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Friday, November 27, 2015 Please Have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend!

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2016 Primary Election Filing Period continues through December 14

The filing period for the March 1, 2016, Democratic and Republican primaries began Saturday, November 14, 2015, and will continue through 6 pm Monday, December 14, 2015.

County offices up for election include Coke County Commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, currently held by Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock; County Constables in Precincts 1 and 2, currently held by Marshall Millican and Marty Boyd respectively; County Attorney, currently held by Nancy Arthur; County Tax Assessor/Collector, currently held by Josie Dean; and County Sheriff, currently held by Wayne McCutchen. Wayne McCutchen and Marty Boyd have filed to retain their offices. Shaunna Grantham has filed for Precinct 1 Commissioner

Those interested in filing may pick up and return the applications and the filing fee (or pctition with signatures) to either the County Party Chairman or to the Coke County Clerk's office. The Democratic Party Chairman for Coke County is Robert Houck, 849 Mountain Road, PO Box 189, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945, (325) 453-2158. The Republican Party Chairman for Coke County is Susan Williams, 439 Morrow Road, Bronte, Texas 76933 (325) 650-1750. Before filing an application, potential candidates must file a treasurer appointment.

For more information, contact either party chairman or the Coke County Clerk's office at (325) 453-2631.

January, we decide where to go each month for the whole year. We wear our purple and a red hat and have lots of fun and laughter. Come have lunch with us.

Robert Lee Christmas Open House Celebrations set for **December 4**

The opening of the Christmas season in Robert Lee is Friday, December 4. A number of local offices and businesses hold open house to serve refreshments and celebrate the season with their valued customers and friends.

The Coke County Courthouse will have an open house from 8 am to 1 pm. Robert Lee State Bank is having their open house from 9 am to 3 pm and Ivey Motors will celebrate from 11 am to 2 pm.

Other businesses and offices At presstime, participating with open house celebrations include Robert Lee City Hall, Coke County Hardware, DJ' s Merle Norman and Especially For You, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, and This ' N That Shop.

VP Small Town Christmas set for **December 5**

It's almost time for Vision With A Purpose's Small Town Christmas celebration. The annual event will be held Saturday, December 5, in Robert Lee.

Hay rides for all ages (with a minimum charge) are planned. Santa Claus will be giving out presents to the children and listening to Christmas wishes. Food will be available to purchase that includes stew, chili, PB&J, cornbread, crackers and drinks. The lights in Memorial Park will be turned on at dusk. Don't forget to enter your home in the Christmas Outdoor Decorating contest. Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded. Business are also encouraged to enter; they will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plaques.

At 2 pm, Mrs. Claus will have story time in the Christmas headquarters. The man of the hour, Santa Claus, will arrive at the Christmas Headquarters building at 3 pm to listen to all the Christmas wishes.

Live Christmas music will begin at 4:30 pm, provided by the Bronte Longhorn Band.

Courtesy of Glenn-Bivins Insurance and Larry's Automotive, The Muppet Christmas Carol will be shown at the Texas Theatre at 6:30 pm. Admission is free and concessions will be available. Poinsettia Fundraiser

Christmas Greetings deadline set for December 10th

It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 18th issue.

As in the case of Letters to Santa which are delivered to the post office, we will pick them up, type them for the paper and mail them on to Santa as fast as we can.

Bench Plaques for Christmas available

Vision With A Purpose has taken delivery of eight new wrought iron benches to be

Holiday Closings

The Coke County Courthouse and the Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Also closed Thursday for Thanksgiving are Robert Lee State Bank and the post offices. The Observer/Enterprise office in Robert Lee and Larry's Automotive in Bronte will be closed both Thursday and Friday.

Red Hat Society to meet December 3

The Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, December 3,, at 11 am at Addona's in Bronte. It has been asked when we have our business meetings. In

Christmas in Olde Bronte set for

December 12

The annual Christmas in Olde Bronte celebration will be held Saturday, December 12, in downtown Bronte.

Activities will begin with vendors in the Blue Goose (Williams building) and holiday drinks and Christmas cheer at the event's Christmas headquarters at the Kickapoo Creek Lodge (Cumbie building).

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Poinsettias willk be available at Crazy T Greenhouse Friday and Saturday, December 4-5 from 8 am to 5pm. They will also be available at this location from 8 am to 12 noon on Thursday, December 10 and from 8 am to 5 pm Friday, December 11. On Saturday, December 12, a poinsettia booth will be set up downtown during the Christmas in Olde Bronte celebration.

This is a Bronte Project Graduation event, with 100% of the profits benefitting this organization.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Thursday, December 10th at 12 noon. For more information or to place your greeting, contact the O/E office at 453-2433

Santa Letter deadline set for December 10th Deadline for Letter to Santa Claus to be printed in this year's Christmas edition has been set for Thursday, December 10th at 12 noon. As in the past, we will

go by the schools and pick up their Letters for Santa for inclusion in the Christmas paper on December 18th. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. This is why we have to have

them early.

distributed in downtown Robert

Plaques with dedication information on them are available for purchase. This would make a great Christmas present; all you need to do is contact Debbie Childers at 432-528-8782 or any VP member.

