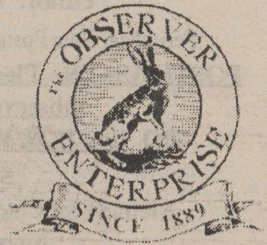


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Early Voting begins Tuesday in March 2014 Primary Election

Early voting begins next Tuesday, February 18, 2014, for the March 4th Primary Election and will continue through February 28, 2014.

Early voting will be held at the courthouse Monday-Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm and Friday from 8 am to 1 pm.

Branch polling will be held at First National Bank in Bronte on February 18, 19, 25 and 26 from 9 am to 1 pm.

On election day, Precincts 1 and 3 will be voting at the courthouse. Precincts 2 and 4 will vote at the Bronte Senior Citizens Building. Voting hours are from 7 am to 7 pm.

Only two local offices will have contested races. Coke County Commissioners in both Precincts 2 and 4 will face challengers. Currently, these offices are held by Wendell Lee in Precinct 2 and Bobby Blaylock in Precinct 4. Facing Lee for Commissioner Precinct 2 is Paul Williams. Blaylock is being challenged by Joe Sefcik for Commissioner Precinct 4. Political profiles begin on page 3 of this issue of *The Observer/Enterprise*.

Incumbents without opponents filing to retain their positions include: Roy Blair, County Judge; Mary Grim,

County/District Clerk; Hal Spain, County Treasurer; Jackie Walker, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; and Grady Coulter, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2. All of the above offices except for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, are in the Republican Primary.

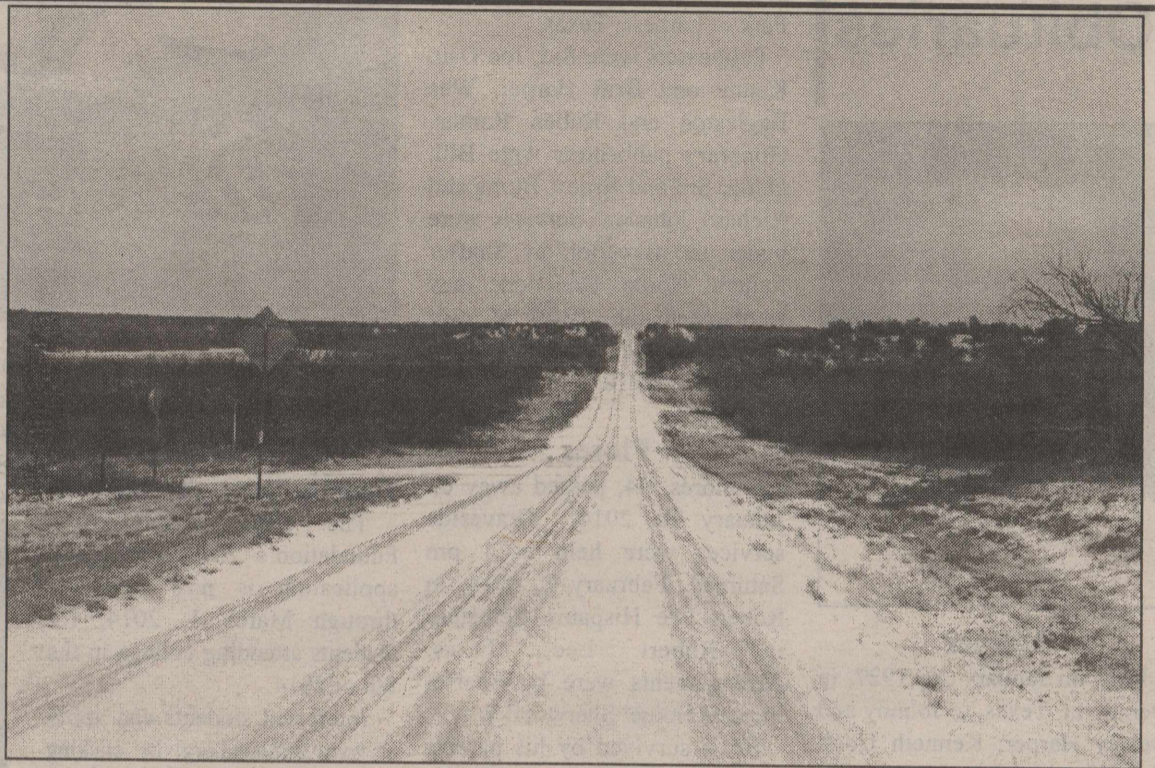
Johnson to be honored with reception

Richard Johnson, maintenance director at the Coke County Courthouse, is retiring after eight years of service to the County. There will be a retirement reception on Tuesday, February 18, from 2 pm to 4 pm, in the Commissioner's courtroom.

