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Special Election ordered

A Special Election will be held Saturday, May 9, 2015, to allow voters in Coke County's Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 (Precincts 2 and 4) to determine whether on-premise beer and wine sales will be allowed in those precincts.

The issue began months ago with Jennifer Addona circulating a petition in Bronte to call for this election. She plans to open a restaurant in the building on the southwest corner of the US Highway 277 and State Highway 158 intersection.

At Tuesday's Commissioner's Court, it was announced that her petition had met all of the legal requirements and had been certified. Statute dictates that Commissioners Court must order an election if all requirements have been met.

Commissioners call for reduced speed on US Highway 277

At Tuesday's Commissioners Court, Precinct 2 Commissioner Paul Williams asked the Court to authorize a resolution requesting Texas Department of Transportation lower the speed on US Highway 277 within Coke County's borders. The

Court voted to authorize this resolution which will be sent with a letter to the TxDOT District Engineer in San Angelo. However, this engineer does not have the ability to make this change. Before any changes may be made, the Texas Transportation Commission in Austin, TxDOT's governing board, will have to approve this reduction.

Cemetery Association to meet February 2

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association will meet Monday, February 2, 2015, at the Masonic Hall in Robert Lee at 5:30 pm. Any persons interested in the care of Robert Lee Cemetery are urged to attend.

Emergency Medical Responder class slated

The East Coke County EMS will be hosting an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class in Bronte starting February 9, 2015 and completing March 19, 2015. The classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship hall, 324 S Washington St, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Mondays and Thursday evenings. There will be two Saturdays also scheduled after the class starts.

This program is free to the



Old Business - New Owners! Randy Flanagan, Renea Flanagan Maxcey and Wade Maxcey are the new owners of Ivey Motors. The 100 year old business changed hands and, to some extent names, Wednesday, January 21, 2015, with the completion of the sale from Billy Wayne Roe. Ivey Motor Company, Inc. is now Ivey Motors. This business is extremely important to the budgets of Robert Lee and Coke County through annual sales tax revenue rebates and licensing fees amounting to hundreds of thousands each year.

public but the book and workbook must be purchased the first night of class. The same book as the last class will be used. If you know someone you can borrow one from, it will be

acceptable, but the workbook will still be required.

Texas Department of Public Health requires background checks and fingerprinting for all volunteers which will be an additional fee as well as the fee for the National Registry Exam taken at the class completion. These do not have to be paid at the start of class. The East Coke County EMS will refund any fees associated with this class after the test is taken and passed to new Bronte volunteers. West Coke County EMS will also refund fees according to their bylaws. All persons must be at least 18 years of age at the time of testing.

For more information regarding this class contact Gwen Dyess, 325-895-1967, Janet Wommack, 325-473-5388.

We urge any person that is interested in helping a very worthwhile organization to participate in this class. Calling ahead is not necessary but will be helpful so we will know how many books to have on hand. We look forward to having you join our class.

Conservation Tree and Shrub Seedlings available

A limited quantity of container and bareroot seedlings are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Deadline to order is February 6, 2015. Seedlings will be delivered and

ready for pick up on February 12, 2015.

For species offered and other information, contact the SWCD office by phone: 453-2623, ext. 3 or visit their office at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee. email: mailto:cokecountyswcd@tx.nacd.net

Red Hat Society meeting set

The Red Hat meeting will be February 5 at 11 o'clock at Cafe 158 in Robert Lee. Get your red hat and come fellowship with us. We have lots of fun and laughter. We all need a good dose of laughter. Hope to see you there.

Major Stock Show Update

By Morgan Runyan
Texas AgriLife Agent

Now that the county show is behind us, Coke County 4-H and FFA Livestock exhibitors are taking their livestock projects across the state.

The first show to start the stock show season is Fort Worth Stock Show. At this show, Coke County will be represented in the goat, pig and steer barns with exhibitors from Robert Lee and Bronte.

Once the exhibitors and their families return from Cowtown, the stock show crowd splits with a group heading to San Angelo with the steers and pigs and the others going to San Antonio with

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New Superintendent! Tim Siler is the new Bronte Independent School District Superintendent. He is shown with his wife, Rebecca, and their four little girls at a Meet and Greet held at BISD last Wednesday. Prior to coming to Bronte, he served as the High School Principal at Hamlin ISD.

