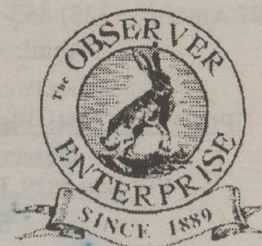


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What a Difference a Year Makes!



The photos above were taken on FM 2662 between US Highway 277 and State Highway 208. The one on the left was taken during the height of the Wildcat Fire. The one on the right was taken last week, exactly one year after the fire. It is evident the land is still scarred with charred trees, but grass and wildflowers cover what last year was scorched earth.

By Melinda McCutchen, publisher
It's hard to believe it's been a year since the Wildcat Fire. However, what a difference a year makes. Last year at this time, local and area firefighters were joined by firefighters from all over the country fighting a monstrous blaze in our county. Eventually, this

huge fire was contained with help from a large new aircraft which had never previously been used on a Texas fire. Let's look back at the timeline of the Wildcat Fire published in a special issue of the Observer/Enterprise dedicated to this fire on April 22, 2011.

• 11:30 pm, Sunday, April

10, 2011 – Fire started by lightning near the upper end of Mountain Road east of FM 2034 west of Robert Lee. Fire believed to be contained.

• Monday, April 11, 2011 – Fire flares and contained once more by county firefighters.

• Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13, 2011 – Fire contained to 75 acres.

• 5 pm, Thursday, April 14, 2011 – Fire flares at original location and, fanned by high winds, blazes out of control. Fire spreads quickly to canyons and hills between State Highway 208 and FM 2034, north and west of Robert Lee. In addition to local and area fire departments, Texas Forest Service arrives. Residents in the path of the fire are urged to get out.

• Early morning, Friday, April 15, 2011 – Fire races up western side of divide on Highway 208 before jumping the highway near the bottom of the divide.

• Friday, April 15, 2011 – Fire races on both sides of Highway 208 and pushes into Tom Green County. Several new evacuations ordered. A second fire begins burning approximately 8 miles north of Robert Lee on old Rough Creek Ranch. Firefighters believe they have extinguished second fire.

• Saturday morning, April 16, 2011 – Fire crosses to

west side of FM 2034 near the bottom of Mountain Road and Paint Creek Loop intersection. Evacuations start for residents west of Robert Lee along sections of FM 2034 and Highway 158. They are also ordered for residents near FM 2662.

• Saturday afternoon, April 16, 2011 – Fire jumped from the south side of FM 2662 to the north side on the west end near Highway 208. Fire on old Rough Creek Ranch flares and rages out of control before firefighters contain it.

• Sunday, April 17, 2011 – Fire rolls northeast toward Bronte. Evacuation ordered for Bronte before being rescinded. Fire is stopped from crossing north over FM 2662 on the east end near Highway 277. That night, the Tennyson area was evacuated.

• Monday, April 18, 2011 – Fire crosses Highway 277 in several spots on either side of Tennyson. Evacuation orders continue for Tennyson area and residents along Highway 277 south.

• Tuesday, April 19, 2011 – Evacuation remained in effect for residents on the west side of Highway 277 from FM 2662 to the Goodyear Proving Grounds. DC 10 arrives and begins fighting the fire with the 12,000 gallon payload it

carried.

• Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – Fire is primarily out in Coke County and “mop up” begins. All road closures and evacuation orders are now lifted in Coke County.

In 2011 before the Wildcat Fire, only the Diamond Plate fire near Blackwell had occurred. That fire was tiny in comparison with only 1,000 – 1,500 acres being lost. Before everything was said and done on the Wildcat Fire, over 160,000 acres burned. April 2011 was an extremely hard month for Coke County. However, June would also prove to be an exhausting month for area firefighters and emergency personnel. On the afternoon of June 8, 2011, the Dos Amigos contributed another 20,000 acres to the burned acreage total for Coke County. This fire began on the south side of Highway 158 approximately 14 miles west of Robert Lee. It quickly jumped the highway and raged north in the rough land west of FM 2059. On June 19, the White Hat Fire began in north central Coke County. It burned for several days and blackened over 72,500 acres in Coke and Nolan Counties before being contained. The final fires of 2011 were the Malone Fire north of Robert Lee and west

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County Rainfall Totals

	January	February	March	Total for Year
Dee & Dessie Kendall • Edith Area				
2011	0.0	0.09	0.10	0.19
2012	3.3	2.40	0.80	6.50
Bobby and Jeffie Roberts • Valley View Area				
2011	0.23	0.60	0.16	0.99
2012	3.40	2.80	1.00	7.20
Paul Sheffler • 7 Mile Hill				
2011	0.15	0.65	0.05	0.85
2012	3.50	2.75	0.75	7.00
Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2011	0.12	0.80	0.10	1.02
2012	2.80	2.24	0.89	5.93
Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg • Bronte Area				
2011	0.14	0.72	0.07	0.93
2012	3.38	2.20	0.78	6.36
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2011	0.23	0.45	0.15	0.83
2012	3.11	2.11	0.83	6.05
Jerry & Susan Wellborn • 12 miles West of Robert Lee				
2011	0.25	0.0	0.10	0.35
2012	2.85	2.05	0.60	5.50

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Obituaries



Braswell

Carolyn Ruth Braswell, age 70, of College Station, Texas, passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. She was surrounded by her family and died after a long struggle with ALS.

A memorial service was held at 3 pm, Friday April 13, at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station.

Carolyn was born July 15, 1941, to the late Melvin and Essie McCullough Childress in Sanco, Coke County,

Texas, the youngest of three daughters. Carolyn graduated from Robert Lee High School in Robert Lee, Texas in 1958.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Eddie Braswell, and four children – Ginger and husband Matt Williams of The Woodlands, Van Braswell and wife Elissa of Crowley, Sterling Braswell of College Station, and Gentry Braswell of Houston.

She is survived by seven grandchildren – 1st LT Hunter Williams of Ft. Drum, New York, Dillon Williams of Austin, Evan Braswell of Bronte, Andra Braswell and fiancée Brandon Herrington of Ft. Worth, Jesse Braswell of Greenville, Spencer Braswell, and Jaidon Braswell.

Carolyn is also survived by her sister Bonita Copeland Cartrite of Robert Lee, Texas, and a

host of nieces and nephews who were very special to her since she babysat many of them.

She was preceded in death by her sister Juanice Sheppard Herr of Memphis, Tennessee.

Carolyn loved her family and music. She played the piano and sang in church and community choirs all of her life. Her home was always full of music and she loved to dance and perform. When Eddie was transferred to Alpine, she enrolled at Sul Ross University and sang with the University choir.

Along with raising four children, she worked for Sweetwater ISD and College Station ISD before becoming the CEO of Fed Star Credit Union in College Station. She worked for Blakely Crop Insurance for 5 years and was a Realtor with Century 21 Beal and Lone Star Realty for 10 years.

When they moved to College Station in 1978, Carolyn and Eddie became members of A&M United Methodist Church. In 1995, they were part of the mission team that started Christ United Methodist Church in College Station, where they remain faithful members. Carolyn has been a part of the Music Ministry since then and the choir, ensembles and the children's choir were dear to her heart.

The family would like to thank everyone for their support and also

Compassionate Care Hospice, especially Charli and Stacey. Memorials to Carolyn may be made to the Music Ministry at CUMC, 4201 Hwy 6 S, College Station, Texas 77845. Carolyn will be inurned in the Columbarium at Christ United Methodist Church.

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Vision fundraiser set for April 22

Don't forget to use your tickets for Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose fundraising fried chicken dinner on Sunday, April 22, from 11:30 am until 1 pm. Orders can be picked up at the Robert Lee Fire Department, corner of Highways 208 and 158.

RLISD to host public meeting

Robert Lee ISD will hold its final public meeting on the May Bond Issue, Tuesday, April 24, at 7 pm at the Coke County Courthouse.

Robert Lee City Wide Spring Cleanup slated

The City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services will sponsor a City-wide Spring Clean-Up. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28.

This free service is offered to the residents and business owners of the City and is an opportunity to get rid of clutter and unwanted items. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** For more information, call City Hall at 453-2831.

Roll-off dumpsters will be located at the County Precinct 3 Yard located on Coke Street between E. 6th and 7th Street.

This location will be open on Friday, April 27, from 9 am – 3 pm and on Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 am to 12 noon.

Items that will be accepted are appliances, household and yard items. Batteries will be accepted. Absolutely NO, tires, household trash, wet paint or chemicals. Appliances must have refrigerant removed.

