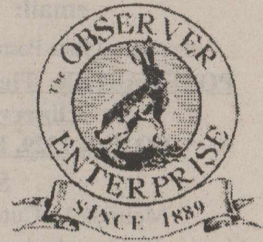


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Filing period ends Monday in local government entity elections

Filing ends Monday, March 5, 2012, for 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. Only the incumbents have filed for places on the ballot. Ballots may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours.

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. Ballots may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours.

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. Patsy Cason and Sarah Green have filed at this time. Ballots may be picked up at Robert Lee Care Center during normal business hours.

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. Howard Baker has filed for re-election. Ballots may be picked up at Bronte Health & Rehab Center during normal business hours.

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. Normally if nobody files for a seat coming open, appointments will be made following the expiration of the terms in May. Ballots may be picked up in the superintendent's office during normal school hours.

There are three three-year



Water Pipeline! Roberts Construction of San Angelo began their section of the water pipeline at the Bronte water treatment plant. Monday evening, they were covering up the section of pipe under the bridge over Highway 158 on the west edge of Bronte. Texas Water and Soil Company of San Angelo picked up where Robert Lee's volunteer requirement ended and is headed west. Monday evening, they had just crossed Cow Creek. They will continue to head west until they reach Double Barrel Road. At that point, they will head north and meet the Roberts Construction section at the intersection of Highway 158 and Double Barrel Road. The pipeline should be completed this month.

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. Only the incumbents have filed for places on the upcoming ballot. Ballots may be picked up in the superintendent's office during normal school hours.

Bronte Golf Tournery 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 tournament slated

The last of a series of Sunday Skins Golf Tournaments will be held Sunday, 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.

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.

March 4-H

meetings cancelled

There will be no 4-H meetings in Bronte or Robert Lee during the month of March. The agent will be gone during the Robert Lee 4-H meetings to attend the Houston stock show. Bronte 4-H meetings will not be held due to Spring Break. All 4-H meetings will resume in the month of April. If you have any concerns please contact the county extension office.

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.



Robert Lee Boosters! West Central Wireless recently donated checks to area booster clubs with proceeds from the "Don't Text and Drive" campaign that asked participants to sign a pledge saying they would not text and drive. Shown are (from left) Robert Lee Athletic Booster Club Rhonda Hood, West Central Wireless presenter Mary Hartgrove, Robert Lee Athletic Booster Club Brenda Skinner and Valerie Howard. For more information, contact Mary Hartgrove at West Central Wireless.

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Red Hat Society to meet March 6

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11:30 am on Tuesday, March 6 for the Ladies Club Luncheon at First Baptist Church in Ballinger. There will be a few long tables set up for us Red Hatters.

If you wish to carpool from Bronte we will leave the Bank parking lot by 11:10.

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

Our April get together will be back on the first Thursday in April. Mark your calendar now for Thursday April 5, 2012. Watch the paper for the location.

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens
The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session February 27, 2012. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:40 am, and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Mary Bessent, Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, and Dessie Kendall. Also present were Roger Alexander, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, Business Office Mgr. There was one visitor this week.

Roger Alexander gave the invocation. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and one absent member was excused from the January meeting.

In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board there is a need for more CNA's. Roger also reported there are currently 11 residents in the Alzheimer's Unit, and 52 residents total in the Care Center as of the meeting date.

The Board then dis-

cussed capital projects. Roger reported ongoing communication with Templeton Construction for the renovation of the Alzheimer's Unit. The work on the internal water lines in the ceilings is progressing slowly, but surely. He is currently reviewing the bids received for the new windows in the lobbies, and stated the work installing new flooring in the halls will probably begin the latter part of April.

There have been some much appreciated compliments from visitors concerning the beautiful new look of the interior of the Care Center, and the efficient, loving care of the residents by the staff.

In Public Relations, the new website is up and running. Check us out at www.robertleecarecenter.com.

Accounts Receivable was discussed and Janie Munoz was again commended for the excellent work she does. The financial statement was discussed and accepted.

Roger is still in the process of proofing the updated Employee Handbook to get it ready for the final printing and distribution.

