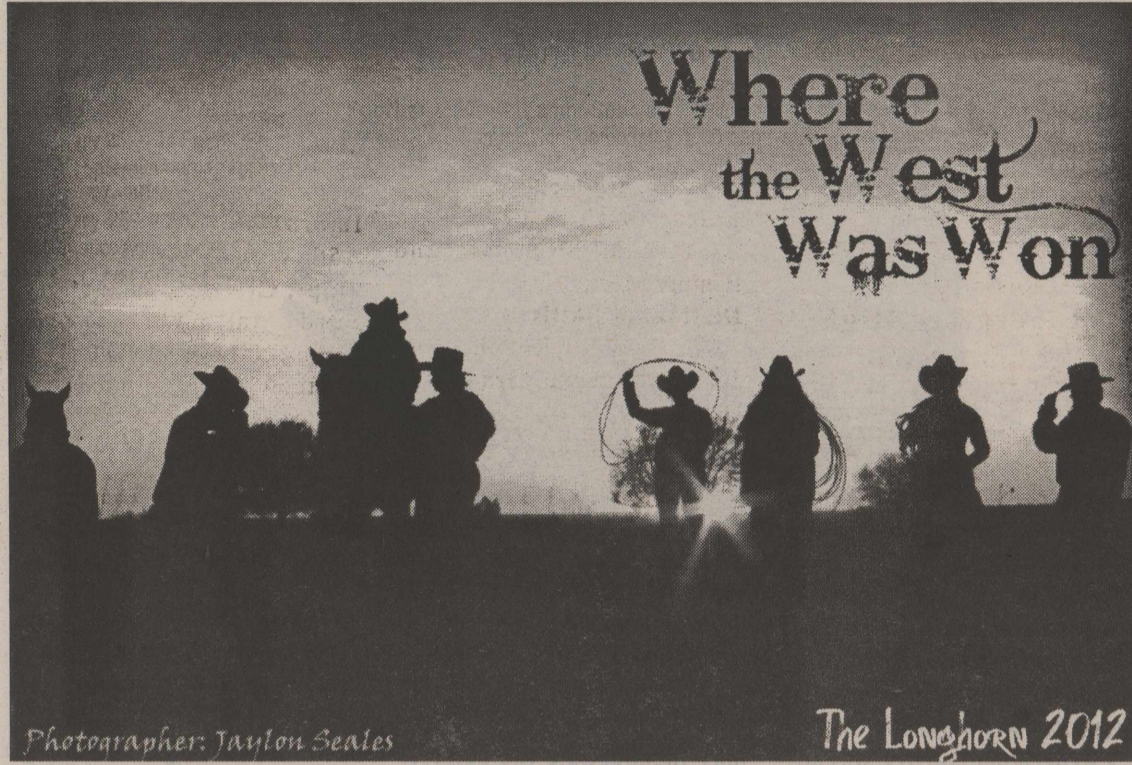
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



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The Longhorn 2012

Longhorn 2012 Cover! Bronte High School Yearbook would like to share their amazing cover for their yearbook this year. The photograph was taken at the Hortenstine Ranch by senior yearbook editor, Jaylon Seales. If you are interested in a yearbook, please call the high school office.

Bronte ISD STAAR Testing Parent Meeting

The new State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) will be administered to students in third through ninth grade across the state of Texas beginning in March.

Bronte ISD will have a STAAR Testing Parent Meeting on February 27,



BHS UIL competes at Eldorado! Once again, students from Bronte have braved a cold Saturday morning to travel to a practice Academic UIL meet in preparation for the upcoming District contest. Those attending were: River Wood in Number Sense, Science, Calculator, Suzette Diares in Number Sense, Calculator, Science, Megan Yackley in Feature Writing, Conner Clark in Calculator, Michelle Rhodes in Calculator, Mikayla Fraune in Science, Edison Diares in Science, Kyle Kelton in Science and Math, Dakota Pullen in Number Sense, Science, Calculator, and Math. Those students bringing home medals and ribbons were Calculator: Conner Clark 3rd, Suzette Diares 4th...with Michelle Rhodes and River Wood helping the team bring home the 2nd place medals for the Calculator Team. Students in Science placing were: Suzette Diares with a 5th place win while the Science Team which includes Suzette, Kyle Kelton, River Wood, and Mikayla Fraune brought home the 3rd place medals. Megan Yackley placed 4th in Feature Writing. The last practice meet before District competition will be at Wall High School on March 5. Shown are (front row, from left) Suzette Diares, Mikayla Fraune, Megan Yackley, Michelle Rhodes, (back row, from left) Kyle Kelton, Conner Clark, River Wood, Edison Diares, and Dakota Pullen.