Brush, tree limbs, and wood material need to go to the landfill. Take advantage of the FREE disposal offered at the City Landfill during this clean-up event.

The Landfill will be open, weather permitting, from 9 am – 12 noon on Saturday, April 28.

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.

Benefit Softball tournament slated

A softball tournament benefiting Cory Thorn is set for Saturday, May 12, 2012, at Texas Bank Sports Complex in San Angelo. There will be an open men's division and an open co-ed division with a three game guarantee. A motorcycle rally will also be held starting at the complex in conjunction with the softball tournament.

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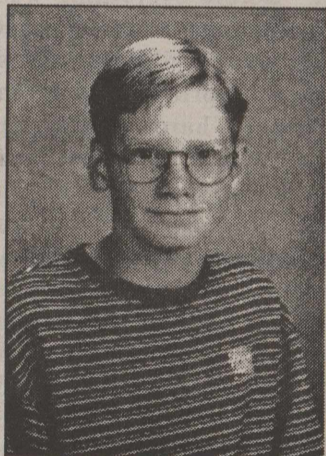
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Preacher John V. Driggers
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Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

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

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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

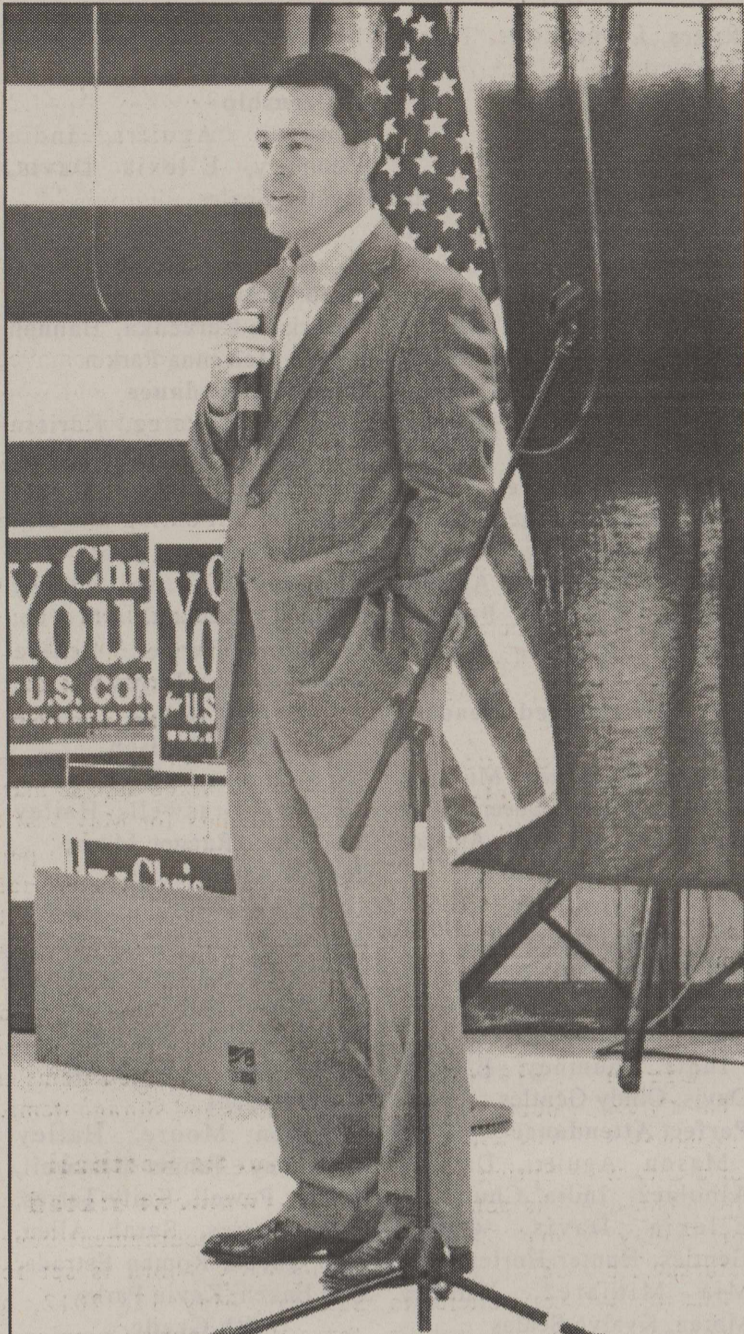
Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
Wed. 6 pm

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
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Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
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10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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



Coke County Conservatives! *Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples (above) welcomes citizens, candidates, and elected officials to the Coke County Conservative Convocation held in Robert Lee Thursday afternoon, April 12, 2012. Elected officials attending the event (top right) included State Representative Drew Darby, Coke County Judge Roy Blair, Ag Commissioner Staples, Coke County Commissioners Wendell Lee and Bobby Blaylock, Sheriff Wayne McCutchen, Treasurer Hal Spain, Tax Assessor Josie Dean, Constables Marty Boyd and Marshall Millican, 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 and 3rd Court of Appeals Justices David Puryear, Melissa Goodwin, Jeff Rose, and Bob Pemberton. Texas Republican Party Chairman Steve Munisteri, Vice Chairman Melinda Fredricks, Tom Green County Chairman Russ Derstine and Coke County Chairman David Kitten were also in attendance.*

Todd Staples welcomes local leaders in Coke County to Republican Party

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples came to Robert Lee Thursday, April 12, to welcome seven elected officials from Coke County to the Republican Party. The elected officials changing parties included County Judge Roy Blair, County Commissioner Bobby Blaylock, County Commissioner Wendell Lee, Sheriff Wayne McCutchen, Constable Marty Boyd, County Clerk Mary Grim and Tax Assessor Josie Dean.

"This announcement makes it very clear the big-spending, big-government Democratic Party philosophy has worn out its welcome in Texas," said Todd Staples. "Republicans fight for our free enterprise system and accountability. We welcome these leaders who are standing on principle and who want to empower families, not government."

"Big liberal agendas do not reflect the values of Coke County citizens, and I'm proud to join the Republican Party and what it stands for," said Coke County Judge Roy Blair.

"This is a historic moment for the Republican Party and the great state of Texas.

These strong leaders have made the decision to join the Republican Party after living their lives in a town and county named after two of history's largest symbols of the Democratic Party," Staples said. "The message is loud and clear, the Republican Party is what's needed to get this country back on the right track."

Commissioner Staples was joined in Robert Lee by Supreme Court Justice Don Willett, State Representative Drew Darby, Republican Party of Texas Chairman Steve Munisteri and Republican Party of Texas Vice Chairman Melinda Fredricks. Republican Party of Texas State Chairman Steve Munisteri commented, "Today's announcement continues a steady and growing trend among elected officials in Texas who recognize that the Republican Party principles of free enterprise, limited government, and individual liberty are the best way to ensure Texas' future. Over the past two years, we've welcomed many former Democratic officeholders who have come to the same conclusion, and today's historic switch in Coke

County continues and Chairman of the Republican warmly welcome all of these firms that momentum. As Party of Texas, I want to officeholders to our ranks."

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Bronte High School Scholarship Check List

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 Concho Valley Electric Scholarship
 Wolslager Foundation Scholarship (Howard College - San Angelo)

Due April 30
 Bronte Fire Department Scholarship
 Jostens Make a Difference Scholarship
 East Coke County Medical Service Scholarship

Due May 1
 San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship

Due May 8
 Robert Lee-Bronte Chapter 187 Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship

Due May 31
 Marie Hall Scholarship (ASU, Texas Tech, Howard College, Midland College)
 Al's Formal Wear Scholarship (Southwest Region Scholarship)

Bronte ISD 5th Six Weeks Awards

1st Grade Perfect Attendance
 Parker Bearden, Arath Brosig, Juan Orlando DeLaGarza, Deliziah Flores, Kolson Follis, Zoey

Hortenstine, Bastian Quezada, Chloe Reyes, Jamison Seales

Super Citizen Award
 Arath Brosig, Juan Orlando DeLaGarza, Deliziah Flores, Jett Jackson, Chloe Reyes, Ashlyn Richards, Emmy Speary

Met or Exceeded AR Reading Goal
 Deliziah Flores, Kolson Follis, Ashlyn Richards, Arath Brosig, Zoey Hortenstine, Chloe Reyes, Juan Orlando DeLaGarza, Jamison Seales, Jett Jackson, Ryan Link, Parker Bearden, Bastian Quezada, Jose Madrid

Achieved Ready Reader 2 Certification in AR
 Joey Ochoa

Achieved Ready Reader 3 Certification in AR
 Ryan Link, Teegan Minjarez, Emmy Speary

