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## CCRTA to meet March 16

The Coke County Retired Teachers will meet Monday, March 16, 2015, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. A noon pot-luck meal and meeting will be on the agenda. All retired school personnel are invited to attend and sample the cooking and the information. During the legislative session, membership numbers carry the issues of the Retired Teachers Association forward. Active members are working for all members.

Membership payments can be made by mailing to CCRTA treasurer Janet Wommack at Box 365, Bronte, Texas 76933.

## Bronte Golf Tourney set for March 14

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person 27 hole scramble on Saturday, March 14. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, call 325-473-2156 or 432-661-3431.

## AON slates fundraiser

AON will be selling pans of Chicken Tetrizzini until April 6, 2015. Contact any AON member or you may call 325-473-1206. Orders must be paid for before April 6, 2015.

This fund raiser helps provide scholarships for seniors graduating in May 2015.

## Lunch to honor Crumpler upon her retirement

There will be a complimentary hamburger luncheon to honor Fran Crumpler upon her retirement from First National Bank in Bronte. The event will be held Friday, March 20, 2014, from 11 am to 1 pm.

Fran began her career at the bank under the tutelage of her father, the late Tuny Glenn, succeeding him as Chairman. Following the transition to a branch of the First National Bank of Sterling City, Fran served as Vice President and Branch Manager.

The community is encouraged to come wish Fran well during this special event in her honor.

## Mountain Creek Golf Tournament slated

Mountain Creek Golf Course is hosting an early bird scramble tournament on March 21. It will be a 3 person 27 hole

tournament with a shotgun start at 9 am.

For more information call 325-453-2317.

## Ranchers Workshop set for March 25

Submitted by Morgan Runyan, Texas AgriLife Agent  
The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a ranchers workshop from 6 pm to 8:30 pm Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall in the park in Robert Lee.

Topics included in the program are land leasing, cattle herd health for summer and fall, range health and a pesticide update.

"The Coke County Ranchers Workshop will be beneficial to those leasing land, landowners, producers and land managers," said Morgan Runyan, AgriLife Extension agent in Coke County. "The program topics have been tailored to help answer various questions about ranching in Coke and surrounding counties."

Speakers will include Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo; Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo; and Dr. Chase Runyan, agriculture assistant professor at Angelo State University, San Angelo.

One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit in the general category will be offered.

Individual registration is due upon arrival.

For more information call Runyan at 325-453-2461.

## Coach's Closet set for March 28

Robert Lee Baptist Church Women's Ministry Team is encouraging anyone and everyone to shop for free at the first "Coach's Closet" clothing event!

What is "Coach's Closet" you may ask? "Coach's Closet" is a clothing event where the members of RLBC and the community can come and get free clothing.

When is the event? "Coach's Closet" clothing event will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The doors will open at 10 am and will be open through 12 noon, or until clothing is gone, whichever ever comes first.

Where is the event? "Coach's Closet" will be in the fellowship



**Longhorn Band Receives Top Ratings At UIL!** The Bronte Longhorn Band received all first division ratings from all six concert and sight reading judges on Wednesday, March 4, at the Hamilton UIL Contest. This is the first time since the 90-91 school year that the band has received first divisions in two of the three UIL categories. The judges' comments were very complimentary. Concert judges gave comments such as "Very musical performance", and "nice sounds throughout", while sight reading comments were "Very musical job today" and "Good reading skills demonstrated". All sections of the band were complimented. "Nice woodwind sounds", "Nice clean percussion line", "great tuba sound", "good trumpets", "nice sounds throughout-especially nice brass sounds", and "beautiful flute solo" were some examples.

Members of the band attending the contest were Mason Aguirre, Nathan Arthur, Emily Barnett, Gabriel Basquez, Vincent Basquez, Aaron Cervenka, Jaqui Davila, Anthony Demory, Jacob Eubanks, Evan Ferguson, Kacelyn Follis, Elizabeth Galvan, Cindy Gentles, Lisa Gilbert, Hunter Hamrick, Ricky Lovelace, Hailey McKinney, Hanna McKinney, Collin Moore, Raegen Moore, Isaiah Ornelaz, Brendan Penner, Hunner Powell, Dakota Pullen, Morgan Sallee, Sarah Sanchez, Kristen Stilley, Kaitlyn Swecker, Diana Tapia, Vanessa Waasdorp, Emily Whitehurst, and Jason Woehrl.

