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## Early voting ends May 8 for local elections

Early voting will continue through Tuesday, May 8, 2012, for the upcoming local entities elections. The elections will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Most of the elections were cancelled due to unopposed races. However, the Bronte ISD Board of Trustee election will be held, along with the bond election for Robert Lee ISD.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Ericka Knight, Wayne Coalson, and Doug Tounget. Six people filed to have their names on the ballot. They include David McWright, Bryan Swecker, Andra Arrott, Blake Braswell, Blain McGinnis, Kerry Lee, and Jay Henderson.

Robert Lee ISD will have a bond election May 12, 2012. The proposition will be stated on the ballot as:

### 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?

Voting for this bond election on May 12, 2012, will be at the Coke County Courthouse. Early voting for this election will be in the County Clerk's office of the courthouse. The office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm and from 8 am to 1 pm on Friday.

Early voting in the Bronte ISD Board of Trustee election will be held in the Superintendent's office at Bronte ISD between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The election on May 12, 2012, will be held at Bronte City Hall.

## 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,



**Fort Chadbourne!** A large crowd was on hand for the grand opening of the new Fort Chadbourne Visitors Center. Cutting the ribbon on the Center were (from left) Ann Pate, Joy and Charles Blake, Garland and Lana Richards, and Brent Bryan. The wonderful new center hosts a huge collection of artifacts. Fort Chadbourne is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm. Their living history event is slated for this Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5. On Friday, the Fort will host over 1,000 school children from as far away as Ranger. Saturday's event is open to the public. Over 250 re-enactors will be on hand both days. Attendees will enjoy hayrides to see the buffalo and longhorns, the cannons and gatling gun will fire, the calvary and infantry will drill, and folks can visit with the buffalo hunters, spinners, and many more. The event will be held from 9 am to 4:30 pm.



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.

## Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person 18 hole select shot golf tournament on Saturday, May 5. 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.

## Genealogical Society meeting scheduled

The Coke County Genealogical Society will meet Monday, May 7 at 6 pm at the Coke County Library.

A roundtable program, led by Fran Lomas, will feature ideas of scrapbooking genealogical records and photos. Basics of scrapbooking and preservation of records will be the main features of the evening. A packet of ideas will be available for the cost

of copies. All members and guests are invited to bring and share ideas.

## Mertz fundraisers scheduled

Austin Mertz has earned a summer youth ministry position in the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. A bake sale will be held Friday, May 11, from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Bronte Mini-Park. Raffle tickets for a framed 22" x 35" Lighthouse Psalms 18:2 will be sold with the drawing scheduled for May 25. These fundraisers will assist Austin with the \$1,500 needed to accept this position.



**Network Luncheon!** Phelan Wrinkle (left) and Beth Prather, representing Robert Lee, visit with Tammie Virden of Ballinger and Connie Selden of Tye, during the Texas Midwest Community Network luncheon recently held in Merkel. More information on the luncheon can be found on page 8 of this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

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**Obituaries**



**Quisenberry**  
 J. E. Quisenberry, Jr., went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm to 7 pm. A funeral service was held at 10 am on Friday, April 27, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Robert Lee with Reverend Danny White officiating. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Edwin Quisenberry, Russell Gene Quisenberry, John Houston Ferry, Eric Joseph Webb, Brent Anthony Bauerlein, and

Roy Glenn Quisenberry. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

J. E. was born on September 3, 1924, in Goodlett, Texas, to Jesse Edward Quisenberry and Audrey Marie Castle Quisenberry. He married Imogene Obertha Mayo on November 11, 1942, and they were married for 55 wonderful years.

J. E. joined the United States Air Force on July 5, 1943, and served his country as a B-17 Gunner and Staff Sergeant. He left for overseas in June of 1944 where he was held as a P.O.W. of the Germans for ten months prior to liberation. J. E. was a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal.

After returning from serving his country, J. E. worked for the USDA-FSA office for 45 years. He was also self employed as owner and operator of Quisenberry Beefmasters and Quisenberry Green House.

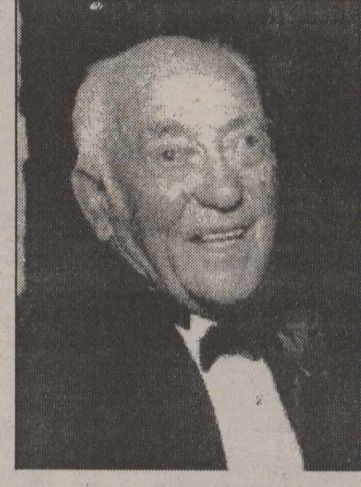
J. E. was a member of the First Baptist Church of Robert Lee, the Ex-P.O.W. Organization, the American Legion, and Beefmaster Breeders United.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his daughter, Bonnie Kaye Walker; his brothers, Clebert Quisenberry, Walter Quisenberry, and Bobby Quisenberry.

J. E. is survived by his son, Jerry Edwin Quisenberry and wife Diane of Ballinger; his daughter, Pamela June Bauerlein of Wimberley; and son-in-law, Byron Bauerlein of Ballinger; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Beefmaster Educational Endowment Foundation or the American Heart Association.

