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Friday, February 6, 2015

Local Government Entity election filing period continues

Filing for a place on the ballot in the May 9, 2015, local government entity election began January 28, 2015, and will continue through February 27, 2015. Potential candidates may pick up an application at the entity for which they are filing.

The City of Robert Lee has three 2 year terms to fill. The terms of council members Janie Munoz, Leroy Casey and Susan McCormick are expiring. Also, Mayor John Jacobs has announced that he will resign in May. The remainder of his term will also be on the ballot.

The City of Bronte will need to fill three seats currently held by Misti Bedford, Paula McWright and Jodie Arrott.

East Coke County Hospital District will have to fill two 2 year terms currently held by Gina McCutchen and Lee Wommack.

West Coke County Hospital District will have to fill two 2 year terms currently held by Mary Bessent and Dessie

Kendall.

There are three 3 year terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees. The terms of George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam are expiring.

There are three 3 year terms on the ballot for the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees. The terms of Blake Braswell, David McWright and Ashley Braswell are expiring.

4th Annual Lion's Club Chili Supper set for February 7

Robert Lee Lion's Club is sponsoring a chili and all the trimmin's supper fundraiser in the Robert Lee Rec Hall on February 7 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

In addition to the best chili and trimmin's in Coke County; there will be a fan-dang-tabulous cake auction after the supper.

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



Champion Reunion! The 1978 State Champion Lady Steers Basketball Team was honored Friday night during the Lady Steers Basketball game and a reunion was held the following afternoon. Team members include (from left) Coach Clyde Dukes, Diana Tinkler, Kelly Percifull Duncan, Debbie Askins Carper, Jana Hood Demere, Renea Flanagan Maxcey, Stella Bickley Wilber, Carla Wojtek Kristinek, Cindy Walker Riley, Carolyn Simpson Weishuhn, and Head Coach Ronnie Ruffs.

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 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

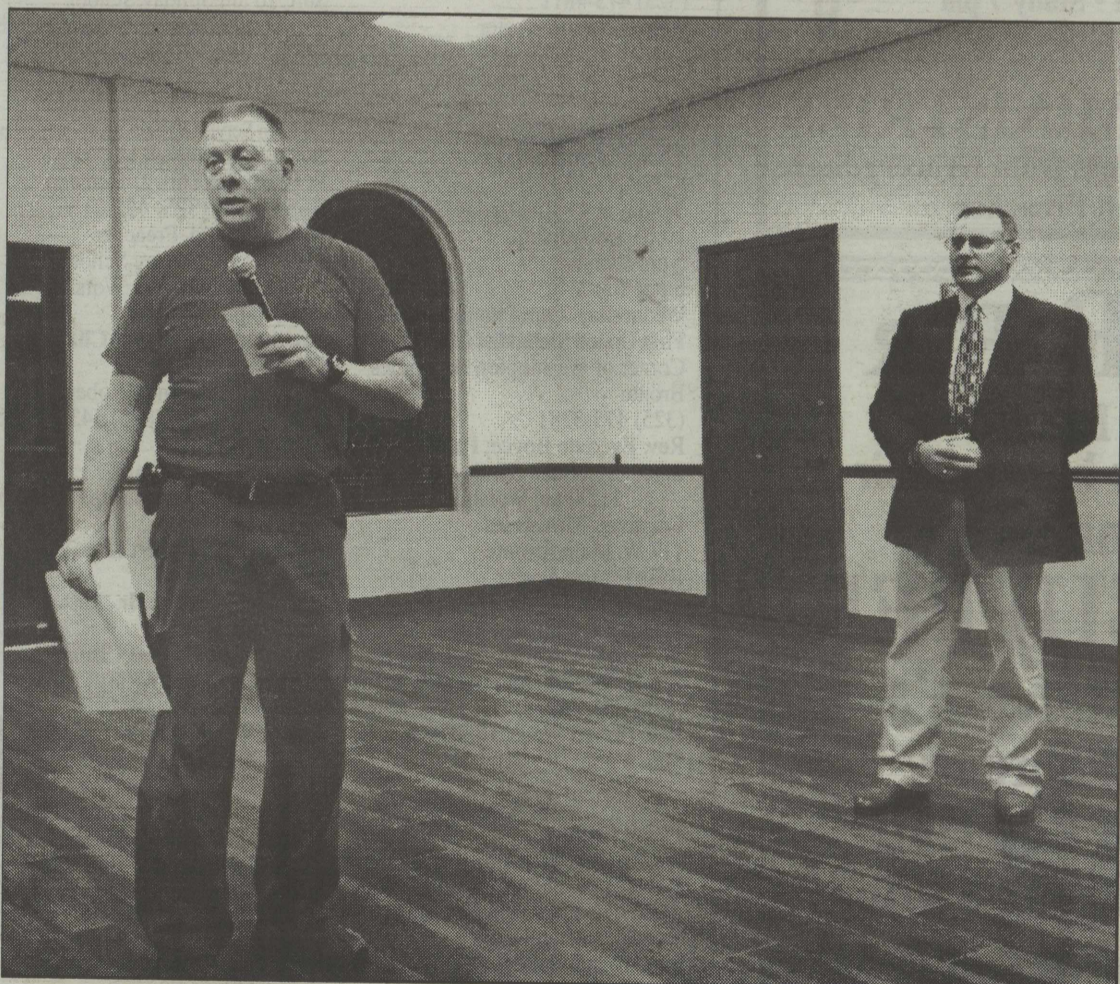
refund fees according to their bylaws. All persons must be at least 18 years of age at the time of testing.