2011 at 6:00 in the school library. Parents of students in grades 3-9 are invited to come and hear about STAAR. Parents will be given general information about the changes from TAKS, what tests will be given at each grade level, and some sample test questions will be shown.

Bronte Longhorn finish regular season with wins

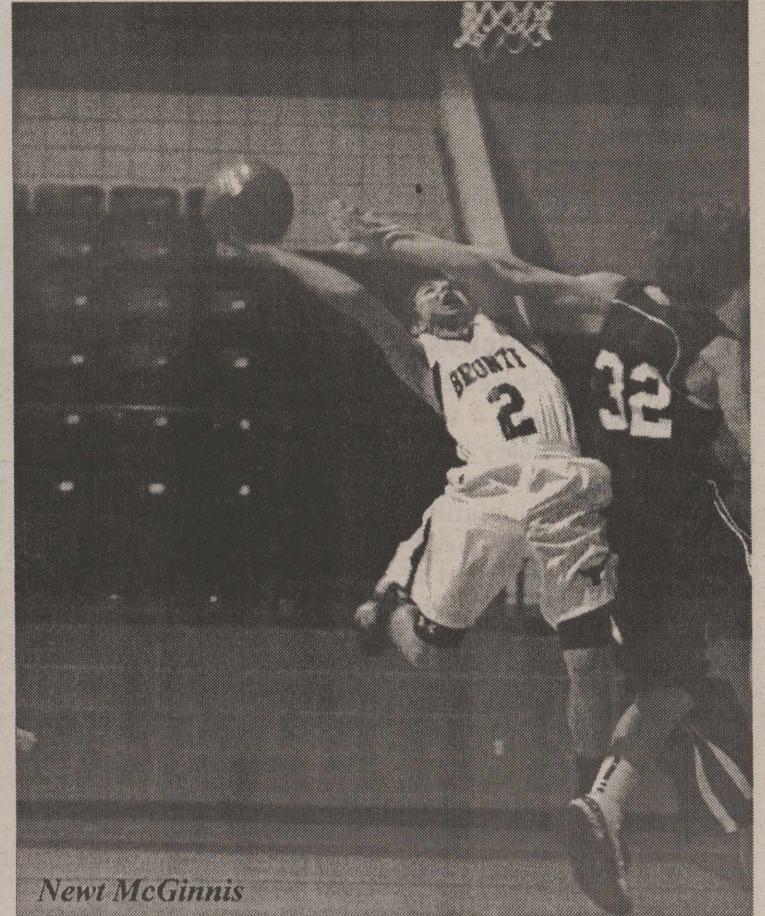
The Bronte Longhorns rolled over the Robert Lee Steers 36-16.

Scoring for the Longhorns

were Creed Coalson 14 points, 11 rebounds; Jordan Baumann 6 points, 5 rebounds; John Deller 3 points, 5 rebounds; Beau Grigg 2 points; Cody Martin 4 rebounds; Newt McGinnis 5 points; Ty Lee 4 points, 5 rebounds; and Josh Puentez 2 points.

