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## County Republican Convention set for Monday

The Coke County Republican Convention will be held Monday, March 14, at the Blue Goose in downtown Bronte, beginning at 6 pm.

## Golf Tourney set for Mountain Creek

Mountain Creek Golf Association has a 3 person, 27 hole early bird scramble slated for March 19. A 9 am shotgun start is planned.

For more information, please contact Mountain Creek at 325-453-2317 or 806-543-2118.

## Ranchers Workshop is planned

A Coke County Ranchers Workshop will soon be held in Bronte.

Topics will include: Range Health and Rotational Grazing, Prescribed Burning Benefits, Land Lease and Water Rights, Sheep and Goat Update, Pesticide Update, Rangeland herbicide Update, and Cattle: Choosing and Taking Care of Your Herd Sire.

CEU's will be available and lunch will be provided. Please be looking for more information to come.

## Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 9, 2016, 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 William, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, and Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Deputy Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 26th meeting. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Comm. Montgomery made a motion that was seconded by Comm. Pitcock to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried.

The Extension Reports were presented by Judge Blair.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collectors report was presented by Deputy Randy Hardesty.

The District/Clerks report was presented by Deputy Clerk Mary Grim.

Constable Marshall Millican presented the Precinct 1 report.

Constable Marty Boyd presented the Precinct 2 report.

Jackie Walker presented the J.P. Pct. 1 report.

Grady Coulter presented the J.P. 2 report.

The D.R. report for December 2015 and January 2016 was presented by Judge Blair.

The Trappers Report for October, November and December were presented by Judge Blair.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pitcock to put the burn ban on. Motion carried.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik to approve the bond for County/District Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff. Motion carried.

Nick Arrott presented to the court the need and options for a landfill for Coke County. He discussed information, guidance and forms for claiming a permit by rule for disposal of nuisance or abandoned buildings in Texas. He stated that he felt that there was a need in Coke County.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Judge Blair to go forward with this process. Commissioner Sefcik opposed. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that the contract with the realtor has expired.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery to list with Tim Niblo with Senter Realty in Abilene. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery to raise county prices for use of equipment by \$20.00. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that he needed to visit with TX Dot in order to make sure we have the right paper trail for the bill on SKG Engineering.

Commissioner Williams reported on gravel and his visit with the President of Ingram Concrete.

There being no private road  
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**Overnight Storms!** Severe storms rolled through Coke County in the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Rain totals ranged from .40" to right at an 1" with the rain getting heavier as the storms moved northeast. Major roof damage was reported in Bronte, with one mobile home in northwest Bronte losing its roof entirely.



## Spring Forward



Remember to set your clocks  
ahead one hour before you  
go to bed Saturday night.



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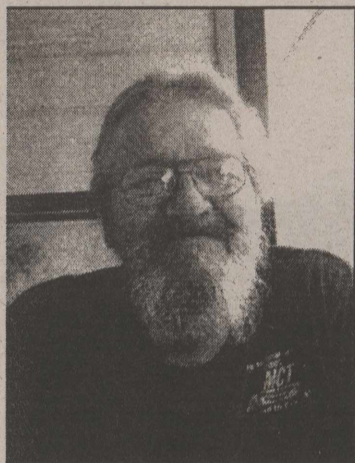
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**Obituaries**



**Neiman**

Dennis (Doc) Neiman passed away peacefully at the family home in Robert Lee, Texas, on March 2, 2016. He was a Vietnam Veteran that proudly served his country. He became disabled due to the war but it never dampened his spirits.

He was born November 11, 1951, and he always said they had a parade for his birthday, as his birthday fell on Veterans Day.

Preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Donna Weber and granddaughter. He is survived by Teresa Romine-Neiman, his wife of the home, and seven children; Sheila Levesque and husband Bill, Dennis Neiman and wife Barley, Anna Lee Neiman and Toby Cook, Mike Neiman, James Neiman, all of South Dakota; Kent Freeman of Robert Lee and Amber Martin and husband Kyle of Hobbs, New Mexico. Twenty grandkids and one great grandchild. He is survived by one sister, Carol Soiu and Bob of Utah; tons of cousins, nieces and nephews and his special friend Robert Prentice of Robert Lee. Doc loved his family more than anything in the world. He will be missed by many.

After returning from the Vietnam War, he worked in the coal mines, as a heavy truck mechanic and a truck driver, which he enjoyed immensely.

