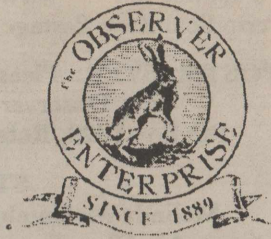


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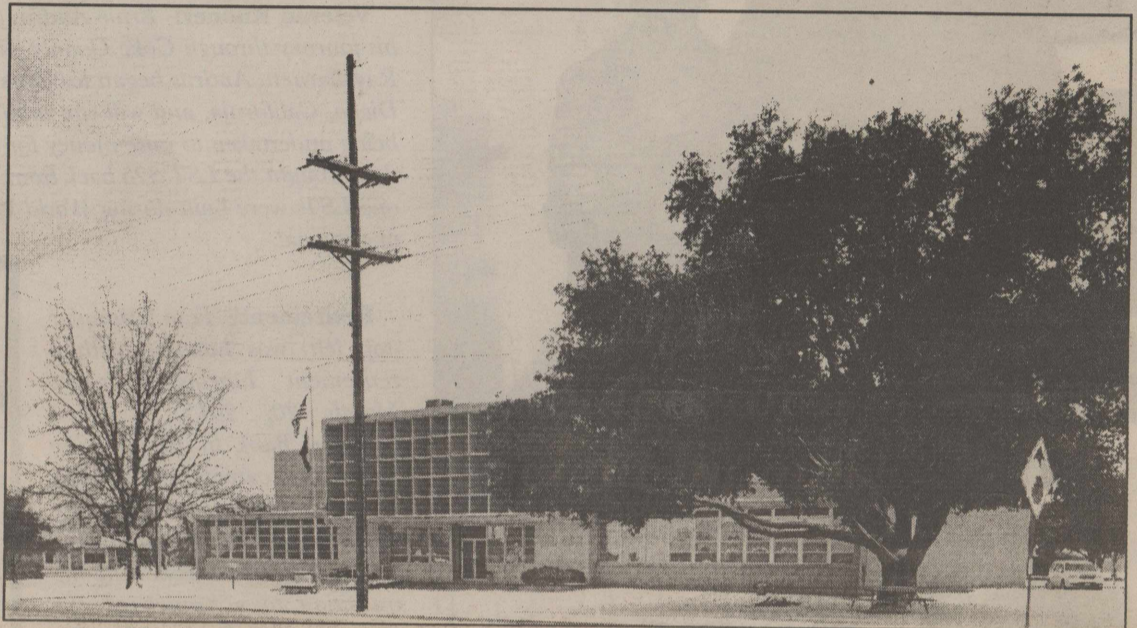
By Melinda McCutchen  
Publisher  
We are entering a new year. As we say goodbye to 2015, I hope readers enjoy this look back at a few of the stories which made headlines this past year.

While combing through all of the 2015 issues, I quickly realized that there was no possible way to include everything. I'll apologize in advance if a story important to you was omitted. Also, we have not included any of the school

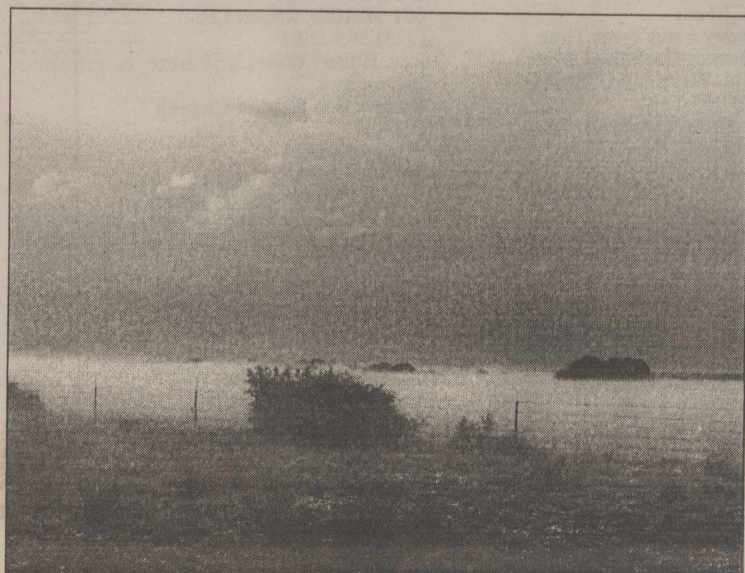
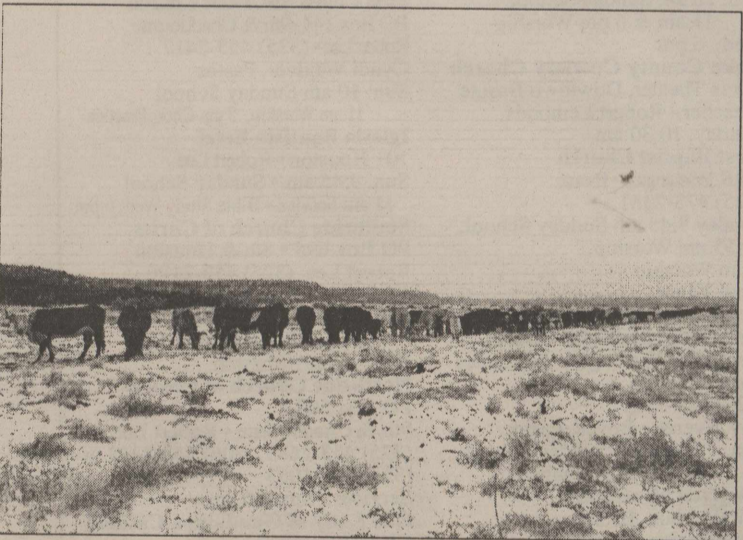
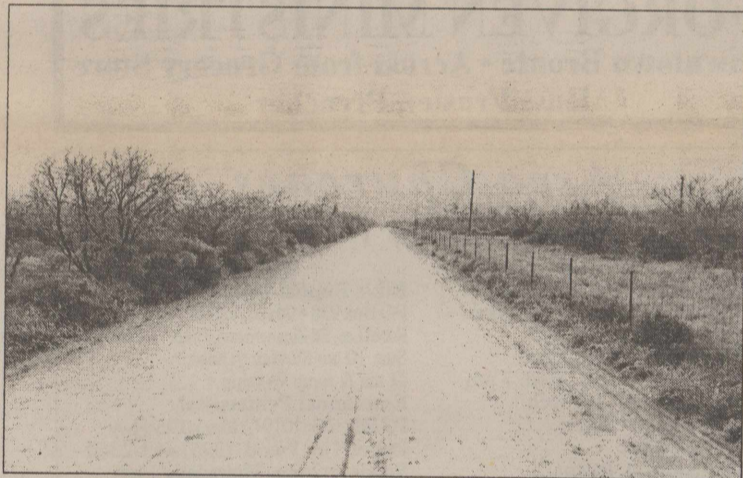
activities. Our area students are extremely talented, earning honors in academics, sports, UIL, and other extra curricular activities. There would be no way to include all of the honors earned in 2015 by these students.