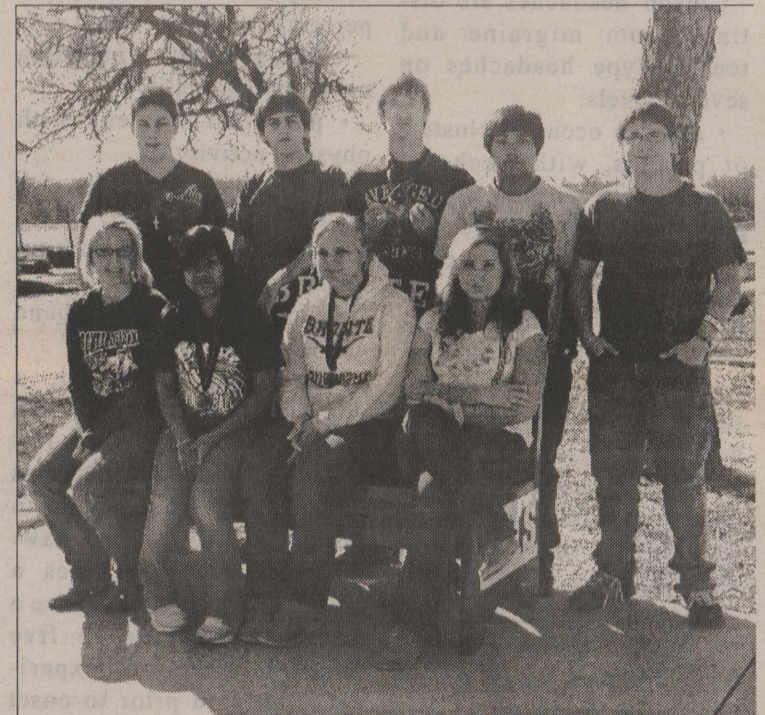
The Longhorns defeated the Paint Rock Indians 49-21.

Scoring for the Longhorns were Creed Coalson 11 points, 6 rebounds; Jordan Baumann 10 points; Beau Grigg 3 points; Cody Martin



Newt McGinnis

Horns Earn Playoff Spot! Tuesday night, February 14, was the last district game for the Bronte Longhorns where they beat Blackwell to clinch a spot in the playoffs. The Longhorns faced the Roby Lions in Bi-District play last Tuesday night in Anson. They won 47-19 and will advance to area playoffs where they will meet Rankin. Good luck Horns.



Bronte Teams win at Sonora UIL Academic practice meet! Students from Bronte Academic UIL Teams traveled to Sonora High School on February 3rd to practice their skills.

Attending that meet were: Mikayla Fraune in Headline Writing and science, Megan Yackley in Ready Writing, Stacia Emfinger in Ready Writing, Kahd Walton in Current Events, River Wood in Number Sense, Math, Calculator and Science, Suzette Diares in Math, Calculator, and Science, Candice Sutton in Calculator, Connor Clark in Calculator, Michelle Rhodes in Calculator, Edison Diares in Science and Mason Smith in Science. There were twenty-eight, 1, 2 and 3A schools at this meet. BHS students who placed were: Science: River Wood 8th, Mikayla Fraune 10th, Suzette Diares 24th and Mason Smith 27th all making up the 3rd place Science Team. There were over 100 students competing in the science event. Calculator: Conner Clark 1st, Suzette Diares was 2nd and Michelle Rhodes was the 3rd team member that helped the Team place 2nd. Shown are (back row, from left) Mason Smith, River Wood, Conner Clark, Edison Diares, Dakota Pullen, (front row, from left) Candice Sutton, Suzette Diares, Michelle Rhodes and Mikayla Fraune.

2 points; Newt McGinnis 4 points, 2 points; Newt McGinnis 4 points, 4 steals; Ty Lee 6 points; Jared Scott 8 points; Josh Puentez 3 points; and Lance Burns 2 points.

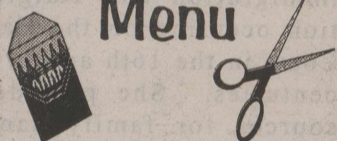
The Longhorns added another win against the Blackwell Hornets 46-16.

Scoring for the Longhorns were Creed Coalson 17 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Jordan Baumann- 6 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; John Deller, Beau Grigg, Cody Martin and Lance Burns each

The Longhorns were defeated in a close practice game against the Ballinger Bearcats 30-32.

