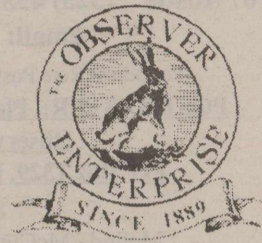


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Robert Lee receives \$500,000 grant towards water pipeline

John Powell, USDA Rural Development Area Director, along with representatives from Congressman Mike Conaway's office, announced \$500,000 in emergency funding today to assist the City of Robert Lee with its water shortage due to drought conditions.

"USDA Rural Development remains committed to offering assistance to those affected by the droughts throughout Texas," said Rural Development State Director, Paco Valentin. "We offer funding, such as today's announcement to the City of Robert Lee, to reduce the impact nature has had on rural producers and families, and help those communities affected get back on their feet."

"In West Texas, water is a valuable commodity, especially during times of drought and hardship," said Congressman Conaway. "With a critically low water supply and in the middle of this historic drought, the citizens of Bronte and Robert Lee, banded together and hammered out a difficult deal with our state and federal agencies that culminated in the awarding of the final

grant needed to begin construction of this emergency pipeline. I am pleased to know that their hard work will support and improve the well being of Robert Lee for years to come."

The historic Texas drought has severely impacted communities' water sources throughout the state. The E.V. Spence Reservoir, Robert Lee's drinking water source on the nearby Colorado River, was more than 99 percent empty in August of 2011. Currently it is only 46 percent full. The funding presented today, along with other outside funding sources, will be used to construct a new water transmission line, booster pump and water storage tank. The new 12 mile pipeline will provide access to an alternative water source, bringing water from nearby Bronte to the city of Robert Lee. The new water lines will increase the quantity and quality of water available to the Robert Lee community of almost 1200 rural residents.

Emergency community water grants are provided to assist rural communities that

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City Receives Funding! USDA officials arrived Wednesday, March 21, 2012, to present the City of Robert Lee with a check for \$500,000 to assist with the water pipeline expenses. Shown at the check presentation are (from left to right) E. R. Roberts, James Busby, Janie Munoz, Joanne Powell, Mayor John Jacobs, John Powell, Steve Dennis, and Sid Burns.

Time to renew Robert Lee Livestock Permits

It is time to renew Livestock Permits in the City of Robert Lee. New permits should be received by April 1. Any one failing to comply with ordinance by April 15 will be in violation of ordinance. Pick up permits at city hall or contact code-enforcement officer Marshall Millican at 325-473-0437.

RLISD to host public meeting

Robert Lee ISD will host a public meeting on the May 2012 Bond Election, Thursday, April 5, at 6 pm in the RLISD Cafetorium.

Vision meeting set for April 5

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose will have their monthly meeting Thursday, April 5, at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Noel's, 5 miles west of Robert Lee on Highway 158.

Holiday Closings

Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will be closed Friday, April 6, for the Easter Holiday. The Robert Lee City Landfill will be open on Saturday, April 7, weather permitting. The Coke County Courthouse will also

be closed Friday, April 6.

Easter Egg Hunt to be held at BHRC

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the public will be held at the Bronte Health and Rehabilitation Center Wednesday, April 4, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Red Hat Society to meet April 5

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am Thursday, April 5, at Noel's, west of Robert Lee. Drive west of Robert Lee for about 5 miles and look for the Noel sign on the right and then follow the driveway until you come to the buildings.

If you wish to carpool, be at the bank parking lot in Bronte by 10:30.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. We are usually together for about an hour or so.

For more information or directions, call Janet Wommack 473-5388.

Street Affair Bake Sale set for April 6

A bake sale benefiting Robert Lee Street Affair will be held at Robert Lee State Bank on Good Friday, April 6.

A meeting regarding this

year's Street Affair is set for Tuesday, April 10, at Victory Assembly of God Church at 6 pm. Anyone interested in the Street Affair is encouraged to attend. There are going to be a lot of changes due to problems which occurred at last year's event.

Also, donations will be taken for the city wide garage sale to be held in conjunction with the Bronte city wide sale.

If you would like to make a donation, please call John Hayes at 325-650-4499.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person 18 hole select shot golf tournament on Saturday, April 7. 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.

Vision fundraiser set for April 22

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose will hold a fundraising chicken dinner on Sunday, April 22, from 11:30 to 1 pm. It will be drive-through only at Robert Lee Fire Department, corner of Highways 208 and 158.



Special Olympics! Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen assists Nathan Robinson with the torch during the opening ceremony of this year's Special Olympics. The event was held at Bronte High School Saturday, March 24, 2012.

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Obituaries



Givens

After a courageous battle with COPD, Sharon Kay (McCutchen) Givens entered into eternity with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday, March 26, 2012, with her loving family by her side. Visitation was held Thursday, March 29, 2012, from 9 am to 8 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas. Family Visitation was Thursday evening from 6 pm to 7 pm. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012, at First United Methodist Church of

Bronte with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Sharon was born in San Angelo, Texas, on July 10, 1951, to Joe (Binks) and Geraldine (Jerry) McCutchen. She grew up on the family's home place and at their home in Bronte and graduated from Bronte High School in 1969.

Other than being a homemaker and rancher, Sharon worked at the First National Bank of Bronte and later the Shannon Clinic in Bronte. The job she was most fond of was helping her sons with their 4-H and FFA livestock projects. She spent many hours and drove countless miles to support them in all their activities. Sharon, being such an avid supporter of the 4-H and FFA programs, was the first woman to be elected to the Coke County Junior Livestock Show Board. She also went on to become the first female president of the board, serving until 2001. She truly was a super mom.

Sharon was preceded in

death by her parents, Binks and Jerry McCutchen. She is survived by her sons, Shane Kelton and wife, Stacy of Bronte, Shea Kelton and wife Sarah, of Kerrville, Reagan Givens and wife Lyndsay of Kerrville; grandchildren, Kyle, Kourtney, Aydan, Adalayde and Adler. She is also survived by her husband and soulmate, Bill Givens of Ingram, Steve Kelton of San Angelo and Craig Taylor of San Angelo as well as numerous family and friends.

Special thanks to the staff of Peterson Hospice for the loving care and friendship they so graciously provided. They are angels.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peterson Hospice of Kerrville or the Coke County Junior Livestock Show Association.

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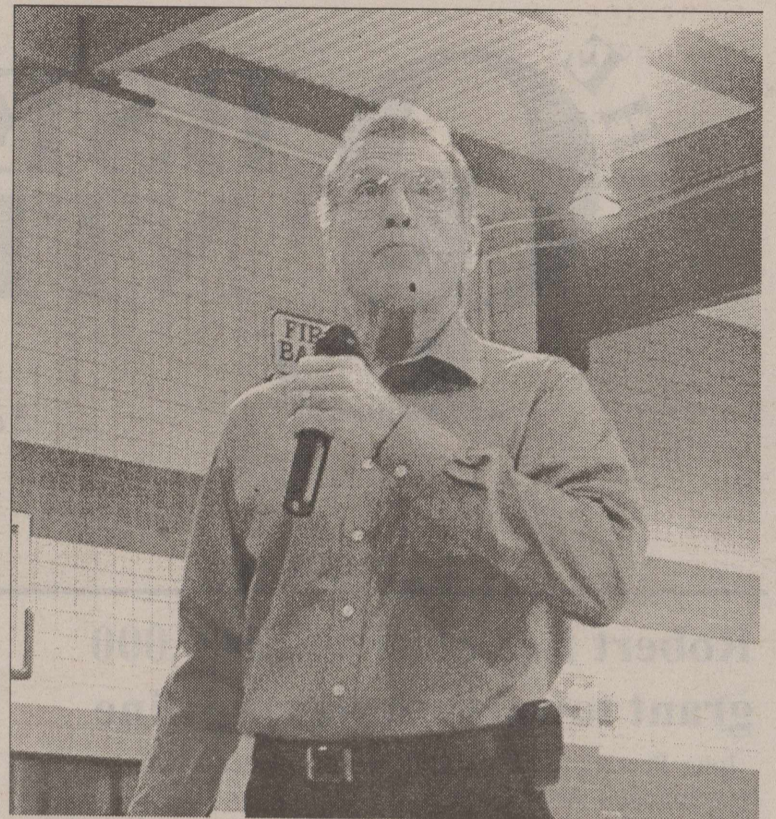
Death Notices

Thetford

Douglas Allen Thetford passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, Texas, after a battle with colon cancer. Services are scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 2 pm at Full Gospel Assembly Church, 1017 Alexander Street, San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Oliver Thetford.