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**Norvell**

Cuin Norvell, 91, passed peacefully from this earth on Monday, April 30, 2012. Funeral service was held at 3 pm on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial following in Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Cuin was born February 1, 1921, to Danel Norvell and Annie Hice Norvell in Burkburnett, Texas. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII from 1942-1945. He was stationed in England and often spoke of his ride

over on the Queen Mary. Cuin was married to Vera Lou Fincher for 15 years, before she passed away in 1962 in Hobbs, New Mexico. He later married Mary Elaine Reid-Romine on April 11, 1964.

Cuin was a man who knew his own mind and did not shy away from sharing his opinion. He believed in being honest and ethical, both at home and work. Cuin was a hard worker and after 20 years of service, he retired from Tipperary Oil and Gas.

After retirement, Cuin indulged in his hobbies of hunting, fishing, and gardening. He was a Christian man and was proud to tell all that he had read through the Bible over 20 times. He loved and cared for his family and they were the most important people in his life.

Cuin is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Mary Elaine Norvell of Robert Lee; his children, Ronald Cuin Norvell and wife Patsy, Ricky Lynn Norvell all of Hobbs, New Mexico, Paul "Kenny" Romine and wife Terri of Odessa, Bud Dwayne Romine and wife Shawn of Granbury, Kerry Dale Romine and wife Lisa of Hobbs, New Mexico, Teresa Ellen Neiman and husband Dennis of Robert Lee, Debora LoRayne Henry and husband Pete of Cedar Park, Texas. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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**Dipperly**

Catalina Dipperly, 88, died Friday, April 20, 2012, at a local nursing home. Graveside service was held at 10 am on Friday, April 27, 2012, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Survivors include her family at Regency House Nursing Home.

**Graves**

Linda Joyce Graves, 65, a lifetime resident of Wichita Falls died Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at a hospice facility. Services were held at 10 am, Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Hampton Vaughan Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Dr. James Sterling. Interment followed at Holliday Cemetery in Holliday, Texas.

Mrs. Graves is preceded in death by her son, James Randy Graves; parents; and sister, Barbara Hamill.

Survivors include her loving husband of 42 years, James "Butch" Graves; children, Tyree and wife Connie Graves of Wichita Falls, Brian Graves of Denton, Texas, Daisy Graves of Wichita Falls; nine grandchildren, Christopher, Jackie, Linda, Aleshia, Tammy, Elizabeth Ann, James Tyler, Randy and Blake; ten great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Jim Hamill of Holliday; and niece, Dawn Hamill of Wichita Falls.

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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
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 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