Scoring for the Longhorns were Creed Coalson 5 points, 6 rebounds; Jordan Baumann 10 rebounds; John Deller 8 points; Newt McGinnis 13 points; and Ty Lee 4 points.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, February 27

Sausage rolls or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 28

Breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 29

Pancake on stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, March 1

Breakfast wrap or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 2

Sausage patty with biscuit with jelly or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 27

Corn dogs, ranch beans, veggie dippers, milk, fruit, pudding cup, garden salad

Tuesday, February 28

Chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, milk, gravy, fruit

Wednesday, February 29

Spud day, baby carrots with ranch, Texas toast, milk, fruit

Thursday, March 1

Cheeseburger, salad cup, tater tots, milk, cobbler

Friday, March 2

Nachos grande, Spanish rice, garden salad, fruit, milk

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLISD Perfect Attendance 4th Six Weeks

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Aden Burns, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, David Jowers, Cole Knight, Michael Larue, Miranda Larue, Cloe Minjarez, Canyon Moran, Zoey Nichols, Jimma Richardson, Brayden Sherwood
- 1st Grade**
Patricio Barrera, Ryan Mendoza, Kristen Moreno, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksuik, Roxy Rangel, Fernando Sosa, Myrka, Sosa
- 2nd Grade**
Reaghan Bohannon, Jacey Breashear, Hayli Bretz, Gavin, Freeman, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, Bryson Owen, Cylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno, Todd Worster
- 3rd Grade**
Kendra Baucom, Ariana Gizzi, Jasmine Kohut, Hemma Rangel, Harlee Richardson, Casey Skipworth, Jullisa Ureno
- 4th Grade**
Ethan Brashear, Kaleb Gregston, Jaycee Johnson, Kole Leal, Cali Lee, Marisol Luna, Tara McCormick, Steve Oleksiuk, Crystal Salinas, Jonathan Skipworth, Veronica Ureno
- 5th Grade**
Bubba Bohannon, Corbin Drennan, Megan, Grantham, Madison Hall, Garrett Knight, Daniel Mendoza, Autumn Ramon, Elexis Sanchez, Chelsea Wyatt

- 6th Grade**
Meghan Bohannon, Jayce Bower, William Coppedge, Chaiston Golden, Joshue Gregston, Jorge Mendoza, Margo Mendoza, Adam Minjarez, Kiara Padgett, Kourtney Roach, Rachel Russell, Jessica Wheat
- 7th Grade**
Gabriel Abalos, Anna Huapilla, Trace Oleksiuk, Casey Scruggs, Mauricio Ureno
- 8th Grade**
Bruce Buddin, Brady Clawson, Kodi Drennan, Haley Grantham, Jesus Landeros, Julia Madrid, Yulissa Peraza, Myrka Rangel, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Blaine Yanez
- 9th Grade**
Jaden Aldridge, Mason Hill, Mychael Tijerina, Daria Tinkler
- 10th Grade**
Michael Curry, Shelby Davis, Fatima Fabian, William Howard, Bianca Huapilla, Efrain Olguin, Kevin Saucedo, Jesse Sheets, Everett Wilson
- 11th Grade**
Dawson Brisbin, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Hazel Howard, Lubbock Roe, Zachary Sanchez, Bailey Smith, Ashlie Wheat
- 12th Grade**
Luisa Carrera, Jose Fabian, Kimberly Roach, Victoria Roe, Meagan Ross, Diana Vera

RLISD Elementary "A" Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

- 1st Grade**
Caitlyn Cerritos, Ryan Mendoza, Kristen Moreno, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksuik, Roxy Rangel
- 2nd Grade**
Zane Avants, Hayli Bretz, Gavin Freeman, Braylee Hood, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, Bryson Owen, Mckenzee Puentez, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

- Cali Lee
- 5th Grade**
Kaden Austin, Kelby Clawson, Megan Grantham, Autumn Ramon
- 6th Grade**
Bethany Coppedge, William Coppedge, Tavo Rangel, Braden Richardson, Rachel Russell

Robert Lee High School "A/B" Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

- 7th Grade**
Gabriel Abalos, Kaden Hayes, Casey Scruggs
- 8th Grade**
Wade Allen, Haley Grantham, Pammy Meeks, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Madison Wright
- 10th Grade**
Taylor Benton, Berenice Fabian
- 11th Grade**
Drew Davis, Kelsey Hewitt, Dusty Howard
- 12th Grade**
Linsey Arellano, Keanu Henson, Cynthia Mitchell, Salena Paiz, Kimberly Roach, Kayla Scott, Destiny Thomas, Diana Vera