Wayne Dannheim is the director for the Longhorn Band. He relayed how the band appreciates the support of the parents, administration, faculty and community, with great appreciation expressed for George Tomes and clinicians, James Bode, Ralph Zamarrappa, and Les Huff, and the booster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swecker, and Mrs. Eubanks attending and Mr. Huff who came to help the morning of contest. He also stated "The band could not have been as successful without Mr. Tim Edins, band director for Hamilton, allowing us to rehearse on his stage on Monday evening the week before contest."

The band is planning a spring concert and trip to Padre Island in May. Fundraising began March 10 through Red Wheel fundraising for the Padre Island trip and other expenses for the band. Individuals who are interested in going to the Howard Payne Band Camp in June will be selling World's Finest Chocolates on an individual basis to raise funds for their camp enrollment.

hall at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Where did the name "Coach's Closet" come from? The event is being dedicated to one man who gave generously to the community and to RLBC over many years. The event is named after Coach Kenneth Rasco.

Where does the clothing from? Any and everyone can bring gently used clothing items to "Coach's Closet". The Ladies Ministry Team is asking that you donate spring and summer clothing items that you no longer wear. On Thursday and Friday, before the event, all items will be placed on clothing racks or on a table and will be organized. Clothing will be accepted for men, women, children and infants. This is

clothing ONLY.

When the doors open on Saturday, March 28, every person who comes will get a plastic trash bag and they will be able to get whatever items they like or need. There is no limit. Everything is given free of charge to any individual or family, without regard to economic status.

One thing the Women's Ministry Team is asking, please do not bring anything that you would not wear. If it needs to go into the trash, put it in the trash! If the garment needs to be ironed, please iron it before you bring it. We are asking that no undergarments or shoes be donated.

When you are cleaning out your closets, think of "Coach's

Closet"! You may bring your clothing items to the church office at any time.

## Street Affair announces Logo Contest

A logo contest, sponsored by Robert Lee Street Affair, has been announced. The winning entry will be the logo to represent upcoming Street Affairs. The contest is open to all Robert Lee ISD students. The winner will receive \$100 and an official Street Affair t-shirt.

Entries must have name, address, phone number and grade on the back of the entry (drawing), allowing judges to be impartial. All entries must be received by Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

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**Barnett**

Karla Barnett, of Abilene joined her Heavenly Father on the morning of March 2, 2015, passing peacefully into the arms of the angels who carried her home.

Visitation was Friday, March 6, from 6 to 8 pm at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene. Funeral services were Saturday, March 7, beginning at 11:30 am at Trinity Baptist Church, 871 Woodlawn Dr. in Abilene, with Pastor Kevin Kennedy officiating. Graveside services followed at 2:30 pm, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte with Dale Patterson officiating. Family, friends and loved ones gathered at Central Baptist Church in Bronte immediately following

the burial. Arrangements were under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home.

Karla was born on May 8, 1960, in the Bronte Hospital to Dean and Calvin Pope. She began her nursing career at the age of 16 working as a Nurses Aide at the nursing home in Bronte, where she grew to love caring for senior citizens. She graduated from Bronte High School in 1978 and received her LVN license the following year.

Karla served her country in the United States Army and received a medical discharge. After several years of working at the San Angelo State School, she returned to Angelo State University and obtained her RN license in 1987. Karla moved to Abilene in the fall of that year and began working at Hendrick Medical Center. After several years at Hendrick, she returned to her love of seniors and was

Director of Nurses at several homes over the years. She had worked at The Oaks at Radford Hills since 2005 and was an MDS coordinator until the spring of 2013, when she returned to direct care of patients. Karla loved taking care of others and worked in the nursing field for 38 years.

Karla met and married the love of her life in 2003. She had always wanted to be a mother and God blessed Paul and Karla with a daughter, Emily, in 2005. Nothing brought more joy to Karla than Emily. They enjoyed trips to the zoo, eating ice cream together, reading stories and frequent "tickle sessions" at bedtime. When asked to help mom come up with an email address, Emily decided on "bestestmommy." Karla always put others in front of herself, never hesitating to answer the call for service day or night.