Survivors include his mother, Madeleine Bourque Thetford, and sis-



Special Olympics! Bro. John Driggers gave the invocation Saturday morning, March 24, 2012, during the 2012 Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies held in the new gym at Bronte High School.

ter, Linda Thetford King, Douglas Martin of Fort Worth; son, Tommy and sons-in-law, Kohlbrecher of Ballinger; Rachel and Jerry Amon of Anna, Texas, and Tasha and great-grandchildren.

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Romans • Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm



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(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Dale Patterson, Pastor
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
Forgiven Ministries
117 W. Main, Bronte
Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am
St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2482
www.pecanbaptist.org
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Steve Peyton, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 10 am • Worship
11 am & 6 pm • Service
Wed. 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176
Jordan Arnold, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
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
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

**Celebrate the Resurrection
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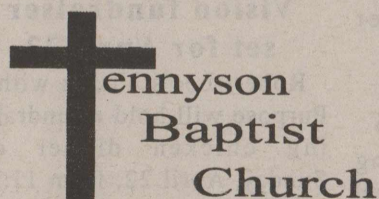
Sunrise Services • 7 am

Tennyson Baptist Church

(No Sunrise Service on Mt. Margaret due to last year's fire.)

Free Breakfast at the church following the services!

**Sunday Worship Service at 10 am
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Located on Highway 277
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(325) 473-2040

Genealogy Society meeting set

The Coke County Genealogy Society will meet Monday, April 2, at 6 pm at the Coke County Library.

Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale slated

It's time again for the annual City-Wide Garage Sale so mark your calendars for May 5 at 8 am. If you would like to participate, please call City Hall at 473-3501. Your location will be added to the city maps that will be given away the day of the garage sales. This is a great opportunity to recycle, reuse and reduce unwanted items in your closets and storage items.

County party convention slated

Coke County Republican Chairman David Kitten has announced that the 2012 Coke County Republican Convention will be held Saturday, April 21, 2012, in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse starting at 10 a.m.

The Coke County Republican Convention is held in even-numbered election years, as part of the statewide and national Republican convention process. The purposes of the convention are to choose delegates and alternates to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) State Convention, currently scheduled for June 7-9

in Fort Worth, and to consider resolutions or statements on policy issues to send to the State Convention for eventual inclusion in the state and national Party platform.

As a result of the substantial changes in the election calendar in 2012, the Coke County Republican Party will not be conducting precinct conventions on the evening of the May 29th Primary Election and will be incorporating all Party business into the county convention on April 21. All attendees have the right to seek to become a state delegate and to bring forth resolutions for consideration by the convention. The convention will be open to any registered voter who signs an oath of affiliation identifying himself or herself as a Republican.

In making the announcement, County Chairman Kitten said, "Although the timing of this year's convention schedule has changed for Coke County Republicans, we are more enthusiastic than ever about coming together for this important event. On behalf of our County Party, I invite all interested Coke County Republicans to join us on Saturday, April 21, in the County Commissioners Courtroom to participate in discussions and decisions that will carry forward to our State Republican Convention and beyond. I also wish to emphasize that this convention is not to be confused

with the Coke County Conservative Convocation that will be held on April 12 at the County Park in Robert Lee."

As an additional resource, the State Party stands ready to answer any questions related to the 2012 Republican Party of Texas Convention process. More convention information is available at the RPT website: TexasGOP.org.

For any additional questions or information, please contact Coke County Chairman David Kitten at ddkitten@amaonline.com, or by phone at 325 282-2425.

Playdays announced

Playdays will be held the second Sunday of each month, beginning May 13 and continuing each 2nd Sunday through September 9. The playdays, held at the Coke County Arena in Bronte, will begin at 2 pm.

Events slated at this time will include barrel racing, pole bending, straight-away barrel racing, flag racing, and more. Age divisions include lead line, 5 and under, 8 and under, 9-12, 13-15, 16-19, and open.

For more information, call (325) 234-6250 or (325) 716-9626.

... USDA Funding

(Continued from page 1) have experienced a significant decline in the quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency. It is

also available to communities in which a decline is considered imminent, to obtain or maintain adequate quantities of water that meet the standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Emergencies considered under this funding source are drought, earthquake, flood, tornado, hurricane, disease outbreak or chemical spill, leakage or seepage.

In Fiscal Year 2011, \$72 million in loan and grant assistance was distributed throughout rural Texas to provide improved water and waste systems. The USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents.

For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Abilene office at (325)690-6162, or visit the USDA Texas website <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

Account set up for Thorn Family

A bank account has been set up at First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte for Cory Thorn.

The funds will help defray the medical expenses being incurred following his accident on Highway 277 south of Bronte last Tuesday,

March 6.

Originally taken to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Thorn was transferred to Parkland in Dallas and has already undergone several surgeries.

Sheriff reminds citizens of 24 hour phone number

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

Siren System detailed

One Long Ring - Wind Advisory over 60 miles per hour

Two Rings - Fire or VFD meeting

Another Two Rings - Call for additional firefighters

Three Rings - Tornado Warning

One Long Continuous Ring - All Clear for tornado

Four Rings - Alarm Test

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Holy Week Activities for First United Methodist Church
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Bronte

Thursday • 6:30 pm
Public viewing of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" at our church
Parental discretion is strongly advised

Friday • 6:30 pm
Community-wide Good Friday service at our church

Saturday • 11 am - 2 pm
Easter Extravaganza at the Bronte Park
Free community family event

Sunday
10:15 am • Easter egg hunt at our church
Toddlers through 4th graders
11 am • Worship Service

Ladies!
you are cordially invited to the
Sixth Annual Ladies Spring Tea
Hosted by the Ladies Fellowship of Victory Assembly of God Pastors Irving and Betty Smith
Saturday, April 21, 2012
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Robert Lee Recreation Hall
"Christmas in April"

Guest Speaker -
Cindy Way
of Del Way Ministries,
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Please come join with us for Fun, Fellowship, and Anointing of God's Word!
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Delight in the sweet, simple joys of Christmas

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The Democrat's Dilemma

An opinion article by Dr. John Coppedge, retired surgeon and Coke County landowner

Not so long ago politics in Texas was simple. Everything was decided in the Democratic Primary. Then along came Dwight Eisenhower. Texans still voted in the Democratic Primary, but began voting for the Republican on the national ticket.