Achieved Independent Reader Certification in AR
 Parker Bearden, Jamison Seales

Achieved Rising Reader 1 Certification in AR
 Jett Jackson

Achieved Rising Reader 2 Certification in AR
 Arath Brosig, Kolson Follis

Achieved Rising Reader 3

Certification in AR
 Arath Brosig, Kolson Follis

2nd Grade Mrs. Rawls

"A" Honor Roll
 Zachary McWright, Lance Rolls

"A/B" Honor Roll
 Brandon Arthur, Allison Buchanan, Thaliah Castaneda, Grayson Colegrove, Nikkole Harendt, Marissa Reyes, Desiree Saldana, Alexis Sanchez

Super Longhorns
 Brandon Arthur, Allison Buchanan, Thaliah Castaneda, Isaac Gonzales, Nikkole Harendt, Zachary McWright, Marissa Reyes, Lance Rolls, Desiree Saldana, Alexis Sanchez, Tiffany Timmerman

Perfect Attendance
 Brandon Arthur, Allison Buchanan, Thaliah Castaneda, Grayson Colegrove, Nikkole Harendt, Zachary McWright, Jessica Montez, Marissa

Reyes, Lance Rolls, Tiffany Timmerman

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson

"A" Honor Roll
 Michaela Basquez, Austin Buchanan, Airyel Calderon, Katelyn Powell

"A/B" Honor Roll
 Saige Busby, Mariah DelaCerde, Amanda Marrs, Jadan Morgan, Keeley Queen, Johnathan Saldana, Khi-ra Santiago

Perfect Attendance
 Michaela Basquez, Austin Buchanan, Saige Busby, Mariah DelaCerde, Amanda Marrs, Katelyn Powell, Keeley Queen, Gabby Quezada

Met Accelerated Reading Goal
 Austin Buchanan, Michaela Basquez, Keeley Queen, Saige Busby, Caitlin Lange, Amanda Marrs, Katelyn Powell

4th Grade Mrs. Bearden

"A" Honor Roll
 Hunter Hortenstine

"A/B" Honor Roll
 India Chumney, E'lexia Davis, Cindy Gentles

Perfect Attendance
 Mason Aguirri, Damian Albolaez, India Chumney, E'lexia Davis, Cindy Gentles, Hunter Hortenstine, Mia Minjarez, Whitney Moran, Kyalyn Seales

Met AR Goal
 Mason Aguirri, India Chumney, E'lexia Davis, Nathan Arthur, Tiffani Cindy Gentles, Hunter

Hortenstine, Whitney Moran, Kyalyn Seales

Citizenship
 Mason Aguirri, India Chumney, E'lexia Davis, Kyalyn Seales

4th Grade Mrs. Baker

"A/B" Honor Roll
 Karissa Cervenka, Hannah Mertz, McKenna Parker

Perfect Attendance
 Josalyn Casarez, Karissa Cervenka, Hannah Mertz, McKenna Parker, Searra Powell

Met AR Reading Goal
 Karissa Cervenka, Anthony Demory, Hannah Mertz, McKenna Parker, Searra Powell, Megan Reyes

5th Grade Mrs. Coalson

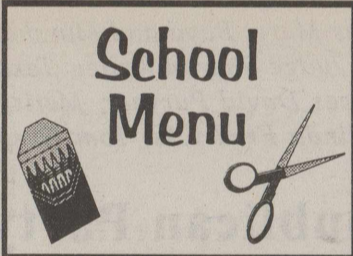
"A/B" Honor Roll
 Tanner Braswell, Hailey McKinney, Raegen Moore

Perfect Attendance
 Sarah Allen, Tanner Braswell, Roman Estrada, Hailey McKinney, Skyleigh Minjarez, Hunner Powell, Danny Pullen, Kaci Queen, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres

Met AR Goal
 Raegen Moore, Hailey McKinney, Tanner Braswell, Hunner Powell, Kaily Torres, Baily Torres, Sarah Allen, Kaci Queen, Roman Estrada, Josh Baken, Kevin Parks

5th Grade Mrs. Lee

"A/B" Honor Roll
 Nathan Arthur, Tiffani Sullivan



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, April 23
 Sausage roll, assorted juice, fruit, milk

Tuesday, April 24
 Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, fruit, milk

Wednesday, April 25
 Pancake on a stick, cereal, assorted juice, fruit, milk

Thursday, April 26
 Breakfast wrap, assorted juice, fruit, milk

Friday, April 27
 Sausage with biscuit, cereal, assorted juice, fruit, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 23
 Cheeseburger, ranch beans, garden salad, tator tots, brownie, milk

Tuesday, April 24
 Fish sticks, mac and cheese, peas and carrots, garden salad, hot rolls, milk

Wednesday, April 25
 Beef and bean burritos, spanish rice, garden salad, fruit, milk

Thursday, April 26
 Chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, gravy, jello, milk

Friday, April 27
 Chicken fajitas, seasoned corn, refried beans, flour tortillas, cake, milk

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Commitment:

- My wife, Paula, and I chose to live and raise our family here in Bronte and we have been residents for years. Paula graduated from BISD and our children go to school at BISD. Bronte is our hometown and we want to do everything we can to make it better for our family, neighbors and friends.

- In the past my job has taken me all over the country and even around the world. **This has now changed!** My current position at Lauren Engineers and Constructors allows me to be at home in Bronte every night. Since I no longer have to travel for business, I can devote more time to my family and our community.

- As a volunteer fireman for BVFD for three years, I served during the fires last year and I experienced how a community can achieve great results when difficult times arise.

Experience:

- As a graduate of Texas Tech and an engineer for 20 years, I understand how things work and I feel my engineering experience is a valuable asset to make good decisions for the school and the community.

- As a Project Engineer for Lauren Engineers and Constructors, I have experience working with large budgets, personnel, and difficult situations arising on a daily basis.

- I have served on the school board as a trustee in the past and feel that I have a good understanding of how the school systems work.

- The experience listed above has served me well at work and should also serve me as a BISD trustee.

Please consider me on election day when voting for the position of Bronte ISD Trustee!

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When: Saturday

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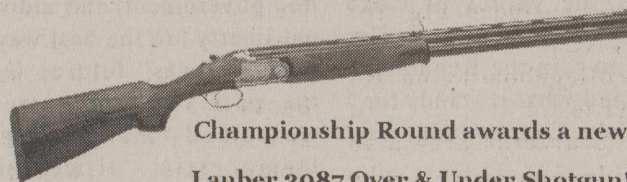
Where: Texana Ranch

This is a Knockout Style Trap Shoot (Wolf Chase)

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Nicholas Casarez, Makaylah DeLaCerde, Jacob Eubanks, Gabriel Navarro, Tiffani Sullivan, Mahira Tapia

Super Citizens

Nathan Arthur, Nita Betts, Makayla Calderon, Makaylah DeLaCerde, Cassidy McWright, Gabriel Navarro, Jayden Speary, Mahira Tapia

Met AR Reading Goal

Nathan Arthur, Nita Betts, Makayla Calderon, Jacob Eubanks, Cassidy McWright, Gabriel Navarro, Jayden Speary, Kristen Stille, Tiffani Sullivan, Mahira Tapia

6th Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Lisa Gilbert

"A/B" Honor Roll

Vincent Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Aaron Cervenka, Darby Duncan, Elizabeth Galvan, Hanna McKinney, Collin Moore, Melissa Perez

Perfect Attendance

Vincent Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Jaxon Brown, Emmanuel Casillas, Mercedes DelaCerde, Darby Duncan, Elizabeth Galvan, Lisa Gilbert, Hanna McKinney, Melissa Perez, Diana Tapia

Super Citizen

Lisa Gilbert

Met AR Reading Goal

Vincent Basquez, Reighlyn Baken, Cambery Coulter, Tanner Bedford, Lisa Gilbert, Elizabeth Galvan, Aaron Cervenka, Collin Moore, Joshua Fuentez, Diana Tapia, Zachary Jackson, Jaxon Brown, Darby Duncan, Mercedes DelaCerde, Shawn Puentez, Gracie McClendon

Playdays announced

Playdays will be held the second Sunday of each month, beginning June 9 and continuing each second 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 Jennifer at 234-6250 or Morgan at 277-9210.

ACT and SAT

Test Info

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on June 9, 2012, and the SAT test will be offered on June 4, 2012, at other locations in the surrounding area. Registration is open to anyone, but current high school 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

65th Wedding Anniversary!