**It's Mothers Day May 13th!**

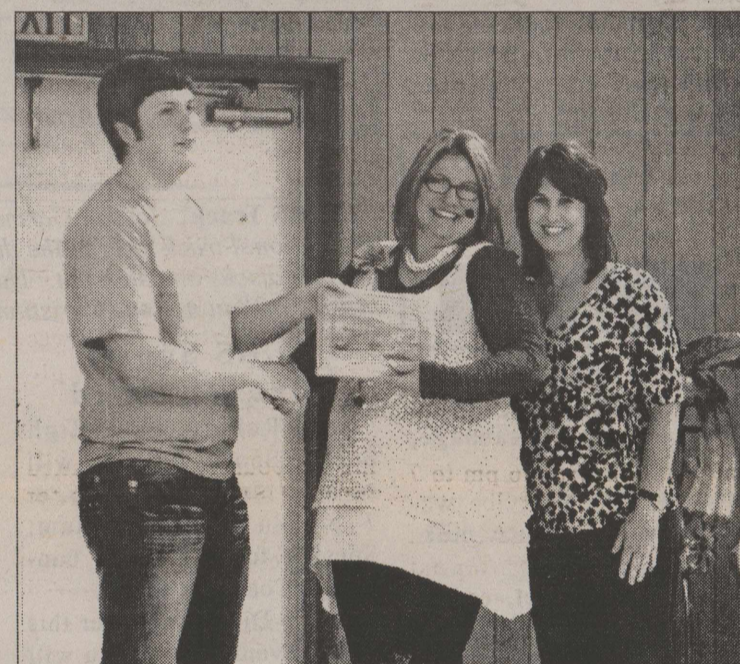
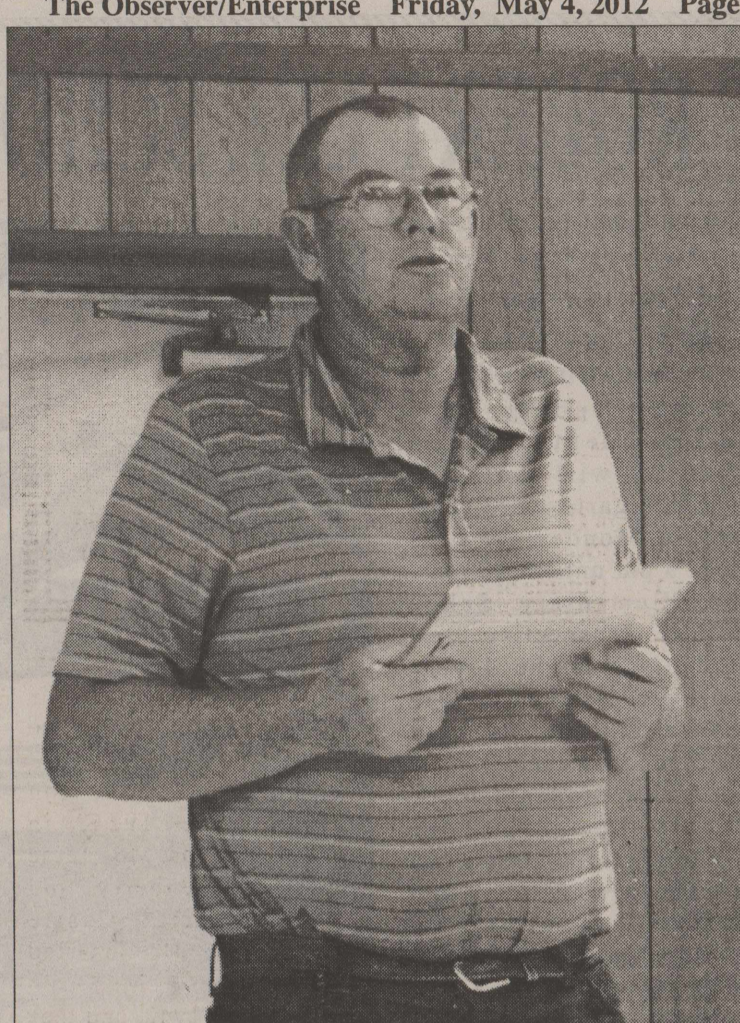
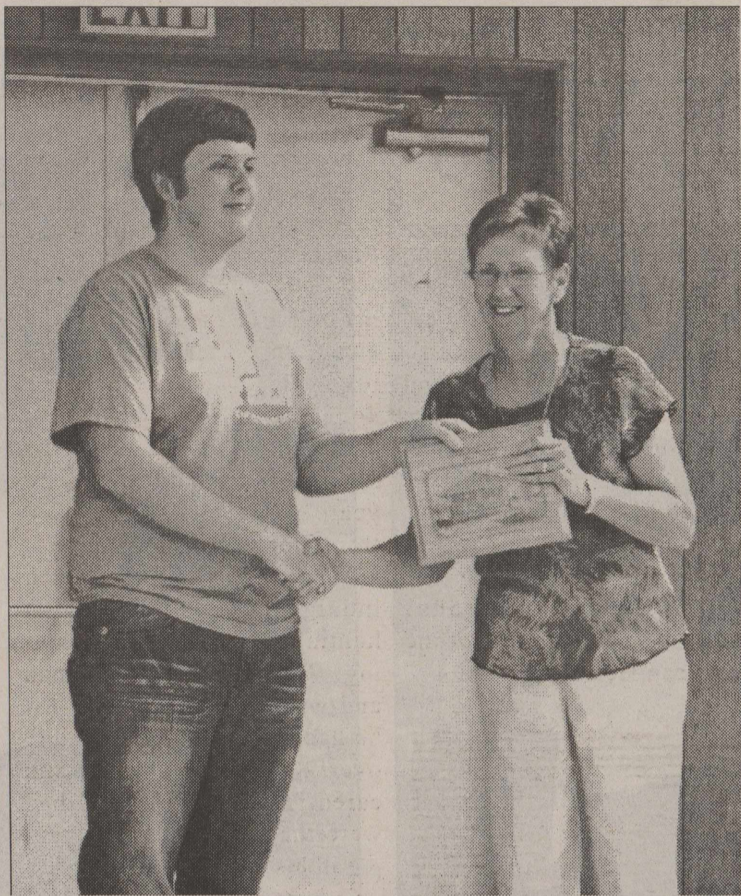
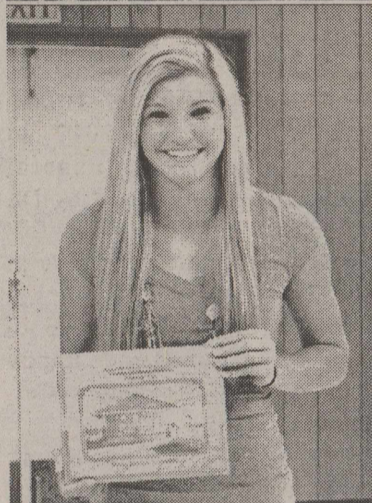
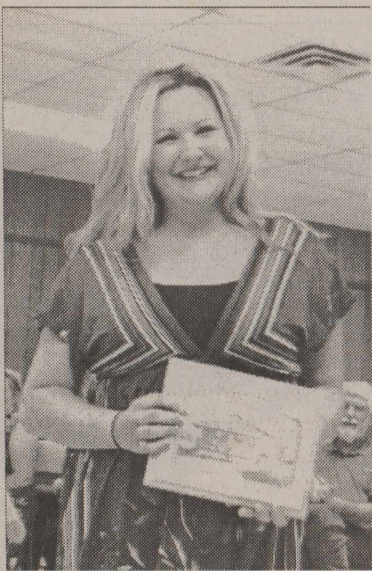
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**Bronte Chamber Banquet!** Honored at the annual Bronte Chamber of Commerce banquet held Tuesday, April 24, 2012, were: Business of the Year - Hall's Super Save, award accepted by Jackie Gibbs (top left); Volunteer of the Year - Gwen Dyess (top center); Citizen of the Year - Wade Stautzenberger (top right); Student of the Year - Kimber Lee (bottom left); Student of the Year - Austin Mertz (bottom center) and Educators of the Year - Tami Richards and Alisa Webb (bottom right). Teen Chamber Director Jaylon Seales made the presentations.

