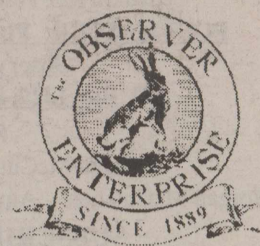


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## Polls open at 7 am Saturday for local elections

Early voting ended Tuesday, May 8, 2012, for the upcoming local entities elections. The election will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012. Polling locations include the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee and Bronte City Hall in Bronte. The locations will be open from 7 am until 7 pm the day of the election.

Only the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees election and the Robert Lee ISD bond election will be held. There were no opposed races for the City of Bronte, the City of Robert Lee, the East Coke County Hospital District, the West Coke County Hospital District, nor the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees. Therefore, those elections were cancelled.

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. None of the current incumbents filed for office. Candidates in this race include David McWright, Bryan Swecker, Andra Arrott, Blake Braswell, Blain McGinnis, Kerry Lee, and Jay Henderson.

The Robert Lee ISD bond election will decide whether or not voters in the Robert Lee School District are in favor or opposed to the proposed issuance of bonds to finance school improvements. The exact wording follows:

### 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?

## 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.

## Early voting in the 2012 primary election begins May 14

The 2012 primary election, originally scheduled for March 6, 2012, will be held May 29, 2012.

Early voting will begin for this election on Monday, May 14, 2012, and continue through Friday, May 25, 2012.

The early voting will be held in the Coke County Clerk's office in the Coke County Courthouse Mondays through Thursdays, 8 am to 5 pm. On Fridays, voting will be held in the Clerk's office from 8 am to 1 pm. Early voting will be held in Bronte at First National Bank on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 and 16, and May 22 and 23, from 9 am to 1 pm.

The last the Clerk's office can receive an application for a ballot by mail is Tuesday, May 22, 2012. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office of the County Clerk at (325) 453-2631.

County offices up for election include Coke County Commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, currently held by Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock; County Constables in Precincts 1 and 2, currently held by Marshall Millican and Marty Boyd respectively; County Attorney, currently held by Nancy Arthur; County Tax Assessor/Collector, currently

# Happy Mother's Day

Sunday May 13, 2012

held by Josie Dean; and County Sheriff, currently held by Wayne McCutchen.

The only locally contested race is for the office of Tax Assessor/Collector where incumbent Josie Dean is being challenged by Kathi Cox.

Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock have filed to retain their seats on the commissioners' court. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen has filed for re-election, Coke County Attorney Nancy Arthur, along with Precinct 2 Constable Marty Boyd and Precinct 1 Constable Marshall Millican. Incumbent Tax Assessor/Collector Josie Dean has filed by petition, along with her challenger, Kathi Cox. Profiles in this challenged Tax Assessor/Collector race are included in this issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

## Range and Brush Field Day set for May 17

A Range and Brush Field Day will be held Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene Texas.

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To register, go to <http://events.SignUp4.com/HeritageAntilleyRanch>. If you would prefer to call in your registration, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at the Taylor County at 325-672-6048 and ask for Tammie or Amy.

## Darby to speak to Coke County Retired Teachers May 21

Representative Drew Darby will meet with the Coke County Retired Association on Monday, May 21, at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall of the Bronte Baptist Church.

The covered dish luncheon will begin at 11:30 and Mr. Darby will speak at 12 noon.

School retirees and school personnel are welcome to join the CCRTA at noon to

hear Mr. Darby and to join in the question and answer session following.

As the meeting begins earlier than normal, volunteers are asked to come at 11 in preparation of the meeting so that it can begin promptly at 11:30.

The teacher retirement pension and health care are issues that will be before the legislators this year as are school funding issues. Mr. Darby's willingness to meet with local school retirees and personnel is very much appreciated.

## 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.

## Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring the Wilson 3 person 27 holes select shot tournament on Saturday, May 19. Tee time is 9 am.

For more information, contact call (325) 473-2156 or after 4 pm on weekdays, call (432) 661-3431.

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**Robert Lee Ribbon Cutting!** Cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the new Victory Assembly Youth Center were (from left) Todd Smith, Betty Smith, Pastor Irving Smith, Janie Munoz, Dave Hughes, Curtis Warren, Noel Tinkler, Nancy Wilson, Grace Todacheeny, Darlene Kelly, and Shirley Strakas. These members of the church and Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose were joined by Christa, Emily, and Gracie McClellan.

**Death Notices**

**Roye**

Jesse Ernest Roye, 85, died Monday, April 30, 2012. Visitation was held Thursday, May 3, 2012 at the funeral home. A graveside service was held at 2 pm Friday, May 4, 2012, in Blackwell Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Survivors include his wife, Rozelle Vest Roye of San Angelo; son, Jesse E. Roye, Jr. of Dallas; daughter, Janice Anne Roye of Waco; and step daughters, Susan Wilhelm Novak of Kenai, Alaska, and Sherry Wilhelm Wishert of Odessa.

**District Retired Teachers meeting slated for June 19**

Details are being completed on the Dixitric XV Texas Retired Regional Meeting.

Brownwood is the location. Tuesday, June 19, is the date. Ten o'clock a.m. is the time. Tim Lee, Executive Director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association is the speaker. The TRTA pension plan future is the subject.

The "Defined Benefit" pension plan was established in 1936 in the Texas State Constitution. Education and educators were deemed important enough to the state to be included in the Constitution. Now, legislators are being encouraged to alter the long-standing plan to a "Define Contribution" which does not include beneficiary coverage, nor health coverage, nor insurance and which runs out when the contribution of the retiree runs out.

Currently there are over 312,000 educational retirees or their beneficiaries in Texas who contribute about 7.2 billion dollars into the Texas economy. Texas teachers opted to pay into a pension plan supported by the

Texas legislators, rather than into Social Security overseen on a federal level.

All active school personnel and retirees are encouraged to mark their calendars for this District XV sponsored meeting in Brownwood, Tuesday, June 19 at 10 a.m. in the Brownwood Coliseum.

**Average age of area farmers on the rise**

Farmer and ranchers in Texas and in Coke County are getting older.

That has some farmers and agriculture officials concerned about the future.

"As the average age of the American farmer goes up, so does our need to bring more young people into agriculture," said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president and local farmer/rancher.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) farm census, aging farmers are the fastest growing segment in agriculture. The age group of 65 and older is increasing- nearly 22 percent between 2002 and 2007.

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau is rising to meet that challenge through its sponsorships of Agriculture in the Classroom projects and

sponsoring youth at the Texas Farm Bureau's Youth Leadership Conference held each summer. John Ross Copeland calls that a good start.

"We have to get young people motivated," he said. "Farming and ranching offers a way of life like no other. It's not always easy, but it's always rewarding. We need more young folks to see that."