Teresa and Doc had a long distance relationship (him in Utah and her in Texas) for five years, then he moved to Texas and lived with her for four more years until Teresa's 91 year old daddy didn't know how to introduce Doc to his family and friends as "his daughters shack up or what?" That encouraged Doc and Teresa to get married, something they were already

planning. So in July of 2010 they did, where they spent years together as a perfect pair. Doc was just jerked from Teresa's life way too early.

Doc loved tinkering with old cars and trucks, especially Fords.

A celebration of Docs life will be Saturday, March 12, 2016, at 2 pm at Robert Lee Baptist Church. This will be a memorial service. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.westtexascremation.com.

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**Whaley**

Billie Ruth Scott Whaley, 88, passed from this life January 12, 2016, in El Cajon, California, and was laid to rest beside her husband in Alpine Cemetery in Alpine, California.

Billie was born February 12, 1927, in Bronte, the daughter of Ralph Alger and Gertrude Johnson Scott. Her grandparents were Joseph Lee and Maggie Rodgers Scott and John Bedford and Laura Johnson, also know as the Cedar Mountain Johnsons. Billie married Leon Whaley December 12, 1943, in Fairfield,



**Birthday Celebration!** Jackie Lanier was honored with an 80th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, March 5, 2016. The event was held from 11 am to 1 pm at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Serving as hostesses were Carol Clendennen, Beverly Broughton, Sarah Green, Kaye Pitcock, Janice Foshee, Jackie Walker, Ferrel Jean Washam and Pat Carwile. The ladies shown are (from left) Carol Clendennen, Beverly Broughton, Sarah Green, Jackie Lanier, Kaye Pitcock, Janice Foshee, and Jackie Walker.

Texas. They then moved to El Cajon and lived out the rest of their lives.

Billie was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brothers; Ralph Jr., J. L. and sisters; Maurine Poff and Jo Dell Smith. She always had a love for Bronte and Texas and had many memories.

She is survived by her son, Scott, and daughter Karen. Grandsons; Ryan, Tyler and Matthew; two great grandchildren. Also a sister-in-law and her husband, many

nieces and nephews and cousins. Much love and care was given to her by grandson Ryan and family and friend and neighbor, Louisa.

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**Dickey**

Frank Chamlee Dickey Jr. 90, of South Padre Island, Texas, and formerly of San Angelo and Robert Lee, passed away March 1, 2016.

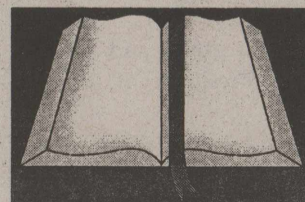
Frank is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sheila Ryan Dickey; children, Robert Dickey, Deborah Cox, (Donny), William Dickey (Vickie), Bridget Hinrichs (Kelvin), Michele Webb (Phil); grandchildren, Todd Cox, Tyler and Bradly Hinrichs, Chandler Webb, Ashley Dickey; and great-grandson Todd Jr.

A private ceremony with the family will be held.

**Area Churches**  
 Invite You to Worship

**Bronte**  
**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291  
 Preacher John V. Driggers  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm  
**Central Baptist Church**  
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811  
 Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm  
**Coke County Cowboy Church**  
 Texas Theater, Downtown 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  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
**Forgiven Ministries**  
 117 W. Main, Bronte  
 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am  
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm

**Coke County**  
**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister  
 www.pecanbaptist.org  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



**Robert Lee**  
**Bible Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Robert Lee, Ed Zimmermann, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship,  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360  
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417  
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice  
**Iglesia Bautista Betel**  
 101 Houston • Robert Lee  
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School  
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm  
**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176  
 Jordan Arnold, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 508  
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or  
 (325) 473-1053  
 Services: Sun. 10 am  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Danny White, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638  
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee  
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study  
**Tennyson**  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
 (325) 473-2040  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

**Come As You Are**

Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Table Time • Tuesday evening

**FORGIVEN MINISTRIES**  
 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store  
 Russ Frasier, Preacher



**Memorial Service**  
 For  
**Lois Wallace**

Please join the Thorn family and all of her adopted family and friends.

