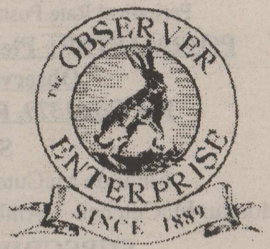


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Coke County Free Electronics Recycling slated

CVCOG, City of Bronte, and City of Robert Lee will be providing free electronics recycling in Coke County. The drop spot in Robert Lee will be on Coke St. at the Coke County Precinct between E. 6th and E. 7th on Friday, November 16, from 9 am-1 pm. Bronte's drop spot will be 116 W. Jones on Saturday, November 17, from 8 am-12 noon.

Electronic devices accepted are: computers, printers, computer accessories, computer monitors, televisions, fax machines, typewriters, telephones, cell phones & chargers, GPS units, pagers, PDA's, tablets, answering machines, MP3 players, scanners, radios, boom boxes, CD players, external hard drives, solid state drives, SD cards, memory cards, card readers, speakers, microphones, DJ equipment, receivers, recording devices, headphones, video equipment, cameras, video cameras, web cams, recording devices, communications equipment, medical testing equipment, laboratory equipment, circuit boards, cables, wires, power cords, and power strips.

Bring your unwanted electronic devices and help us keep Coke County clean.

Coke County Retired Teachers Association Meeting slated

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, November 19, 2012. The noon luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Holiday Closings

The Coke County Courthouse and both the Robert Lee City Hall and Bronte City Hall will be closed next Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Early Deadline noted

The deadline for submission of any editorial copy or advertisements for the Observer/Enterprise dated Friday, November 23, 2012, is Monday, November 19, at 2 pm. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the normal deadline of Tuesday at 2 pm has been moved to Monday. For more information, call (325) 453-2433.

Bake Sale slated

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose Christmas Committee will be having a Bake Sale on Monday, November 19, starting at 9 am at Robert Lee State Bank. Please come by and support the "First Annual

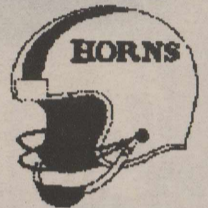
First Round Football Playoff Games

BRONTE LONGHORNS

vs.

Iraan Braves

7:30 • Friday, November 16 • Big Spring

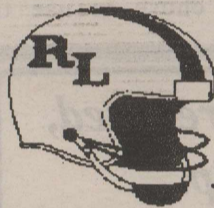


ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs.

Trent Gorillas

7 pm • Thursday, November 15 • Blackwell



BLACKWELL HORNETS

vs.

Loraine Bulldogs

7 pm • Friday, November 16 • Hermligh



A Small Town Christmas in Robert Lee" event that will be held December 7 & 8. Come buy that delicious cake and/or pie for Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Janie Munoz at 325-763-8032.

Meeting to inform citizens of leasing rights

Judon Fambrough will be in Bronte Tuesday evening, November 20, 2012, from 6 to 9 pm at the Bronte Community Center. He will

be speaking to Coke County citizens about what they need to know if they're considering an oil lease. He will inform landowners about their property rights and tell them how to best protect and utilize them.

The meeting is being sponsored by Coke County A&M Agrilife Extension. There is a fee for this meeting. Please RSVP by Friday, November 16, 2012, to James R. Jackson (325) 453-2461 or JamesR.Jackson@ag.tamu.edu.

For more information on Judon Fambrough, visit <http://recenter.tamu.edu/staff/jfambrough/>.

Garage Sale set

The Country Quilters are having a Garage Sale Saturday, December 1, through Tuesday, December 4. The sale begins at 9 am each day and will be held at the Quilting House at Robert Lee Park. The sale is benefiting the Coke County Food Bank and Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

Blair to perform at Globe Theatre

Terri Blair will perform in "Home for Christmas", a Christmas play directed by Mark Tenniswood at the Globe Theatre in Odessa, Texas, Friday, November 16, at 7 pm and Sunday, November 18, at 2:30 pm.

Terri plays "Nan" - a woman who is trying to get her brother "Jim" and sister "Gertrude" home to spend

Christmas with their mother. Previous performances were November 9th, 10th, and 11th. Tickets may be purchased by calling 432-580-3177.

Applicators training set for November 27

A Private Applicators License training class will be held at Robert Lee Rec Hall Tuesday, November 27, 2012, from 8 am to 12 noon. Attendees will be able to take the class and test at that time.

This license is needed for control of prickly pear and juniper. Herbicides that require a license to purchase include Tordon 22K, Surmont, and Grazon P+D.