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Obituaries



Sparks

Dorothy Maurine Sparks, 90, went to Heaven on Saturday, January 25, 2015. She was born on March 26, 1924, to Claude and Grace McCutchen Murtishaw in Coke County, Texas. She was one of eight children who were raised in the Wildcat Community of Coke County. She is survived by her children, W. D. (Dub) Sparks, Jr. and wife, Kay; Bud Sparks and wife, Kay; Tony Sparks and wife, Jessica; and Linda Owens and husband, David, all of San Angelo. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Maurine married a Coke County boy, Wilfred Sparks, on March 28, 1941, at the Methodist Church in Bronte. They were married fifty-four years until his death in 1995. After their marriage, they lived on various ranches, farms and dairies in Coke and Mitchell Counties, where he was a ranch hand and she was a homemaker. The family settled into a permanent home in 1951 in Colorado City, when Wilfred went to work for Cosden Refinery.

After the children were raised, Maurine ventured out into the working world. She worked as a sales clerk at Anthony's in Colorado City for thirteen years before retiring. She and Wilfred (Blackie) then moved to San Angelo in 1982, where she lived the remainder of her life. Maurine was a Christian and was a founding member of the Quail Valley Baptist Church, serving as Treasurer for many years.

Maurine was a loving wife

and mother during her children's childhood, staying at home to raise her family. Her legacy to be remembered is that she was always there for her family, lovingly tending them when they were sick, reading to them, teaching them about the Bible and Jesus, showing right from wrong, and always lovingly supporting them. She taught them to drive out on the backroads of Mitchell County. She was a moral compass for them, showing by example how one should live. Years come and go quickly, but the love of a mother never dies.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." Proverbs 31:28.

Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made to www.shafferpioneer.com
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Death Notices

Sanchez

Maria "Mary" Sanchez, 80, passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Bronte. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mary is survived by her sons, Willie Sanchez of Andrews, George Sanchez of Grand Prairie, Jimmy Sanchez of Fort Worth; daughters, Nora Teel of Richland Springs, Rosemary Sanchez of Bronte, Carolina Garza of Brownwood, and Clara Rios of Fort Worth. She is also survived by her two girls Andrea Sanchez and Beth Sanchez, both of San Angelo as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

Anderson

Gwendolyn K. "Gwen" K. Anderson, 86, of Granite Shoals, Texas passed away on Monday, January 19, 2015.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, T. Harry Anderson, son, Tommy Anderson, son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Gail Anderson, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Bobby Walker.

Gwen was preceded in death

by her parents, sister and brother-in-law, Zona Mae and Dan Hall of Columbus, Ohio.

Visitations were held at Putnam Funeral Home on Friday, January 23, 2015, from 6 to 8 pm. Graveside services were held at Paint Creek Cemetery, eight miles west of Robert Lee, Texas, on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at 2 pm. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements made by Putnam Funeral Home and Crematory, 145 Texas Avenue, Kingsland, Texas 78639 (325) 388-0008.

Retired Teachers meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met at the First Baptist Church in Bronte on Monday, January 19, 2014.

Retired school personnel in Coke County are encouraged to join the CCRTA and TRTA. Even though going to meetings is not always possible, it is important that the numbers show interest in retiree future. Meetings are short and the food is really good.

Checks for dues can be made payable to the Coke County Retired Teachers Association, c/o Treasurer J. Wommack, P.O. Box 365, Bronte, Tx. 76933. Of that amount \$5.00 is for the Coke County Retired Teachers group and \$35.00 is for Texas Retired Teachers Association which contributes to the state organization involved in keeping school personnel informed as well as carrying concerns and goals to the Texas Legislature. School personnel pay into TRTA for retirement and health coverage. Paying into Social

Security is not an option for school personnel.

Members were encouraged to turn in their volunteer hours. With most members reporting, a total of 30,460 volunteer hours will be submitted to TRTA. As a yearly project of CCRTA, 16 books were distributed to the Bronte and Robert Lee Elementary Libraries this year.

Members attending the noon luncheon were Kathy McCown, Wanda Barbee, Brenda Smith, Paul Gothard, Lana Goodman, Gerald Sandusky, Ann Hamilton, Mary Lawhon, Lee Wommack, Janet Wommack, Donna Poehls, Lisa Dyess, Charlotte Tounget, Jerita Taylor, Wanda Brewer, Leva Self, Bill Hood, Rhonda Hood, Merle Kelso, June Gulle, Brenda Hines, Judy Gibbs, Christie Bagwell.

Next meeting will be February 16, at noon, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

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 Wed. 6 pm
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 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth
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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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4 simple steps to stop a cyber-thief

In recognition of National Data Privacy Day on January 28, Robert Lee State Bank is urging customers to take an active role in protecting their data.

