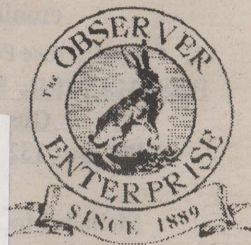


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Only county school districts to hold elections on May 11

Potential candidates in the upcoming May 11, 2012, local entity election had until last Friday to file for their place on the ballot. Of the six local government entities, only the Bronte Independent School District and the Robert Lee Independent School District will be holding elections with contested races.

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Kay Styles and Shane Kelton. Both incumbents have filed for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by Jeanna Lee.

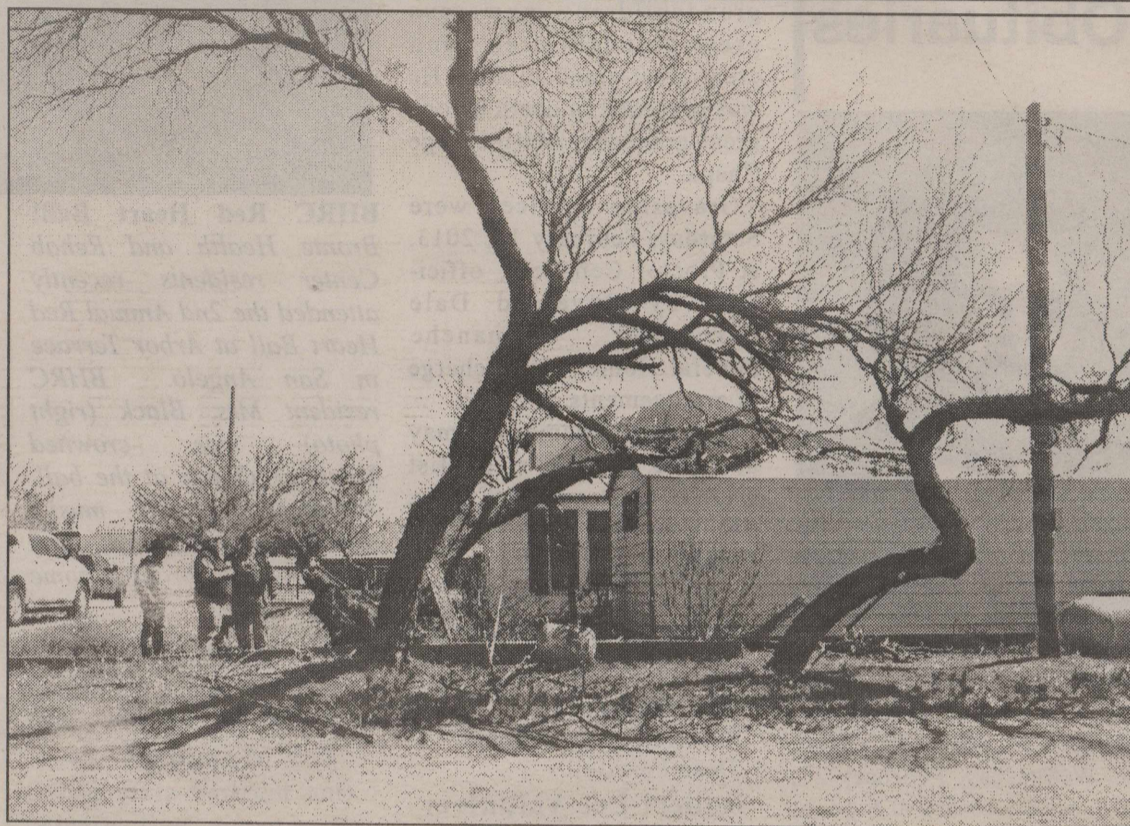
There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Beverly Sinclair and Tracy Allen. Both incumbents have filed for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by Erin Oleksiuk and Crystal Stanford.

There are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Misti Bedford and Paula McWright. Both women have filed for re-election. Since there is no opposed race, the city is planning to cancel the election.

There are three council member terms on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held by Janie Munoz, Jeanette Meeks, and Tommy Roach. Leroy Casey, Susan McCormick, and incumbent; Janie Munoz have filed for three places on the City Council. Since there is no opposed race, the city is planning to cancel the election.

There are two two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall. Both ladies have filed for re-election. Since there is no opposed

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Storm Damage! This huge tree fell Monday night on the home of Leroy and Jami Casey across from the football field in Robert Lee during the awful windstorm. The damage included the building in the front of the photo and also portions of the home's roof behind the building.

Benefit slated for Jan Magness

The residents of Coke County have been very fortunate for many years in having the help of volunteers for services that we might not have otherwise. The East and West Coke County EMS and Fire Departments are an example of how valuable these volunteers are. Now it is time for the residents to come to the aid of one of our volunteers. Jan Magness has been an active member of the EMS and fire department for several years. Jan was recently hospitalized for a very serious surgical procedure and is now out and recovering nicely but is faced with mounting hospital expenses.

The Bronte EMS and Fire Department will be hosting a donation only bar-b-que lunch Sunday, March 10th, at the Forgiven Ministries Church, located on Main Street in Bronte, across from Halls Grocery. We

will serve from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm and can deliver if necessary. Rick and Kay Styles will be cooking the brisket so we all know it will be delicious. The lunches can be taken out or eaten at the church but a call ahead will ensure that you get one of the delicious meals.

Reservations may be made by calling Gwen Dyess, 895-1967, Janet Wommack, 473-5388 or Glenn-Bivins Insurance, 473-6791. Take-out orders may be picked up behind the church.

Golf Tourney set for Robert Lee

A 3 person 27 hole golf tournament will be held March 16 and 17, 2013, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. It will offer both morning and afternoon tee times and a meal is slated for Saturday evening.