In the 1980's and 1990's things changed. There are 27 statewide elected offices in Texas. Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Agriculture Commissioner, Land Commissioner, 3 Railroad Commissioners, nine Supreme Court Justices and nine Court of Criminal Appeals Judges. All these offices are now in Republican hands. In fact, the last time a Democrat won a statewide race was 1994---18 years ago! For two decades now, Texans who still vote in the Democratic Primary have effectively given up their right to decide who holds these offices.

During that same time, many of the urban areas of the state switched to electing Republicans to all their local offices. The result of that was that if you lived in an urban or suburban area, the only way you could make your voice heard and your vote count was to vote in the Republican Primary -- for any office, local, regional or statewide.

Much of rural Texas clung to the tradition of local Democratic rule, but is now catching up. Vast swaths of Texas are switching to the Republican Party. Most say they are not leaving the Democratic Party---the Democratic Party left them.

Two examples of this are Harrison County (Marshall) in East Texas and Coke County (Robert Lee and Bronte) in West Texas. Both are represented by Republicans in the Texas House of Representatives, the State Senate and in Congress. Seven of the nine Court of Appeals Justices who oversee their lives are Republican. Both of the State Board of Education Commissioners representing these areas are Republican. In the 2008 General Election, John McCain got over 65% of the vote in Harrison County and 80% of the vote in Coke County.

On the local level, Republicans have already assumed control of the local government in Harrison County and will

soon do so in Coke County. And that is obvious if you examine the Primary Ballots for 2012 for these two counties.

There are 20 offices up for election by the voters of Harrison County in 2012 ranging from President to Constable. The Republicans filed at least one candidate in 19 of them. The sole exception is for Constable in a minority drawn precinct where the incumbent Democrat is running unopposed for re-election. The Democrats filed candidates in only 11 of the 20 races. They failed to file a candidate for five statewide races (Texas Railroad Commissioner-unexpired term, Supreme Court Place 2, Supreme Court Place 4, Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 7 and Judge Court of Criminal Appeals Place 8). On the local level, it is noteworthy that there is no Democrat filed for State Representative, District Judge, Harrison County Sheriff and County Commissioner PCT 3.

There are twelve contested races on the Republican Primary ballot in Harrison County, with half of them being local or regional races. There are only three contested races on the Democratic Primary ballot and none of them are local races.

Even the three contested races on the Harrison County Democratic Primary ballot are ones that ultimately will not matter since not even the staunchest Democrat believes that Barack Obama will either lose his Democratic Primary race or win Texas in the fall (although they hope he can win nationwide). The likely winner of the Democratic Primary race for U.S. Senate (either Sadler or Yarbrough) is highly unlikely to defeat the Republican nominee. (either Dewhurst, Cruz, Leppert, Holcomb or James). The SBOE seat will also be solidly in the Republican column for the general election.

In Coke County, voters will vote in 25 races this year. The Republicans filed candidates in 23 of these races while the Democrats filed in only 14. The only two contested races on the Democratic Primary ballot will be for President and U.S. Senator. The Republicans have 12 contested races. It is possible that the only two Democrat winners in November will be the two incumbent Democrat County Commissioners who are running unopposed.

As in Harrison County, what does matter to Coke

County is the outcome of the contested Republican Primary races. Their Tax Assessor, District Attorney, State Senator, Congressman, two Supreme Court Justices and two Court of Criminal Appeals Justices will be determined in the Republican Primary.

And just as Harrison County has gone Republican over the last 4 years, Coke County is doing the same. A Republican won a contested race for County Treasurer in 2010. He was the first Republican ever elected in Coke County. Normally such statements read "the first since Reconstruction" but Coke County was not created until 1889, long after Reconstruction days in Texas.

The incumbent Tax Assessor, elected as a Democrat, has filed as a Republican and has drawn a Republican Primary opponent but not a Democrat opponent. A Constable up for re-election has also switched parties and filed as a Republican. He also has no Democrat opponent. The Sheriff historically voted in the Democrat primary but was elected four years ago running as an independent. He is running for re-election as a Republican, and the Democrats have no one in this race. Several other local officials are eyeing a switch to the Republican Party soon.

Coke County does not

have its own District Attorney and votes for the 51st Judicial District Attorney whose district also includes Tom Green County (San Angelo) and a few other small counties. The incumbent Republican D.A. is retiring and there is a three-way battle in the Republican Primary for this seat. The Democrats failed to file a candidate. The District Judge of the 51st Judicial Region is a Republican running for re-election, and is unopposed in either the Primary or General elections.

Incumbent Republican State Representative Drew Darby has also drawn no opposition. Incumbent Republican State Senator Robert Duncan and Incumbent Republican Congressman Mike Conaway have both drawn Republican Primary opponents, but neither of them have a Democratic opponent in the fall.

Coke County is one of 24 counties that make up the 3rd Court of Appeals District, and there is a contested Republican Primary battle for one of the four seats on this court up this cycle. There are no contested Democrat Primary races for this court. In the General Election all four 3rd Court of Appeals incumbents (one Democrat and three Republicans) are being challenged. Despite the district containing Democrat leaning Travis County, the Republicans are considered to be the

favorites. In the 2010 election, the Republican candidate for another seat on this court garnered over 57% of the vote and over 75% of the vote in Coke County.

In the open seat race for State Board of Education District 15, there is a contested Republican Primary between Anette Carlisle and Marty Rowley. The winner is assuredly going to defeat the sole Democratic candidate who has filed, Steven Schafersman in the fall. This 77 County district is one of the most Republican areas of Texas, and John McCain got over 74% of the vote there in 2008.

A sober look at this shows why it makes no sense for Harrison County or Coke County voters to vote in the Democratic Primary. The same thing applies in most of Texas. Conservative Democrats who stubbornly insist on voting in the Democrat Primary because their granddaddy did miss having a voice in who represents them from the courthouse to the statehouse and everywhere in between. And they are squandering a chance to make Texas better.

Paradoxically, some core urban areas in Texas are returning to Democratic control at the local level but are being outvoted by the adjacent suburban areas for regional and statewide offices. However, this shift does not affect rural Texas.

You Are Invited To A
Coke County Conservative Convocation
Honorary Host Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples
(who will be making a special announcement)

Thursday, April 12th, 2012 3:30 -5:00 PM
Rec. Hall, County Park, Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas

The public is invited to attend this event to meet and greet numerous local, regional and statewide elected officials and candidates for office. Get to know them, have your picture taken with them and ask them questions before deciding who to cast your vote for.

Admittance is free.

There will be refreshments served.

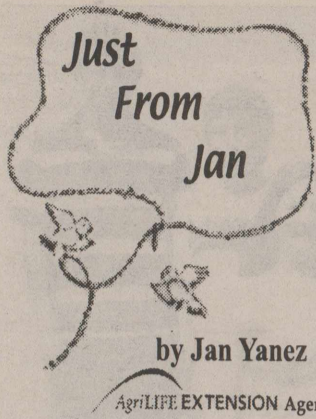
Other Dignitaries, Elected Officials and Candidates in attendance:
(partial list at time of printing-names in bold type will appear on this year's ballot)

- State Representative **Drew Darby**
- Coke County Judge **Roy Blair**
- Coke County Commissioners **Wendell Lee** and **Bobby Blaylock**
- Coke County Sheriff **Wayne McCutchen**
- Coke County Treasurer **Hal Spain**
- Coke County Tax Assessor **Josie Dean**
- Texas Supreme Court Justices **Don Willett** and **David Medina**
- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge **Sharon Keller**
- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judges **Elsa Alcalá**, **Barbara Hervey** and **Mike Keasler**
- State Board of Education Candidate **Anette Carlisle**
- 3rd Court of Appeals Justices **David Puryear**, **Melissa Goodwin**, **Jeff Rose**, **Bob Pemberton**
- 3rd Court of Appeals Candidate **Scott Field**
- 51st District Attorney candidates **Allison Palmer**, **Nathan Butler** & **Andrew Graves**
- Coke County Tax Assessor candidate **Kathi Cox**
- Congressman **Mike Conaway** and State Senator **Robert Duncan** will be represented.