Floyd Wesley Farrington and Shirley Ann Perry married April 12, 1947, in McCamey, Texas. They celebrated their 65th anniversary at their home in Bronte, where they've lived and ranched over the past 30 years. Floyd is a veteran of the WWII Naval Submarine Service. He owned and operated Miles Paint and Body Shop when they lived in Miles, Texas. He is a Master Mason in the Miles Chapter of the Masonic Lodge. Shirley is a homemaker and helped Floyd as bookkeeper, travel companion, and with ranching responsibilities. They've packed up their RV and taken many trips with their grandchildren over the years. One of their favorite places to take grandsons was Lake Amistad. While Floyd worked for Infilco Degremont Corporation as a Field Service Engineer, they traveled to Egypt, Taiwan, Jamaica, and many other places. They have two daughters, Kathy McCown and husband Sid, and Linda Dagenhart and husband John, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. They are members of First Baptist Church in Bronte.



late fees, please register by May 4, 2012, for the June ACT test and May 6, 2012, for the June SAT test.

Free study guides are available in the counselor's office and all high school students at Bronte High School have a password that allows them access to the web site ACT Online Prep to help prepare for the test. For more information, please call the counselor's office at Bronte High School at 473-2511.

Warden reminds residents to leave baby fawns alone

Local game warden Jim Allen reminds residents to avoid coming into contact or adopting baby fawns. Does will soon be having fawns, and will be leaving them hidden for periods of time. In nearly all cases, the fawns have not been abandoned, and residents are urged to just leave them alone.

The warden reminded residents that it is a violation of state law to possess live whitetail fawns without departmental issued permits.

If an extreme situation develops, you may contact Allen at (325) 234-5626.

**Check Out
Coke County
Library**

The Coke County Library book sale got off to a fast start and finished slow. Thanks to all who donated books, bought books, looked at books, and supported the library. Books are boxed and ready to send off but until they are, browsers are wel-

come to sort through the boxes.

Fort Chadbourne: A Military Post, A Family Heritage by Ann Pate is available at the Library. The

book is a comprehensive look at the Fort and its people. It is a good read to precede a visit to the grand opening of the Fort Chadbourne Visitor Center

on Saturday, April 28, with the ribbon cutting ceremony at 9 am.

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

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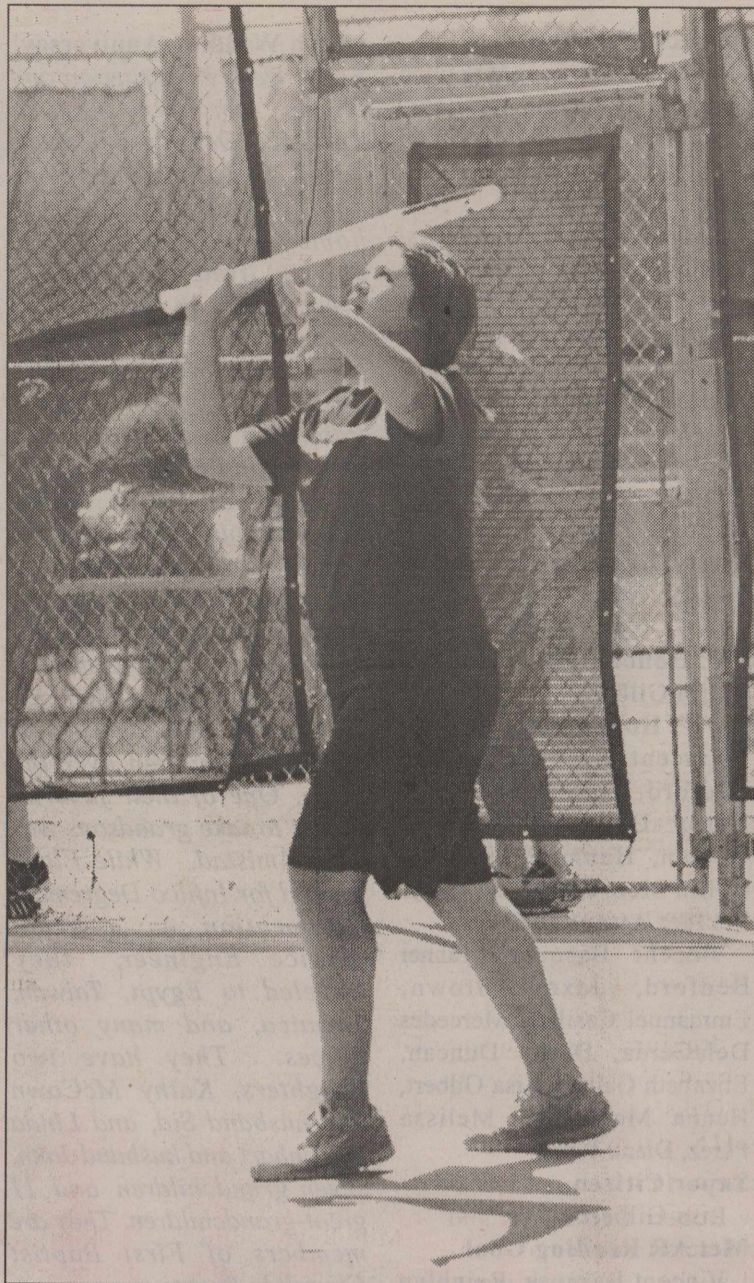
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Tennis! Diana Vera and Luisa Carrera placed 4th in Varsity Girls Doubles competition at the recent District 11-A Tennis Meet. Raquel Rojas and Kimberly Roach also participated.



RLHS Tennis! Bianca Huapilla placed 3rd in Varsity Girls Singles competition at the recent District 11-A Tennis Meet.

Robert Lee Pre-K/Kindergarten pre-registration announced

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold Pre-K/Kindergarten pre-registration Monday, May 7, from 5 pm until 5:30 pm in the Elementary School Office. Prospective Pre-K students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2012,

to be eligible for the 2012-2013 school year.

All new students to the Robert Lee ISD, Pre-Kindergarten - 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Required documentation for enrollment will include Birth Certificate, Social Security card, and current Immunization records.

For additional information, please call the elementary office at 453-4555.

Book Fair slated for RLISD

Robert Lee ISD will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair April 30 through May 3. It will be held from 8:30 am until 4 pm in the Robert Lee ISD Cafetorium.

RLHS qualifies for regional golf tourney

Both the Steers and Lady Steers qualified for the regional golf tournament by finishing second in the team competition at the District 11A Tournament, completed on April 9.

The Lady Steers finished second behind defending state champion Baird and were led by second place tournament medalist, Meagan Ross with rounds of 80-91-171. Jordan Gartman was not far behind, placing third with her rounds of 86-93-179. Other Lady Steers scores included Taylor Benton 112-124-236, Ashlie Tennison 129-122-251, and

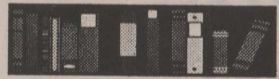
Jesse Sheets 120-136-256.

As a team, the Lady Steers shot rounds of 398-430 for a 828 total to Baird's 731. The first round was played at Riverside Hills and the second at Shady Oaks

The Steers also finished second with a team total of

708, behind Bronte's 680 team total. The Steers were led by Dawson Brisbin, who finished third in the medalist competition with rounds of 79-82 for a 161 total. Other Steers scores included Justin Gartman 81-87-168, Zach Skinner 94-94-188,

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, April 23

Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, April 24

Pancake on a stick, cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 25

Biscuit, jelly, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, April 26

Pigs in a blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, April 27

Burrito, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 23

Chickan A La King, rice, egg roll, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday, April 24