For more information, into Stage II of the call Mountain Creek Golf Course at 325-453-2317.

Trappers meeting slated for March 26

There will be a meeting of the Coke County Trappers Association at 7 pm Tuesday, March 26 in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Sanchez wins video contest

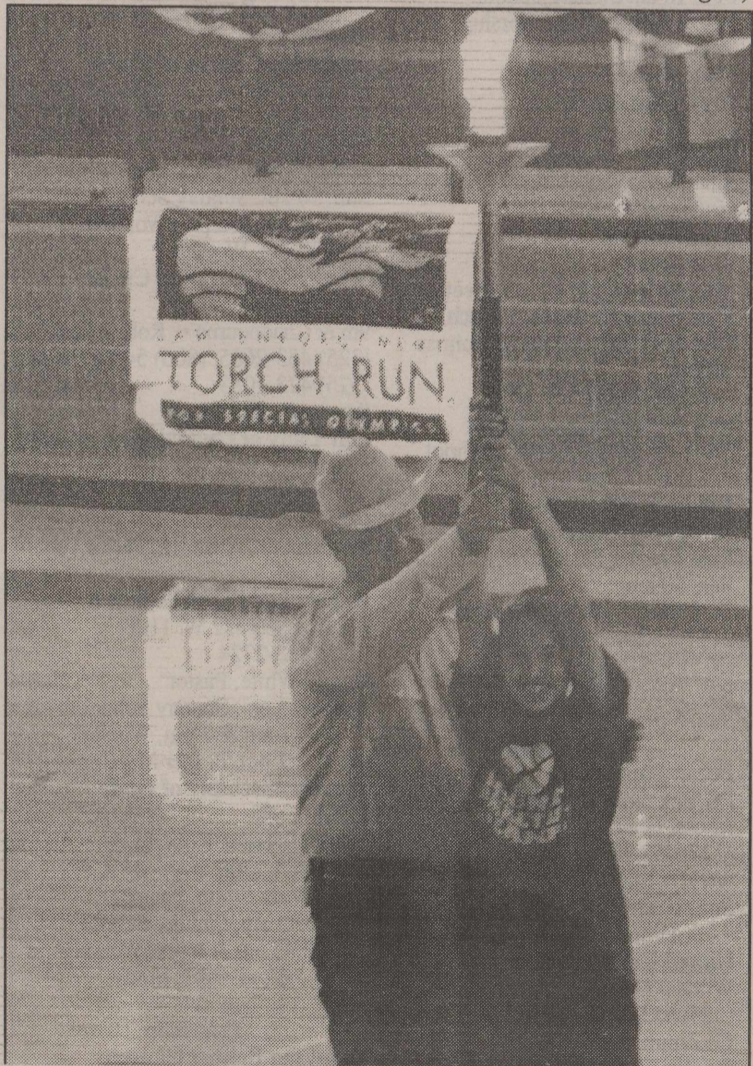
Zachary Sanchez, a senior at Robert Lee High School, produced a video about RLHS 2012 football season and the community spirit of Robert Lee which was awarded first place 2012 Six-Man Heaven video contest.

Zachary's video may be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrgXcOTrKBI>.

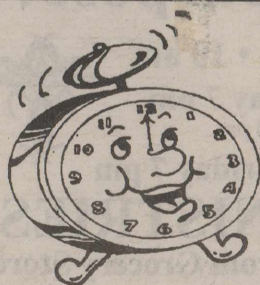
Bronte implements water restrictions

Due to the continuing lack of general rains, the City of Bronte has entered into Stage II of the Drought Contingency Plan.

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Special Olympics! Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen assists this young Special Olympics participant in the finale of the Torch Run Saturday morning, March 2, 2013, at Bronte High School.



Spring Forward

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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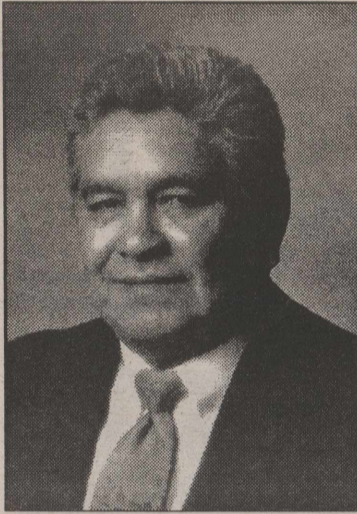
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Obituaries



Gonzales

Jose F. Gonzales, 74, of Robert Lee, died Sunday, February 24, 2013. Visitation was Wednesday, February 27, 2013, with a rosary at 6 pm at the funeral home. Services were at 10 am, Thursday, February 28, 2013, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with burial following at the Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife Felicita Gonzales of Robert Lee; son, Joe F. Gonzales Jr. of Arlington; daughters, Dora Stokes of Pennsylvania, Linda Trujillo, Arizona, Isabel Chanslor of Minnesota, and Lorene Cox and Delma Gonzales of San Antonio; brothers, Luis Gonzales of California, and Tito Fernandez of Fort Stockton; sister, Rosa Ybarra of Fort Stockton.

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Black

Tommy Black, 78, of Proctor died Thursday, February 14, 2013, in Burleson, Texas.

He was born on September 10, 1934, in Colorado City, Texas, to W. H. and Molly Blanche (Lunceford) Black.

On August 7, 1954, he was united in marriage to Daisy Davis in Robert Lee, Texas, and for many years, he worked as a carpenter. He was a member and Deacon of Proctor Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of Proctor; two sons Tommy Lee Black, Jr. of Burleson, and Randy Scott Black of Proctor; three daughters, Sylena Taylor of DeLeon, Molly Hocutt of Corsicana, and Patty Joslin of De Leon; sister, Patsy Swann of Odessa; brother, Rodney

Black of Del Rio; eleven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Martin Gage Chapa.