**Red Hat Society meeting schedule**

The Red Hat Society have announced their upcoming meeting schedule. You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. They are usually together for about an hour or so. Whatever they do, they have fun. There are no dues, no rules, no business, but lots of good fun, food and fellowship. Each woman buys her own lunch.

Ladies under fifty can wear something lavender and a pink hat and ladies at or over 50 usually wear something purple and wear a red hat.

Mark your calendars now for the following dates: June 7, 11 am, Rangel's, Bronte; July 12, 11 am at Rangel's in Robert Lee; August 2, 11 am, Cruzin' 277, Bronte; September 6, 11 am, Cindy's, Robert Lee; October 4, 11 am, Allen's, Sweetwater; November 6, 11 am, First Baptist Church in Bronte (Annual Potato Bake);

December 6, 11 am, Miss Hattie's, San Angelo

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

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## 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.

## School Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, May 7

Pancakes and sausage, cereal, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, May 8

Burrito, cereal, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, May 9

Pigs in a blanket, cereal, juice, milk

#### Thursday, May 10

Pizza, cereal, juice, milk

#### Friday, May 11

Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, May 7

Burrito, salad, corn, applesauce, graham crackers, milk

#### Tuesday, May 8

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, peas, bread, pears, milk

#### Wednesday, May 9

Frito pie, salad, corn, grapes, milk

#### Thursday, May 10

Oven fried chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, bread, apple, milk

#### Friday, May 11

Barbecue on a bun, pickles, cheesestick, french fries, peaches, milk



**RLHS Track!** Jordan Gartman (above photo) qualified for the regional track meet in the discus and Diana Vera qualified in both discus and shot put. The regional track meet was held April 27-28 at Abilene Christian University.

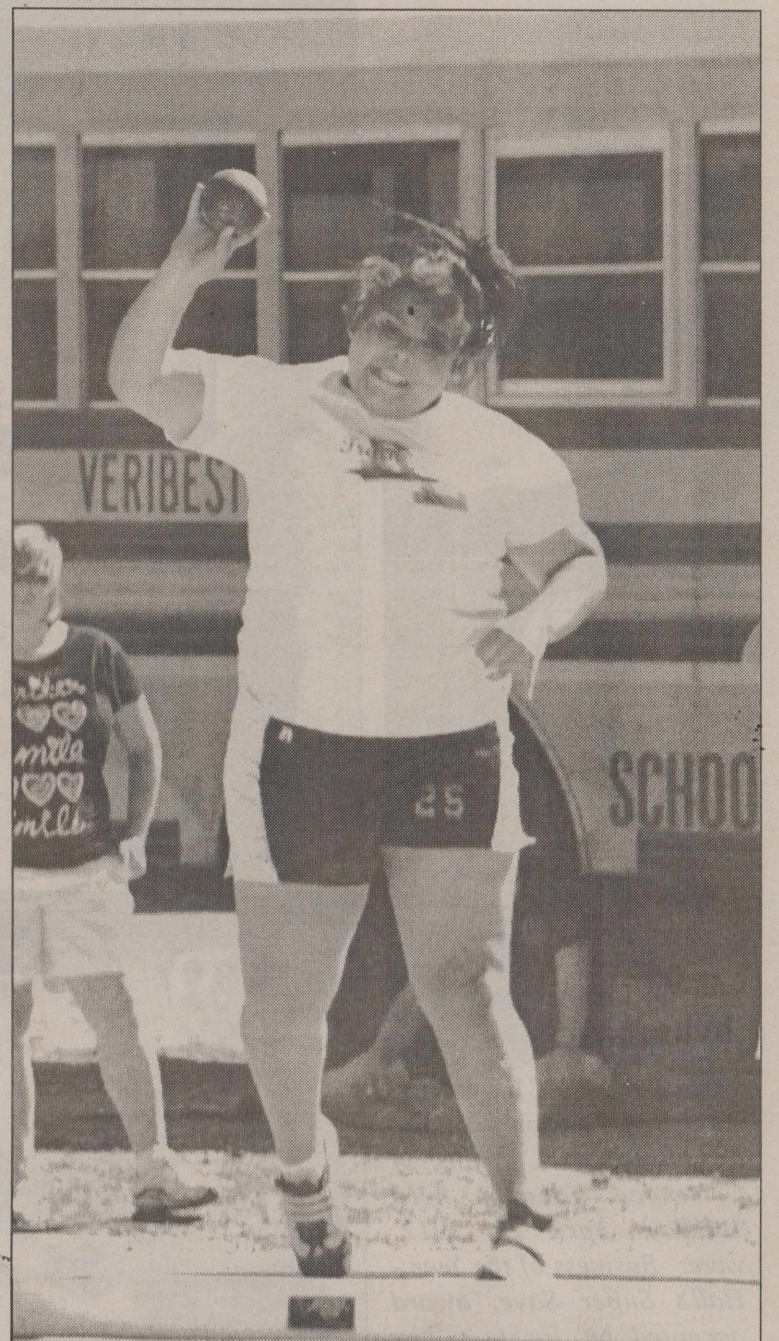
## RLHS Sports Banquet slated

The Robert Lee High School Sports Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 15, at 7 pm in the cafetorium. Speaker for this year's banquet is Coach Ed Poehls.