"Robert Lee State Bank's first priority is to protect our customers' money and information," said Stephen Meyers, President. "We use a combination of safeguards to protect our customers' information, and we encourage our customers to partner with us in that effort."

To help ensure the safety of personal information, the Bank suggests following these four tips:

1. Create c0mplic@t3d passwords. Avoid birthdays, pet names and simple passwords like 12345. It is also important to change password at least 3 times a year. Because friendly theft - theft by someone the victim knows - is the most common type of identity theft or fraud, don't share your passwords with family members and be mindful of who has access to your personal information

2. Keep tabs on your accounts. Check account activity and online statements often, instead of waiting for the monthly statement. You are the first line of defense because you know right away if a transaction is fraudulent. If you notice unusual or unauthorized activity, notify your bank right away. When a customer reports an unauthorized transaction in a timely manner, the bank will cover the loss and take measures to protect the account.

3. Stay alert online. Be sure computers and mobile devices are equipped with up-to-date anti-virus and malware protection. Never give our personal financial information in response to an unsolicited email, no matter how official it may seem. Your bank will NEVER contact you by email asking for your password, PIN, or account information. Only open links and attachments from trusted sources. When submitting financial information on a website, look for the padlock or key icon at the top or bottom of your browser, and make sure the Internet address begins with "https." This signals that your information is secure during transmission.

4. Mobilize your defenses. Use the passcode lock on your smartphone and other devices. This will make it more difficult for thieves to access your information if your device is lost or stolen. Before you donate, sell or trade your mobile device, be sure to wipe it using specialized software or using the manufacturer's recommended technique. Some software allows you to wipe your device remotely if it is lost or stolen. Use caution when downloading apps, as they may contain malware and avoid opening links and attachments - especially from senders you don't know.

Tips for Victims:

If you are a victim of fraud and suspect your personal

information has been compromised, you should take the following steps:

* Call your bank and credit card issuers immediately so they can take necessary steps to protect your account.

* File a police report and call the fraud unit of the three credit-reporting companies.

* Consider placing a victim statement in your credit report and a fraud alert on your account.

* Keep a log of all the contacts you make with authorities regarding the matter. Write down names, titles, and phone numbers in case you need to re-contact them or refer to them in future correspondence.

* Contact the FTC's ID Theft Consumer Response Center at 1-877-ID THEFT (1-877-438-4338) or <http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>

Daddy-Daughter Date Night set for February 21

The 6th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night, "Once Upon A Time", will be held Saturday, February 21, 2015, from 5 to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

This event offers dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are. This evening is for girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. There will be light appetizers, music and a complimentary 5x7 photo of the couple. Bring your own camera to take a group photo at 6:15 pm and the girls may bring their own camera to capture special moments of the evening. B's Blossoms 'n' Bloom will be offering a special on corsages and boutonniere in conjunction with the dance. Details will be sent home on the flower special being offered.

Tickets go on sale February 1 and may be purchased in advance until February 17. Tickets will be available at DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee and in Bronte at Hometown Hardware. Tickets purchased at the door will cost more.

For more information, call or text Katie Drennan (473-0112) or Erin Oleksiuk (656-9884).

Comm. Pitcock made a motion



Valentine's Day! Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose have dressed their downtown Robert Lee planters for Valentine's Day.

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session December 22, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Comm. Lee was absent.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes for December 8. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

There was no action taken on the burn ban.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to approve the bonds for County Judge Roy Blair, County/District Clerk Mary Grim, County Treasurer Hal Spain, J.P. Pct 1 Jackie Walker, incoming Commissioner Pct. 2 Paul Williams, incoming Commissioner Pct. 4 Joe Sefcik and Lorrie Martin. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion

on the Resolution authorizing support for passage of State Legislation establishing refundable deposits on aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers sold in the State of Texas. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

Comm. Blaylock thanked the court for their support.

There being no private road work requests no action was taken.

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

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am.

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session January 13, 2015, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the

court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Gene Montgomery, Commissioner Pct. #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Judge Blair welcomed Comm. Williams and Comm. Joe Sefcik.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes for December 22. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried. Comm. Williams abstained.