Numerous other local and regional officials are expected to attend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (325) 282-2425

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by Jan Yanez

AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Holiday Meat Safety Tips
Ham:

Cooked or Fresh?

The holiday season is a time of festive celebrations accompanied by traditional sumptuous meals. But it's important to use good food handling practices to ensure that a food-related illness doesn't spoil your celebration.

Here are a few tips for proper handling and preparation of the most popular holiday meats.

When purchasing a ham, think about whether you want a ready-to-eat ham or a fresh, uncooked ham. Uncooked hams must be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 160°F.

Ready-to-eat hams, including spiral-cut hams and fully cooked, unsliced hams, can be served cold or heated up. But if you do decide to reheat a pre-cooked ham, make sure that it reaches an internal temperature of 140°F in no less than two hours. That means heating it in a 325°F or hotter oven. Why? Slow cooking at low temperatures can encourage the growth of bacteria, so if your oven isn't warm enough, even a pre-cooked ham could become a breeding ground for dangerous bacteria.

Before glazing a ham, remove all but about 1/4-inch of the fat.

For a tasty, caramelized coating, sprinkle the fat of the ham with brown sugar which has been pressed through a sieve.

Fresh ham and cured ham can be stored in a refrigerator for several days, depending on the type of ham. If it is not going to be used within the recommended time, it should be frozen to prevent it from perishing.

Leftover ham should be

wrapped tightly and refrigerated as soon as possible. If it is not going to be used within four days of cooking, it should be frozen.

Eight Blackwell Students Qualify for Regional UIL

The top three individual placers and the top placing team in each event qualify for the regional competition. Eight students qualified for that competition in nine events which will be held at Abilene Christian University on Saturday, April 21. Of those qualifiers there is 1 senior, 2 juniors, 1 sophomore, and 4 freshman. Regional qualifying students are marked as "RQ". Alternates will also be making the trip to Abilene in case a qualifier cancels. The alternates are marked as "Alt."

LD Debate - RQ Cody Shamblin 1st, RQ Ashely Jeter 2nd, Alt. Brittany Frizzell 4th

Prose Interpretation - Justin Neagle 6th

RQ Accounting - Alt. Cody Shamblin 4th, Amanda Bullard 6th and 1st place team which also consisted of Stephanie Metcalf and McKenzie Davis (all accountant participants qualified for regional because they are the district champion team)

Informative Speaking - RQ Mason Magness 1st, Leonor Castelo 6th

Science - Alt. Summer Mull 4th, Harrison Gott 5th

Literary Criticism - Alt. Veeda Jeter 4th

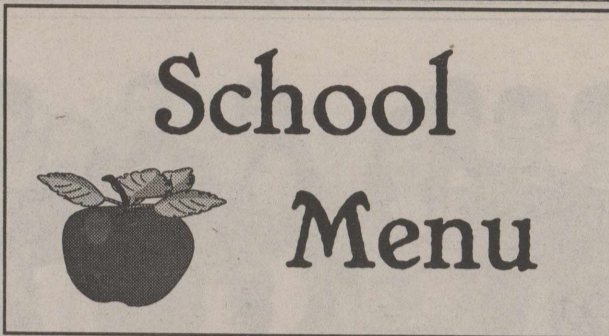
Social Studies - RQ Harrison Gott 3rd and 2nd place team which also consisted of Brian Mink, Mason Magness, and Jayden Jones

Headline Writing - RQ Tagen Cox 3rd

Blackwell Euterpean Club meets

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met in the Methodist Fellowship Hall for their March meeting. Each member brought a snack in lieu of a hostess. Jan Hall, President introduced a guest Luana Peters and then after the opening ritual and a short

BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



No Menu Available

business meeting introduced the guest speaker Kim Macon of Shalon's Floral in Bronte. She brought all the material to make hanging baskets of different herbs. She brought everything from pots, plants, and sprayers to dirt. It was fun and we all went home with a lovely arrangement. Attending, other than the three mentioned, were Shirley Lemley, Bobbie Varnadore, Rebecca Whipple, Rosie Ten Eyck, Shirley Passmore, Heather Sanderson, Betty Jordan, and Nelda Lee.

Fredericksburg Crawfish Festival slated for May

A little bit of New Orleans and a whole lot of southern fun is headed to downtown Fredericksburg as the Jaycees host the Fredericksburg Crawfish Festival on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 25, 26, and 27, 2012.

Enjoying freshly boiled crawfish is a big part of the event, but the festivities have expanded to include more food, more music and lots of family fun, according to Debbie Farquhar-Garner, event coordinator. "This event started out because some of our Jaycees members liked crawfish, but it has grown into a celebration of New Orleans-style proportions," Farquhar-Garner said. "It's a good way to support the community, and we want the community to have a good time."

In addition to crawfish, revelers can dig into mounds of gumbo, red beans and rice, shrimp, and boudin, plus hamburgers, corn dogs, and German sausage. And if you get thirsty, there will be plenty of thirst-quenching beer, wine, soda, and water.

Our sixth annual Gumbo Cook-off will be Saturday. Come sample delicious gumbo from the teams participating, and be sure to vote on your favorite. A washer-pitching tournament and Crawfish Eating Contest

will be held Saturday as well. The Crawfish Festival is a family-friendly event. A jam-packed kid's area will let youngsters climb, jump, and slide to their heart's content. Lively bands will be warming up to provide great, upbeat music for every taste-Friday we open with T-Broussard & the Zydeco Steppers followed by Billy Mata. Billy Mata & the Texas Tradition have been performing traditional music for Texas Dancehalls and a brand new generation of Western Swing dancers. His music is all energy, heart, spirit, and the magic musical talent of his band, The Texas Tradition-now celebrating more than a quarter of a century together!

Saturday will feature more toe-tapping Cajun tunes opening with Cher La-Bas Texas Cajun Band, Jean-Pierre & the Zydeco Angels, Mary Broussard & Creole La La, Dr Zog, T-Broussard & the Zydeco Steppers and topping it off with some Texas two-step, boot scootin' music by Little Texas, an American country music band founded in Nashville, Tennessee. Little Texas' debut album First Time for

Everything included the lead off single, "Some Guys Have All the Love", which reached #8 on the Billboard Hot Country Singles & Tracks charts. Little Texas continued to produce hit singles throughout the mid 1990s, including the Number One single "My Love" and six more Top Ten hits. Their debut album earned a gold certification, while 1993's Big Time was certified double platinum and 1994's Kick a Little was certified platinum.

On Sunday, make plans to enjoy the Devin Anthony & G-Town band and the Austin Cajun Aces.

Hours for the Crawfish Festival are Friday, 6:00 pm-midnight, Saturday, 11:00 am-Midnight, and Sunday, 11:00 am-5:00 pm.

The event takes place on Marktplatz, Market Square-100 West Main Street, in downtown Fredericksburg, easily accessible to shopping, dining, sightseeing, and free parking.