Pepe's Diner will cater this year's event. The menu will include beef or chicken fajitas, rice, beans, tortillas, guacamole, and pico. Reservations may be made and tickets purchased from

Pam Millican in the RLHS office. Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, May 10. Although athletes are free, tickets are \$11 each.

A raffle will be held on a Silpada necklace donated by Susan Pentecost and valued at \$60. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Raffle tickets may be purchased from Natalie Clawson, Denise Roberts, Tracy Allen, Brandi Sawyer, Brenda Skinner, or Valerie Howard. The winner



of the raffle will be announced at the May 24 Awards Assembly.

## West Coke County EMS to host open house

West Coke County EMS will be hosting an open

house Saturday, May 19, from 12 noon until 2 pm. There will be hot dogs, all the fixings and drinks. Prizes will also be given away. The event will be held at the EMS Barn and all are invited to come out and have a good time.

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### Rowdy Ruff and Powder Puff games slated

The Bronte Student Council annually sponsors a "Powder Puff" football game for the high school girls.

The "Powder Puff" football game is Friday, May 11, at 7 pm at the Bronte High School football field.

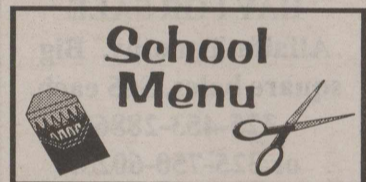
All proceeds from these games go to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department and Bronte Senior Scholarship fund.

### Howard College meeting set for BHS

There will be an informational meeting for parents and current sophomore, junior and senior students who are interested in taking college classes at Bronte High School. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, at 6 pm in the library. BHS personnel and a representative from Howard College will be on hand to discuss admissions requirements, pre-registration, cost, and class expectations for students who want to take college classes at BHS.

Information regarding dual credit classes offered at BHS during the fall and spring semesters will be provided to current juniors and their parents. Summer classes are available to qualified current sophomore and seniors students.

For more information, please call the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2511.



### School Menu

#### Breakfast

- Monday, May 7**  
Sausage roll, assorted juice, fruit, milk
- Tuesday, May 8**  
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, fruit, milk
- Wednesday, May 9**  
Pancake on a stick, cereal, assorted juice, fruit, milk
- Thursday, May 10**  
Breakfast wrap, assorted juice, fruit, milk
- Friday, May 11**  
Sausage with biscuit, cereal, assorted fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

- Monday, May 7**  
Pizza, seasoned corn, garden salad, fruit, cookies, milk
- Tuesday, May 8**  
Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, milk
- Wednesday, May 9**  
Lasagna, garden salad, corn, garlic bread, apple crisp, milk
- Thursday, May 10**  
Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, garden salad, spanish rice, fruit, milk
- Friday, May 11**  
Cheeseburger, salad cup, baked chips, rice crispy treat, milk

### Evans Scholarship applications available

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte United Methodist Church.

The Scholarship is for students 19 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at City Hall, 114 South Washington, and need to be returned to City Hall by May 21, 2012.

### Bronte High School Scholarship Check List

#### 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)

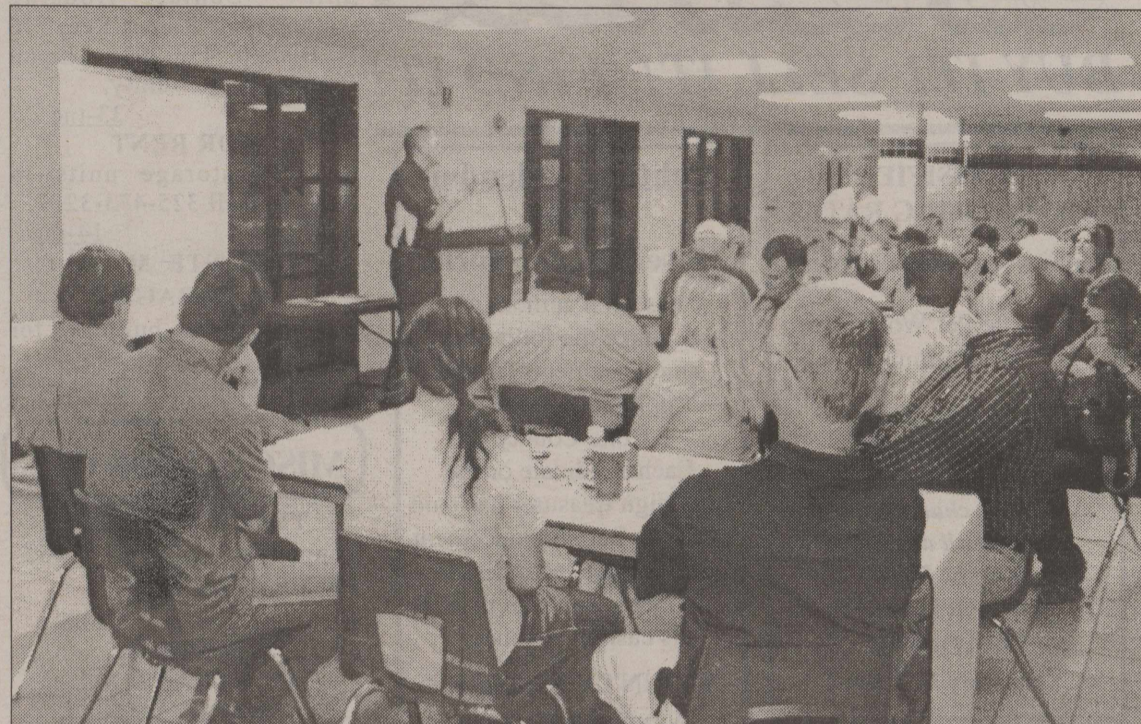
Al's Formal Wear Scholarship (Southwest Region Scholarship)