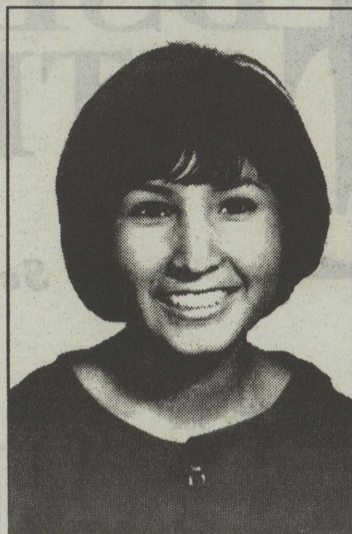
Karla is survived by her husband, Paul, daughter Emily, stepson Beau; father Calvin Pope, brother Colin Pope and wife Debbie; sister Denia Pope-McNeil and husband Dan, aunt Betty Beaver, niece Genia Biedeger and husband Neil, nephews Jason Rhodes and Merila, Kenneth Rhodes and wife Vanessa; 6 great-nieces, 2 great-nephews and a multitude of beloved cousins. Karla will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Memorials may be given to Trinity Baptist Church Mission Fund, 871 Woodlawn Dr.,

Abilene, TX 79603.

Online condolences may be submitted at [www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com).

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**Flores**

Eva Gloria Flores born June 8, 1946, went to be with the Lord on March 4, 2015.

Eva was preceded in death by her parents, Santos and Cruz Gloria, her sister, Nina Charles, and her son, Joe Flores.

Survivors include husband Antonio O. Flores of Bronte, Texas, sons Gary and wife Pam Flores of San Angelo, Texas, Johnny and wife Melanie Flores of San Angelo, Andrew Anthony Flores of San Angelo, and daughter DeAnn Nina Flores and husband Mark of San Angelo; brothers John and wife Olivia Gloria of San Angelo, and Gene and wife Helen Gloria of Richardson, Texas. Eva had ten grandchildren that she loved and

enjoyed tremendously.

She knew what true happiness was and what it meant to sacrifice for her children and instilled that in them. She will be missed and always loved.

Graveside services will be held at 2 pm, Sunday March 15, 2015, in the Robert Lee Cemetery in Robert Lee, Texas. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

On line condolences may be made to <http://www.shafferpioneer.com>.

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**Sanchez**

Pasita (Paz) Sanchez went home to her Lord & Savior, Thursday, March 5, 2015. Visitation was from 9:00am to 8:00pm, Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the funeral home with family present from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Funeral service was at 2:00pm, Monday, March 9, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery. Funeral services were

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 Wed. 6 pm  
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**Attention Ladies Ages 13 to 103!**

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**April 11, 2015**

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*Please RSVP to Betty Smith 453-2662.*

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*all of your beautiful smiling faces!*

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# OBITUARIES

## Death Notices

### Scott

Gertrude Mae Scott, 88, of Snyder, died Saturday, March 7, 2015, at her residence. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Visitation and viewing was from 1 to 2 pm Thursday, March 12, 2015, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee, Texas, with funeral service following at 2 pm. Interment was in the Hayrick Masonic Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by two sons, Gary Scott and wife Carol of Snyder, Donald Scott of Abilene; and one daughter Susan Wilkins and husband Buck of Killeen; three sisters, Charlene Brown, Doris Stewart and Eloise Twitchell

### 64 Study Club update

The Robert Lee '64 Study Club met Monday, March 9, 2015, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Debbie Haveman introduced Dee Lackey from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Lackey said that the Robert Lee Phone Bank had raised over \$100,000 since its beginning in 1982. She said at that time there were only two rural phone banks. Now there

are some 18 phone banks which have raised over a million dollars for Rehab. Mrs. Lackey pointed out that the WTRC serves everyone. WTRC income includes insurance, Medicaid, and generous donations throughout the year through their phone banks, auctions, meals, art events, social events and with the highly trained physical therapists serving hundreds a day, all funds are needed so that no one is turned away without help.

Mrs. Lackey said that the phone bank in Robert Lee consistently reported the most donations from the area. She expressed the appreciation of WTRC for the work of the Club as well as the generous and caring citizens of the area. A problem for rural phone banks has arisen over the last several years because many now have cell phones. All the donors with cell phones who call into the phone bank at Ivey Motor Co. each year are especially appreciated.

President Johnetta Lawrence expressed appreciation for a donation from the Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club to the scholarship fund. Each year, the Club provides two scholarships for Robert Lee high school seniors.

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under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Serving as pall bearers were: Juan Tapia, Bedo Juarez, George Snapp, Ray Barnett, Steve Clark and Jim Rodriguez.