Christmas cards for **Memorial Park**

Vision with a Purpose is providing large 4' x 4' Christmas Greeting Cards to be displayed in Memorial Park for the holidays. Any business, individual, or family may purchase these cards and VP with erect them.

A sample card will be displayed at Floyd C. Petitt Insurance Co. at 715 Austin St., Robert Lee or contact Jan Petitt at 325-212-0817.

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CCRTA meeting discussed

The Coke County Retired Teachers met for their regular noon meeting at First Baptist Church in Bronte on Monday, November 16, 2015.

During the regular business meeting, a report on Recognizing Cataracts and Brain Games was given.

The next regular meeting of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association will be Monday, January 18 2016. at the First Baptist Church in Bronte for the noon pot-luck meeting. All school personnel are encouraged to attend the meetings. Numbers count in obtaining recognition of concerns.

Attending were Cristie Bagwell, Wanda Brewer, Glenda Draper, Ann Hamilton, Brenda Hines. William Hood, Charlotte Jackson, Merle Kelso, Mary Lawhon, Kathy McCown, Gerald Sandusky and Janet and Lee Wommack. Emmanuel Jiminez was the welcomed guest.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Control Water and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 12, 2016, for the purpose of electing two directors.

Director Bob Ragsdale has filed for re-election to the board and Dennie Braswell has filed for the other director place.

The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, delivered and ready for pick up on February 12, 2015.

For species offered and other information, contact the SWCD office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or go by 214 E. 7th St. in Robert Lee. **Annual Livestock Show**

- Not just for Kids!

The Coke County Livestock Show and Fair is slated for Friday and Saturday, January 15-16, 2016. In addition to the Junior Livestock Show, the following categories are open to ANY Coke County resident of ANY age.

Contest categories include: Art Photography AG Mechanics -Metal Works and Repurpose Project (trash to treasure).

All entries must be turned in to



First Responder Thanksgiving! A "Thanksgiving Potluck" dinner was held Monday evening, November 23. The event, organized and hosted by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, was a time for those who often meet at the worst times could come together in fellowship and thankfulness. The large crowd enjoyed the good food and the time together. Included and honored at the dinner were members of the fire department, Bronte Ambulance Service, Coke County Sheriff's Office, Constable Precinct 2, Commissioners, and City of Bronte officials.

Please contact the Extension Office at 325-453-2461 for more



324 S. Franklin • Bronte (325) 473-4811 Dale Patterson, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm Worship Wed. 6 pm Coke County Cowboy Church Texas Theater, Dowtown Bronte Preacher - Robert Lemonds Sunday, 10:30 am 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

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 (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 <u>Tennyson</u> 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

the Coke County Extension office between December 28, 2015, and January 6, 2016.

information.



Age 40 or older

Currently uninsured or under insured

West Texas resident

· Typically have a difficulty qualifying for income-based help programs

39 and younger if symptomatic

contact clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5pm on Friday, November 27, 2015. **Conservation Tree and** Shrub Seedlings available

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



Cervical Exam

You may be eligible if you meet the requirements below:

· Age 21-64

· Currently uninsured or under insured West Texas resident

· Typically have a difficulty qualifying for income-based help programs



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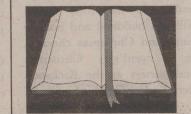
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Corner of Washington & Holm Bronte (325) 473-3281 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Forgiven Ministries 117 W. Main, Bronte **Russ Frasier**, Pastor Sun. 10 am Tuesday 6 pm Table Time St. James Catholic Church 215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor Sun. 5 pm

First United Methodist Church

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



West Coke County Hospital Board Meetings discussed By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session October 27, 2015. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:30 and declared a quorum was present. Other Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, and Pat Carwile. Roger Alexander, on contract with WCCHD, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. Roger is assisting President Bessent in the office due to the resignation of Jessicca Cason. Jessicca's resignation was accepted by the Board at a special called meeting Oct. 14, 2015. At that same meeting, a 30 day notice was given to terminate the bookkeeping agreement with West Coke County EMS. The position of the person keeping the books was defunded due to census, which was suggested as a cost saving measure by then Administrator, Jessicca Cason. The Board offered the EMS \$300 per month to defray bookkeeping costs if they chose to hire a bookkeeping firm. Visitors Sue Ann Nesbit, and Vicky Conner were present at the meetings. Minutes from the previous meetings were approved.

The Board voted to accept the resignation of Board member, Dessie Kendall, and Patsy Cason was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Tom Killingsworth of San Angelo, was hired to serve as interim Administrator. He will begin his duties Nov. 16, 2015.

The census count shows there are currently 31 residents in the facility, as of the meeting date.

Staffing Update: There are openings for CNAs, one full time and PRNs. There is also an opening in the kitchen for a PRN cook's helper, and an outside maintenance person for the yard.

Building Maintenance: The installation of the whirlpool is still pending, due to some unexpected occurrences. The Board agreed to check into the cost of updating the telephone system in the facility.