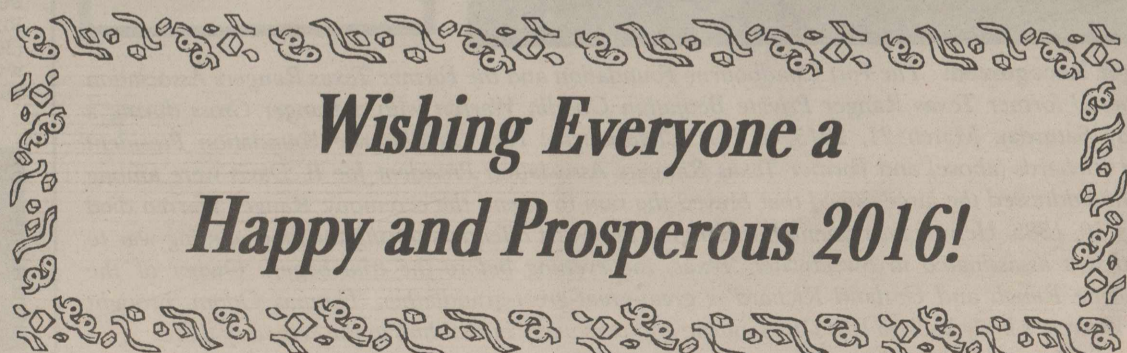
The first five pages of this issue are dedicated to 2015. Current news begins on page 6.

I sincerely want to thank our readers, contributors and advertisers for your support this last year.



**Extreme Weather!** Weather scenes graced the front page several times throughout 2015. The above scene is of the Coke County Courthouse this past Monday, December 28, 2015. Following Christmas temperatures reaching the high 70s, a norther blew in Saturday dropping temperatures and delivering rain, followed by sleet, and finally snow late Sunday night. The top left photo was from a storm which arrived on December 30, 2014, and stayed until January 2, 2015. It seemed last winter was going to hang around for awhile as these cattle (middle left photo) braced the cold temperatures and frozen precipitation the end of February 2015. Homeowners north of Bronte were amazed at the scenes following a hail storm which occurred in late April 2015. Not only was there significant damage to vehicles, roofs, windows, trees and crops, the steam rising off the hail was a true sight to behold. Dripping Springs (below) was the beneficiary of rain west of Robert Lee in mid May.



  
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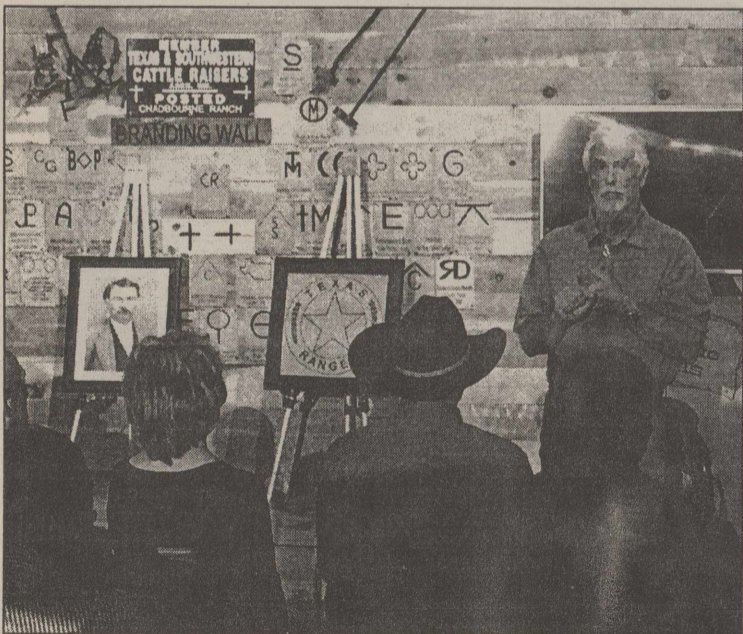
Per Year in Coke County ... \$30.00  
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**Veteran Runner!** Ernie Andrus (second from left), a 91 year old veteran, was accompanied on part of his journey through Coke County Tuesday morning by Carlos Cano of Corpus Christi, Jodie Arrott and Ray Barnett. Andrus began his cross country journey on October 7, 2013, at the Pacific Ocean near San Diego, California, and will run until he comes to the Atlantic Ocean at Brunswick, Georgia. This feat is being undertaken to raise money for the LST 325 SHIP MEMORIAL, INC. Andrus was one of the crew that brought the LST 325 back from the Isle of Crete, Greece to the US in 2000, 2001. One thousand fifty one LSTs were built during World War II. The 325 is the only one left that has been restored and is still operational.

**Retirement!** Fran Crumpler (top left) was honored with a retirement luncheon Friday, March 20, 2015, at First National Bank in Bronte. She began her career at the bank under the tutelage of her father, the late Tiny Glenn, succeeding him as Chairman. Following the transition to a branch of the First National Bank of Sterling City, Fran served as Branch Manager. She is shown with FNB-SC President and CEO Roger D. Williams.

A reception honoring the retirement of Robert Lee Mayor John Jacobs was held Monday morning, May 4, 2015, at Robert Lee City Hall. Mayor Jacobs served Robert Lee on the City Council from 2008 to 2010 and as Mayor from 2010 to 2015. Many came to show their appreciation for John's service to the City of Robert Lee.



**Ranger Recognized!** The Fort Chadbourne Foundation and the Former Texas Rangers Association remembered former Texas Ranger Private Benjamin Goodin Warren with a Ranger Cross during a ceremony Saturday, March 21, 2015, at Fort Chadbourne. Fort Chadbourne Foundation President Garland Richards (above) and Former Texas Rangers Association President Joe B. Davis were among those who addressed the large crowd that braved the rain to attend the ceremony. Ranger Warren died February 10, 1885. He was instrumental in bringing the worst offenders during the fence cutting war to trial and was assassinated in Sweetwater, Texas, the evening before the trial began. Owner of the Chadbourne Ranch and Garland Richard's great-great-great-grandfather, Thomas Odom, brought Ranger Warren's body back to Fort Chadbourne and personally buried him in the cemetery there.

## Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am  
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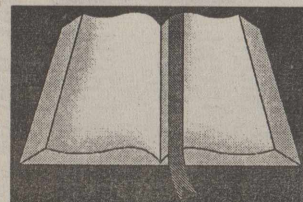
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# Concerned Citizens demand changes to dangerous highway

The last few months of 2014 were marked by four fatalities in accidents occurring on the 1 mile stretch of US Highway 277 just north of Bronte. On January 11, 2015, a three vehicle accident occurred in the same stretch. Fortunately, although one man was airlifted to the hospital and two more transported by ambulance, this head-on collision resulted in no fatalities.

At the January 26, 2015, meeting of the Commissioners Court, Precinct 2 Commissioner Paul Williams asked the Court to authorize a resolution requesting Texas Department of Transportation lower the speed on US Highway 277 within Coke County's borders. At their meeting on February 24, 2015, the Commissioners voted on a resolution to lower the speed limit on US Highway 277 for the three mile stretch from Bronte in each direction (both north toward Abilene and south toward San Angelo). The resolution also addresses the safety signage, or lack thereof, on the curves on this section of roadway.

On March 10, 2015, Thomas R. Johnston, San Angelo District Director of Operations, and Angie Ortegon, San Angelo District Transportation Operations Engineer, representing Texas Department of Transportation, met with concerned citizens at Bronte City Hall. They promised to look at the issues and possibly make