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11 am & 6 pm Worship  
Wed. 6 pm  
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Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
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11:00 am Worship  
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Sun. 10 am  
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
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Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Nutrition plays different roles during different stages of a women's life. During childhood, foods fuel growth. During childbearing years, diet plays a role in fertility, a healthy pregnancy and prevention of chronic disease. During older years, what women eat can help keep minds sharp and bodies strong.

This year, treat Mom to a delicious meal to show your appreciation and love. Building meals around fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein foods and low-fat dairy is a good way to sample healthier food options instead of giving her candy or pastries.

Put your chef's hat on and get to work in the kitchen. For breakfast, start off with an omelet packed with vegetables, whole-grain toast, fresh fruit and low-fat milk.

For lunch, prepare a whole-grain pasta salad with

**McCabe, Schneeman Engagement Announced!**  
Whitney Schneemann and Jake McCabe, together with their families, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Max and Brenda Schneemann of Big Lake. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann, Jr. of Big Lake and Walter Saner of Ft. Worth.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mike and Diana McCabe of Silver. He is the grandson of Ralph Way and Ann McCabe Way of Midland and David and Annette Deans of Voca.

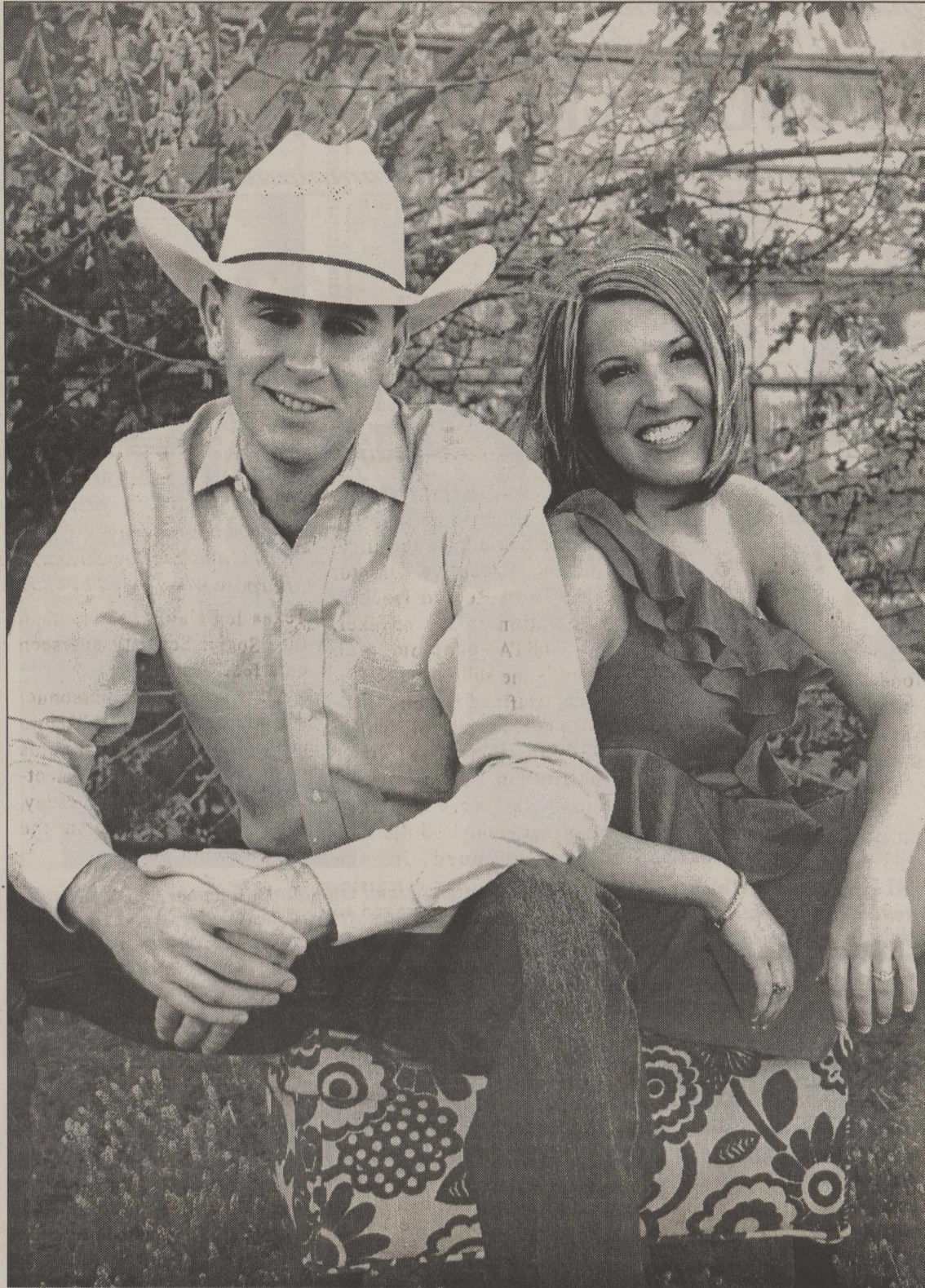
Whitney is a 2004 graduate of Reagan County High School and received a bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sport Sciences from Texas Tech University in 2008. She is employed by Grape Creek Elementary School as a first grade teacher.

Jake is a 2005 graduate of Robert Lee High School. He received a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech University in 2009 and is attending Oklahoma State University's School of Veterinary Medicine.

The couple will exchange vows August 11, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church of San Angelo.

her favorite vegetables and olive oil and vinegar. Offer a cup of tomato soup on the side and fresh fruit.

For dinner, treat Mom to



grilled salmon with a green salad and roasted potatoes. Great dessert ideas include low-fat yogurt or angel food cake topped with fruit.

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**RLHS Gifted & Talented!** The Robert Lee High School Gifted and Talented Group recently attended an exhibit at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. The "Better Angels of 911" exhibit is an exhibit of the 343 individual oil paintings of the New York City firefighters who died on 9/11. Each firefighter's portrait is painted onto a small burned block of wood. The artist Dawn Siebel has partnered with the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation, whose mission is to memorialize fallen firefighters and support their families and co-workers in rebuilding their lives. The group also enjoyed attending a presentation at the Angelo State planetarium. Pictured from left to right are Elena Sanchez, Meagan Ross, Mason Hill, Hanna Hamrick, Wade Allen, Madison Wright, Will Howard, Hunter Hamrick and Zachary Sanchez.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

**Monday, May 14**  
Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

**Tuesday, May 15**  
Pancake on stick, cereal, juice, milk

**Wednesday, May 16**  
French toast sticks, cereal, juice, milk

**Thursday, May 17**  
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

**Friday, May 18**  
Burrito, cereal, juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, May 14**  
Chicken and rice, egg roll, salad, pineapple, milk

**Tuesday, May 15**  
Spaghetti, salad, carrots, roll, orange, milk

**Wednesday, May 16**  
Hot dog, chili and cheese, baked beans, Fritos, pears, milk

**Thursday, May 17**  
Chicken fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, pudding, milk

**Friday, May 18**  
Chicken patty on bun, pickles, french fries, salad, yogurt, milk

### 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. Although athletes are free, tickets are \$11 each.

A raffle will be held on a Silpada necklace donated by

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## Sign Up for SWIM LESSONS!

