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Daddy-Daughter Date Night set for Saturday

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 will be available at the door.

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

Local Government Entity election filing period ends February 27

Filing for a place on the ballot in the May 9, 2015, local government entity election ends Friday, 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. As of presstime, only one application has been returned. Leroy Casey has filed for the unexpired term for mayor.

The City of Bronte will need to fill three seats currently held by Misti Bedford, Paula McWright and Jodie Arrott. As of presstime, only one application has been returned. Jodie Arrott has filed for the unexpired term for council.

East Coke County Hospital District will have to fill two 2 year terms currently held by Gina McCutchen and Lee Wommack. As of presstime, no applications have been returned.

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

Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

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. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

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. As of presstime, no applications have been returned.

Free Movie Night set for Mountain Creek

Mountain Creek Cinema is hosting the February Community Movie Night

Featuring "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day". The movie will be shown Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 7 pm at the Coke County Park Pavilion in Robert Lee.

A concession stand, sponsored by Vision with a Purpose, will be available.

Debbie and Gaylon Childers have graciously sponsored this month's movie and therefore, it is free to the public.

In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown in the large Rec Hall, adjacent to the Park Pavilion. For more information, go to Mountain Creek Cinema's Facebook page.

Bronte Community Meeting slated for March

A "Community Brainstorming Meeting" will be held Monday, March 30, 2015, in the Williams Building in downtown Bronte. The meeting is open to all community members who would like to attend.

The goal of this meeting is to review Bronte's strengths while identifying possible areas of weakness, and to brainstorm ideas which will culminate into a cohesive strategy for future planning. In other words - where do you want Bronte to be in 5 years, and what steps need to be taken to get there?

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas of what they hope Bronte will look like in 2020. They will also have the opportunity to share their answers to the following questions.

What is unique about Bronte?
 What needs does our community need to meet which



Car Fire! On Saturday, February 14, 2015, the gray Kia Sedona caught fire and was destroyed a few miles south of Bronte. Assisting the travelers from the Dallas area were Bronte Volunteer Fire Department members Martin DeLaGarza, Kolby Lee and Bryan Swecker. Also assisting was Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Russell Johnson.



aren't being met currently?

What is your one wish for Bronte?

Representatives of the local Chamber, Bronte Economic Development Council, city, county, and school will be among those attending. Ideally, local business property owners will also benefit from this exchange of information and ideas, as there are a number of new Bronte business owners who are heavily invested in the future of Bronte.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with refreshments. The meeting is set for 6:30 pm.

Winter's Rock Hotel to remember our fallen

The War on Terror, Fallen Heroes of Texas Memorial Wall will be displayed in the Rock Hotel Museum in Winters February 28 through March 9, 2015. A grand opening ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, March 1, at 2 pm. The museum will be open from 10 am to 4 pm Mondays through Saturdays and from 1 pm to 4 pm on Sundays.

This wall of photographs,

memorabilia and stories spans fighting the War on Terror. 100 feet and is dedicated to those The Rock Hotel is located at 300 W. Dale in Winters. Texans who have fallen while

Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court
9 am Tuesday
February 24, 2015
Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse

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Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose update

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose met January 8 at Victory Assembly of God Church. Election of officers was the primary order of business. Those elected for the year of 2015 are: President Debbie Childers; Vice President Janie Munoz; Secretary Grace Todacheeny; Treasurer Crystal Stanford; Reporter Dianne Hefner; Parliamentarian Sheri Millican; Photographer Leta Caston; Sargent of Arms Marshall Millican. Floyd Pettit was elected Planning Commissioner, a newly elected position.

Vision with a Purpose met February 5 at Victory Assembly of God Church to announce various awards.

Christmas decoration for commercial groups were: Coke County Hardware, 1; This N' That Antique Shop, 2; B's Blossoms & Bloom, 3; Vision with a Purpose, Honorable mention.

Christmas decorations for residents were: The Huapilla family, 1; The Lee family, 2; The Olquin family, 3.

The first place winner for Organizations was the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Dept.