Graveside services were Saturday, February 16, 2013, at Proctor Cemetery, officiated by Reverend Dale Cartwright. Comanche Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

If desired, memorials may be made to Proctor Baptist Church, c/o Joyce McCamey, P.O. Box 703, Proctor, Texas 76468.

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West Coke County Memorials

Nelia Walker

Robert Lee State Bank
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Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department memorials

Curtis Blair

Karen Rasco
Bette Hurley
Si Smith
Lynn & Shirley Davidson

Nelia Walker:

Allen & Carole Clendennen
Bobby & Joyce Walker
Don & Janis Walker
Nell Hines
Clayton & Pansy Bloodworth
Jan Green

Bob Large

Allen & Carole Clendennen
Karen Rasco

Royce Smith

Karen Rasco

Shirley Qualls

Tommy & JoAnn Clifton

Floyd Farrington

Karen Rasco

DONATIONS:



BHRC Red Heart Ball! Bronte Health and Rehab Center residents recently attended the 2nd Annual Red Heart Ball at Arbor Terrace in San Angelo. BHRC resident Mrs. Black (right photo) was crowned Valentine Queen at the ball. Attendees enjoyed music, dancing refreshments, and the lucky ones brought home door prizes.

Thelma Lomas
Irish Ranch

Art Extravaganza set for March 22-24

One hundred sixty artists and artisans will display approximately 270 works in various mediums at the 14th annual Stribling Art Extravaganza March 22-24 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo. The event benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Ben and Beverly Stribling are underwriting the show and sale which features the talents of current and former residents of San Angelo and the Concho Valley. Additional funding for Extravaganza activities also is provided by Travis and Kam Stribling.

Hours for the free, public show and sale are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23 and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 24.

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Area Churches
Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship,
5 pm Worship
6 pm Youth

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. 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

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
www.pecanbaptist.org
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

United Christians Fellowship

Wildcat Marina • West of Robert Lee
(325) 453-2468

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

PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
(325) 473-1053
Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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Tennyson Baptist Church
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Use of water from fire hydrants is prohibited

All citizens of Bronte and Robert Lee are asked to report any trucks that are taking water from fire hydrants. Fire trucks are the only ones allowed to use the fire hydrants.

Residents in Robert Lee should call 453-2831 and residents in Bronte should call 473-3501. If you are unable to contact anyone at these numbers, please contact the Sheriff's office at 453-2717.

During this time of drought, it is essential that water be restricted to only authorized users.

Ballinger Post Office to host Passport Day

The Ballinger Post Office is hosting a special passport event Saturday, March 9, 2013, from 9 am until 2 pm, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. The Ballinger Post Office is joining the U.S. Department of State in celebrating Passport Day in the USA 2013, a national passport acceptance and outreach event.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Passport photos are available at the post office. Expedited passport applications cost more and the charges for children's passports are slightly lower. A birth certificate and positive photo ID are required.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

ECA Class slated

The East Coke County EMS will be sponsoring an Emergency Care Attendant class, number 60852, for any person interested in helping out a volunteer ambulance service.

The class will begin Monday, March 25, and continue through Thursday, May 16, 2013. Classes will be Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 10 pm along with two Saturday classes. Classes will be held at the Senior Citizens building, 615 E. Oliver Street, in

Bronte.

Persons must be 18 years of age at testing time and pass a state background check to qualify for the class.

For more information, contact Gwen Dyess, 325-895-1967, Janet Wommack, 325-473-5388 or Jan Magness, 325-453-2511.

Bronte Golf Tournney slated

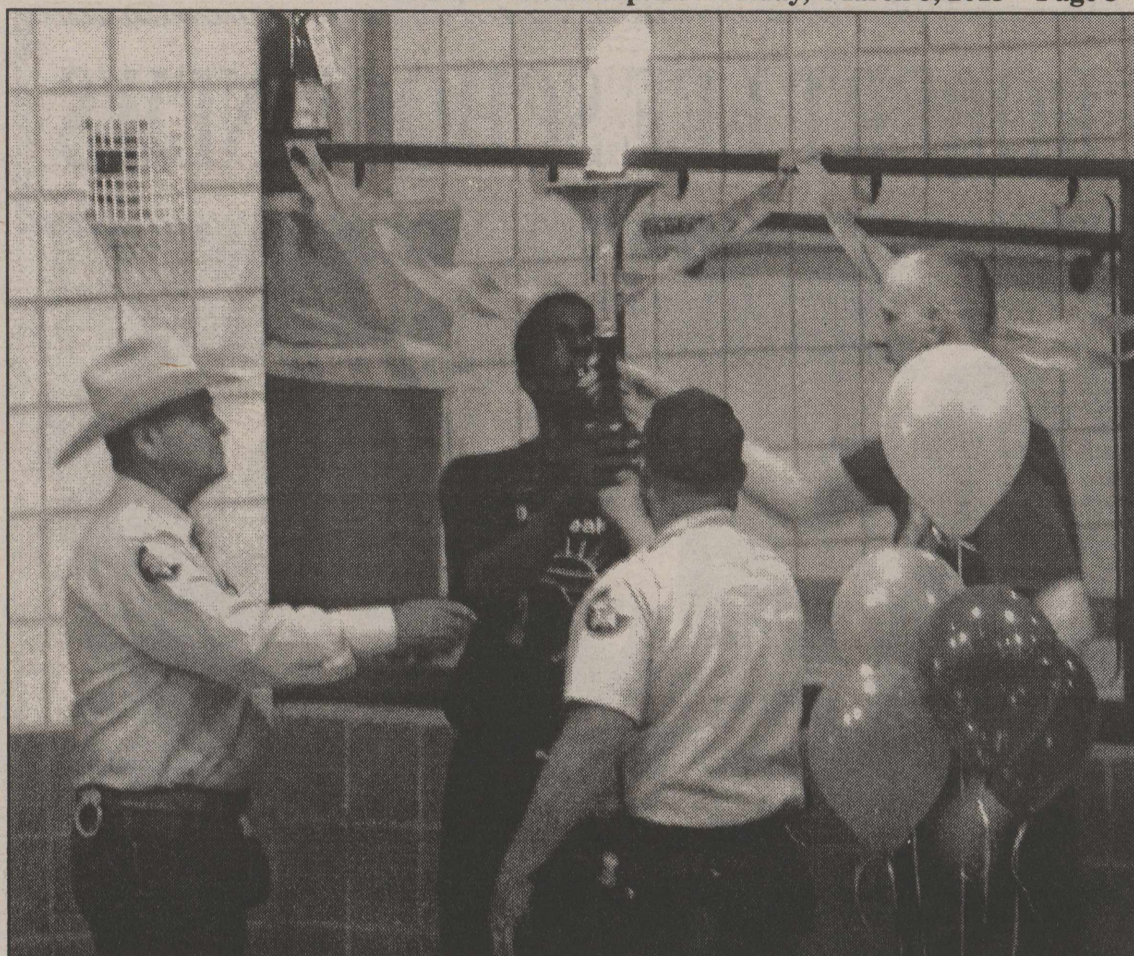
The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Tee time is scheduled for 9 am.