Richard has served Coke County and Robert Lee for a long time. He is currently a member of the Robert Lee City Council. He is director and long-time supporter of the Red Canyon Gun and Archery Range. He works with the Coke County 4-H Rifle Team, and has supported 4-H programs for many years.

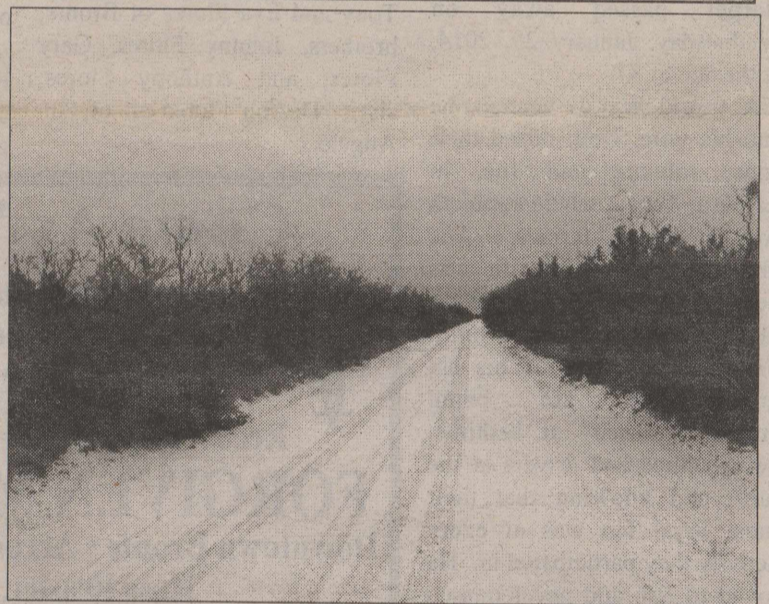
As a member of the "Chain Gang" at Robert Lee High School football games, he actively supported the sports club and is still a long-time supporter of the sports scene. He is a history buff with emphasis on the Civil War and a student of all kinds of atlases.

The retirement reception is to thank a dedicated county



Was Snow, Now Ice! Coke County received snow last Thursday morning. Totals ranged from just under 1/2" near Robert Lee to 1' at Blackwell. The above photo was taken on the west end of FM 2662 and the photo at right is Mays Road.

Beginning early Tuesday morning of this week, ice began to form on our roadways. County schools were first delayed and then cancelled. Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Trey Davis came in on his day off to assist Sheriff Wayne McCutchen with the numerous accidents throughout Coke County.



Lange honored by TGWA! Chris Lange was honored on Thursday, January 30, 2014, in Lubbock, Texas, with the Gary D. Grant Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the Groundwater Industry of Texas and the Texas Groundwater Association. This award is one of only a handful presented each year at the TGWA Annual Convention.

Chris is a third generation water-well driller and pump installer with Lange Drilling Company, which has served this area since 1969. He resides at Oak Creek Lake with his wife, Tiffany and daughters, Cambrey and Caitlin. Chris is the grandson-in-law of Martin and Pat Lee and Grady and Dian Coulter. Since its inception in 1947, the Texas Ground Water Association has worked to assist, promote, encourage, and support the interests and welfare of the water well industry, particularly within Texas.

employee and community supporter.

Letter to the Editor

[Editor's Note: The following letter was submitted to our office on Monday morning. With the many (50+) signatures affixed to the letter, we do not know who wrote it. To keep rumors at bay, I will state that I unequivocally did not write this letter.]

Dear Editor and Coke County Tax Payers,

Once again, we have lost two good deputies due to lack of decent pay. Our county is next to the bottom of the entire state of Texas pay scale for a sheriff's department. It's no surprise that no one wants to work here. We depend on our sheriff's department to protect our homes, property and lives. They are a buffer in family disputes, track down and arrest thieves and retrieve stolen property. Drugs have become a very large issue in our county as well as surrounding areas. Do we not care that this type of people may be corrupting our

children? Our officers are working continually to find and rid our county of this epidemic.

They attend many classes required by the state of Texas to even hold these positions. They do not work eight hours a day, 5 days a week, like the other county employees. They are on twenty-four hour call, seven days a week. How many of us have to get up at 2 am to go control a drunk or work a car wreck? They also assist the fire department and EMS services when there is a call.

When our Commissioners Court says, "We have no money", but do nothing about it, THEY ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB. It was said if the deputies got a raise, everyone in the courthouse would need one. Maybe this should be explained to us all. All jobs are NOT equal and do not deserve the same pay or a raise just because someone else got one. Many factors should go into the pay rates, including danger of the job, years of service, education of the employee and more

importantly, performance. If our deputies work overtime because they are short handed, they are not paid for it. What good is comp time if you have no one to work for you?