The Robert Lee Swimming Pool will offer swimming lessons beginning May 21st through 23rd from 4 pm to 5:30 pm for \$30. All ages are welcome. For more information and to sign up, please call (325) 234-0539 after 4 pm only please! Private lessons are available upon request.

YOU'RE INVITED!

## Robert Lee All Sports Banquet



Robert Lee School Cafetorium

Tuesday, May 15, 2012 • 7 pm

Catered by Pepe's Diner



\$11 Tickets Available through

Thursday, May 10.

Call RLHS Office at 453-4555 for tickets

## Robert Lee Elementary Field Day May 3rd



Kindergarten



2nd Grade



5th Grade

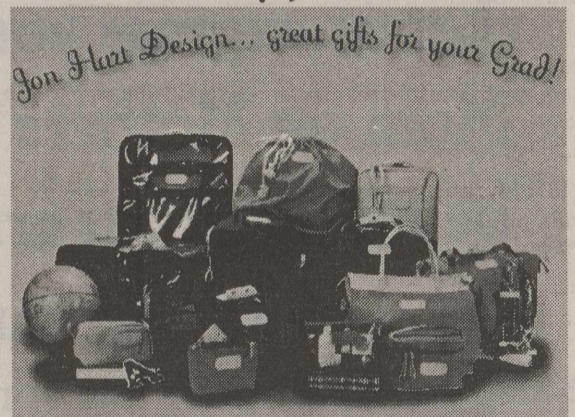
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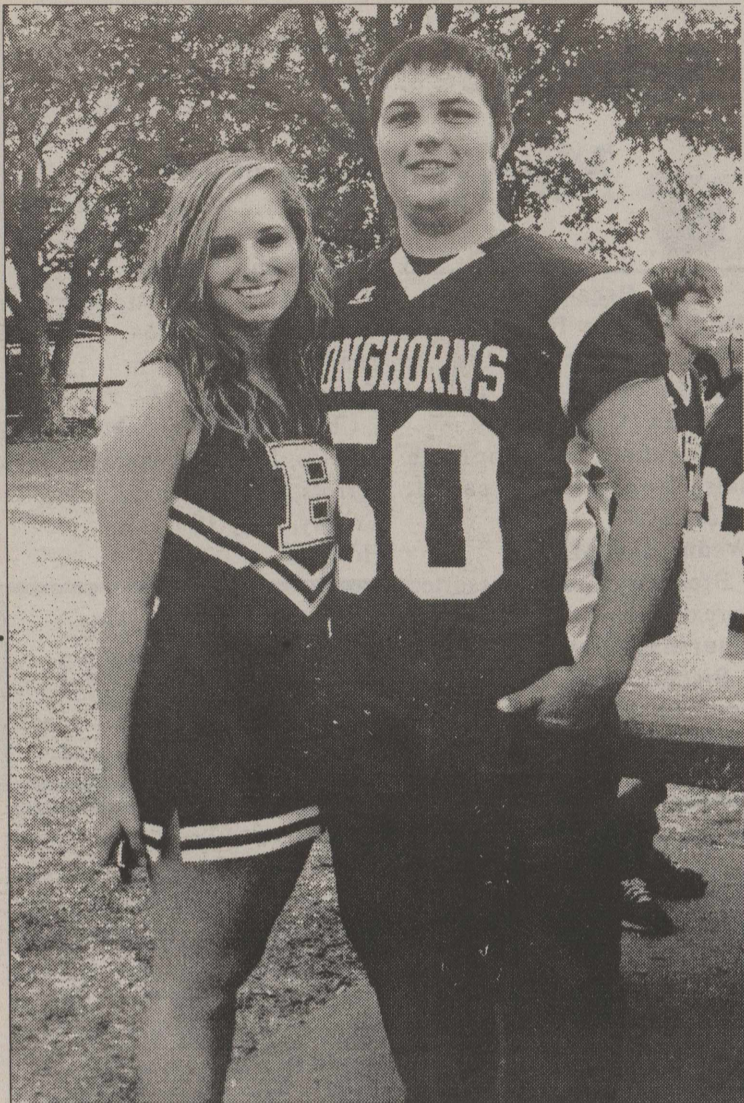
### RLHS Class of 2012

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| Luisa Carrera      | Raquel Rojas   |
| Jose Fabian        | Meagan Ross    |
| Samantha Fernandez | Robert Runyon  |
| Keanu Henson       | Kayla Scott    |
| Jared Long         | Aaron Sharp    |
| Chad Martin        | Jim Bob Smith  |
| Cynthia Mitchell   | Destiny Thomas |
| Salena Paiz        | Linsey Vallery |
| Kimberly Roach     | Diana Vera     |
| Victoria Roe       |                |

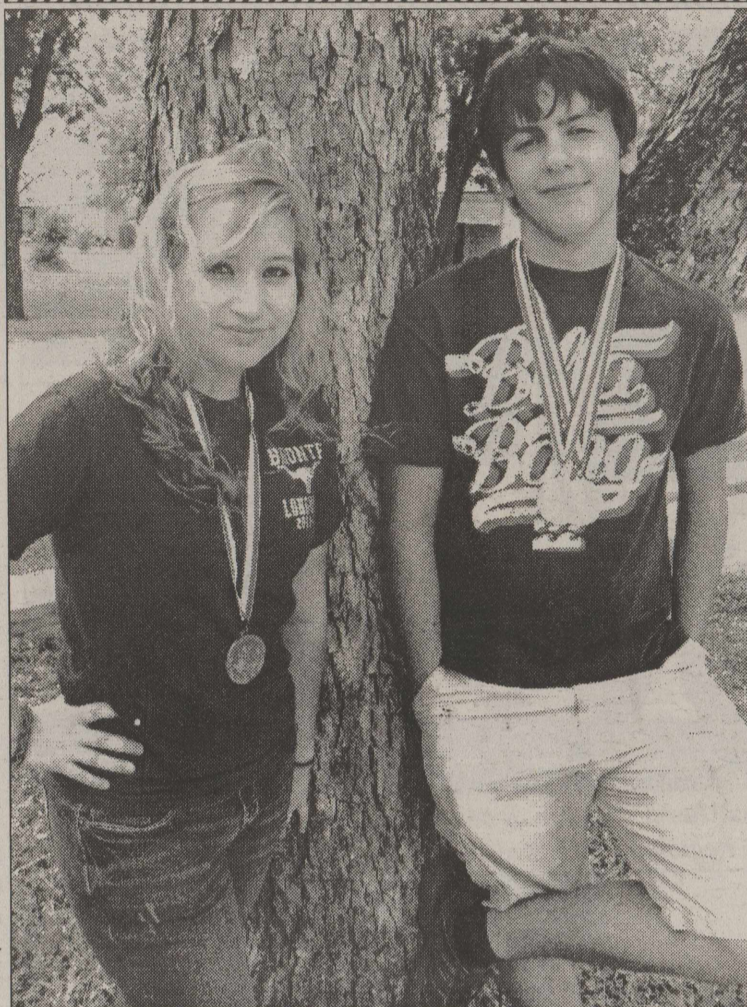
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**All-Star FCA Game!** Beau Grigg was selected out of 134 area students to participate in the All-Star FCA football Game which will be in June. Lauren Burns was also selected as a cheerleader for the All-Star FCA Game. They were chosen from students representing Class A to Class 5A schools. Beau and Lauren were honored at a Victory Banquet held in April at the Abilene Civic Center.