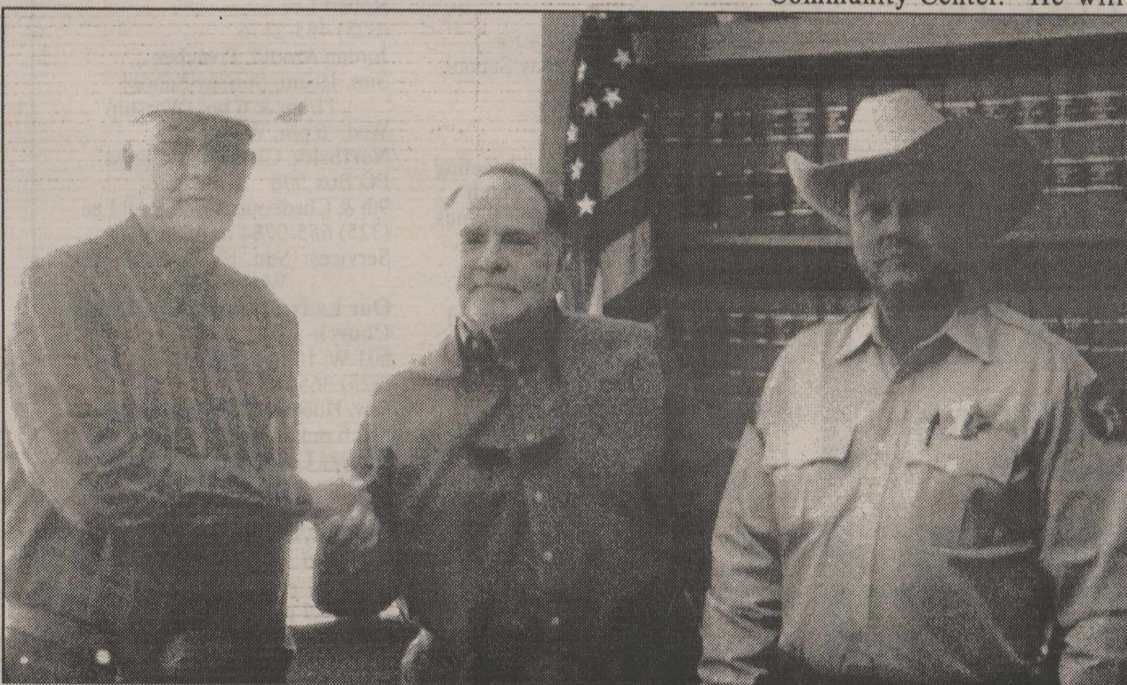
For information about fees and to RSVP, please contact James R. Jackson by Monday, November 19, 2012, at (325) 453-2461 or JamesR.Jackson@ag.tamu.edu.

TAHC tags are now available

This past week the tags for the Texas Animal Health Commission new cattle traceability program arrived, in preparation for the rule going into effect January 1, 2013. This rule requires that all sexually intact cattle 18 months of age and older have a TAHC approved permanent identification at change of ownership.

Before August of 2011 TAHC tags were applied automatically at the time of brucellosis testing was per-

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Donation Accepted! The Coke County Sheriff's Office and the Coke County Commissioners Court has accepted a monetary donation of \$3000.00. The funds are to be used toward the purchase of Taser equipment for use by the Sheriff, his four Deputies and the two Constables of Coke County. The total cost of the equipment was approximately \$7000. During the 2012-2013 budget process, the Commissioners Court voted to approve the expenditure. Tasers are used to subdue combative individuals and significantly reduces the chance of the officer receiving injuries. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen announced that Kirk Kibler, CEO of the W.B. Kibler Construction Company of Dallas made the donation after hearing that the Coke County officers did not have access to this much needed equipment. The W. B. Kibler Construction Company has ties to Coke County as they constructed the new additions to the Robert Lee Independent School District and also completed some construction at the Bronte Independent School District. Shown are (from left) Judge Roy Blair, Kirk Kibler, and Sheriff McCutchen.

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Account opened for Burwick Family
 An account has been set up at First National Bank in Bronte for the Burwick Family in honor of Darin Burwick.
...TAHC Tags
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 formed. This program was cancelled at that time and is being replaced with the Cattle traceability rule, to enhance TAHC ability to identify and trace animal movement quickly and effectively, no matter what disease is involved.

The official Tags can be obtained at no charge to the producer at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office inside the Coke County Courthouse Monday - Thursday 8:00-5:00 and Friday 8:00-1:00. The tags are also available to producers at livestock auction barns; however the producer will have to pay a tagging fee if they chose to use this

Lubbock.
Bronte Chamber meeting detailed
 The Bronte Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting on November 5, 2012, at Bronte's General Store.
 In old business, Tammy Thorn gave the financial report concerning the Butterfield Trail Days activities. Participation was down because of conflicting activities in the area. It was decided that the last weekend in September is the best weekend to schedule this event next year.

In new business, plans were discussed for Christmas in Bronte to be held Saturday, December 1, 2012. A drawing for a television was decided with the winner being announced at 4 pm Wednesday, December 19, at the downtown Mini Park. Arts and Crafts booths will be set up in the Williams Building from 9 am to 4 pm

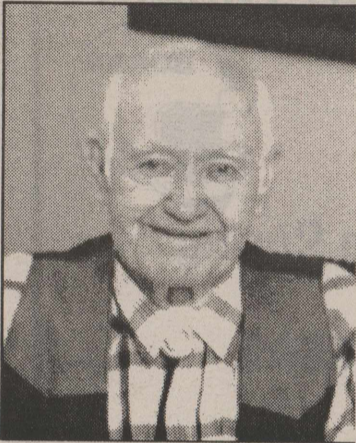
during the Christmas in Bronte celebration on December 1st. Santa will also visit with children from 12 noon until 2 pm at the Williams Building. Watch for sales on that day in many of Bronte's businesses.

On Saturday, December 15, the Chamber will show the movie "A Christmas Story" in the Texas Theater. There will be two screenings, a matinee at 1pm and then again in the evening at 7 pm. A Red Rider BB Gun will be raffled off following the 7 pm screening.

Other activities were discussed and will be announced at a later date.

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is looking for more members and volunteers to help with activities. The group meets once a month to plan and discuss upcoming activities. Becoming a part of the Bronte Chamber can be a very rewarding family adventure. Bronte also supports a Teen chamber.

Obituaries



Bivins

Lewis Eugene (Gene) Bivins, 83 of Bronte passed away November 8, 2012, in Bronte, Texas. He was born November 25, 1928, in Seminole, Oklahoma, to Orville and Edna Bivins.

