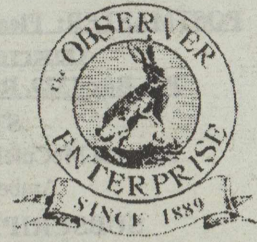


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Football Season begins tonight with unique county match-up

Tonight's football game between the Bronte Longhorns and the Robert Lee Steers won't be the first football game played between the two teams. However, it will be the first six-man football game played between the two teams. The Robert Lee Steers will host the Bronte Longhorns tonight in Robert Lee at 7:30 for a six-man football game - the first six-man game in which Bronte has ever competed.

The idea was first discussed last year during basketball season when Rocky Rawls, Bronte's athletic director, approached Shay Avants, Robert Lee's head football coach. Both men agreed they didn't want to pattern the game after the Throckmorton-Windthorst match-up. These two teams played one half with six men and the other half with eleven men. The Coke County coaches both felt that playing six man one year and then following the next year with an

eleven man game was the best course of action.

Bronte has been preparing for their visit to Robert Lee. For the second scrimmage week, the Horns traveled to Sterling City for a three-way scrimmage with the Eagles and Ira - both six man teams. Bronte's head coach Kevin Burns believes it will be an interesting match up coming down to which team can best execute the plays. Although his Longhorns will be at a disadvantage this year, that will turn around next year when they host the Steers for an eleven man competition.

The Blackwell Hornets also have a tough game tonight when they take on the Sterling City Eagles in Sterling City at 7:30 pm. The Hornets are a Division II six man team, while the Eagles are a Division I six man team.

The coaches discuss the upcoming season in an article on page 3 of this issue.

Concerns aired at Monday's public hearing on county budget

Several citizens attended the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2015 Coke County budget Monday morning, August 25, 2014.

Of those requesting to be heard (evenly divided between Bronte and Robert Lee), each felt that the Commissioners Court was failing to put citizen safety as a top priority and urged the court to reconsider the budget they were proposing. Lee Wommack was the first to address the Court, pointing out that in the last six years eight deputies have resigned. He noted that all but one of these former deputies resigned to take much higher paying positions. Judge Roy Blair was the only member of the court to address the comments, promising that he would do his best to give the deputies a raise in next year's 2016 budget.

Concerns were also raised regarding the time of the public hearings with members of the public requesting hearings to be held in the evening in order for citizens to attend after work.

After the public hearing, a

commissioners court meeting was held. Following several regular business items, the Commissioners entered into Executive session to discuss personnel matters. When regular session resumed, Judge Blair made a motion to terminate the employment of Jan Yanez, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent. After receiving a second, the termination went to a vote. Judge Blair, Commissioner Precinct 1 Gene Montgomery, Precinct 4 Commissioner Bobby Blaylock and Precinct 2 Commissioner Wendell Lee voted for the termination. Precinct 3 Commissioner Gaylon Pitcock voted against the termination.

The second and last Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2015 budget and the increased tax rate will be held at 9 am Tuesday morning, September 2, 2014, in the Commissioners Courtroom. The current tax rate for Coke County is \$504831 per \$100. The proposed tax rate is \$547860 per \$100.

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL!



Coke County Match Up!



Robert Lee
Steers

vs.

Bronte
Longhorns

Friday, August 29, 2014

7:30 pm

Robert Lee



Blackwell Hornets

vs.

Sterling City Eagles

Friday, August 29, 2014

7:30 pm

Sterling City

Dove season set to open Monday

by Hal Spain

Monday morning, September 1, 2014, will mark the beginning of a new dove season in Coke County and throughout the Northern and Central zones of Texas. The Northern dove hunting zone is basically the area above Interstate 20, with the Central zone being bordered on the north by Interstate 20 and on the southern end by Interstate 10. The South zone is below Interstate 10, and their season does not open until September 19.

As to our outlook for this year's season, I am predicting a pretty strong beginning of the season for most parts of the county. The dry spell that hit the county following the first of the year may actually be a positive for this year's dove season. As a result of the dry weather, most wheat fields were either left for grazing or were round baled for hay, leaving quite a bit of seed on the ground

for our incoming dove population. The showers that we have experienced in the last couple of weeks should also help bring up some good weeds and grasses to provide further support for migrating doves.

As to numbers, I have seen large groups of whitewings around the house, as well as a good number of collared doves almost every day. What I haven't seen is many mourning dove except for those few local

birds that stay here year round.

I think that like last year, there will be some hunting opportunities at the very beginning of the season. Once those birds get some hunting pressure, they'll be off to a safe zone, where they don't get shot at so much. If conditions get right to bring some mourning dove into our area, we'll have some real hunting opportunities for a short period, at least.

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**PUBLIC HEARING
Commissioners Court
Tuesday, September 2
9 am
Commissioners
Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse**

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... Dove Season

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Your best bet is going to be around tanks and water sources late in the afternoons. And, there should be a good supply of dove around grain fields, if you are lucky enough to have access to any of these feeding areas.

The season will run from September 1 through October 20, 2014, with an additional late season from December 19 through January 7, 2015. Daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, to include not more than 2 whitetips. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. Don't forget that there is no limit on collared doves; however, you will want to leave plumage on these birds for identification purposes.

Legal shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Don't forget to plug those autoloaders and pump shotguns, as dove are considered migratory birds, and plugs must be in place so that the firearm can hold no more than three shells.

A new hunting license will be required to hunt this fall, along with a \$7.00 migratory game bird stamp if you will be hunting dove or waterfowl, plus another \$7.00 stamp if you will be hunting upland game birds, which include quail, turkey, and pheasant. If you will be hunting waterfowl, you will also need to purchase a \$17 migratory game bird stamp endorsement (duck stamp).

Best of luck in your upcoming hunting endeavors. Make a mental note to make safety your main concern as you take to the fields this fall.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated for Aug. 30

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, August 30. Tee time is 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, 325-473-3231 or 325-262-6617. After 5 pm call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

12th Annual Winters Dove Fest slated

The 12th Annual Winters Dove Fest will be held Saturday, September 6, 2014, at the Winters Community Center on

FM 1770, 3 blocks east of US 83, in Winters.