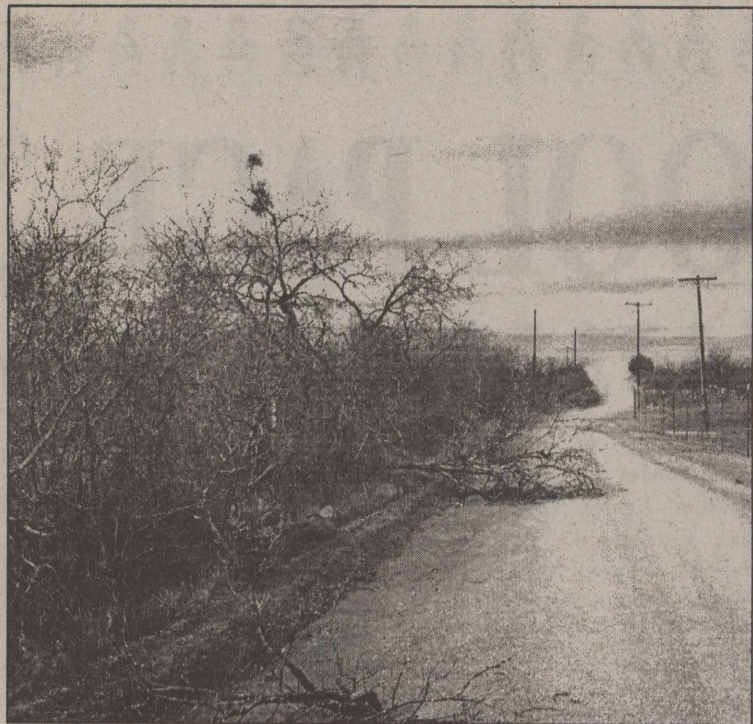
We will be sharing stories and laughter and celebrating her life.

**Bronte First United Methodist Church**  
 Fellowship Hall  
 324 S. Washington St.

Saturday March 12, 2016

2:00 P.M.





**... Commissioners Court**

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Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Judge Blair recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session February 23, 2016 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 William, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, and Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Deputy Clerk Mary Grim is also in attendance.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 9th minutes, as amended, Tom Niblo and Senter Realty. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Josie Dean presented her

January Tax A/C report.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pitcock, to approve the Coke County Financial Report for the year ending September 20, 2015 from Wayne Barr with Eckert & Company. Motion carried.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report on racial profiling to the court.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, to approve the Sheriff's Racial Profiling Report. Motion carried.

Judge Blair presented the Constable Pct. 1 report to the court.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pitcock, to approve the Constable Pct. 1 Racial Profiling Report. Motion carried.

Constable Pct. 2 Racial Profiling Report presented by Marty Boyd.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik to approve the Constable Pct 2 Racial Profiling Report. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pitcock to approve the Budget Amendment

**Downed Signs and Leaning Poles!** The severe storms which came through Coke County early Tuesday morning left downed signs and leaning polls in Bronte. The home above also suffered damage to the roof. Trees were also victims of the storms on county roads north of Bronte.

for \$25,000.00 from General to CETRZ. Motion carried.

Judge Blair has set a special meeting for Tuesday, March 2 at 9:00. Diane Weishuhn with TX Dot is over the CETRZ. She will help with the CETRZ forms and answer any questions that the Court may have.

Judge Blair reported that we had an unattended death in Bronte and we will have an autopsy bill coming.

County Clerk Mary Grim reported that early voting was going good..

There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session March 2, 2016 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 William, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, and Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Roy Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Diane Weishuhn with TXDOT informed the court that a list of transportation infrastructure projects with projected cost is needed to move forward with grant.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, seconded by

Commissioner Sefcik to approve infrastructure projects which include Sanco Rd, Humble Rd, Lake Dam Rd, and Cedar Cove Rd. Motion carried.

No action taken on discussion on defining design criteria and specifications for Coke County.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik to accept the resignation of Karen Rasco, Coke County Librarian.

George Cooper addressed the court concerning repairs to Lake Dam Rd.

Judge Blair reported on Primary election results and new server.

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Hello Coke County!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your votes, support and encouraging words during the Primary Election.

It's not over yet! As many of you know, I have made it to the Primary Runoff Election for Coke County Commissioner, Precinct 1.

I would like to ask for your continuing support and your vote in that Election, as well.

The Primary Runoff Election will be held on May 24, 2016. You can register to vote until April 25, 2016. Early voting will begin on May 16, 2016 and end on May 20, 2016.