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.

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.



Donation Accepted! Recently, Bronte Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a \$1,250 check from Hochheim Prairie Branch 95 by Marilyn Bivins of Glenn Bivins Insurance. At the dinner, BVFD representative Brian Swecker (left) explained to Keith Fletcher (right) and the members in attendance how the department has raised \$73,000 toward a new fire station, but still has a long way to go. Hochheim Prairie collects \$5 from each member and returns it to the member's communities. This year, Hochheim Prairie gave the local branch (which includes Robert Lee, Bronte, Blackwell, and their surrounding communities) \$2,345 to use as the branch members see fit. Each year, the local members give all of the money to the local volunteer fire departments.

Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court

9 am Tuesday

February 10, 2015

Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse

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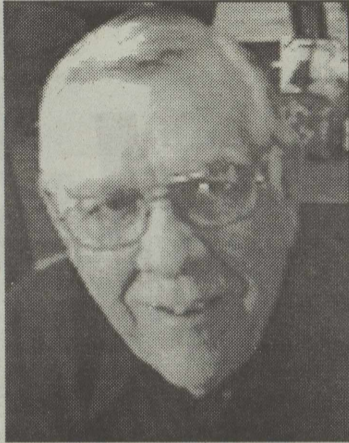
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Obituaries



Sonnenberg

Charles Sonnenberg went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at his home in Bronte, Texas.

Charles was born February 14, 1941, to LJ Sonnenberg and Marguerite Tinkler Sonnenberg in Mereta, Texas, and received his diploma from Mereta School District. Charles moved to Midland in 1969 to start his career as a computer programmer for First National Bank of Midland and also worked for Eagle Computing and Parker and Parsley Petroleum until 1994. Charles met his loving wife, Dorris Saunders of Bronte, and they married November 22, 1987. Charles and Dorris moved to Bronte in the spring of 1994 where Charles joined Concho Business Solutions, a family owned business located in San Angelo and retired from there in January 2001. Charles served the communities he lived in as a member of the Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs of Midland, Lions Club of Bronte, Bronte City Council and the Bronte Nursing Home Board, he also volunteered as a "driver" for the East Coke County Ambulance Service.

Charles loved his family, Neighbors, Friends and his Friday night "socials" at the house, where he would catch up on all the local happenings.

Charles was preceded in death by his father, LJ Sonnenberg; mother, Marguerite (Tinkler) Sonnenberg; two brothers; Arthur Sonnenberg and Bruce Sonnenberg.

Charles is survived by his wife Dorris of twenty-seven years; son Chuck Sonnenberg and wife Amy of San Angelo; daughter Carla Sorenson and husband Rick of Midland; son Mike Saunders of Bronte; six

grandchildren; Melissa Montez of San Antonio; Garrett Davidson and wife Julie of Odessa; Kolton Sonnenberg of San Angelo; Jaylon Saunders of Bronte; Madeline Davidson of College Station; and Kord Sonnenberg of San Angelo; one great-granddaughter; Gracie Mae Davidson of Odessa; one brother, Otto Sonnenberg and wife Georganna of Early and one sister Wilma Haynie of San Angelo; two sister-in-laws; Fran Sonnenberg of Bronte and Donna Raines of Sumner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE will be held at the home of Charles and Dorris, located at 424 South Franklin in Bronte, Texas, Saturday, February 7, 2015, at 2 pm. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that memorial donations be made to East Coke County Ambulance Service at PO Box 357, Bronte, Texas 76933.

Online condolences may be

made to www.shafferpioneer.com.

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Green

Billy Carrol Green of Tuscola and formerly of Robert Lee, passed away Monday, February 2, 2015, in Abilene, Texas.

Billy Carrol Green was born on November 3, 1927 to Ethel Conner Green and William Carrol Green.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Wanda Jo Harvey Green; his parents, William Carrol Green and Ethel Conner Green; two brothers, J. D. Green and Garlan Green, and one sister, Joyce Augustine McBride.

He is survived by three children and their spouses, Carrol Wayne Green and wife, Amy; Peggy Ann Fields and husband, James; Janice Lee Wheiles and husband, Randy; eleven grandchildren, Cari Sheppard and husband, Matt; Kelly Jo Fields; Lesli Ewing and husband, Jon; Katie Rosser and husband, Scott; Amy Jo Rivera and husband, Cory; Casey Fields; Betsy Cook and husband, C.T.; Stacie Hanna and husband, Wes; Chad Wheiles, Carol Ann Green, and Cambri Green; twelve great-grandchildren: Averi, Luke, Noah, Graham, Lexi, Blair, Austin, Carli, Annie, Maddox, Conner and Khyston and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, February 7, 2015, at Oldham Lane Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, with graveside services at the McKenzierville Cemetery in

Silver, Texas at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to join a gathering Friday, February 6, at 6 pm at Billy's Fillin' Station for times of remembrance. The address is 2617 US Hwy 83/84, Tuscola, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to Medina Childrens Home.