Future agenda items were discussed and adjournment time was 11:54 AM. The next meeting will be March 26. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

For a glance at the March calendar, stay tuned...

March has been coming in like a lion, so hopefully, it will go out like a lamb, but somehow I seriously doubt it. However, life goes right on at the Care Center, and it is good!

The Cloggers are coming! The Cloggers are coming! They will be at the Care Center March 8, at 6 pm.

The Assembly of God Church will host some good gospel singing March 10, at 3:30 pm.

Jim Gross will be present to entertain residents and guests March 14, at 3:30 pm.

The Wearin' O' the Green will be celebrated March 16, with a St. Patrick's Day party at 6 pm, featuring "Because He Lives", a gospel singing

group from San Angelo.

The monthly birthday party will be held March 20, at 3:30 pm. Those celebrating March birthdays include Billie Dunn, Donna Green, Tommy Hood, and James Jones.

March 30 will find everyone in the dining room singing their little hearts out at the Sing-a-Long. Pop in about 3:30 and join in the fun!

The month concludes with a Saturday Matinee March 31, at 3:30, and *POOF*!! March is gone!

Child Find

Do you know of a child ages 0-21 who shows signs of developmental delay, on-going learning problems, behavioral or medical problems that interfere with learning?

Child Find is the ongoing process of locating students with disabilities for special education services. The Region 15 Education Service Center coordinates efforts with local school districts to assist in the identification of students with disabilities for special education services according to the procedures established by the Commissioner of Education and the Texas Education Agency.

Public Education in Texas is for Every Child. Don't leave any child behind.

For more information, call the Robert Lee ISD at 453-4555 or Child Find at 325-658-6571.

Wilkes chosen as student ambassador

Rainy Dae Wilkes, daughter of Jeff and Leticia Wilkes of Belton, and granddaughter of Doug Wilkes and Debbie Bennett has been selected by People to People to represent the Austin area as a student ambassador.

People to People is a national organization providing educational travel as well as organizing and promoting opportunities for bridging culture and political borders through direct contact.

Wilkes will be traveling to Europe, visiting and learning the cultures of France, Italy, and Greece this summer. She has been busy organizing a fundraising project to help pay her own way to Europe. Her project consists of raffling off a \$429 Oklahoma Joe's Smoker/Grill and a 6' pine picnic table.

Clint Adams, store manager at the Killeen Lowe's, donated the smoker/grill. Doug Wilkes, Leticia's grandfather, and her uncle, Jerry Wilkesare, donated the supplies, design, and building of the picnic table.

The drawing will be held April 21, at the Bloomin'



Valentine's Day at RLCC! Robert Lee Care Center Valentine Party was held February 15, 2012 with entertainment provided by Elvis (Harvey McFadden). The Valentine King & Queen, Jim Skinner and Winnie Pitcock, were crowned by Elvis.

Temple Festival in Temple. this wonderful prize will You do not need to be present to win.

To purchase raffle tickets, contact Doug Wilkes at (325) 473-1471.

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Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting</p> |

Winter Rains in Texas Bring Good Spring Wildflower Show

Timely rains last fall and this winter have benefited early spring wildflowers, which will likely put on a good show in much of Texas despite last year's drought, according to the senior botanist at The University of Texas at Austin's Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

"The seeds left behind by annual wildflowers such as bluebonnets don't care if it's the worst drought in recorded history, as long as they get bouts of rain at the right time for germination and growth," said Damon Waitt, who also is the center's senior director.

The bumper crop of wildflowers in 2010 also helped add to the seed stockpile in Texas soils that can be revived by recent rains. Rain showers should provide decent viewings in regions of North, Central and East Texas. However, it is possible that the Panhandle, South and West Texas won't fare as well.

Among the early sightings of wildflowers this year are: Carolina jessamine blooming in North Houston along FM 1960, and along Woodlands Parkway between Interstate 45 and Kuykendahl Road; hundreds of trout lilies blooming in Dogwood Canyon and elsewhere around Dallas; Texas mountain laurel trees blooming in Dripping Springs and Austin; and patches of stiff green thread spotted in north San Antonio, such as along U.S. 281 above North Loop 1604.