Accounts Receivable/ Collections were discussed, and an update was given to the Board. The financial statements

addition to the Methodist entertainment on Mondays, the 64 Study Club will sponsor the monthly birthday party Nov. 17, at 3:30. Bob Gulley and John Walker will be celebrating birthdays this month. Stop by and wish them a happy one! The monthly Sing-Along will be held Nov. 20, at 3:30. Come join in the fun. Residents will be enjoying the Thanksgiving Parade on Nov 26, as well as a traditional Thanksgiving lunch. The Board, Staff and Residents at the facility would like to wish everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving.

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in called session November 19, 2015. Secretary Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and declared a quorum was present. Other Board members present were Sarah Green, Patsy Cason, and Pat Carwile. Tom Killingsworth, Interim Administrator, Roger Alexander, whose presence was requested by the Board, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. There were several community members present. A list of names is available in the business office. The invocation was given by Pat Stephens, who then read the resignation of Mary Bessent.

The resignation was accepted with great regret, and a word of special appreciation was voiced by Sarah Green, which reflected sincerely the feelings of the Board. Mary has served well in the capacity of president for many years, and will be sorely missed, but the Board wishes her well in future endeavors.

Noel Tinkler was appointed to



Survivalist Training! Chief Survivalist Brandon Dunn brought a group fresh from service in the Middle East to the Bird Sanctuaries near Robert Lee for a survival training exercise. The students were taught the skills necessary to survive the statistical 72 hour survival situation. Among these skills are how to build shelters, kit construction, fire craft, herb lore, navigation using the stars, basic first aid and how to locate water in desert conditions. Shown around the fire are (from left) apprentice instructor Weston Wulfjen, Danny Young, Jonathan Montgomery, Instructor Brandon Dunn, Chelsie Leming and Joshua Smith.

serve on the Board to fill the Pat Stephens: President, Sarah vacancy. Green: Vice-President: and Pat

Justice of the Peace Jackie Walker swore in new Board members Patsy Cason and Noel Tinkler. The Board appreciates their willingness to serve in this capacity and looks forward to working with them.

Board Officers were then elected and are listed as follows:

Pat Stephens: President, Sarah Green: Vice-President; and Pat Carwile :Secretary/Treasurer. The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. When the Board returned to regular session, there was no action taken. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.



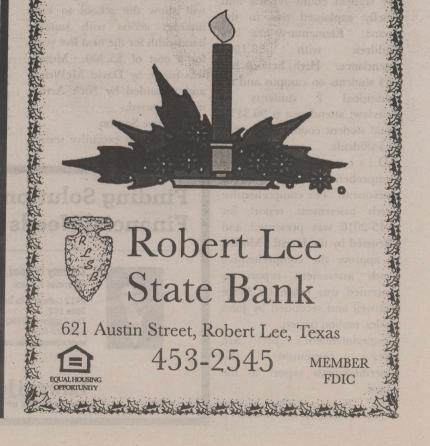


were discussed and accepted.

Plans were made for the annual Thanksgiving luncheon for resident and their families. The meal will be November 22. Plans were also discussed for the Employee Christmas Party.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the date of the next Board meeting will be November 24, 2015. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Checking out the November calendar, the residents enjoyed the guitar music of Ellen, of the San Angelo Symphony, on Nov. 10. The residents also enjoyed two Veteran's Day Programs on Nov. 11. The first presentation was at RLISD that morning, and the second was presented by Gentiva that afternoon. In are invited to their Christmas Open House Friday, December 4 11 am to 2 pm 453-4561



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Bronte ISD Board minutes posted

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled board meeting on October 8, 2015. In attendance were board membersShane Kelton, Nick Arrott, David McWright, John Seales, Blake Braswell, and AshleyBraswell. Administration in attendance were Tim Siler, Rose Whitehurst, Susan and Henderson. Guests in attendance were Maureen Youngblood and Heather Middleton.

The meeting was opened at 7:37 pm with a prayer by Blake Braswell and a quorum was established with six members present. Kay Styles was absent.

Minutes for the August 25th meeting were presented and read. The student count was corrected in these minutes to accurately reflect 261 total students. Motion to approve as corrected was made by David McWright and seconded by Blake Braswell. Motion passed.

Minutes for the September 10th meeting were presented and read. Motion to approve as presented was made by Nick Arrott and seconded by John Seales. Motion passed.

The bills were presented by Mr. Siler and Mrs. Henderson. Motion made by Blake Braswell to approve payment of the bills, seconded by David McWright. John Seales abstained, Motion passed.

There were no audience items. Principals report:

A. Update on student activities: The volleyball and football teams continue their schedules. The band has a

marching contest in Early next Saturday. B. Student count/ADA: Mr. Siler provided a new format for the student count reports and

briefly explained this to the

financial audit by Burl Lowery was completed as of yesterday and the report is pending. A finance sheet was provided to the board. The board discussed a few of the accounts and the current state of the budget with Mr. Siler.

