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Primary Election results posted

Only two local offices had contested races in the Tuesday, March 4, 2014, Primary Election. Coke County Commissioners in both Precincts 2 and 4 faced challengers. Challenger Paul Williams received 109 votes to unseat current Precinct 2 Commissioner Wendell Lee, who received 62 votes. Joe Sefcik also successfully unseated incumbent Precinct 4 Commissioner Bobby Blaylock, 77-64. Both of these offices were contested in the Republican Primary.

In Coke County, a total of 581 people cast votes in the Republican Primary with 27 casting votes in the Democrat Primary.

Results for other local uncontested races in the Republican Primary are included below, along with the under votes for each candidate. The total of under votes in each race is determined by the number of voters who could have cast a vote in that race, but chose not to.

Coke County Judge Roy Blair received 407 votes with 124 under votes.

Coke County/District Clerk Mary Grim received 427 votes

with 108 under votes.

Coke County Treasurer Hal Spain received 430 votes with 107 under votes.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Jackie Walker received 189 votes with 33 under votes.

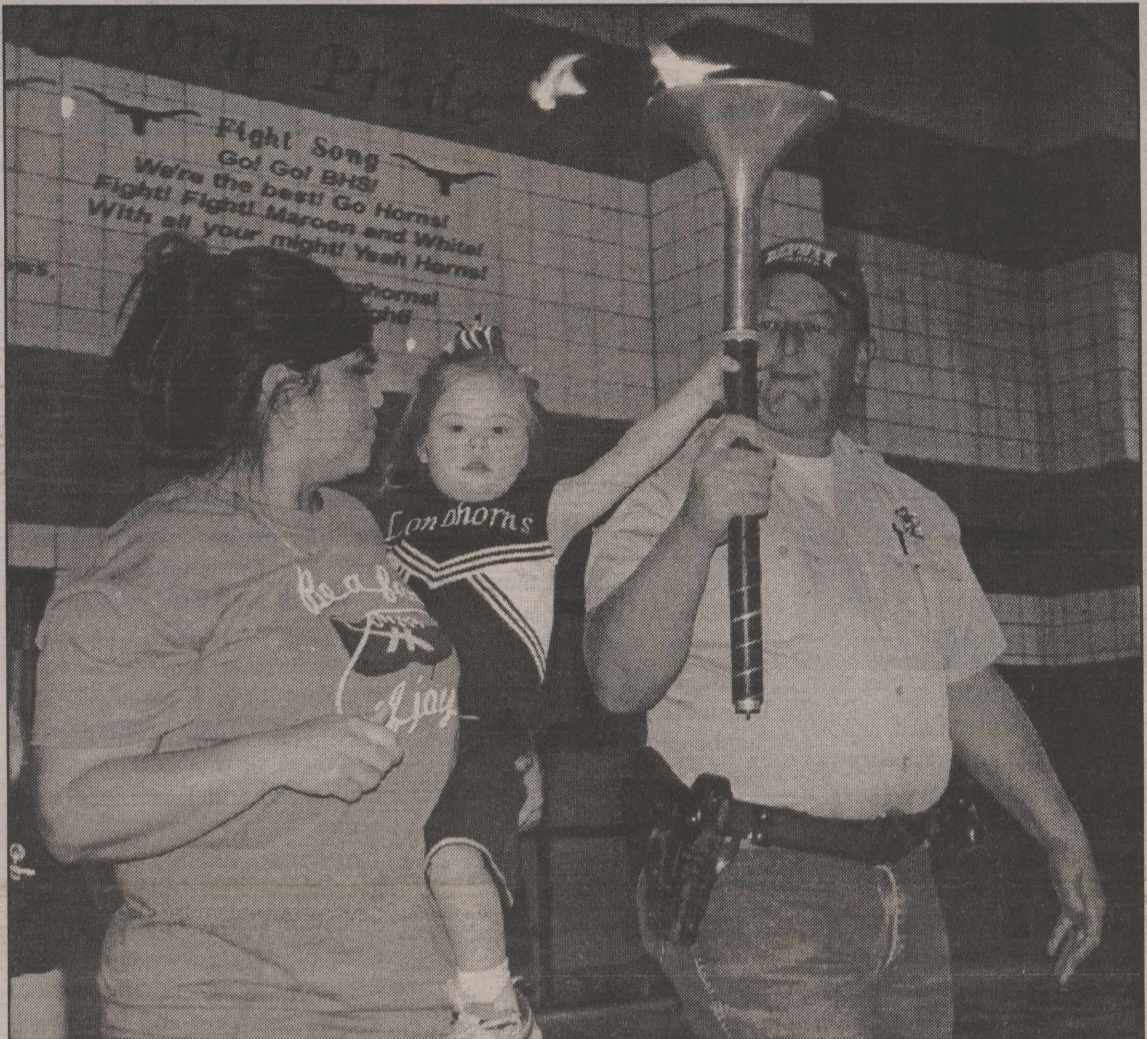
The only local candidate on the Democratic Primary ballot was Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Grady Coulter. In this unopposed race, Judge Coulter received 7 votes and no under votes.