There will be a Hunters Appreciation barbeque, gun and knife show, motorcycle fun run, arts and crafts, entertainment, clay pigeon shoot, evening dance, parade, and live and silent auctions.

Lunch will begin at 10:30 am. For more information, visit "Winters Dove Fest" on Facebook, or call (325) 977-0958.

Red Hat Lunch slated

The Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, September 4, at 11 am at the City Cafe in Blackwell.

It is time to get your red hat on and have some fun. These luncheons are not gossip sessions - just a time of laughter. It is said that laughter is very good medicine.

Holiday Closings

The Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls, along with the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Monday, September 1, 2014, in observance of Labor Day. The Observer/Enterprise office will also be closed on this day.

24th Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest set

The best of Texas wines, food, and entertainment will be showcased at the annual Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest on Saturday, October 25, 2014. All of the fest's activities are



Town Hall! US Representative Mike Conaway was in Bronte for a Town Hall meeting Tuesday afternoon, August 19, 2014.

located on Fredericksburg's beautiful downtown Marktplatz (Market Square).

Texas wineries will be on hand with over 100 types of wine. Guests will have an opportunity to visit with some of the wine makers. A wide variety of Texas made products will be available for sampling and purchase as well.

The ever-popular Grape Expectations Cooking School will be held starting at noon on Saturday and seating is limited.

More information on the event is available by contacting the Fest Office at 830-997-8515, or by visiting www.fbgfoodandwinefest.com.

Proceeds from the fest go towards the continued beautification and upkeep of Marktplatz.

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Sunday Mornings • 10 am
 Table Time • Tuesday evening
 Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm



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 (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

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
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 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel
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 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
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 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

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
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 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
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Don't Miss Out on the 125th Celebration Issue!

If you failed to get a copy of the 125th Coke County Celebration issue, it's not too late! Extra copies are available at the office of The Observer/Enterprise.

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Celebrating Coke County's 125th Year!

Coke County enjoys a colorful history

Editor's Note: The information for the following article appeared in the July 27, 1989, issue of the Observer/Enterprise, with credit given to Mrs. Joan Yearbough's "History of Coke County". Six hundred families or single men over 17 years of age were invited to settle the area now known as Coke County and the Southwest long before Columbus discovered America, according to Mary Jordan Adams' "The Texas Indians." The main Indians who lived, hunted and scouted the country of the Colorado and Cochise were Comanches, the Lipan Apaches and the Jumano. Many creeks on the east side of Coke County are named for the Kickapoo Indians. There are still many Indian springs and mounds in the county. More than twenty Indian campsites have been found in Coke County.

Spanish immigrants, on the lower left hand corner of this letter is a note: "Let the contract be made Feb. 23, 1842, San Antonio." The contract was made between the United States and Mexico. It included all of the land previously mentioned except 250,000 acres reserved for Indian and Mescalero. Due to surveying and transportation costs, not to mention trouble with Indians following the formation of a serving in force. This area was approximately 575,000 acres of

Coaches comment on upcoming season

By Melinda McCutchen
Publisher

I was able to visit with each of the head football coaches earlier this week about the upcoming football season. All three coaches were upbeat and positive with regard to this year's teams.

Robert Lee's Coach Shay Avants felt that his Steers got better with each scrimmage. The offense is new and started off behind the defense, but both were executing at a high level by the end of the second scrimmage.

This year's team is fast and athletic with a lot of depth - four seniors and 21 underclassmen. However, those young players still need to gain experience at the varsity level.

The Steers played in a Division II six-man district last year and this year have been moved up to a really tough Division I district. Coach Avants feels Water Valley and Sterling City will prove to be the Steers' toughest competition at the district level. Veribest rounds out the Steers' district competition. This year's Homecoming is set for October 10th against the Eden Bulldogs.

The Longhorns had a little different scrimmage experience this year. Their first scrimmage was eleven man and their second scrimmage was six man in preparation for this week's game against Robert Lee. However, they still were able to tell Bronte's Coach Kevin Burns what he needed to know. The contests allowed him and the other coaching staff to evaluate what was working and what needed work.

With twenty-eight young men making up the Longhorns roster this year, there is depth and experience. The Longhorns only lost four seniors last year and are returning many players to this year's team.

The Longhorns once again have a very competitive district with Coach Burns feeling the playoff contenders won't be determined until the final game of the regular season. The Menard Yellowjackets and the Winters Blizzards will probably give the Longhorns their toughest district competition. Other teams in the district include the Miles Bulldogs, the Roby Lions and the Roscoe Plowboys. This year's Homecoming is September 19 against Baird.

The Blackwell Hornets impressed Coach Clint Lowry with their performances in the pre-season scrimmages. Coach Lowry is looking forward to a great season and he couldn't say enough about his team's hard work and great coachability.

The Hornets have more students on the roster this year and with this added depth comes the ability to rotate and rest players. These youngsters have also spent time in the weight room, making for a stronger team.

The year's team is returning only three lettermen - Franck

Cano, Wade Allen and Matthew Myer. A tough pre-district lineup will give the younger members the varsity experience they'll need going into district games.

Although the Hornets remain in a Division II district, they will face the Loraine Bulldogs and the Trent Gorillas. Both of these teams are fielding players with post-season experience. Moran rounds out their district competition. This year's Homecoming is September 6 against the Jayton Jaybirds.

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session August 11, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #2 Wendell Lee, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Comm. Blaylock and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes for July 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hal Spain discussed report to the court. Comm. Pitcock made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and the motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

County Agent Morgan Runyon presented the county extension report.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented the Sheriff's report.

Tax Collectors report was given by Judge Blair.

Clerk's report was presented by Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff.

Constable Pct. 1 report was presented by Marshall Millican.

Constable Pct. 2 report was presented by Marty Boyd.

J.P. Pct. 1 report was given by Judge Blair.

J.P. Pct. 2 report was given by Judge Blair.

D.R. Report was presented by Judge Blair.

Trapper's Report was presented by Judge Blair.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

Judge Blair presented proposed tax rate for general. Comm. Lee made a motion to accept the proposed tax rate for general as .419790. Comm. Pitcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Blair presented the proposed tax rate for road and bridge. Comm. Montgomery made a motion seconded by Comm. Blaylock to accept the proposed tax rate for road and bridge as .128070. Motion carried.