Our beautiful mom & grandma was a blessing in our life. She had the most amazing & beautiful heart anyone could have ever known. She loved her family and everyone she met. She was a great wife, mother, grandmother, and all around great Godly woman.

She spent her life serving her God through many activities at the 1st Baptist Church, where she was a member for over 50 years. She taught a Spanish Sunday school class and helped with Vacation Bible School. She was a member of the WMU and also served as the language director of Runnels Association. Along with her husband, she spent 35 years as a custodian for the church.

Paz loved her family deeply. Nothing gave her more happiness than going to visit her family. Sitting at the kitchen table talking with her sisters was one thing she always treasured. Her other treasures included her children & grandchildren. Her smile was always radiant when she had her family at her house. There was never a moment when she wasn't there when her family needed her. She was always the constant peace & comfort of her family.

There was one person who Paz loved the most and that was her husband, Manuel. She enjoyed spending numerous hours in the kitchen cooking his favorite meals, which always included fresh homemade tortillas. She loved tagging along with him on fishing trips. It wasn't about the fish they caught, but more importantly the quality time they spent together. They were married for 65 years, and everyday married

to her best friend was the best day of her life.

She is survived by her husband, Manuel Sanchez; her children, Elisco Sanchez of San Angelo, Albert and wife Annette Sanchez of Dallas, Rosa Worley, Janie and husband John Tombs, Susan and husband Martin DeLaGarza, Michelle and husband John Penner, all of Bronte. She is survived by 35 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren; 4 sisters, Sara Alvarez of Lockhart, Nicholasa Cerventes & husband Adan of California, Angie Hernandez and Janie Sanchez both of Dallas; and 1 brother Vicente Martinez of California.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Santos Martinez and Geronima Zavala; two children, Santos and Sylvia Sanchez; her sister Mary Helen Martinez, and her grandson, Lorenzo DeLaGarza.

Online condolences may be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).

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### Flanagan

Casey Lynn Flanagan, 34, passed from this life on Sunday, March 8, 2015.

He is survived by his mother, Ann Coffee, of San Angelo; father & stepmother, Randy & Camille Flanagan, of Robert Lee; sister and husband, April &

Mike Nichols of Robert Lee; brother and wife, Cole & Monica Flanagan of Robert Lee; and brother Cade Osterloh, of Spring, Texas. He will also be greatly missed by his nieces and nephew Aubrey Nichols, Zoey Nichols, Bailey Flanagan and Gavin Flanagan.

Casey loved the Dallas Cowboys and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. He liked the outdoors and is fishing right now with his granddad in Heaven. He had a generous soul and always gave more than he got.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the funeral home with family present from 6-8 pm. Graveside services were at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, March 11, 2015 in Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Family requests memorials be made to any of the following: American Diabetes Foundation, Robert Lee Cemetery Association, Coke County Food Pantry, Mountain Creek Golf Course, Robert Lee Fire Department or West Coke County EMS.

Online condolences may be made to [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com)

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All are Invited to a  
**Hamburger Luncheon**  
 in Honor of the  
**Retirement of**  
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**Friday, March 20, 2015**  
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Poster Winners!** Congratulations to Sarah Allen and Baily Torres (of Bronte Junior High) for winning the Teen Choice Award for the Teens in the Driver Seat Poster Competition. Their poster's title was "Don't be the one who lets go..." they wrote at the top of their poster about how car crashes are the #1 killer of teens in America and as young teens who do not drive yet can also help by buckling up and being responsible passengers and friends.

## Bronte ISD posts December, January minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session December 11, 2014, at 7 pm. Those in attendance were Shane Kelton, President, David McWright, Kay Styles, John Seales, Nick Arrott, Ashley Braswell and Dr. Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent. Also present were Elementary Principal, Donna Pochls, Gina McCutchen and Nancy Cooper and guests Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood, Lisa Dyess, George Tomes, Missy Boyd, Burl Lowery and Tim Siler.

The meeting opened in prayer by David McWright

The minutes were approved as corrected for the November Board Meeting.

Blake Braswell arrived at 7:05 pm.

Burl Lowery, CPA, presented the 2013-2014 Financial Audit to the Board. There were no findings and he reported that Bronte ISD was in good, sound financial position. The 2013-2014 Financial Audit was approved. All voted in favor.