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Coke County Appraisal District receives perfect score

The Coke County Appraisal District and Chief Appraiser Gayle Sisemore received word this week from Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, that their office had received a perfect score following their mandated two year review.

In 2009, the Texas Legislature enacted a law amending Tax Code Section 5.102. This law requires the Comptroller of Public Accounts to review appraisal districts every two years. Called the Methods and Assistance Program (MAP), the review studies the governance, taxpayer assistance, operating procedures and the appraisal



Special Olympics! Special Olympics was held at Bronte ISD Saturday, March 1, 2014. Becky Puentez holds Morgan Holland as they and Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Trey Davis bring the torch run to its conclusion.

standards, procedures and methodology of the appraisal district. The Property Tax Assistance Division (PTAD)

performed the review for Coke County Appraisal District, one of 125 districts reviewed in 2013.

News from Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Coke County Commissioners Court was held at 9 am Monday, March 3, 2014. The main items on the agenda revolved around the lease agreement on the prison facility at Bronte and the changes mandated for Coke County's 911 system.

On the first item, the attorney had still not gotten contracts to Judge Blair for approval. This matter was postponed.

Regarding the second item, several members of the county's EMS organizations were in attendance to question the details surrounding Runnels County being contracted to handle Coke County's 911 calls.

One of the main questions concerned who would be

responsible for paging out county EMS and fire departments. Would Runnels County page these organizations out directly or would they receive the call and then call the Coke County Sheriff's Office dispatch who would then page out the organizations required.

For many years, the 911 system has been located at Robert Lee Care Center. However, due to a law which went into effect January 1, 2014, all 911 operators must be trained and certified. Currently, Coke County is in non-compliance with this mandate and the court is researching a cost effective solution to bring the county into compliance.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the contract with Runnels County. At the request of Judge Blair, the measure was unanimously defeated in order that further information can be obtained.



New Deputies! Coke County Sheriff's Office wants to welcome the two newest members of their department. Russell Johnson (left) and Terry Crenshaw have joined the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Russell is stationed in Bronte and Terry is stationed in Robert Lee.

Spring Forward



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

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BHRC Birthdays! Bronte Health & Rehab Center recently held a "Rock and Roll" Birthday Party for those residents celebrating a birthday.

Obituaries



Ford

Luann Hageman Ford, age 72, of New Braunfels passed away on January 16, 2014, after a short and courageous battle with cancer.

A memorial service was held at 10 am on Monday, January 20, 2014, at Zoeller Funeral Home in New Braunfels. The service was officiated by Pastor Mike Harkrider of the First Baptist Church in Boerne.

Luann was born on November 12, 1941, in Bronte to Frank D. and Dottie St Clair Hageman, now deceased.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, James A. "Jimmie", Ford of New Braunfels; son, James F. "Jimbo" Ford and wife Carol of Boerne, son, Todd Ford of New Braunfels, grandson Riley Ford of Kerrville and sister, Beth Parker of San Angelo. Luann is also survived by her brother-in-law, Paul Ford and wife Sylvia, sister-in-law, Eileen Henson and numerous nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Bronte High School, she married Jimmie and they lived for several years in the Boerne area. Upon her retirement from John Marshall High School in San Antonio, they moved to New Braunfels and lived in the home they had built on the Guadalupe River.

Luann will be remembered for her generosity to everyone she knew. She loved to fish in her backyard river, read, garden and sew, with everyone benefiting from some of her special creations.

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Bronte Methodist announces study

The First United Methodist Church of Bronte has announced a new 7 week study.

Beginning March 12, they will have a 7 week study on "Final Words" by Adam Hamilton. The study will be held each Wednesday evening at 6 pm.

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session February 25, 2014. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:35 am, and declared a quorum was present. Other Board members present were Dessie Kendall, Sarah Green, Pat Stephens and Pat Carwile. Monica Toney, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. Monica Toney gave the invocation. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and absent members were excused.

In the census count, there are currently 35 residents in the

facility as of the meeting date. Under Capital Improvements, in the January meeting, the Board met with Walter Curry to discuss accessibility improvements to the campus and renovation of the East Wing/Nurses' Station of the Care Center. The parking around the building on the West side, as well as the internal parking court will be revised to provide two new accessible parking places with a new ramp and sidewalk for each parking area. The results of that meeting will be presented at a later date, as final reviews and decisions are made.

In the staffing update, Monica reported the need of an LVN, CNA, Dietary aide, and part-time housekeeper. Melissa Long is the new dietary manager and is doing

a wonderful job. Congratulations, Melissa.

Updates were given on maintenance of the building. The Board reviewed accounts receivable and collections. Financial statements were discussed and accepted.