B. Update on marketing project: Mr. Siler presented some materials for marketing of Bronte ISD. The board agreed with the continued use of the Block 'B' and the Longhorn head symbol. Colors for the symbols may be discussed in the future.

By resolution, nominate for board of directors to the Coke County Appraisal District: Mr. Michael Cervenka was nominated in the past and is willing to continue his role. Motion to nominate Mr. Michael Cervenka for Coke **County Appraisal District Board** of Directors was made by Nick Arrott and seconded by Ashley Braswell, motion passed.

By Resolution, nominate for board of directors to the Runnels County Appraisal District

The board discussed people that may be eligible to fill this position. Motion to nominate Mr. Kerwin Denton for Runnels **County Appraisal District Board** of Directors, pending his agreement, was made by Nick Arrott and seconded by Blake Braswell, motion passed.

Consideration and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with Education Service Center Region 15 for internet access for a term beginning July 1, 2016 thru June 30th, 2021.

Mr. Siler and the board discussed this agreement and determined that this was the most cost-effective way to provide internet access to the BISD campus. This agreement will allow the school to have internet access with suitable bandwidth for the next five years for a cost of \$5,300. Motion was made by David McWright and seconded by Nick Arrott, motion passed. **Executive Session** Entered into executive session

according to section 551.012 Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Brody thru 551.146 Government Code. The Board Judah Smith entered into executive (closed) session at 8:44 pm.

A. Personnel

B. Security

Reconvene in regular session for action on items discussed in Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood, executive session. The board reconvened in regular (open) session at 8:54 pm.

Correspondence (correspondence was handled prior to executive session)

A. Mr. Siler provided a copy of "A Legal and Governance Perspective on Meetings" that he obtained during the recent TASA/TASB convention. Mr. Siler suggested this document has some good information for the board to consider

B. Mr. Siler provided a copy of network and email credentials for all board members. This will allow all board members to have access to the BISD Board web site as well as email access. This was provided so that materials needed for board meetings can be provided prior to the meeting. The board also took a brief tour Minjarez, Canyon Moran, of the new web-site.

Nick Arrott made a motion and David McWright seconded to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Robert Lee Elementary 2nd Six Weeks Awards "A" Honor Roll

1st Grade

McKayla Bachmann, Zachary Cerritos, Maddison Coger, Kaleb Fitchett, Joshua Garcez, Amy Gibson, Lorissa Gonzales, Addison Grantham, Micah Smith, Brody Wilson 2nd Grade

Eli Bradshaw, Carter Fluhmann, Olivia Gregston, Alec Henson, Brennen Hood, Kallie Kohutek, Maci Lee, Perry, Dylan Nathaniel Samaniego, Brenner Sherwood **3rd Grade**

Gage Allen, Zachary Avants, Melinda Franklin-Paiz, Noah Gonzales, Jose Heredia, Khadie Kohutek, Lucas Martinez, Denver O'Dell, Rhett Rangel, Ryen White, Domonique Zepeda 4th Grade

of the Pitcock, Brayden Sherwood, 5th Grade

Cambreigh Fluhmann, Ryan Mendoza, Roxy Rangel **6th Grade**

Zane Avants, Gavin Freeman, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzee Puentez, Dylan Thomas, Todd Worster

"A/B" Honor Roll 1st Grade

Jayla Corley, Sarah Garcez, Alyssa Landeros, Chris Lofton, Cash Suess, Eduardo Ureno 2nd Grade

Dalton Abalos, Austin Ashlock, Dennis Bagby, Kaden Chandler, Max Garcia, Dinah Gonzales, Elsi Munoz, Kylen Karmen Radloff, Pitcock, Savannah Reyes, Hanna Riley **3rd Grade**

Brewer Hood, Anthony Landeros, Carlos Olguin, Kailan Pogue, Jesse Reese, Braxton Wright

4th Grade

Aden Burns, Mackenzie Galicia, Jason Jowers, Cloe Jimma Richardson 5th Grade

Bradshaw, Kristen Kailey Moreno, Alex Munoz, Presley Oleksiuk, Brooke Smith **6th Grade**

Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Jacob Roe, Caleb Smith, Brisely Ureno

Perfect Attendance Kindergarten

Jaedyn Ayers, Pyrce Munoz, Jessica Navarro, Juan Olguin, Kambri Prieto, Fallon Raney, Brooklyn Roe, Mandie Wheeler, **Ryley Worster** 1st Grade

Kaleb Fitchett, Joshua Garcez, Sarah Garcez, Amy Gibson, Addison Grantham, Alyssa Landeros, K'Dence Prieto, Jared Reese, Avary Roe, Eduardo Ureno

Sherwood, Alyssa Worster **3rd Grade**

Zachary Avants, Melinda Franklin-Paiz, Jose Heredia, Khadie Kohutek, Anthony Landeros, Lucas Martinez, Denver O'Dell, Carlos Olguin, Kailan Pogue, Jesse Reese, Ryen White

4th Grade

Aden Burns, Caitlyn Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Tristan Grantham, Brody Pitcock, Jimma Richardson, Judah Smith, Trenton Smith, Fernando Sosa 5th Grade