**BHS Regional UIL Medalists!** River Wood (right) qualified for the State UIL competition by placing first in Science and Top Biology. Mikayla Fraune will also be competing at state after placing 3rd in Headline Writing. The students earned their state berth at the Regional UIL Competition held at Abilene Christian University. Other BHS results from regional include Conner Clark, tied for 9th and Sue Diares tied for 11th in Calculator Applications. Conner, Sue, River Wood, and Michelle Rhodes were the 4th place team in Calculator Applications.

## 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.

## 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.

**School Menu**

- Breakfast**
- Monday, May 14**  
Sausage roll, assorted juice, fruit, milk
- Tuesday, May 15**  
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, fruit, milk
- Wednesday, May 16**  
Pancake on a stick, cereal, assorted juice, fruit, milk
- Thursday, May 17**  
Breakfast wrap, assorted juice, fruit, milk
- Friday, May 18**  
Sausage with biscuit, cereal, assorted fruit, juice, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, May 14**  
Hot Dogs, fries, orange smiles, brownie, garden salad, milk
- Tuesday, May 15**  
Frito pie, ranch beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, milk
- Wednesday, May 16**  
Chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, gravy, milk
- Thursday, May 17**  
Nachos grande, Spanish rice, garden salad, fruit, milk
- Friday, May 18**  
Sub sandwich, baked chips, salad, cookies, milk

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I served on the school board for 18 years and saw lots of changes mandated during that time, and know that there continues to be each and every year. I have been the Business Office Manager at the Bronte Health and Rehab for nearly 7 years and so am constantly dealing with the state and its regulations.

I would appreciate your vote and would again give my best to the position of trustee for our school.

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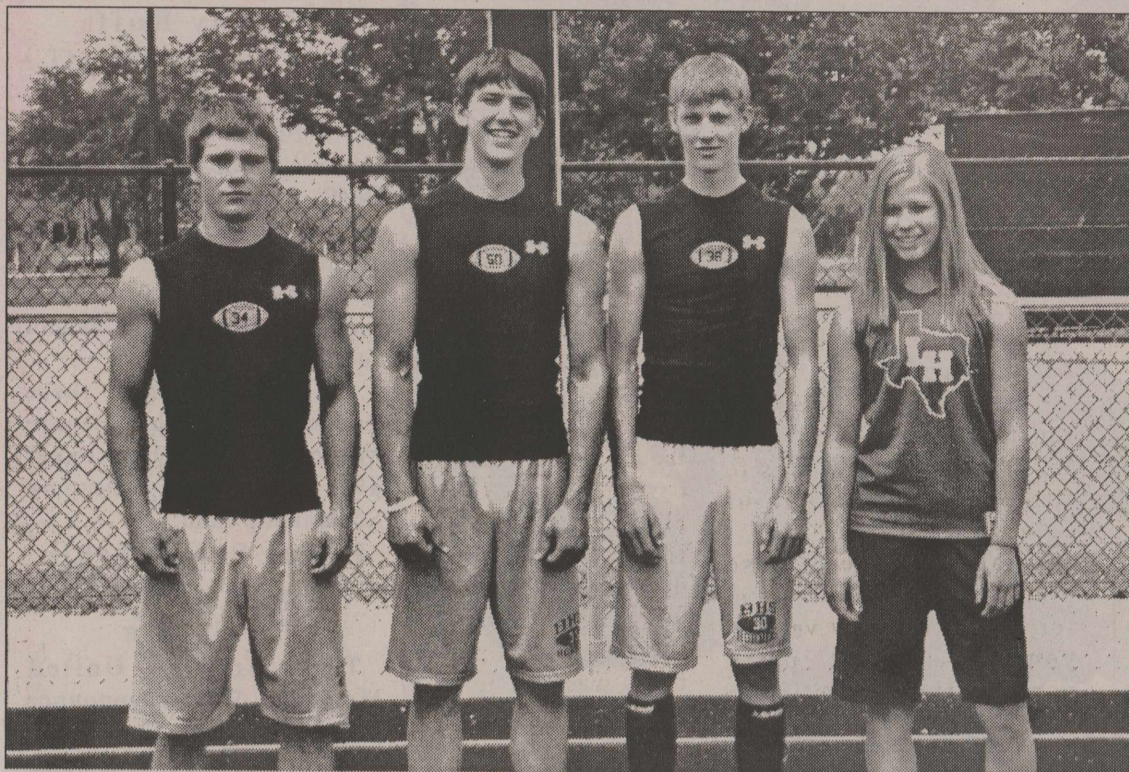
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# BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



**Blackwell Regional Track Qualifiers!** Jayden Jones, Mark Monroe, Mason Magness, Stephanie Metcalf qualified for the Regional Track Meet.



**Cheerleaders!** Representing Blackwell Junior High School for the 2012-2013 school year includes (front row) Mascot: Payton McKee, and Cheerleaders Shelby Panzer, Karstyn Hoyle, Halee Sanderson, Krista Clower, and Abbigail Sorrels. Twirler is Audrey Mink

## School Menu

**Breakfast**  
**Monday, May 14**  
 French toast sticks or assorted cereal, juice, milk  
**Tuesday, May 15**  
 Breakfast burrito with salsa or assorted cereal, juice, milk  
**Wednesday, May 16**  
 Breakfast pizza or assorted cereal, juice, milk  
**Thursday, May 17**  
 Biscuits and sausage or assorted cereal, juice, milk  
**Friday, May 18**  
 Holiday

**Lunch**  
**Monday, May 14**  
 Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, seasoned corn, fruit, milk  
**Tuesday, May 15**  
 Turkey and gravy, steamed rice, green beans, fruit, milk  
**Wednesday, May 16**  
 Popcorn chicken, pork n beans, french fries, blushing pears, milk  
**Thursday, May 17**  
 Chicken burger, baked chips, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, fresh carrots, fruit, milk  
**Friday, May 18**  
 Holiday

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### State law requires private sale vehicle buyers to title in 30 days or face financial penalties

Not transferring a vehicle in 30 days can cost Coke County residents big money.