Awards were presented to the following VP members: The "Whoo Hoo" Award for Excellence of "Heart"work, Grace Todacheeny; Outstanding Treasurer from 2011-2014, Noel Tinkler; Post Humous Allen Wilson Lifetime Achievement Award, Marshall Millican. MVP, Nancy Wilson for going the extra mile.

Red Canyon Gun Club posts results

Red Canyon Gun Club celebrates 30 years of a N.R.A. certified rifle club in 2015.

The club has sponsored 4H shooting sports for Coke County as well as approved NRA Rifle and Pistol matches for most of the 30 years. Currently the club holds NRA Rifle and Pistol matches on the first Saturday of each month January thru December.

The results of the February 7 matches are as follows:

Big Bore lever action rifle match: Charles Hensley of Ballinger, 1 J.D. Stoddard of Lawn, 2; Deryk Pocock of Ovala, 3.

A Class: Ken Osmond of Tuscola, 1; Gary Hicks of Tuscola, 2; John Parman of San Angelo, 3.

Small Bore 22 lever action rifle: Deryk Pocock, 1; Charles Hensley, 2; Terry Arthur of San Angelo, 3.

A Class: John Parman, 1; Gary Hicks, 2.

The small bore pistol match was a shoot out from the first shot to the last shot by two master class shooters. Richard Johnson and Howard Droll of San Angelo at the end of the 40 shot match the score was tied. The match was decided with a shoot off on the 75 meter turkeys. After 5 shots Howard took the high overall by one hit putting Richard in 2nd place. Terry Ashton took 3rd.

Richey named as A&M Distinguished Student

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the fall semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

Heath Richey was named a Texas A&M Distinguished



BHRC Valentine Royalty! A Valentine's Day King and Queen were crowned during the Valentine's Day Celebration at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

Student. He is working toward his Bachelor of Science degree in Rangeland Ecology and Management. To be recognized as a "Distinguished Student," must have earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at least 15 hours for the fall semester.

Come As You Are

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

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 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
 Russ Frasier, Preacher

Area Churches
 Invite You to Worship

Bronte
 Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 #118 S. Jefferson #Bronte
 (325) 473-3291
 Preacher John V. Driggers
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin #Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship

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
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 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 #12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
 www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 #9th & Austin
 (325) 453-2621 Robert Lee, Dennis Clark, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship,
 Wednesday 1 pm Ladies Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 #1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 #9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee # (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel
 101 Houston #Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am #Sunday School
 11 am Service #Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 #8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
 Jordan Arnold, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne #Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 #22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724

Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
Tennyson
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 #Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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 Robert Lee Rec Hall
 Tickets will be available
 at the door.
 \$30/couple
 \$5 for additional child
 Grades Pre-k thru 6th

Texas Midwest Day held at State Capitol in Austin

More than 100 people representing rural cities in the Texas Midwest region were in Austin on Feb. 3rd and participated in "Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol". Participants from Bronte included City Secretary Tammy Thorn and her daughter, Kellie.

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) sponsored its eleventh biennial visit to the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. Highlights of the day included briefings by Jon Schnautz, Deputy General Counsel/Senior Policy Adviser and Brady Frank, Senior Budget and Policy Advisor with Speaker Joe Straus' Office and Drew DeBerry, Policy Director for Governor Greg Abbott. The delegation participated in a photo session on the floor of the House of Representatives, visited TMCN's lawmaker offices, and attended an evening reception at the Austin Club sponsored jointly by TMCN, the Brownwood Chamber of

Commerce and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

"Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity for community leaders from our region to meet face-to-face contact with the lawmakers and their staff who represent us in Austin," says TMCN President Virden (Ballinger). "Our presence provides a unified voice of the issues and challenges facing our rural West Central Texas communities—specifically water and transportation."

Texas Midwest Community Network is a 51 community regional organization covering 31 counties which represents 12% of all the counties in the state and a population of more than a half million people, equal to the 7th largest city in the state.