Chicken O's, Au Gratin potatoes, green beans, bread, peaches, milk

Wednesday, April 25

Corn dog, baked beans, broccoli with ranch, grapes, milk

Thursday, April 26

Spaghetti, salad, carrots, breadstick, apple, milk

Friday, April 27

Hamburger, salad, pickles, french fries, pears, milk

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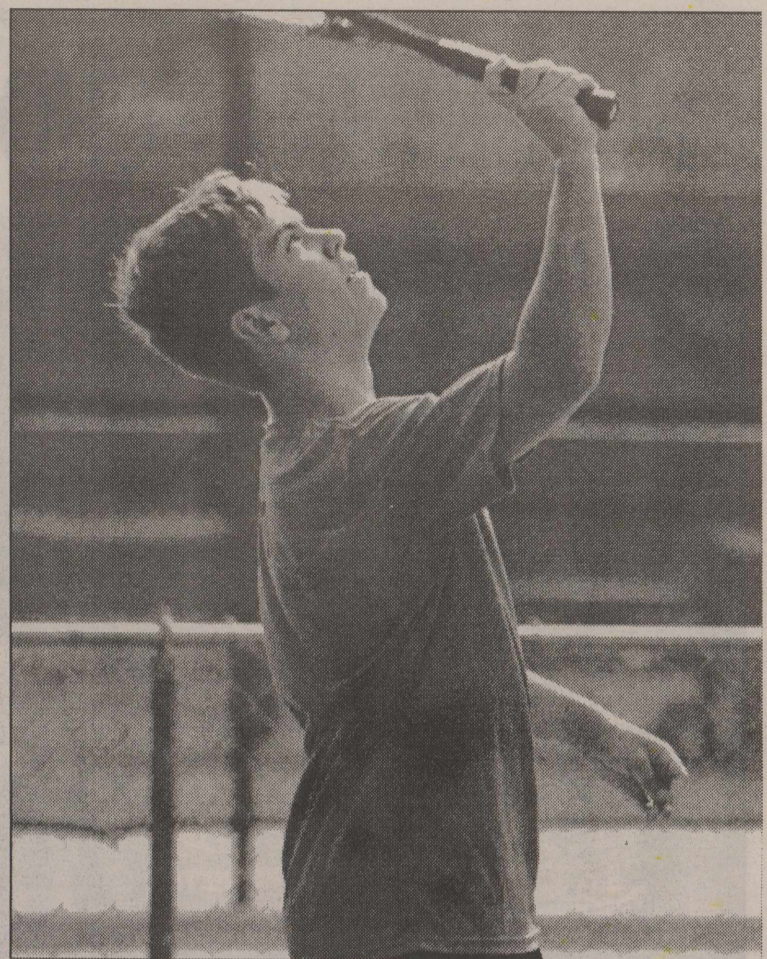
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RLHS District Tennis!



RLHS Tennis! Mason Hill placed 3rd in Varsity Boys Singles competition at the recent District 11-A Tennis Meet.

Aaron Sharp 95-96-191,
Bailey Smith 110-113-223,
James Roberts 98-110-208,
and Michael Curry 120-135-255.

The Regional Tournament was held April 16-17 at Shady Oaks.

RLHS competes at area track meet

The Robert Lee Steers and Lady Steers track teams competed at the area track meet, held in Trent on April 12. Individual results are as follows.

Boys

Zachary Sanchez - 400 Meter Dash - 1st, 800 Meter Run - 2nd
Justin Gartman - 400 Meter Dash - 3rd
Michael Curry - 1600 Meter Run - 4th, 3200 Meter Run - 6th

Will Howard - Discus - 6th
Mychael Tijerina - 800 Meter Run - 5th
Jim Bob Smith - Shot Put - 6th

Girls

Diana Vera - Shot Put - 4th, Discus - 3rd
Jordan Gartman - Discus - 4th, Shot Put - 5th
800 Meter Relay - 5th
Mile Relay - 6th

First through fourth places advanced to the Regional Track Meet on April 27-28 at ACU in Abilene

Rojas named to All-State team

Raquel Rojas, a student at Robert Lee High School, was nominated by Shea Baucom to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Basketball Academic All-State Team. The Texas Girls Coaches

Association selects athletes in basketball for Academic All-State teams in all conferences. Athletes must be seniors, must have a GPA of 94 or above for grades 9 through 11, and must be a team member in good standing. The head coach must be a member of TGCA before the November 1st deadline in order to qualify their athletes for Academic All-State honors. Athletes are nominated by member coaches of TGCA, and are selected on the basis of meeting the criteria set forth in the guidelines.

Robert Lee ISD 5th Six Weeks Awards

"A" Honor Roll

1st Grade
Caitlyn Cerritos, Ryan Mendoza, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksiuk, Roxy Rangel
2nd Grade
Zane Avants, Hayli Bretz, Gavin Freeman, Braylee Hood, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, Bryson

Owen, McKenzie Puentez, Dylan Thomas
4th Grade
Cali Lee
5th Grade
Kaden Austin, Kelby Clawson, Megan Grantham
6th Grade
Tavo Rangel, Braden Richardson
7th Grade
Matthew Curry
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Head Start Program
for 3 & 4 year old children
2012-2013 Pre-Registration
April 23 • 10 am - 6 pm
Robert Lee Head Start
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The Concho Valley Council of Governments Rural Head Start program offers quality Early Childhood Education at no cost. Head Start provides individualized care and guidance to all eligible children, including those with disabilities. Each child in Head Start is considered a unique person with previous experiences, current needs, and potential for future growth. The Head Start approach is well suited to helping children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities as well as children with severe disabilities.
Note: Head Start does NOT provide transportation.

What to Bring:

- Proof of all household income (1040/W2, TANF, SSI, Social Security, Child Support, check stubs, unemployment, Veterans benefits or letter from employer, etc.)
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Shot Record
- Food Stamp Case Record (if applicable)
- Proof of Medicaid, CHIP or Private Health Insurance (if applicable)
- Legal Documents (if applicable)


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For more information, contact Joy Malone at 325/453-2536 or Ofelia Barron at 325/944-9666.

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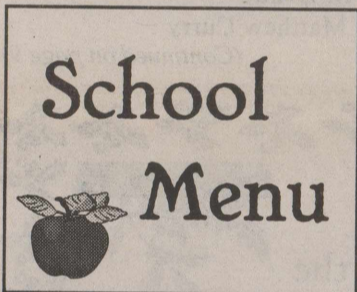
BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



State Qualifiers! The Entomology team from Blackwell High School, which includes Brooklyn Harris, Bailey McGlothlin, Shelby Alley and Harrison Gott, recently qualified for the state competition.

BHS regional track qualifiers announced

Four Blackwell athletes advanced to the area track



Breakfast

Monday, April 23

Poptart or assorted cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, April 24

Pancake on a stick or assorted cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, April 25

Breakfast pizza or assorted cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, April 26

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

Friday, April 27

Assorted muffins/gogurt or assorted cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, April 23

Corn dog, mac and cheese, baked beans, carrots, fruit, milk

Tuesday, April 24

Meaty macaroni, garden salad, seasoned corn, cornbread, frozen cherry fruit bar, milk

Wednesday, April 25

Nacho grande, spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, orange smiles, cinnamon sugar cookie, milk

Thursday, April 26

Lasagna, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, garlic break sticks, milk

Friday, April 27

Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tator tots, sliced peaches, brownie, milk

meet held April 12 in Trent. All four continued to advance by qualifying for the regional meet in Abilene April 27-28. The boys team of three placed fourth overall in the area meet. Individual results are as follows.

Boys

100 M Dash

3rd. Jayden Jones, 11.28

200 M Dash

6th. Jayden Jones, 23.91

110 M Hurdles

3rd. Mark Monroe, 17.26

300 M Hurdles

3rd. Mark Monroe, 47.22

Long Jump

4th. Jayden Jones, 19'11 3/4"

Triple Jump

6th. Mason Magness, 37'6 1/2"

Pole Vault

1st. Jayden Jones, 12'

2nd. Mason Magness, 11'

Girls

Long Jump

3rd. Stephanie Metcalf, 16' 3/4"

SASSR

Ambassadors try-outs slated

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Ambassadors would like to invite you to the First Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena in San Angelo, Sunday, April 22, 2012.

If you are a young lady who enjoys riding your horse, loves the sport of rodeo, enjoys meeting new people and getting involved in community service, the Ambassador program is for you.

Their fast paced drill team and non-riding Ambassadors are in the process of adding new faces to the program. You can visit sanangelorodeo.com, click the Rodeo tab, then Ambassadors and read the guidelines for

non-riding and drill team. Print an application, bring it with you for the interview or drill team tryouts.

For further information, you may call or text Elaine Lee, 325-656-0600, Kim Spain, 325-450-2063, or Carole Allen, 325-650-2797.

...Softball Tourney

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For more information, contact Shawn Smith at (325) 716-8370, Jim Bailey at (325) 276-0133 or Robby Smith at (325) 895-4023.

Cory was in a serious automobile accident March 6 and has undergone numerous surgeries. All proceeds will go directly to Cory and his family to help cover any associated medical costs.

Coke County will hold Democratic Party County Convention April 21

The Coke County Democratic Party Convention will be held on April 21, 2012, at 10 am at the church hall next door to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 601 W. 10th in Robert Lee.

The convention will be open to any qualified voter who registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the convention and who signs an oath of affiliation with the Democratic Party.