Robert Lee Junior High UIL Practice Meet Awards

- 7th Grade**
Dictionary Skills
1st Matthew Curry, 3rd Senecia Newell
Maps, Graphs & Charts
2nd James Wyatt
Number Sense
1st Donovan Thomas, 2nd Casey Scrubbs
Ready Writing
3rd Kandace Skipworth
Science 1 & 2
1st James Wyatt
Social Studies
1st Kaden Hayes, 2nd

- Gabriel Abalos
- Spelling**
2nd James Wyatt
- Mathematics**
2nd Casey Scruggs, 3rd James Wyatt
- 8th Grade**
Calculators
1st Kodi Drennan, 2nd Pammy Meeks
Dictionary Skills
1st Karlee Roach, 2nd Justice Saucedo, 3rd Brady Clawson
Impromptu
3rd Julia Madrid
Listening Skills
1st Kodi Drennan, 3rd Hunter Hamrick
Maps, Graphs & Charts
1st Myrka Rangel, 2nd Kodi Drennan
Modern Oratory
1st Hunter Hamrick
Number Sense
1st Wade Allen, 3rd Hunter Hamrick
Oral Reading
1st Karlee Roach
Science 1 & 2
3rd Karlee Roach
Social Studies
1st Hayden O'Neil, 2nd Blaine Yanez
Spelling
1st Justice Saucedo
Mathematics
1st Hunter Hamrick, 2nd Myrka Rangel, 3rd Brady Clawson
Editorial Writing
1st Hunter Hamrick, 2nd Madison Wright
Art
1st Julia Madrid, 2nd

- Yulissa Peraza
- Robert Lee Junior High UIL Meet Awards 7th Grade**
Dictionary Skills
6th Matthew Curry
Impromptu
5th Kaden Hayes
Maps, Graphs & Charts
3rd Matthew Curry, 6th Kaden Hayes, 1st Team-Matthew Curry, James Wyatt, Kaden Hayes
Number Sense
5th Donovan Thomas
Ready Writing
6th Kandace Skipworth
Science 1 & 2
1st James Wyatt
Social Studies
2nd Casey Scruggs, 6th Gabriel Abalos, 2nd Team-Kaden Hayes, Gabriel Abalos, Casey Scruggs
Spelling
6th James Wyatt
8th Grade
Calculators
3rd Team Kodi Drennan, Pammy Meeks, Justice Saucedo
Chess
1st Wade Allen
Dictionary Skills
2nd Karlee Roach, 3rd Brady Clawson, 1st Team Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Brady Clawson
Impromptu
1st Julia Madrid
Listening Skills
1st Kodi Drennan, 3rd Team

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School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, February 27**
Muffin or cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, February 28**
Burrito or cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, February 29**
Cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, March 1**
Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, March 2**
Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, February 27**
Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, pears, milk
- Tuesday, February 28**
Hot dog, chili, cheese, fritos, ranch beans, pineapple, milk
- Wednesday, February 29**
Oven fried chicken, mac-n-cheese, salad, bread, peaches, milk
- Thursday, March 1**
Taco soup, corn muffin, salad, orange, milk
- Friday, March 2**
Barbecue on bun, cheese stick, pickles, French fries, peaches, milk

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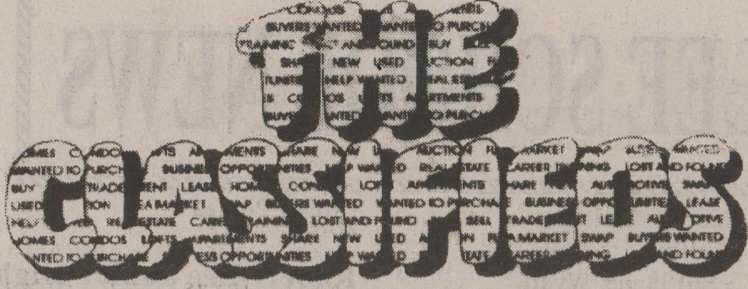
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Political Calendar
The Observer/Enterprise
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Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

COUNTY SHERIFF
Wayne McCutchen (Rep.)