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Death Notices

Wink

Kenneth Rushe Wink, 72, of Fluvanna and Marathon, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior Monday, January 19, 2015.

Funeral services for Mr. Wink

were held on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at Calvary Baptist of Snyder.

Kenneth is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Betty J. Wink; along with three children; Rachele and Luke Proctor of San Antonio, Texas, Kevin and Kelli Wink of Fort Davis, Texas, Kerry and Kristi Wink of Post, Texas, 7 grandchildren, Braden Proctor, Jordan Proctor, Josh Hastings, Jami Hastings, Kolton Wink, Kasen Wink and Keithl Wink; two brothers; Robert and Marsha Wink, Harvey and Shari Wink; two sisters, Leslie Nell Hanky, Kay and Charles Ledbetter; numerous nieces and nephews; brother-in-law Rex and Pat Pylant, sister-in-law Ozane and James Beaver. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Erma Lee Gartman and brother, Milburn Wink.

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 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
 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
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 11:00 am Worship
Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 1/2 miles West of Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
 www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

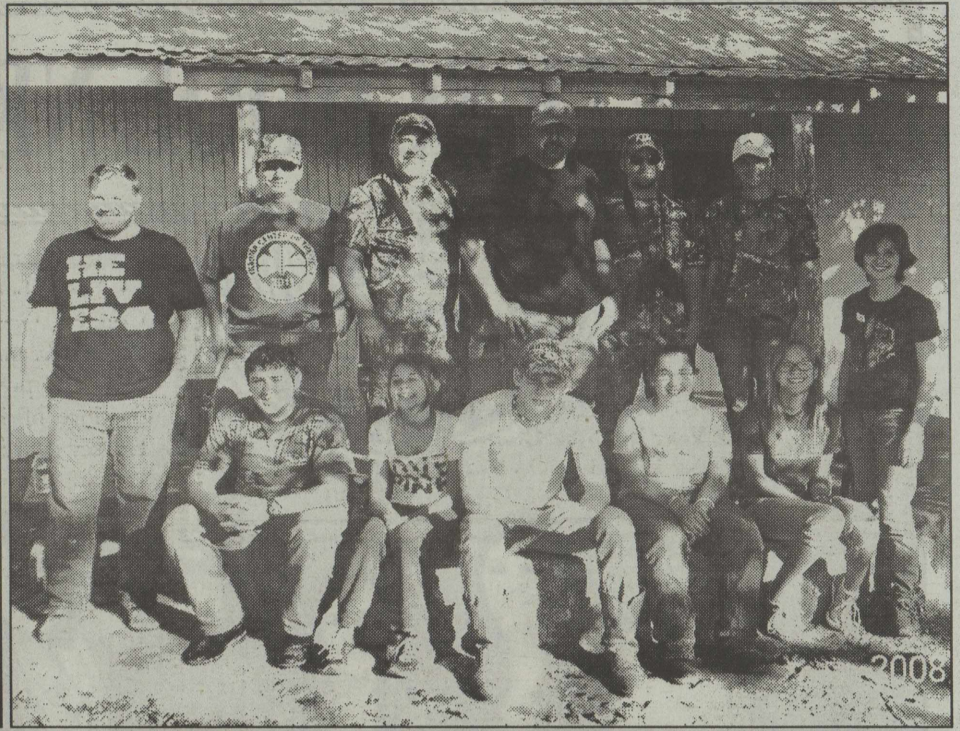
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Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 9th & Austin (325) 453-2621 Robert Lee, Dennis Clark, Pastor
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 Wednesday 1 pm Ladies Bible Study

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 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
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 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
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 11 am Service 1/2 Bible Study Wed. 6 pm
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 Wed. 6 pm, Worship
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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
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 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm • \$5/Bowl
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 Come one, Come all!
 After the supper, there will be a
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CRMWD hosts annual youth hunts

The Colorado River Municipal Water District hosted two deer hunts during the 2014/2015 deer season for kids from a Texas Children's Ranch. On both hunts, five children from the home participated in the doe and spike hunts. These hunts are a great management tool in controlling deer numbers, but more importantly, provides a wonderful opportunity to experience the outdoors and hunting to those who would not normally get a chance to do so. Both the October and January hunts were blessed with rather pleasant weather; cool mornings and warm afternoons. Everyone observed a variety of game and a good time was had by all.

Wal-Mart of Ballinger, TX, donated a gift card, along with an anonymous donor from Nebraska who donated several Academy gifts cards for the hunts. Each child received a participation gift card, plus gift cards were awarded as prizes for the biggest doe and biggest spike harvested, best marksmanship and a luck of the draw prize.