When signing up, you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156 or 325-473-3231. After 5 pm, call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

Sorosis Study Club meeting detailed

The Sorosis Study Club met Thursday, February 21, 2013, in the home of Beverly Sims. The club listened to a most interesting program about George Jackson, A Buffalo Soldier and Rancher, by Suzanne Campbell. Everyone enjoyed learning such interesting facts about a gentleman from the San Angelo area.

The club discussed and voted to donate their sno cone machine to the Bronte Pool. All of the members wanted to help the Bronte Pool and thought Missy Boyd could benefit from



Special Olympics! Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Deputy Trey Davis assist Special Olympics participants with the hand-off during the Torch Run in the opening ceremonies Saturday morning at Bronte High School.

the sell of sno cones during the summer.

Janet Wommack, president, asked the club members if they would help with the fundraiser for Jan Magness. The fundraiser will be Sunday, March 10, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Williams' building on Main Street and will be brisket plates with beans, potato salad, and condiments. Several club members volunteered to make cookies and brownies to be used as the dessert.

The Sorosis Study Club Scholarships were discussed. The members

voted on two Bronte Seniors who will receive a \$500 scholarship each. The recipients will not know they are receiving the scholarships until the night of graduation.

Janet Wommack asked the club members to prayerfully consider a project that the club could undertake. The project should be something which benefits Bronte. Members will all bring

their ideas to the next meeting and the club will decide which project to accept.

Members present included Janet Wommack, president, Lanette Fletcher, secretary, Beverly Sims, treasurer, Pat Bedford, Marilyn Bivins, Celia Bowden, Pat Lee, Fredna Moore, Doris Sims, and special guests Cynthia Robinson and Fran Sonnenberg.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS Golf teams place at Merkel tourney

The Robert Lee High School Steers golf team finished in 4th place at the Merkel Boys Tournament held Monday, February 25, 2013. With 50 mph winds, a chill factor below freezing, and snow flurries, the tournament was called after 9 holes. The Steers were 70 over par, finishing 4th in the team competition. Merkel won the tournament with a 46 over total in the 12 team field. Steer scores included Justin Gartman +12, Dawson Brisbin +16, Jake Jackson +20, Zack Skinner +22, and James Roberts +29.

The following day, the girls traveled to Merkel and with better weather, the girls got in a full 18 holes placed 2nd, behind Jim Ned's team score of 400, with a 420 total. Jordan Gartman tied for 1st place medalist with an 84, but lost in a playoff, taking home the silver medal. Other Robert Lee scores included Jesse Sheets 110, Taylor Benton 113, Sandra Flores 118, Brady Clawson 113, Mikayla Ramon 123, and Ashlie Tennison 115.

Steers end season at Area

The Robert Lee Steers defeated the Highland Hornets 37-22 for the Bi-District championship Tuesday, February 19, 2013, in Ballinger.

Statistics include Justin Gartman 12 points and 8 rebounds; Zachary Sanchez 3 points and 5 rebounds; Will Howard 7 points and 5 rebounds; Efrain Olguin 4 rebounds; Zach Skinner 2 points and 4 rebounds; James Roberts 3 rebounds; and Jake Jackson 13 points and 6 rebounds.

The Steers next faced the Zephyr Bulldogs in the Area competition in Winters Friday, February 22, 2013. The Steers were defeated 44-51.

Statistics include Justin Gartman 24 points and 14 rebounds; Zachary Sanchez 4 points and 4 rebounds; Will Howard 8 points and 5 rebounds; Sean Hildebrand 2 points and 3 rebounds; Zach Skinner 6 points and 8 rebounds; James Roberts 1 rebound; and Jake Jackson 1 rebound.

The Steers finished their season with an overall record of 18-9.