Maureen Youngblood addressed the Board concerning the potential program changes and the possible effects it may have on the secondary level.

Principal's reported enrollment: Elementary- 120 with a 96.9% attendance rate. Secondary -No information was available. Ms. Pochls, Elementary Principal informed the board of the Christmas Program to be held December 18 at 6 pm including the Band and choir performances. Also the facility will be rented on December 20th for a program open to the public. Jr. High/Elementary finished second in the Academic UIL contest in Blackwell. Ms. Pochls also

reported, Bronte ISD is 100% Highly Qualified.

The Board approved the retainer with Walsh Anderson and Update 101 as presented. They also approved the Internet Safety Policy as presented and to allow the Superintendent to determine early release dates. All were in favor.

A motion was made that the Board vote to approve the program change (s) recommended by the Interim Superintendent and the Reduction in Force that such change(s) will require. All voted in favor.

The Board went into Executive session at 7:33 pm and resumed the Regular meeting at 8:46 pm.

Dr. Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent, discussed program changes based on declining enrollment at Bronte for the past few years and the current deficit budget.

Dr. Casey recommended the following programs be removed from the following years' program for BISD and the associated positions be Reduced in Force. ESL Pull-out Program, Pre-K Program and Title -I Pull-out Program. Dr. Casey also recommended that the

following three positions (currently vacant for the following year), also be reduced in force - Secondary Principal, Secondary English and Secondary Sp. Ed. /H.E.

A motion was made that the Board determine the employment areas of Pre-Kindergarten, ESL Pull-Out Program and Title I Program as the employment areas to be affected and/ or eliminated as a result of the Program Change Reduction in Force previously approved. The Board further moved that the Interim Superintendent be directed to identify the affected employee or employees in the affected or eliminated employment areas and bring contract recommendation(s) back to the Board at the appropriate meeting consistent with the Program Change Reduction in Force. All voted in favor.

The Board was provided information on the 30th Annual School Law Conference as well as the TASB Newsletter and agenda.

The December 2014 bills were approved. All in voted in favor.

The Board went into Executive session at 9:09 pm and resumed the Regular

meeting at 9:39 pm.

The Board approved a 3 year TASB Superintendent's Contract with Mr. Tim Siler beginning January 5, 2015. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

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The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2015, at 7:02 pm. Those in attendance were Shane Kelton, President, David McWright, Kay Styles, John Seales, Nick Arrott, Blake Braswell and Mr. Tim Siler, Superintendent. Also present were Elementary Principal, Donna Pochls, and Nancy Cooper. Ashley Braswell was absent. Guests in attendance were Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood, Missy Boyd, Rose Whitehurst and others.

The meeting opened in prayer by Blake Braswell.

The minutes were approved for the December Board Meeting.

Missy Boyd discussed Pre-k and PPCD Programs, Rose Whitehurst discussed ESL Program, and several parents discussed how the PPCD/Pre-K program benefited their children.

Principal's reported enrollment: Elementary- 122 with a 96.42% attendance rate. Secondary -95.85% attendance rate, 144 enrolled. Ms. Pochls, Elementary Principal, informed the board that STAAR tutorials are scheduled to begin in February. She also reported that the County Stock Show was a success and basketball was in full swing.

Mr. Siler, Superintendent, discussed the District's finances and informed the Board of the May School Board election. A technology update was presented as well as transportation. He also suggested to move the teacher contract renewals to April or early May.

The board was informed of the Prom date, February 7, at Ft Concho. School Law Conference will be held in Austin February 19 and 20. Special Olympics will be held

February 21.

The January 2015 bills were approved. All voted in favor.

The Bronte ISD School Board was recognized in appreciation for their service and commitment to Bronte ISD and were presented with clip boards from the third grade class and refreshments were served.

The Board went into Executive session at 8:22 pm and resumed the regular meeting at 9:58 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

## 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](http://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. Truc 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.

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"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](http://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.

### Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 24, 2015, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner Pct. #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes for February 24. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to accept the \$250.00 donation from Charlesworth Associates to the Sheriff's Office to be added to equipment. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

A bid from Recce Albert, Inc. was presented to reconstruct Humble Road. No action was taken.