Besides the hunt, all the young hunters had the opportunity to participate in what has become one of their favorite events: a trip to the shooting range where each has time to sharpen their shooting skills and participate in a marksmanship contest. Things always get very serious when it comes time for the contest.

The boys ruled the shooting range, but the young ladies had all the luck hunting. Winners of the prizes for the two hunts were:

October 25, 2014 Hunt

Marksmanship **A n d r e w** (score of 38)

Biggest Doe **Kailey** (guided by Michael Lee)

Biggest Spike **Kailey** (guided by Michael Lee)

Luck of the Draw **James John**

January 17, 2015 Hunt

Marksmanship **John** (score of 40)

Biggest Doe **Haley** (guided by Michael Lee)

Biggest Spike **Edna** (guided by Mary Ann Evans)

Throughout both hunts all were blessed with great food. On the October hunt, breakfast goodies and soft drinks were provided by David and Vicki

Stewart of Rockwood, TX. Lunch was provided by the Ballinger Mornings Lions Club of Ballinger, TX, who prepared grilled hamburgers with the fixings, chips and cookies. Enough food was left over for all to enjoy another burger after the evening hunt. Also, Norene Jamison, of Voss, TX, baked up a big batch of homemade cookies for each of the hunts. Note: not a single cookie survived.

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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 (Continued on Page 7)



Daddy Daughter Date Night
"Once Upon A Time"
Saturday • February 21 • 5-8 pm
Robert Lee Rec Hall
Advance Tickets purchased before
February 17
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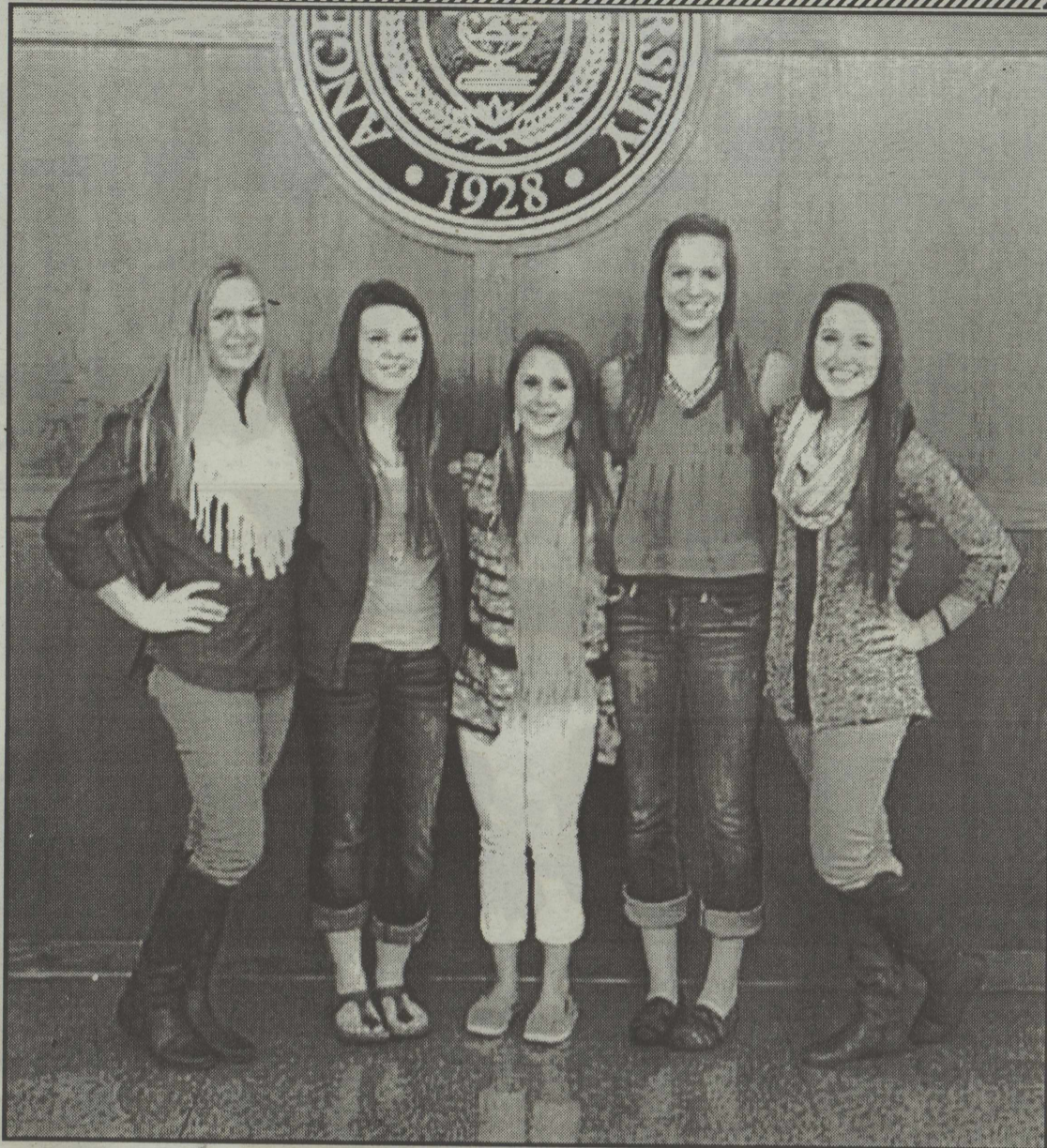
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Students Attend Leadership Forum! Several sophomore students from Bronte High School recently attended the Leadership San Angelo Alumni Association forum at Angelo State University. The leadership forum offers young people the opportunity to learn leadership skills, such as goal setting and communication, and heightens their awareness of responsible citizenship. Forum attendees discuss public affairs issues that impact our local communities and state, while learning skills for affecting positive change. The Students had the opportunity to interact in small discussion groups, as well as hear from keynote speakers. Attending were (from left) Whitney Boyd, Brittany Bedford, Emily Davidson, Emily Whitehurst, and Kacelyn Follis.