Treasurer Hal Spain presented his report. Comm. Pitcock made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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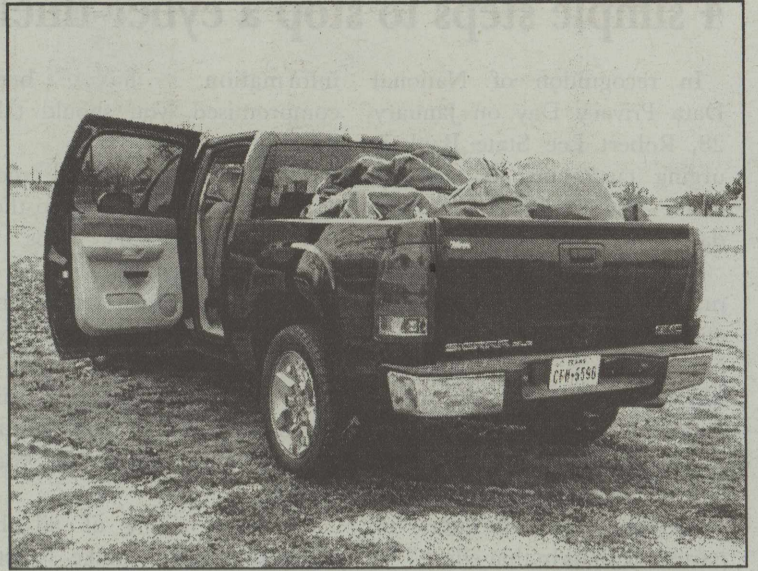
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Successful Angel Tree! The Robert Lee Angel Tree placed at DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee was able to deliver a total of 46 bags of goodies to local children. Just one of several truckloads delivered for Christmas is shown. These four young Robert Lee men, (from left) James Roberts, Michael Tijerina, Will Howard and Everett Wilson, volunteered their time by dressing up and brought cheer to children in need.

RLHS 1978 State Champion reunion slated

The Robert Lee 1978 Girls State Basketball Champions are having a reunion weekend on January 30-31, 2015. The team will be introduced during the current RLHS Lady Steers game the 30th of January. On the following Saturday, they will be having a reunion/get together at the high school cafeterium from 3-7 pm.

Saturday events will consist of visiting, reminiscing, looking at old pictures and watching the state basketball games. Coach Ronnie Ruff will be speaking to

the team members, family, friends and anyone who would like to come up and visit on Saturday.

Any ladies who were a member of the 1978 team or played under Coach Ruff during the years he coached and taught at Robert Lee are encouraged to attend both Friday and Saturday events. Please bring old/new pictures, films or memorabilia Saturday to share. Assistant Coach Clyde Dukes will also be present at the reunion.

Refreshments will be provided on Saturday. Anyone wanting to attend or help with the reunion, needs to contact Carla Wojtek Kristinek at www.whitharralisd.org for more information.

Local students named to ASU Fall Dean's List

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the honor roll are listed below.

Robert Lee: Jordan B.

Gartman, Justin G. Gartman, Lisa J. Myrice, Kassandra R. Odell, and Skyler Rainwater.

Study Wildlife & Livestock - Earn A College Scholarship

Interested in wildlife and/or livestock? Are you interested in earning a college scholarship? By participating in a Texas Brigade program, and sharing what you learn with your community, you are well on your way to one!

The Brigade mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. Cadet graduate, Sean Skweres says, "This is a very interactive and hands-on camp. Texas Brigades taught me numerous life lessons and helped me develop remarkable public speaking and excellent problem solving skills."

This will be the 23rd year of the Brigades. The Texas Brigades program is seeking 170 first-class youth leaders. The application deadline is March 16, 2015 and may be found at

<http://www.texasbrigades.org/Applications/applications.html>.

Participants are selected through a competitive application process. Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, says they are looking for youth ages 13-17 years of age. Texas Brigades is also accepting applications for adult volunteers. No experience is necessary, but applicants should have a strong interest in learning about wildlife, natural resources, livestock, and/or the environment. "We are looking for those with an interest in learning and then sharing what they have learned with their communities," reports Holdsworth.

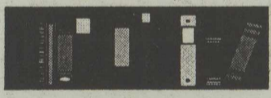
The 4.5 days camps are held on private ranches across the

state. "These landowners open their gates to us for five days, allowing us to utilize the land as a living laboratory. Natural resource professionals give of their time to mentor the youth. This is a valuable networking opportunity," she said.

The cost of the camp for youth applicants accepted into the program is \$400, but scholarships and financial assistance are available. "We do not want the fee to be a barrier to anyone. We have donors who are willing to support the youths' educational experience," says Holdsworth.