He moved to West Texas in 1950 and worked in the oil industry for 35 years. He retired from MISD in 2002. Lewis was a lifelong member of Monahans Lodge No. 952. His love for his family was endless and he enjoyed family reunions with all gathered together. Lewis loved to fish, watch baseball and, in later years, took up golfing. Though he is gone from our presence, the memories made will bring a smile to each face and he will never be gone from our hearts and thoughts.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Betty of Smithville, Texas, five children, Ronnie Bivins and wife Donna of Bronte, Danny Bivins and wife Betty of LaVernia, Carolyn Miller of Odessa, Sue Jones and husband Larry of Missouri City, and Debbie Curry and husband Glenn of Odessa; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, and one brother Lester Bivins of Mineral Wells.

Funeral Services were on Monday, November 12, 2012, at American Heritage Funeral Home with Pastor Terry Easley officiating.

Pallbearers were Steven Miller, Donnie Bivins, Nicky Bivins, Daniel Bivins, Kevin Curry, and Adam Robinson. Honorary pallbearers were Mark Bivins and David Hix.

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To advertise,
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 453-2433.

Death Notices

Ferguson

Celia Doniece Ferguson, 66, passed away on Friday, November 9, 2012. There will be no services. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home. She is survived by one daughter, Gina Logi of Arlington; and one brother, James Kendall of

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 loving worship.
 Meal to follow.

United Christians Fellowship
 Wildcat Marina • Robert Lee • 453-2468
 Sundays 10 am • Ed Zimmerman, Leader

This year, Bronte's
**Community-Wide
 Thanksgiving Program**
 will be hosted by
the Bronte Church of Christ
 at their church building on
Sunday, November 18,
at 6:30 pm.
Everyone is Invited!

ARE YOU AWARE?
 that your future and America's future
 rests in your relationship with God?

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**10:45 am November 11th and
 Sunday, November 18th.**

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 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. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 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
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 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
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 Wildcat Marina • West of Robert Lee
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 Ed Zimmerman, Leader
 Sunday 10 am, Worship
Robert Lee
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2360
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, 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
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 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
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 Wed. 6 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
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 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
Tennyson
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



By Mike Rader

My thoughts on the election. I have read, watched and listened to days of comments about the election. I prefer to have the hard facts such as the actual numbers to help me better understand what has occurred. The actual voter count will continue to vary over the next few weeks, so I will use the current data that I do not believe will change very much.

President Obama received 50.3% of the vote and Governor Romney and two lesser candidates received 49.7%. The Electoral College vote was over 300 for the President and less than 200 for Governor Romney. These facts tell me our country is still divided. There is not an overwhelming mandate for either party. The Democrats will try and portray the results as a total mandate for their policies by the American people. If the Governor had won, the Republicans would also portray the results as a total mandate. The vote says we look to be evenly divided.

If you look further you will notice approximately 94 million Americans did not vote. The 2012 turnout was lower than the previous two presidential elections. You will continue to see and hear explanations about why conservatives lost. One current thought being pushed is to run more "moderate candidates". Where "moderate" Republicans ran against more aggressive liberal candidates they lost.

I was asked many times by other Tea Party members and others what I expected. I only trust a few pollsters, and they said this race was too close to call. So, we are exactly where we were before the election. What can we do? We did very well in Texas, and we need to continue this trend. We must elect officials who represent conservative values. If we are not happy with their performance, then encourage other conserva-

tives to run for that office. Don't be bashful; go to the various government meetings. Ask them about our debt, how they are planning to pay off the debt and what they are doing to hold down costs. Be discerning, when you hear the responses. Are they managing our tax dollars the way we must manage our checkbooks?

At the national level, it appears the Republican leadership in the Congress is willing to raise our taxes and only symbolically cut spending.

The President's approach appears to be the same: compromise, meaning you give up your principles and adopt our program entirely. The future for our taxes is not promising. It will affect everyone in Coke County, the poor, as well as the rich. I plan to slow my spending down to the bare essentials, continue to go to church, pray and tithe, and search for ways to help those less fortunate.

The Tea Party will have a guest speaker, in the near future, who is a professional tax preparer. Our guest will explain what these taxes means to us. More to follow.

Coke County Comment

By Jim Clendennen

It's only been a few days since socialism was ratified by the mindless 51 percent of the electorate and already some people are ready to resume watching Dancing With The Stars or American Idol so they can dull their minds and not have to face reality. Unless we, the activists, keep fighting this, our Republic is gone.

Ronald Reagan said "Freedom is never more than one

generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

The tool of Nullification is being studied in nearly every state as possibly the best way to repair and preserve our Republic. If you are a person who is not willing to roll over and accept defeat then I urge you to Google up NULLIFICATION and begin educating yourself. The following quote is from the home page of texasnullification.org

"The central point behind nullification is that the federal government cannot be permitted to hold a monopoly on constitutional interpretation. If the federal government has the exclusive right to judge the extent of its own powers, warned James Madison and Thomas Jefferson in 1798, it will continue to grow - regardless of elections, the separation of powers, and other much touted limits on government power. A constitution, after all, is only a piece of paper. It cannot enforce itself.