School Menu

- Breakfast**
- Monday, February 9**
Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
- Tuesday, February 10**
Pancake on stick or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
- Wednesday, February 11**
Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
- Thursday, February 12**
Biscuit & sausage or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
- Friday, February 13**
Cherry strudel or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, February 9**
Pizza sticks, spaghetti sauce, seasoned corn, baby carrots, apple slices, milk
- Tuesday, February 10**
Longhorn chicken bowl, gravy, apple-pineapple, rolls, milk
- Wednesday, February 11**
BBQ on bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk
- Thursday, February 12**
Baked potato w/chili & cheese, garden salad, rolls, green beans, fruit, milk
- Friday, February 13**
Pizza, garden salad, vegetable cup, mixed fruit, milk

Longhorns win 2 more

The Bronte Longhorns faced off against the Garden City Bearcats on the basketball court and came out with a win, 34-31.

Statistics include: Lance Burns 12 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 steals; Josh Puentez 11 points and 3 assists; Jared Scott 6 points, 3 assists, and 3 steals; Ryan Jones 3 points and 4 rebounds; and Ean Ward 2 points and 5 rebounds.

The Longhorns next faced the Paint Rock Indians and won again, 39-31.

Statistics include: Josh Puentez 15 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 steals; Lance Burns 7 points and 4 rebounds; Ean Ward 6 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists; Jared Scott 5 points; and Carson Kelso, Ryan Jones, and Diego Perez all with 2 points.

Bronte JV Longhorns post 2 wins

The Bronte JV Longhorns faced off against the Garden City Bearcats on the basketball court and brought home the win, 30-18.

Points scored were: Tristan Sullivan, 9; Zach Jackson, 5; Tristan Minjarez, Emmanuel Casillas, and Jaxon Chantrill, 4; and Josh Huffman and Justin Reed, 2.

The JV Horns then faced the Paint Rock Indians and scored

another win, 37-10.

Points scored were: Jaxon Chantrill, 10; Emmanuel Casillas and Kaleb Turner, 8; Samuel Dominguez, 5; Tristan Sullivan, 4; and Justin Reed, 2.

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.

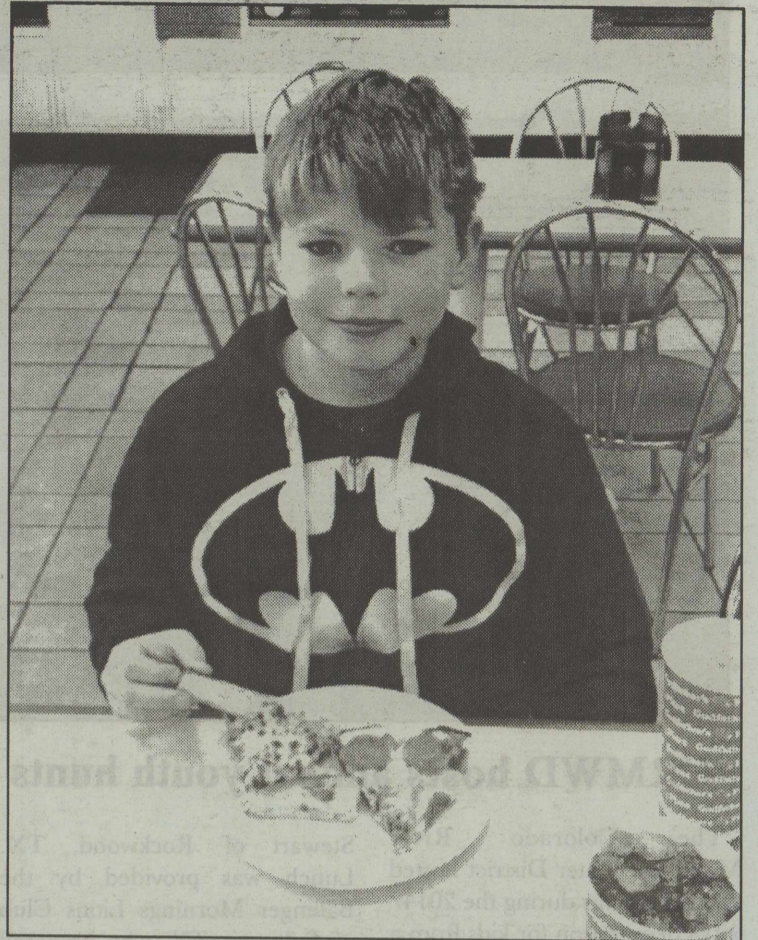
To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the honor roll are listed below.