Robert Lee Elementary 4th Six Weeks Awards A Honor Roll

1st Grade
Abigail Arthur, Kailey Freeman, Brody Pitcock, Jimma Richardson

2nd Grade
Caitlyn Cerritos, Sydney Hardin, Taylor Hardin, Ryan Mendoza, Kristen Moreno, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksiuk, Roxana Rangel, Brooke Smith

3rd Grade
Zane Avants, Gavin Freeman, Braylee Hood

4th Grade
Lee Kira

5th Grade
Kaleb Gregston, Cali Lee, Haleigh Soto

6th Grade
Kaden Austin, Kelby

Clawson, Megan Grantham, Autumn Ramon, Chelsea Wyatt, Aimee Zimmerman

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K

Dalton Abalos, Max Garcia, Kallie Kohutek, Brennen Hood, Kylan Pitcock, Karmen Radloff, Shyan Stanczyk, Alyssa Strieter

Kindergarten

Noah Gonzales, Jose Heredia, Cole Knight, Carlos Olguin, Ryen White, Trentin Williams

1st Grade

Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Tristan Grantham, Canyon Moran, Brody Pitcock, Jimma Richardson, Brayden Sherwood, Fernando Sosa

2nd Grade

Patricio Barrera, Caitlyn Cerritos, Taylor Hardin, Ryan Mendoza, Kristen Moreno, Roxana Rangel

3rd Grade

Zane Avants, Reathan Bohannon, Gavin Freeman, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzie Puentez, Dylan Thomas, A'Chyanna Torres, Brisely Ureno

4th Grade

Jarett Justiss, Ian Paredes, Hemma Rangel, Aden Taylor, Zoe Tijerina, Julissa Ureno, Jasmine Williams

5th Grade

Joseph Leal, Crystal Salinas, Jay Service, Jonathan Skipworth, Haleigh

Little Dribblers Basketball



Soto, Veronica Ureno

6th Grade

Bubba Bohannon, Hunter Jowers, Garrett Knight, Ariana Limones, Daniel Mendoza, Autumn Ramon, Chelsea Wyatt

RLHS Awards

4th Six Weeks

Perfect Attendance

7th Grade

Kiara Burns, Bethany Coppedge, William Coppedge, Jorge Mendoza, Margo Mendoza, AJ Minjarez, Savannah Strange, Jessica Wheat

8th Grade

Gabriel Abalos, Matthew Curry, Kaden Hayes, Chesney Minjarez, Mauricio Ureno, James Wyatt

9th Grade

Wade Allen, Kodi Drennan, Hunter Hamrick, Sandra-Hubbard Flores, Jesus

Landeros, Julia Madrid, Pammy Meeks, Myrka Rangel, Karlee Roach, Justise Saucedo

10th Grade

Charissa Caston, Mason Hill, James Roberts

11th Grade

Taylor Benton, Michael Curry, Berenice Fabian, Will Howard, Jesse Sheets

12th Grade

Dawson Brisbin, Justin Gartman, Kelsey Hewitt, Lubbock Roe, Paige Royall, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

A Honor Roll

7th Grade

Bethany Coppedge, Braden Richardson

8th Grade

Matthew Curry, James Wyatt

9th Grade

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Bronte Girls

Basketball wrap-up

The Bronte Girls Varsity Basketball team completed their 2012-2013 season recently with an overall record of 13-16 and a district record of 7-7. The Lady Longhorns had a growing season with young athletes new to the varsity scene. Many great things were accomplished and established for a strong finish, but that left the Lady Longhorns just short of the playoffs with a close, hard fought game against Sterling City in that final game of the season. Three emotional and passionate seniors led the Lady Longhorns with their abilities, determination, and dedication. All three of these young ladies were integral parts of the successes of Bronte Basketball and of the overall athletic program in their four years as Lady Longhorns. They will be missed very much. They are Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, and Erika Puentez.

Other team members of the Lady Longhorns Basketball Team include Amber Betts, Crystal Bilbrey, Stacia Emfinger, Addie Rosson, and Moriah Royall-Sophomores. Completing the roster was Freshman, Jerica Davis. Kourtney Kelton and Kellie Thorn served as managers. In a recent All-District Selection Meeting for District 14-A, Erika Puentez was selected 1st Team All-District. Kaitlyn Braswell and Brooke Bedford were selected Second Team All-District. Crystal Bilbrey and Jerica Davis were named Honorable Mention.

Discover ASU set for March 23

Students in grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to attend Discover ASU on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Angelo State University. Discover ASU is a free event that provides high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and their families a firsthand look at the campus. The event includes information sessions about academic programs, a student organization fair, a campus tour and opportunities to take a look at dorm rooms in each of the residence halls that house freshman students, as well as a free lunch.

To register online for Discover ASU, please visit www.myfuture.angelo.edu or call 325-942-2041 or 1-800-946-8627.

ACT and SAT Test Info

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 13, 2013, and the SAT test will be offered on March 9, 2013, at other locations in the surrounding area. Registration is open to anyone, but high school juniors are especially encouraged to register. Applications are available in the BHS high school counselor's office or online at

www.actstudent.org for the ACT test and www.collegeboard.com for the SAT test.

Fee waivers are also available for students who are on free or reduced lunches. In order to avoid late fees, please register by March 8, 2013, for the ACT test and February 8, 2013, for the SAT test. For more information, please call the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2511. Free study guides are available in the BHS counselor's office.

Local Bronte

Scholarships available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship is now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under "Scholarships" or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 9, 2013.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor, on or before April 9th. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2511.

BHS Scholarship

Check List

Due March 18

Texas Telephone Scholarship www.tta.org

Due March 29

Slough Scholarship www.midland.edu/slough

Due March 31

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship

Due April 1

Taylor Telephone Cooperative Scholarship

Due April 2

Community Foundation of Abilene Scholarship www.cfabilene.org

Due April 9

Bronte Community Scholarship www.bronteisd.net

C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship (Bronte HS and alumni) www.bronteisd.net

Due April 20

Concho Valley Electric Scholarship www.cvec.coop

Due May 1

San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship www.sanangelorodeo.com

Due May 31

Marie Hall Scholarship (ASU, Texas Tech, Howard College, Midland College) www.pbaf.org. *Click on the

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Marie Hall Scholarship application, not the General Scholarship application.