Future agenda items were discussed and the next meeting will be March 24, 2014.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Looking at the calendar for March, the Assembly of God Church will be doing some good gospel singing March 8, at 3 pm. Valentines have been replaced by Shamrocks, and March 17, at 6 pm, will find everyone celebrating the wearin' of th' green, at a party commemorating St Paddy's special day! The

monthly birthday party will be March 18, hosted by the Baptist Co-ed Class. The birthday crew for the month of March are Billie Dunn, Tommy Hood, and Bruce Deere. Come by and wish them many happy returns of their 'Special Day'! The monthly Sing-a-long will be held March 28, at 3 pm, and everyone is invited to come join in the hilarity. All of this is in addition to regular church services at 3 pm every Sunday afternoon, provided by the area churches, and Methodist entertainment at 3 pm every Monday afternoon. Visitors and participants are always welcome. Remember: March 9 is the day to "spring ahead" on your clocks. Have a great St. Patrick's Day, and don't forget to go GREEN!

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Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm
Recovery Meetings • Monday 7 pm

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Republican County Convention set for March 22

The Biennial County Convention for the Coke County Republican Party will be held on Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse on Seventh Street in Robert Lee. All concerned members of the Republican Party are invited to attend in order to elect delegates to the State Convention of the Republican Party of Texas. Coke County is entitled to send three delegates and three alternate delegates to the Convention which will be held from June 5 to June 7 at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Other business at the Coke County Convention will be the adoption of resolutions to be forwarded to the Republican Party of Texas.

Democratic Party County Convention slated for March 22

In 2014, the Convention process of the Texas Democratic Party begins at the County and Senate District Conventions to be held on Saturday, March 22. The Coke County Democratic Party Convention will be held at the church hall next door to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 601 W. 10th in Robert Lee beginning at 10 am. The convention will be open to any qualified voter who signs an oath of affiliation with the Democratic Party.

If you are interested in participating in the convention, please be sure to bring your voter registration card for identification. Register at this link and learn about the convention process: <http://register.txdemocrats.org>.

Ballots now set for May Local Entity Elections

The ballots are now set for the upcoming May 10, 2013, local entity election.

There are three two-year city council member terms and the mayoral office on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Mayor Gerald Sandusky has filed for re-election. Incumbents Paul "Buzz" Gohmann and Jimmie Guthrie have filed to retain their council seats. Wade Stautzenberger has filed for the remaining council position. Due to no opposed races, the City Council may vote to cancel the election at their next meeting.

There are two council member terms and the mayoral office on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held Mayor John Jacobs and council members Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. John Jacobs has filed to retain his position as mayor. Both Sid Burns and Richard Johnson filed to retain their seats on the council. They will be joined on the ballot for council member by Manual Abalos.

There are three two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Sarah Green, Pat Stephens and Pat

Carwile. All incumbents filed for re-election. Due to no opposed races, the Board may vote to cancel the election at their next meeting

There are three two-year terms on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these seats are held by Howard Baker, Everett Bedford and Lanette Fletcher. All three incumbents have filed for re-election. Due to no opposed races, the Board may vote to cancel the election at their next meeting

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Paul Williams and Ray Barnett. John Seales, Nicholas Arrott II, Josh Schoenfield and Riley Coalson have filed as candidates.

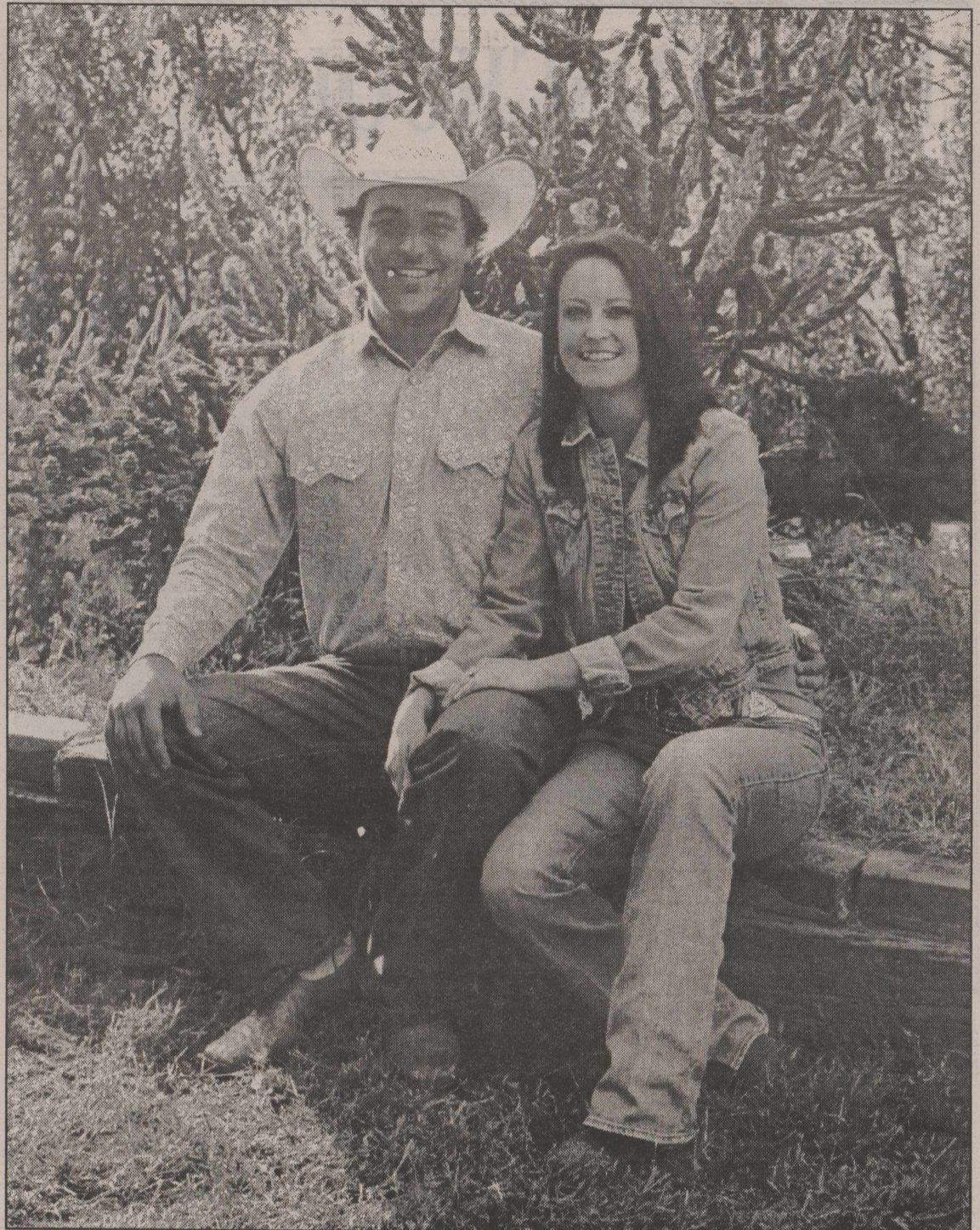
There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Jeffie Roberts and Irma Torres. There is also a 1 year unexpired term on the ballot. This seat is currently held by George Grim. All incumbents have filed for re-election. Due to no opposed races, the Board may vote to cancel the election at their next meeting.