State Senators for TMCN include Troy Fraser-Dist. 24, Charles Perry-Dist. 28 and Craig Estes-Dist. 30. State Representatives include Andrew Murr-Dist. 53, J.D. Sheffield-



Dist. 59, Jim Keffer-Dist. 60, Drew Springer-Dist. 68, James Frank-Dist. 69, Susan King-Dist. 71, Drew Darby-Dist. 72, and Dustin Burrows-Dist. 83.

TMCN 51 member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte,

Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Graham, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Jacksboro, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star,

Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Strawn, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

The accompanying photo is courtesy of Representative Susan King and Senator Charles Perry.

Solution available for unwanted items

The Bronte and Robert Lee Convenience Centers are the solution when local residents need to dispose of old mattresses, furniture and appliances.

The Convenience Centers are FREE for anyone in the county to use. The Cities of Bronte and Robert Lee are working hard to help reduce unwanted waste on county roadways and area properties.

Help keep our county clean by disposing of unwanted items appropriately.

The Bronte Convenience Center is located at the corner of North Washington and West Jackson and is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8 am until 12 noon. For more information, contact Bronte City Hall at 473-3501.

The Robert Lee Convenience Center is located at 101 West 1st Street, Fern Haven Park, and is open during the winter on the first Saturday of each month from 8 am to 12 noon. For more information, contact Robert Lee City Hall at 453-2831.

Local Judge attends seminar in San Antonio

Judge Grady Coulter was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held February 3-6, 2015, in San Antonio, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as deferred disposition & D.S.C., juvenile criminal cases, failure to attend school cases, enforcement of civil judgments,

tenants' remedies, occupational driver licenses, mental health, commercial motor vehicle offenses, debt claim cases, specialized eviction issues, the justice of the peace's role in preventing DWI offenses, child welfare and disabilities, legal research, inquests, magistration, and enforcing criminal judgments.

TSCRA Statement on Withdrawal of EPA Interpretive Water Rule

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association recently made the following statement after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers issued a memorandum withdrawing their Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) interpretive rule.

"While I am pleased the EPA withdrew this component of their flawed water rule proposal, it doesn't address the overall issue and it actually wasn't their decision to take this action," said Pete Bonds, TSCRA President. "Instead, Congress had to pass a bill and force their hand to scrap this small part of the larger overreaching EPA water rule proposal.

"Ranchers and landowners across the country continue to speak loud and clear in opposition to EPA's attempt to control every drop of water on their land. I am disappointed that the agency continues to ignore the concerns of those who work extremely hard to feed our country.

"TSCRA applauds Congressional leaders for their continued efforts to rein in the EPA, and we appreciate the many cattle raisers and landowners who continue calling their elected officials to voice their concerns.

"This decision is a step forward; however, we still have our work cut out for us. There is

no doubt that the EPA will continue full force ahead to implement their larger water rule proposal. We must continue to be diligent and work to stop

them from implementing rules that create onerous government regulations that take away ranchers' and landowners' private property rights.

"TSCRA will continue striving to make sure rules harmful to cattle raisers and landowners are not implemented."

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Longhorns head to playoffs

The Bronte Longhorns faced off against the Robert Lee Steers on the basketball court and came out with a win, 34-29.

Statistics include: Josh Puentez 14 points, 3 steals; Ean Ward 8 points, 8 rebounds; Ryan Jones and Tanner Bedford 3 points; and Jared Scott, Lance Burns, and Shawn Puentez each with 2 points.

The Longhorns next faced the

Sterling City Eagles and won again, 57-30.

Statistics include: Lance Burns 15 points; Josh Puentez 12 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists; Ean Ward 9 points, 8 rebounds; Diego Perez 9 points, 6 rebounds; Jared Scott 4 points, 4 rebounds; Shawn Puentez 2 points and 4 assists; Ryan Jones 2 points and 4 rebounds; and Carson Kelso and Tanner Bedford both with 2 points.

The Longhorns will face Leuders-Avoca in the next round of the playoffs on Tuesday, February 24. The location and time of the game were unavailable at press time.