Judge Blair presented the tax rate. Comm. Blaylock made a motion to accept the tax rate for 2014-2015 as .547860. Comm. Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Sawyer Honored! Tom Sawyer Sr. was recognized for 50 years as a Mason. He became a Mason in 1963 in Rio Grande City, Texas. Presenting his pin was his son James Sawyer. Shown at the ceremony are (from left) Fred Wilson, George Gray, James Sawyer, B.W. Roe, Tom Sawyer Sr., Bobby Blaylock, Wayland Drennan, and J.B. Martin.

Comm. Lee made a motion to leave elected official salaries as is. Comm. Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Comm. Lee made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to accept the agreement with Eckert & Company for audit services. Comm. Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gayle Sisemore presented the appraisal district 2013 annual report.

Comm. Lee made a motion to appoint election judges and alternates for September 1, 2014-August 31, 2015. Comm. Blaylock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the bond on Pat Menchaca. Comm. Blaylock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported hearing dates for the budget are August 25, 2014 at 9 am and September 2, 2014 at 9 am.

There begin no private road requests no action was taken.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to pay the bills. Comm. Pitcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Fall landscaping symposium slated

The Concho Valley Master Gardeners are presenting the Fall Landscaping Symposium Saturday, September 13, 2014, in San Angelo. It will be held at the Stephens Central Library Community Room at 33 W. Beauregard. Registration begins at 8 am with programs beginning at 8:30 am and continuing until 3 pm.

Mike Mosman, owner of Cactustown Texas will present "How to Affect All of Your Senses in a Low Water-use Landscape".

Farmer's Branch Park Landscape Manager Pam Smith will present "Roses for the Landscape".

Retired County Extension

Agent Debbie Frost will present "Best Plants ... Best Garden" and "Enhance the Garden Experience".

Pam Penick, author and landscape designer, will present "Lose the Lawn: Design Tips for Drought-Proof Gardens".

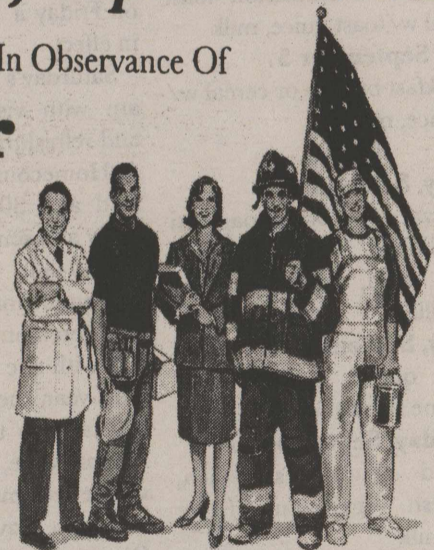
To RSVP, call (325) 659-6522 by Wednesday, September 10.

HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of this bank will be closed Monday, September 1st

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Labor Day



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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



School Spirit! Blackwell Junior High and Varsity cheer teams attended camp together at Angelo State University in July where they earned a combined total of four small school division trophies in Extreme Routine dance (both squads), Championship cheer (junior high) and Championship chant (varsity). Additionally six girls were selected for All-American honors, and two girls were chosen to receive leadership pins. Shown are (from left) 7th grader Jacie Fields, junior Shianne Solis, junior Hailey Bennett (All-American), 7th grader Madison Solis, 7th grader Emilee Sanderson (All-American), freshman Shelby Panzer (All-American), sophomore Halee Sanderson (All-American and leadership pin), 7th grader Jordan Jones (All-American and leadership pin), sophomore Abbigail Sorrells, sophomore Krista Clower (All-American), sophomore twirler Audrey Mink, 8th grader Tori Scott, and 8th grader Victoria Davis. Not pictured is Junior High mascot Carli Powers.



FCCLA National Medalists! Earning medals at the 2014 FCCLA National Competition in San Antonio were Shelby Panzer, Tori Scott and Cambrey Lange. Cambrey earned a Silver medal in Junior Entrepreneurship. Shelby earned a Gold medal in Junior Food Innovations and Tori earned a Gold medal in Junior Career Investigation.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, September 1

Pancakes and bacon or cereal w/toast, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 2

Sunrise sandwich or cereal w/toast, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 3

Biscuits w/gravy, scrambled eggs or cereal w/toast, juice, milk

Thursday, September 4

Oatmeal & cinnamon toast or cereal w/toast, juice, milk

Friday, September 5

Breakfast burrito or cereal w/toast, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 1

2 pizza sticks with spaghetti sauce, baked beans, crunchy broccoli salad, apple-pineapple d'light, milk

Tuesday, September 2

Beefy queso, garden salad, pears, lime sherbet cup, milk

Wednesday, September 3

Grilled chicken sandwich, fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk

Thursday, September 4

Meaty macaroni, garden salad, mashed potatoes, fresh grapes, breadstick, chocolate chip cookie, milk

Friday, September 5

Ultimate taco salad, Spanish rice, salsa, tomato and cucumber cup, baby carrots w/ranch, mandarin oranges, milk

Mini Cheer Camp set for September 15-19

A Mini Cheer Camp will be held from September 15 to September 19. All those interested need to contact Mrs. Powers for more information at (325) 282-2311 or email at cpowers@blackwellcisid.org.

2014 Homecoming activities announced

The 2014 Homecoming activities for Blackwell CISD have been announced.

The Dress Up Day schedule begins Monday, August 31, 2014, with America Day. Tuesday is Disney Day with Pajama Day on Wednesday. The week will conclude with College Day on Thursday and Green Day on Friday.

A Bon Fire will be held at dusk on Friday if there is no burn ban in effect.

Saturday's activities begin at 10 am with visitation, registration and refreshments in the cafeteria. A Homecoming Parade will be held at 1:30 pm with the Pep Rally at 3 pm. A Meal will begin at 4:30 pm.

Introduction of players and the flag ceremony will be held at 7 pm with the game at 7:30 pm. This year, the Blackwell Hornets will take on the Jayton Jaybirds. At half time, all reunion classes will be recognized.

If you have a nominee for Distinguished Alumni, send name and reasons for nomination to Heather Sanderson, c/o Blackwell Ex-Students Association, Blackwell, Texas 79506. For Mum orders, call the school at 325-282-2311.