Barrera, Patrick Kailey Bradshaw, Skyler Horne, Kristen Moreno, Alex Munoz, Tylie Murphy, Presley Oleksiuk, Ethan Perry, Cierra Pogue, Roxy Rangel, David Roc, Emma Service

6th Grade

Zane Avants, Reaghan Bohannon, Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, Ian Paredes, McKenzee Puentez, Jacob Roe, Caleb Smith, Kobe Smith, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno, Todd Worster

Blackwell ISD

2nd 6 Weeks Awards **A Honor Roll**

1st Grade

Haleigh Robertson, Ellie Scott, Emmie Scott, Brynlea Wojtek

2nd Grade

Avery Glenn, Morgan Rasco, Jaxon Shipman **3rd Grade**

Brionna Sommerfeld, Emma Williams

5th Grade Matthew Shipman

7th Grade

Sam Brinkman, Nathaniel Shipman

8th Grade

Haylee Cason, Jacie Fields, Jordan Jones, Katelyn

board. Elementary has 129 children with 98,19% attendance. High School has 134 students on campus and an additional 2 students at Fairview; attendance is 96.34%. Total student count is currently 265 students.

Discuss/approve comprehensive needs assessment: The comprehensive needs assessment report for 2015-2016 was presented and discussed by the board. Motion to approve the comprehensive needs assessment report as presented was made by Blake Braswell and seconded by John Seales, motion passed.

Superintendent's report: Mr. Siler presented the superintendents report to the board

A. Finance: The on-site Abigail Arthur, Caitlyn

Finding Solutions for Your Financial Needs



Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

2nd Grade

Bradshaw, Eli Kaden Chandler, Max Garcia, Brennen Hood, Elsi Munoz, Mya Olguin, Ava Pogue, Karmen Radloff, Edward Samaniego, Nathaniel Samaniego, Brenner

Robertson, Emilee Sanderson, **Madison Solis** 9th Grade Vickie Davis, Carli Powers

10th Grade

Payton McKee, Shelby Panzer 11th Grade

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Sarah Ottaberry, Halee Sanderson

12th Grade

Cole Alley, Shianne Solis A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade

Dana Cogdill, Alex Gonzalez, McKinney, Brodi Ashlynn Pierce, Lilee Sanderson, Hayden Simpson

2nd Grade

Castillo, Stokely Keithen Pierce

3rd Grade

Morgan Dove. Makinlee Killough, Lydia Pico 4th Grade

Zachary Pierce

6th Grade

Samuel Ottaberry, Cadi Powers

7th Grade

Madeline Bell, Devan Clower, Cameron Coldiron, Darrian Kenney, Allison Panzer, Zachary Panzer, Taylor Roy, Carson Sorrells

8th Grade

Brandon Brinkman, Grant Gott. Brendan Scott

9th Grade

Peyton Hinckley, Elizabeth Meyer, Hunter Perry

10th Grade

Hunter Clark, Cambrey Coulter, Orrin Sirmons

11th Grade

Daniel Mendoza, Audrey Mink, Abbi Sorrells

12th Grade

Bennett, Stormie Hailey Lewis, Heath Rasco, Jaina Robison

Perfect Attendance

Pre-Kindergarten Drake Glenn, Abel Rogers, Ella Wallace

Kindergarten

Memphis Boyd, Keira Cogdill, Sydnie Pate, Tatum Pate, Ariah Pearce, Isabella Pico, Dameon Rivera, Slade Wilkinson, **Gabriel Williams** 1st Grade

Dana Cogdill, Addison Dove, Gonzalez, Haleigh Alex Robertson, Ellie Scott 2nd Grade Gabriel Gonzalez, Stokely Pierce, Morgan Rasco, Jacob Rivera, Jaxon Shipman **3rd Grade**

8th Grade

Haylee Cason, Jacie Fields, Joshua Gonzalez, Drew Hardy. Jordan Jones, Nicloe Marcee, Emily Rasco, Katelyn Robertson, Madison Solis 9th Grade

Peyton Hinckley, Christian McElroy, Elizabeth Meyer, Hunter Perry 10th Grade

Alex Crawford, Payton McKee. Devin Rasco, Kyler Walls 11th Grade

Krista Angst, Crystal Chavez, Krista Clower, Halee Sanderson, Abbi Sorrells, Kayla Walker 12th Grade

Cole Alley, Charlie Cano, Doug Hardy, Stormie Lewis, Heath Rasco, Chris Sorrells

Blackwell Menu Breakfast

Monday, November 30 Pancakes, bacon or choice of

cereal, fruit, juice, milk Tuesday, December 1

Sunrise Sandwich or choice of cereal, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday, December 2

Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs or choice of cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 3

Oatmeal w/cinnamon toast or choice of cereal, fruit, juice, milk Friday, December 4

Breakfast Burrito or choice of cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch Monday, November 30

Chicken sandwich, oven fries, seasoned corn, veggie cup, mandarin oranges, milk Tuesday, December 1

Nachos Grande, refried beans, salsa, petite tomato cup, garden salad, pears, lime sherbet cup, milk

Wednesday, December 2

Stuffed baked potato, hot roll, baked beans, broccoli, applepineapple d'lite, milk Thursday, December 3



Howard College Presentation! Caryn Truitt, the student outreach coordinator from Howard College in San Angelo, recently visited with seniors at Blackwell High School. Truitt provided the students with helpful information concerning life after high school including the college application process, the financial aid process, scholarships, testing information, advising and registration, as well as programs provided by Howard College. The students were also given informational handouts, Howard College t-shirts, and other miscellaneous items.