Robert Lee memories come alive

On the social media, FaceBook, a page was introduced in January - Days Past in Robert Lee. Old pictures of the area, including schools and communities, have opened up memories of all who visit the site.

Organizer and current administrator of the page, Fran Lomas, hopes that all will share pictures and stories of those days. The latest addition was a picture of a social gathering in Silver in the 1930s. Others have been pictures of old houses, steel bridges, school classes and the old courthouse.

Presently pictures of individuals or individual families are discouraged, though Dr. Mac has been honored.



Engagement Announced! Wayne and Melinda McCutchen of Bronte are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Morgan Lee McCutchen, to William Jay Brigham. Will is the son of Randy and Sandy Brigham of Stamford. Morgan is the granddaughter of the late Cliff and Mary Barrett of Bronte and the late Jeff Randall McCutchen and Lois Walls. Will is the grandson of Joyce Barnes and the late Garner Barnes of Nashville, Arkansas, and Oran Brigham and the late Marie Brigham of Stamford. Morgan, a graduate of Bronte High School, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Angelo State University and is currently employed at First Financial Bank in Abilene. Will is a graduate of Stamford High School and after attending Tarleton State University has returned to Stamford where he is farming and working with Brigham Farms. The couple will be married Saturday, April 19, 2014, at Fairview Church in Tuxedo, Texas.

THANK YOU

I want to express my appreciation to all those who gave me their trust, support and votes in Tuesday's Republican Primary Election. I ask for your continued support in the November General Election.


Paul Williams

Republican Candidate for Precinct 2 Commissioner


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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Special Olympics Winners' Circle! *Special Olympics was held at Bronte ISD Saturday, March 1, 2014. Standing in the Winners' Circle are Ricardo Casillas, (from left) Benny Fuentes, Jessica Montez, Nicky Davis and Noah Davis.*

Bronte Elementary 4th Six Week Awards

1st Grade

A Honor Roll

Roy Flores, Warren Middleton, Jaxon Morris, Tatum Sanchez, Emery Willis, November Wilson

A/B Honor Roll

Mystyk Guillen, Jorja Harendt, Anna Henson, Cole Knight, Caleb McIntire, Marlene Sanchez

Perfect Attendance

Donna Delisle, Anna Henson, Warren Middleton, Tatum Sanchez, Hannah Sullivan

Super Citizens

Roy Flores, Anna Henson, Caleb McIntire, Jaxon Morris, Marlene Sanchez, Tatum Sanchez, Hannah Sullivan, Emery Willis, November Wilson

2nd Grade

A Honor Roll

Daysiah Flores, Emily Jackson

A/B Honor Roll

Ryana Castaneda, Halie Gibson, Joey Goddard, Jayden Sanchez, Maelynn Williams

Super Longhorn

Emily Jackson

Perfect Attendance

Ryana Castaneda, Daysiah Flores, Halie Gibson, Joey Goddard, Emily Jackson, Dayton Jones

Met Reading Goal

Ryana Castaneda, Daysiah Flores, Emily Jackson, Ambree McGinnis, Jayden Sanchez, Maelynn Williams

3rd Grade

A Honor Roll

Arath Brosig, Ashlyn Richards, Deliziah Flores, Kolson Follis, Zoey Hortenstine, Jett Jackson