For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391 or email hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, February 2**
Chicken-n-waffles, juice, milk
- Tuesday, February 3**
Pancake, bacon, egg patty, juice, milk
- Wednesday, February 4**
Muffin, yogurt, juice, milk
- Thursday, February 5**
Egg, sausage, toast, juice, milk
- Friday, February 6**
Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, February 2**
Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, carrots, peaches, breadstick, pudding, milk
- Tuesday, February 3**
Chicken strips, gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, strawberries, roll, milk
- Wednesday, February 4**
Tacos, salsa, charro beans, salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, milk
- Thursday, February 5**
Beef & bean burrito, salsa, salad, broccoli, orange, milk
- Friday, February 6**
Hot dog, French fries, fruit, cucumber dippers, milk

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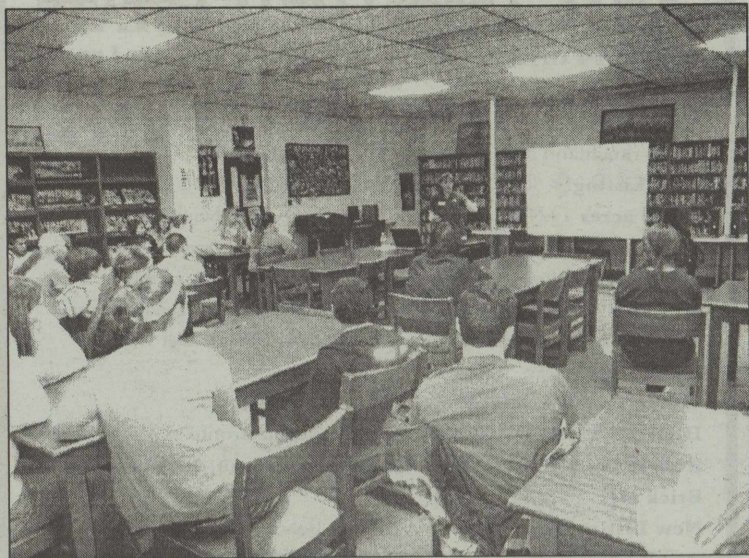
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College Bound! Jessica Behringer, admissions counselor at Angelo State University, recently presented a special program at Bronte HS called College Bound. The juniors and seniors got to learn about how college works. Mrs. Behringer talked about the importance of studying and monitoring deadlines, how college hours work, class schedules, GPA calculation, procedures for advising and registering for classes, dropping a class, if necessary, tutoring services, the importance of the class syllabus, financial aid, including the FAFSA, grants, scholarships, and the work study program. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions.

Longhorns bring home wins

The Bronte Longhorns faced off against the Sterling City Eagles on the basketball court and came out with a big win, 64-43.

Statistics include: Josh Puentez 31 points and 5 rebounds; Ryan Jones 9 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals; Diego Perez 9 points and 4 rebounds; Lance Burns 5 points; Ean Ward 4 points; Carson Kelso 3 points and 6 rebounds; Tanner Bedford 2 points and 4 rebounds; and Shawn Puentez 7 assists..

The Longhorns next faced the Blackwell Hornets and brought

home another big win, 61-31.

Statistics include: Josh Puentez 11 points, 9 assists and 4 steals; Ean Ward 11 points and 7 rebounds; Shawn Puentez 10 points; Ryan Jones 7 points, 5 rebounds and 3 assists; Jared Scott 7 points and 3 assists; Lance Burns 6 points; Diego Perez 5 points and 4 rebounds; Tanner Bedford 3 points and 7 rebounds; and Carson Kelso 1 point.