Checks and balances among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, a prominent feature of the Constitution, provides little guarantee of limited government, since these three federal branches can simply unite against the independence of the states and the reserved rights of the people. This is precisely what Jefferson warned William Branch Giles was already happening in 1825: "It is but too evident, that the three

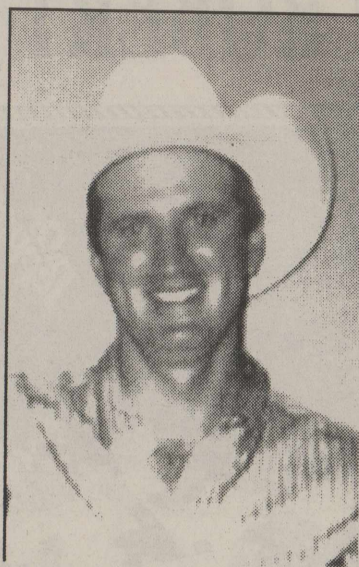
Bynum earns trip to NFR

Tie-down roper Bradley Bynum from Sterling City has qualified in 14th place for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas with \$66,849 in regular season earnings. This is his first qualification, but he watched his sister Terra compete in the barrel racing three times. Bynum is one of 38 contestants who will be representing Texas.

For the past 27 years, Las Vegas has gone country for 10 days in December as the city hosts the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR) where world championships are decided.

This year's rodeo is December 6 through the 15 and will feature 10 nights of the best contestants from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and Women's Professional Rodeo Association. Up for grabs is over \$6 million in prize money and world championships in bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, women's barrel racing and bull riding.

To compete at the WNFR contestants had to be among the top 15 in the world standings. They traveled across the United States paying their own entry fees and expenses hoping to earn enough money to be among the elite athletes that



advance to rodeo's championship event. The WNFR has seen continued growth in prize money and fan support since it moved to Las Vegas.

Each contestant will compete in 10 individual rounds which will pay the winner \$18,257. On Dec. 15th their total scores and times will be added together for average placings. First place in that category will win \$46,820 and a saddle as the WNFR champion.

World championships are determined by adding a contestant's WNFR and regular season earnings together. Those champions have the esteemed honor of wearing the traditional gold buckle that signifies they are the world's best in the sport of rodeo.

branches of the Federal Government are in combination to strip their colleagues, the State authorities of the powers reserved by them, and to exercise themselves all functions foreign and

domestic."

If the only tool you have is a Hammer then you must treat every problem as a nail. Nullification looks like a pretty good hammer. Never all functions foreign and Quit! Never Give Up!

HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of this bank will close at 1:30 pm

Wednesday, November 21, and will be

CLOSED

Thursday, November 22nd

Thanksgiving Day



Please plan your banking requirements during regular banking hours to avoid any inconvenience.

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Robert Lee, TX

Community Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday, November 18

7:00 pm

Hosted by Robert Lee Baptist Church

22 W. Eleventh Street - Robert Lee

Fellowship to Follow

Please bring finger foods for the fellowship to follow in the RLBC Fellowship Hall!

A love offering will be taken to help benefit the Coke County Food Pantry.

For more information contact Robert Lee Baptist Church at 453-2724.

Get your Orders in Now for your Holiday Hams, and Homemade Rolls & Pies!

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Steers Win District! The Robert Lee Steers won the Division 2 Region 2 District 8 Six Man Championship following their victory over Panther Creek last Friday night. This is the first time since the 2008 season that the Steers have made it to the playoffs. Their last playoff win came in 1994 when the team played 11-man ball. The Steers travel to Blackwell Thursday to take on the Trent Gorillas.

Steers Soar Over Eagles

By Tom Sawyer
Robert Lee finished district play undefeated with a win over Lohn. The Steers won the district championship and will advance to the first round of the playoffs this Thursday at 7 pm in Blackwell against the Trent Gorillas.

The Steers were able to play a lot of different players Friday night to help keep everyone healthy for the playoffs.

Robert Lee fans traveled to Lohn and had more fans in the seats than the home team and it will be nice to keep

this trend going throughout the playoffs so let's get everyone out in force to show how much we support our Steers.

STEER PRIDE SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter
Steers - 1 yard pass from Gartman to Skinner with 5:38 left, PAT kick good by Saucedo

Eagles - 2 yard run with 4:30 left, PAT pass good

Steers - 7 yard pass from Gartman to Brisbin with :38 left, PAT kick good by Saucedo

STEERS - 16
EAGLES - 7

2nd Quarter
Steers - 13 yard pass from Gartman to Skinner with 7:52 left, PAT pass failed

Steers - 26 yard pass from Gartman to Skinner with 5:08 left, PAT kick good by Saucedo

Eagles - 68 yard run with

4:49 left, PAT kick failed
Steers - 45 yard kickoff return by Skinner with 4:36 left, PAT kick good by Saucedo

Steers - 15 yard run by Landeros with 2:48 left, PAT kick good by Saucedo

Steers - 63 yard run by Gartman with :00 left, PAT kick failed

STEERS - 52
EAGLES - 13

3rd Quarter
Steers - 34 yard pass from Gartman to Saucedo with 7:17 left

Game is called due to mercy rule.

FINAL
STEERS - 58
EAGLES - 13

Player Statistics
Blaine Yanez - 2 tackles
Sean Hildebrand - 7 tackles, 1 blocked punt and 1 interception

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, November 19
Muffin or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 20
Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 21
Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, November 22
Holiday

Friday, November 23
Holiday

Lunch

Monday, November 19
Chicken fajitas, charro beans, corn, orange smiles, salsa, milk

Tuesday, November 20
Thanksgiving meal

Wednesday, November 21
Chalupas, salad, applesauce, salsa, lime sherbet cup, milk

Thursday, November 22
Holiday

Friday, November 23
Holiday

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Regional Cross Country! Robert Lee High School athletes competed at the regional cross country meet in Arlington. Zachary Sanchez placed 20th and Michael Curry placed 32nd at the regional meet. Shown are Michael Curry (from left), Coach Palmer, Karlee Roach and Zachary Sanchez.