Bronte Elementary 4th 6 Weeks Awards 1st Grade

Perfect Attendance

Ryana Castaneda, Daysiah Flores, Mystyk Guillen, Dayton Jones, Ambree McGinnis, Tryntin Parnell

Super Citizen Award

Ryana Castaneda, Emily Jackson, Maelynn Williams, Emery Willis

Met or Exceeded AR Reading Goal

Mystyk Guillen, Jaelyn Broadbent, Dayton Jones, Daysiah Flores, Tryntin Parnell, Emily Jackson, Ryana Castaneda, Halie Gibson, Oscar Martinez, Ambree McGinnis, Maelynn Williams, Jayden Sanchez

Achieved Ready Reader 1 Certification

Ryan Aguirri, Jaelyn Broadbent, Joey Goddard, Mystyk Guillen, Oscar Martinez, Ambree McGinnis

Achieved Ready Reader 2 Certification

Ambree McGinnis, Tryntin Parnell, Jayden Sanchez, Maelynn Williams

Achieved Ready Reader 3 Certification

Brandon Baughman, Ryana Castaneda, Halie Gibson, Tryntin Parnell, Jayden Sanchez

2nd Grade

A Honor Roll

Arath Brosig, Kolson Follis, Marissa Handlon, Zoey Hortenstine, Jett Jackson, Ashlyn Richards

A/B Honor Roll

Parker Bearden, Aiden Beck, Juan Orlando De La Garza, Bastian Quezada

Super Longhorns

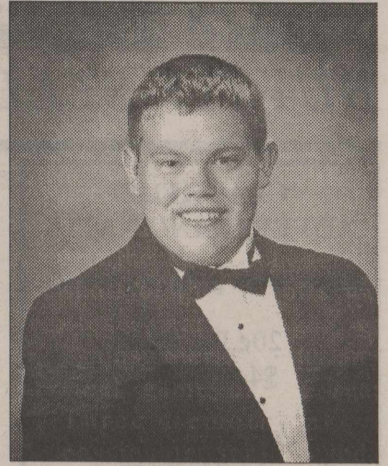
Juan Orlando De La Garza, Marissa Handlon, Jett Jackson, Jose Madrid, Bastian Quezada, Chloe Reyes, Krisol Reyna, Emmy Speary

Met Reading Goal

Parker Bearden, Aiden Beck, Arath Brosig, Juan Orlando De La Garza, Deliziah Flores, Kolson Follis, Marissa Handlon, Zoey Hortenstine, Jett Jackson, Bastian Quezada, Ashlyn Richards, Emmy Speary

Scholarship Awarded!

Bronte Longhorn Band Boosters awarded Austin Mertz a \$500 scholarship for the second semester of his freshman year. He is attending Texas A&M in Corpus Christi. Austin was a member of the Bronte Longhorn Band throughout high school and continues to participate in band. The Longhorn Boosters established the scholarship last spring to award students who have participated in high school band for 4 years, and continue to participate in band in college. The scholarship is awarded for the spring semester of the former Bronte band member's freshman year in college.



Perfect Attendance

Parker Bearden, Aiden Beck, Arath Brosig, Juan Orlando De La Garza, Deliziah Flores, Kolson Follis, Marissa Handlon, Zoey Hortenstine, Bastian Quezada, Chloe Reyes, Krisol Reyna, Emmy Speary

3rd Grade

A Honor Roll

Zachary McWright

A/B Honor Roll

Thaliah Castaneda, Corbin Beam, Tiffany Timmerman, Seth Parker

Perfect Attendance

Desiree Saldana, Grayson Colegrove, Seth Parker, Jessica Montez, Marissa Reyes, Zachary McWright, Thaliah Castaneda, Tiffany Timmerman

Met Accelerated Reading Goal

Jessica Montez, Tiffany Timmerman

4th Grade

A Honor Roll

Michaela Basquez, Nico Willis

A/B Honor Roll

Kristina Correa, Jaden Morgan, Katelyn Powell

Perfect Attendance

Damian Albolaez, Michaela Basquez, Saige Busby, Kristina Correa, Myrka Ibarra, Amanda Marrs, Jadan Morgan, Keeley Queen

Met Accelerated Reading Goal

Michaela Basquez, Kristin Correa, Amanda Marrs, Jadan Morgan, Katelyn Powell, Keeley Queen, Nico Willis

Super Citizens

Kristina Correa, Mariah DeLaCerde, Myrka Ibarra, Katelyn Powell, Keeley Queen, Nico Willis

5th Grade

A Honor Roll

Karissa Cervenka, Elexia Davis, Hunter Hortenstine

A/B Honor Roll

India Chumney, Whitney Moran, Searra Powell

Perfect Attendance

Rafael Casillas, India Chumney, Elexia Davis, Cindy Gentles, Mia Minjarez, Megan Reyes

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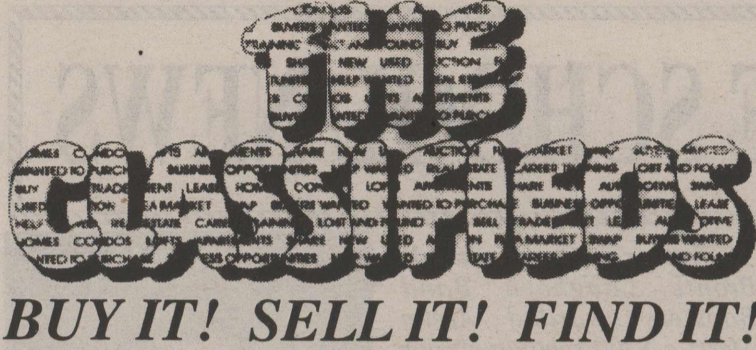
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... Local Elections

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race, WCCHD is planning to cancel the election.