If you are interested in participating in the convention, please be sure to bring your voter registration card for identification. Because of the changes to the election schedule, the Texas Convention and Delegate Selection process this year will skip precinct conventions and begin at County/Senatorial District conventions. This forum will also be used to conduct other

party business such as electing precinct chairs for a County Executive Committee and adopting resolutions for the state party platform.

"We encourage all Democrats of Coke County to attend the Democratic Convention and make their voice heard," said Bob Houck, Coke County Democratic Party Chair. "Individuals who want to represent our area as delegates to the Texas Democratic Party State Convention should attend."

The delegates and alternates elected at the County/Senate District Convention then go to the State Convention. The State Convention will be held on June 7, 8 and 9 in Houston, Texas. Delegates and alternates elected at the State Convention will go to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina which will be held September 3-6, 2012.

"As one of the largest and most diverse delegations in the country, the Texas Democratic Party will make certain that all voices of our broad constituency are heard at our National Convention," said TDP Chair Boyd Richie.

Coke County will hold Republican Party County Convention April 21

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 am.

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 con-

sider 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 29 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."

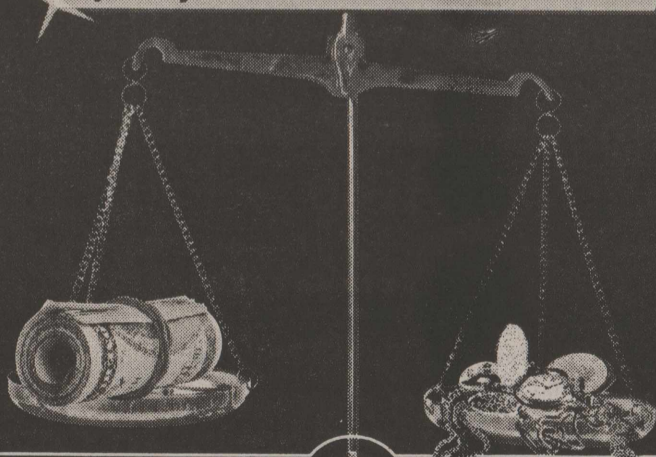
As an additional resource, the State Party stands ready to answer any questions related to the 2012 Republican Party of Texas Convention process. More convention information is available at the RPT website: TexasGOP.org.

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

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...RLISD Awards
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- 8th Grade**
Kodi Drennan, Hunter Hamrick, Karlee Roach
- 9th Grade**
James Roberts
- 10th Grade**
Michael Curry, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard
- 11th Grade**
Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Lubbock Roe, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat
- 12th Grade**
Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrera, Raquel Rojas, Meagan Ross
- "A/B" Honor Roll**
- 7th Grade**
Gabriel Abalos, Kaden Hayes, Anna Huapilla, Donovan Thomas, James Wyatt
- 8th Grade**
Wade Allen, Brady Clawson, Pammy Meeks
- 9th Grade**
Mason Hill
- 10th Grade**
Jesse Sheets, Ashlie Tennison, Everett Wilson
- 11th Grade**
Beanca Bower, Drew Davis, Kelsey Hewitt, Bailey Smith
- 12th Grade**
Jose Fabian, Chad Martin, Cynthia Mitchell, Kimberly Roach, Victoria Roe, Kayla Scott, Jim Bob Smith, Destiny Thomas

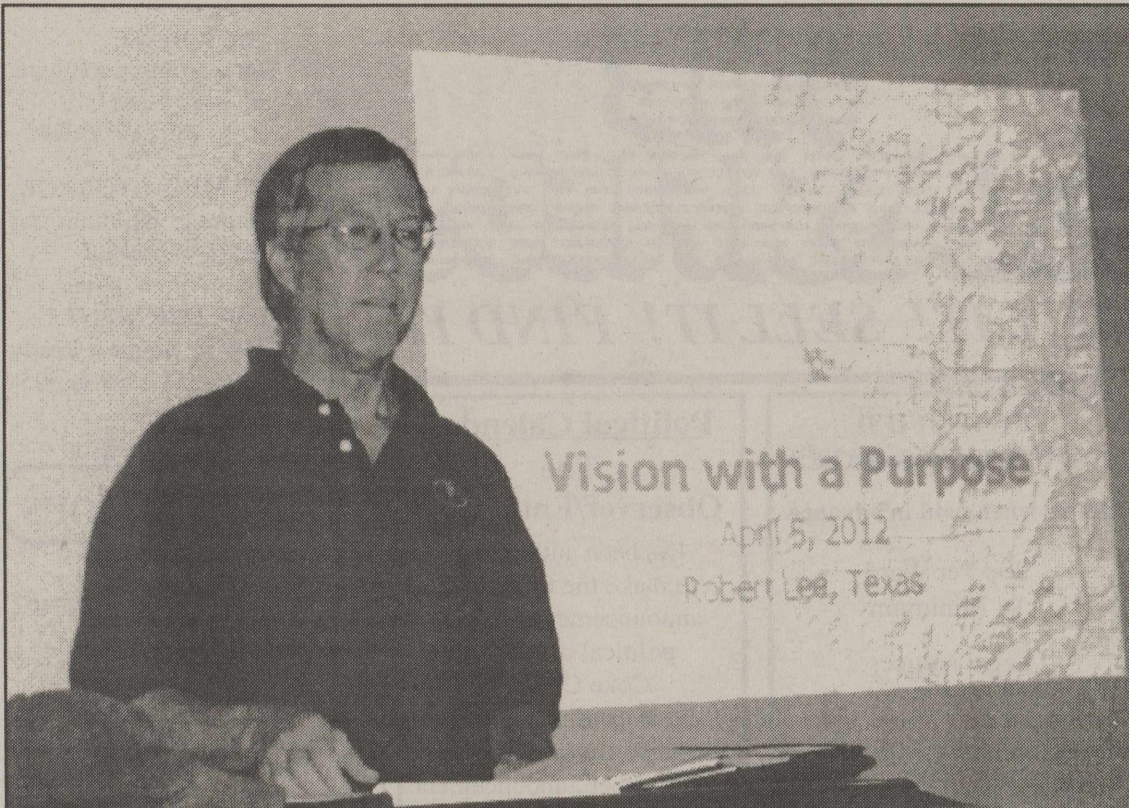
Perfect Attendance

- Pre-K**
Rhett Rangel
- Kindergarten**
Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Lucas Martinez, Cloe Minjarez, Canyon Moran, Brody Pitcock
- 1st Grade**
Skyler Horne, Ginner Mendoza, Kristen Moreno, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksiuk
- 2nd Grade**
Zane Avants, Reagan Bohannon, Jacey Brashear, Gavin Freeman, Brayley Hood, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, McKenzie Puentez, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno
- 3rd Grade**
Hemma Rangel, Jullisa Ureno, Jasmine Williams
- 4th Grade**
Joseph Leal, Cali Lee, Crystal Salinas, Haleigh Soto, Veronica Ureno
- 5th Grade**
Bubba Bohannon, Kelby Clawson, Corbin Drennan, Madison Hall, Ryan Harless, Garrett Knight, Daniel Mendoza, Kaylee Puentez,

- Autumn Ramon, Chelsea Wyatt
- 6th Grade**
Jayce Bower, Bethany Coppedge, William Coppedge, Jorge Mendoza, Margo Mendoza, Adam Minjarez, Mariah Munoz, Kiara Padgett, Cesar Rangel, Samantha Roe, Rachel Russell, Jessica Wheat
- 7th Grade**
Gabriel Abalos, Matthew Curry, Kaden Hayes, Anna Huapilla, Chesney Minjarez, Casey Scruggs, Kandace Skipworth, James Wyatt
- 8th Grade**
Bruce Buddin, Brady Clawson, Pamela Meeks, Yulissa Peraza, Myrka Rangel, Karlee Roach, Blaine Yanez
- 9th Grade**
Jaden Aldridge, Mason Hill, James Roberts, Mychael Tijerina, Daria Tinkler
- 10th Grade**
Taylor Benton, Michael Curry, Fatima Fabian, Will Howard, Bianca Huapilla, Kevin Saucedo, Everett Wilson
- 11th Grade**
Dawson Brisbin, Kelsey Hewitt, Zachary Sanchez, Bailey Smith
- 12th Grade**
Jose Fabian, Kimberly Roach, Raquel Rojas, Meagan Ross, Diana Vera

CCRTA meeting detailed

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association convened Monday, April 16, 2012. The luncheon meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. William Hood gave the invocation preceding the luncheon. Beth Prather, unit president, presided at the business session. Jackie Walker was welcomed as a new member. President Beth introduced Nancy Byler of Brownwood, District XV President and District Presidents Council Chair. She spoke to the group and told of the highlights of the TRTA State Convention held in Houston last month. Byler also reported on a state board meeting she attended in Lubbock. She encouraged all unit members to attend the Leadership Training Workshop to be held in Brownwood May 23. Byler also announced that Tim Lee, TRTA Executive Director of Austin, will be



Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose! Tony Eeds was the featured speaker at the April meeting of Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose. The meeting was held at Noel's on Thursday, April 5, 2012. Mr. Eeds is Principal of White Rock Studio, LLC, formed in 1998. Since the establishment of White Rock Studio, he has focused his practice on historic restoration, completing noted projects such as the conversion of hotels into downtown housing in Abilene and Beaumont. Most recently, he completed design and construction of a restaurant in a historic structure in Palestine, Texas. He is also Principal with Community Revitalization Strategies. This focuses on bringing economic development and downtown revitalization to the small towns of Texas.

speaking at the Brownwood Coliseum June 19, 2012.