The Jaycees is a national organization that emphasizes leadership and fundraising. Proceeds from the event are distributed to local charities. For more information on the event, go to www.TexFest.com or call 830-997-8515.

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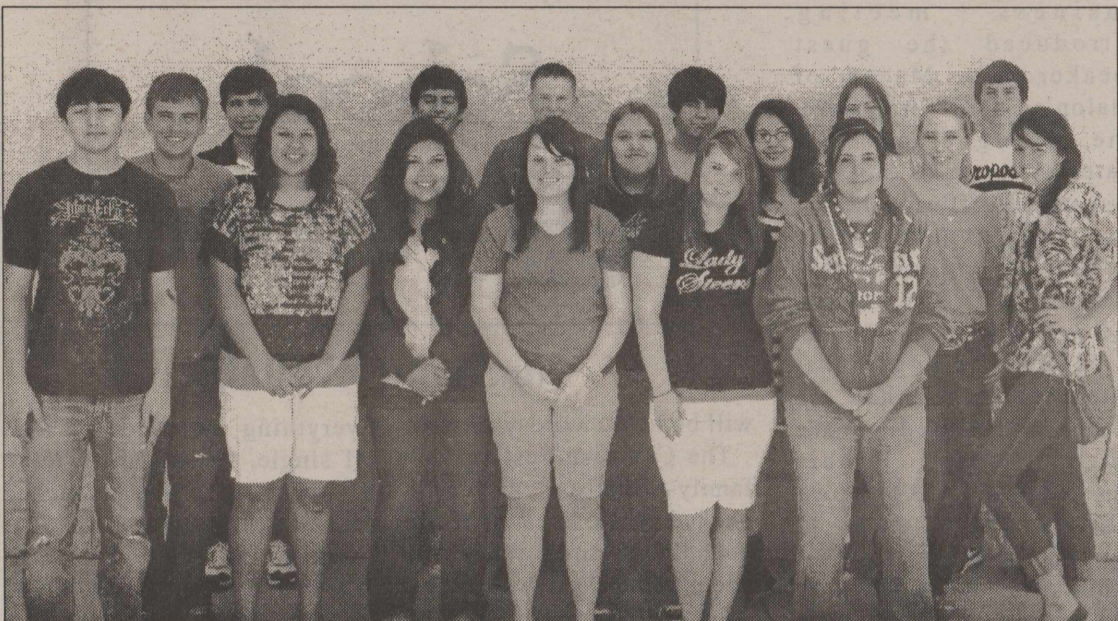
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



District UIL! Robert Lee High School recently competed at the District UIL meet at Trent High School. The results are as follows: Michael Curry placed third in number sense, Linsey Arellano placed sixth in computer applications, Zachary Sanchez placed first in current issues and events and fourth in persuasive speaking, Mason Hill placed fifth in informative speaking, Kayla Scott placed third in informative speaking, Hanna Hamrick placed second in persuasive speaking, Destiny Thomas placed third in persuasive speaking and Ashlie Wheat placed sixth in spelling and vocabulary. Pictured (from left to right) Drew Davis, Mason Hill, Zachary Sanchez, Bianca Huapilla, Diana Vera, Jose Fabian, Ashlie Wheat, Will Howard, Linsey Arellano, Kelsey Hewitt, Garrett Rogers, Kayla Scott, Hanna Hamrick, Sydney Sheldon, Michael Curry and Lubbock Roe.

Project Graduation holding Schwann fundraiser

2012 Project Graduation will hold a Schwann's fundraiser beginning March 26. Contact any senior for more information. Delivery is scheduled for April 11.

RLHS Cheerleaders to host fundraiser

The 2012-2013 Robert Lee High School cheerleaders and mascot kicked off their new fundraiser Monday, March 26, with Red Wheel Fundraising which includes

Egg Rolls, Pizzas, Burritos, Cookie Dough, Pies, Cheesecakes and many other yummy treats! All proceeds will help fund their camp, camp outfits and uniforms. Orders will be due Wednesday, April 11, and will be delivered after school on Tuesday, April 24.

Validation tags order deadline set

If you are planning on raising a steer for the upcoming show season, or if you plan on showing a lamb, goat, or barrow at the State Fair of Texas you will have to order validation tags. The deadline to order the tags is Tuesday, April 10. Please call the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461. Be sure to let them know what species of animal and how many tags you will need. The animals will be validated during the month of June but there has not been a date set for the validation as of yet.

Lady Steers finish 2nd at Jim Ned Invitational

The Robert Lee High School golf teams played in the Jim Ned Invitational, held at Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird last Wednesday, March 21.

The Lady Steers finished 2nd with a 416 team score. Jordan Gartman led the Lady Steers with an 89, good for a tie in medalist competition for 3rd place. Meagan Ross had a 92, Ashlie Tennison had her best round of the year with a 116, Taylor Benton 121, and Jesse Sheets 136.

The Steers finished 5th in the 12 team field with a 362 total. Justin Gartman and Dawson Brisbin led the Steers with rounds of 82 and 84 respectively. Other Steer

scores were: Zach Skinner 101, James Roberts 111, Bailey Smith 95, and Aaron Sharp 99.

RL Cheerleaders and mascot announced

Robert Lee Junior High and High School have announced the cheerleaders and mascot for the 2012-2013 school year. Robert Lee High School cheerleaders include Taylor Benton, Jordan Gartman, Bianca Huapilla, Lubbock Roe, Jesse Sheets and Ashlie Wheat. Mason Hill as selected as mascot.

Representing Robert Lee Junior High will be Meghan Bohannon, Anna Huapilla, Margo Mendoza, Mariah Munoz, Kandace Skipworth, and Jessie Wheat.

Robert Lee Sport Booster Club

Hey all you Robert Lee Steer and Lady Steer fans. The sport booster club is trying to raise money to buy our school a blow up inflatable for the kids to run through at sporting events. This will be used for all sports.

If you would like to donate, contact Brenda Skinner, Brandi Sawyer, or Valerie Howard at the Robert Lee State Bank, 325-453-2545. The booster club will also be doing some fundraisers throughout the year.

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Headed to Regionals! Several Robert Lee High School students will be advancing to the Regional UIL meet at Abilene Christian University. They include (from left to right) Kayla Scott (3rd in informative speaking), Destiny Thomas (3rd in persuasive speaking), Hanna Hamrick (2nd in persuasive speaking) Michael Curry (3rd in number sense) and Zachary Sanchez (1st in current issues and events).



Teens in the Driver's Seat! Robert Lee FCCLA members presented a Teens in the Driver's Seat Texting and Driving presentation in Silver at the Sheridan Production safety meeting and also at the Texas Department of Transportation safety meeting. Pictured (from left to right) are Megan Ross, Diana Vera, Rachel Rojas, Luisa Carrera, Kimberly Roach and Linsey Vallery.