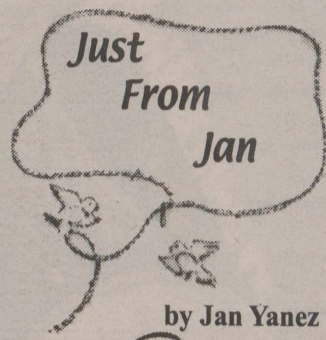
Complementing these sightings will be a bumper crop of Texas bluebonnets and other wildflowers at the Wildflower Center and sites such as Brenham and the Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens in Houston. Bluebonnet rosettes the size of dinner plates are hugging the ground at the Wildflower Center, and Texas mountain laurel, windflower, plains fleabane and Mexican plum trees are already blooming.

Other early spring bloomers will include Indian paintbrush, winecup and Indian blanket. Center staffers will mark peaceful spots for taking bluebonnet photos. And a sneak peak of bluebonnets growing on site is available online via live broadcast.

Regions that missed pre-season rains may still have drought-tolerant wildflowers that bloom. For instance, Fendler's bladderpod may become noticeable soon near Amarillo. A Wildflower Center plant conservationist has also seen a few Big Bend bluebonnets and yucca prepping to open blooms in the national park. The outlook may not be great for many tree species, such as Mexican plum and Texas redbud in Central Texas, though.

"Trees had such a tough year in 2011. They may not have the energy resources to put on a significant flowering display this year," Waitt said, adding that perennial wildflowers may share that predicament.

For public sightings, visit the Wild About Texas Wildflowers website, contact the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) at 1-800-452-9292, or view TxDOT's online flora map. To learn more about wildflowers nationally, search the Wildflower Center's Native Plant Information Network.



Eating Out and Choosing Fast Foods

Fast food can be heart-healthy food if you know what to look for and order, and have the will power to follow through. With a little bit of effort, you can ensure that the fast-food meals you choose fall within a healthy dietary pattern.

Follow these fat-sensible tips when making your fast-food choices:

- Find out the nutritional content of fast-food items by visiting the chain's Web site to help identify the healthiest choices. Some restaurants post this information near the counter or provide it in pamphlet form.

- Pass on "value-size" servings that enable you to choose greater portions of food for a slightly greater price. "Super-sizing" a food item inevitably increases the amount of fat, added sugars, sodium and calories you consume.

- Skip the sides, which are usually deep-fried. For a healthier side dish, order a side salad or fruit cup.

- Choose a baked potato over French fries, but have it with vegetables or fat-free or low-fat sour cream or margarine instead of butter, full-fat sour cream



Little More Tender! Robert Lee Care Center residents enjoyed Elvis (aka Harvey McFadden) Valentine Party February 15. The live performance brought back memories of the 50's and 60's with some of Elvis's original songs. Everyone enjoyed chocolate covered strawberries and punch during the entertainment. Elvis places a scarf around Ettie Hubbard while singing "Love Me Tender" to her.

or cheese.

- Choose grilled chicken sandwiches often - they're a much healthier option than breaded, fried-chicken sandwiches and usually significantly leaner than the meats used in most burgers.

- Avoid ordering sandwiches with double meat. A single serving of meat is 2-3 ounces (about the size of a deck of cards) and a single meat patty is usually well over a single serving.

- Avoid adding bacon to sandwiches, because it's high in fat and calories and has very few nutrients. Order pickles, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, mustard and ketchup instead to add flavor without fat.

- Steer clear of fried fish sandwiches. Choose fish sandwiches where the fish is baked, broiled or grilled.

- Try asking for a wheat or whole-grain bun, as some places do offer them.

- Hold the mayonnaise and other calorie-laden

sandwich sauces (e.g., "special sauce").

- Drink water, diet soda or skim or low-fat milk. Regular sodas are loaded with sugars and calories.

Organization offers free trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easier for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring through planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2012 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage and red berries that will attract songbirds all winter."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 30, 2012. Or join online at arborday.org/March.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Girls Golf! The RLHS girls golf team won their own tournament recently and finished fourth in the Baird Tournament. They include (from left) Jordan Gartman, Ashlie Tennison, Taylor Benton, Jesse Sheets and Meagan Ross. Ross won medalist honors at Baird.