A new state law requires those who purchase vehicles in a private sale, whether it's in or out of state, to obtain a new title within 30 calendar days or face financial penalties.

"In some counties people are finding they owe hundreds of dollars in title penalties for failing to title within a month of purchasing their new car or truck," said Josie Dean, the tax assessor-collector for Coke County. "Please don't let this happen to you," Dean added.

Failure to title within the 30 days results in an automatic \$25 penalty, plus another \$25 for each

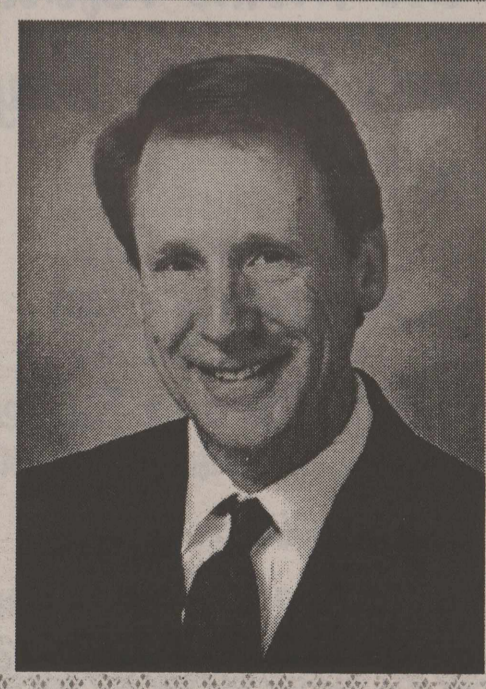
month the title is late. There are no waivers for these penalties, which means the Coke County tax office and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles cannot reduce or forgive what you may owe.

The law does grant an additional 30 days to active-duty military personnel, which gives them 60 days to transfer the title before facing late title penalties.

While the penalties may seem harsh, it's important to remember this helps to protect you when you go to sell a vehicle. "When vehicle buyers don't put the title in their name when you sell them a car or truck, anything they may do with that vehicle is going to trace to your name," Dean explained.

Sellers don't have to rely solely on the buyer to do the right thing. Whenever you sell a vehicle yourself or even trade one in to a dealer, it is important to file

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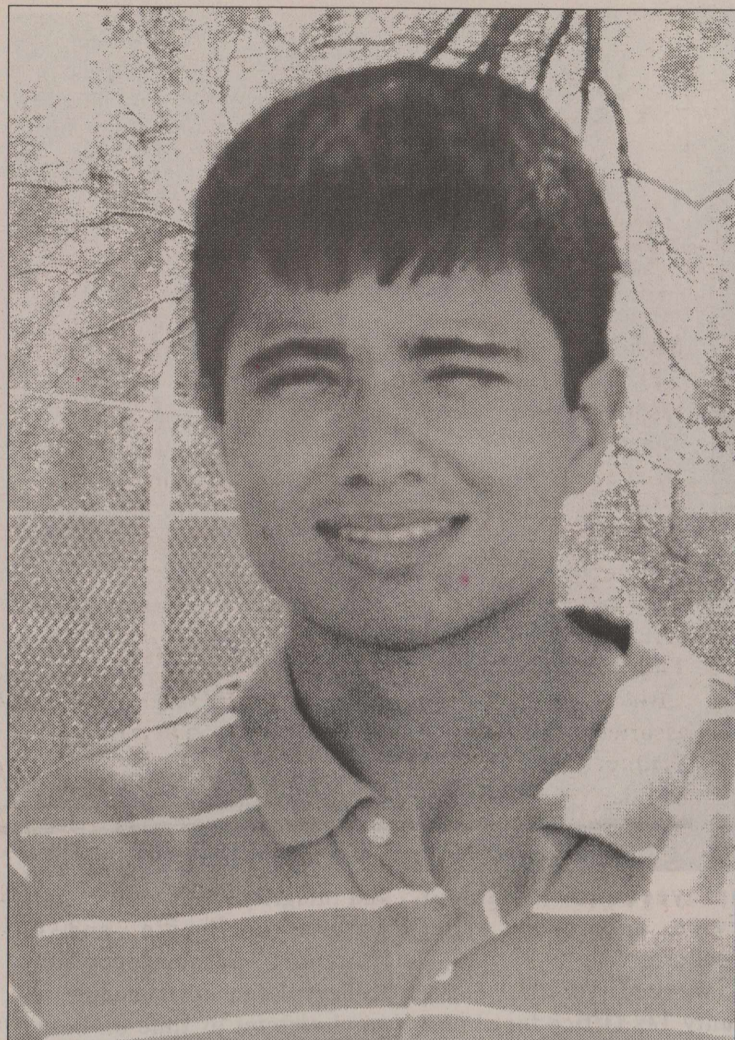


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**RLHS Regional UIL!** Zachary Sanchez placed second in Current Issues and Events at the Regional UIL meet held at Abilene Christian University. This placing earned Zachary the right to compete at the State UIL meet on Monday, May 21st.

the free Vehicle Transfer Notification on the TxDMV website, www.TxDMV.gov. "Sellers must file the Vehicle Transfer Notification within 30 days to receive the state-guaranteed protection from liability," Dean said. "This way you cannot be held responsible for anything the buyer does with your old vehicle."

Buyers need to realize that titling the vehicle in their name also offers protection. "When a vehicle is titled in your

name it gives you proof of ownership," Dean said.

Josie Dean offers these tips for people planning to buy or sell a vehicle:

**Texas Buyers**

- For your protection, never buy a vehicle in a private sale without receiving the title.

- Be sure the seller gives you the title. If the title is from Texas, you can go to Title Check at www.TxDMV.gov to see if it's a clean title.

- The seller must sign, date and enter the odometer reading on the

title back.

- Be sure the seller signs, dates and enters the sales price on Form 130-U. If you are purchasing the vehicle out of state, have the seller download the form from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles website, www.TxDMV.gov.

- Go to your local county tax office within 30 days to title the vehicle in your name.

**Texas Sellers**

- Sign, date and enter the odometer reading on the back of the title.

- Fill out your section of the mandatory Form 130-U. The buyer needs this to title the vehicle out of your name.

- Take off the license plates and transfer them for free to the new vehicle you buy. (That plate number ties directly to your name.)

- File the Vehicle

Transfer Notification online at www.TxDMV.gov to remove your liability for the vehicle in the event the buyer does not transfer the title. You only have 30 days to file the Vehicle Transfer Notification to receive this state-guaranteed removal of liability.

**Gartman does well at State Golf Tourney**

Jordan Gartman finished tied for 9th in the medalist competition at the State Golf Tournament, held in Austin, at Lions Municipal, May 3 and 4.