Jesus Landeros - 3 carries for 17 yards and 1 TD

Kevin Saucedo - 1 reception for 34 yards and 1 TD, and 2 tackles

Efrain Olguin - 2 receptions for 35 yards, and 6 tackles

Mychael Tijerina - 3 receptions for 37 yards, 8 tackles and 1 fumble recovery

Justin Gartman - 2 carries for 78 yards and 1 TD, 13 of 20 passing for 198 yards and 5 TD's

Shelby Davis - 1 reception for 11 yards

Bruce Buddin - 1 carry for 3 yards

Dawson Brisbin - 1 reception for 7 yards and TD, and 4 tackles

Jerry Wofford - 1 tackle
Blake Smith - 2 receptions for 34 yards, and 7 tackles

Zach Skinner - 3 receptions for 40 yards and 3 TD's, 9 tackles, and 45 yard kickoff return for TD

The first playoff game is at

Blackwell against Trent at 7 pm on Thursday, November 15.

**GO STEERS
STEER PRIDE**

RLISD Thanksgiving Lunch set

Thanksgiving lunch will be served at Robert Lee ISD in the cafeteria on November 20th from 11:00 until 12:30. The public is invited to attend. The cost is very minimal. Please RSVP with Rosa Long at 453-4555 by November 16th.

RLISD Holidays

Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, RLISD will release students at 12:30 Wednesday, November 21. The buses will run at that time and arrangements need to be made to pick up students.

No classes will be held Thursday and Friday, November 22-23. Classes will resume Monday, November 26.

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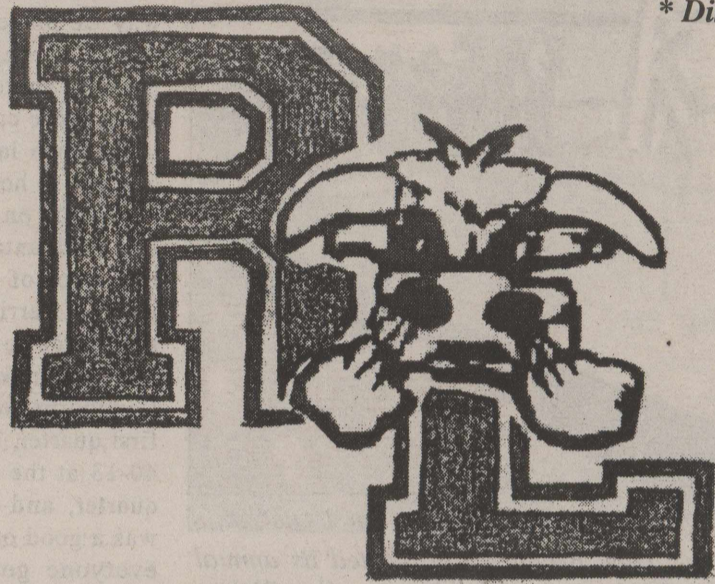
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ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

				RLHS	
August 31	Eden	Here	7:30	66	14
September 7	Paint Rock	There	7:30	60	0
September 14	Water Valley	There	7:30	39	88
** September 21	Sterling City	Here	7:30	66	20
September 28	Veribest	There	7:30	50	0
October 5	Garden City	There	7:30	32	14
October 12	Rotan	Here	7:30	60	29
October 19	OPEN				
* October 26	Blackwell	Here	7:30	46	36
* November 2	Panther Creek	Here	7:30	58	12
* November 9	Lohn	There	7:30	52	13

* District • ** Homecoming

Thursday,
November 15
7:00 pm
Blackwell



ROBERT
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VS.
Trent
Gorillas

Daryl's Body Shop
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Veteran's Day Program! In honor of Veteran's Day, Bronte I.S.D. hosted its annual Veteran's Day assembly on Monday, November 12, 2012, in the school gym. Alan Richey, Superintendent, welcomed veterans and visitors, and Jael Williams, Student Council President, led the pledge of allegiance. The Bronte High School Band performed, kicking off the program with "The Star Spangled Banner." The band also played "This Is My Country," and ended the morning with the "Armed Forces Medley." Student written essays and poems were chosen and read in honor of the day. Jacob Eubanks, Hailey McKinney, Kacelyn Follis, and Amber Betts were chosen by their teachers and read their own essays or poems to the audience. Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, then introduced guest speakers Kevin Johnson and Veronica Reyes Rodriguez, who spoke to the crowd about their personal service to our nation. David Bedford, High School Principal, closed the program with thanks to the band, students, speakers, and all guest veterans. A reception hosted by Lisa Gibbs, Student Council sponsor and the BHS Student Council members, followed the assembly.

Victory earns Longhorns playoff berth

By Coach Kevin Burns
The Bronte Longhorns punched their tickets to the playoffs with a 40-25 victory over TLCA last Friday night.



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, November 19**
Sausage roll, cereal, or toast/jelly, juice, milk
- Tuesday, November 20**
Breakfast pizza, cereal, or toast/jelly, juice, milk
- Wednesday, November 21**
Pancake on stick, cereal, or toast/jelly, juice, milk
- Thursday, November 22**
Holiday
- Friday, November 23**
Holiday

Lunch

- Monday, November 19**
Chicken fajitas, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, salsa, milk
- Tuesday, November 20**
Country fried steak, whipped potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, hot rolls, strawberry cup, milk
- Wednesday, November 21**
Hamburger, potato tots, ranch beans, fresh fruit, milk
- Thursday, November 22**
Holiday
- Friday, November 23**
Holiday

The Longhorns got off to a quick start as the defense pinned the TLCA offense back in their territory the entire first quarter. Two blocked punts by Jared Scott and two three and out possessions gave the Horns offense great field position and plenty of opportunities to score.