Meagan Ross

RLHS Lady Steers begin season with win

The Robert Lee girls golf team opened their season at home with a 1st place finish at their own tournament.

They were led by Jordan Gartman's 85 and Meagan Ross' 89. Taylor Benton and Jesse Sheets shot rounds of 136 each and Ashlie

Tennison finished with a round of 143.

It was the latter 3's first high school tournament while Gartman and Ross are experienced veterans.

Gartman took medalist honors while Ross took 2nd place in the individual competition. The team total of 446 outdistanced the second place team, Christoval by 60 shots, as they finished with a 506.

Robert Lee High School 4th Six weeks awards

"A/B" Honor Roll

7th Grade
Matthew Curry, James Wyatt

8th Grade
Brady Clawson, Kodi Drennan, Hunter Hamrick

9th Grade
Mason Hill, James Roberts

10th Grade
Michael Curry, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard, Jesse Sheets, Everett Wilson

11th Grade
Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Lubbock Roe, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

12th Grade
Luisa Carrera, Jose Fabian,



RLHS Student Council! The Robert Lee Student Council provided the faculty and staff with breakfast on Valentine's Day in appreciation for everything they do. The Council includes (from left) Kimberly Roach, Rachel Rojas, Diana Vera, Ashlie Wheat, Lubbock Roe, Jordan Gartman, Jose Fabian, Justice Saucedo, Justin Gartman, Zachary Sanchez, James Roberts and Michael Curry.

Chad Martin, Victoria Roe, Raquel Rojas, Meagan Ross

Robert Lee Junior High Track results Westbrook JH Track Meet

Boys
Shot Put
Wade Allen 3rd, Casey Scruggs 4th, Bruce Buddin 5th

2400
Trace Oleksiuk 3rd, Bruce Buddin 1st, Wade Allen 2nd
Discus

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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, March 5
Muffin or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 6
Cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 7
Pigs in blanket or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, March 8
Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, March 9
Breakfast burrito or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 5
Chicken o's, macaroni and cheese, green beans, bread, peaches, milk

Tuesday, March 6
Turkey corndog, baked beans, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Wednesday, March 7
Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, bread stick, apple, milk

Thursday, March 8
Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, grapes, milk

Friday, March 9
Hamburger, pickles, salad, French fries, ice cream, milk

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Lady Longhorns awarded All-District honors

District 12A-II basketball coaches recently met to select players to be representatives to the district on an All-District team.

Five Lady Longhorns were selected to be on this team. District 12A MVP is Kimber Lee, Sr. Defensive MVP is Jill Scott, Sr. First Team All-District is Harley Wallace, Sr. Second Team All-District is Brenda Perez and Mackenzie Gibbs, both seniors.

Lady Horns qualify for Regional Tournament

The Bronte Lady Longhorns captured a Regional Tournament Playoff appearance for the first time in 17 years with three playoff wins in the post season. The Lady Longhorns finished strong as the District 12 IA-II Runner-Up and pushed themselves even further with wins against Loraine 68-48,

Sierra Blanca 54-21, and Roby 46-35. Their final game was ended with a loss to a young, talented team from Strawn in the Regional Semi-Final game in Abilene with the final score of 46-43.

The Lady Longhorns were led through an amazing season by seniors Mackenzie Gibbs, Kimber Lee, Brenda Perez, Jill Scott, and Harley Wallace. Juniors Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, and Erika Puentez. And, Freshmen Amber Betts and Moriah Royall. Managers that were irreplaceable were Leticia Pena and Kourtney Kelton.

Longhorns end season

The Bronte Longhorns ended a good season of basketball with a loss in the Area round of the playoffs to the #12 state ranked Rankin Red Devils, 56-29.

Bronte ISD Board meets in regular session

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, February 20, 2012, at 7 pm in the Board Room.