A dance, sponsored by the Blackwell Fire Department, will follow the game.

Analysis Now = Savings Later

By Morgan Runyan
Texas AgriLife Agent

Now that August is almost over and we are reaching the end of the growing season, approximately 90 percent of the warm season grass growth has been completed. This time of year it can be beneficial to take an analysis of the forage we have produced in the past growing season. Analysis of forage can be done a number of ways by walking through the pastures and estimating forage production, establishing photo points and comparing yearly pictures to estimate this year's production compared to past years production or you can do the most accurate method which is by taking clip samples to estimate pounds of forage per acre (most time consuming).

As the old saying goes you cannot manage what you cannot measure is ever true when it comes to managing rangeland. By gaining a rough measurement of production in your pasture you will be better able to manage it. Once you have an ideal on the amount of forage that has been produced you can make plans that will affect the next seven months (September-March). This will allow you to make management decisions on how many head you can run and how much feed you will need to supplement with in the coming winter.

On a final note extra forage left standing through the winter time can be used as forage for livestock or fuel for a prescribed burn. Depending on the condition of you pasture, your location and how comfortable

you are with a prescribed burn are all factors that play into this decision.

21st Annual Mesquite Show coming to Fredericksburg

The 2014 Texas Mesquite Arts Festival returns to Fredericksburg, Texas on October 10, 11, and 12.

Juried artists from around Texas and beyond will gather in Fredericksburg Marktplatz for a three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite.

"Besides seeing the absolute best selection of mesquite, visitors will enjoy the largest mesquite show in the world," show organizer Al Carr said.

The festival, like mesquite wood itself, has come a long way since the first event in 1992. Fourteen mesquite woodworkers gathered then for a seminar. According to Carr, they weren't the only ones showing interest in mesquite.

"So many local people dropped in to see what we were doing and to try to buy our work, we realized Fredericksburg was the best place on earth to have a Texas Mesquite Arts Festival," Carr said.

The Mesquite Arts Festival has become one of the top events in


Fredericksburg. Organizers expect over 10,000 visitors during the weekend.

Visitors will be treated to collections of sculpted wood from the world's absolute finest mesquite craftsmen. Items range from large furniture items such as beds, dressers and chairs made entirely from mesquite, to unique craft and gift items such as beautifully turned lamps, delicate scroll work, handsome pen and pencil sets, unique Christmas tree ornaments, sturdy gun stocks, and sculpted vases, all carefully crafted of mesquite.

Once viewed as a nuisance, mesquite has become the darling of architects and retailers. Mesquite's growing appeal comes in part from the high profile offered from this festival, according to Carr. Additional articles praising mesquite's quality and value have appeared in such magazines as AAA's Texas Journey, Texas Highways, Veranda, and Fine Woodworking.

"Architects now vie to install mesquite accents in upscale homes," Carr said. Mantles, doors, flooring, art items, dining sets, tables, and other furniture are increasingly requested in

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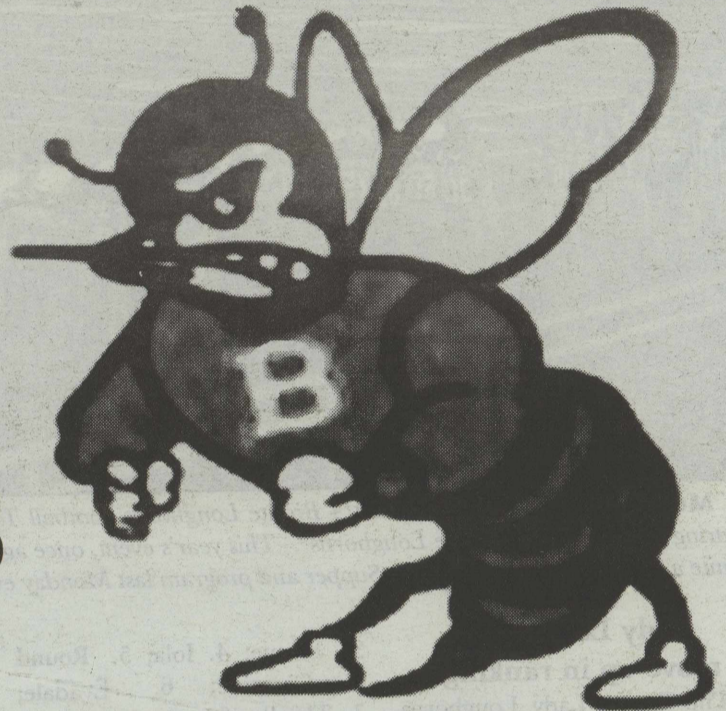
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BLACKWELL HORNETS FOOTBALL

Friday
August 29 ~ 7:30 pm
Sterling City



BLACKWELL HORNETS VS. STERLING CITY EAGLES



				BHS
August 29	Sterling City	There	7:30	
September 6	Jayton **	Here	7:30	
September 12	Westbrook	There	7:30	
September 19	Robert Lee	Here	7:30	
September 26	Eden	Here	7:30	
October 3	Veribest	There	7:30	
October 10	Santa Anna	There	7:30	
October 17	OPEN			
October 24	Moran *	Here	7:30	
October 31	Lorraine *	There	7:30	
November 6	Trent *	Here	7:30	



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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Meet the Longhorns! The 2014 Bronte Longhorns Football Team was among those introduced during the annual "Meet the Longhorns". This year's event, once again held at the football field, drew quite a crowd for the Hamburger Supper and program last Monday evening, August 25, 2014.

Lady Longhorns move up in rankings

The Bronte Lady Longhorns moved from 4th place on the August 18, 2014, Texas Girls Coaches Association State Volleyball Poll to 3rd place on the August 25th TGCA poll.

The top ten state ranked volleyball teams in Class 2A are 1. Schulenburg; 2. Windthorst;

3. Bronte; 4. Iola; 5. Round Top-Carmine; 6. Evadale; 7. Thrall; 8. Crawford; 9. Lindsay; and 10. Dodd City.

FFA Welcome Back Meeting set

The Bronte FFA will have a welcome back meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 6:30 pm in the Ag Shop.