Bronte JV Longhorns post 2 wins

The Bronte JV Longhorns faced off against the Robert Lee Steers on the basketball court and brought home the win, 31-8.

Points scored were: Samuel Dominguez, 6; Kaleb Turner, 5; Justin Reed and Emmanuel Casillas, 4; Tristan Sullivan and Ismael Cecilio, 3; and Zach Jackson, Isaiah Ornelaz and Jaxon Chantrill, 2.

The JV Horns then faced the Sterling City Eagles and scored another win, 48-24.

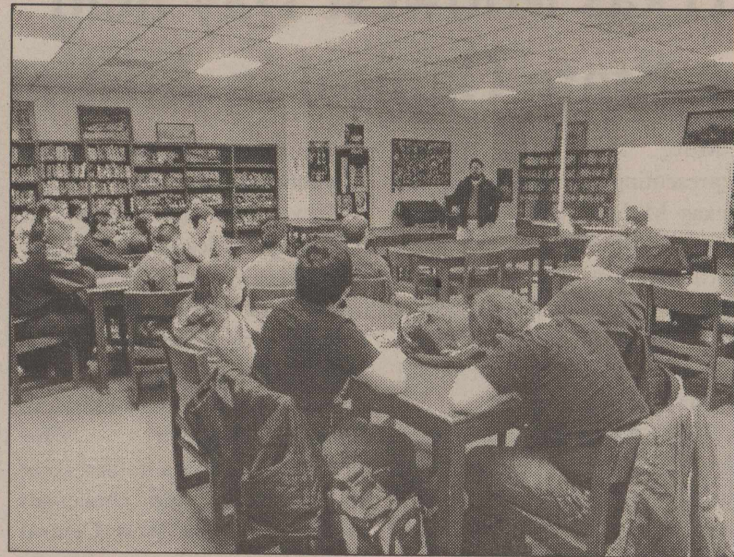
Points scored were: Jaxon Chantrill, 16 Emmanuel

Casillas, 10; Samuel Dominguez and Justin Reed, 8 and Aaron Cervenka and Kaleb Turner, 3.

ACT Prep Workshop set for March 3

There will be an ACT prep workshop at Anson High School on Tuesday, March 3rd from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM for any interested Bronte High School students to attend. Transportation will be provided by BHS. The cost of the workshop is \$30.00 and cash or a check made out to Bronte ISD must be turned into the high school office on or by Friday, February 27th.

This workshop covers general ideas about the ACT test as a whole and the individual sections of English (including what the test-makers are looking for and the relevant English rules needed for the test), Math (including exactly what formulas and rules you will need to answer virtually every question), Reading (including three strategies on how to best take the reading comprehension section), and Science (including common question types and strategies to understand and beat the science reasoning section). For more information on the workshop, please visit www.chadcargill.com.



BHS receives ASVAB Results! Bronte High School juniors took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) last fall and recently received their results. The ASVAB test provides the students with not only a military entrance score but provides a career assessment that indicates areas of aptitude for certain careers. Staff Sgt. Gonzales and Staff Sgt. Newsome of the U.S. Army, visited with the juniors to go over their scores and their career assessment results.

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.

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 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.

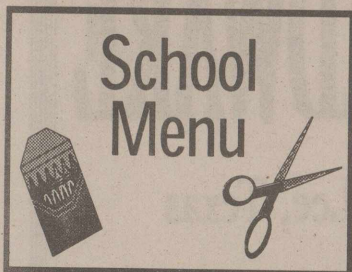
The Dick Mitchell Scholarship awards \$1,000 to one high school junior or senior who attended TFB's Youth Leadership Conference in Stephenville during the summer. Collegiate and high school students who would like to pursue a career in agriculture are encouraged to apply for TFB's Young Farmer and Rancher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



Breakfast

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

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

Lunch

Monday, February 23

Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, garden salad, applesauce, salsa, milk

Tuesday, February 24

Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, gravy, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 25

Chicken spaghetti, California blend, garden salad, breadsticks, apple slices, milk

Thursday, February 26

Soft beef tacos, baby carrots, seasoned corn, salsa, orange smiles, milk

Friday, February 27

Popcorn chicken, roll, sweet potato fries, cucumbers, sliced peaches, milk



Shahan Guevara Decker Arrott

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Lady Steers clinch playoff spot

The Robert Lee Lady Steers defeated the Bronte Lady Longhorns last week 43-34 to secure a spot in the playoffs.