### 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

# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Retreat!** Each year since 1996, Bronte ISD has hosted a District Site Based Retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to establish goals for programs and facilities for the upcoming school year. Committee members include school administrators, school staff, students, parents and community members. The retreat is facilitated by members of the Education Service Center in San Angelo.

under, 9-12, 13-15, 16-19, and open.

For more information, call Jennifer at (325) 234-6250 or Morgan at (325) 277-9210.

### 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 acci-

dent 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.

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My 22-years of military experience gave me the opportunity to manage budgets over \$86 million; operate organizations of over 350 people; and evaluate organizations for effectiveness. Additionally, I'm a State of Texas certified Teacher and meet "Highly Qualified" requirements.

My involvement has made my initial goals to:

- (1) Work on a sustainable budget that provides our children with a solid educational foundation;
- (2) Ensure the school keeps pace with new learning techniques, tools, and technology to keep our children competitive with their peers across the nation.

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**David McWright for Bronte ISD School Board of Trustees**

**Commitment:**

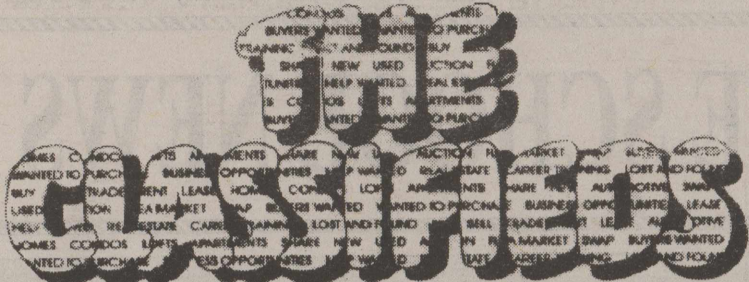
- My wife, Paula, and I chose to live and raise our family here in Bronte and we have been residents for years. Paula graduated from BISD and our children go to school at BISD. Bronte is our hometown and we want to do everything we can to make it better for our family, neighbors and friends.
- In the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

Pd. Pol. Adv. by David McWright, PO Box 93, Bronte, TX 76933



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**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES**  
 Rates when paid in advance.  
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 Legal Notices:  
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*A service charge will be added to all ads which must be billed.*  
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 All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.  
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**211 E MCCAULLEY, BRONTE**  
 2 BR/1 BA, \$35,000 owner financed w/\$2,000 down and \$300 per month. Will discount to \$30,000 for cash. Please call 325-949-1099.  
 40-4tp  
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 2 BR/1 BA, \$35,000 owner financed w/\$2,000 down and \$300 per month. Will discount to \$30,000 for cash. Please call 325-949-1099.  
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**Fish Fridays!**  
**Catfish or Shrimp**  
*All the Fixin's*  
**\$7.99**  
*per plate*  
**CINDY'S**  
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 Robert Lee  
 453-9200

**Political Calendar**  
**The Observer/Enterprise**  
 has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.  
 Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.  
**COUNTY SHERIFF**  
 Wayne McCutchen (Rep.)  
**COKE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**  
 Josie Dean (Rep.)  
 Kathi J. Cox (Rep.)  
**COUNTY CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 1**  
 Marshall Millican (Dem.)  
**COUNTY CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2**  
 Marty Boyd (Rep.)  
**COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3**  
 Gaylon Pitcock (Dem.)

**YELLOW OFFICE BUILDING**  
 on Hwy 277 N in Bronte, w/9 lots. \$75,000 owner financed w/\$2,000 down and \$500 per month. Will discount to \$65,000 for cash. Please call 325-949-1099.  
 40-4tp  
**FOR SALE**  
 Fresh farm eggs, \$1.25/dozen. 404 Kickapoo, Bronte, or 473-2490.  
 42-4tp

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**PITCOCK PROPERTIES**  
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 69 Ac. Easement Access off Highway 158, \$1500/acre  
 2500 Ac. in Runnels/Nolan Counties Minerals, \$1050/acre  
 Horse Lovers Paradise 20 acres, 11 stalls and Arena, 4 BR/2 BA, 3 water wells, Ballard Road Under Contract \$1,295,000