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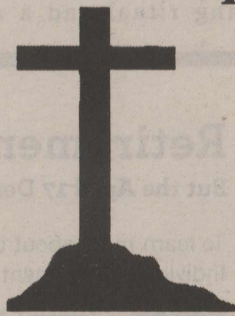


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- Monday, April 2**
Pancake on a stick, cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, April 3**
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, April 4**
Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, April 5**
Cinnamon Roll, cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, April 6**
Holiday

Lunch

- Monday, April 2**
Fish, mac and cheese, green beans, bread, applesauce, milk
- Tuesday, April 3**
Chicken spaghetti, salad, carrots, bread, cake, milk
- Wednesday, April 4**
Taco soup, salad, orange, corn muffin, milk
- Thursday, April 5**
Hamburger, salad, pickles, french fries, fruit cocktail
- Friday, April 6**
Holiday



Girl Genius Conference! Girls attending from Robert Lee were Kodi Drennan, Daria Tinkler, Samantha Orona, Sydney Sheldon, Brady Clawson, Myrka Rangel, Julia Madrid, Yulissa Peraza Mendoza, Chesney Minjarez, Haley Grantham, and Kelsey Hewitt.

Robert Lee students attend conference

On February 25th, eleven Junior High and High School girls attended the Girl Genius STEM Conference presented by the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Nursing and Allied Health, and The Girl Scouts of Central Texas.

The purpose of the Conference was to introduce, nurture, and excite West Texas girls in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics or STEM. Over the years the number of girls entering in the sciences has been much lower than boys, and it is the hope of the presenters to show that there are opportunities for girls to excel in this area. The girls got chances to see the roles women play in science, and the presentations showed the girls that science and math can be fun.

The girls were at ASU all day and allowed to pick four workshops to attend from a list of seventeen subjects. The science areas covered were chemistry, math, computer science, Earth science, biology, geology, medicine, and physics. The workshops were presented by mainly the female professors of ASU, science majors, and engineers from Ethicon and included such subjects as;

Wearing Your Favorite Genes - Extracting DNA from the cheek, precipitating it, and placing the DNA in a small bottle for a necklace.

Sharp Shooter -- history, construction, and science behind catapults.

Rock and Roll, Anyone - the physics behind electric guitars and sound.

Cracking the Code - Using basic math to break codes

The day finished with chemistry and physics demonstrations as well as a laser light show.

The Robert Lee girls found the day to be fun and are looking forward to next year to do it again.

Robert Lee Little Dribblers

RL track competes at Longhorn Relays

The Robert Lee High School track teams participated at the Longhorn Relays in Bronte on Friday, March 23. Results are as follows.

JV Boys

100 M Dash - Jerry Wofford, 6th.

400 M Dash - Mychael Tijerina, 2nd, Jerry Wofford, 6th.

800 M Run - Mychael Tijerina, 1st.

1600 M Run - Michael Curry, 1st.

High Jump - JR Aldridge, 3rd.

Pole Vault - Everett Wilson, 1st; Michael Curry, 3rd; Shelby Davis, 4th.

Varsity Boys

100 M Dash - Justin Gartman, 4th.

200 M Dash - Justin Gartman, 3rd.

400 M Dash - Justin Gartman, 1st; Zachary Sanchez, 4th.

800 M Run - Zachary Sanchez, 4th.

Shot Put - Jim Bob Smith, 4th.

Varsity Girls

100 M Dash - Taylor Benton, 5th.

200 M Dash - Taylor Benton, 5th.

400 M Relay - Lubbock Roe, Victoria Roe, Luisa Carrera, Rachel Rojas, 5th.

800 M Relay - Lubbock Roe, Victoria Roe, Luisa Carrera, Rachel Rojas, 6th.

Shot Put - Diana Vera, 1st; Jordan Gartman, 2nd.

Discus - Diana Vera, 1st; Jordan Gartman, 2nd.



Toothfully Speaking! Students from the Coke County Head start and Bronte Pre K class recently attended a program "Toothfully Speaking" presented by agent Jan Yanez. This program focuses on proper brushing and flossing and the teeth; selection of foods that promotes calcium in the diet for strong bones and teeth; and tooth eruption of primary and permanent teeth. Student enjoyed brushing the Mr Big Mouth model with a giant size toothbrush. Headstart Students include Dalton Abalos, Mx Gacia, Sice Garcia, Alex Henson, Layla Hernandez, Aubrey Lefton, Chris Lofton, Estella Luna, Karmen Radloff, Savannah Reyes, Shyan Stanczyk, MaKayla Tetherow, and Oscar Useno.



BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Granger Smith coming to BHS! Bronte High School's Teens in the Driver Seat (above photo) sponsors many activities throughout the year to promote safe driving habits for teens and to remind them of distracted driving risks and the importance of wearing seat belts. This week they will be sponsoring an event to remind kids to be safe before Prom; which will be Saturday, May 31. Granger Smith, Texas Country singer, will be the presenter for this event and he will be performing some of his songs as well. Area schools have been invited and local communities are also invited to attend because distracted driving affects everyone. The event will begin at 2:45 pm on Friday, May 30 in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Lee named to TABC Girls All-Region

Kimber Lee, a Bronte High School senior, was recently selected to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region list for the 2011-2012 basketball

season. Kimber's contributions to a regional tournament berth for the Lady Longhorns and excellent athletic ability did not go unnoticed by a selection committee comprised of area/regional basketball coaches who represent TABC. Kimber was also recently selected to the All-State Team voted on in a different pool of coaches that represent the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA). Congratulations to Kimber!

Lady Longhorns win Longhorn Relays

The Bronte Longhorn Relays were held last Friday, and many volunteers, including the press box crew, field event judges, times, pickers, starter, and the concession stand folks, helped make the meet so successful.

The Bronte Lady Longhorns took home first place in the

meet with 82 points. The point total breakdown was: Bronte - 82, Christoval - 79, Ballinger - 78, Water Valley - 73, Sterling City - 59, Garden City - 56, Robert Lee - 50, TLCA - 50, Winters - 47, and Cornerstone Christian - 25.

Scoring for the Lady Horns were:

Triple Jump - Amber Betts 3rd
Long Jump - Amber Betts 4th

400M Run - Brooke Bedford 2nd
110H - Addison Rosson 2nd, Crystal Bilbrey 3rd
300H - Kimber Lee 2nd, Addison Rosson 3rd, Crystal Bilbrey 4th

4X200 Relay - Erika Puentez, Kaitlyn Braswell, Marley Braswell, Amber Betts 3rd

4X400 Relay - Erika Puentez, Kaitlyn Braswell, Marley Braswell, Kimber Lee 1st

The Bronte Varsity Longhorns placed second

behind Ballinger. Point totals were: Ballinger - 145, Bronte - 97, Winters - 57, Cornerstone Christian - 48, Sterling City - 46, Water Valley - 41, Garden City - 35, Robert Lee - 32, Baird - 20, and TLCA - 17.

Scoring for the Longhorns were:

Triple Jump - Cody Martin 2nd

Long Jump - Jared Scott 2nd, John Deller 6th

Shot Put - Beau Grigg 1st
Discus - Beau Grigg 1st

100M Dash - Thoren Charles 3rd

300H - John Deller 1st
4X100 Relay - Jared Scott, Jordan Baumann, Creed Coalson, John Deller 2nd

4X200 Relay - Jared Scott, Jordan Baumann, Thoren Charles, Creed Coalson 3rd

4X400 Relay - John Deller, Jordan Baumann, Thoren Charles, Creed Coalson 2nd

The Bronte Junior Varsity Longhorns placed second behind Baird. Point totals were: Baird - 120, Bronte - 105, Robert Lee - 72, Christoval - 64, Water Valley - 63, Winters - 52, Ballinger - 49, Garden City - 20, and Sterling City - 20.