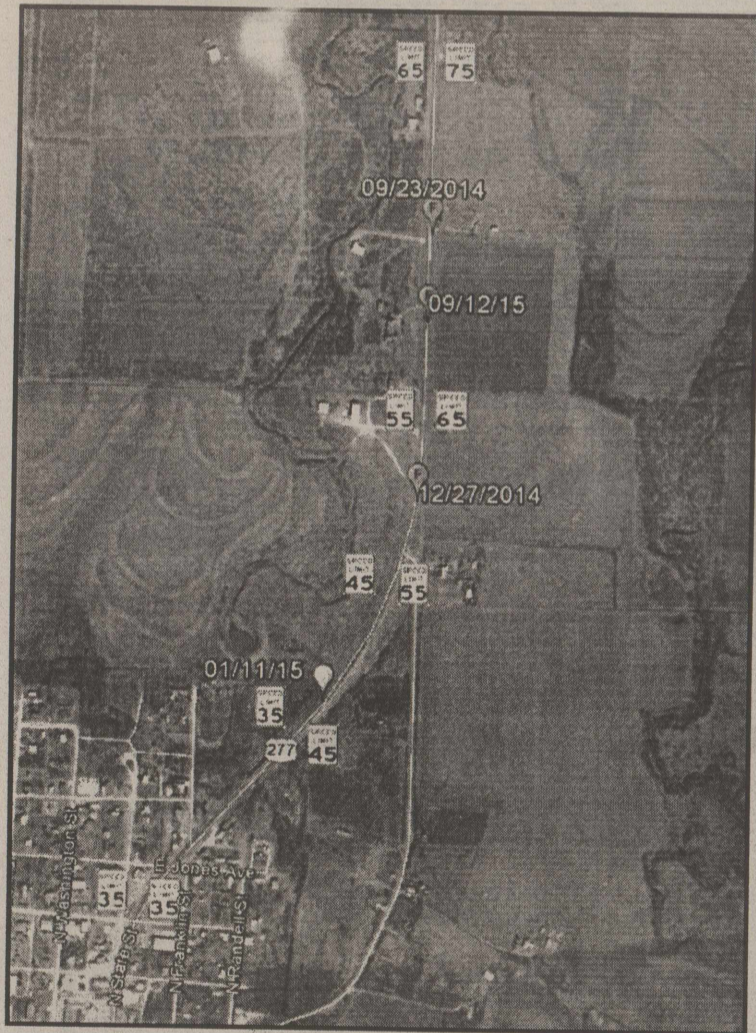
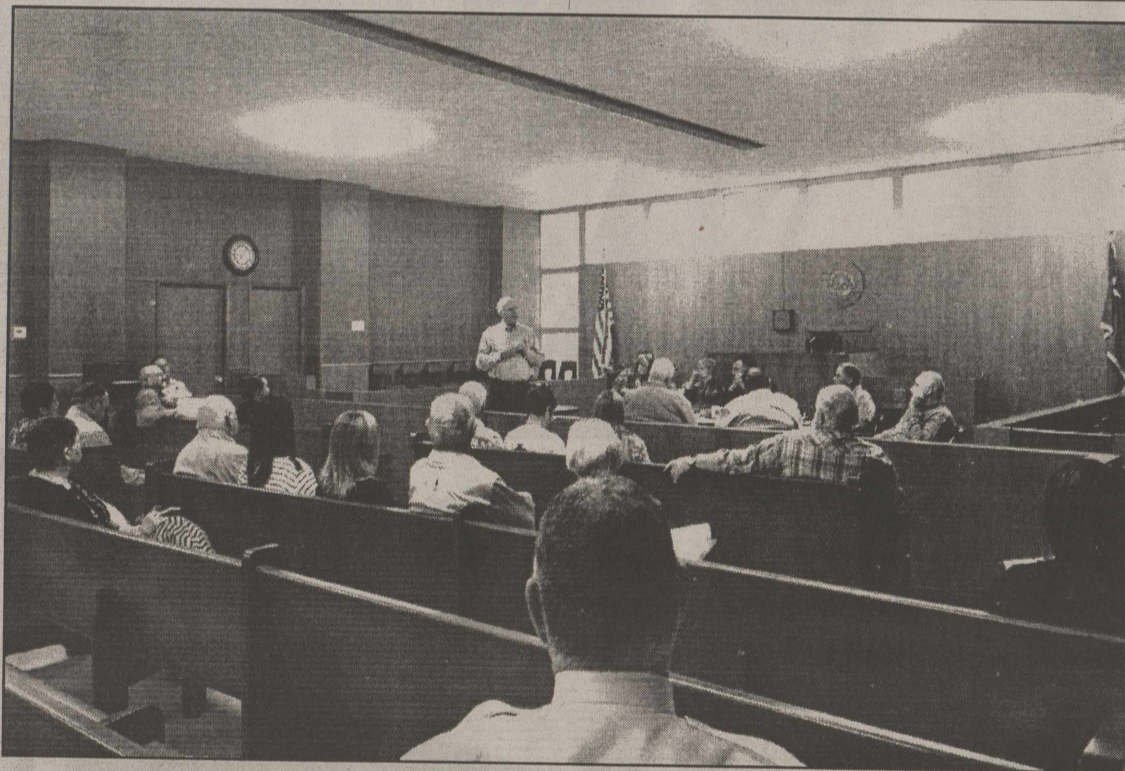
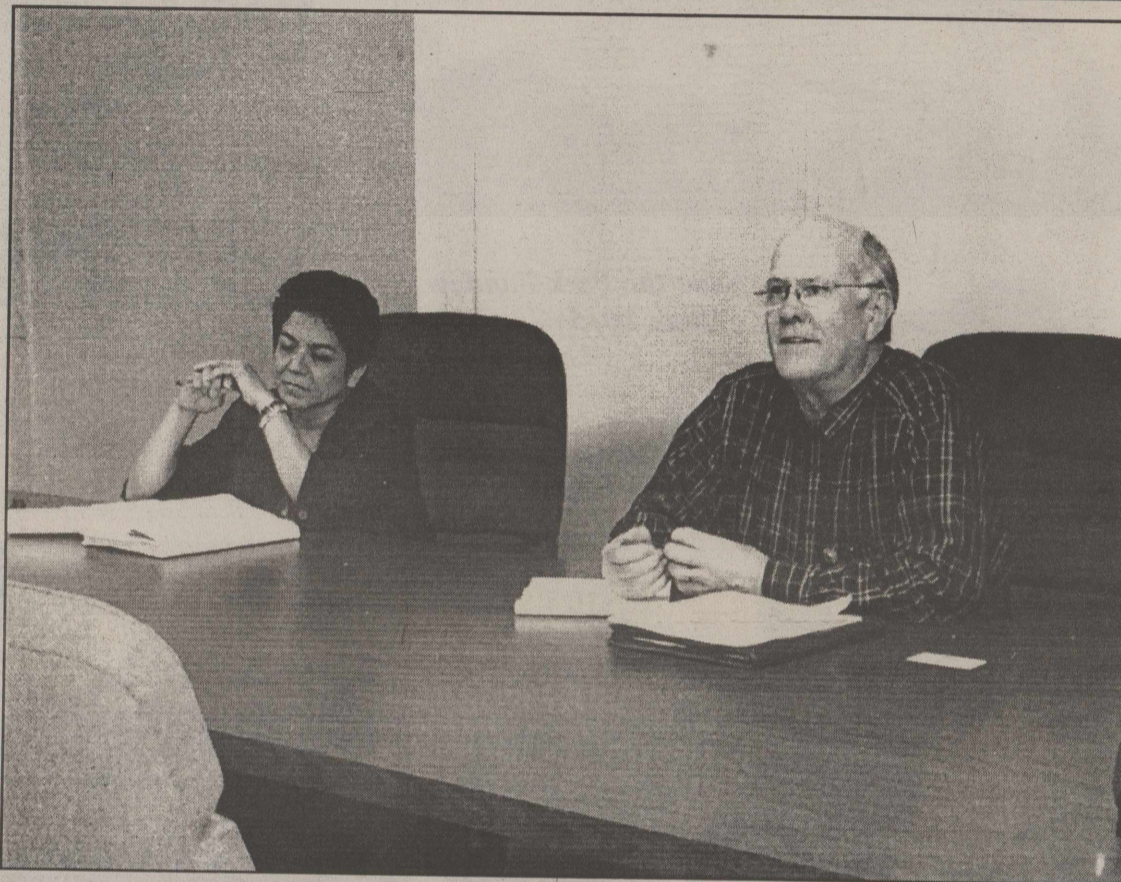
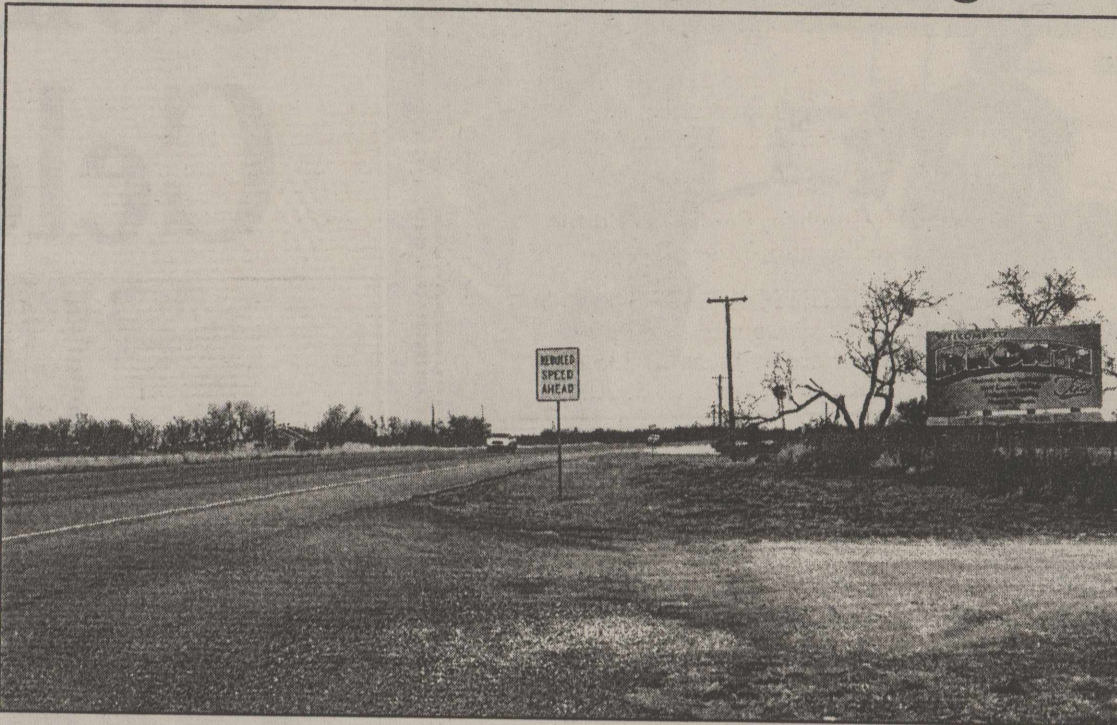
recommendations to the governing board in Austin.