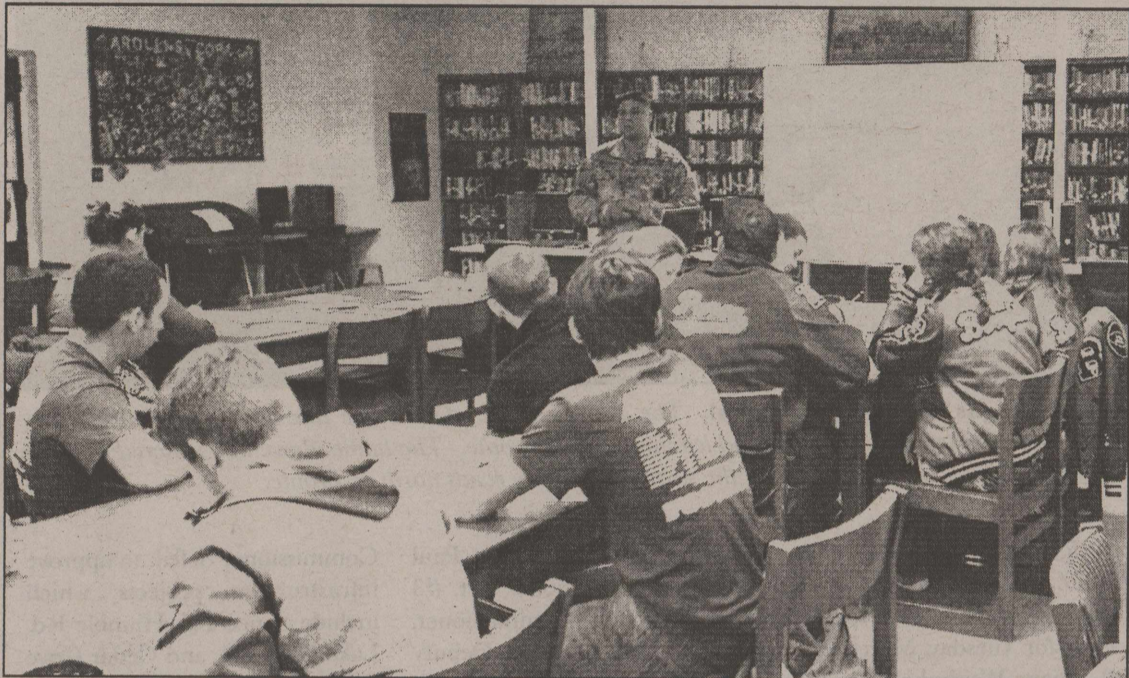


\*\*\*\*\***VOTE**\*\*\*\*\*  
Shaunna  
**GRANTHAM**  
For  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Pd. Pol. Adv. by Shaunna Grantham





# SCHOOL PAGE



**Army Presentation!** Staff Sergeant Monjares (pictured) recently spoke to junior and senior students at Bronte High School about the United States Army and the training and career opportunities the Army offers. SSGT. Monjares also brought the students informational brochures and answered questions. For more information about the US Army, please visit [www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com).

## Longhorns named to All District Teams

Named to the All District First Team were Bronte Longhorn Basketball players Ean Ward, Ryan Jones, and Shawn Puentez. Tanner Bedford was named to the All District Second Team, with Carson Kelso receiving Honorable Mention.

## Longhorns wrap up season with Bi-District Championship

The Bronte Longhorns played Lueders Avoca for the Bi-District Championship and brought home the trophy with the 52-20 win. Scoring for the Longhorns were Carson Kelso 2 pts, Tanner Bedford 12 pts, Ean Ward 5 pts, Ryan Jones 3 pts, Shawn Puentez 16 pts, Diego Perez 8 pts, Justin Real 2 pts, Tristan Sullivan 2 pts, and Jaxon Chantrill 2 pts.

They next faced the May Tigers in the Area round and fell 24-31. Scoring for the Longhorns were Carson Kelso 1 pt, Tanner Bedford 6 pts, Ean Ward 7 pts, Ryan Jones 7 pts, and Diego Perez 3 pts.

The Longhorns finished their season with an Overall Record of 21-10 and 12-3 in District competition.