Bronte: Katie L. Austin, Creed I. Coalson, Savannah S. Dyess, Huston T. Lee, Kimberly M. Lee, Chelsea B. Mc Ginnis, Arlis C. McMullan, Brenda C. Perez, Dakota L. Rawls, and Megan R. Yackley.

Scholarship opportunities available to high school, college students

Need extra money for college? Several scholarship opportunities are available for both high school and college students who are part of a Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) member family, Coke County Farm



Awesome Reader! Bronte 5th grader, Corbin Beam, has earned 450 AR (Accelerated Reader) points already this year! For a reward, his reading teacher, Mrs. Coalson, took him out for pizza.

Bureau President John Ross Copeland said.

"Texas Farm Bureau offers these scholarships to help the next generation as they continue their education," John Ross said. "We know college can be expensive, and this is our way to help our member families and future leaders."

John Ross noted TFB and county Farm Bureaus across the state collectively give more than \$180,000 in scholarships each year.

In memory of former TFB President S.M. True Jr., a \$20,000 scholarship was established for college students who have declared agriculture as their major and have at least 60 hours of college credit.

The Dick Mitchell Scholarship awards \$1,000 to one high school junior or senior who attended TFB's Youth Leadership Conference in Stephenville during the summer. Collegiate and high school students who would like to pursue a career in agriculture are encouraged to apply for TFB's Young Farmer and Rancher scholarship. Memorial and district scholarships are also available.

"We encourage all high school and college students in Coke County to check out the scholarships and apply," John Ross said.

Application requirements are detailed on the scholarship page under the "Youth and Education" section of texasfarmbureau.org.

For more information on local scholarships that are available through TFB, visit the Coke County Farm Bureau.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 20.

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.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee ISD posts Board minutes

The Robert Lee Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, January 22, 2015.

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

FCCLA members presented the Board with a meal for Board Appreciation Month prior to

the meeting.

At 7:04 pm, the meeting was called to order by President Washam with a quorum of members present.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Wes Washam.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2014, seconded by George Grim. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recognized the Board Members for Board Appreciation Month and presented them with certificates.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the financial reports given by Robin Allen and to approve the bills, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

David O'Dell gave the high school report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 108 and attendance rate was 96.3% for the month of December. Supt. Hood gave the elementary principals report; elementary enrollment for December was 155 students and 94.5% attendance rate.

Supt. Hood recommended signing the Shared Service Agreement with Fairview Alternative Education Co-op for 2015-2016 school year. Beverly Sinclair made the motion to approve this recommendation, seconded by George Grim. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended adopting the TASB Policy Update 101 as presented. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 9

Biscuit, scrambled eggs, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 10

Cinnamon roll, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 11

Apple strudel, string cheese, juice, milk

Thursday, February 12

Pancake wrap, yogurt, juice, milk

Friday, February 13

Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 9

Pizza sticks, spaghetti sauce, baby carrots, ranch, salad, apple slices, cookie, milk

Tuesday, February 10

Fish strips, pinto beans, coleslaw, baby carrots, ranch, orange, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday, February 11

Popcorn chicken, corn, cream potatoes, gravy, roll, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk

Thursday, February 12

Baked potato w/ham & cheese, corn, snowball salad, roll, milk

Friday, February 13

Hamburger, garnish, veggie cup, French fries, mixed fruit, milk

Supt. Hood recommended signing the Order of Election for Board of Trustee election on May 9, 2015. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the Order of Election, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers, Budget Update, School Housing, and Team of Eight Training.

The Board went into closed session at 7:40 pm and reconvened into open session at 8 pm.

Beverly Sinclair made a motion, seconded by George Grim, to extend Dr. Hood's contract one year with a 3% raise plus \$5,000 increase in overage. All voted for.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2015, at 5 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Fire Department Notes

By Mark Sides

The RLVFD is taking donations for one of our own, and his new loving family that this community has just been blessed with: Houston McGuire, Becca McGuire and their two brand new sons (Hudson Dean McGuire) and (Wesson Slade McGuire). These two new sons came into this world earlier than expected, and they are having to stay at the St David's Hospital in Austin, Texas.

We are trying to help with fuel cost, room cost, and medical expenses for these new Coke County boys and their parents. Any donation would be greatly appreciated, and can be given to any RLVFD Firefighter or at the Robert Lee City Hall. Let's keep this family in our prayers, and

get them home to start their new life in Coke County.