Bronte Menu Breakfast

Monday, November 30 Pancakes or cereal, toast/jelly,

fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 1

Blueberry muffin or cereal, Monday, November 30 toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 2

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

Thursday, December 3

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

Friday, December 4

Sausage & biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 30 Chicken fajitas, salsa, garden salad, vegetable cup, fruit, milk Tuesday, December 1

Asian Chicken, eggroll and rice, baby carrots, broccoli, pineapple, milk Wednesday, December 2 Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, tomato cup, cinnamon apples, milk Thursday, December 3 Hamburger, oven fries,

western beans, diced pears, milk

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Friday, December 4

Chicken parmesan, green beans, garden salad, fruit, breadstick, milk

Robert Lee Menu Breakfast

Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 1 Chicken-n-biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 2 French Toast, sausage, fruit,

juice, milk Thursday, December 3 Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice,



juice, milk

Lunch Monday, November 30

Ravioli w/meat sauce, roll, salad, veggie cup, fruit, milk **Tuesday**, December 1

Asian Bowl w/eggroll, brown rice, baby carrots w/ranch. broccoli, pineapple, cookie, milk

Wednesday, December 2 Tex-Mex stack, salsa, Spanish rice, refried beans, tomato cup, apples, milk

Thursday, December 3

Italian pasta bake, salad, green beans, tomato cup, applesauce, breadstick, milk

Friday, December 4

Hamburger, garnish, fries, western beans, diced pears, milk

business in

milk Friday, December 4 Dutch Waffle, sausage, fruit,



Morgan Dove, Makinlee Killough

4th Grade

Bryson Agerton, Shelby Rasco **5th Grade**

Dusty Boyd, Luz Cano, Ethan Morris, Matthew Shipman 6th Grade

Reid Hoyle, Ryder Hoyle, Donovan Perry, Stockton Solis, **Tyson Walls** 7th Grade

Madeline Bell, Cameron Coldiron, Shyla Curtis, Cody Golding, Darrian Kenney, Caitlin Lange, Allison Panzer, Nathaniel Shipman, Carson Sorrells

Salisbury steak w/biscuit, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk Friday, December 4

Hot dog, corn chips, baby carrots w/ranch, crunchy broccoli salad, grapes, cookie, milk

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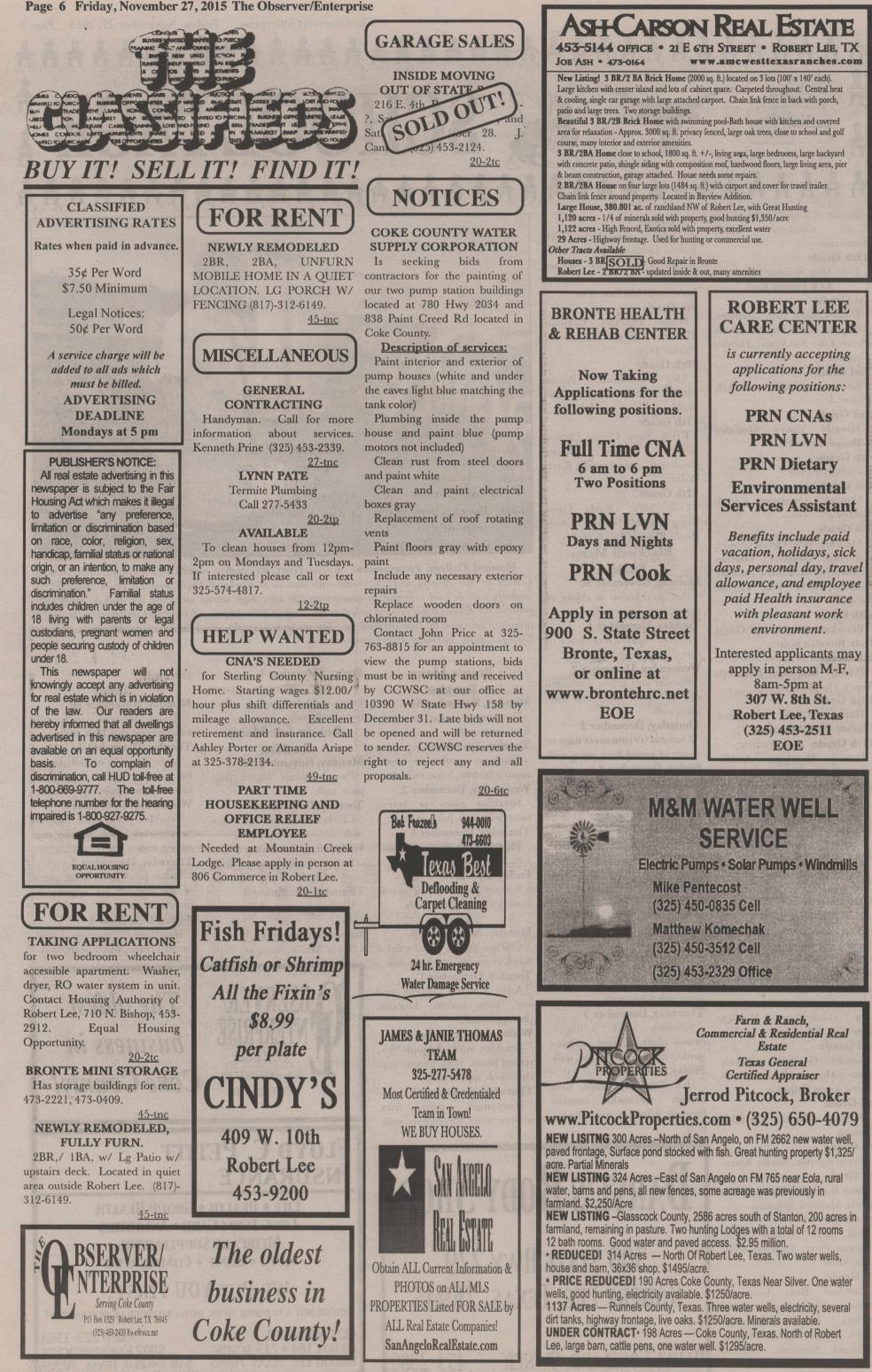
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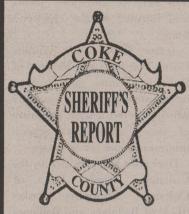
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October 2015