Major changes for the new school year will be discussed. According to Mr. Akins, food will be served. He urges all FFA students to come, bringing their family and friends to the fun evening with the Bronte Agriculture Department.

9th Grade Parent Meeting set at BHS

Bronte High School will be hosting a meeting for parents/guardians of 9th grade students on Thursday, September 4th at 6:00 PM in the school library. The goal of this meeting is to discuss the new House Bill 5 graduation requirements for freshmen entering school during the 2014-2015 school year. Schools are required by law to have parent/guardians sign off on the graduation plan, so if you will not be able to attend the meeting, please call Mrs. Timmerman, BHS Counselor, at 473-2511 to set up an individual meeting time.

Senior Parent Meeting set at BHS

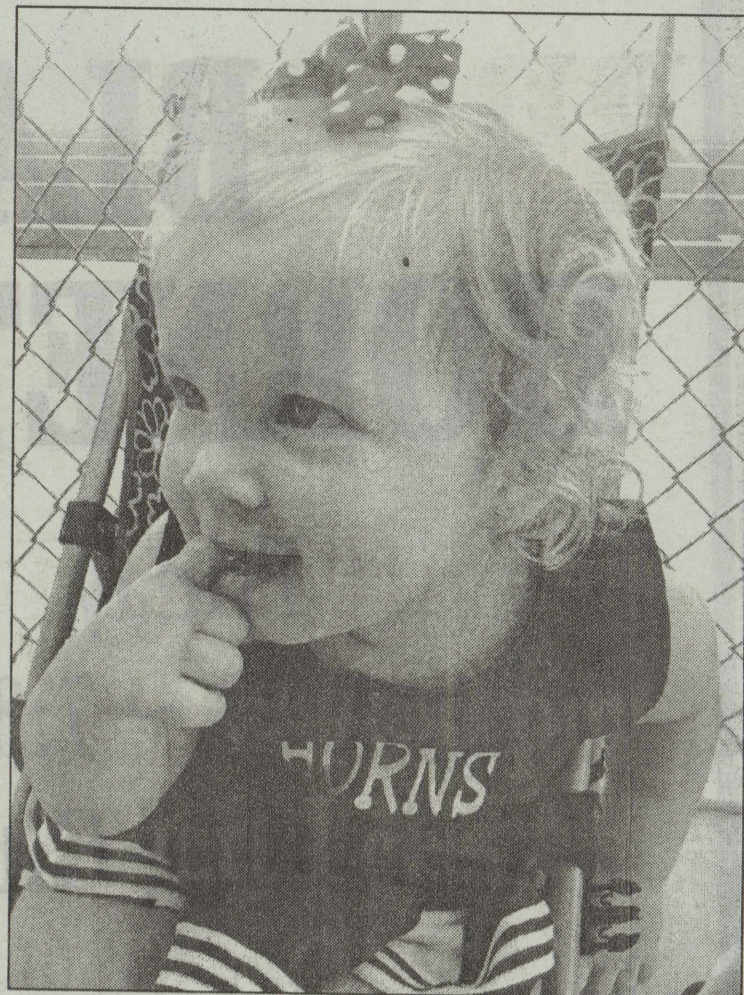
Parents/Guardians of Bronte High School seniors are invited to attend a meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 6 pm in the school library regarding issues that affect seniors, such as the college admission process, ACT and SAT testing, the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), scholarship information, the financial aid process, Selective Service registration, and other topics. Informational handouts will also be given to parents/guardians. If you are unable to attend, please call Mrs. Timmerman BHS counselor, at 473-2511 to schedule an individual meeting time.

In addition, a Project Graduation meeting is scheduled after the senior meeting.

Students may now apply for the Service Academies

Congressman Michael Conaway encourages all students interested in attending the military service academies to apply for a nomination.

To be considered for appointment to a service academy, an applicant must meet eligibility requirements and be nominated by an authorized person, including a member of



Pure Sweetness! Little Saydee Coalson is waiting to cheer on the Longhorns at the Meet the Longhorns event last Monday night. Saydee is the daughter of Riley and Lynsey Coalson of Bronte.

the U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives. There are five service academies: The United States Air Force Academy, Naval, Military, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard.

The application process for the class of 2019 is open. All applications must be received at Congressman Conaway's San Angelo office by October 22, 2014. The address for his San Angelo office is 33 East Twohig Ave., Suite 307, San Angelo, TX, 76903. The telephone number is 325 659-4010.

Please find the application at Conaway.house.gov or call or write his San Angelo office to have one sent to you.

The eligibility requirements for an applicant include: United States citizenship; a resident of the 11th District and at least 17-years-old but not older than 22 on July 1, 2015, on the year of admission. Selection is based on SAT and Act test scores, class rank, grade point average, extracurricular activities, and leadership potential.

If you have any questions, please contact JoAnne Powell at 325 659-4010.

Be Safe. Drive Smart.

TxDOT Back to School Driving Tips

The end of summer means millions of Texas children will soon return to school. TxDOT

reminds drivers to be extra cautious as school zones become more active and be aware of school bus safety.

Last year, 625 vehicle crashes occurred in school zones in Texas, resulting in two deaths and 112 serious injuries. August and September of 2013 alone saw 104 crashes in school zones. The most common factors contributing to these crashes were driver inattention, failure to control speed and failure to yield the right-of-way at stop signs.

Following these simple tips can help Texas children reach school safely and help drivers avoid costly fines and tickets.

Tips for Driving in School Zones

Put away your cell phone. Cell phone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines of up to \$200 in school zones where signs are posted.

Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones.

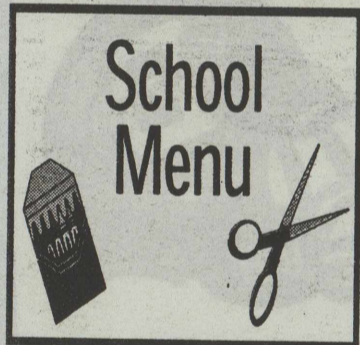
Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.

Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.