Scoring for the JV Longhorns were:

Triple Jump - Mizael Perez 1st, Joshua Puentez 6th

Long Jump - Mizael Perez 5th

Discus - Kolby Lee 1st, Lance Burns 2nd

Shot Put - Kolby Lee 3rd, Lance Burns 4th

800M Run - Joshua Puentez 2nd

400M Run - Mizael Perez 1st
200M Dash - Ty Lee 1st

4X100 Relay - Mizael Perez, Kolby Lee, Joshua Puentez, Ty Lee 2nd

4X400 Relay - Mizael Perez, Lance Burns, Joshua Puentez, Ty Lee 1st.

ACT and SAT Test Info

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 14, and the SAT test will be offered on May 5, at other locations in the surrounding area.

Registration is open to anyone but juniors are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available in the Bronte High School counselor's office or online at www.actstudent.org for the ACT test and www.collegeboard.com for the SAT test. Fee waivers are also available for students who are on free or reduced lunches.

In order to avoid late fees, please register by March 9, for the ACT test and April 6, for the SAT test. For more information, please call the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2511.

Free study guides are available in the counselor's office and all high school students at BHS have a password that allows them access to the web site ACT Online Prep to help prepare for the test. Another ACT test will be given at BHS on June 9.

Bronte High School Scholarship Check List

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)

Scholarship Opportunities

Bronte High School seniors may now apply for the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship. The applications are available on the counselor's page on the BHS web site at www.bronteisd.net. Please note that Bronte HS Alumni may apply for a C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship. Applications must be turned into the counselor's office on or by April 10, 2012.

If your family is a member



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Sausage roll or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

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Wednesday, April 4
Pancake on stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, April 5
Breakfast wrap or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, April 6
No school

Lunch

Monday, April 2
Hot dogs, oven fries, garden salad, fruit, brownie, milk

Tuesday, April 3
Frito pie, pinto beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday, April 4
Chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, gravy, milk

Thursday, April 5
Cheeseburger, salad cup, baked chips, cookies, milk

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Financial Aid for College

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for students planning on applying for financial aid to attend college after graduation.

Students and one of their dependent parents must apply for a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov in order to sign off on the online application.

Parents may go online and begin filling out the application but the information from the 2011 tax return will be needed to complete the application.

Please be aware that certain universities and colleges may have priority deadlines for

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Scholarship Search Site available

Students in grades 9-12 at Bronte High School have access to a free online scholarship search site at www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com. This site constantly updates scholarships throughout the year and no registration on the part of the student is required. This site is easy to use and search. A password and user name is required.