**FOR RENT**  
**TAKING APPLICATIONS**  
 for one and two bedroom apartments. Washers, dryers, RO water systems in each unit. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.  
 33-tnc

**FOR RENT**  
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 14-tnc  
**BRONTE MINI STORAGE**  
 has new storage buildings for rent. 473-2221, 473-0409.  
 45-tnc

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**TREES TRIMMED**  
 Topped or removed. 453-9902 or 473-8712.  
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 42-1twp

**WANTED**  
 I am in need of a dependable vehicle for local newspaper delivery. I prefer a pickup that's good on gas. Call Larry Fowler (325) 716-3272.  
 03-tnc

**HELP WANTED**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that Coke County is accepting applications for lifeguards for the Bronte and Robert Lee Swimming pools. Applications can be picked up in the Judge's Office at the Courthouse. Applicants must be 16 years

**Bob Frazee's** 944-0010 / 473-6603  
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**FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT JOE ASH.**

of age or older at time of employment. Please bring your applications on or before May 7, 2012. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
 41-2tc

**GARAGE SALES**  
**LARGE ESTATE SALE**  
 Saturday, May 5, 8 am. 620 E. Holmes, Bronte. New electronics, antiques, furniture, household items.  
 42-1tc  
**YARD SALE**  
 Saturday, May 5. 8926 E. State Highway 158, 6 miles east of Bronte. Misc. household items, etc. (325) 656-8694.  
 42-1twp

**NOTICES**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT**  
 Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Primary Election held on May 29, 2012, will be tested on May 9 at 9:00 am at 13 E. 7th Street in the County Clerk's Office to ascertain that it will

accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Mary Grim, County Clerk

**AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE**  
 Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion de Pimaria que se llevaara a cabo el 29 de mayo de 2012 se probara el 9 de mayo 2012 a las 9:00 de la en 13 E. 7th Street in the County Clerk's Office, para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitude los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y determinar si el equipo contara con exactitude los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Mary Grim, Secretario del Condado  
 42-1tc

**Deadline is Tuesdays at 2 pm**

**HAY FOR SALE**  
**Alfalfa-Timothy. Big square bales, \$65 each.**  
**325-453-2886**  
**or 325-750-6023.**  
 35-8tp

*From the family of Joan Burns -*  
*We are forever grateful for all of our friends and family who helped us through this difficult time.*  
*Thank you for your visits to her home, visits at the Robert Lee Care Center, and supporting her family at the time of Jo's death. The flowers, the food, the memorials, and your attendance at the service are all appreciated.*  
*A special thanks goes out to Odyssey Hospice and the entire staff of the Robert Lee Care Center. Joan's journey was difficult; however, the excellent attention given by all the healthcare personnel made it bearable.*  
*The Robert Lee community is a special place to call home because of you!*  
 Paul Burns  
 Kathy Preslar Butler  
 Jacky Preslar

**NEW LISTING! BRONTE!** Brick 3 Bedroom 2 Bath 2 Living Areas! Fireplace! Bay window! Updated flooring! Privacy fenced yard! 3+Lots!  
**NEW LISTING! ROBERT LEE!** Brick 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home! Kitchen/Dining with Breakfast bar! Ceramic tile throughout! Carport! Corner Lot!  
**NEW LISTING!** 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home on Corner Lot! Recently painted! 2 Car garage! Mobile Home Guest House or Rental!  
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**ACREAGE!** 2 STORY Home with 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2 Living Areas + Office! Sunroom has fantastic views! Balcony off Master! Carport! WATER WELL!  
**ACREAGE!** Brick Home with 3 Bedrooms 2 Baths and Beautiful porch extending the length of the Home! Fireplace! Bay windows in Dining and Master!  
**ACREAGE!** Town View Estates 4 Bedroom 3 Bath Brick Home! 2 Living Areas! Updated Carpet & Ceramic tile! 30x30 Shop Building!  
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**Becky Clendennen**  
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 Home 453-4748  
 Cell 650-9729

**...More Classifieds**

**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, (432) 253-7074 by May 1, 2012.

39-4tc

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Housing Authority of the City of Robert Lee, Texas (hereinafter called the "Local Housing Authority") will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for all aspects of the work for the Modernization of one (1) dwelling unit damaged by fire, including demolition, alterations and all work specified and/or shown on the drawings until:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH,  
2012, 10:00 A.M.**

**THE HOUSING  
AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF ROBERT LEE  
710 BISHOP STREET  
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS  
76945**

Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents; including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Robert Lee and at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 209 W. 8th St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102, (817) 332-6231.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 with the Local Housing Authority for one set of documents per Contractor. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days after bid opening. Plans and specifications that have been taken apart are not considered in good condition.