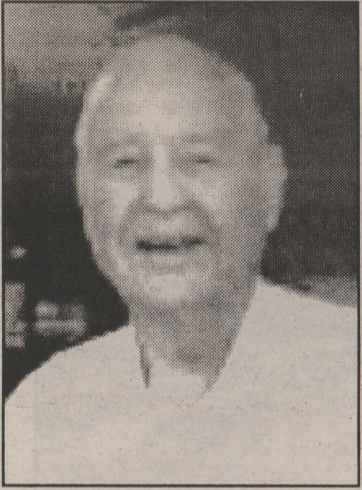
Many have said that two deputies and a sheriff are enough to take care of the job. Let's see how that works out when we need a law officer and they are both tied up taking care of things on the other side of the county, or the sheriff is working alone on the deputy's day off and has more than he can handle. Put yourselves in that position folks, because it is already happening. True, we have two constables who can help them, if they are available and can be reached.

A citizen of Bronte had his pickup stolen while he sat drinking coffee. This occurred in broad daylight! Because we had law enforcement available, the pickup was recovered quickly and no one was harmed with the gun the owner had left in the vehicle.

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Obituaries



Harper
 Born on January 26, 1927, in Democrat, Texas, to Johnny and Delsey Harper, Kenneth Udell Harper passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at the age of 87.
 A World War II veteran, he and his wife, Dell, raised their sons, Johnnie and Joe, in Lamesa, Texas, where Kenneth was a cotton farmer. His greatest pleasure in life was being a grandfather (Father, as his grandchildren called him). Favorite memories of his six grandchildren are being "mother goosed" at bedtime, being unlicensed drivers at the farm and knowing that their most loyal fan was at every activity they participated in. He loved to fish and never missed an opportunity to visit with his many family members. After losing his wife of 51 years, Kenneth was again richly blessed by his marriage to Inez Hamm in 2001.
 Kenneth is survived by his wife, Inez Harper of Robert Lee; son Joe Harper and wife Pam of Midland; daughter-in-law Jerita Harper of Midland; sister Wanda Gray of Ballinger; brother Melvin and wife Jan of Guadalajara, Mexico; grandchildren Sid Harper and wife Wendy of Midland, Joe Dan Harper and wife Anne of Fredonia, New York, Kenny Harper and wife LaVonta of Midland, Molly Eggleston and husband Wes, Britt Harper and wife Cara of Seminole and Jill Ramos and husband Ruben of Midland; and twenty great-grandchildren.
 He was preceded in death by his wife, Dell; son Johnnie; and sister Mona Lee Green. The funeral for Kenneth was held at 10 am Friday, January 31, 2014, at Robert Lee Baptist Church, followed by a graveside service

at 3:30 pm in Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa, Texas.
 Pallbearers were Sid, Joe Dan, Kenny and Britt Harper, Wes Eggleston and Ruben Ramos. Honorary pallbearers were Bill, Doug, Sid and Ernest Burns and Richard Johnson. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at shafferpioneer.com.

Flores
 Joe Flores, 44, passed away on January 28, 2014. Graveside services were held at 1 pm Saturday, February 8, 2014, in Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery in Robert Lee, Texas. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home/ Sherwood Way.
 He is survived by his parents Tony and Eva Flores of Bronte; brothers, Johnny Flores, Gary Flores, and Anthony Flores; sister, DeAnn Flores all of San Angelo.



Bronte Health & Rehab Center Super Bowl Party!

San Angelo Area Foundation Scholarship Application Available
 The San Angelo Area Foundation's 2014 scholarship application is now available through March 1, 2014, for students attending college in the fall of 2014.
 Interested students can apply at www.saafound.org, by clicking on the "Scholarships" tab.
 The San Angelo Area Foundation manages over 80 scholarship funds, created by generous donors for the benefit

of students. The student need only complete one online application and each scholarship is awarded based on a variety of qualifications unique to each scholarship fund. Scholarship awards are announced in early May. If you have any questions, please contact our office either by email, scholarship@saafoundation.org or by calling (325) 947-7071.

Don't forget to make your 2013 IRA contribution.



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First United Methodist Church
 of Robert Lee presents the
 Living Bible Series
 Sunday, February 23, 11:00 am
 The Lost Trilogy
 The Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep, the Prodigal Son
 Everyone is invited to join us!

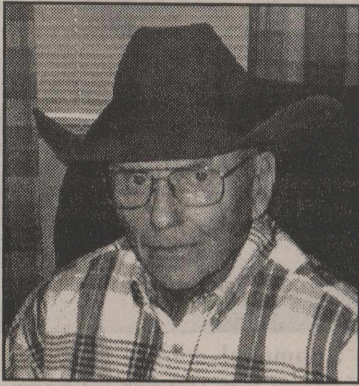
Area Churches

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
 PO Box 938 • Robert Lee Rec Hall
 (325) 453-2468
 Ed Zimmerman, Minister
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
 11 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 Betel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:55 am • Sunday School
 11 am • Service & Children's Church
 Fri. 7 pm • Bible Study
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
- 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

POLITICAL PROFILES

County Commissioner Precinct 2



Wendell Lee

I am a candidate for re-election for the office of County Commissioner, Precinct #2. I was born in Norton, Texas to Lester and Bertie Rue Lee. My dad farmed in the Norton, Maverick area most all of his life, so I have been around and worked on machinery all my life. I had two brothers and one sister. I met and married a Bronte girl, Jeanna Denman and have lived in Bronte most of our married life.