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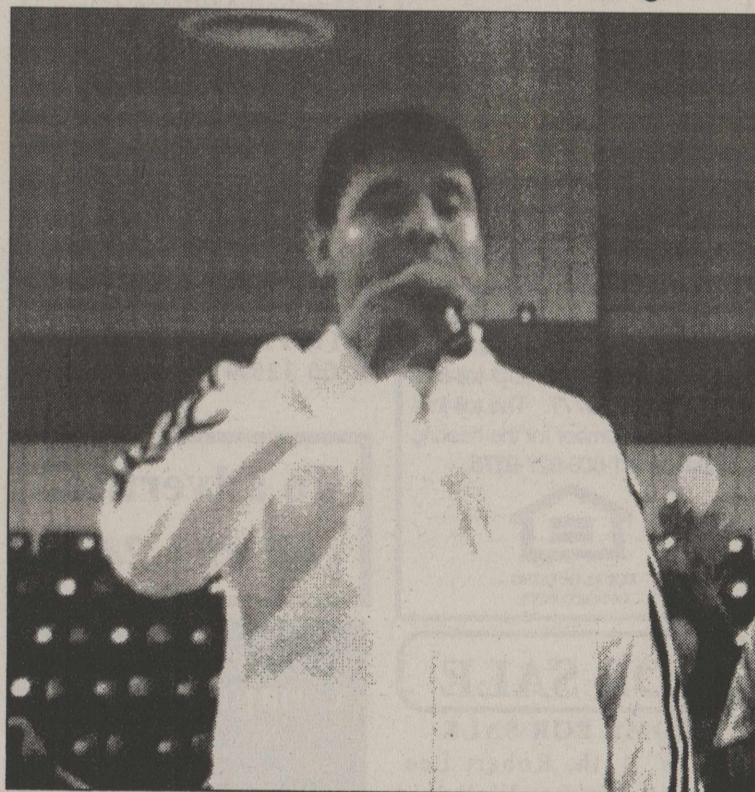
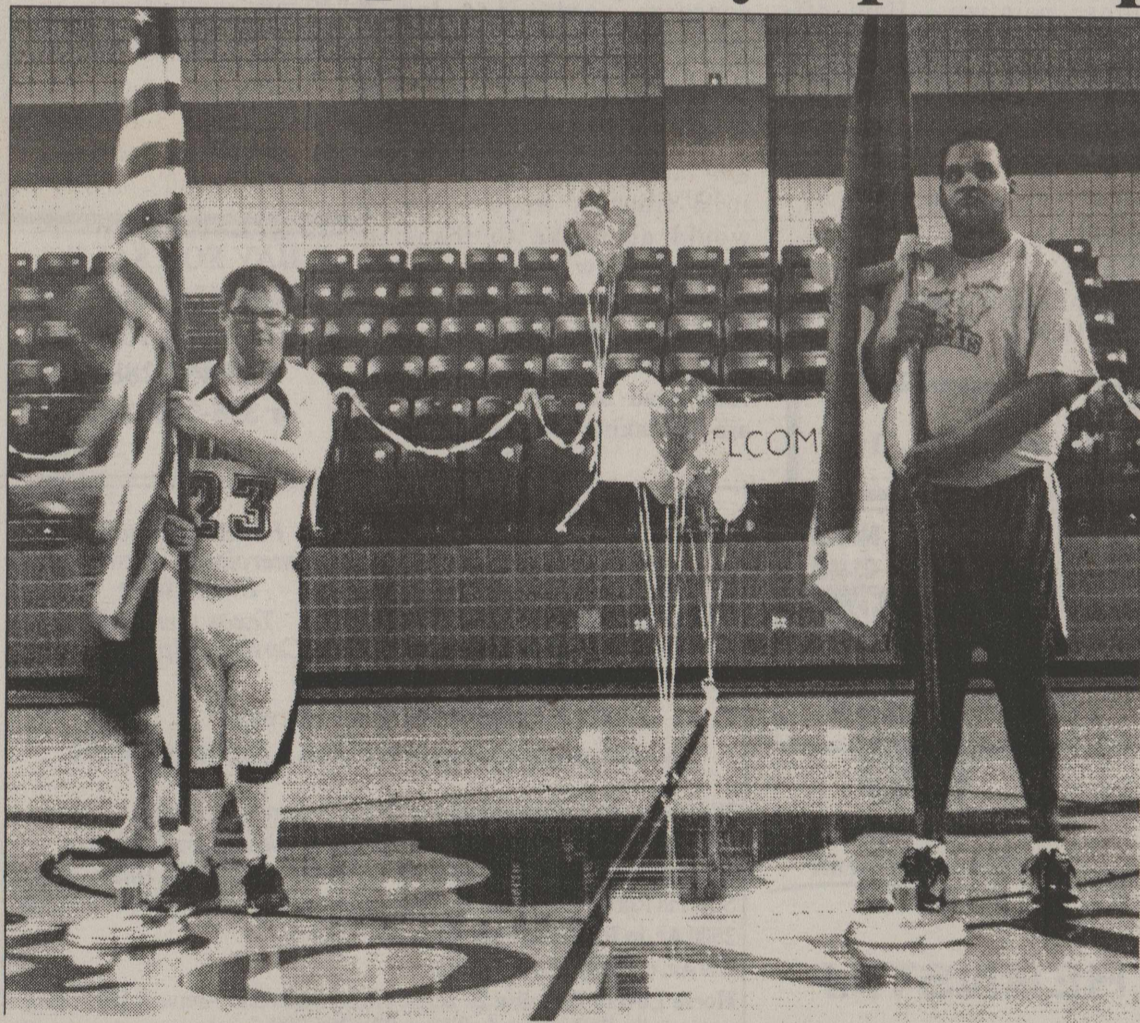
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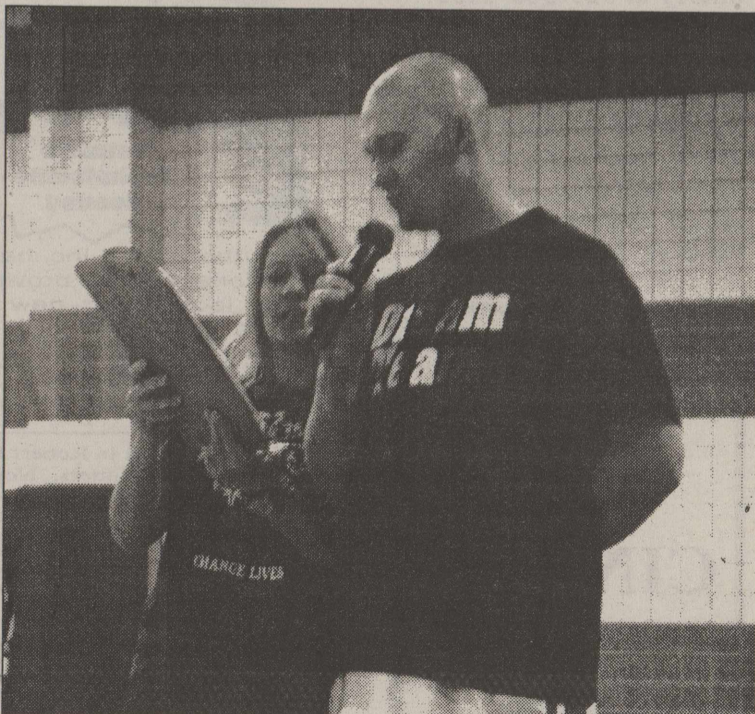
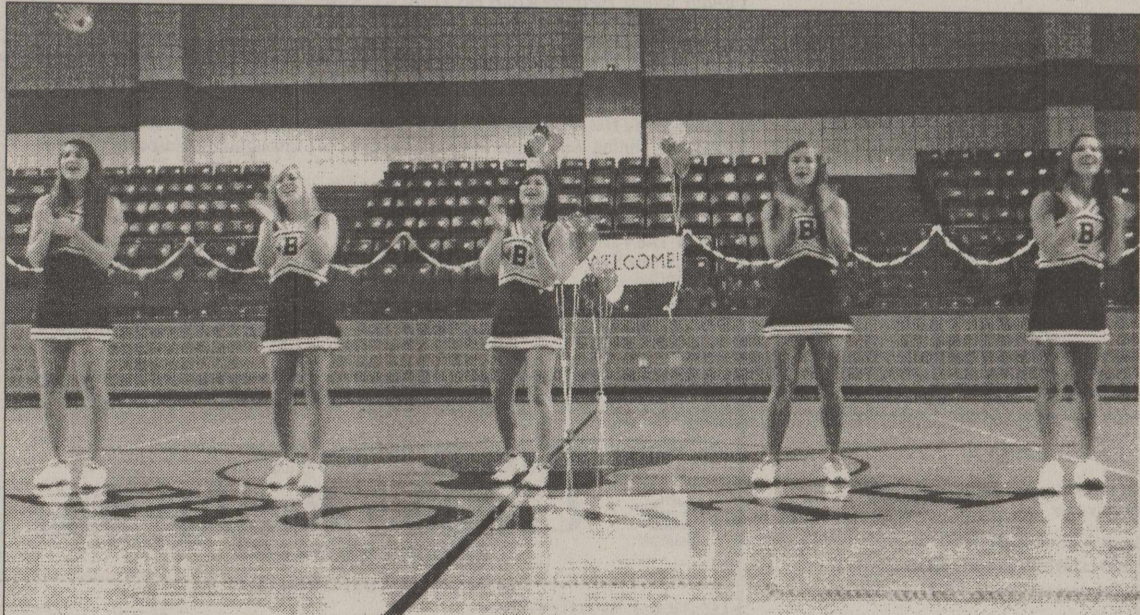
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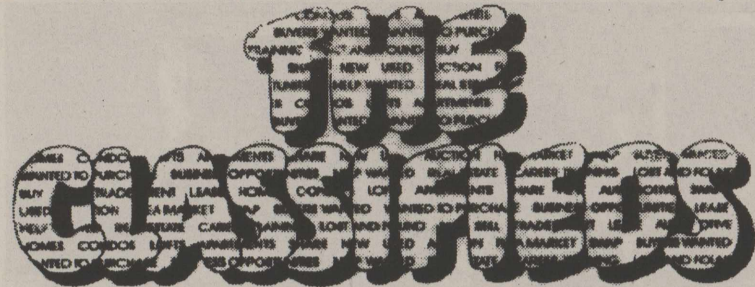
BHS counselor, Mrs. Timmerman, or visit the Counselor's Corner web page at www.bronteisd.net and click on "Scholarship Information".

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Register Your American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team Today

American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Coke County is taking a year off to regroup and refresh. In the meantime, we want to encourage past Coke County Relay For Life teams to participate in nearby Relay For Life events such as the Tom Green County Relay For Life. Relay gives everyone in the community and surrounding areas a chance to help save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Register your team today by visiting RelayForLife.org/tomgreencotx.

Former and current cancer patients, those who have lost a loved one to cancer, families, businesses, faith-based and civic organizations, and anyone wanting to make a difference in the fight against cancer are invited to take part in this exciting team event. Relay For Life takes place from 7 pm on May 18 until 7 am on May 19 at the Angelo State University LeGrand Sports Complex.

Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay. Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups . . . people from all walks of life - all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

"Relay For Life draws attention to the progress being made in the fight against cancer," said Kellye Howard, ACS Community Manager. "Many participants are our family, friends, and neighbors who have faced cancer themselves. Their involvement helps bring hope that, together, we can eliminate cancer as a major health problem."

Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay For Life is available at RelayForLife.org or by calling 800-227-2345.

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Special Olympics! Noah (left) and Nicky Davis each won their respective divisions at Saturday's Special Olympics held at Bronte ISD. The event featured teams from all over this area competing in various sporting activities. The young men are the twin sons of Angie Davis and Trey Davis.

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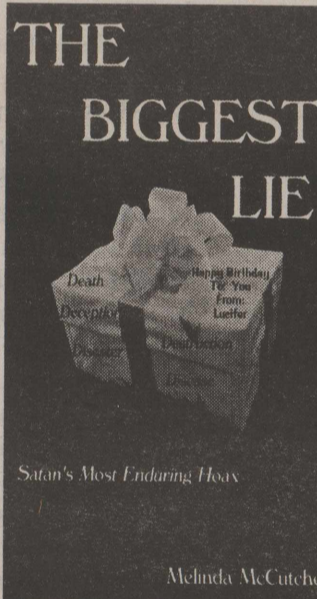
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