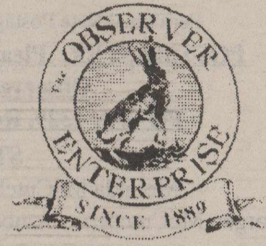


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Friday, December 14, 2012

Christmas in Bronte continues at Texas Theater

On Saturday, December 15, 2012, a Christmas movie will be shown at the Texas Theater. The first screening is at 1 pm and the second screening is set for 7 pm. The Bronte Chamber will be raffling off a Red Rider BB Gun after the 7 pm screening.

Mountain Creek Golf Course announces annual meeting

Mountain Creek Golf Course will have the annual membership meeting Saturday, December 15, at 6 pm. The potluck dinner, along with the meeting, will be held at the clubhouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

Bronte's Nativity has new addition

The Nativity scene at the mini-park in downtown Bronte has grown by one angel this year. If people would like to contribute to this purchase, a donation jar is available at Bronte's General Store.

Bronte's Shop at Home campaign continues

Shoppers who shop locally not only will benefit their community, but may even get to take home a new flat screen television.

When shoppers purchase items from a merchant in downtown Bronte, their name is included in a drawing for a flat screen tv on display now in the window at Bronte's General Store.

Small Town Christmas held in Robert Lee

The first annual Small Town Christmas was held in Robert Lee Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8, 2012. The event was being sponsored by Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose.

The action began at 6 pm Friday with the lighting of the Coke County Courthouse and the Wilson Bryan Park. Santa Claus was on hand at this time visiting with children in the Gazebo at the Wilson Bryan Park.

On Friday evening, VP served stew, cornbread and hot chocolate at the lighting of the gazebo.

Saturday's events began with a Small Town Christmas Parade at 5:30 pm.

The parade led to the activities at the Rec Hall. An essay reading of contestants entries in the "What Christmas Means to Me in My Hometown Robert Lee" essay contest began at 7 pm at the Rec Hall. The winners - Troy Wade, Hanna Hamrick, Jordan Wade and Hunter Hamrick, received scholarships.

The evening concluded with



Small Town Christmas Parade! Robert Lee's Volunteer Fire Department decorated an unusual "tree" for the Small Town Christmas Parade held in Robert Lee Saturday evening, December 8, 2012. The event was sponsored by Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose.

a Christmas dance at the Rec Hall.

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose raffle for a 51" Samsung Flat Screen TV drawing will be held at 10 am Thursday, December 20, at Petitt Insurance.

Showmanship Clinic

A Livestock Showmanship Clinic will be held Saturday December 15, at the Coke County Show barn. The

Clinic will begin at 10 am and lunch will be provided.

This is a great opportunity for the exhibitors to improve their livestock knowledge and showmanship skills. It is open to all 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors in Coke County.

Please RSVP by calling the extension office at 453-2461.

Lighting assistance needed

The Bronte Health & Rehab Center is requesting the donation of rainbow or multi-colored lights or cash with which to purchase the lights. These will be used to decorate the outside of Bronte Health & Rehab Center for the residents' enjoyment and also for the community to enjoy.

Clogging Lessons slated

Clogging lessons will be offered beginning in January 2013. A preview will be held Thursday, December 20.

For more information, contact Jackie Corley at (325) 473-7771.

Senior Center Garage Sale slated for December 15th

Robert Lee Senior Center is hosting a garage sale to be held on December 15th from 8 am to 2pm. This garage sale will benefit the Senior

Center. There will be lots of everything!

Any questions or items to donate, call Susan Millegan at (325) 453-2314 or (325) 453-4790.