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

- 4 Sheriff's Information Reports

- 2 Criminal Mischief Calls 2 Criminal Trespass Warnings Issued

- 1 Family Disturbance

- 1 Disorderly Conduct

- 1 Assault

- 4 Burglary of a Building

Reports - 1 Public Intoxication

242 Calls for Public Service Includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls, etc.)

- 1 Civil Process

- 11 Prisoner Transports including arrest and to and from court

- 3 Warrants Served
- 33 Livestock Calls
- 5 Accidents
- 3 Accident Assists

USDA Announces **Investments** in Rural **Community Facilities To Enhance Rural Health and Public** Safety

United States Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced investments to improve rural community infrastructure, provide essential services and improve access to health care across rural America through Rural Development's Community Facilities (CF) program. These investments in health facilities and support for first responders come as the department celebrates National Rural Health Week.

"Rural America deserves quality, affordable health care, but too often local communities lack the capital to invest in improving the facilities that deliver that care," Vilsack said. "I am especially proud of the role that USDA plays in addressing the critical needs for health care facilities, including mental health facilities." Among the awards announced to support health care services, \$42,451,000 will be awarded to five projects located in rural Texas communities. Funding of each grant and loan announced is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the funding agreement. "We are pleased to support rural Texas communities in providing modern medical facilities and emergency response equipment for their residents," said Tom Hannah, USDA Rural Development Acting Texas State Director.

- 64 Traffic Stops - 50 Traffic Stops resulting in citations

Total number of incoming and outgoing calls by dispatch after office hours: 286

TOTAL INMATES IN RUNNELS COUNTY JAIL AS OF Tuesday November 10, 2015 - 3 Males

October 2015

Arrests and Dispositions Crystal Roque, Driving while license invalid with previous conviction, 10-4-15 Vincent Hanna, Public

Intoxication, 10-11-15 Ryan Graves, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon - Motion to Revoke Probation Release of Surety, 10-28-15

District Court

Plea Dispositions

October 13, 2015 The State of Texas vs. **April Ashmore**

Charge: DWI 3rd or More Motion to Revoke Probation

Plea: Amend previous probation conditions and serve 30 days Jail

The State of Texas vs. Christopher LaRue

Duties of a Public Servant Plea: Guilty, Fine \$600.00,

Court Cost \$237.00

"Providing quality healthcare locally saves critical time and the lives of rural residents."

Tax relief offered for drought-driven livestock sales

Farmers and ranchers in Coke County who were forced to sell livestock because of drought have been granted more time to replace livestock and defer tax

on any gains from the forced sales, said John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president.

The one-year extension of the replacement period applies to sales of draft animals, breeding livestock or dairy animals.

"The deferment for purchasing replacement animals is normally four years," John Ross said. "But during an extended drought like Coke County farmers and ranchers have endured, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) can extend the replacement period."

Coke County has a replacement period for livestock. that was scheduled to expire the end of 2014. This extension impacts drought sales that occurred in 2010. But previous drought-related extensions are also affected, which means the replacement periods for some drought sales before 2010 are also impacted.

Additional extensions will be granted if severe drought conditions persist. Most Texas counties are included.