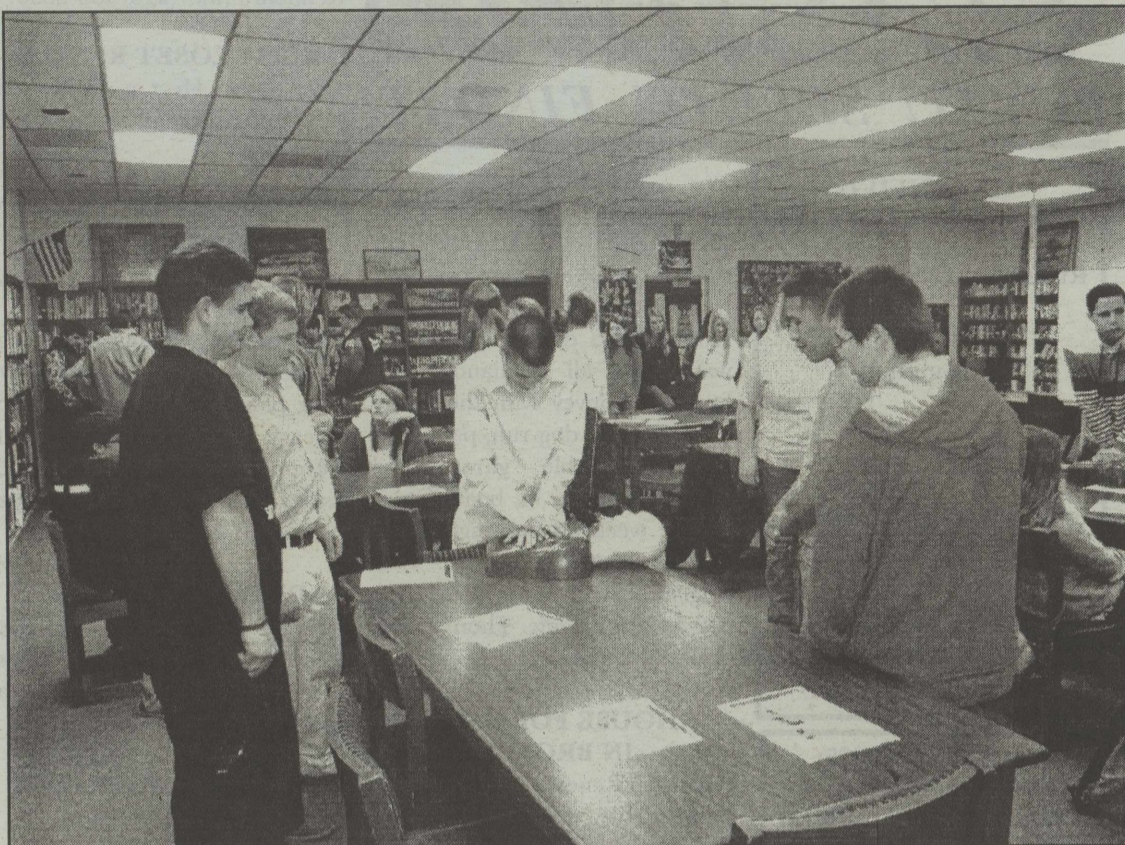
BHS Local Scholarships available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship applications are now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under Scholarship Information, or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 14th, 2015. The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2511.

Texas Tech Judging Team opens spring with strong showing

The meat and wool judging teams took home the crowns while the livestock team finished fourth at National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Necessary Training! In accordance with HB 897, school districts are required to provide instruction to students in grades 7-12 in CPR. Students must receive the instruction at least once before graduation. Erin Gregg, program coordinator for the Concho Valley Area Health Education Commission and Kari Reeves, certified CPR and First Aid trainer, provided instruction to the juniors and seniors at Bronte High School. The students learned compression only CPR, how to use an AED machine, and also how to aid someone who is choking. Pictured is Josh Puentez, senior, performing CPR.

The Texas Tech University meat, wool and livestock judging teams opened the 2015 spring season with strong results last weekend at the National Western Stock Show.

All three teams from the Department of Animal and Food Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources got off to good starts. The meat and wool judging teams won their respective events, while the livestock team finished fourth.

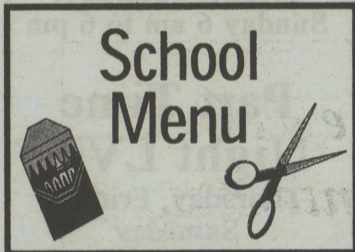
"I am once again proud of the performances of our judging teams at the first contest of the season," said livestock coach Ryan Rathmann, the Jones Professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. "Our belief is that when one team succeeds, we all succeed."

The wool judging team outdistanced in-state rival Texas A&M by 11 points to capture the crown, winning both the placing and reasons divisions. 2014 Bronte graduate Rachel Everheart is a member of this team. Keeley Sears, a freshman from Peaster, led the way for Texas Tech by taking top honors

in individual scoring followed by teammate Courtney Jasik, a freshman from Mertzon.

Other members of the wool judging team are: Sydney Buckley, a freshman from Castle Rock, Colorado; Breanne Burner, a freshman from Grape Creek; Bradly Duvall, a freshman from Perryton; Rachel Bronte; Tommy Fletcher, a

freshman from St. Hedwig; Tate Leatherwood, a freshman from Florence; Shannon O'Quinn, a freshman from League City; Ashleigh Pasqua, a freshman from Fort Davis; Cole Perkins, a freshman from Llano; Cole Rosenbaum, a freshman from Hondo; Lexie Schaefer, a freshman from Garden City; Kirsten Shaw, a freshman from Mason; Blayne Troxell, a freshman from Pampa.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 2

Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

Biscuit & sausage or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 6

Cherry strudel or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 2

Spaghetti w/meatballs, carrots coins, garden salad, sliced peaches, breadsticks, milk