In 1977, we purchased the White's Auto Store from Jeanna's parents, Aubrey and Zada Denman. The name of the store was changed to Hometown Hardware and we sold it after over 30 years of serving the people of Coke County.

I completed 12 years of school at Norton ISD and attended Tarleton State. I later moved back to help my Dad farm. Later I went to work for a company repairing cotton gins.

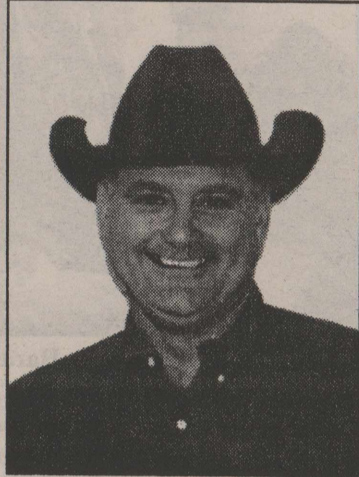
My parents moved to Arizona to farm and we farmed the home place ourselves. After five years they moved back and I worked on a couple of ranches and then worked for West Texas Utilities power plant at Oak Creek Lake. I worked as manager for Higginbotham Lumber Company for eight years and then for Alderman Cave Feed for eleven years, while Jeanna managed the store.

We had two boys that had the privilege of growing up here and attended Bronte ISD and participated in all activities of a small town. We have four grandchildren; one goes to A&M, one ASU, and two seniors, one in Bronte and one in Georgetown, Texas. The highlight of our lives has been watching them participate in sporting event of the season.

I enjoyed participating in the Coke County Rodeo Association for many years, was active in Bronte Fire Department and was a volunteer in East Coke County Ambulance Service. I was president of Big Country Cutting Horse Association for eight years. I am a member of First Baptist Church where I serve as Deacon which is one of the greatest honors of my life. I am a member of the Gideon International Group.

I think one of the main things I bring to the job of Commissioner is my work ethic. I like doing a job right the first time. I have always had a good relationship with the

people I work with and the public that I work for.



Paul Williams

My name is Paul Williams and I am running in the Republican primary for the Coke County Precinct 2 Commissioner position. I am a relative newcomer to Coke County, having moved to Precinct 2 in 1990 when I purchased a Bronte fuel dealership.

In terms of background, I graduated from Abilene Cooper High School in 1981 where my emphasis was in football and hunting. I graduated from McMurry University in Abilene in 1984 with BA in Economics and later attended Texas Tech University's MBA program, completing a few hours before my personal economic situation demanded that I get a real job. I worked for Pride Refining until the move to Bronte in 1990, and finished my Masters of Business Administration at Angelo State University in 2000.

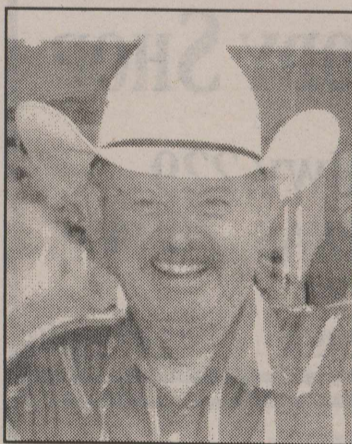
In these days of financial constraint, serving as county commissioner requires a deep and broad level of business experience and fiscal competence. I have over 30 years of experience in the energy sector. As owner and operator of Ways Company Inc., I have years of experience directing multi-million dollar annual budgets through the sales and delivery of petroleum products. I also serve as a consultant for two other Texas energy firms. Additionally, my 20 years of experience managing a personal cattle feeding, cow/calf operation and farming business in Coke and Runnels Counties gives me a day-to-day knowledge of the crucial relationship between landowners and our county.

Other business experience includes building the organizational structure and business plan for the start-up of a livestock nutrition firm which now has annual 5th and 6th year sales in excess of three million dollars, and employs over 30 folks. All of these business experiences have given me an opportunity to help educate the business leaders of tomorrow, as I served as a lecturer in Angelo State University's Management and Marketing Department from the Fall of 2001 to the Fall of 2011. Courses I taught included Communication in Business and Industry; Management; Retailing and Salesmanship Sales Management; and Intro to Business.