Comm. Williams made a motion to accept the Resolution to change the speed limit on US highway 277 as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

No action taken on the job descriptions for Coke County Employees.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Coke County Personnel Policy. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to adopt the Coke County Personnel Policy as presented. Comm. Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to approve upgrading gigabytes for JP Pct. 1 and Pct. 2 to be taken out of their technology fund. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

Comm. Sefcik made a motion to appoint Judge Blair to the Concho Valley Transit District

Board. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion for the County to pay for the roll off up to \$5,000.00 to clean up the burn pile. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the Sheriff's racial profiling report. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

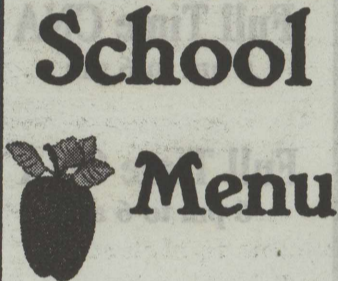
Constable Pct. 1 Marshall Millican reported that his report was not ready at this time.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to approve Constable Pct. 2 Marty Boyd's racial profiling report. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported on his visit with Representative and Senate staff, burial remains taken care of, opening in the Tax A/C's office and opening for a Bronte Park Caretaker.

Comm. Pitcock thanked the Commissioners on the east side for the use of their men on the airport.

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# School Menu

## Bronte and Robert Lee ISDs will be on SPRING BREAK March 16-20! Blackwell CISD

### Menu

#### Breakfast

#### Monday, March 16

Sausage biscuit w/cheese stick or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, March 17

Muffin choice and scrambled eggs or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, March 18

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

#### Thursday, March 19

Bagel w/topping or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

#### Friday, March 20

Waffles and sausage w/syrup or cereal w/toast, fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

#### Monday, March 16

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

#### Tuesday, March 17

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

#### Wednesday, March 18

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

#### Thursday, March 19

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

#### Friday, March 20

Fish sticks, coleslaw, pinto beans, baby carrots w/ranch, orange smiles, milk

### NOTICE OF GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION (Aviso de eleccion especial/general)

To The Registered Voters of the City of Robert Lee, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados de Robert Lee, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 9, 2015 for voting in a Special election to elect a Mayor TO an unexpired term and a Regular election to elect Three Council Members to regular terms. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 9 de Mayo de 2015 para votar en la Especial Eleccion para elegir un Alcalde para termo expirado y para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir tres miembro(as) del Consejo para termo regular.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE: Coke County Courthouse at 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945 (Condado de Coke a las 13 E. 7th Street en Robert Lee, Texas.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Coke County Courthouse, Clerk's Office, 13 E. 7th Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Friday, beginning on April 27, 2015 and ending on May 5, 2015. Additionally, on April 28, 2015 and May 5, 2015 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Condado de Coke en el Oficio de Secretaria a las 13 E. 7th Street en Robert Lee, Texas. Entre las horas de 8:00 de la mañana - 5:00 p.m. de la tarde, el lunes - el jueves y entre las horas de 8:00 de la mañana - 1:00 de la tarde el viernes empezando el 27 de Abril, 2015 y terminado el 5 de Mayo de 2015. Exempcion el 28 de Abril y 5 de mayo, 2015 entre las horas 8:00 de la mañana - 8:00 de la tarde.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Mary Grim, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Mary Grim, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945.)

Issued this the 9th day of February, 2015.  
(Emitada este dia 9 de Febrero, 2015.)

John R. Jacobs, Mayor  
Firma del Alcalde



**... Commissioners Court Minutes**

(Continued from page 5) Sheriff McCutchen reported on contract with City of Bronte paying deputies to help them.

There being no private road work request 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 10:00 am.

**Deadline Next Monday For 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](mailto:hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org).

**Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Galloping to San Angelo, Texas, March 13-14, 2015**

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in San Angelo March 13-14, 2015. The two-day event at the 1st Community Federal Credit Spur Arena will feature dozens of spectacular animals. These are adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals.

**Adoption Schedule**

Friday, March 13

12 noon to 6 pm

Saturday, March 14

8 am to 10 am

**Adoption Qualifications**

Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18, with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses, five feet for yearlings, and four-and-a-half feet for burros. All animals must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with swing gates and



**RLCC Celebration!** Robert Lee Care Center held their Valentine's Party on Tuesday, February 17th. Elvis (Harvey McFadden) entertained the residents and some of the community joined in on the fun. Red punch with Valentine cookies and chocolate covered strawberries were served. Everyone received a rose with a box of chocolates. As always Elvis put on a show! During the party, the Valentine King and Queen were announced. They were John Walker and Nadine Wilson.

sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist adopters through the short application process.