## Bronte Elementary School 4th Six Weeks Awards

### 1st grade

#### All E's

Colton Bilyeu, Holden Davis, Jesus Hernandez, Abby Moon, Braylie Morris, Brylee Torres

#### Citizenship

Billy Bannert, Colton Bilyeu, Shayly Cummings, Abby Moon, Zoey Neal, J.J. Pena, Taylor Penner, Blakely Pritchard, Andrew Rico, Brylee Torres

#### Perfect Attendance

Holden Davis, Jesus Hernandez, Jadan Martinez,

Abby Moon, Braylie Morris, Wyatt Parks, J.J. Pena, Blakely Pritchard, Morgan Sullivan

### 2nd Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Hailey Beal, Bernica Hancock, Maddie Schoenfield, Raymond Williams

#### A/B Honor Roll

Caelyn Ball, Shaylee Bilbrey, Hondo Burton, Parker Holland, Grace Jernigan, Treyton McCullough, Joel Pena

#### Super Longhorn Citizen

Hailey Beal

#### Perfect Attendance

Shaylee Bilbrey, Bernica Hancock, Parker Holland, Grace Jernigan, Joel Pena, Maddie Schoenfield, Hannah Sullivan, Raymond Williams

#### Met Reading Goal

Tripp Baughman, Hailey Beal, Shaylee Bilbrey, Cheyenne Blackwell, Bernica Hancock, Parker Holland, Grace Jernigan, Isaac Kincann, Treyton McCullough, Joel Pena, Maddie Schoenfield, Raymond Williams

### 3rd Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Jaxon Morris, Anna Henson, Warren Middleton

#### A/B Honor Roll

Cole Knight, November Wilson, Marlene Sanchez, Tatum Sanchez

#### Met Accelerated Reading

### Goal

Jaxon Morris, Anna Henson, Marlene Sanchez, November Wilson, Emery Willis

#### Perfect Attendance

Jaxon Morris, Roy Flores, Jose Heredia, Cole Knight

### 4th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Emily Jackson, Maelynn Williams

#### A/B Honor Roll

Daysiah Flores, Joseph Goddard

#### Perfect Attendance

Ryan Aquirri, Ryana Castaneda, Daysiah Flores, Halie Gibson, Illana Hernandez, Maelynn Williams

#### AR Reading Goals

Emily Jackson, Daysiah Flores, Maelynn Williams, Halie Gibson, Illana Hernandez, Ryana Castaneda

### 5th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Arath Brosig, Deliziah Flores, Zoey Hortenstine, Jett Jackson, A/B Honor Roll-Parker Bearden, Juan De La Garza, Sarah Devine, Kolson Follis, Chyanna Torres

#### Perfect Attendance

Patrick Barrera, Arath Brosig, Juan Orlando De La Garza, Deliziah Flores, Kolson Follis, Victoria Hall-Shaffer, Zoey Hortenstine, Jose Madrid, Bastian Quesada, Emmy Speary

Chyanna Torres

#### Met AR Goal

Aiden Beck, Arath Brosig, Juan Orlando De La Garza, Deliziah Flores, Kolson Follis, Victoria Hall-Shaffer, Zoey Hortenstine, Jett Jackson, Jose Madrid, Bastian Quesada, Chloe Reyes, Jamison Seales, Emmy Speary, Chyanna Torres

#### Super Citizens

Chyanna Torres, Bastian Quesada, Jett Jackson, Deliziah Flores, Juan Orlando De La Garza, Victoria Hall-Shaffer

### 6th Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Makayla Lee, Zach McWright, Lance Rolls

A/B Honor Roll-Thaliah Castaneda, Tiffany Timmerman

#### Met AR Reading Goal

Thaliah Castaneda, Nikkole Harendt, Makayla Lee, Zachary McWright, Gabby Quesada, Marissa Reyes, Lance Rolls, Alexis Sanchez, Tiffany Timmerman

#### Super Citizens

Thaliah Castaneda, Nikkole Harendt, Makayla Lee, Zach McWright, Marissa Reyes, Lance Rolls, Tiffany Timmerman

#### Perfect Attendance

Thaliah Castaneda, Nikkole Harendt, Makayla Lee, Zach McWright, Jessica Montez

#### CVEC offers scholarships

Concho Valley Electric Cooperative is offering four \$2,000 scholarships. Two scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors and two are awarded to other students of higher learning.

#### Guidelines include:

The applicant must be an active CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC, OR be the dependent of a CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC.

The applicant will be chosen based on the following criteria: grades, leadership, community, school activities and essay.

Permissible use of funds include payment of tuition, fees

required for books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses of instruction.