Fire season is already here. Wildfires have burnt several thousand acres across Oklahoma, and nearly forced evacuations. Locally, vegetation in pastures, roadsides, and other areas is fully cured and just

waiting to ignite.

The RLVFD urges homeowners to keep areas near homes, outbuildings, and fuel tanks mowed and free of debris. Prune up trees and shrubs that are in contact with any structure or that extend over the roof.

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SALES

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 5193

Will be having a booth sale Saturday, February 7 from 9 am-3pm at the First National Bank in Bronte.

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HUGE GARAGE SALE

8am-5pm Saturday, February 7 at the Northwest corner of Wood and Hwy 158 in Bronte. Clothes, furniture, tools, etc.

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NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY ELIDA MINJAREZ REYES, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY ELIDA MINJAREZ REYES were issued on January 26, 2015, in Cause No. PR 1401812 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to: ROBERT REYES, JR. AND SALLY A. GLORIA

The residence of each Co-Executor is Coke County, Texas. The mailing address of each Co-Executor is:

ROBERT REYES, JR. and SALLY A. GLORIA

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED January 26, 2015.

NANCY FIREBAUGH ARTHUR

Attorney for the Estate

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Construction Board of Adjustments And Appeals will hold a public

meeting on October 25, 2011 at the Robert Lee City Hall at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss condemning property in the Robert Lee City Limits.

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ROBERT LEE ISD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

Application for candidates to 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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... Daddy Date Night

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camera to take a group phot 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).

... Youth Hunt

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Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday of the January hunt was provided by

Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

Sunrise sandwich or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 13

Breakfast burrito or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 9

Elm Creek Village of Lake Ivie, and lunch was provided by Concho Park Marina, of Lake Ivie. After the evening hunt, a taco soup and sausage meal was served by Debra Halfmann of Lake Ivie. Once again, soft drinks and snacks made available by David and Vicki Stewart of Rockwood, and of course those homemade cookies by Noreen Jamison. Great food!!!

At both events, Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens Lane Pickney of Rannels County and Norman Terry of Coleman County gavevery informative programs which included a wide spectrum of issues including game laws, safety issues, a Q&A session and work related stories.

Those assisting as guides on the hunts where Tom and Mary Ann Evans of Lake Ivie, Kristen and

Texas combo basket, charro beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Tuesday, February 10

Philly cheese steak sandwich, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 11

Toasted ham & cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots, ranch, fruit cup, milk

Thursday, February 12

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, garden salad, savory green beans, apple slices, crispy cereal treat, milk

Friday, February 13

Chicken fajita salad, salsa, seasoned corn, baby carrots, ranch, sliced peaches, milk

Kurt Wankowski of Doole, Mark Halfmann of San Angelo, and Michael, Joel, Kelsey, and Heather of the children's home.

Deer corn was provided by Coleman Grain Inc. of Coleman, Shopping Basket (IGA) of Ballinger, and Ballinger Feed and Seed of Ballinger, Texas. The use of corn is a great asset, as it allows the young hunters a greater opportunity to observe wildlife and harvest a deer.

... RLVFD Notes

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Make sure that your driveway is accessible for fire trucks and other emergency vehicles. Plan ahead, and be ready in case you have to evacuate.

Above all, be careful with any outdoor activity that could start a wildfire.

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Colorado River Municipal Water District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for following position:

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A Texas Goodbye

[Editor's Note: Texas Governor Greg Abbott proclaimed this week that February 2 is Chris Kyle Day in honor of Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle. A native Texan and Navy SEAL who served four tours in Iraq, Kyle is recognized as the most lethal sniper in United States military history. I do not know who is responsible for the article below. It was sent in an email to me this week. Ordinarily, I will not print an anonymous letter. However, this one reveals the true Texas spirit of love, compassion, and honor. If you have not seen the movie American Sniper, I urge you to take the time. It is worth the effort.]

This is why America will remain strong. We take care of our own as well as others who may not deserve taking care of. I just wanted to share with you all that out of a horrible tragedy we were blessed by so many people.

Chris Kyle was Derek's teammate through 10 years of training and battle. They both suffer/suffered from PTSD to some extent and took great care of each other because of it.

2006 in Ramadi was horrible for young men that never had any more aggressive physical contact with another human than on a Texas football field.

They lost many friends. Chris became the armed services number #1 sniper of all time. Not something he was happy about, other than the fact that in so doing, he saved a lot of American lives.

Three years ago, his wife Taya asked him to leave the SEAL teams as he had a huge bounty on his head by Al Qaeda. He did and wrote the book "The American Sniper." 100% of the proceeds from the book went to two of the SEAL families who had lost their sons in Iraq.

That was the kind of guy Chris was. He formed a company in Dallas to train military, police and I think firemen as far as protecting themselves in difficult situations. He also formed a foundation to work with military people suffering from PTSD. Chris was a giver not a taker.

He, along with a friend and neighbor, Chad Littlefield, were murdered trying to help a young man that had served six months in Iraq and claimed to have PTSD.

Now I need to tell you about all of the blessings.

Southwest Airlines flew in any SEAL and their family from any airport they flew into free of charge.