Those in attendance were: Paul Williams, President; Doug Tounget, Ray Barnett, Ericka Knight, Kay Styles, Shane Kelton, Wayne Coalson and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were Donna Poehls, David Bedford, and several visitors.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, reported the attendance rate is at 97.45% and there are 138 students in Elementary for eligible enrollment. David Bedford, Secondary Principal, reported attendance rate at 96.56% and Secondary has 141 students. Mr. Bedford gave an update on activities.

Discussion was held on EIA (Local) and no action was taken. Board member training credits were announced: Paul Williams-7.75; Ericka Knight-0, Doug Tounget-0, Kay Styles-5, Wayne Coalson-0, Shane Kelton-0, and Ray Barnett-7.5.

The Board called and ordered the School Board Trustee Election to be held on May 12, 2012.

Early release dates were approved for February 24, April 5, May 18 (flexible), and May 24. All voted in favor.

The 2012-2013 school calendar was approved. All voted in favor.

The District wide motto will be "Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow" All were in favor.

The Board approved, by resolution, to rescind the optional 20% local homestead exemption. All voted in favor.

After discussing school programs, by unanimous vote

of the board, all employment areas shall be affected by the reduction in force arising from a program change.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, informed the Board there will be a mini School Board Conference on June 23, 2012.

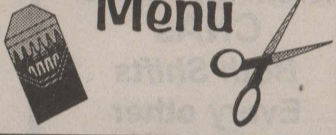
A letter was presented from the Coke County Appraisal District informing the Board of a correction to the 2011 appraisal roll.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2012, and the Site-based retreat will be scheduled for April 16, 2012, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The Board approved to extend by 1 year the contract of David Bedford, Secondary Principal, and Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, at their current rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, March 5

Sausage roll or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Pancake on stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, March 8

Breakfast wrap or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 9

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

Lunch

Monday, March 5

Pizza, seasoned corn, garden salad, fruit, milk, cookies

Tuesday, March 6

Beef and bean burrito, Spanish rice, fruit, garden salad, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Hamburgers, ranch beans, baked chips, garden salad, fruit, milk

Thursday, March 8

Beef vegetable soup, baby carrots, corn bread, grilled cheese, milk

Friday, March 9

Fish sticks, mac and cheese, garden salad, hot rolls, fruit, milk

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NOTICES

**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
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ELECCION RECINTOS**

De conformidad con 42.035, Codigo Electoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Coke, Texas, este

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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 conadod fueron disenados para lograr un equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro distritos electorales comisionados judiciales, y para asegurar los derechos de voto de todos los eiudadanos del condado de Coke, Texas.

Mary Grim-Oficial de
Condado
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**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 elejir 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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... RLJH Track

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Long Jump
Bruce Buddin 6th

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100
Blaine Yanez 4th, Kaden
Hayes 6th
1600
Matthew Curry 1st, Trace
Oleksiuk 2nd
400
Bruce Buddin 4th
300 Hurdles
Kaden-Hayes 5th
200
Blaine Yanez 6th
Triple Jump
Blaine Yanez 2nd, Gabriel
Abalos 3rd

Girls

Long Jump
Rani Coppedge 6th
1600
Myrka Rangel 4th, Julia
Madrid 5th
200
Brady Clawson 2nd, Yulissa
Peraza 5th
300 Hurdles
Kandace Skipworth 3rd,
Sandra Flores 4th
High Jump
Brady Clawson 2nd, Sandra
Flores 5th
1600 M Relay
1st Karlee Roach, Brady
Clawson, Yulissa Peraza,
Chesney Minajarez
800 M Relay
3rd Rani Coppedge, Justice
Saucedo, Kodi Drennan, Anna
Huapilla
800
Mryka Rangel 2nd, Julia
Madrid 3rd
100 Hurdles
Sandra Flores 6th
400 M Relay
2nd Karlee Roach, Brady
Clawson, Justice Saucedo,
Rani Coppedge
Discus
Pammy Meeks 1st, Kodi
Drennan 2nd, Rani Coppedge

5th
Triple Jump
Karlee Roach 2nd, Brady
Clawson 3rd
Shot Put
Pammy Meeks 1st, Yulissa
Peraza 2nd, Chesney Minajarez
3rd