January 2 is first day to reserve county buildings

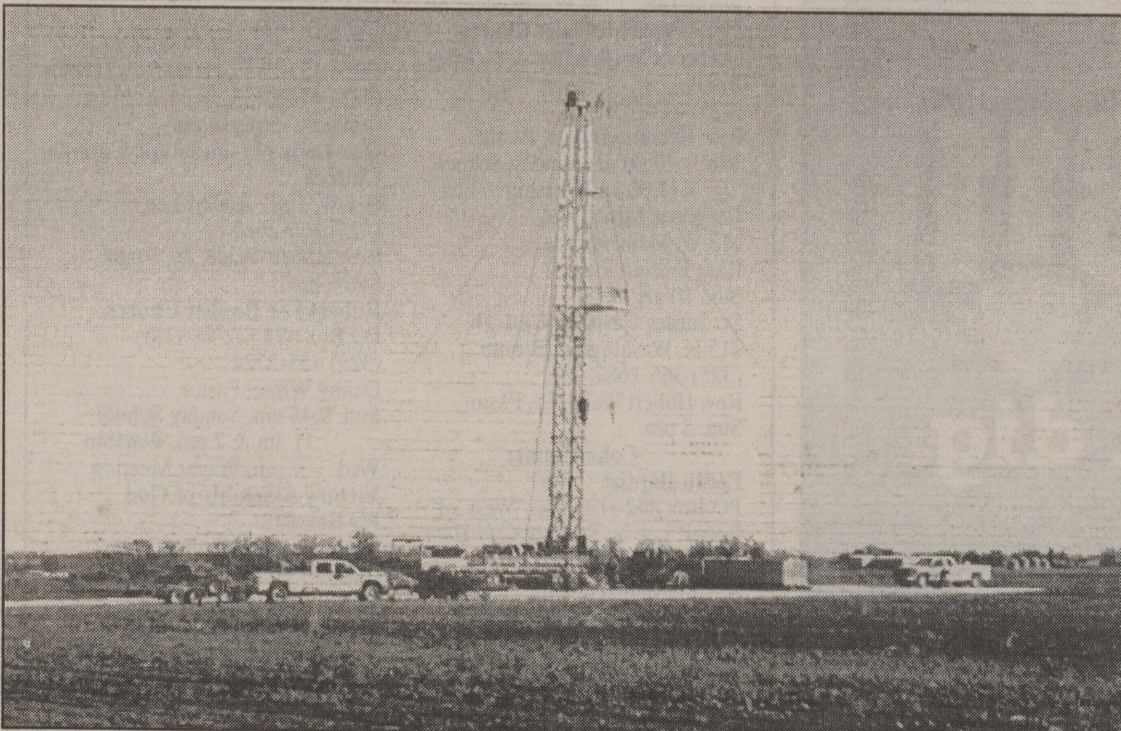
The first day to rent the Robert Lee and Bronte Large Recreation Halls, Robert Lee and Bronte Senior Citizens Buildings, and the Robert Lee and Bronte Pavilions will be on January 2nd, 2013. The Coke County Judge's Office will be open at 7 am to begin taking rentals. For more information, please call Lorrie at 325-453-2641.

Kickapoo Water Board sets Election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 8, 2013, for the purpose of electing three directors.

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 Fran Sonnenberg.



Oil Boom Coming?! Many rumors have been floating around Coke County that the Oil Boom is Coming! These rumors may or may not have some truth to them, but following the seismic testing along Hwy 158 between Bronte and Robert Lee, this workover rig was erected this week about a mile west of Bronte on the south side of Hwy 158. Due to recent technological advances, old wells are being retapped to capture oil that old technology could not recover.

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Obituaries



Eads

Willie Faye (Gaines) Eads was born September 23, 1934, to Bob and Lillie (King) Gaines in Edith, Texas. Mrs. Eads was sent to The Lord on December 4, 2012, which would have been her 62nd wedding anniversary.

Willie married the love of her life Jesse Eads Jr. in Lovington, New Mexico, in 1950. They resided in Robert Lee, Texas, for the remainder of their lives and they had one son Jesse Eads III. She enjoyed working for many of the cafes in town and enjoyed

taking care of her grandkids.

Willie's love for her family and friends was endless. She was truly one of a kind. She touched the lives of so many people. Though she is gone from our presence, the memories made will bring a smile to each face and she will never be gone from our hearts and thoughts

Left to cherish her memory is her sister Bertie Mae (Gaines) Wanker; her grandchildren, Jesse Eads IV, John Eads, Kayla (Eads) Magana, and Marie Dominguez; her great-grandchildren, Ashlynn Dominguez and Athen Dominguez; her niece, Joyce Allen; nephews, Fred Wanker and Frank Wanker and one daughter in law, Jeanette Eads.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jesse Eads Jr., her son Jesse Eads III; her parents Bob and Lillie Gaines; three brothers and many nieces and nephews. She is also preceded by her very special dog, who she loved so very much, Bruno.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm Thursday, December 6, 2012, at Emmanuel Pentecostal Church. Pallbearers were Frank Wanker, Oscar Dominguez, Anthony Magana, Bobby Bolding, Brady Bolding, and Derek Goldsmith.

Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery.

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ECCHD Board posts minutes

The Board of Directors of the East Coke County Hospital District met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 22, 2012, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South State Street, Bronte, Texas.

Those present were President Howard Baker, Everett Bedford, Mike Arrott, Clint Porter and Lee Wommack. Also present were Administrator John DiFrancesco, Jr., Office Manager Andra Arrott, and Social Services Sharon Wilson.

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A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order by President Howard Baker at 6:32 pm.

Prayer was given by John DiFrancesco.

New Board Members Lee Wommack and Clint Porter were sworn in and took the Oath of Office. Former members Doris Sims and Alonzo Robbins were removed from the signature card at the bank and Lee Wommack and Clint Porter were added.

Sharon Wilson addressed the board regarding the project to train school kids to aide and assist with activities, etc. with the residents. She had spoken with Jackie Timmerman, Bronte ISD counselor. Also, Monty Smith, resident, addressed the board regarding the children who come to the facility and interact with him and other residents, and the enjoyment it brings to them.

Minutes for the September 17, 2012, tax hearing and regular board meeting and the

October emergency called meeting were reviewed and Mike Arrott made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Everett Bedford. All voted for.

John DiFrancesco went over addendums to the personnel policy. He will edit, correct and revise the Personnel Policy and present it at the December meeting for approval with implementation beginning in January 2013.

Addendums to the Bylaws were discussed and tabled.

Financials were reviewed. John DiFrancesco presented the DON report in Sue Ann's absence.

John DiFrancesco presented his report. He will get an estimate for renovation/addition of a secured Alzheimer's unit to present at the next meeting.

Accounts Payable was reviewed and questions answered.

Everett Bedford made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, seconded by Mike Arrott. All voted for.

"His name shall be called Emmanuel" meaning "God with us"



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Dale Patterson, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm

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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

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Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor

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11 am Worship

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church

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Danny White, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

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Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

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Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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Ribbon cutting held at Robert Lee insurance office

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Now known as Floyd C Petitt Insurance, the local insurance agency offers multiline insurance coverage's - auto, home, health, commercial - and prides itself in providing personal, customized attention. Floyd and Jan Petitt of San Angelo are well known locally as they have served area businesses and local individuals insurance needs for years. Excited to be a part of this community, they are working with local support groups, and are looking forward to many years of service to you and yours. Thanks to the Petitts, the office has a modern new look and renovated sidewalk, with more improvements planned. They, along with the Winks, invite you to stop by for a visit.

Robert and Marsha Wink are pleased to be a part of

this transfer of business and are anticipating their "semi-retirement". Almost thirty years ago, Robert and Marsha moved back to Robert Lee to raise their children where they were raised, close to grandparents, near family and friends, and encircled by kind, considerate small town folk. Robert stated, "Marsha and I are thankful to our friends and customers for the support both professionally and personally. What a blessing it has been to work in this close, caring community and to rear our children here."

Now that the Wink children are grown and scattered, Robert and Marsha are looking forward to a different schedule, not total retirement, but a redirection. With children and grandchildren living throughout the state and a desire to do some traveling, (plus a lot of golfing), Robert and Marsha are ready to get started on this semi-retirement.



Ribbon Cutting! Members of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose were on hand to celebrate the sale of Wink Insurance and the establishment of Floyd C. Petitt Insurance in Robert Lee. Celebrating were Marshall Millican (from left), Bobbie Allen, Jan Petitt, Floyd Petitt, Robert Wink, Marsha Wink, Josie Dean, Beverly Hawkins, Cyndi Caston, Rosa Longoria, and Debbie Childers (front).

The adults were impressed at the way the students brought their enthusiasm and good manners to the event.