COKE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
Josie Dean (Rep.)
Kathi J. Cox (Rep.)

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COUNTY CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2
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Wanda Barbee
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The West Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 12, 2012 Election, Three Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 04, 2012, and March 05, 2012. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours, 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Roger Alexander, Administrator.

AVISO DE FECHA LIMITE

El Consejo Administrativo de West Coke County Hospital District da aviso a su eleccion que da principio el 12 de mayo, 2012, con el proposito de elegir tres (3) directores por plazo de dos (2) años cada uno. Los candidatos pueden obtener las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion entre el 4 de febrero 2012 y el 5 de marzo de 2012. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en las oficinas de Robert Lee Care Center durante el horario normal, 9 am - 5 pm, de lunes ha viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigida a Roger Alexander, Administrator.

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CITY OF BRONTE NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

Applications for candidates to apply for a position on the Bronte City Council may be picked up at the City Hall, 114 South Washington between the hours of 8 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline to file is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012. The Election will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Requirements for filing are that you have lived in the state for one year and six months within the City limits. Candidates must be 18 years of age and a registered voter at the time of the election.

A mayor and three councilmembers will be elected. The terms of Mayor Gerald Sandusky, Councilmembers Jim Guthrie, Paul Gohman, and Jennifer will expire.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to 42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as pre-cleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 31st day of January, 2012.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Coke County, Texas.

Mary Grim-County Clerk AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

De conformidad con 42.035, Codigo Electoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Coke, Texas, este documento proporciona la notificacion de cambios en los limites del Condado de politica adoptadas por la Corte de Comisionados, y como precleared por el Departamento de Justicia el dia 31 de janear, 2012.

Las personas interesadas pueden revisar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del secretario del condado durante las horas regulares de trabajo.

Los cambios en los precintos electorales del

condado fueron necesarias por la redistribucion de los distritos del Condado de la Corte de Comisionados de conformidad con la Constitucion de los Estados Unidos y 42 USC 1973, tambien conocida como la Ley de Derechos Electorales, tras la publicacion de los datos del censo 2010. Los cambios en los precintos electorales del condado fueron disenados para lograr un equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro distritos electorales comisionados judiciales, y para asegurar los derechos de voto de todos los euidadanos del condado de Coke, Texas.

Mary Grim-Official de Condado 32-3tc

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The East Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 12, 2012 Election, Two Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each and One Director for a one (1) year unexpired term. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 04, 2012, and March 05, 2012. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center during normal business hours, 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed to Andra Arrott, Filing Officer.

AVISO DE FECHA LIMITE

El Consejo Administrativo de East Coke County Hospital District da aviso a su eleccion que da principio el 12 de mayo, 2012, con el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores por plazo de dos (2) años cada uno y uno (1) director para un uno (1) ano termino no caducado. Los

candidatos pueden obtener las aplicaciones para la inclusion en la votacion entre el 4 de febrero 2012 y el 5 de marzo de 2012. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en las oficinas de Bronte Health and Rehab Center durante el horario normal, 9 am - 4 pm, de lunes ha viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigida a Andra Arrott, del Oficial de Archivos.

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...UIL Meet Awards

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Haley Grantham, Kodi Drennan Rani Coppedge

Maps, Graphs & Charts
4th Kodi Drennan, 6th Myrka Rangel, 1st Team Myrka Rangel, Kodi Drennan, Pammy Meeks

Modern Oratory

2nd Karlee Roach

Number Sense

1st Brady Clawson, 5th Wade Allen, 1st Team Wade allen, Brady Clawson, Myrka Rangel

Oral Reading

6th Karlee Roach

Science 1 & 2

3rd Karlee Roach

Social Studies

5th Blaine Yanez, 3rd Team Blaine Yanez, Hayden O'Neil, Bruce Buddin

Bronte High School Scholarship Check List

Due February 29

Texas Elks State Association Scholarship

Due March 1

San Angelo Area Foundation (high school seniors and college students)

First National Bank of Sterling City Scholarship (application should open about March 1)

Due March 12

Texas Telephone Scholarship

Due April 1

Slough Scholarship (Texas)

Due April 10

Bronte Community Scholarship
C.J. Macon Memorial

Scholarship (Bronte HS and alumni)

Due April 20

Concho Valley Electric Scholarship

Due May 1

San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship

Due May 31

Marie Hall Scholarship (ASU, Texas Tech, Howard College, Midland College)

Texas Comptroller requires registration for ag sales tax exemption

Farmers and ranchers must register for a sales tax exemption number in order to receive tax savings on agricultural inputs beginning in 2012.