A/B Honor Roll

Aiden Beck, Parker Bearden, Juan Orlando DeLaGarza,

Victoria Shaffer, Teegan Minjarez, Tatum Riney, Emmy Speary

Perfect Attendance

Parker Bearden, Arath Brosig, Kolson Follis, Jett Jackson, Bastian Quezada, Jamison Seales, Aiden Beck, Deliziah Flores, Zoey Hortenstine, Jose Madrid, Chloe Reyes, Emmy Speary

Met Reading Goal

Arath Brosig, Parker Bearden, Kolson Follis, Jett Jackson, Jose Madrid, Juan Orlando DeLaGarza, Tatum Riney, Aiden Beck, Deliziah Flores, Zoey Hortenstine, Emmy Speary, Bastian Quezada, Jamison Seales, Ashlyn Richards

4th Grade

A Honor Roll

Lance Rolls, Zachary McWright

A/B Honor Roll

Haylee Pope, Tiffany Timmerman

Met Reading Goal

Corbin Beam, Thaliah Castaneda, Nikkole Harendt, Zachary McWright, Lance Rolls, Tiffany Timmerman

Perfect Attendance

Thaliah Castaneda, Nikkole Harendt, Haylee Pope, Gabby Quesada, Marissa Reyes, Lance Rolls, Tiffany Timmerman

Super Citizen

Brandon Arthur, Thaliah Castaneda, Nikkole Harendt, Zachary McWright, Tiffany

Timmerman, Chyann Torres

5th Grade

A Honor Roll

Cami Davidson

A/B Honor Roll

Michaela Basquez, Mariah DeLaCerde, Amanda Marrs, Keeley Queen, Nico Willis, Johnathan Woehrl

Met Reading Goal

Jadan Morgan, Michaela Basquez, Eric Velasquez, Katelyn Powell, Keeley Queen, Cami Davidson, Johnny Woehrl, Nico Willis, Noah Dominguez

Perfect Attendance

Michaela Basquez, Saige Busby, Amanda Marrs, Keeley Queen, Johnathan Woehrl

Super Citizen

Cami Davidson, Mariah DeLaCerde, Katelyn Powell, Keeley Queen, Nico Willis

6th Grade

A Honor Roll

E'lexia Davis, Hunter Hortenstine

A/B Honor Roll

Karissa Cervenka, McKenna Parker, Brendan Penner

Met Reading Goal

Mason Aguirre, Karissa Cervenka, Presley Cravens, E'lexia Davis, Anthony DeMory, Cindy Gentles, Hunter Hortenstine, Seth Hoyt, Mia Minjarez, McKenna Parker, Brendan Penner, Searra Powell

Super Citizen

Karissa Cervenka, Presley

Cravens, E'lexia Davis, Hunter Hortenstine, Mia Minjarez, McKenna Parker, Searra Powell, Megan Reyes, Kyalyn Seales

Perfect Attendance

Mason Aguirre, Karissa Cervenka, Hunter Hortenstine, Mia Minjarez, Searra Powell, Megan Reyes

BISD Board

minutes posted

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2014, at 7 pm. Those in attendance were Shane Kelton, President, David McWright, Paul Williams, Ray Barnett, Jay Henderson, Blake Braswell and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were David Bedford, Secondary Principal, Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, and guests Heather Middleton and Maureen Youngblood. Kay Styles was absent.

The meeting opened in prayer by Paul Williams.

The minutes were approved with corrections for the January 23, 2014, Board meeting.

There were no audience items. The Principals reported on enrollment: Secondary - 136 with a 95.8% attendance rate and Elementary -123 with a 94.7% attendance rate.

Total enrollment is 259. An update on student activities including basketball, stock shows and UIL realignment was presented.

Mr. Richey, Superintendent informed the board on the refined ADA for the first semester and also reported on the deadlines for the Board Election.

The board approved to revise Local Policy GKA and approved April 8, 18, 25, May 29 and 30th as early release days. May 30th will be a bad weather make-up day (last day of school).

The board discussed the needed repairs to the MCI and Mr. Richey presented pricing on buses. No action was taken.

The Board went into Executive session at 7:32 pm and resumed the Regular meeting at 8:01 pm.

The Board approved the

Superintendents Evaluation and contract with a one year extension. The Secondary and Elementary Principal's contracts were also approved with a one year extension.

A motion was made to pay the February 2014 Bills.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.*

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.

Camp Courage slated

Hendrick Hospice Care in Abilene is offering two free camps for children and teens who have experienced loss. Losses are varied and could include but are not limited to death, divorce, separation, incarceration and deployment. Participants are led through a variety of grief exercises which ultimately build self-esteem, trust and an understanding of the grief process. Specifically trained volunteers and counselors facilitate the activities that encourage self-healing and provide an outlet for unexpressed emotions.

One camp is a day camp on August 9 for children entering grades K-2 for the 2014 school year. The other camp is a four-day, three night camp from June

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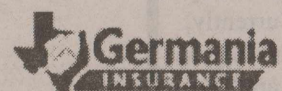
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RLHS Golf Results

The Robert Lee Steers and Lady Steers golf teams participated in the Eden Tournament on February 24 and 25.