The Longhorns had back-to-back touchdown plays

brought back due to penalties and that was frustrating. I am proud of the way we overcame those, but we must clean up that area in the playoffs. We had 12 penalties for 95 yards.

Offensively, our linemen and backs blocked their perimeter very well. They were so big in their interior that we focused on the edge most of the evening. Ty Lee

and Thoren Charles blocking out of the backfield, lineman Coby Malone, Lance Burns, Ethan Sedden, Mason Hoyt, and Beau Rousseau our ends, Mizael Perez, Jared Scott, and Joshua Puentez allowed Newt McGinnis to rush 22 times for 345 yards and five touchdowns. After Lee scored the first score of the ballgame on a 7 yard run, McGinnis scored on runs of 47, 42, 45, 47, and 60 yards. Mizael Perez connected on 3 of 5 PATs.

I was really proud of the way we played defense. Our defense held the TLCA rushing game to 128 yards. 71 of those came on their last touchdown late in the fourth quarter, so holding them to so few yards on the ground was a big advantage for us. We had a lot of guys getting to the ball carrier and we were able to get off of our blocks and go make plays. The Longhorns led 14-0 after the first quarter, 27-6 at halftime, 40-13 at the end of the third quarter, and won 40-25. It was a good outing for us, and everyone got some playing time and that is always a good thing. These young men have worked many hours this fall to make our team successful, so it is very rewarding when they all can get out there and get experience.

This week, the Horns will play the Iraan Braves in the Bi-District round of the playoffs. Game time is set for 7:30 pm Friday evening in Big Spring.

Shorthorns defeat TLCA in final season game

By Alan Richey

The Bronte Shorthorns ended their season on a winning note by defeating TLCA 42-14. The Shorthorns started off the scoring after a punt block by Jaxon Brown. That set up a touchdown by Isaiah Ornelaz, who scored another touchdown later in the game. Tristan Sullivan scored twice, including a great 74 yard kickoff return. Tristin Minjarez scored 1 touchdown and converted several 2 point conversions. Ryan Jones connected on a pass to Kaleb Turner for a touchdown. The offense moved the ball well all night long. Defensively, Chance Berryhill intercepted a pass, while Justin Reed and Carson Kelso recovered fumbles. Josh Huffman, Tristin Minjarez, Coltan Martin and Bryce Willis made several defensive stops. I am very proud of the effort that these young men gave this year and the leadership that the eight graders provided. They finished the season with a record of 6-3.

Early Deadline

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November 19
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* November 2	Miles	Here	7:30	21	10
* November 9	TLCA	There	7:30	40	25

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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Win advances

Hornets to playoffs

Blackwell's Wade Allen kicked a field goal on the last play of the game to beat Panther Creek, 58-54, and advance to the first round of the playoffs.

The Hornets came out of the first quarter with a 22-8 lead over the Panthers. Before the half, Blackwell would add another 14 points with Panther Creek putting up 26 points. The Hornets went into the locker room with a slim 2 point lead, 36-34.

In the third quarter, both teams added 12 points and the Hornets maintained their 2 point advantage entering the final quarter. The Panthers scored 8 points to Blackwell's 6 points and the scoreboard was dead even before Allen booted the ball, making the field goal and posting the final score of 58-54.

Jayden Jones had an outstanding night as he carried the ball 24 times for a total of 330 yards and six touchdowns.

The remaining two touchdowns were run in by Franck Cano and Mark Monroe. Wade Allen ran in 3 conversions in addition to his field goal for the night.

Panther Creek's pass coverage held Ethan Andrews to only 80 yards from his six completions. Ted Chambliss was the star receiver for the

night with 3 receptions totaling 64 yards. Jayden Jones brought down 1 pass for 17 yards.

Cody Shamblin scrambled for 24 yards on 2 carries, with Franck Cano gaining 7 yards with his 7 carries and Mark Monroe gaining 2 yards on his 2 carries.

The Hornets also stayed strong on defense. Franck Cano had 11 solo tackles and 3 assists, with Jayden Jones posting 10 solo tackles and 3 assists. Mark Monroe had 5 solo tackles and 6 assists, with Mason Magness having 4 solo tackles and 5 assists. Kaleb Edwards had a total of 7 tackles - 5 solo and 2 assists, with Ted Chambliss posting 2 solo tackles and Ethan Andrews having 1 solo tackle. Kaleb and Franck both recovered fumbles.

The Hornets will face Loraine in the first round of the playoffs at Hermleigh at 7 pm Friday night.

CRMWD hosts youth hunt

On October 27, 2012, the Colorado River Municipal Water District hosted its first antlerless / spike deer hunt of the 2012 / 2013 season, for kids from the South Texas Children's Home (STCH). Three boys from the Children's Home participated in the doe and spike hunt. A beautiful, clear and frosty morning, along with a warm afternoon, was the setting for the hunt. Everyone saw a lot of game, and had a wonderful time enjoying the outdoors. These hunts are a great management tool in controlling deer populations, but more importantly, they provide a wonderful opportunity to experience hunting, companionship, and the great outdoors to those who would not normally get a chance to do so.

Wal-Mart donated gift certificates as prizes for the hunter who harvested the biggest antlerless deer, and young hunter Steven, guided by Chris Grimes of Ballinger, TX, won the honors with a big doe weighting in at 79 lbs. There was also a gift certificate donated for the best marksmanship, which was won by young hunter Orlando, who was a sharp shooter on the shooting range. Good job guys!