Coke County Farm Bureau president responds to beef cancer claims

A report from the International Agency for

Research on Cancer (IARC) that claims red and processed meats cause cancer is a bunch of bull, according to Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland.

"Science does not support the IARC's claim," John Ross said. "Scientists on IARC's panel who studied the issue for seven days could not come to an agreement on whether or not there's solid evidence that red meat causes cancer. And yet, they issued a report saying it's probable."

IARC, which is an arm of the World Health Organization,

classified processed meats like ham and bacon as carcinogenic to humans.

Red meat was classified as probably carcinogenic to humans.

"Scientists have been studying cancer and its causes for years," John Ross said. "Genetics, environment and lifestyle choices all play a role in whether or not this complex disease develops in a person or not. Science simply does not support IARC's claim that meat causes colorectal cancer."

In the past, IARC has studied sunlight, odd sleeping hours due to shift work and eating pickled vegetables as other possible causes for cancer.

IARC is set to meet in 2016 to study the effects of coffee.

"I urge our community to do its research and look past all the 'shock and wow' reports," John Ross said. "IARC's classification. system is antiquated and clouds the facts."

Coke County farmers pleased by stay for EPA rule

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has put a temporary halt to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementation of its Waters of the U.S., or WOTUS, rule.

The decision was greeted by farm groups and landowners across the nation with cautious optimism.

"WOTUS affects everyone. It affects what we do and how we do it," said John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president. "We all want clean water. But this is about control. The EPA is reaching for more power and stepping on Texas landowners to get it."

The temporary stay puts the EPA's and Corps of Engineers' enforcement of WOTUS on hold until the legal system determines jurisdiction in the lawsuits filed against WOTUS in District and Appellate courts.

Texas Farm Bureau. Matagorda County Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation are among the entities who have filed suits challenging the rule.

Under the proposed rule, the EPA gains control over bodies of water and areas that only sometimes hold water. With that control, they can require permits for everyday work that is done in these areas.

"It allows EPA to decide, essentially, who farms and how they do it," John Ross said.

It is unclear how long the court's temporary stay will remain in effect.

The final rule became effective Aug. 28, expanding the scope of the federal government's jurisdiction over waters under the Clean Water Act.

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Youth Hunt! Attending the October 2015 CRMWD Youth Hunt were guides (top row; from left) Mark Halfmann, Carol Sessom, Jacob, Monica Minzenmeyer, Joel, and Chris Grimes, and hunters (bottom row; from left) Joshua, Stormy; Yvonne, Tamecka, Mary, and Andrew.

South Texas Children's Home Deer Hunt held

On October 31, 2015, the Colorado River Municipal Water District hosted its first antlerless / spike deer hunt of the 2015/2016 season, for kids from a Texas children's home. Two boys and four girls from the Children's Home participated in the doe and spike hunt. A wet and cool morning, along with a very pleasant afternoon, was the setting for the hunt. Everyone saw a lot of game and had a wonderful time enjoying the outdoors. These hunts are a great management tool in controlling deer populations, but more importantly, they provide a wonderful opportunity to experience hunting, fellowship, and the great outdoors to those who would not normally get a chance to do so.

An anonymous donor from Nebraska and a local donor donated several gift cards for prizes. Gift cards were awarded for harvest of the biggest doe. biggest spike, oldest deer, best shot at the shooting range and a luck of the draw prize. Biggest Doe honors went to hunter Mary, who was guided by Joel. Mary, who showed everyone how to shoot with a score of 40 out of 50, also won the award for Best Marksman . Joshua, who was guided by Mark Halfmann, harvested a 7 1 /2 yea old doe and won the prize for



award for the weekend. For two of the hunters, this was their first deer ever and they were very excited.

Throughout the hunt all were blessed with great food. A grilled hamburger meal with fixings, chips, and cookies were provided by the Ballinger Mornings Lion Club, along with great company and plenty of humor. There was enough food left over for each of the kids to fix a burger after the evening hunt.

David and Vicky Steward of Voss, Texas, provided breakfast for the hunters along with soft drinks. Paige Grimes also provide Halloween treats for the kids. Not a single sweet treat survived the weekend.

Those assisting as hunting guides where Carol Sessom of Lake Ivie, Monica Minzenmeyer of Rowena, Chris Grimes of

Ballinger, Mark Halfmann of San Angelo, and Joel, Jacob, and LuAnne of the children's home.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Lane Pickney of Runnels County gave a very informative Q&A program which covered a wide spectrum of issues, along with several interesting work related stories.

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

Once again our special thanks to all who supported this event and gave of themselves to make this opportunity available to these children.



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Oldest Doe . Joshua also won

the Luck of the Draw gift

card. The Biggest Spike award

went to young lady hunter

Stormy, who was guided by

Carol Sessom, with a spike

weighing in at 65 lbs. All the

kids also received a participant



NEW LISTING! Large older home is just perfect for family. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms. Numerous built-ins throughout home, huge closets, woodburning stove in den, 2 car attached carport. Potential efficiency apartment or guest house on property includes full basement and 2 car attached carport. Loads of character in this home on 1.91 acres.

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