Leading the way against Bronte was Brady Clawson with 15 points and 18 rebounds. Mariah Munoz scored 11 points and 6 rebounds. Pammy Meeks had 8 points and 8 rebounds. Kiara Burns added 5 points, with Karlee Roach and Justice Saucedo chipping in 2 points each.

They finished in second place in district play behind the Garden City Lady Bearkats. Their season record is 18-7 and the district record was 10-4.

Members of the varsity team are: Justice Saucedo, Sandra Flores, Mariah Munoz, Anna Huapilla, Karlee Roach, Brady Clawson, Kodi Drennan, Kiara Burns, and Pammy Meeks.

At presstime, the Lady Steers were ready to face Jayton in the Bi-district playoffs at Hermleigh at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Robert Lee Elementary 4th 6 week awards

A Honor Roll

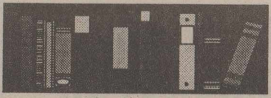
1st Grade

Dalton Abalos, Eli Bradshaw, Carter Fluhmann, Max Garcia, Olivia Gregston, Alec Henson, Brennen Hood, Kallie Kohutek, Maci Lee, Dylan Perry, Kylen Pitcock, Karmen Radloff, Nathaniel Samaniego, Lillian Wyatt

2nd Grade

Gage Allen, Zachary Avants, Melinda Franklin Paiz, Khadie Kohutek, Denver O'Dell, Carlos Olguin, Rhett Rangel, Kendra Ridings, Braxton Wright

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, February 23

Cheese omelet wrap, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 24

Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 25

Sausage roll, yogurt, juice, milk

Thursday, February 26

Waffle, sausage, juice, milk

Friday, February 27

Ultimate breakfast round, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 23

Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, salad, applesauce, salsa, milk

Tuesday, February 24

Country fried steak, cream potatoes, green beans, roll, gravy, strawberries, milk

Wednesday, February 25

Soft beef tacos, baby carrots, ranch, corn, salsa, orange, milk

Thursday, February 26

Popcorn chicken, cucumbers, French fries, peaches, roll, milk

Friday, February 27

Pepperoni pizza, salad, broccoli, apple slices, milk

3rd Grade

Abigail Arthur, Caitlyn Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Quentin Immel, Brody Pitcock, Judah Smith

4th Grade

Cambreigh Fluhmann, Kristen Moreno, Roxana Rangel

5th Grade

Zane Avants, Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood, McKenzee Puentez

A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade

Dennis Bagby, Noah Garcia, Dinah Gonzales, Edward Samaniego, Kaden Wright

2nd Grade

Cloey Baker, Noah Gonzales, Jose Heredia, Christian Higgins, Clayton Huffaker, Kailan Pogue, Ryen White

3rd Grade

Jaclyn Broadbent, Tristan Grantham, Jason Jowers, Cloe Minjarez, Canyon Moran, Zoey Nichols, Jimma Richardson, Trenson Smith

4th Grade

Ryan Mendoza, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksiuk, Ethan Perry, Brooke Smith

5th Grade

Gavin Freeman, Aubrey Nichols, Caleb Smith, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

6th Grade

Rachelle Arthur, Emma Brewer, Mason Fowler, Trenton Galvan, Zoie Posas, Hemma Rangel, Harlee Richardson, Mikayla Rodriguez, Casey Skipworth, Adison Thomas, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno, Elizabeth Weaver, Jasmine Williams

Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten

Joshua Garcez, Sarah Garcez, Conner Garcia, Alyssa Landeros, Chris Lofton, Eduardo Ureno

1st Grade

Dennis Bagby, Eli Bradshaw, Max Garcia, Noah Garcia, Aubrey Lofton, Karmen Radloff, Edward Samaniego

2nd Grade

Zachary Avants, Brewer Hood, Clayton Huffaker, Denver

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O'Dell, Carlos Olguin, Kendra Ridings, Ryen White, Braxton Wright

3rd Grade

Aden Burns, Caitlyn Cerritos, Jason Jowers, Canyon Moran, Brody Pitcock, Jimma Richardson, Trenton Smith

4th Grade

Kailey Bradshaw, Alex Munoz, Roxana Rangel

5th Grade

Reaghan Bohannon, Gavin Freeman, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, Ian Paredes, McKenzee Puentez, Caleb Smith, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

6th Grade

Arianna Gizzi, Hemma Rangel, Mikayla Rodriguez, Casey Skipworth, Adison Thomas, Dayden Thomas



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Applications can be picked up at the Auditor's Office in the Coke County Courthouse, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

Applications need to be received by Monday, March 2, 2015 at the Auditor's Office in Robert Lee, Texas.

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Would like to thank everyone for the kindness you have expressed during the last week.

All the cards, food, phone calls, visits, hugs, prayers and all the acts of love that have been shown are so appreciated.

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The East Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 9, 2015 Election. Two Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between February 17, 2015 and February 27, 2015. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center during normal business hours, 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions addressed to Fran Sonnenberg, Filing Officer.

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USDA Announces Funding for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects

Agricultural producers and rural small business owners can now apply for resources to purchase and install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements. These efforts help farmers, ranchers and other small business owners save money on their energy bills, reduce America's dependence on foreign oil, support America's clean energy economy, and cut carbon pollution. The resources announced are made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"Developing renewable energy presents an enormous economic opportunity for rural America," Tom Vilsack, Agriculture

Secretary, said. "The funding we are making available will help farmers, ranchers, business owners, tribal organizations and other entities incorporate renewable energy and energy efficiency technology into their operations. Doing so can help a business reduce energy use and costs while improving its bottom line. While saving producers money and creating jobs, these investments reduce dependence on foreign oil and cut carbon pollution as well."

USDA is making more than \$280 million available to eligible applicants through the Rural Energy for America Program (<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency>). Application deadlines vary by project type and the type of assistance requested. Details on how to apply are on page 78029 of the December 29, 2014 Federal Register (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29/pdf/2014-30184.pdf>) or are available by contacting the USDA Renewable Energy Coordinator in Texas, Billy Curb, at billy.curb@tx.usda.gov, or call 254-742-9775 for more information.

USDA is offering grants for up to 25 percent of total project costs and loan guarantees for up to 75 percent of total project costs for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. The REAP application window has been expanded. USDA will now accept and review loan and grant applications year-round.

Eligible renewable energy projects must incorporate commercially available technology. This includes

renewable energy from wind, solar, ocean, small hydropower, hydrogen, geothermal and renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters). The maximum grant amount is \$500,000, and the maximum loan amount is \$25 million per applicant.

Energy efficiency improvement projects eligible for REAP funding include lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, fans, automated controls and insulation upgrades that reduce energy consumption. The maximum grant amount is \$250,000, and the maximum loan amount is \$25 million per applicant.

USDA is offering a second type of grant to support organizations that help farmers, ranchers and small businesses conduct energy audits and operate renewable energy projects. Eligible applicants include: units of state, tribal or local governments; colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning; rural electric cooperatives and public power entities, and conservation and development districts. The maximum grant is \$100,000. Applications for these particular grants have been available since December 29 of last year and are due February 12.

The REAP program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill. Because of the success of the program, Congress reauthorized it in the 2014 Farm Bill with guaranteed funding of no less than \$50 million in annual funding for the duration of the 5 year bill. The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years while achieving meaningful reform and billions

of dollars in savings for taxpayers.