Throughout the hunt all were blessed with great food. A grilled hamburger meal, with fixings, chips, and cookies was provided by the Ballinger Mornings Lion Club, along with great company and humor. Enough food was left over for each of the kids to fix a burger after the evening hunt. David and Vicky Steward of Voss, TX,

provide breakfast for the hunters and sent along a fresh cake, fruit, and drinks. Also, Noreen Janison of Voss, TX, baked up a batch of fresh cookies, to satisfy the sweet tooth of the hungry hunters.

Those assisting as hunting guides were Chris Grimes of Ballinger, Carl Montgomery of San Angelo, Jake Kelly and Michael Lee, of the South Texas Children's Home.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Jacob Crompton of Concho County gave a very informative program on fire arm safety, a variety of issues dealing with the outdoors and wildlife, along with the responsibilities of hunters, and the introduction of new changes in game laws, along with several interesting work related stories.

Deer corn was provided by the Coleman Grain Inc. of Coleman, Shopping Basket (IGA) of Ballinger, and



CRMWD Youth Hunt! Guiding the CRMWD Youth Hunt were (top row, from left) Jake Kelly, Chris Grimes and Carl Montgomery. Youth hunting included (bottom row, from left) Orlando, Steven and Jonathan.

Ballinger Feed & Seed of young hunters with a greater opportunity to see wildlife, and to harvest a deer.

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Breakfast

- Monday, November 19**
Poptart/yogurt or cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, November 20**
Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, November 21**
Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, November 22**
Holiday
- Friday, November 23**
Holiday

Lunch

- Monday, November 19**
Corn dog, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk
- Tuesday, November 20**
Nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles, milk
- Wednesday, November 21**
Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk
- Thursday, November 22**
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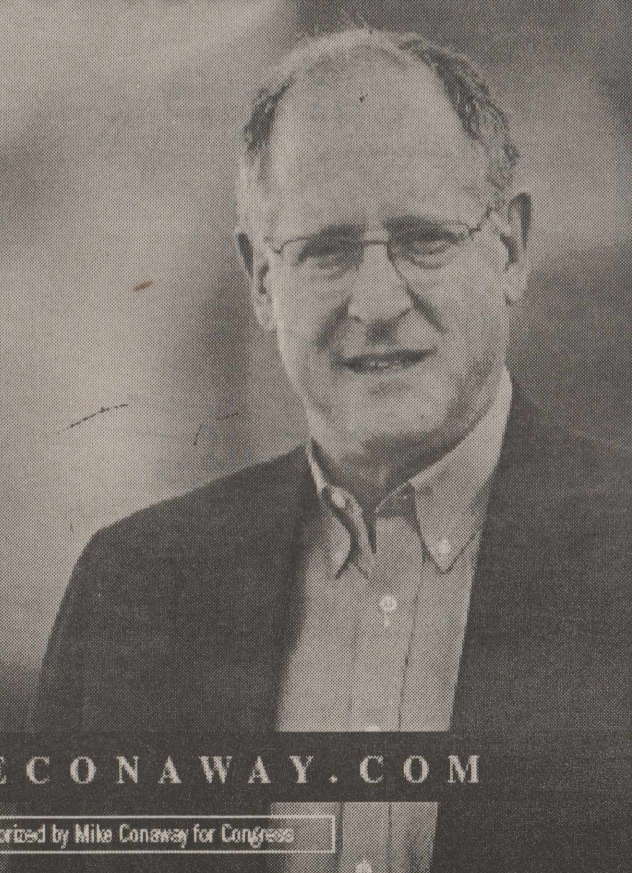
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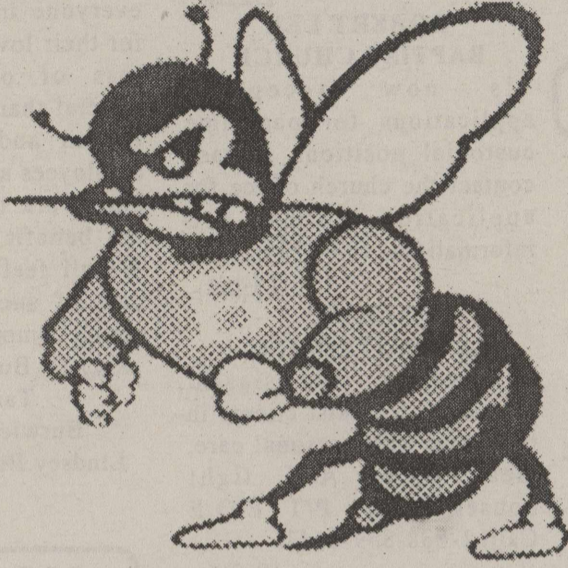
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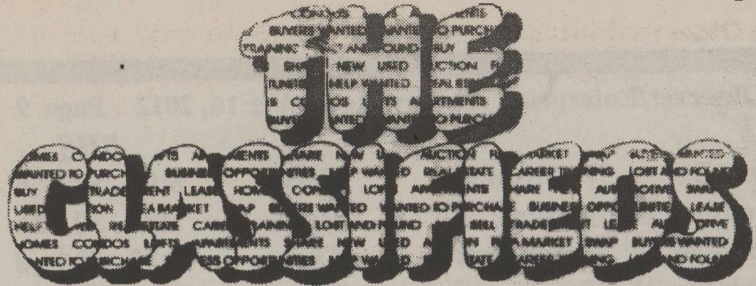
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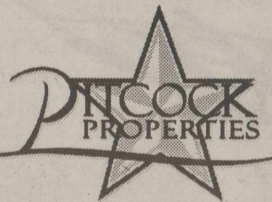
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Directors filing for re-election to the board are Ronnie Robbins and Gerald Sandusky. The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, December 7, 2012.