Tuesday, February 3

Crispy tacos, Spanish rice, charro beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, rolls, milk

Wednesday, February 4

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, fruit, milk

Thursday, February 5

Beef & bean burrito, salsa, broccoli bits, garden salad, oranges, milk

Friday, February 6

Hot dogs, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, milk



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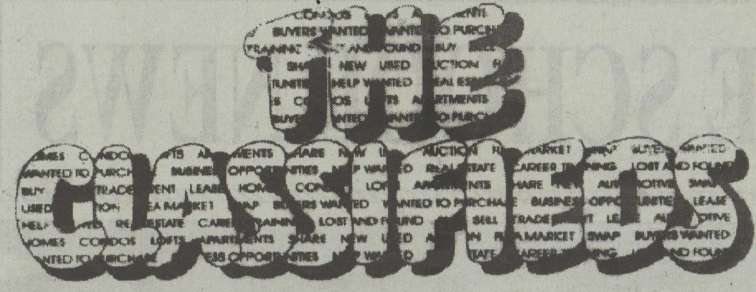
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ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER

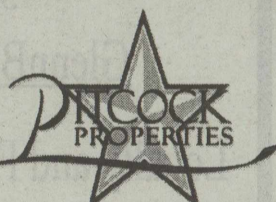
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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BLACKWELL TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City of Blackwell is giving notice of the City's intent to submit Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$275,000.00 for water improvements for low to

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The East Coke County EMS will be hosting an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class in Bronte starting February 9, 2015 and completing March 19, 2015. The classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship hall, 324 S Washington St, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Mondays and Thursday evenings. There will be two Saturdays also scheduled after the class starts. This program is free to the public but the book and work book must be purchased at the cost of \$125.00 the first night of class. We will be using the same book as the last class if you know someone you can borrow one from it will be acceptable, but the workbook will still be required.

Texas Department of Public Health requires background checks and fingerprinting for all volunteers which will be an additional fee as well as the fee for the National Registry Exam taken at the class completion. These do not have to be paid at the start of class. The East Coke County EMS will refund any fees associated with this class after the test is taken and passed to new Bronte-volunteers. West Coke County EMS will also refund fees according to their bylaws. All persons must be at least 18 years of age at the time of testing.

For more information regarding this class contact Gwen Dyess, 325-895-1967, Janet Wommack, 325-473-5388.

We urge any person that is interested in helping a very worthwhile organization to participate in this class. Calling ahead is not necessary but will be helpful so we will know how many books to have on hand. We look forward to having you join our class.

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ROBERT LEE ISD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

Application for candidates to

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apply for a position on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees may be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration Office beginning Wednesday, January 28, 2015 during the hours of 8:00 am-3:30 pm Monday thru Friday. The deadline for filing a candidate application is Friday, February 27, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Election Day will be Saturday, May 9, 2015.

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

Robert Lee ISD will need to elect three places for full three year terms. The three year terms of George Grim, Wes Washam and Tom Sawyer, Jr are expiring.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

The City of Bronte hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 9, 2015 General and Special Election. (2) Council members will be elected for two (2) year terms each. (1) Council member will be elected for a one (1) year unexpired term. Candidates may file applications for a place on the ballot between January 28, 2015 and February 27, 2015. Applications may be obtained at the City Hall, 114 South Washington, between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Contact the City Hall for any questions.

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CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

For persons interested in filing for Mayor and three places on the Robert Lee City Council. Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee City Hall from 8:00-12:00 or 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Deadline is

5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2014. To be eligible for the office of Mayor a person must be a registered voter and must have lived within the city for at least 12 months preceding the date of election day. To be eligible for the office of city council a person must be a registered voter and must live within the city on the date of the election. This City General Election will be held on May 9, 2015.

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... Stock Show Update

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sheep and goats. The San Angelo steers will show on Tuesday the 17th of February and the barrow show is 17th-18th. The San Antonio sheep and goats exhibitors will be showing their projects the 18th-19th.

Once this week concludes, the next week starts with the San Angelo sheep and goat show the 24th of February along with the San Antonio steer show the 25th of February, where many of the livestock exhibitors will be exhibiting sheep and goats and a handful will be going to San Antonio with the steers.

At the conclusion San Antonio and San Angelo, we move on to Houston with the remaining crowd of exhibitors and animals. At Houston, Coke County will be represented with goats from March 11th-13th and the steers will head that way the 16th-19th of March.

The final show of the season will be the Austin stock show; at this show Coke County will have

two exhibitors from Bronte exhibiting goat projects showing March 17th.