On Saturday, September 12, 2015, David and Misti Bedford, along with their parents, Jerita and Stover Taylor and Everett and Pat Bedford were just leaving Bronte headed north to a volleyball game. A young man traveling south toward Bronte, in his attempt to pass a truck, hit them. Mr. Taylor was airlifted and later died at the hospital. All of the ladies were taken by ambulance to the hospital with serious injuries.

Following this deadly accident, Johnston and Ortegon once again met with citizens. This meeting was held during the September 22, 2015, Commissioners Court. The pair described their plans to increase the safety of drivers between the north city limits and the turn-off to Winters. They brought a map showing the changes they planned and those for which they were requesting approval.

TxDOT crews were out in force Monday, October 5, 2015, adding safety features in the four miles of US Highway 277 just north of Bronte. They first brought in a radar trailer and then cut in rumble strips. The strips run just outside of the white lines and down the center of the highway.

There have been two more bad accidents in the three mile stretch north of Bronte in recent months. Currently, the speed limit signs in this stretch have not been changed.



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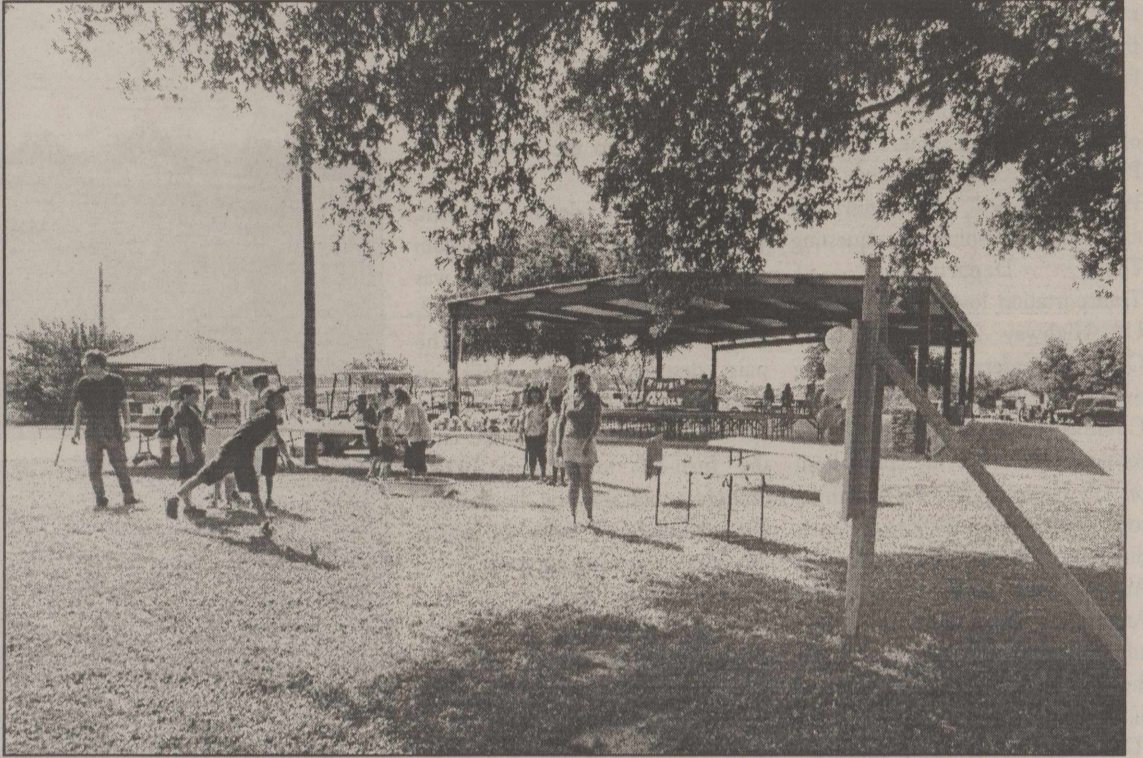
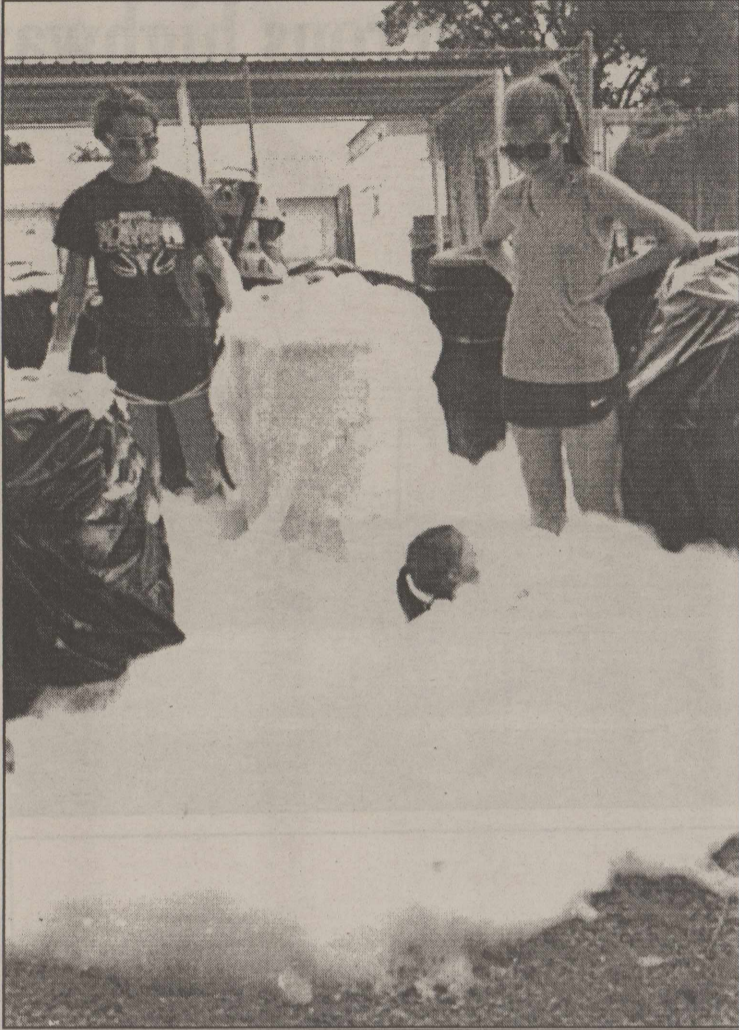