4-H having fundraiser

Coke County 4-H is having their RADA Cutlery fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit 4-H projects.

If you are interested in ordering, you may call Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 325-453-2461 or order directly from the web site www.helpourfundraiser.com. The customer order number is 504110 and ID rada76945 (all lower case).

All orders and money need to be turned in by Tuesday, November 20, 2012.

Coke County Food Pantry

With Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching please don't forget the Coke County Food Pantry. We serve anywhere from 25 to 35 families each week and new ones are signing up each month.

We know times are hard for everyone but we always need help financially and with food products.

We try to provide Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas ham's for the families for holiday dinners, and we also try to provide fresh fruit and vegetables as are possible.

During the year we receive food and monetary donations from private citizens and food drives from the schools, churches, Menchaca Processing, and "Relay for Life", for these we are truly grateful, however, the need is ongoing.

Thank you for all your past and future considerations.

For more information about the food pantry call Dolores Roe 325-453-2164, Pat Carwile 325-453-9343, or Mary Williams 325-453-2398.

Atmos Energy Says Customers Can Expect Another Affordable Winter

Atmos Energy Corporation said today that natural gas prices are expected to remain low and steady throughout the Winter 2012/2013 season bringing another year of affordable heating bills for customers.

"Atmos Energy is also pleased to announce that natural gas supplies are higher than normal, which will mean the continued reliable delivery of natural gas to keep customers warm this winter," said John Paris, president of Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex division. "Safe and reliable service is what Atmos Energy provides, and we are ready for winter."

Natural gas is showing its value as the best fuel choice for consumers in terms of price, reliability and efficiency according to the American Gas Association.

"The AGA's most recent analysis "The Promise of Natural Gas," points to a decade or more of relative market stability projected for natural gas," Paris said. "That is great news for Atmos Energy customers who expect reliable service at an affordable price."

Customers can still do their part to reduce energy bills even more by taking these extra steps this winter:

1. The best way to lower your energy bill is to use energy more wisely. A programmable thermostat allows you to keep your house cooler at night and when you're away, and will automatically warm your house to comfortable levels for the hours you are home.
2. Try Atmos Energy's online tools such as Energy Calculator to help manage your energy use.
3. Inspect your windows and doors for drafts. Use caulk or sealant to insulate as needed.
4. If you are having trouble paying your utility bill, please visit our website to learn more about energy assistance programs. Low-income customers may be eligible for federal energy



CRMWD Youth Hunt! The Ballinger Mornings Lion Club was the cooking crew for Colorado River Municipal Water District Youth Hunt. Shown are (from left) Larry Milton, J.C. Gore, Bobby Moore, Larry Hays, Shannon Caughron and Darlene Kelly.

assistance through the Low Assistance Program pay energy bills and wea- Income Home Energy (LIHEAP), which helps therize homes.



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2011 Ford Fusion SE	#71-32	\$16,995	2009 Ford Flex	#13026A	\$14,995
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RLCC Halloween! Children of all ages enjoyed the halloween festival provided by the Robert Lee Care Center.

advertising rate, as required by law.

Newspapers also post legal notices on their websites, for the convenience of those who choose to read the paper electronically. And for commercial enterprises that do business with governments outside of their home county, the Texas Press Association maintains a free statewide compilation of legal notices from all over the state.

There is some cost involved to print a newspaper notice, of course. The expenses of paper, ink, personnel and delivery are very real, and like any other business, newspapers must charge for what they provide or close their doors. There's no difference between a local government paying a newspaper for a printed legal notice and paying an automobile dealer for police cars...except for price.

When it comes to printed public notice, that price is miniscule. In 2011 Texas

counties spent an average of 0.00533 percent of their budgets on legal notices regarding procurement. To put that in perspective, imagine that the height of the Empire State Building represents the total budget of a Texas county. Now visualize the height of a thumbtack, and consider this: 0.00533 percent of the height of the Empire State Building would be the height of the thumbtack.

It's ironic that the associations lobbying to kill printed notice are funded primarily by dues paid by local governments — governments that get their

money by taxing the very citizens who'd find it hard to keep an eye on city hall if legal notices were no longer printed.

Legislators considering this issue should consider the Empire State Building and the thumbtack. And citizens should remind lawmakers that a thumbtack serves a useful purpose and never causes a problem...unless you happen to sit on it.

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Dear Editor,

An informed citizen is the ultimate source of power in a democratic government, which is why Texas' governmental entities are required to print notices of their plans for actions ranging from annexation to zoning, and from large expenditures to tax hikes.

For several years, lobbying efforts have been underway to eliminate this essential element of government transparency, which bodes ill for an informed electorate. Some state agencies and some associations representing local governments are pressuring legislators to eliminate printed public notices in newspapers, saying they should be allowed to "publish" notices solely on their government-owned, government-controlled and government-operated websites.

Ever since Texas declared its independence, notices of governmental intent have been printed in newspapers to get the word out efficiently to as many citizens as possible through a non-governmental medium. Newspapers — not obscure pages in the maze of a difficult-to-navigate government website — are still the best way to do this.

Most citizens who are vigilant about government activities also happen to be avid newspaper readers. They are well served by the fact that most of the state's 500 or so newspapers print public notices — and print them at their lowest classified

Joining our Prayers with yours.

Happy 13th Birthday!

November 23, 2012

Hanna McKinney

May God Bless

From:
Nanna & PaPa Eubank

We all love and miss you very much.

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