As you see the exhibitors around the county, please support the kids on this worthwhile endeavor as they exhibit their projects across the state. Please check the Coke County 4-H Facebook page for updates on major shows!

... Commissioners

Court

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The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

County Agent Morgan Runyan presented her extension report for December.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his December report.

Tax Collector's report for December was presented by Tax A/C Josie Dean.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report for December.

Constable Pct. 1 Marshall Millican presented his December report.

Judge Blair presented Constable Pct. 2 Marty Boyd's December report.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Jackie Walker presented her December report.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Grady Coulter presented his report for December.

Judge Blair presented the D.R. Reports for December. There was no activity.

The Trapper's Report was presented by Judge Blair for

October and November.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

Comm. Williams made a motion to accept the donation from Charles and Joy Blake to put a wrought iron fence on County property around the Old Coke County Jail. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.

The Court discussed the courthouse hours. Comm. Williams made a motion to keep the courthouse opened until 5:00 on Fridays. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion failed.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to accept the donation for caliche from Commissioner Paul Williams. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim drew names for the 2015

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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



Rod Pruitt Presentation! Rod Pruitt, Title IV Consultant and SESS Consultant for Region 14 ESC, recently presented to Pre-K through twelfth grade students at Blackwell CISD. Pruitt spoke to Pre-K and Kindergarten about personal safety, first through third grade concerning goal setting and how hard work pays off, and fourth through sixth grade regarding test anxiety. Pruitt also spoke to seventh through twelfth grade students concerning the topic of bullying: the different types of bullying, how bullying can be prevented, and how to handle the situation if you or someone you know is being bullied.

Blackwell qualifies eight students for State Competition

Eight Blackwell students qualified to advance to the State TAFE competition. They include Veeda Jeter, Brandi Wright, Stormie Lewis, Shianne Solis, Krista Clower, Shelby Panzer, Cambrey Coulter, and Carli Powers.

'Last chance' CEU training set for Feb. 3

Submitted by Morgan Runyan Texas AgriLife Extension Agent The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Tom

Green County will offer their annual "Last Chance" Continuing Education Unit Course from 12:30 - 6:15 pm February 3 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center. The center is north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture credits will be available: one in the integrated pest management category, two general, one in laws and regulations, and one in drift minimization.

"The training is called the last chance course because it's the last time our office will offer Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units before

the Feb. 28 deadline," said Josh Blanek, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County. "All private applicator license holders must earn 15 continuing education units in specific categories over the five-year period their license is valid. Older licenses renew on Feb. 28, though more recently issued licenses renew on the anniversary of the date they were originally issued."

Blanek said attendees are reminded to bring their pesticide license or pesticide number with them to the training to ensure proper continuing education credit as a driver's license number alone will no longer suffice.

... Commissioners Court

(Continued from page 7) Grievance Committee.

Judge Blair reported that the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center has been listed for \$700,000.00.

Comm. Williams asked that they discuss the speed limit on 277 and to address in a letter to the state to be put on the next agenda.

Comm. Pitcock reported on the airport inspection.

The Court will be looking at an interlocal agreement with the City of Bronte on housing prisoners.

Constable Pct. 1 Marshall Millican reported that he had visited with Sheriff Bill Baird in Runnels about housing prisoners for the City of Robert Lee.

There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

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

"This course is not meant to simply earn the participants their needed CEUs, it's also meant to provide area and regional-specific educational information useful not only to agricultural producers, but to homeowners as well."

Topics and presenters will include:

- Pest Control Around the Home and Barn, Dr. Charles Allen, AgriLife Extension entomologist, San Angelo.

- Herbicide Modes of Action, James Jackson, AgriLife Extension program specialist, Stephenville.

- Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Angelo.

- Drift Minimization and Equipment Calibration, Dr. Billy Warrick, AgriLife Extension agronomist, retired, San Angelo.

Individual registration is \$25 due upon arrival. For more information and to RSVP by Jan. 30, call the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6522 or 325-659-6524.

School Menu



Breakfast

Not available

Lunch

Monday, February 2

BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, baby carrots w/ ranch, orange smiles, milk

Tuesday, February 3

Ultimate taco salad, salsa, seasoned corn, snowball salad, milk

Wednesday, February 4

Pizza sticks w/spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots w/ranch, apple slices, brownie cookie, milk

Thursday, February 5

Hornet chicken bowl w/ gravy, apple-pineapple d'lite, roll, milk

Friday, February 6

Hamburger or cheeseburger, oven fries, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

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