In terms of community involvement, I attend church and have raised my family in Bronte, and served as a Trustee in the Bronte ISD for two terms. As President and in tandem with fellow board members and administration, we consolidated services and lowered cost in troubling financial times at Bronte ISD while maintaining the level of achievement, tax rates and financial security that citizens of Bronte have come to expect from their school. In 2003, in order to help provide academic scholarships for local youth, I applied for and received a \$160,000 grant. Now managed by the San Angelo Area Foundation, this fund grants up to \$10,000 per year to our county's students.

The primary reason I want to represent the folks of Precinct 2 at the Commissioner's court is because our county government has only the money that we the taxpayers of Coke County have provided through our tax payments in the first place. I am offering my services to you (the voters and taxpayers) to help bring about a more businesslike, practical, and fiscally conservative approach to Coke County. The county provides numerous important functions including road maintenance, law enforcement, budgetary and legal oversight, and too many other functions to list individually. I assure you that should you decide to elect me as your Commissioner, the court will explore a variety of alternatives for its business model. All I ever hear from county officials is that "we have no money"...well, bull-butter, it is time to use the money the county does have in the most efficient manner possible to provide the services that are essential to the county's taxpayers, voters, and commercial interests.

County Commissioner Precinct 4



Bobby Blaylock

My name is Bobby Blaylock, also known as Melissa's husband, and I am currently County Commissioner of Precinct 4, seeking re-election in the up-coming Coke County primary on March 4, 2014.

Most of my life has been as a resident of Coke County except for about twenty years living at Orient, Texas where I ranched with my Dad and assisted two other ranches with their operation. In 1990 I became manager of an ostrich operation

near Tennyson until it closed. After the facility closed I boarded ostrich for people from Amarillo, Texas, Sweetwater, Texas, Kentucky and Canada.

I moved into Bronte after leaving Orient and was employed at the Hardware Store. I left Bronte in 1998 when I was asked to be manager of an ostrich facility in Marfa, Texas where I designed and contracted a facility that became the second largest ostrich ranch in the United States. The ostrich were sold after the market dropped and I became co-manager of a feather factory which made and distributed feather products all over the United States, North and South America, Europe and Asia. It was there in Marfa that I met and married Melissa. We moved back to Bronte in 2004.

We combined our families which now include three sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren. All of us are involved in our communities.

I became a commissioner in 2007 and found it to be challenging which I enjoy and try every day, 24-7, to do the best I can for the entire county.

My recognitions and accomplishments include: President of Texas Tech Range and Wildlife Association and graduating with a B.A. in Range Management; Past President of Business Men's Bible Class; Involved with Coke County Livestock Association for twenty years; Scholarship committee for West Texas Judges and Commissioners Conference; Director on Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association; Director with Wool & Mohair Association; and past Master of Hayrick Masonic Lodge.



Joe Sefcik

"Adapt and overcome...paving the way for positive change."

I, Joe Sefcik have been a resident of Coke County for the past 26 years. I raised my two oldest daughters Cara and Joe'l in Coke County where they graduated from Bronte High School.

Over the past few decades, I have farmed and ranched within Coke County and have been a major supporter of the agricultural industry. I enjoy farming and working with livestock on my ranch just south of Bronte.

I have been a member of the local Farm Bureau where I have served as a board member for the last seven years. I take an active interest in the local community and am always willing to lend a helping hand and an open mind to my fellow residents.

My adaptive nature and compassion make me an ideal candidate for the Precinct 4 County Commissioner seat.

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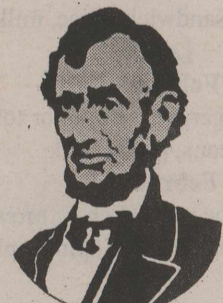
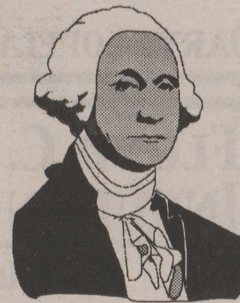
HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

*All facilities of this bank
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Monday, February 17.

In Observance Of

Presidents Day



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

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Robert Lee, Texas

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Lady Steers demolish Veribest! *The Robert Lee Lady Steers soundly defeated the Veribest Lady Falcons, 60-20. Statistics include: Bianca Huapilla 28 points, 15 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals and 1 blocked shot; Brady Clawson 25 points, 21 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals and 9 blocked shots; Pammy Meeks 6 points, 12 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 blocked shots; Kassie O'Dell 1 point, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal; Justice Saucedo 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Kodi Drennan 2 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal; Sandra Flores 1 rebound; and Karlee Roach 1 rebound and 2 assists. The Lady Steers have a 12-8 season record with 8-6 in District.*

RLISD early release slated

The Robert Lee Independent School District will have early release of all students on Friday, February 14th at 12:30 pm. This is a scheduled early release day.