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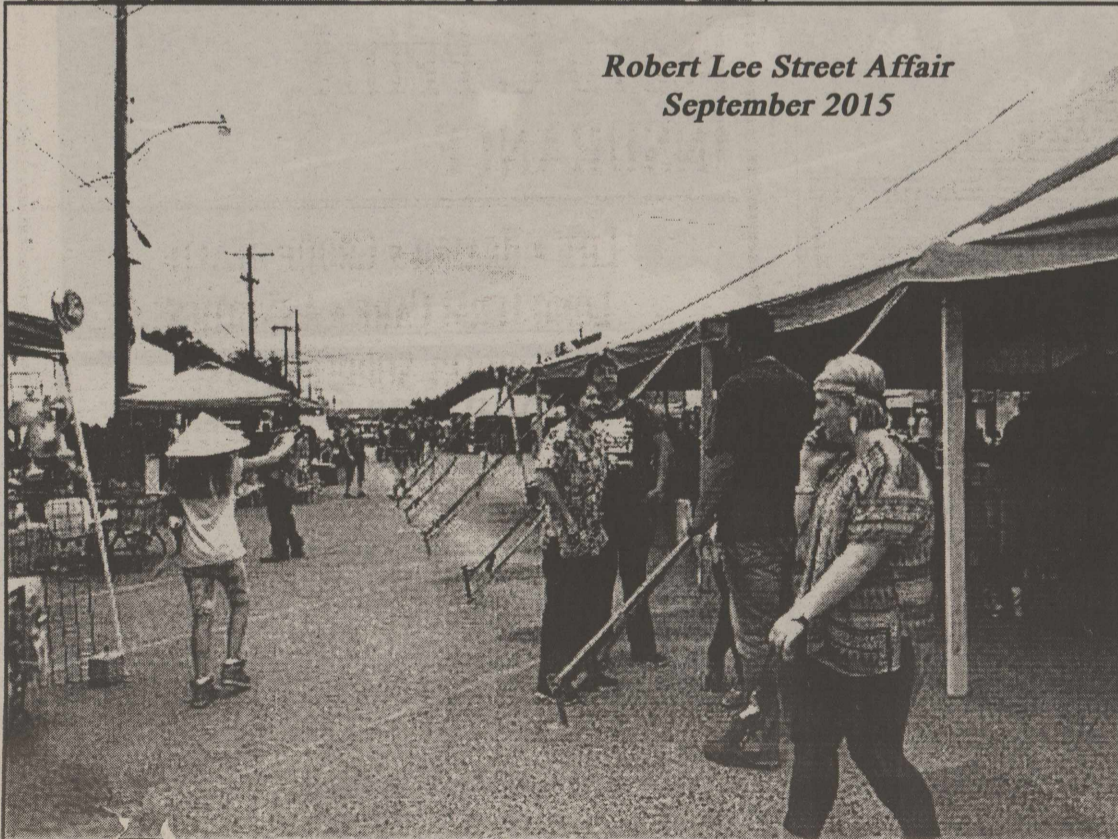


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*Robert Lee 4th of July BlowOut  
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*Robert Lee Street Affair  
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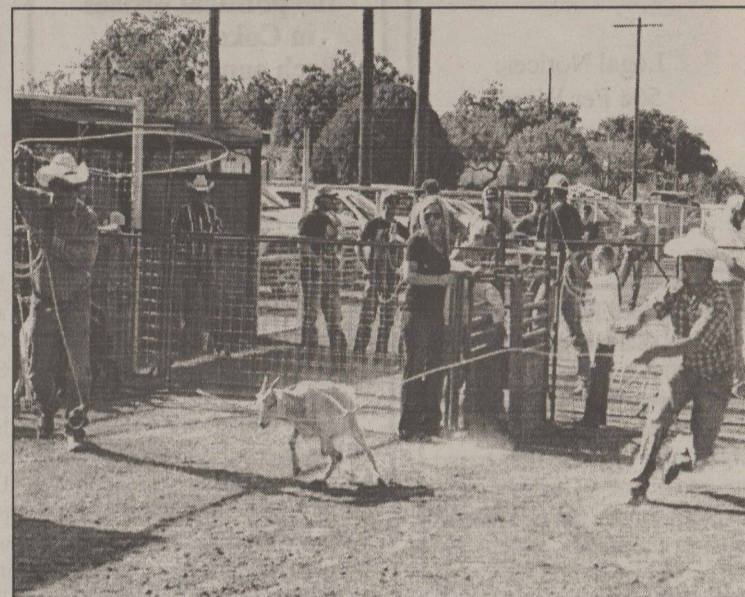
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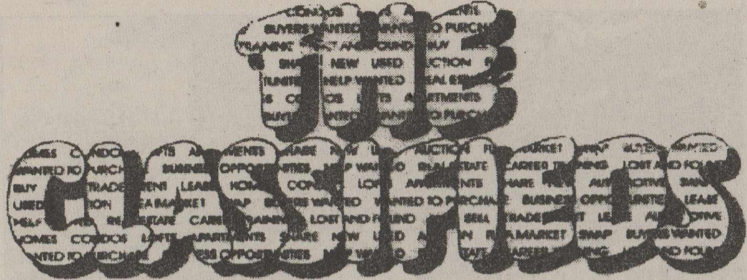
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Wayne McCutchen (Rep.)

**Coke County Commissioner, Pct 1**  
Shaunna Grantham (Rep.)

**Coke County Commissioner, Pct 3**  
Marshall Millican (Rep.)

**Nolan County Commissioner, Pct 3**  
Luis Solis (Rep.)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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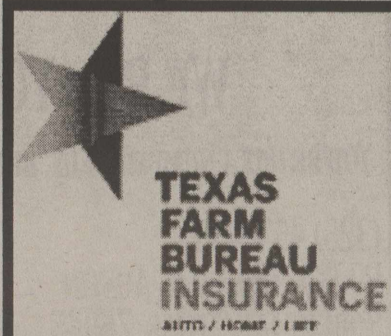
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Requirements for filing are that you must have lived in the state for one year and six months in the school district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at the time of election.

Robert Lee ISD will need to elect two places for full three year terms. The three year terms of Beverly Sinclair and Erin Oleksiuk are expiring.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE COKE COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Coke County will hold a Public Hearing at 5:00 PM on January 5, 2015 at the Coke County Water Supply Corporation office located at 10390 W. State Highway 158, Robert Lee. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for final public comments regarding the completion of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program project (Contract Number 713081) for water system improvements for an unincorporated area in Coke County. The general public is invited to attend and participate.