Gartman was in the thick of the competition after her first day's round of 83 put her in 5th place, only 4 shots out of first. Her 88 on day two dropped her back in a tie for 9th place honors, with a 171 two-day total. Her 9th place finish was the highest of any Lady Steer since the mid 1990's.

**... RLHS Sports Banquet**

(Continued from page 4)

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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# Political Profiles



**Josie Dean**

My name is Josie Dean, I have served as the Coke County Tax Assessor - Collector for six and a half years. I am seeking your support in the Primary Election on May 29, 2012.

I have been a resident of Coke County since 1995. My husband is Joseph Dean, who is employed by Range Resources. I have five children, Kristopher, Brandie, Krystal, Brittany and Brandon. I have four grandchildren, Kobe, Kaydence, Trenton, and Nicholas.

Some of my hobbies are crafting, camping, fishing and gardening. I also enjoy landscape photography and most important, is spending time with my family.

I was appointed as Tax Assessor - Collector in 2005, I worked as Deputy in the Tax Office for one year and nine months. Before being employed by Coke County I worked as Supervisor/Lead Teacher for Head Start and six years for 3M Company as an Operator/Trainer. I have been employed since I was twelve years old. Hard work and dedication has brought me here to serve you.

I graduated from Brownwood High School and attended Cisco Junior College, Weatherford Junior College, and took an Administrative course at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. I have completed five years of courses required by the state.

Upon completion, last year I completed my final exam and I am recognized as a Registered Texas Assessor. I am registered with Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations. I continue to attend Seminars and Conferences to stay updated with Legislative Laws and changes.

I am a member of the Tax Assessor Collectors Association of Texas, Texas Association of Assessing Officers, National Association of Professional Women, National Association of Latino Elected Officials, I also serve as Secretary for the Coke County Appraisal District Board and I am a member of Vision with a Purpose.

I have been selected as an honored member of The Heritage Registry of Who's who and have received the proclamation of excellence award. I have been selected as a member of Who's Who in the Professional Registry. I have also been honored in the World Wide Books for excellence in customer service.

Since being appointed the Tax Assessor Collector for Coke County in 2005, I have met many of you and have enjoyed serving you, the Citizens and Taxpayers of Coke County. If re-elected, I will continue to serve the community with loyalty, honesty and integrity. I look forward to your support in the Primary Election, on May 29, 2012.

**Kathi Cox**

I am a candidate for Coke County Tax Assessor Collector. I have lived in Coke County for 6 years. I am currently employed by Coke County Mass Transportation as a van driver to transport citizens of Coke County to San Angelo and other area locations.

I am blessed with an amazing, loving family. I have 3 grown children and a 3 year old grandson. I also have 2 daughters-in-law who could not be more wonderful. Russell and Marilyne live in Richardson, Texas, Dustin and Courtney live in Matador, Texas and Karli and Kashton (my adorable grandson), live in Bronte.

I am a member of First Baptist Church in Bronte. I am also a member of, and the 2010-2012 Secretary for, the Bronte Sorosis Study Club.

I graduated from Ralls High School and attended Texas Tech University. I have 15 years experience in retail management. This experience includes the daily and monthly banking duties, daily and end of month balancing, managing employees, and training



employees in customer service and cash office procedures.

I worked in the Coke County Tax Office for almost 2 years. My duties there included motor vehicle registration, TABC liquor licenses, county taxes, voter registration, and customer service.

My employment experience will translate into improved customer service, and detailed recordkeeping, allowing us to create a tax office that serves Coke County citizens with pride

and integrity.

I live in Bronte, and I transport passengers for Robert Lee, so I spend a good amount of time on both sides of the county. I have made Coke County my home and have never lived in a better community. It is my wish to serve the fine people of Coke County to the best of my ability as Coke County Tax Assessor Collector.

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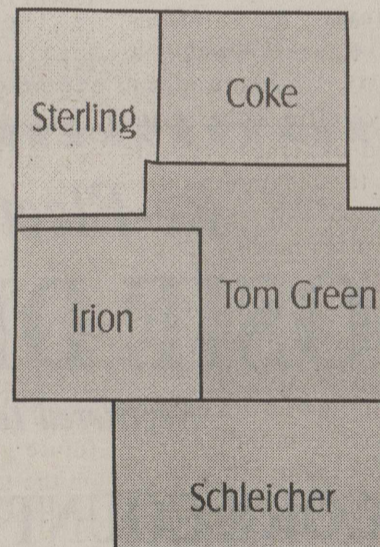
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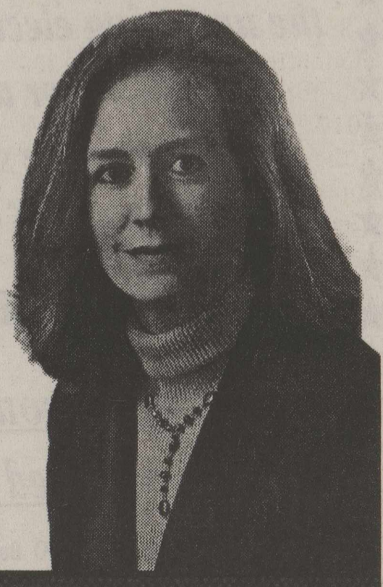
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### Election Dates

Early Voting • May 14 - May 25  
Election Day • May 29, 2012



**BHS Longhorn Golf!** *The Bronte Longhorns finished their golfing season with a 4th place at the State Golf Tournament. The Tourney was played in Austin at the Lion's Golf Course, a Par 71, 6,001 yards. Bronte's team total for day 1 was 372. They shot better the second day, putting up a 362 for a total of 734 for the two day. Individual scores were Ty Lee 87, 87 - 169; Creed Coalson 93, 87 - 180; Josh Puentez 90, 93 - 183; Lance Burns 102, 100 - 202; and Beau Grigg 103, 101 - 204. The Horns are coached by Brooke McCutchen Sanford.*



**RLISD Minutes posted**

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, April 23, 2012, in the Robert Lee ISD Conference Room 119 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Washam. Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres, Tracy Allen, and Brandi Brosh were present.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Irma Torres.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Wayne Simpson, Elementary Principal gave his report; enrollment for March was 130 students and 96.2% ADA. Austin Crawley, High School Principal, gave his report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 90 and ADA was 96.5% for the month of March.

Supt. Hood recommended that the Board adopt Local Update 93 as presented except for FFH Local and FFI Local to adopt the version from Eichelbaum, Wardel, Hansen, Powell & Mehl, P.C. A motion was made by Jeffie Roberts and seconded by Tracy Allen to approve the recommendation as presented. All voted for.

Irma Torres made a motion to accept a recommendation from Supt. Hood to change the number of days in contract effective for the 2012-13 school year; 10 month as 220 days, 11 month as 242 days and 12 month as 264 days. Tom Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the Resolutions Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Supt Hood made a recommendation to defer the 15% rule for STAAR for the 2011-2012 school year. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers, update on budget process, facilities update and staffing.