The buses will be running at that time and arrangements need to be made to pick up students

School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, February 17**
French toast sticks, juice, milk
- Tuesday, February 18**
Eggs, biscuits, gravy, juice, milk
- Wednesday, February 19**
Breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- Thursday, February 20**
Cinnamon roll, juice, milk
- Friday, February 21**
Sunrise sandwich, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, February 17**
Hamburger, garnish, tator tots, western beans, pears, milk
- Tuesday, February 18**
Tangerine chicken, brown rice, carrots, broccoli, pineapple, milk
- Wednesday, February 19**
Tex-mex stack, salad, salsa, Spanish rice, refried beans, apple, milk
- Thursday, February 20**
Stuffed BBQ potato, cheese, carrots, fresh fruit, Texas toast, milk
- Friday, February 21**
Cheese pizza, salad, green beans, breadstick, apple slices, milk

at the early release time.

Please feel free to contact the school office at 453-4555 for additional information.

Ivey/Ford Scholarships to be awarded

Ford Motor Company and Ivey Motor Co., Inc. continue strong commitment to FFA. For a sixteenth year, Ford Motor Co, Ivey Motor Co, and Built Ford Tough-FFA collegiate scholarship program will award \$1,000. scholarships to area seniors.

Ford has supported the National FFA since the first F-

Series truck was introduced in 1948 and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. The program, equally funded by Ford Motor Company and Ford dealers, has awarded over 7 million in scholarships to FFA members.

Ivey Motor Co., Inc. is sponsoring the Built Ford Tough scholarship for Bronte High School, Robert Lee High School, and Sterling City High School for the 2013-2014 school year.

To be eligible, FFA members must submit an online 2014 Scholarship Application at

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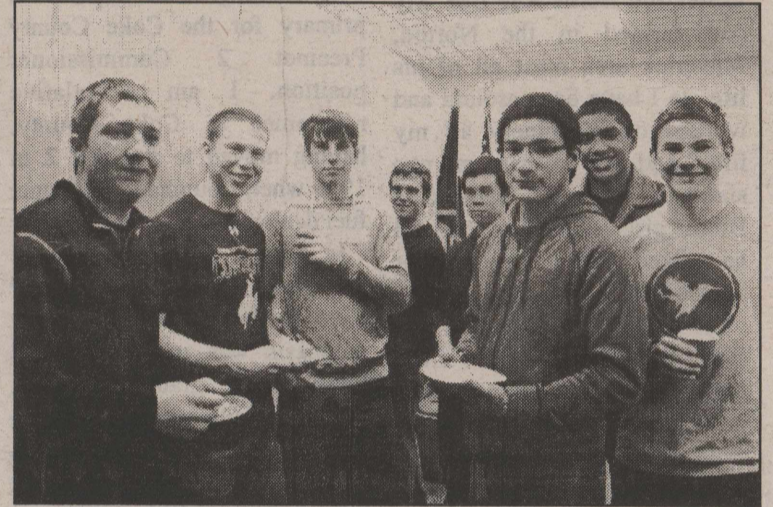
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Howard Signs with Hardin Simmons! *Robert Lee ISD Superintendent congratulates RLHS Senior Will Howard for signing a letter of intent to play football for Hardin Simmons. Will was surrounded by many of his friends and family as they all gathered in the Robert Lee Board Room last week to give him their support. This is a proud day for Will, his family and the school and community of Robert Lee.*



www.ffa.org and take the required Signature Page to Ivey Motor Co. for the dealer endorsement and dealer code. FFA Advisors and Guidance Counselors assist in this process.

Texas Big Game Awards 2014-2015 College Scholarship applications now available

Applications are available for the 14th Annual Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) Wildlife Conservation College Scholarship Program, sponsored by Carter's Country Outdoor Stores and the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Texas. Over \$15,000 will be awarded in college scholarships

for the 2014-2015 school year.

All applicants for the TBGA scholarship program must be agriculture and/or natural resource-related majors. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in each of the eight TBGA Regions, and the overall top scholarship applicant will receive a \$3,000 college scholarship.

Any entering college freshman (graduating high school senior), sophomore, or junior is eligible to apply for one of the available scholarships. The scholarship applications will be reviewed and ranked by a statewide scoring committee using set criteria. Applicants do not have to participate in the TBGA to be eligible for the scholarships.

ROAR-R-R

The Robert Lee/Silver Lion's Club is having their
3rd Annual

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& all-the-trimmin's

Saturday • February 15

Robert Lee Rec Hall

5 pm to 8 pm • \$5/Bowl

Best Chili & trimmin's in Coke County!

Come one, Come all!