Since 2009, USDA has awarded \$545 million for more than 8,800 REAP projects nationwide. This includes \$361 million in REAP grants and loans for more than 2,900 renewable energy systems. When fully operational, these systems are expected to generate more than 6 billion kilowatt hours annually - enough to power more than 5.5 million homes for a year.

In late 2014, owners of K&J Woodworks, LC in Umland, Texas, used REAP funding to install a photovoltaic solar system. The system was completely installed and fully operational on December 5, 2014. Even though the month was cloudy and overcast, the system still produced 1,511 kWh of solar electricity and saved the business approximately \$220 during the billing cycle.

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.

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Nutritional Value Lacking from Proposed Dietary Guidelines

By: Claudia Scott Wright, TSCRA Director and Association Promotion Committee Chair

Every five years the United States Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services joint Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) is charged with revising Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

In December 2014, the DGAC held a closed door meeting and approved the elimination of nutrient dense lean meat from their proposed healthy diet recommendations. The lack of transparency in this meeting concerns me and leads me to believe this decision wasn't made with sound science.

As a mother, cancer survivor and fourth generation cattle rancher, I am appalled by the federal government's seemingly all-out war on the meat industry.

In fact, the suggestion of removing meat from the dietary

guidelines only encourages Americans to make poor diet choices by excluding a great source of protein and vitamins from their meals.

While the DGAC has proposed removal of all meat from their suggested diet, as a cattle rancher I can tell you first-hand about the many health benefits of implementing beef into your diet.

Beef provides an extremely important source of protein for those who eat it. A 3 ounce serving of lean beef provides 51 percent of the daily value for protein. Including protein at the center of your plate will help you manage your weight, retain muscle mass, lower your risk for heart disease, improve blood sugars and make your bones stronger. The protein in beef helps you maintain a healthy metabolism and adding it to your meals can make you feel satisfied longer.

Additionally, beef is one of the most nutrient rich food products because it packs a powerhouse of essential vitamin nutrients that benefit people of all ages. It provides an excellent source of

zinc, vitamins B12 and B6, selenium, phosphorus, niacin, choline, iron and riboflavin. These resources help provide a healthy body that will give you energy throughout the day.

Some schools across the country have decided to practice "meatless Mondays," therefore removing meat from school lunches every Monday. The USDA has also supported this initiative in the past. In my opinion, this is not the way to start off a kid's week and I have many concerns with the trend of removing meat from meals.

It is crucial for young children to receive a sufficient amount of protein and nutrients. I remember when my daughter was younger; I made sure she had meat implemented into her diet. I knew including this important food source would provide the healthy resources needed to make her grow strong.

I would never suggest that vegetables be removed from a person's diet, so why should anyone suggest taking meat off the plate. I believe the five food groups of meat, vegetables, fruits, grains and dairy are essential in a person's diet and they are included for a good reason. No single food group can provide all the nutrients you need each day. Moderation and balance is key and it is what we should be teaching our kids.

Meat has always been on the menu at my house and it always will be. There is no denying the many health advantages beef and other meat and poultry sources provide for people of all

Blackwell School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 23

Chicken-n-waffles or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 24

Animal crackers and cheese stick or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 25

Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 26

Muffin & yogurt or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 27

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

Lunch

Monday, February 23

Corn dog, baked beans, crunchy broccoli, salad, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

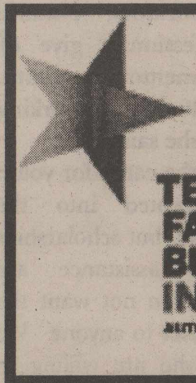
Chicken sandwich, fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk

Thursday, February 26

Chicken nuggets, garden salad, mashed potatoes, fresh grapes, breadstick, chocolate chip cookie, milk

Friday, February 27


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



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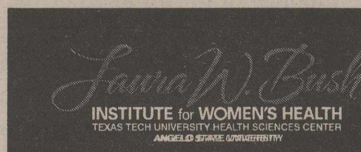
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