Don Parks, another friend of the Library, has managed to collect all five of the Dean Koontz "Frankenstein" series in paperback. And he has donated them to the Library. The series was originally set to be a television series, but Koontz had "creative differences" with the film and withdrew. A film of a modern day Frankenstein was made, but never came out as a series; so Koontz created a series in books.

Children's Christmas books are ready to be read to the kids. Adults are welcome to come by to check them out for reading time at home.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; Friday, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Bronte Elementary Third Graders Share Joy! Mrs. Wilson's 3rd grade class at Bronte Elementary shared the Christmas joy with residents at Bronte Health and Rehab Center as they helped decorate for the holidays on Thursday, December 6, 2012.

Bronte ISD to issue free senior passes
Bronte ISD will be issuing District Basketball passes free to senior citizens. Anyone 65 years and older may come by the administration office to pick up their District Basketball pass during regular office hours. This Basketball pass is good for District Basketball games only at Districts which

are participating.
Energy Saving Trees offered for Oncor patrons

The Arbor Day Foundation is partnering with Oncor Electric to provide FREE trees to Oncor customers across Texas, including those in Robert Lee and Bronte. There are 9,000 trees left and each customer can order

three trees. Planting trees around homes helps save energy and reduce utility bills.

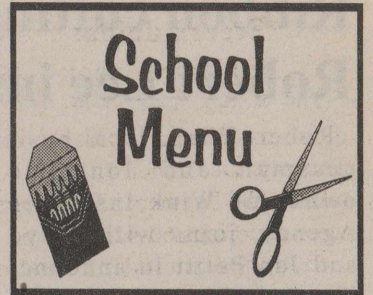
Energy Saving Trees is an easy-to-use online tool that pulls up a satellite image of your yard and guides you through selecting the right tree and the ideal place to plant it in your yard to get the greatest energy savings. The tool also shows you an

estimate of other benefits your tree will provide including its value to cleaner air, pollution and stormwater control, and absorbing carbon dioxide.

It's a huge opportunity for anyone interested in improving their energy savings and their neighborhood.

Visit www.arborday.org/ncor for more details. The offer ends on December 14th.

buildings, and includes an extensive collection of family artifacts. Preservation work at the Sam Rayburn House Museum State Historic Site just west of Bonham was completed this year, and the former home of the U.S. Speaker of the House from Texas—who served for 17 consecutive years—is a 20th-century time capsule. Several of the historic sites are decorated for the holidays, and feature special programs. For more information, visit the THC website at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us>, or call the Historic Sites Division at 512.463.7948.



Breakfast

- Monday, December 17**
Sausage roll, cereal, or toast/jelly, juice, milk
- Tuesday, December 18**
Breakfast pizza, cereal, or toast/jelly, juice, milk
- Wednesday, December 19**
Pancake on stick, cereal, or toast/jelly, juice, milk
- Thursday, December 20**
Breakfast wrap, cereal, or toast/jelly, juice, milk
- Friday, December 21**
Sausage and biscuit, cereal, or toast/jelly, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, December 17**
Hamburger, hamburger salad, potato tots, ranch beans, broccoli bites, sliced apples, milk
- Tuesday, December 18**
Ultimate taco salad with fresh romaine and tomatoes, season corn, fresh fruit bowl, cherry fruit bar, milk
- Wednesday, December 19**
Steak fingers, whipped potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple delight, milk
- Thursday, December 20**
Chicken quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, orange smiles, salsa, milk
- Friday, December 21**
Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, fresh fruit, carrot coins, milk

Don't miss the Letters to Santa in next week's issue!

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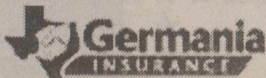
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Steers defeat Panther Creek

The Robert Lee Steers traveled to Panther Creek on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, to take on the Panthers. The Steers were victorious 60-42.

Statistics include: Justin Gartman 18 points, 9 rebounds 3 assists and 4 steals; Zachary Sanchez 5 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Will Howard 19 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals; Dawson Brisbin 1 rebound; Efrain Olguin 2 points and 7 rebounds; Sean Hildebrand 2 rebounds; Blake Smith 5 rebounds; Zach Skinner 11 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist and 3 steals; and James Roberts 5 points and 2 rebounds.