After the supper, there will be a fan-dang-tabulous Cake Auction!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

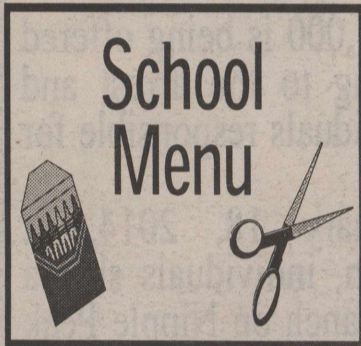
BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Evans Scholarship application available

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

The scholarship is for students 19 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at Bronte City Hall, located in Bronte at 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to City Hall by February 14, 2014.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 17

Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 18

Pancake on stick or cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 19

Sunrise flatbread or cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Thursday, February 20

Breakfast burrito or cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Friday, February 21

French toast sticks or cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 17

Crispy taco, garden salad, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce, salsa, milk

Tuesday, February 18

Hot dogs, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 19

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, bananas, hot rolls, gravy, milk

Thursday, February 20

Pork chops, garden salad, green beans, sliced peaches, breadstick, milk

Friday, February 21

Beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk

Longhorns post wins

The Bronte Longhorns faced off against the Sterling City Eagles on the basketball court and came away with a 46-21 victory.

Statistics include: Lance Burns 12 points and 5 rebounds; Ean Ward 11 points and 6 rebounds; Mizael Perez 8 points; Jared Scott 7 points and 4 assists; Josh Puentez 6 points; and Ty Lee 2 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals, and 4 assists.

The Longhorns next met the Paint Rock Indians where they posted another victory, 59-25.

Statistics include: Josh Puentez 17 points and 4 assists; Lance Burns 16 points and 5 rebounds; Mizael Perez 7 points; Ean Ward 6 points; Ty Lee 6 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, and 5 steals; Jared Scott 4 points, 4 assists, and 6 steals; and Carson Kelso 2 points.

Health Matters Summer Camps set for June

The West Texas Area Health Education Center is hosting two Nursing Day Camps and a Health Careers Day Camp in June. Students currently in grades 9-12 may apply. Health Matters Summer Camps offer a great opportunity for high school students interested in learning more about health professions. The camps allow the students to gain experience through hands-on learning, interaction with healthcare professionals, and tours of medical facilities. Students are also given the opportunity to participate in teaching simulations and visit with university pre-health departments. The deadline to apply is April 30th.

For more information, please contact the West Texas AHEC-Big Country at 325-672-0495 or visit the counselor's office at your local high school for more information or to pick up an application.

Bronte Scholarships available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship applications are now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School who plan on attending a university, junior college or technical school fall 2014. 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 8, 2014.

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

San Angelo Area Foundation Scholarship Application Available

The San Angelo Area Foundation's 2014 scholarship application is now available through March 1, 2014, for students attending college in the fall of 2014.

Interested students can apply at www.saafound.org, by clicking on the "Scholarships" tab.

The San Angelo Area Foundation manages over 80 scholarship funds, created by generous donors for the benefit of students. The student need only complete one online application and each scholarship is awarded based on a variety of qualifications unique to each scholarship fund. Scholarship awards are announced in early May.

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... Letter to the Editor

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"Study: Reading Novels Makes Us Better Thinkers," the article appeared in the Pacific Standard during the summer. A recent study indicated that

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The Coke County Library offers a fiction selection that will make anyone a more creative thinker. The thinking is that being creative doesn't make any money; however, one investment banker said his work involved "inventing new transactions" which calls for creativity. So, no matter the field of work, creativity will serve fiction readers well.