Be alert for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School

(Continued on page 11)



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, September 1

Holiday

Tuesday, September 2

Pancake on stick or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 3

Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, September 4

Breakfast sandwich or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, September 5

French toast sticks or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 1

Holiday

Tuesday, September 2

Corn dog, baked beans, broccoli salad, apple-pineapple, milk

Wednesday, September 3

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, garden salad, breadsticks, fruit, milk

Thursday, September 4

Beef & bean burrito, salsa, Mexican corn, veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk

Friday, September 5

Pizza, tomato-cucumber cup, mandarin orange, milk

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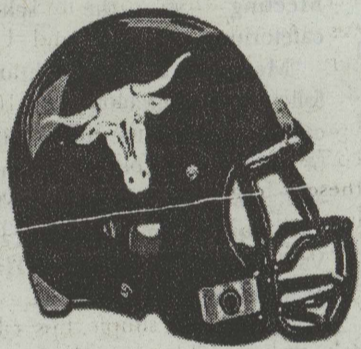
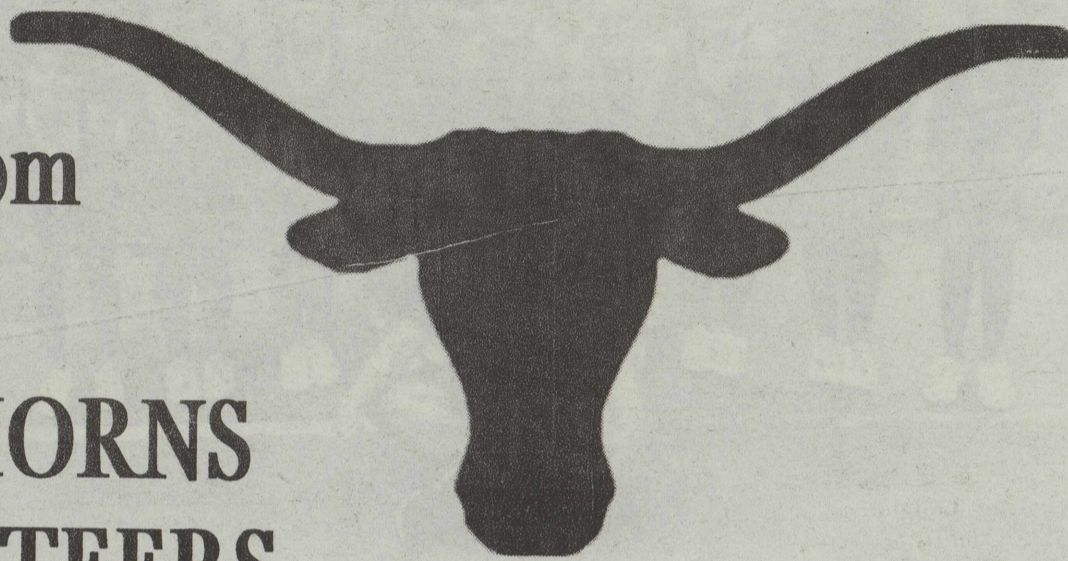
BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL

Friday

August 29 ~ 7:30 pm

Robert Lee

BRONTE LONGHORNS
vs. ROBERT LEE STEERS



				BHS
August 29	Robert Lee	There	7:30	
September 5	TLCA	Here	7:30	
September 12	Munday	Here	7:30	
September 19	Baird **	Here	7:30	
September 26	Rocksprings	There	7:30	
October 3	OPEN			
October 10	Menard *	There	7:30	
October 17	Miles *	There	7:30	
October 24	Winters *	Here	7:30	
October 31	Roby *	There	7:30	
November 7	Roscoe *	Here	7:30	



* District Games ** Homecoming Game

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, September 1**
Pancakes, bacon, juice, milk
- Tuesday, September 2**
PBJ, juice, milk
- Wednesday, September 3**
Cinnamon pastry, yogurt, juice, milk
- Thursday, September 4**
Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk
- Friday, September 5**
Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, September 1**
Corndog, baked beans, broccoli salad, apple-pineapple d'lite
- Tuesday, September 2**
Beefy queso, salad, baby carrots, ranch, pears, lime sherbet cup, milk
- Wednesday, September 3**
Beef & bean burrito, salsa, oven fires, veggie/ranch, corn, fruity jello, milk
- Thursday, September 4**
Chicken nuggets, salad, mashed potatoes, grapes, gravy, breadstick, chocolate chip cookie, milk
- Friday, September 5**
Pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, tomato-cucumber cup, mandarin oranges, fruit bowl, milk



RLISD minutes posted

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Thursday, August 21, 2014, in the Robert Lee ISD Conference Room 119 at 5 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Wes Washam.

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

At 5:02 pm, President Washam called the meeting to order with a quorum of members present.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Jeffie Roberts.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of July 22, 2014, and July 28, 2014,

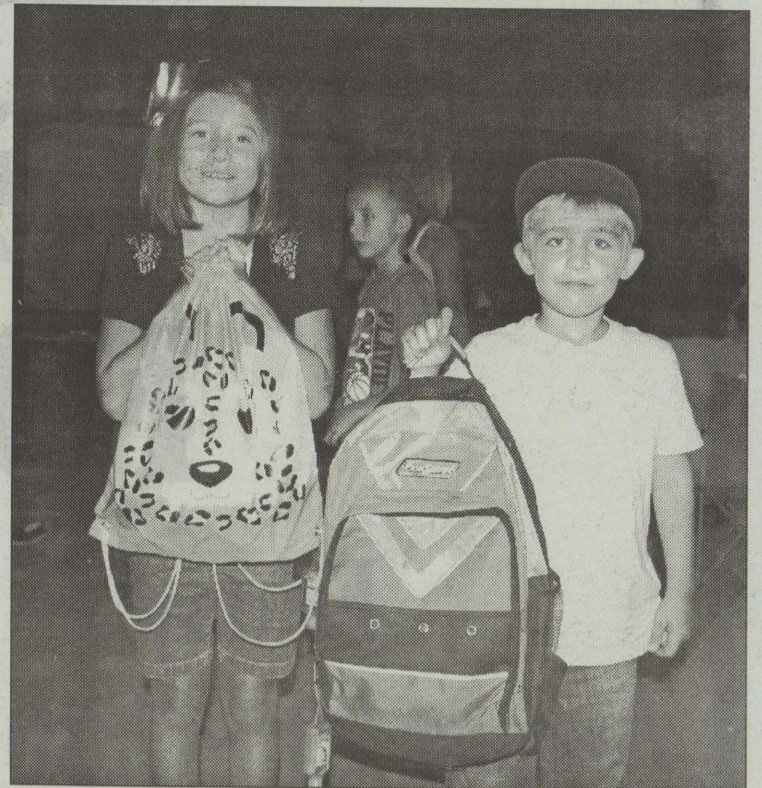
seconded by George Grim. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept the financial report as presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave the elementary and high school principals' report.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the Crisis Response Plan presented by Supt. Hood. The motion was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Supt. Hood presented the Extracurricular Code of Conduct with addition. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the Extracurricular Code of Conduct as presented.