The employees donated buddy passes and one lady worked for four days without much of a break to see that it happened.

Volunteers were at both airports in Dallas to drive them to the hotel.

The Marriott Hotel reduced their rates to \$45 a night and cleared the hotel for only SEALs and family.

The Midlothian, TX Police Department paid the \$45 a night for each room. I would guess there were about 200 people staying at the hotel, 100 of them

were SEALs. Two large buses were chartered (an unknown donor paid the bill) to transport people to the different events and they also had a few rental cars (donated). The police and secret service were on duty 24 hours during the stay at our hotel.

At the Kyle house, the Texas DPS parked a large motor home in front to block the view from reporters. It remained there the entire five days for the SEALs to congregate in and all to use the restroom so as not to have to go in the house. Taya, their two small children and both sets of parents were staying in the home.

Only a hand full of SEALs went into the home as they had different duties and meetings were held sometimes on a hourly basis. It was a huge coordination of many different events and security. Derek was assigned to be a Pall Bearer, to escort Chris' body when it was transferred from the Midlothian Funeral Home to the Arlington Funeral Home, and to be with Taya. A tough job.

Taya seldom came out of her bedroom. The house was full with people from the church and other family members that would come each day to help. I spent one morning in a bedroom with Chris' mom and the next morning with Chad Littlefield's parents (the other man murdered with Chris). A tough job.

George W Bush and his wife Laura met and talked to everyone on the Seal Team one on one. They went behind closed doors with Taya for quite a while. They had prayer with us all. You can tell when people were sincere and caring

Nolan Ryan sent his cooking team, a huge grill and lots of steaks, chicken and hamburgers. They set up in the front yard and fed people all day long including the 200 SEALs and their families. The next day a local BBQ restaurant set up a buffet in front of the house and fed all once again. Food was plentiful and all were taken care of. The family's church kept those inside the house well fed.

Jerry Jones, the man everyone loves to hate, was a rock star. He made sure that we all were taken

care of. His wife and he were just making sure everyone was taken care of...Class... He donated the use of Cowboy Stadium for the services as it was determined that so many wanted to attend.

The charter buses transported us to the stadium on Monday at 10:30 am. Every car, bus, motorcycle was searched with bomb dogs and police. I am not sure if kooks were making threats trying to make a name for themselves or if so many SEALs in one place was a security risk, I don't know. We willingly obliged. No purses went into the stadium!

We were taken to The Legends room high up and a large buffet was available. That was for about 300 people. We were growing.

A Medal of Honor recipient was there, lots of secret service and police and Sarah Palin and her husband. She looked nice; this was a very formal military service.

The service started at 1:00 pm and when we were escorted onto the field I was shocked. We heard that about 10,000 people had come to attend also. They were seated in the stadium seats behind us. It was a beautiful and emotional service.

The Bagpipe and drum corps were wonderful and the Texas A&M men's choir stood through the entire service and sang right at the end. We were all in tears.

The next day was the 200-mile procession from Midlothian, TX to Austin for burial. It was a cold, drizzly, windy day, but the people were out. We had dozens of police motorcycles riders, freedom riders, five chartered buses and lots of cars. You had to have a pass to be in the procession and still it was huge. Two helicopters circled the procession with snipers sitting out the side door for protection. It was the longest funeral procession ever in the state of Texas. People were everywhere. The entire route was shut down ahead of us, the people were lined up on the side of the road the entire way. Firemen were down on one knee, police officers were holding their hats over their

hearts, children waving flags, veterans saluting as we went by. Every bridge had fire trucks with large flags displayed from their tall ladders, people all along the entire 200 miles were standing in the cold weather. It was so heartwarming. Taya rode in the hearse with Chris' body so Derek rode the route with us. I was so grateful to have that time with him.

The service was at Texas National Cemetery. Very few are buried there and you have to apply to get in. It is like people from the Civil War, Medal of Honor winners, a few from the Alamo and all the historical people of Texas. It was a nice service and the Freedom Riders surrounded the outside of the entire cemetery to keep the crazy church people from Kansas that protest at military funerals away from us.

Each SEAL put his Trident (metal SEAL badge) on the top of Chris' casket, one at a time. A lot hit it in with one blow. Derek was the only one to take four taps to put his in and it was almost like he

was caressing it as he did it. Another tearful moment.

After the service Governor Rick Perry and his wife, Anita, invited us to the governor's mansion. She stood at the door, greeted each of us individually, and gave each of the SEALs a coin of Texas. She was a sincere, compassionate, and gracious hostess.

We were able to tour the ground floor and then went into the garden for beverages and BBQ. So many of the Seal team guys said that after they get out they are moving to Texas. They remarked that they had never felt so much love and hospitality. The charter buses then took the guys to the airport to catch their returning flights. Derek just now called and after a 20 hours flight he is back in his spot, in a dangerous land on the other side of the world, protecting America.

We just wanted to share with you, the events of a quite emotional, but blessed week.

To this day, no one in the White House has ever acknowledged Chris Kyle.



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