"In lean times like the drought devastation this year, the state sales tax exemption can be the difference between farmers and ranchers staying in or going out of business," said John Ross Copeland, president of Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "A registration number will prevent abuse of the system by those who are not qualified to receive the exemption."

Registration can be completed online at www.getreadytexas.org or mailed to the Texas Comptroller's Office. After completing the online application, a tax exemption number will be provided immediately, followed by a confirmation letter by mail.

For mailed applications, a registration form is available through the website and at select retailers across the state. Mailed applications will take three to four weeks to process.

This new registration process doesn't change what items farmers and ranchers can purchase tax-free. In about 10 minutes, you can receive a registration number online and continue to save money on materials used for your operation.

This is the result of HB 268, passed during the 82nd Texas Legislature, to ensure proper use of the tax savings program.

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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



Powers places in San Angelo! Carli Powers of Blackwell FFA placed 3rd in Class 2 Spots with her Gilt at the San Angelo Stock Show. Pictured with her are her dad Jason and her sister Cadi. Also on hand to support her were her mom Carrie, her Pap-Paw and Nana Tad and Therese Emert of Robert Lee, her Grandpa and Granny Calvin and Sherry Powers of Mertzon, and her Za-Za (great-grandmother) Billie McCleery of San Angelo.

UIL Academic Invitational and Debate meet results posted

Students have been participating in Invitational meets preparing for the district meet March 21 in Trent. The District CX debate was on February 8 in Blackwell.

Del Valle on January 14
CX Debate - Hannah Coffman and Veeda Jeter - 6th

LD Debate - Brittany Frizzell - 5th

Mertzon on January 28
Ready Writing - Kelsey Holland - 6th

Sonora on February 3-4
LD Debate - Cody Shamblin - 3rd

Persuasive - Bethany Breaux - 8th

District CX February 8
Harrison Gott and Mason Magness - 4th

Ted Chambliss and Brian Mink - 6th

TAFE State Contest

The Texas Association of Future Educators held state contests in San Antonio recently. Blackwell had seven students who advanced to this competition.

The following students advanced to the state contest and competed in San Antonio

Educational Leadership Fundamentals (test)
Reccie Roland
Ted Chambliss

Count on Character (children's book writing and illustrating)

Hannah Coffman
Veeda Jeter qualified for the finals (top 6 in the state)

Project Visualize (a portfolio presentation)
Brittany Frizzell won a blue ribbon, the highest possible award

Outstanding Speech
Leonor Castelo
Cody Shamblin won the state championship, first place, which includes a \$1,200 scholarship

Upcoming BCISD activities

Abstinence education will be held for students in the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades from 8 am to 12 noon on

Thursday, February 23.
On Friday, February 24, the Elementary Six Weeks Awards Ceremony will be held from 8 am to 8:30 am.
The Odessa American Regional Spelling Bee is slated for Saturday, February 25.
The Region II FCCLA meetings are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 1-3. The Executive Council Meeting will be held on



Thursday. The Leadership Meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday. The UIL competition is also slated for Saturday, March 3.

CUSTOMER NOTICE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.5750 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 27

Poptart or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 28

Pancake on a stick or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 29

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, March 1

Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, March 2

Assorted muffins and gogurt or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 27

Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, corn on cob, tossed salad, fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 28

Popcorn chicken, broccoli, rice and cheese, French fries, blushing pears, milk

Wednesday, February 29

Nachos, taco meat, nacho cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk

Thursday, March 1

Corn dog, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, fruit, milk

Friday, March 2

Chopped BBQ sandwich, pickle spears, fresh carrots, ranch dressing, baked chips, fruit, milk