There are two-year terms on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these seats are held by Clint Porter and Lee Wommack. Both men have filed to retain their seats. Since there is no opposed race, ECCHD is planning to cancel the election.

... Water Restrictions

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Mandatory Watering Schedule is now in effect. There can be no outside watering between the hours of 10 am and 8 pm. However, watering is permitted at anytime if it is by means of hand-held hose, faucet filled bucket or water can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation. All commercial water users are

requested to reduce water use to the greatest extent possible.

Water takes center stage in Texas Legislature

Water issues, particularly access and funding, have taken center stage during the 83rd Texas Legislature as state leaders debate the future needs of a growing state.

"Water is important for all Texans, especially farmers and ranchers," said John Ross Copeland, president of Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "Without water, we can't grow our crops or water our livestock, and that means less food for everyone."

Conservation is an important tool to ensure enough water is available to meet the state's increasing population. Legislators, state agencies and organizations like Texas Farm Bureau are encouraging both

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... Art Extravaganza

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 Displayed works include oils, acrylics, watercolors, bronzes, metal, ceramics, wood and stone, and all may be viewed at the Fort's Commissary and Quartermaster Buildings.

Additionally, the young artists' display, sponsored by Jud Gray, may be viewed in Barracks 6, just west of the Commissary. This unique exhibit showcases the works of local and area high school students and affords them an opportunity to experience public recognition of their talents.

Special activities on Saturday, March 23 include hearing local artists discuss their works throughout the day as well as a featured performance at 10:30 a.m. Saturday by singer/guitarist George Ensle who's appearing in San Angelo as a guest musician for the Cultural Affairs Council. He has five albums to his credit, shared the stage with legends such as Guy Clark, Townes Van Zandt and Jerry Jeff Walker and has taught songwriting to numerous young students.

"We are honored to provide this unique opportunity for the public to see the tremendous artistic talent in this area, and at the same time, provide an avenue of support for West Texas Rehab Center," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

For 60 years, West Texas Rehab's mission has been to improve the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities, regardless of their financial status. A private, non-profit organization, WTRC has outpatient facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

More information is available about the Stribling Art event or WTRC services by calling 325-223-6300 or by visiting the Center's website at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

... RLHS Awards

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9th Grade

Kodi Drennan, Karlee Roach

10th Grade

Tristen Hildebrand, Mason Hill, James Roberts

11th Grade

Michael Curry, Will Howard, Everett Wilson

12th Grade

Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Kelsey Hewitt, Dusty Howard, Lubbock Roe, Zachary Sanchez, Bailey Smith, Ashlie Wheat

A-B Honor Roll

7th Grade

Kiara Burns, William Coppedge, Margo Mendoza, Mariah Munoz, Cesar Rangel, Kourtney Roach, Jessica Wheat

8th Grade

Gabriel Abalos, Sean Dooley, Nicole Jones

9th Grade

Wade Allen, Brady Clawson, Hunter Hamrick, Pammy Meeks, Myrka Rangel, Justice Saucedo,

Madison Wright, Blaine Yanez

11th Grade

Hanna Hamrick, Jesse Sheets, Ashlie Tennison

12th Grade

Josh Barnes, Beeanca Bower, Dawson Brisbin, Drew Davis, Sara Lara, Zach Skinner

... Bronte

Elementary Awards

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Met Accelerated Reading Goal

Mason Aguirri, Karissa Cervenka, India Chumney, Elexia Davis, Cindy Gentles, Hunter Hortenstine, Whitney Moran, Searra Powell

6th Grade

A/B Honor Roll

Nathan Arthur, Tanner Braswell, Jacob Eubanks, Cassidy McWright, Raegen Moore, Chris Correa, Hailey McKinney, Hunner Powell, Tiffani Sullivan

Perfect Attendance

Chris Correa, Hailey McKinney, Hunner Powell, Joe Sanchez, Jayden Speary, Sarah Allen, Joshua Baken, Nita Betts, Cassidy McWright, Raegen Moore, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres

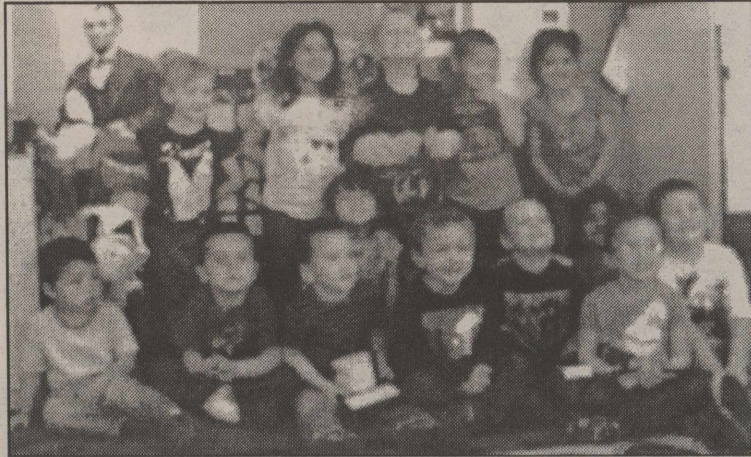
Met Accelerated Reading Goal

Tanner Braswell, Raegen Moore, Cassidy McWright, Kristen Stillely, Mahira Tapia, Baily Torres, Chris Correa, Hailey McKinney, Hunner Powell, Kaci Queen, Jason Woehrl

Super Citizen

Makaylah DelaCerde, Kaci

Ready, Set, Smile! Recently students at the Coke County Head Start attended "Toothfully Speaking" program given by Jan Yanez, Texas AgricLife Family Consumer Science Agent. This program focuses on proper brushing and cleaning of teeth, healthy nutrition and calcium fortified foods that can be found in a child's diet. Those attending were Alejandro, Zachary, Kaleb, Lorissa,



Layla, Kayden, Chris, Lacey, Danielle, Avary, Bryson, Makayla, Malachi, and Brody.