A PRE BID CONFERENCE will be held Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. at the Robert Lee Housing

Authority

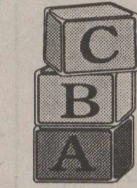
**HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF  
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS**  
Grace Todacheeny,  
Executive Director  
325-453-2912

**EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY**

42-2tc

**Donations needed  
for May 5 Street  
Affair garage sale**

The Robert Lee Street Affair is still accepting donations for their huge fundraising garage sale to be held May 5, 2012, at the corner of 8th and Austin St. (Wildcat Taxidermy) in Robert Lee. It's getting close, so if you have items to donate, please call John Hayes at 650-4499 to arrange drop off or pick up of items. There will also be hot dogs, chips and drinks for sale during the day. Please help support the Street Affair



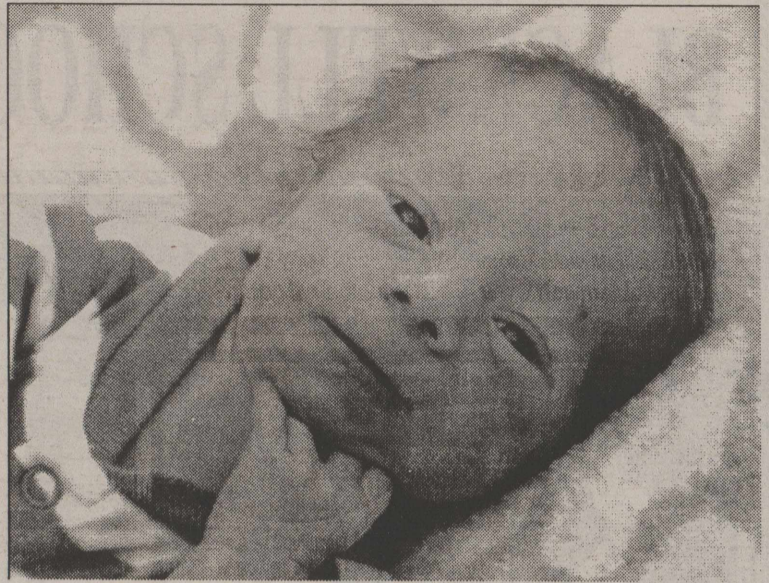
**Look  
Who's  
New!**

**J. T. Sawyer**

Jason Thomas Sawyer is the new son of Trey and Amber Sawyer of Robert Lee. J.T. arrived Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas. He weighed 4 pounds and was 17" long.

He was welcomed by his grandparents Tom and Sandy Sawyer of Robert Lee and Emily Craven of San Angelo.

Great-grandparents include Gay and Tom Sawyer, Sr. of Robert Lee, Patsy Rhame of Pearland, and Troy and Oneta McKnight of Winters.



by donating your unneeded or unwanted items for the sale.

Anyone interested in joining the Street Affair Committee is encouraged to attend the next meeting May 8, 2012.

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**San Angelo, Texas**

**76902**



**TRUNK SHOWING**

**Monday • May 7th • 11 am - 3 pm**

Everyone is invited to  
lunch (Pizza & Drinks)

and viewing of Jon Hart designs

**DJ's Merle Norman**

**7 E. 6th St • Robert Lee • 453-4642**

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Ask For:

**Randy Flanagan • Billy Wayne Roe**

# BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



**Cheerleaders!** Representing Blackwell High School as cheerleaders for the 2012-2013 school year includes (front row) Leonor Castelo, BreAnne Richardson, Hailey Bennett, Stephanie Metcalf, Tagen Cox, and Summer Mull. The twirler will be (back row) Hannah Coffman and Ashlee Irwin is mascot.

## Regional Network Luncheon held

Beth Prather and Phelan Wrinkle, both of Robert Lee, attended the network luncheon sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network held in Merkel. The luncheon was held at the Tin Cup Golf Course Club House recently. Immediately following lunch, discussion focused on "Communities of Achievement".

The informal program included a brief video about Texas Midwest Community Network and information

about the awards program available to member communities. There was a lively discussion about the importance of rural West Texas cities being prepared for the future with the projected outflow from metropolitan areas of the state. Creative ways to address housing needs was of great interest to all.

Cities represented at the luncheon included Merkel, Anson, Ballinger, Colorado City, Haskell, Robert Lee, Rotan and Tye. Also in attendance were members of

the Texas Forest Service and Zach Gilbert from

## School Menu

- Breakfast**
- Monday, May 7**  
Poptart, assorted cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, May 8**  
Pancake on a stick, assorted cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, May 9**  
Breakfast pizza, assorted cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, May 10**  
Biscuits/gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted cereal, juice, milk

- Friday, May 11**  
Assorted muffins, gogurt, assorted cereal, juice, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, May 7**  
Beef tips, noodles, green beans, fruit, milk
- Tuesday, May 8**  
Chopped BBQ sandwich, pickle spears, baked chips, fruit, milk
- Wednesday, May 9**  
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, mac and cheese, hot rolls, fruit, milk
- Thursday, May 10**  
Burrito, chili and cheese, lettuce, tomato, sparkly apple, milk
- Friday, May 11**  
Hamburgers, cheese, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk

Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office. The meal was catered by Mesquite Bean. Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness and promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." For more information about TMCN, call 325-795-8626 or visit [www.texasmidwest.org](http://www.texasmidwest.org).

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## Connect to Customer Choice

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for nearly 100 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we don't sell electricity or send out monthly bills, we recognize what hot weather does to electricity usage and the resulting bills.

Since AEP Texas and the 1,700 AEP employees in Texas are directly connected to the many communities where we live and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

**One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.**

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org). If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

### Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at [info@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:info@tdhca.state.tx.us) or visiting one of the following websites.

TDHCA Utility Bill Help, Home Repair and Other Assistance  
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