Community Movie Night! Caitlyn Cerritos (left) and Braxton Wright were the winners of the book bags and school supplies at the Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose drawing held after the showing of Rio 2 at the Community Movie Night Friday night, August 15, at Robert Lee Park. Photo Courtesy of Leta Caston.

The motion was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended Gandy's Dairy for 2014-2015. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve this recommendation, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All voted for.

Supt. Hood presented TASB Local Policy Update 100. Irma Torres made a motion to approve this as presented, seconded by George Grim. All voted for.

A 2014-2015 budget workshop was held.

There was discussion on the 2014-2015 salary schedule and stipends.

Supt. Hood gave his report on the summer maintenance update, elementary numbers, district rating, open house, thank you cards and staff lunch. A Special Called meeting will be held August 27, 2014, at 5 pm to set tax rate and adopt budget.

The next school board meeting will be a special called meeting on Wednesday, August

27, 2014, at 5 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

RLISD to hold Open House

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold the annual district-wide Open House Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at 6 pm. Planned activities will include the Fall Title 1 Parent Meeting in the school cafetorium.

"Meet the Steers" night will follow immediately in the cafetorium with the introduction of the Robert Lee High School and Junior High School football and cross country teams. The Varsity and Junior High cheerleaders will also be recognized.

The Open House activities will then conclude as the parents and guests will be allowed to visit the individual classrooms and teachers.

All parents are urged to attend. For more information, call (325) 453-4555.

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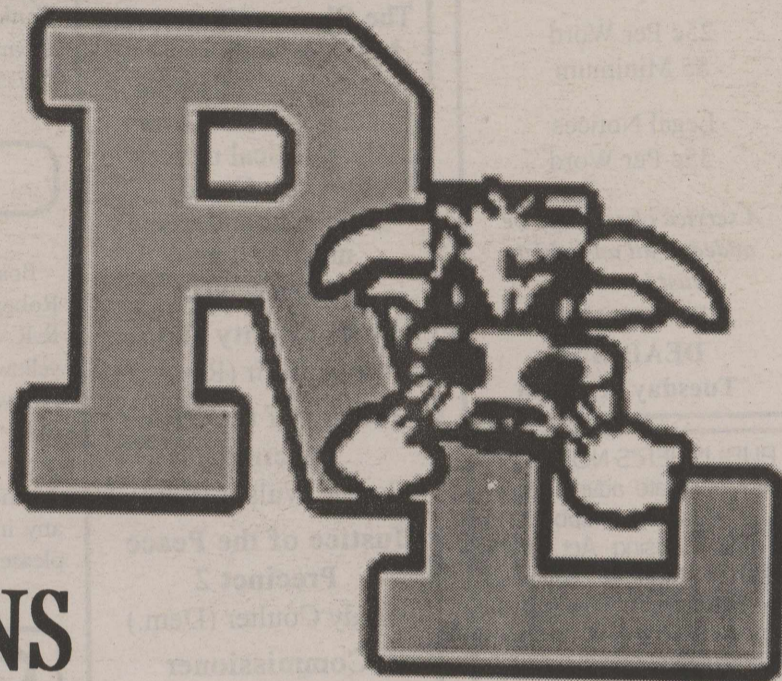
ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

Friday

August 29 ~ 7:30 pm

Robert Lee

**ROBERT LEE STEERS
vs. BRONTE LONGHORNS**



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 29	Bronte	Here	7:30
September 5	Paint Rock	There	7:30
September 12	Rising Star	Here	7:30
September 19	Blackwell	There	7:30
September 26	Highland	There	7:30
October 3	Garden City	There	7:30
October 10	Eden **	Here	7:30
October 17	OPEN		
October 24	Sterling City *	Here	7:30
October 31	Veribest * ***	Here	7:30
November 7	Water Valley *	There	7:30

RLHS



* District Games ** Homecoming Game *** Senior Night

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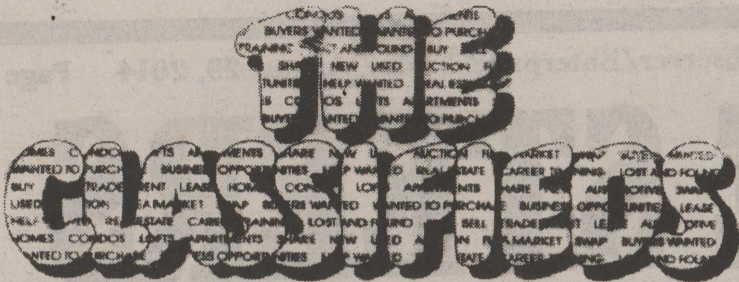
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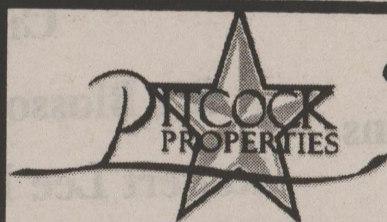
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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Bronte will hold a meeting on September 11, 2014 at the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas at 6:30 pm to consider a proposed tax rate for the 2014 tax rate. The proposed tax rate is \$ 0.385729 per \$100 of the value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Bronte by \$1.00%

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a budget hearing will be held at 6:15 pm on September 11, 2014 in the City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas. The budget for the City of Bronte for the fiscal year October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 will be adopted. The public is invited to attend and participate in these proceedings.

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Robert Lee will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2014 at the Robert Lee City Hall, Robert Lee, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2014. The proposed tax rate of 0.425466 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Robert Lee by 2.41%.