Paul Gothard, Legislative Chairman, urged members to stay in touch with legislators and distributed an update on current issues.

President Beth presented award certificates to Wanda Brewer for Exceptional Community Service, Judy Gibbs for Outstanding Volunteer Service, and Jerry Horn for Most Steps Taken.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2012. The luncheon and business session will begin at 11 am (notice time change) at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. State Representative Drew Darby will be the guest speaker. He will speak at 1

pm. Anyone interested in teachers, retired teachers, and school-related issues is urged to attend at this time.

Members attending the April meeting were Cristie Bagwell, Wanda Barbee, Jamie Boren, Wanda Brewer, Judy Gibbs, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, Brenda

Hines, William Hood, Charlotte Jackson, Mary Lawhon, Pat Lee, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Gerald Sandusky, Brenda Smith, Gary Smith, Charlotte Tounget, Jackie Walker, Janet Wommack, and Lee Wommack. Guests attending included Nancy Byler, Casey Tolliver and Dorothy Wilson.

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- Victory Assembly's own talented singers

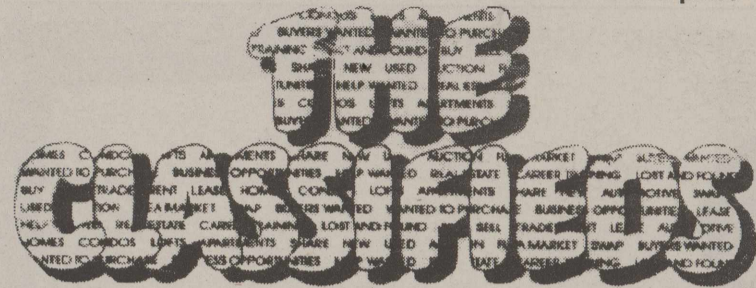
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NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Boaz Energy, LLC, Operator 078034, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following: P-17 application to amend the Bronte Field's current exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production and allocate production based on well tests. The following leases are a part of this permit; Bronte Palo Pinto Unit (02472), Bronte Capps Unit (02474), Bronte Cambrian Unit (02473), J.L. Brunson "C" (04763), J.L. Brunson "C" (17079), J.L. Brunson "B" (707786), E.C. Rawlings (733103), O.M. Keeney (733254) and J.L. Brunson "B" (731410) all in Coke County, Texas. Any affected mineral interest owners who have not received written notification are advised to contact Karan Eves of Boaz Energy, LLC at 3300 North "A" Street, Building 2, Suite 205, Midland, TX 79705.

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL
A los votantes registrados del Bronte ISD, Texas: Notifiquese, Por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriron desde las 7:00 am hasta las 7:00 pm el 12 de mayo de 2012 para

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votar en la Eleccion General para elegir eleccion dos administradores por un periodo de tres anos del consejo de la escuela de Bronte.

DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS

ELECTORALES, City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, TX 76933. La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Bronte ISD Superintendent's Office, 210 south Jefferson, Bronte, TX entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 30 de abril, 2012, terminado el 8 de mayo, 2012. Las solicitudes para boletas que votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Gina McCutchen Early Voting Clerk, PO Box 670, Bronte, TX 76933. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las hora de negocio el 4 de mayo, 2012.

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CITY OF ROBERT LEE PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESCIND BOIL WATER APRIL 12, 2012

On April 9, 2012 due to reduced pressure resulting from water main breaks, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) required the City of Robert Lee's Water Treatment Plant/PWS ID# 0410002, to issue a Boil Water Notice to inform customers to boil their water prior to consumption.

On April 12, 2012, City of Robert Lee water customers are notified that it is no longer necessary to boil the drinking water. After receiving results of our bacteriological samples, the water is safe for consumption. Citizens may discontinue boiling water.

If you have any questions you may call City Hall at 325-453-2831.

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NOTICE OF A BOND ELECTION IN ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. TAKE NOTICE THAT an election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on May 12, 2012, in the Robert Lee Independent School District (the "District") at the following designated polling place:

Coke County Courthouse
13 E. 7th Street

Robert Lee, Texas 76945
The election shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). The District shall constitute a single election precinct for the election, and all

resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at the election.

2. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail at: Office of the Coke County Clerk

Attention: Mary Grim,
Early Voting Clerk
13 E. 7th Street

Robert Lee, Texas 76945

And during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 30, 2012, through May 8, 2012, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on each weekday during early voting, except that early voting shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 4, 2012, and no early voting will be held on Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance.

3. At the election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principle amount of \$1,500,000, for the purpose of the acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment of school facilities in the District and the acquisition of school sites and school buses; with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principle of and interest on

the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

4. The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 OF BONDS FOR ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. FOR

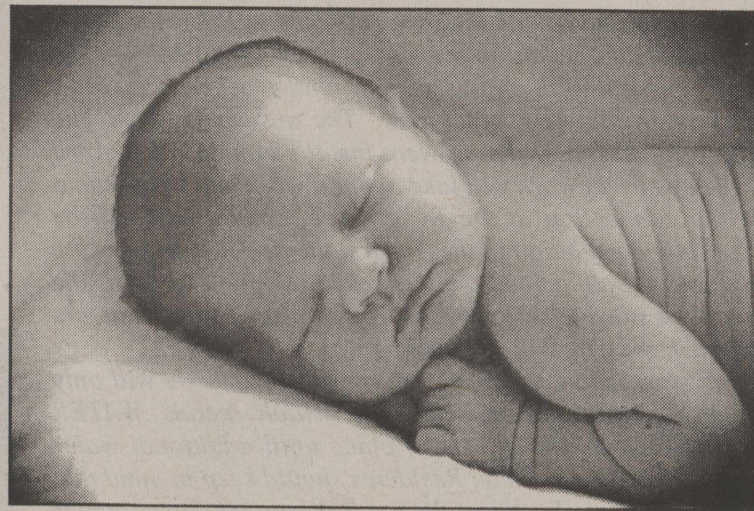
AGAINST
5. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code.

AVISO DE ELECCION DE BONOS EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE ROBERT LEE

1. TOME CONOCIMIENTO de que el 12 de mayo de 2012 se celebrara una eleccion en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Robert Lee (el "Distrito"), entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m., en el siguiente sitio de votacion designado:

Coke County Courthouse
13 E. 7th Street

Robert Lee, Texas 76945
La eleccion se administrara de acuerdo con las disposiciones correspondientes delCodigo Electoral de Texas (el "Codigo"). El Distrito constituira un unico precinto electoral para la



Look Who s New! Their first son was so much fun, God couldn't wait to bless them with another one. Gauge Withrow is proud to announce the birth of his baby brother Ryder Jayce Withrow born March 22, 2012 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Kyle Withrow and Carolla Orcutt. The grandparents are Jay Orcutt and Alzira Martins of San Angelo, Shanna Murphree, Dee McCollum and Robert Withrow, all of Midland. The great-grandparents are Robert and Barbara Feil of Bronte and Jewel Murphree of Midland.

eleccion, y todos los electors habilitados que residan en el Distrito tendran derecho a votar en la eleccion.