The Lady Steers finished 2nd with a 435 total. Christoval finished 1st in the 6 team field with a 407 team total. Brady Clawson led the Lady Steers with a 102, finishing 6th in the medalist competition. Jesse Sheets shot a 107, with Ashlie Tennison shooting a 116, Sandra Flores 109, and Berenice Fabian 115.

The Steers finished 5th in an 11 team field with a 430 total. Rochelle won the tournament with a 361 total. For the Steers, Wade Allen shot a 97, Jake Jackson 107, Michael Curry 113, and Efrain Olguin 113.

RLJH participates in Water Valley Relays

Both the Robert Lee Dogies and Lady Dogies participated in the 2014 Wildcat Junior High Relays. The Lady Dogies finished in 5th place with 52 points and the Dogies also finished in 5th place with 64 points. Robert Lee finished in 6th place overall with 116 points. Individual results are listed below.

Girls

1600 M Relay – 5th, Robert Lee, 5:17.62

800 M Relay – 6th, Robert Lee, 2:09.01

Long Jump – 3rd, M. Mendoza, 14'0.5" 5th, M Munoz, 13'3.25"

Shot Put – 1st, K. Burns, 31'7" 4th, M. Mendoza, 28'9"

Discus – 1st, K Burns, 67'1" 3rd, M. Mendoza, 63'1" 6th, Roach, 54'2.5"

400 M Relay – 5th, Robert Lee, 1:00.92

100 M Hurdles – 6th, Mendoza, 21.28

Boys

200 M Dash – 2nd, D. Mendoza, 25.93

100 M Dash – 5th, Jowers, 14.87

800 M Relay – 3rd, Robert Lee, 1:52.49

400 M Dash – 3rd, I. Smith, 1:02.62

Long Jump – 3rd, D. Mendoza, 17'7.50"

High Jump – 1st, Daniel M., 5'4"

400 M Relay – 1st, Robert Lee, :53.17

RLISD Board minutes posted

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday February 20, 2014m, at 5 pm.

The meeting was called to order by President Wes Washam.

Members present were Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Erin Oleksiuk, Tom Sawyer and George Grim. Irma Torres was absent.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Tom Sawyer.

Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2014, meeting. Her motion was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report as

presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills, seconded by George Grim. All voted for.

Wayne Simpson gave his report with elementary enrollment for January at 131 students and 94.1% attendance rate. David O'Dell, High School Principal, gave his report with enrollment for grades 7-12 at 99 and attendance rate of 95.1% for the month of January.

Supt. Hood recommended adopting the 2014-2015 RLISD School Calendar as presented. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the calendar, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended signing the engagement letter/agreement to secure Eckert & Company, LLP for the District Audit for year ending August 31, 2014. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Wayne Simpson and David O'Dell gave the 2012-2013 Texas Academic Performance Report for their campus.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on facilities, enrollment numbers, budget and track meets.

The Board adjourned from open session at 5:25 pm and entered into closed session at 5:26 pm. The Board reconvened into open session at 7:03 pm.

A motion was made by Tom Sawyer and seconded by Erin Oleksiuk to give a one year extension to the Athletic Director's contract. All voted for.

A motion was made by George Grim and seconded by Tom Sawyer to issue a two year term contract to the high school principal with a 3% increase in salary. No action was taken on the Elementary Principal Contract.

The next regular school board meeting will be March 20, 2014, at 5 pm.

A motion was made by Jeffie Roberts and seconded by Erin Oleksiuk to adjourn. All voted for.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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 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

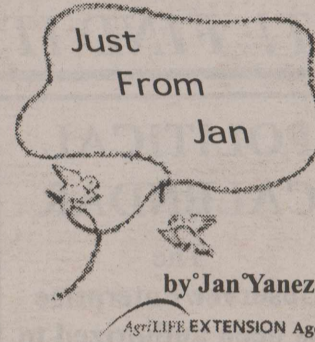
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To download the application, please visit <http://www.TexasBigGameAwards.org>.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2014.



Heart Attack & Stroke Will you know when it happens?

Did you know that February is National Heart Month. Do you know the signs of a heart attack and stroke?

If you or a loved one were having a heart attack or stroke would you know it? We'd all like to think "it won't happen to me." The truth is heart disease and stroke are the number 1 and number 3 causes of death in America, respectively. (Cancer is number 2.) And, although stroke is number 3, it is a leading cause of serious long-term disability. This is true for both men and women...women may exhibit some different signs that they are having a heart attack or stroke, but it is a myth that only men are at risk for such events. Both heart attack and stroke require emergency medical attention. Time is a major factor. To reduce the chances for damage, disability, or even death, it is important to know the signs and act fast—calling 911 immediately for help.

Heart attack

A heart attack occurs when a section of the heart muscle dies or gets damaged because of reduced blood supply. Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) is the main cause of heart attack. A less common cause is a severe spasm of a coronary artery, which also can prevent blood supply from reaching the heart. If immediate treatment is not sought, further damage to the heart muscle can occur and an irregular heart rhythm may develop, which may result in cardiac arrest—when the heart stops completely. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or that

goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.

- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.

Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.

- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort."

- Feeling faint, woozy, or lightheaded

- Breaking out in a cold sweat.

- Nausea (feeling sick to your stomach) or vomiting.

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

Women are also more likely to have less common signs of a heart attack, including:

- heartburn,
- loss of appetite
- feeling tired or weak
- coughing
- heart flutters

Don't be deceived by television and movies. Though some heart attacks may happen suddenly and intensely, most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort over hours, days or weeks before a heart attack occurs. Often, people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help.

If you think you or someone else may be having a heart attack, wait no more than a few minutes—five at most—before calling 911.

Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out (tell a doctor about your symptoms). Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 911 or your emergency response number.

Stroke

There are two types of stroke. The most common type, an ischemic stroke occurs when a clot blocks the blood supply to the brain (about 85 percent of all strokes are ischemic strokes). Another type of stroke, a hemorrhagic stroke, occurs when a blood vessel in or around the brain ruptures or leaks. In either

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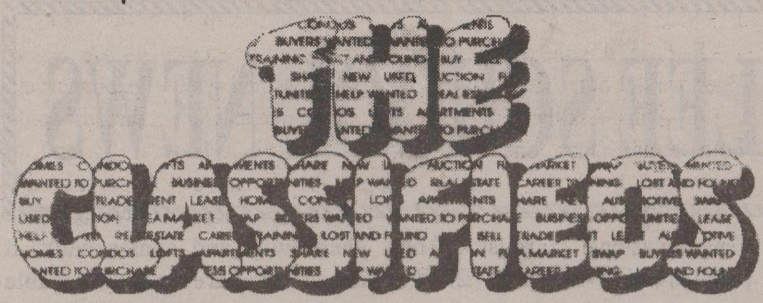
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The **Observer/Enterprise** has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each announcement must be a paid announcement.

Coke County Judge
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Paul Williams (Rep.)

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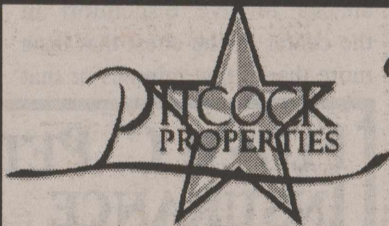
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Deer Study Group to meet April 10-11

The Texas Deer Study Group will convene April 10-11, 2014, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus, Texas. This year's event will focus on "Great Expectations: Optimizing Deer Management in the Post Oak Savanna and Gulf-Coast Prairies."

The program will consist of a full day of presentations on the 10th covering a wide array of topics including a history of management and habitat changes in the area, breeding chronology and buck movement, harvest strategies, an overview of research and a point-counterpoint discussing important management concerns.

On the 11th, the group will meet at a local ranch for a half-day of presentations covering getting to know your deer, habitat management techniques and native and introduced vegetation. Everyone with an interest in deer and deer management is encouraged to attend.

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities will be available for businesses and individuals to support the event. Early registration deadline is March 31. For more information or to sign up please visit the Texas Wildlife Association website at <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/texas-deer-study-group> or contact Clint Faas at cfaas@texas-wildlife.org

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.

... Jan

(Continued from Page 5) case, parts of the brain can become damaged or die.

Stroke can cause death or significant disability, such as paralysis, speech difficulties, and emotional problems. Some new treatments can reduce stroke damage if patients get medical care soon after symptoms begin. If you get to the hospital within three hours of the first symptoms of an ischemic stroke, a doctor may give you

medications, called thrombolytic, to break up blood clots. Unfortunately, if you have had a hemorrhagic stroke, few medications can treat it, but surgery may stop the bleeding. When a stroke happens, it is important to recognize the symptoms, call 9-1-1 right away, and get to a hospital quickly.

Common stroke symptoms seen in both men and women include:

- sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg—especially on one side of the body;
- sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding;
- sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes;
- sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; or
- sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Women, however, may report unique stroke symptoms:

- sudden face and limb pain,
- sudden hiccups,
- sudden nausea,
- sudden general weakness,
- sudden chest pain,
- sudden shortness of breath, or
- sudden palpitations.

To help you identify the signs of stroke, the National Stroke Association tells us to think

F.A.S.T., an acronym for:

- F—Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- A—Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S—Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

• T-Time; If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 9-1-1 or get to the hospital fast. A stroke is an emergency. Make sure you can identify the signs so that you can get help and get your loved one to the hospital in time for the best possible outcome. Most of us don't go untouched by heart disease or stroke—if it is not us, it is a loved one or friend. Your role now may or may not be that of someone touched by heart attack or stroke, but either way, with heart disease and stroke being the number 1 and number 3 causes of death in the U.S., respectively, we

should all learn the signs. Now is the time—not when it is too late. Knowing the signs and symptoms of heart attack and stroke and how to act fast could be the difference between life and death or health and permanent damage or disability. There is a lot that can be done, in most cases, if we act fast. In the meantime, learn the signs, and make healthy lifestyle choices (don't smoke, exercise regularly, eat healthfully, maintain a healthy weight, and have your blood pressure, blood lipids, and blood sugar levels checked regularly).