Should any non-English speaking citizens desire to address the County during the public hearing and needs the assistance of an interpreter, the County will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Coke County Judge at 325/453-2641 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County Judge at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

County Judge  
Coke County

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**BID PUBLICATION NOTIFICATION**

Bronte ISD is accepting sealed bids for a 2001, brown, Chevrolet Suburban 1500. Minimum bid required. For details, contact the Superintendent's office at (325) 473-2511 or PO Box 670

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**UNDER CONTRACT** 198 Acres - Coke County, Texas. North of Robert Lee, large barn, cattle pens, one water well. \$1295/acre.

# Current News

## Red Hat Society to meet January 7

The Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 11 am in Robert Lee.

Get your red hat and bring a friend with you. We always have lots of fun, delicious food, and good fellowship. Hope to see you there.

## 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 the Coke County Extension office by January 6, 2016.

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

## Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control 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, contact clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5pm on Friday, November 27, 2015.

## Conservation Tree and Shrub Seedlings available

A limited quantity of container and bareroot seedlings are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Deadline to order is February 6, 2015. Seedlings will be delivered and ready for pick up on February 12, 2015.

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

## Recycling/Convenience Center notes

The Recycling Center in Bronte accepts aluminum cans only. The Convenience Center does not accept brush or tree limbs, according to Bronte City Secretary Crystal Blevins.

## Blackwell posts Junior High District UIL results

7th grade

Art Smart - 3rd place team (Maddy Bell, Darrian Kenney, and Caitlin Lange)

Editorial Writing - Maddy Bell 4th

Impromptu Speaking - Caleb Sirmons 2nd

Listening Skills - Maddy Bell 5th

Modern Oratory - Caleb Sirmons 2nd, Maddy Bell 3rd,

and Caitlin Lange 4th

Oral Reading - Maddy Bell 4th and Allison Panzer 6th

Ready Writing - Maddy Bell 3rd and Darrian Kenney 6th

Science - Sam Brinkman 5th and Carson Sorrells 6th (2nd place team - Caleb Sirmons)

Spelling - Maddy Bell 6th

8th grade

Art Smart - Katelyn Robertson 1st, Haylee Cason 2nd, Emily Rasco 5th, and Madison Solis 6th (1st place team - Jacie Fields)

Calculator Skills - Emilee Sanderson 4th (2nd place team - Grant Gott and Jordan Jones)

Dictionary - Madison Solis 1st, Katelyn Robertson 2nd, and Jordan Jones 4th (1st place team)

Editorial Writing - Jacie Fields 2nd, Emilee Sanderson 3rd, and Jordan Jones 5th

Impromptu Speaking - Katelyn Robertson 2nd and Grant Gott 6th

Listening - Emilee Sanderson 1st and Katelyn Robertson 2nd (1st place team - Madison Solis)

Maps, Graphs, & Charts - Emilee Sanderson 2nd (2nd place team - Jacie Fields and Grant Gott)

Modern Oratory - Emilee Sanderson 1st, Haylee Cason 2nd, and Madison Solis 3rd

Oral Reading - Haylee Cason 1st and Emilee Sanderson 5th

Ready Writing - Madison Solis 2nd

Science - Emilee Sanderson

5th and Jordan Jones 6th

Spelling - Katelyn Robertson

3rd (2nd place team - Jacie Fields and Jordan Jones)

## Blackwell Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, January 4

Pancakes, bacon or choice of cereal & cheese stick, sliced pineapples, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, January 5

Sunrise sandwich or choice of cereal & yogurt, fresh orange halves, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, January 6

Biscuits & gravy or choice of cereal & cheese stick, apple slices, juice, milk

#### Thursday, January 7

Oatmeal w/cinnamon toast or choice of cereal & yogurt, peaches, juice, milk

#### Friday, January 8

Breakfast burrito or choice of cereal & cheese stick, applesauce, juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, January 4

Hamburger or cheeseburger, garnish, oven fries, garden salad, baby carrots w/ranch, fruit, milk

#### Tuesday, January 5

Spicy Thai chicken, eggroll, brown rice, tomato-cucumber cup, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk

#### Wednesday, January 6

Meatball sub sandwich, garden salad, carrot coins, apple

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slices, cookie, milk

#### Thursday, January 7

Hornet chicken bowl, gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, roll, milk

#### Friday, January 8

BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles, milk

## Bronte Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, January 4

Pancakes or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, January 5

Blueberry muffin or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, January 6

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

#### Thursday, January 7

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

#### Friday, January 8

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

### Lunch

#### Monday, January 4

Steak finger basket, charro beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk

#### Tuesday, January 5

Chili cheese combo, vegetable cup, fruit, pudding, milk

#### Wednesday, January 6

Pizza, seasoned corn, tomato cup, fruit, milk

#### Thursday, January 7

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, garden

salad, apple slices, milk

#### Friday, January 8

Hamburger, oven fries, baby carrots, diced peaches, milk

## Robert Lee Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, January 4

Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, January 5

Dutch waffle, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, January 6

Biscuit, eggs, potatoes, fruit, juice, milk

#### Thursday, January 7

Bagel, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

#### Friday, January 8

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, January 4

Pizza, tomato cup, salad, fruit cup, milk

#### Tuesday, January 5

Steak fingers, fries, gravy, charro beans, salad, roll, apple, milk

#### Wednesday, January 6

Chili cheese combo, veggie cup, fresh fruit, cookie, milk

#### Thursday, January 7

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, salad, green beans, apple slices, milk

#### Friday, January 8

Hamburger, garnish, fries, baby carrots w/ranch, peaches, rice krispie treat, milk

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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor and Citizens of Coke County:

I feel like it is time for the public to be made aware of a serious problem occurring with the ambulance service for Coke County.

The East Coke County Ambulance Service (ECCAS) in Bronte has had three ECA courses in the last four to five years. This course is for anyone interested in being licensed as an Emergency Care Attendant to work on an ambulance.

At the present time, the Blackwell and Robert Lee ambulance services have not been able to get a crew many times when needed. This puts the responsibility on the ECCAS to make runs to cover all of

Coke County. The ECCAS has at least fifteen people who are licensed; however, some are middle aged and employed and others are over 65 years old.

The Cities of Bronte and Robert Lee, as well as the Coke County Commissioners Court, have been notified that in the near future (three to four years) Coke County might need a paid ambulance service. A paid ambulance service is very expensive and a tax burden to property owners.

If it gets to the point where there is no ambulance service in Coke County, the two nursing homes will have a serious problem with the state of Texas. There is a possibility that the nursing homes would have to

close if ambulance service cannot be provided. Their closing would be a loss of 90-110 employees.