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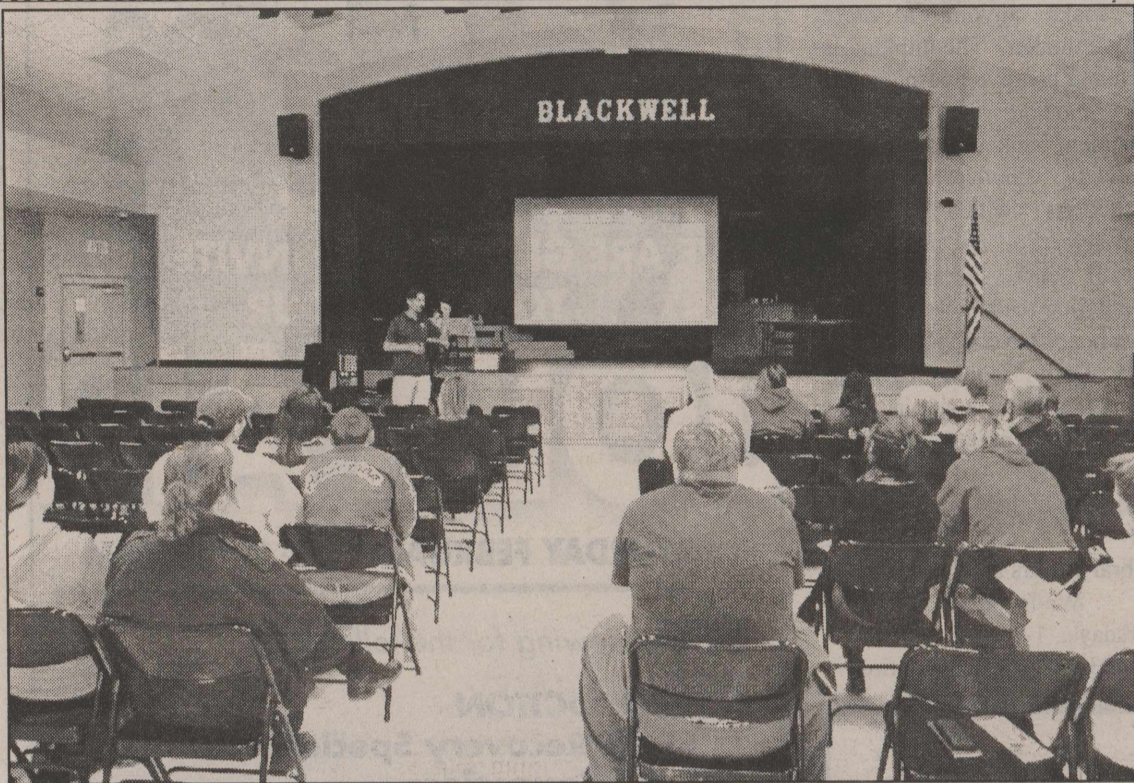
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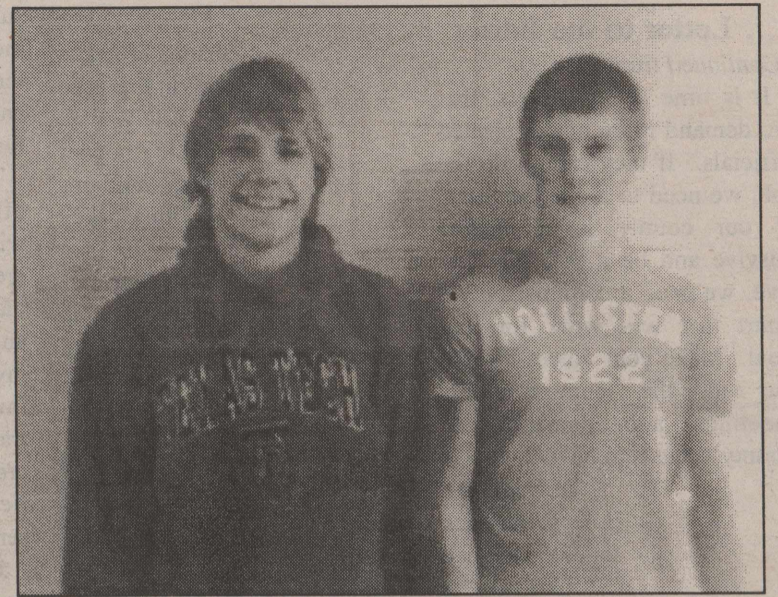
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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



Financial Aid Night at Blackwell High School! Blackwell High School recently hosted a financial aid night so that students planning on attending college in the fall and their parents could learn more about the process of applying for federal financial aid. Rick Lasly (above) is the Interim Financial Aid Director at Angelo State University. He spoke to the students and parents about the steps in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), loans, grants, scholarships and the work study program. For more information regarding the FAFSA, please visit <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>



Two Hornets Selected for FCA All-Star Game! Mason Magness and Matt Lowry have been selected to play in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star basketball game in Abilene this coming June.

Sanderson takes 1st at Fort Worth

Emilee Sanderson exhibited the 1st place Heavy Weight Fine Wool Cross in the Junior Wether Show at the 2014 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo on February 2, 2014.

Emilee is the daughter of James and Heather Sanderson of Blackwell.

The show hosted nearly 10,000 junior exhibitors from across Texas.

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School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, February 17**
French toast sticks or cereal with toast, juice, milk
- Tuesday, February 18**
Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy or cereal with toast, juice, milk
- Wednesday, February 19**
Breakfast club or cereal with toast, juice, milk
- Thursday, February 20**
Chicken-n-waffles or cereal with toast, juice, milk
- Friday, February 21**
Breakfast burrito or cereal with toast, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, February 17**
BBQ rib sandwich, corn chips, beans, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk
- Tuesday, February 18**
Hot dog, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit, chocolate chip cookie (9-12), milk
- Wednesday, February 19**
Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup, milk
- Thursday, February 20**
Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, garden salad, savory green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat, milk
- Friday, February 21**
Beef & bean burrito, salsa (9-12), seasoned corn or corn cobbettes, baby carrots, sliced peaches, milk

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