For more information, call toll-free 866-468-7826 or visit [www.blm.gov/nm/whb](http://www.blm.gov/nm/whb).

The 1st Community Federal Credit Spur Arena is located at 200 West 43rd Street in San Angelo.

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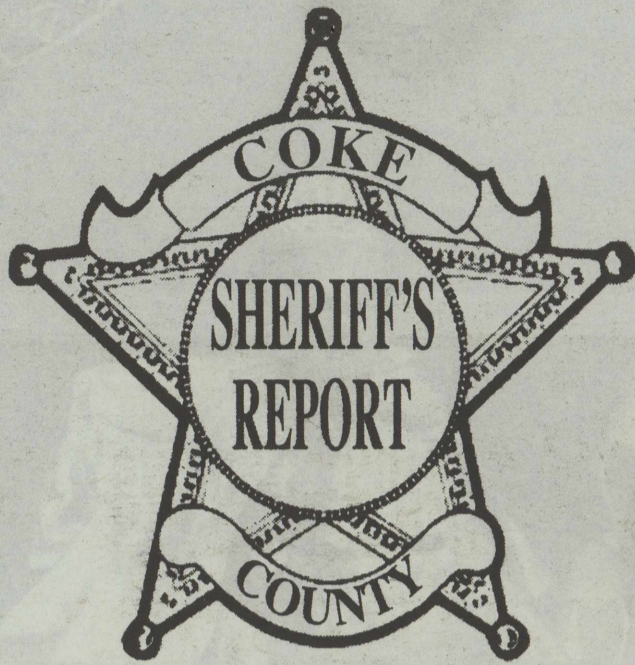
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The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's Office for the month of February 2015.

- 5 Sheriff's Info Reports
- Unreported Accident
- 2 Criminal Mischief Calls
- Child Custody Dispute
- Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
- Vehicle Fire
- 232 Public Service Calls  
*(Includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls Etc...)*
- 2 Civil Process
- 7 Prisoner Transport including arrest and to and from court
- 2 Warrants Served
- 30 Livestock Calls
- 11 Accidents
- Accident Assist
- 145 Traffic Stops

104 Traffic Stops resulting in citations

Total number of incoming and outgoing calls by dispatch after office hours: 465

**TOTAL INMATES IN RUNNELS COUNTY JAIL AS OF Tuesday March 10th, 2015 - 3 Males**

**February 2015**

**Arrests and Dispositions**

Dalton Graves, Theft of Property more than \$100K less than \$200K; Theft of Property less than \$200K; Theft of Property more than \$20K less than \$100K; Enhanced Aggravated Perjury; Out of County Warrants X 2, 2-6-15

Landis McCormick, Public Intoxication, 2-9-15

Michael Bell, Out of County Warrant, 2-27-15

**District Court Plea Dispositions**

**February 2, 2015**

The State of Texas vs. Melenda Minjarez

Charge: Burglary of a Building

Plea: 240 Days State Jail

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The State of Texas vs. Joann Alvarado

Charge: Possession of a Controlled Substance less than 1 gram

Plea: 180 Days State Jail, \$180 restitution

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The State of Texas vs. Jorge Mendoza

Charge: Burglary of a Habitation

Plea: 2 Year Pre-Trial Diversion, \$500 Diversion fee payable 1-30-15

No County Court held in February

**Bronte Community Meeting slated for March 30**

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 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.

**Local Government Entity election filing period ended**

Filing for a place on the ballot in the May 9, 2015, local government entity election ended Friday, February 27, 2015.

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 be on the ballot. Leroy Casey has filed for the unexpired

term for mayor. Janie Munoz and Sue McCormick have both filed for re-election to the council and will be joined on the ballot by Roger Alexander and Toni Rainwater.

The City of Bronte will need to fill three seats currently held by Misti Bedford, Paula McWright and Jodie Arrott. As of presstime, Paula McWright and Misti Bedford have filed for re-election and Jodie Arrott has filed for the unexpired term for council. They will be joined on the ballot by Martin Lee and Colin Pope.

East Coke County Hospital District will have to fill two 2 year terms currently held by Gina McCutchen and Lee Wommack. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

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. All incumbents have filed to retain their seats on the board.

The entities with contested elections are the Cities of Bronte and Robert Lee.

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