Steers make it to final of Highland Tourney

The Robert Lee Steers participated in the Highland Tournament December 7-9. In

their first game, the Steers defeated Trent 43-27.

Statistics include: Justin Gartman 5 points, 5 rebounds 1 assist and 8 steals; Zachary Sanchez 5 rebounds and 1 steal; Will Howard 19 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist and 3 steals; Dawson Brisbin 3 rebounds and 1 assist; Efrain Olguin 2 points 3 rebounds and 2 steals; Sean Hildebrand 2 rebounds; Blake Smith 1 rebound; Zach Skinner 16 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals; and James Roberts 1 point and 5 rebounds.

In the second round, the Steers defeated Highland, 60-25.

Scoring for the Steers were Justin Gartman, Zachary Sanchez 2, Will Howard 24, Sean Hildebrand 2, Blake Smith 3, Zach Skinner 5, and James Roberts 3.

The Steers lost a heartbreaker in the Championship to Garden City, 42-45.

Statistics include: Justin Gartman 16 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists and 5 steals; Zachary Sanchez 2 points and 1 steal; Will Howard 8 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal; Dawson Brisbin 1 steal; Efrain Olguin 2 points 3 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals; Sean Hildebrand 2 points, 1 rebound, and 1 steal; Blake Smith 2 points and 1 assist; Zach Skinner 7 points, 6 rebounds, and 1 assist; and James Roberts 3 points.

RL JV Steers play in Bronte Tourney

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



VP Christmas Essay Winners! The winners of the Small Town Christmas Essay Contest, sponsored by Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose, were Mr and Miss Christmas Troy Wade and Hanna Hamrick and Mr and Miss Snowflake Jordan Wade and Hunter Hamrick.

The Robert Lee JV Steers participated in the Bronte JV Tournament on Saturday, December 8. They were defeated by Miles in the first round, 35-39.

Scoring for the JV Steers were Everett Wilson 2, JR Aldridge 5, Bruce Buddin 5,

Tristen Hildebrand 6, Mychael Tijerina 8 and Shelby Davis 9.

In their second round game, they were defeated by Bronte 17-32.

Scoring for the JV Steers were JR Aldridge 6, Bruce Buddin 6, Martin Jimenez 2 and Shelby Davis 3.

Robert Lee AON accepting donations

The AON would like to announce they DO accept memorials and donations year round and donations may be sent to PO Box 24 Robert Lee, TX 76945.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, December 17

Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 18

Apple frudel or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 19

Pancakes and sausage or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, December 20

Cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, December 21

Burrito or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 17

Chicken and broccoli penne, salad, apple slices, breadstick, milk

Tuesday, December 18

Taco salad, salad, corn, fruit bowl, fruit bar, milk

Wednesday, December 19

Steak fingers, cream potatoes, gravy, green beans, apple-pineapple delight, milk

Thursday, December 20

Chicken quesadilla, beans, baby carrots, orange smiles, salsa, milk

Friday, December 21

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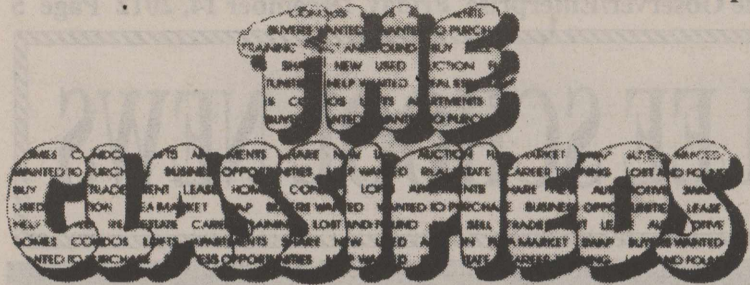
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Robert Lee Senior Center garage sale, December 15th, 8 am to 2pm. Benefit the Senior Center. Lots of everything! Any questions or items to donate, call Susan Millegan at (325) 453-2314 or (325)453-4790.

22-2tc

NOTICES

BRONTE ISD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

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beginning Wednesday, January 30, 2013 during the hours of 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. The deadline to file is Friday, March 1, 2013 at 5:00 pm Election Day will be Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Requirements for filing are that you have lived in the state for one year and six months in the district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and a registered voter at time of election.