Supt. Hood read a resignation letter from Ofelia "Cookie" Torres effective May 25, 2012.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be

Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

**Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau calls for 'death tax' burial**

Most landowners in Coke County who want to leave property to heirs could face big challenges next January unless tax laws change this year.

Under current law, there is a \$5 million exemption at a 35 percent tax rate for heirs on property left to them from deceased relatives. According to John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president, that number is manageable. What concerns John Ross Copeland is that at the end of this year, the exemption reverts to \$1 million taxed at a 55 percent rate.

"What folks don't realize is that with input costs, land and equipment, it doesn't take long to hit the million dollar mark," he said. "Many lawmakers don't understand everything it takes to run a successful farming and ranching operation."

Legislation is in the works now to repeal the estate tax many are calling the "death tax." U.S. Representative Kevin Brady (R-Texas) sponsored HR 1259, which calls for total repeal of the death tax. Although the bill is gaining ground, Brady says it's still an uphill battle to get a floor vote on the legislation before the end of the year.

"This legislation needs to move," John Ross Copeland said. "Reverting back to the old exemption and tax rate could devastate the ability of future generations to remain on the land and provide food and fiber for all Americans."

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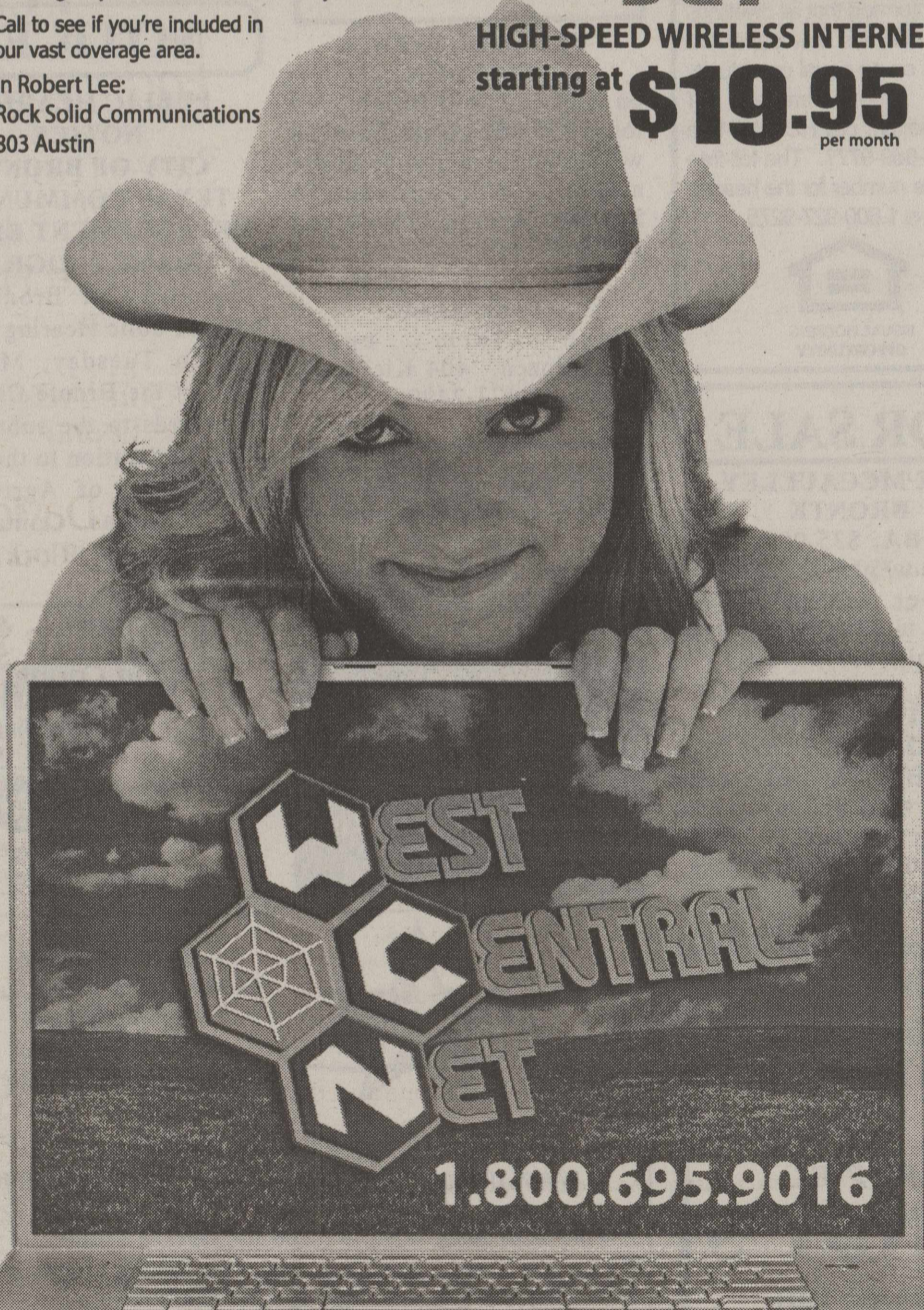
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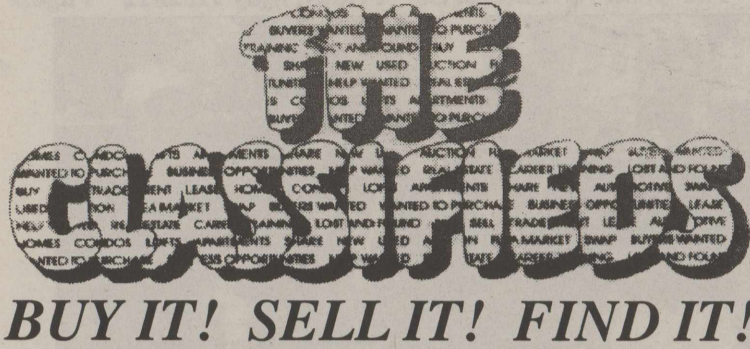
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**Political Calendar**  
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**COKE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**  
Josie Dean (Rep.)  
Kathi J. Cox (Rep.)

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**NOTICES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
CITY OF BRONTE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
The City of Bronte will hold a Public Hearing at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the Bronte City Hall in regards to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant  
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Program (TxCDBG). The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend the meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

issued May 1, 2012, in Cause No. PR 1201762 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to:

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The residences of such Co-Independent Executors are Tom Green County and Lubbock County, Texas. The mailing address for the Co-Independent Executors is: MICHAEL RAY BAGWELL and CARL ALLEN BAGWELL  
C/O NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR  
Attorney-at-Law  
P.O. Box 970  
Robert Lee, TX 76945  
325/453-2576  
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.  
Dated May 1, 2012.  
Nancy Firebaugh Arthur  
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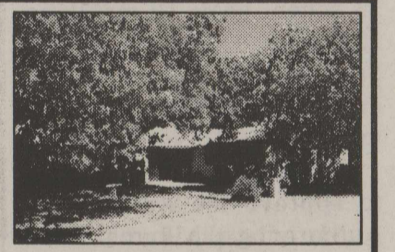
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TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2012, 10:00 A.M.