Queen, Jayden Speary, Sarah Allen, Nathan Arthur, Tanner Braswell, Cassidy McWright, Mahira Tapia, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres

CRP sign-up slated

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

Additional sign-ups for continuous CRP programs will be announced in spring 2013.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP, which is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion

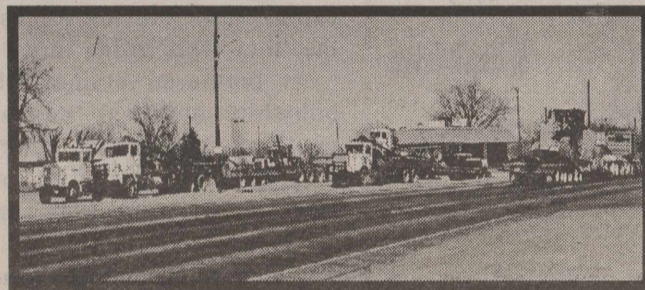
and enhance wildlife habitat. Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on September 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term, resource-conserving covers and receive an annual

rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years). Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis and that often provide additional financial assistance.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

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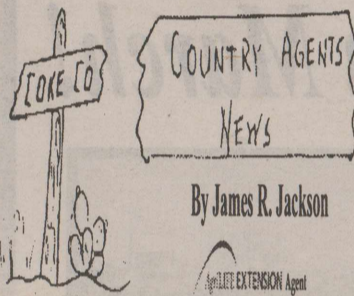
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Special Olympics! Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Trey Davis takes the first leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run with his twin sons, Noah and Nicky, in the opening ceremonies of the event Saturday morning at Bronte High School.



My thoughts on the Texas Brigades Camps

The Texas Brigades hold a very dear spot in my heart, being that I am a product of the camps.

In the summer of 2004, I had just completed my freshman year of high school and was getting ready to enjoy a summer of working with my Dad and any other job a high school kid could do to earn some spending money. However, there was going to be one interruption in my summer schedule. The interruption was Camp called the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade which was one of the 5 camps at the time that was under the name of the Texas Brigades Camps. Looking back, little did I know what effect that week would have on me.

When I arrived at the camp I was greeted by many of the top Natural Resources Professionals in the field who had given a week of their time to educate this group of students to be the leaders for

conservation of the coming generation. The camp that I was about to partake in was unlike any other summer camp. They had the mindset that they were going to use a 6 in feathered animal (the bobwhite quail) to educate youth about anatomy, habitat management, conservation, ethics, public speaking, and leadership.

Within the week that I spent at the camp, the students were given the opportunity to interact with the professionals in the field, learning about the anatomy, habitat management and conservation of the bobwhite quail. As good as this knowledge was, the most valuable knowledge that I took away from the camp was a byproduct of learning the information listed above. These skills are the public speaking, leadership and teamwork skills acquired by the students attending the camp. I realize that not every student desires a career in a natural resource field; however, I feel that any student's future will brighten as a result of being able to speak in public, provide leadership to a group and to work as a team member to accomplish a job.

I realize that in the paragraphs above I have not mentioned the fun that a student has while attending a Camp. I know of no other

camp that will allow a student to work on their shooting skills daily while at the camp, work on a taxidermy project, and meet with other students from around the state who have similar interests. If anyone knows of any student who would be interested in

attending any of the camps, please contact the extension office or go to <http://www.texasbrigades.org>. I cannot stress enough the effect that these camps can have on a young person - because they had it on me.

Elected officials to tackle farm bill

Local farmers are keeping a wary eye out on Washington, D.C. as Congress continues to hammer out details of a full five-year farm bill.

"We are thankful Congress granted a last minute extension during the fiscal cliff talks," said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president. "But a five-year bill will give farmers and ranchers some certainty for the long term."

John Ross said a five-year farm bill would provide a safety net for farmers and ranchers in tough times such as the current drought, and also assures a plentiful food supply for all Americans by keeping farmers on the land.

"We're hoping both parties work together to secure a bright and healthy future-not just for agriculture, but for all Americans," John Ross said.

The House Agriculture Committee passed a version of the farm bill last year, prior to the end of the session. Rep. Frank Lucas,

who serves as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, has committed to resubmitting the same bill to the House floor for consideration in the coming weeks.

"We encourage farmers and ranchers across the nation to look at the proposed changes to the farm bill and to discuss with their legislators what is most important to them," John Ross said. "Our representatives need to hear from us."

... Water takes center stage in Texas Legislature

(Continued from page 6) rural and urban citizens to find ways to use less of the state's short supply.

"Farmers use cutting-edge irrigation techniques to be sure they only use as much water as is needed to grow their crops," John Ross said. "We want to encourage our urban neighbors to find ways that they can save, too. That can be as simple as following lawn watering restrictions or only turning on the tap when necessary."

Texas legislators are considering bills to encourage xeriscaping, drip irrigation, rainwater harvesting and other conservation techniques. During the session, farmers and ranchers also would like to see expanded financial support for water infrastructure and programs.

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