... Camp Courage

(Continued from Page 4) 1-4 and is for students that will be entering grades 3-12 for the 2014 school year.

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Special Olympics! Special Olympics was held at Bronte ISD Saturday, March 1, 2014. Nathan Robinson is joined by Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Trey Davis as he carries the torch.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor and Coke County Tax Payers:

I continue to scratch my head when the citizens of Coke County "wring" their hands and publicly criticize the County Commissioners for the lack of tax dollars to ensure the county's financial security and stability - with the most recent discussion about the Coke County Sheriff's Department.

Hundreds of thousands of County tax dollars are collected for the **TWO** nursing homes in the County: the **East Coke County Hospital District** (dba Bronte Health and Rehabilitation Center) and the **West Coke County Hospital District** (dba Robert Lee Care Center). For those who are not aware, Counties in the State of Texas are responsible to provide Indigent Care for their residents. These Hospital Districts were originally formed to satisfy the County's responsibility to care for indigents living in the area, while provide nursing home care for the elderly. **TO BE CLEAR, THERE IS NOT A STATE MANDATE THAT REQUIRES A COUNTY TO CARE FOR THE COUNTY'S ELDERLY - ONLY TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE FOR COUNTY INDIGENTS. ALSO, THESE TWO FACILITIES RECEIVE INSURANCE, MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND PRIVATE PAY FUNDS THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE MAJORITY OF THEIR INCOME, WITH COUNTY TAX DOLLARS, FOR THE MOST PART, SUBSIDIZING THEIR EXPENSES.** If you look at the last decade of financial statements for these Hospital Districts, you will see that there have been **VERY, VERY** limited

tax dollars allocated to indigent care - instead, our tax dollars are used to almost entirely subsidize the operating costs of the Bronte and Robert Lee care facilities, which of course includes patients that are not residents of Coke county.

If Coke County were to assume responsibility to care for the County Indigents with County taxes (approx. \$2,000 annually) instead of through **TWO Hospital Districts**, there could be the potential for **DOUBLE** the amount of tax dollars available for Coke County (approx.. \$800,000 annually), without an increase in the total tax rate to residents (residents would only pay County taxes and have no Hospital District taxes). Indigent expense at approximately \$2,000 annually could be added to the County's operating budget. These two nursing homes create a very complex, expensive AND emotional issue for Coke County residents - but if the county would exercise sound, fiscal responsibility by budgeting for Indigent Care rather than allowing our County Tax dollars to be collected to subsidize **TWO Hospital Districts**, there would be almost a **MILLION DOLLARS** more annually to provide the services that are **ESSENTIAL** to the County.

You want more money to provide County services, either vote to close these Hospital Districts and transition both facilities to private, for-profit organizations, providing State mandated indigent care though the County's budget process, OR, at the very least, consolidate these two facility into **ONE HOSPITAL DISTRICT**, lessening the tax burden to taxpayers for Indigent care while paving the way for additional tax

dollars to be used for County services. The "Status Quo" is crippling our County.

Tom Peters

Five Blackwell students qualify to state FCCLA

On Monday, February 17, 2014, Blackwell FCCLA members competed at the Region II FCCLA Leadership Meeting. The results are below.

FCS Assessments

- Abbi Sorrells - (advances to state) Gold
- Hailey Bennett - Silver
- Chaun Weeks - Silver
- Carli Powers - Silver
- Charlie Cano - Bronze
- Orrin Sirmons - Bronze
- Crystal Chavez - Bronze
- Jaina Robison - Bronze
- Elizabeth Meyer - Bronze
- Krista Clower - Bronze
- Devin Rasco - Participation
- Cade McKee - Participation

STAR Events

- Shelby Panzer - 1st place (advances to state) - Food Innovations Jr.
- Cambrey Coulter - advanced to state - Entrepreneurship Jr.
- Tori Scott - advanced to state - Career Investigation Jr.

April Cole - advanced to state - Teach and Train Sr.

The State FCCLA Leadership Meeting will be held in Corpus Christi on April 9-12, 2014.

... Election Results

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Coke County agreed with the rest of Texas in the US Senator and Texas Governor races in the Republican Primary. John Cornyn is once again the Republican nominee for US Senator and Greg Abbott is the Republican nominee for Governor. Cornyn's Democrat opponent in November's election is yet to be determined, but Abbott will face Wendy Davis in the General Election.

Incumbent Mike Conaway was a big winner over Wade Brown in the US Representative race in District 11. He does not have a Democrat opponent in the General Election.

Drew Darby, State Representative for District 72, drew the vast majority of votes over Shannon Thomason to retain his seat. He also does not have a Democrat opponent in November.

51st Judicial District Judge Barbara Walther was on the Republican Primary ballot vying for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3. She lost this race to Bert Richardson.

On the state level, it looks like there will be run-off elections for both political parties for a number of offices. These nominees will be determined in Primary Run-off Elections on May 27, 2014.

Election dates for the Primary Run-off Elections are listed below.

- Friday, March 28, 2014, is the first day to apply for a ballot by mail.
- Monday, April 28, 2014, is the last day to register to vote.
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