**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)

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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Blackwell 4th Six Weeks Awards "A" Honor Roll

1st Grade
Mathew Shipman

2nd Grade
Cadi Powers, Weston Marshall, Makayla Lee, Ivy Cumby

3rd Grade
Nathaniel Shipman, Zach Panzer, Shaylon McGlothlin, Jaci Hogan, Kinzie Garrett, Devan Clower

4th Grade
Madison Solis, Emilee Sanderson, Jordan Jones, Grant Gott

5th Grade
Carli Powers

6th Grade
Shelby Panzer, Payton McKee

7th Grade
Krista Clower, Halee Sanderson

8th Grade
Shianne Solis

9th Grade
Harrison Gott

10th Grade
Jayden Jones, Mason Magness, Summer Mull

11th Grade
Breanne Richardson, Cody Shamblin

"A/B" Honor Roll

1st Grade
Luz Cano

2nd Grade
Autumn Clark

3rd Grade
Allie Panzer, Kolby Nail, Darrian Kenney, Myrka Ibarra, Madie Bell

4th Grade
Emily Rasco

5th Grade
Kassia Plotnik, Hunter Perry, Anthony Marshall, Peyton Hinckley, Victoria Davis, Clayton Cumby

6th Grade
Devin Rasco, Keegan Garrett

7th Grade
Abby Gott, Tristen Hayes

8th Grade
Cole Alley, Hailey Bennett

9th Grade
Veeda Jeter, Stephanie Metcalf

10th Grade
Shelby Alley, Hannah Coffman, Brian Mink

11th Grade
Elizabeth Rozzlle, Elizabeth Shults, Ashley Jeter

12th Grade
J.P. Davis, Jordan Fields, Brittany Frizzell, Kelsey Holland

The quilt was won by Judy McGlothlin. The money made will be used to help local people in need.

The club raffled off another quilt on July 4th during the Blackwell Fire Department fundraiser, and will have another one ready for them this coming July 4th.

The local Methodist congregation helps sell chances and the community is much appreciated for all of their help.

The club even had a float

in the July 4th parade to show the quilts off. They try to have two going at the same time in order to utilize members' time and expertise.

Blackwell Euterpean Club Meets

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met February 21 in the Baptist Fellowship Hall.

They had a super program thanks to the club president, Jan Hall, who belongs to the Red Hat Women's association. She had with her as guests three of her fellow club members from Bronte who gave us all the information on the club.

Janet Wommack led the

program giving a history of the organization and she was assisted by Jane Cumbie and Jean Guthrie. It's just a fun club with no dues or responsibilities and perfect for the 60+ females.

The three birthday girls of the month Sue, Shirley P, and Jane received their bags with lots of glee. Each member gives a small gift each month to those who qualify.

Sue Crain, hostess, served a delicious snack to our three guests and to members Betty Jordan, Jan Hall, Nelda Lee, Connie Tomlinson, Gwen Ware, Shirley Passmore, Rosie Ten Eyck, Shirley Lemley, and Bobbie Varnadore.

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.

Éste 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, March 5

French toast sticks or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Breakfast burrito or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, March 8

Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuit and gravy or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, March 9

Donuts and gogurt or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 5

Pig in a blanket, western beans, baked chips, snowball salad, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Chopped BBQ sandwich, pickle spears, fresh carrots, tater tots, fruit, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed broccoli, hot rolls, fruit, milk

Thursday, March 8

Burrito, chili & cheese, lettuce, tomato, Spanish rice, sparkly apple, milk

Friday, March 9

Toasted ham & cheese sandwich, veggie dippers, baked chips, orange smiles, milk

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.

Blackwell will host a Varsity Track Meet beginning at 3:30 pm Friday (today).

Spring pictures will be taken Monday, March 5.

FCCLA will meet from 9:41 am until 10:04 am Thursday, March 8.

There will be a junior high and high school track meet on Friday, March 9.

Spring Break is scheduled for the week of March 12-16.

BMW Quilting Club raffles off quilt

The Blackwell Methodist Women's Quilting Club raffled off a Western style quilt recently with the drawing at the church's annual Valentine luncheon.