Now is the time to mention the Coke County Sheriff, Coke County Deputies and Constable Marty Boyd who help when ECCAS makes a run. Also included are both Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer Fire Departments who respond to accident scenes and helicopter landing zones. Again, I appreciate the people who help ECCAS.

If anyone has questions or suggestions to help our ambulance services, please contact me at 473-5388 or other volunteers with the services.

Sincerely,  
Lee Wommack  
East Coke County  
Ambulance Service

## Holiday Closings noted

The Robert Lee City Hall today, Friday, January 1. Also closed today are the Coke County Courthouse and Bronte City Hall

## Doll House winner announced

The Robert Lee Senior Citizens group appreciates all the good donors who entered the drawing for the Victorian doll house. The group uses the funds to buy extra craft materials and puzzles.

Melva Winkler Lee won the drawing and has a family member in mind to enjoy it. The SeniorCitizens meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the little rec hall at the park for lunch and visitation and a round of puzzle building and game playing.

Senior citizens are invited to

join in the program any time. A delivery system for meals is also available. Call 453-2314 for more information.

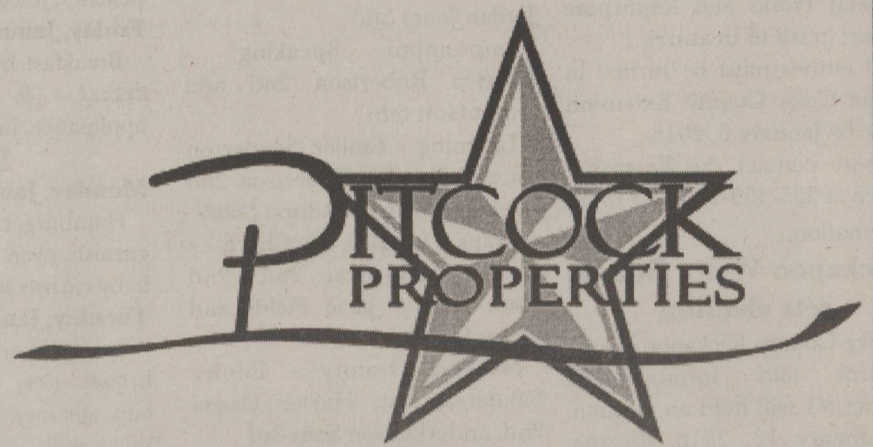
## Reservations for Community Buildings to begin January 4

The first day to rent the Robert Lee Recreation Hall, Bronte Community Center, Robert Lee and Bronte Senior Citizens Buildings, and the Robert Lee and Bronte Pavilions will be on Monday, January 4, 2016. The Coke County Judge's Office will be open at 7 am to begin taking rentals. For more information please call Lorrie at 325-453-2641.

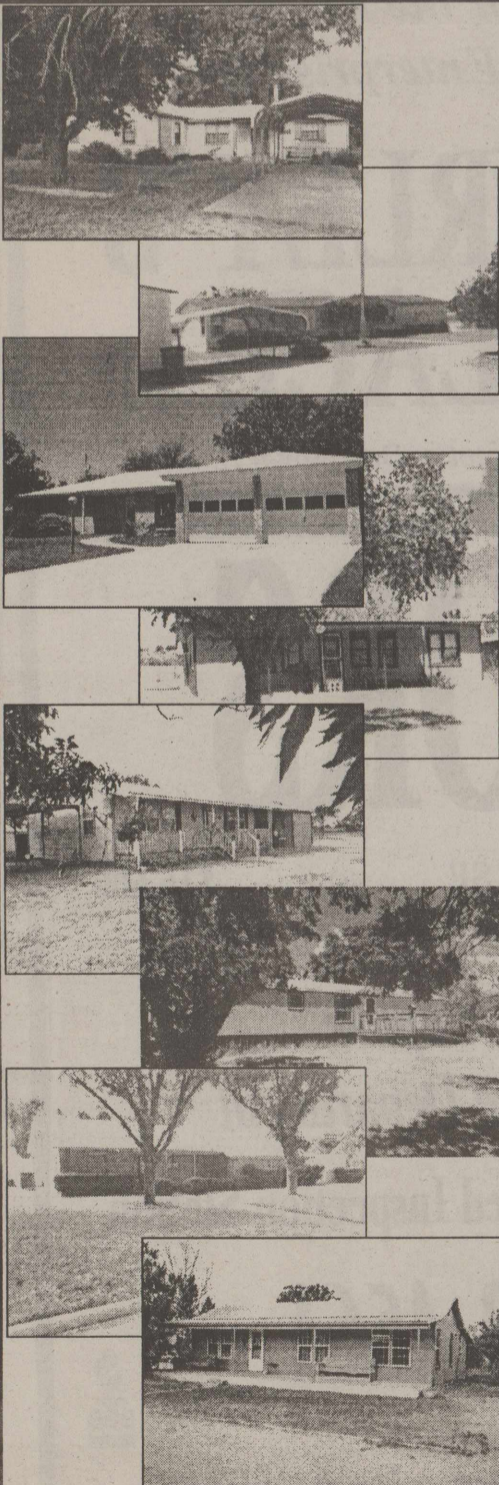
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### SOLD PROPERTIES



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**GORGEOUS VIEWS!** This home sits on Oak Creek Lake! Large trees, landscaping, and patios surround this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. The open concept living, dining and kitchen make this a perfect spot for entertaining! Carport, Storage/Workshop, and a full storage complete this package!

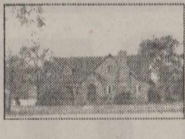
**Under Contract**



**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.



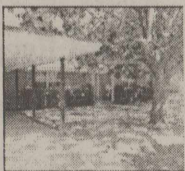
**BEAUTIFUL LOCATION ABOVE ELM CREEK IN BALLINGER!** Lovely home in excellent neighborhood with tons of character! Move-in ready with new roof put on in 2015 and new paint throughout! Large lot on hill above city park! Beautiful views from backyard patio!



**WONDERFUL CRAFTSMANSHIP!** Beautiful older home with lots of extras - built-ins, hardwoods, cedar closet, decorative ceilings, stained glass inserts, antique chandeliers and more! Lovely porches and trees! Updated with modern convenience while keeping old world charm!



**HUGE TREES SHADE THIS CUTE HOME, PERFECT FOR A FAMILY!** Master suite is separated from other bedrooms by living room with beautiful rock fireplace! Tons of storage, light, and comfort in this extremely well-maintained home in established neighborhood.



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