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TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Blackwell will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall, 121 E. Main, Blackwell, TX on September 8, 2014 at 11:30 A.M. to consider adopting the proposed Tax Rate for tax year 2014. The proposed tax rate is .178650 per \$100 of value.

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PUBLIC HEARING 2014-2015 BUDGET

The City of Blackwell will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall, 121 E. Main, Blackwell, Texas on September 8, 2014 at 11:30 A.M. to present the proposed Budget for the 2014-2015 tax year.

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The COKE COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 7:00PM on September 9, 2014 at COKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOM 15, 13 E 7TH STREET, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2014. The proposed tax rate is 0.008338 per \$100 of value.

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... Mesquite Show

(Continued from page 4) mesquite. Prices for raw wood as well as finished pieces have soared.

The Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is free and open to the public. Hours are Friday, noon to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am-6 pm; and Sunday, 10 am-3 pm. Items are available for purchase, with food and drink sold on the grounds. Free parking surrounds Market Square in downtown Fredericksburg.

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BHRC Fun! Staff and residents of Bronte Health and Rehab Center recently took a walk on the "silly" side with Crazy Hat Day!

Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is available at www.texasmesquiteartfestivals.com or by calling the Fest office at (830) 997-8515.

... Back to School Driving Tips

(Continued from page 6) Always cross at intersections and designated crosswalks. Look left, right and then left again

before proceeding. Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

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- 2013 Ford Explorer Limited #5192 \$33,995
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- 2010 Ford Mustang Convertible Q290A \$16,995
Red Fire Metallic with Black Top!
- 2007 Ford F-150 Super Crew \$16,595
White Sand Lariat with Tan Leather



Bronte Volunteer Fire Department! Members of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department were on hand to feed the crowd at the annual Oldies, But Goodies Car Show held Saturday, August 16, 2014, at the Depot in downtown Bronte. Shown are (from left) David McWright, an unidentified future fireman, Bryan Swecker, Zachary McWright, Terry Queen and John Penner.

Historical Dedication set for September 20

The Coke County Historical Commission will host a dedication gathering on Saturday, September 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Old Jail (1907) in Robert Lee, Texas, for invited guests, preservation project supporters, and visitors. The dedication ceremony is to present to the citizens of Coke County, the State of Texas, and the nation, a historic landmark that has been historically preserved for the next 100 years.

Historic buildings remind us that a law-abiding society has been the goal of citizens for centuries and that the forefathers worked diligently to make that happen for future generations. The Coke County jail represents many stories as collected by Bonita Copeland Cartrite in her book *A History of the Coke County Jail and Sheriffs with Related Facts and Tales*.

Mrs. Cartrite set out to document her father's service to Coke County. Sheriff Childress was also the last sheriff to live in the jail. After several years of research, she decided to include not only her father, but all the sheriffs who served Coke County since 1889. Coke County's current sheriff, Wayne McCutchen, will be included in the reprinting of the book in the

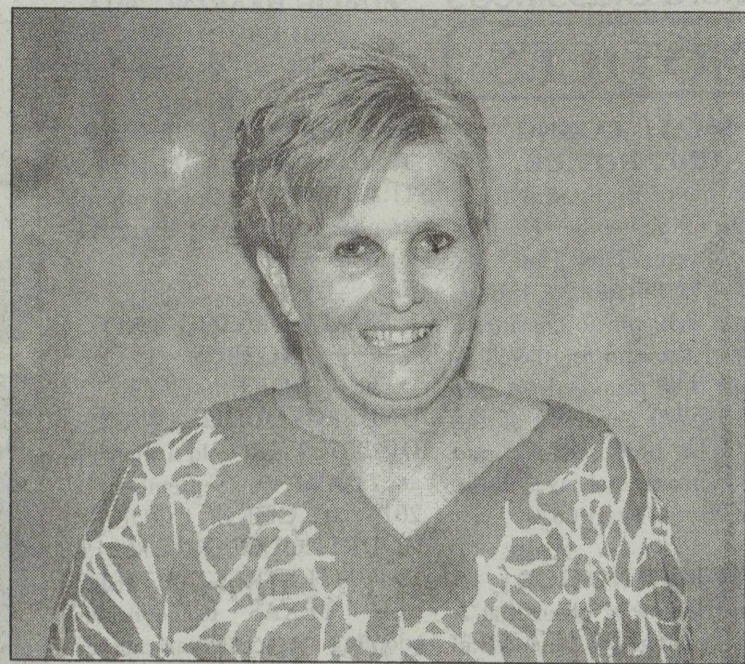
near future.

There were no hangings in the Old Jail, although the equipment to do so is still there. Most folks who spent time in the Old Jail were treated with respect and dealt with in a manner reflecting Coke County's reasonable and rational way of handling those who disregard the law.


The Old Jail will have a plaque dedicated to Mrs. Robert Cole Johnson of Brenham, Texas, who entrusted Charles and Joy Millican Blake to distribute her estate among deserving preservation projects in Texas. The newly completed Annex to the Old Jail will have a plaque in honor of the Blakes for their efforts to protect and preserve projects in Coke County.

On-going plans for the Old Jail include programs and displays of West Texas history, art, and genealogical efforts. It is hoped that the Annex will become a repository for Coke county history which will provide future generations information for research into Coke County's past. Much has been accomplished, but that just means much more must be done.

The dedication ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2014, is held in connection with the Robert Lee Street Affair which will provide a day of entertainment for residents and visitors.



Outstanding District 7 4-H volunteer recognized! Natalie Clawson was honored as Coke County's Outstanding Silver Clover Leader at the A&M AgriLife Extension Service's annual District 7 4-H Silver Clover Recognition Banquet. Twenty-seven adult leaders and a regional bank were honored at the August 14 dinner held in San Angelo. The event, now in its 47th year, recognized the individuals and Mills County State Bank for being instrumental to the success of the West Central District 4-H youth program. Top volunteers are instrumental to the continued success of our entire 4-H program. Their selfless long hours of work and effort are what enable 4-H members to become successful. The 4-H youth program offers many projects, activities and events specifically meant to support and enhance volunteer participation and adult involvement in young peoples' lives. This banquet is a way to show them the appreciation they so justly deserve."



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