Bronte ISD has two places for full three year terms. The terms of Shane Kelton and Kay Styles are expiring.

23-2tc

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Coke County; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of December 2012, the Commissioners Court of Coke County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Coke County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing; NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Coke County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Coke County.

A. No person may sell,

detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Coke County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:
1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. [TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154].

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C. Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012, BY THE COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT. COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:
Mary Grim, County/District Clerk

23-2tc

301 W. 11th Street

Robert Lee

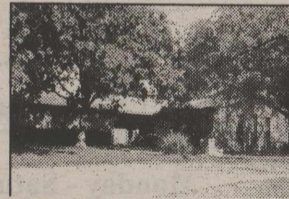
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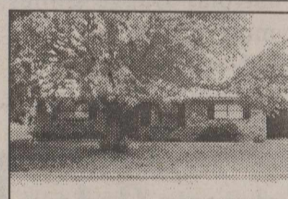
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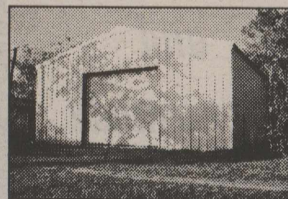
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NOTICES

STOLEN FROM BRONTE HOMETOWN HARDWARE

Livestock panels were recently stolen from the hardware store in Bronte. The panels were stored outside the building and are not an inexpensive item. Anyone with information regarding this theft is asked to contact the sheriff's office at 453-2717 or the hardware store at 473-3811. Anonymous calls are welcome and any information given will be kept confidential.

22-2tc

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Coke County that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, with the exception of barbecuing in an enclosed fire box with water hose or fire retardant accessible at all times and someone attending the fire at all times, and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire. The purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

A. Burns that are conducted after submission of a Natural Resources Conservation Service approved burn plan to the Coke County Judge.

Burns conducted under this section must meet the following conditions:

1. Prior to beginning a burn in Coke County, the Sheriff's office must be notified by calling 453-2717 on each day for each occurrence;

2. The person giving noti-

fication to the Sheriff's office must identify the area to be burned by describing the pasture or range by address, by location of County Road or State Highway, and also must give the name of the person requesting the burn;

3. A water sprayer apparatus or water containers and other fire fighting tools must be available on site;

4. Fire guards are to be used whenever possible;

5. Wind speeds must not exceed 15 MPH;

6. The Humidity index must be 20% or higher as determined by the Texas Forest Service for Coke County; and,

7. A cellular telephone or other reliable radio communication must be available on site for emergency notification and response.

B. Outdoor welding or cutting and grinding associated with welding activities are permitted under the following circumstances:

1. Welding and cutting and grinding associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 miles per hour;

2. The welder must notify the Coke County Sheriff's Department before any welding, cutting or grinding begins;

3. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) feet radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, cutting or grinding begins; and

4. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any welding, cutting or grinding begins and remain on hand until the activity is completed.

C. Burning of household trash is permitted under the following conditions:

1. Shall take place only when the wind speed is 15 miles per hour or less;

2. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take

place and before any burning of trash begins;

3. The burning takes place in a container with a mesh cover; and

4. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any burning begins and remain on hand until the burning is completed.

D. Outdoor cooking is permitted under the following conditions:

1. Shall take place only when

the wind speed is 15 miles per hour or less;

2. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place and before any outdoor cooking begins; and,

3. A spotter with water and a ready pressurized delivery system must be on hand before any outdoor cooking begins and remain on hand until the outdoor

cooking is completed.

In accordance with Local Government §352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2012

Roy Blair
County Judge

Attest:

Mary Grim
Deputy County Clerk
23-2tc

BLACKWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012

| | General Fund | Debt Service Fund | Other Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 2,186,168 | \$ 880,136 | \$ 33,292 | \$ 3,099,596 |
| State Program Revenues | 1,507,150 | - | 1,693 | 1,509,543 |
| Federal Program Revenues | - | - | 103,989 | 103,989 |
| Total Revenues | 3,694,018 | 880,136 | 140,974 | 4,715,128 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| Instruction | 1,478,614 | - | 58,068 | 1,536,682 |
| Instructional Resources and Media Services | 49,866 | - | - | 49,866 |
| Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 5,230 | - | - | 5,230 |
| Instructional Leadership | 19,282 | - | - | 19,282 |
| School Leadership | 213,797 | - | - | 213,797 |
| Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 23,722 | - | - | 23,722 |
| Health Services | 6,597 | - | - | 6,597 |
| Student (Pupil) Transportation | 250,689 | - | - | 250,689 |
| Food Services | - | - | 133,308 | 133,308 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 125,539 | - | - | 125,539 |
| General Administration | 320,263 | - | - | 320,263 |
| Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 447,103 | - | - | 447,103 |
| Data Processing Services | 16,736 | - | - | 16,736 |
| Debt Service: | | | | |
| Principal on Long Term Debt | - | 595,000 | - | 595,000 |
| Interest on Long Term Debt | - | 275,600 | - | 275,600 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 271,109 | - | - | 271,109 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | |
| Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools | 1,271,311 | - | - | 1,271,311 |
| Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 43,465 | - | - | 43,465 |
| Other Intergovernmental Charges | 50,008 | - | - | 50,008 |
| Total Expenditures | 4,595,333 | 870,600 | 193,376 | 5,659,309 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (901,315) | 9,536 | (52,402) | (944,181) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | |
| Transfers In | - | - | 39,414 | 39,414 |
| Transfers Out (Use) | (39,414) | - | - | (39,414) |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (39,414) | - | 39,414 | - |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | (940,729) | 9,536 | (12,988) | (944,181) |
| Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | 1,451,336 | 117,029 | 12,988 | 1,581,353 |
| Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ 510,607 | \$ 126,565 | \$ - | \$ 637,172 |

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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

TAFE state qualifiers announced

Several BHS students have qualified to compete at the state Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) meet in San Antonio in February. They include:

Essay Writing - Abby Gott and Karstin Hoyle;

Impromptu Speaking - Ted Chambliss and Cody Shamblin;

Job Application - Leonor Castelo and Ashely Jeter;

Keynote Speech - Karleigh Coldiron and Brena Robison;

Storybook Creation - Hannah Coffman and Veeda Jeter.

Oak Creek Classic held

The annual Oak Creek Classic basketball tournament was held at Blackwell High School November 29 through December 1, 2012.

The tournament began Thursday morning at 9 am with the Panther Creek Lady Panthers being

defeated by the Hermleigh Lady Cardinals. Thursday's winners on the girls bracket included the Lady Cardinals of Hermleigh, the Paint Rock Lady Indians, the Jayton Lady Jaybirds, and the Blackwell Lady Hornets. On Friday, November 30, the girls action began with Panther Creek falling to the JV Highland Lady Hornets in the Consolation bracket. At noon, the Rotan Lady Yellowhammers defeated the Loraine Lady Bulldogs in the Consolation bracket.

The Paint Rock Lady Indians knocked Hermleigh out of the Championship bracket Friday afternoon. The Blackwell Lady Hornets fell to Jayton in the final girls game Friday night.

Saturday morning, the Rotan Lady Yellowhammers defeated the JV Highland Lady Hornets to take the Consolation win 60-19.

The Blackwell Lady Hornets met the Highland Lady Hornets Saturday

afternoon to determine who would take 3rd place in the tourney. Highland defeated Blackwell 54-32. Scoring for the Blackwell Lady Hornets were Metcalf 13, Bennett 8, Harris 3, McGlothlin, Rozzle, Breaux and Castelo with 2 each.

The Championship game late Saturday afternoon saw the Jayton Lady Jaybirds defeat Paint Rock 49-26.

The first game on the boys bracket had the Panther Creek Panthers falling to the Hermleigh Cardinals at 10:30 am Thursday morning. Thursday's winners on the boys bracket included the Hermleigh Cardinals, Highland Hornets, Jayton Jaybirds, and the Blackwell Hornets.

In the Consolation bracket Friday morning, Panther Creek fell to the Paint Rock Indians and the Loraine Bulldogs fell to the Rotan Yellowhammers.

In the Championship bracket Friday, the Hermleigh Cardinals defeated Highland and the Blackwell Hornets fell to

the Jayton Jaybirds.

Saturday's action began with Rotan defeating Paint Rock, 50-26, to earn the consolation trophy.