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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

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West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting Minutes

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session Monday, April 30, 2012. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:40 am, and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Mary Bessent, Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, Dessie Kendall, and Patsy Cason. Also present were Roger Alexander, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, Business Office Mgr.

Mary Bessent gave the invocation. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and there

were no absent Board members.

In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board there is currently enough staff to fill the needs of the residents at the facility. Roger also reported there are currently 10 residents in the Alzheimer's Unit, and 49 residents total in the Care Center as of the meeting date. In Public Relations, check out our new website at .robertleecarecenter.com.

Under Capital Improvements, concerning the future remodeling of the Alzheimer's Unit, there was a meeting with the construction engineer this past week. Several items were discussed toward completion of the plans and hopefully, construction will begin around the 1st of July. The new floor coverings have been completed, and the new windows for the front lobby have been ordered. They will be installed upon arrival. Gary Payne has the fountain installed in the courtyard in front of the facility, and is in the process of laying the rock. The completed project will be beautiful, and will really update and enhance the looks of the front entry. Gary is doing an excellent job.

Accounts Receivable was discussed. The financial statement was discussed and accepted.

Roger informed the Board the Silver Chair Learning online inservice assistance, which has been implemented at the facility, is working well.

The Board broke for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00.

After lunch, the Board discussed policy for the Nurses' station, the use of the time clock, meal tickets for employees, and Friday dress code. The Board went into Executive Session from 2:12

pm to 3:00 pm. After returning to regular session, the Board voted to extend salaried positions to include ADON, Assistant Business Office Mgr., Dietary Mgr., Operations Mgr., Activity Director, Human Resources Director, as well as those who currently hold salaried positions.

Future agenda items were discussed and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be May 29, 2012. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Looking at the May calendar of events, it looks like another busy month.

There will be a Mother's Day Tea Party May 11th at 3:30 pm in the dining room at the facility, followed by an Assembly of God Gospel Singing at 3:30 pm on May 12th.

The monthly birthday party will be celebrated May 15th at 3:30 pm. The residents celebrating birthdays this month are Bill Cox, Juanell Brown, Antonio Martinez, and Lou Wright. Come by and wish them a very Happy Birthday.

The monthly Sing-along will be held May 25th at 3:30. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the fun.

**Songwriters festival slated for Kerrville**

The Kerrville Folk Festival at Quiet Valley Ranch, nine miles South of the Texas Hill Country resort community of Kerrville, has announced an exciting 2012 festival schedule for its 41st annual event. Once again this legendary songwriter's festival will run for 18 straight days, from Thursday, May 24 through Sunday, June 10, 2012.

The 2012 Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Competition for emerging songwriters will be held on



**BHS Regional UIL Qualifiers!** Qualifying from Bronte High School to compete at the regional UIL meet held at Abilene Christian University on Saturday, April 21, 2012, were (back row, from left) Kyle Kelton—Science, River Wood---Science, Conner Clark---Calculator, (middle row) Mikayla Fraune---Headline Writing, Austin Mertz---Persuasive Speaking, Michelle Rhodes---Calculator, and (bottom row) Suzette Diares---Calculator.

the first Saturday and Sunday of the festival (May 26th and 27th), from 1 to 4 pm. From the almost 800 entries, 32 finalists have been selected to perform in this prestigious annual competition.

Held each year since 1972, the Kerrville Folk Festival is the longest continuously running festival of its kind in North America. Over the years it has become known internationally as a Mecca for singer songwriters of varying musical styles... a place where those just beginning to develop their skills have the

opportunity to play their music along side those who are masters. Emerging songwriters as well as teachers are drawn to the festival's many learning opportunities, such as the 32nd Annual Songwriters School, the Roots / Blues Guitar Workshop, Harmonica Workshop, Capo Workshops, a Music Law Panel Discussion, and the 11th Annual Professional Development Program for Teachers.

A complete festival schedule, information and tickets can be found at [kerrvillefolkfestival.org](http://kerrvillefolkfestival.org) or by calling the festival office at (830) 257-3600.

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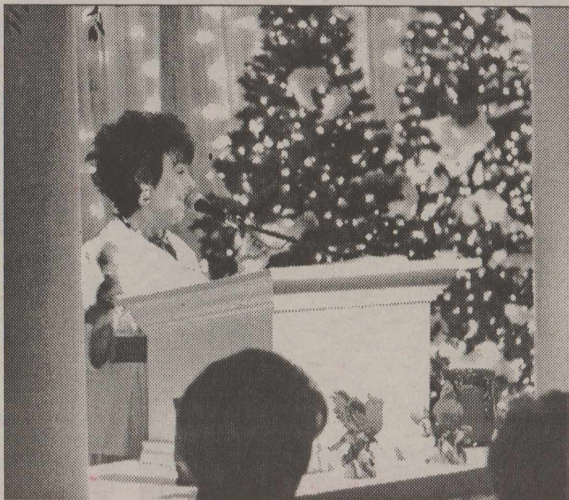
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# Victory Assembly 2012 Sixth Annual Ladies Spring Tea



Victory Assembly of God put on their 6th annual Ladies Spring Tea with the theme of Christmas in April. Around 168 women attended from Robert Lee, Bronte, Miles, San Angelo, Odessa, Fredericksburg, Kerrville and other cities.

The Robert Lee Recreation Hall was transformed into a winter wonderland by Nancy and Allen Wilson and Beverly Hawkins of B's Blossoms N Bloom with lights, Christmas trees and red birds.

Cindy Way, of Del Way Ministries in Kerrville, was the event's speaker. She attended with her daughter, Jennifer Way. Pastor Betty Smith of Victory Assembly opened the event with a welcome and prayer and Debbie Childers acted as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Door prizes were given throughout the event also. Special thanks go to Dian Allen for sewing chair covers, Grace Todacheeny for painting and assistant decorator, Mindy and Mike Castleberry of On the Silk Side for the designer crosses and Christa McClellan of Abilene for photography. Cindy's Bar B Q, Precision Construction, Todd Smith, Rod Hale, Hawkeye Printing, Noel & Company, Dave Sheldon, and Scott Smith were a big help in assisting this event also.

A very special thanks goes to the ladies of Victory Assembly - Darlene Kelly, Dian Allen, Grace Todacheeny, Janie Munoz, Rosa Longoria, Stephanie Samaniego, Brenda Martinez, Renee Smith, Virginia Warren, Betty Hughes, Sandy Roe, Vianna Madrid, Jane Smith, Victoria Roe and of course Debbie Childers. We can't leave out the men of Victory Assembly who spent many hours putting up the tables and assisting, only to have to take down after the event was over. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Tea and is looking forward to next year.