2. La votacion adelantada debe llevarse a cabo personalmente y por correo en:

Office of the Coke County Clerk
Attention: Mary Grim,
Early Voting Clerk
13 E. 7th Street

Robert Lee, Texas 76945 y durante el periodo de votacion adelantada requerido o permitido por la ley, que se extiende desde el 30 de abril de 2012 hasta el 8 de mayo de 2012, el horario designado para la votacion adelantada en persona sera de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes, durante la votacion adelantada, excepto el viernes 4 de mayo de 2012, cuando la votacion adelantada sera de 8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. No se realizara votacion adelantada los sabados, domingos y feriados oficiales del estado. El secretario de votacion adelantada mantendra el sitio de votacion adelantada abierto durante dichos horarios para la votacion adelantada en

persona.
3. En dicha eleccion se sometera la siguiente PROPOSICION de acuerdo con la ley:

PROPOSICION

¿Se autorizara a la Junta de Regentes del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Robert Lee a emitir bonos del Distrito, en una o mas series, por un importe total de capital de \$1,500,000 para la adquisicion, construccion, renovacion y equipamiento de instalaciones escolares en el Distrito y la adquisicion de sitios y buses escolares, y dichos bonos devengaran interes a su vencimiento, y se emitiran y vendaran de acuerdo con la ley vigente al momento de la emission; y se autorizara a la Junta de Regentes a imponer y evaluar y recauden, impuestos ad valorem anuales sobre todas las propiedades gravables en el Distrito, sin limites en cuanto a las tasa o el importe, suficientes para pagar el capital y el interes sobre los bonos y el costo de todo arreglo crediticio ejecutado en relacion con los bonos?

4. Las boletas oficiales

(Continued on Page 12)

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2008 Ford Explorer Sport Trac #5150 \$18,895 Burgundy w/Tan Cloth • Limited • 38K Miles!	2001 Ford Ranger XLT Super Cab #6428A \$ 5,995 Silver w/Gray Cloth • V-6 Automatic • PW/PL • Grill Guard
2010 Mercury Milan Premier #K099B \$18,795 Silver w/Gray Leather • V-6 • 26K Miles!	
2009 Mercury Grand Marquis LS #1201B \$16,995 White w/Light Stone Leather • Heated Seats	
2006 Ford F-150 Super Crew XLT #1218A \$14,995 Toreador Red w/Tan Cloth • Only 64K Miles!!!	

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Ask For:
Randy Flanagan • Billy Wayne Roe

Pipeline Update! As the pipe rolled in to Robert Lee and the construction began on the emergency water pipeline; The number one question on everyone's mind is when will water flow through our new water line? The answer is soon. The pumps and necessary piping were installed on Monday, April 16. The electrical work will take about a week and at the same time the connection at the Robert Lee Water Plant will be done. Upon completion of these tasks, the line will be pressure tested and the chlorine levels checked all the way in to the Robert Lee storage system. After the results of these tests are confirmed, the City will start taking water.

As we start taking water, please remember that we will only receive 200,000 gallons per day which means WATER RESTRICTIONS will still be in place until additional water supplies become available. Residents should keep in mind that the current drought has taken a toll on all Texas water sources. Continual water conservation and landscaping measures will ensure future availability for all residents.

...More Classifieds
NOTICES

para la eleccion se prepararan de acuerdo con el Codigo a fin de permitir que los electors voten "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICION anteriormente mencionada, y las boletas contendran dichas disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje exigidos por la ley, y dicha PROPOSICION debera expresarse sustancialmente como sigue:

PROPOSICION

LA EMISION DE BONOS POR EL IMPORTE DE \$1,500,000 POR EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR

INDEPENDIENTE DE ROBERT LEE Y LA IMPOSICION DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL PAGO DE DICHOS BONOS. A FAVOR _____ EN CONTRA _____

5. De acuerdo con la Ley Ayude a America a Votar ("HAVA", por sus siglas en ingles) federal y el Codigo, en cada sitio de votacion debera haber por lo menos un sistema de votacion dotado para personas discapacitadas, y cada uno de dichos sistemas de votacion debera haber sido certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas como un sistema que cumple con la ley HAVA y el Codigo.

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... Anniversary

(Continued from page 1) of Highway 208 and the Penny Lane Fire west of Robert Lee near Edith. These fires added over 2,000 acres to the year's total of over 250,000 acres.

Conditions causing these fires included excessive heat and excessive drought. Coke County temperatures spiked at 100 degrees or more for over 100 days in 2011. Rainfall averages for the county came in at 1.73" for the entire first half of 2011. The second half of the year was better, averaging 7.5". The overall average for 2011 rainfall in Coke County came to 9.2".

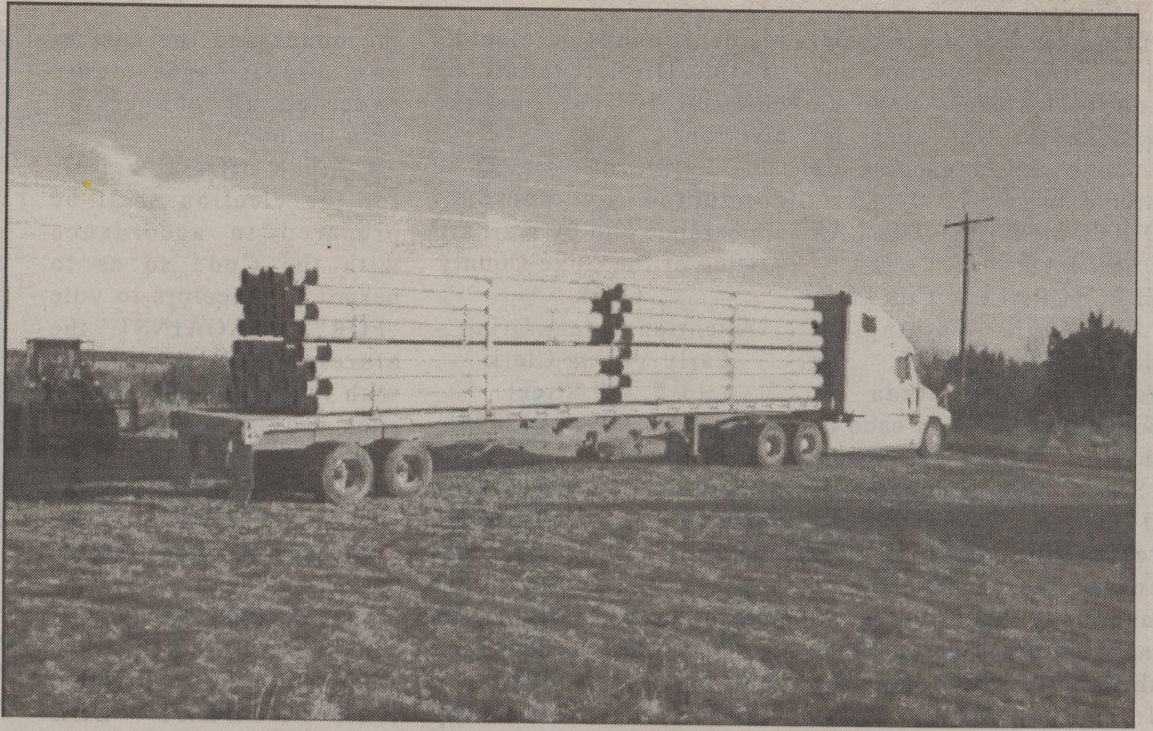
Thankfully, it began raining in October 2011 and has continued through this past quarter. The average rainfall for the first quarter of 2012 stands at 6.36". At this rate if the rain continues for the next three quarters, Coke County's normal rainfall average of just over 24" will be achieved.

The welcome rains have provided greenery over the burned areas and the rest of the county. However, the trees lost still stand as blackened reminders of the devastation our county faced down in 2011. Resulting consequences of 2011's fires remain as cattle numbers remain below pre-fire totals and ranchers continue to replace fences lost to the fires. The fires and record temperatures experienced in 2011 are contributing factors

to Robert Lee's current water situation. The excessive temperatures increased evaporation and firefighting efforts drained precious gallons from already low reserves.

The one thing proven about Coke County in 2011 is the character and hardiness of the people who live here. We proved we will come together to help whenever needed. This was readily apparent in the number of firefighters from both sides of the county who fought these fires and the fire fighting support systems. It is also being shown in the water pipeline now running between the communities of Bronte and Robert Lee. We need to thank God for all of our blessings, including sparing our communities from the fire and for sending the rains which have graced our county during the last six months. Isn't it wonderful to live in a place where we not only know our neighbors, but can count on them for help whenever a disaster strikes.

As news crews from all over the country and overseas have arrived in our county periodically since last spring, they seem to always ask the same questions. "What will you do or why do you stay?", etc. We can, and have, answered with "We stay because this is where we live, it's where we are from. We'll do what we've always done - face whatever challenge together and figure out a solution. We stay because this is our home and God is faithful to see us through."



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