The battle of the Hornets engaged to determine the 3rd place team. The Highland Hornets defeated the Blackwell Hornets 35-24. Scoring for Blackwell were Magness 13, Monroe 5, Allen 4 and Andrews 2.

The Championship trophy went to the Hermleigh Cardinals following the Championship game Saturday evening. The Cardinals defeated the Jayton Jaybirds in a hard fought game 37-34.

Lady Hornets fall to Westbrook

The Blackwell Lady Hornets faced off against the Lady Wildcats of Westbrook on December 4, 2012. The Lady Hornets were defeated 49-69.

Scoring for Blackwell were Stephanie Metcalf, Hailey Bennett 16 points and 8 rebounds, and Brooklyn Harris 7 points.

Blackwell Stock Show slated

The Blackwell local stock show has been set for December 22, 2012. The stock show will take place at the Blackwell Show Barn from 9 am-3 pm.

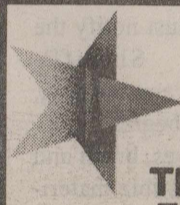
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School Menu

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Monday, December 17

Poptart/yogurt or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 18

Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 19

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, December 20

Biscuits, sausage, gravy or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, December 21

Muffins/gogurt or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 17

Cheese enchiladas, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, cinnamon apples, milk

Tuesday, December 18

Hot dog, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 19

Christmas lunch

Thursday, December 20

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, garden salad, savory green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat, milk

Friday, December 21

Hamburger, seasoned corn or corn cobbettes, baby carrots, sliced peaches, milk

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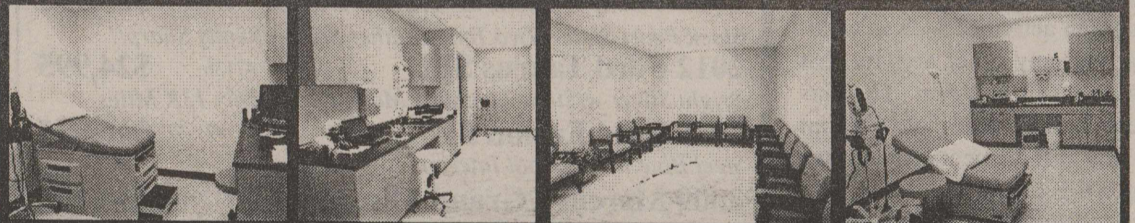
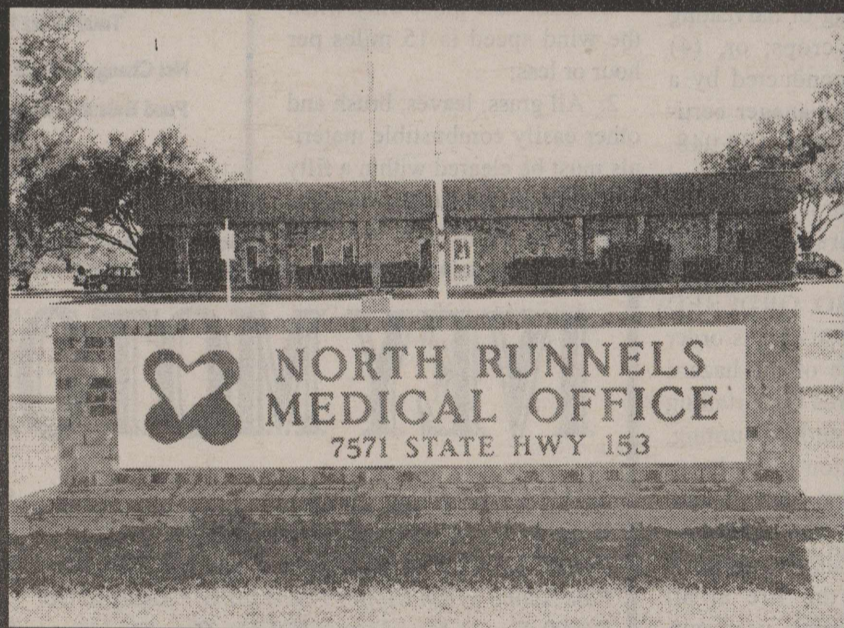
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