The recipient must attend a recognized Texas institution of higher education, including certified trade schools, while pursuing a degree at any level.

Recipients must obtain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. One half of scholarship is awarded at the beginning of the Fall Semester and the remaining one half is awarded at the beginning of the Spring semester.

To obtain an application you may come by the CVEC office at 2530 Pulliam St., San Angelo, TX 76905, call the Member Service Department at (325) 655-6957 or visit our website at [www.cvec.coop](http://www.cvec.coop). Deadline for submission is April 11, 2016.

## Health Careers Camp slated

Students currently enrolled in grades 8-12 are invited to attend a Health Careers Camp in Odessa, Texas, June 13th through 16th to get hands on learning about health careers. The camp is sponsored by the Permian Basin Area Health Education Cooperative (AHEC) and students will participate in tours of local health care facilities, shadowing opportunities with health care professionals, hands on science experiments, and lectures from college professors and instructors who will offer good habits for college success.

The cost covers 3 nights of housing, food and snacks, and

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transportation during the camp. The deadline to apply is May 13th. Scholarships are available based on financial need. Please pick up an application in the Bronte HS Counselor's office. For additional information, please call Susie Dominguez at (432) 894-5562.

**Scholarships now available for students in Coke County**

Whatever your college plans, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) wants to help you on your way to a higher education.

"Each year, TFB offers a whole host of scholarships on both the local and state level for TFB members and their families," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "It's our way of giving back to our community and helping Coke County students on their way to success."

Scholarships totaling almost \$80,000 are awarded annually to students who participate in TFB's youth contests, youth leadership organizations or apply for several other scholarships that are made available.

The S.M. True Jr. Agricultural Scholar Award is a major scholarship offered by TFB. The \$20,000 scholarship honors the former TFB president and his commitment and dedication to Texas agriculture.

The scholarship is open to students who have declared agriculture as their major and have at least 60 hours of college credit.

The Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 to one high school junior or senior who attended TFB's Youth Leadership Conference in Stephenville during the summer.

Collegiate and high school students who would like to pursue a career in agriculture are encouraged to apply for TFB's Young Farmer and Rancher scholarship.

Memorial and district scholarships are also available.

"We encourage all high school and college students in County to check out the scholarships and apply," Copeland said. "Every little bit helps when you're trying to reach your goals."

To apply for TFB's scholarships, visit [www.TexasFarmBureau.org](http://www.TexasFarmBureau.org).

Information on local scholarships can be found at the Coke County Farm Bureau office.

**Local Bronte Scholarships available**

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship is 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 12, 2016.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past Bronte High School graduates.

Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor, on or before April 12, 2016.

For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2511.

**Project Graduation Beef Raffle underway**

Bronte Project Graduation is selling raffle tickets for 1/2 side of beef, processing at Sklenarik's, and a small freezer.

Raffle tickets can be purchased in Bronte at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, Bronte Hardware Store, Crazy T Greenhouse, or check with a senior parent for a raffle ticket. Drawing will be held April 1.

**RLCC names Employee of the Month**

Mari Rojas is the January employee of the month for Robert Lee Care Center. Mari has been a CNA for several years and has always been an outstanding employee. She comes to work with a positive attitude and bubbly personality. She is always making the residents smile and laugh. Mari has a way with motivating the residents for their attendance in their afternoon activity.

Mari and her husband Luis live in Robert Lee and share four children Rosa, Anna, Norma and Rachel. They are proud grandparents of three grandchildren, Zaylee, Sophia and Raylan that they enjoy spoiling.



**Spirit Quilt Winner!** Coke County Quilters drew for the winner of the Robert Lee Steer Quilt this past Monday. Donna Waldrop was the lucky winner. The quilters were able to raise \$500 to be given as a scholarship to a Robert Lee graduate this spring. Everyone who purchased tickets or contributed to the award is greatly appreciated. The Quilters are currently working on a quilt for Bronte in their school colors which will be raffled off next school year (2016-2017). Monies made from this raffle will go toward a scholarship for a Bronte graduate. The group strives to help both the east and west sides of the county.

**THANK YOU**

I would like to thank all of you who voted in the primaries last week. It is important to voice your opinion through your vote.

I especially want to thank all of my supporters who voted for me in the Republican Primary to represent you as the Republican Candidate for Commissioner, Precinct 3.

I would like to ask all of the voters in Precinct 3 to vote for me, Marshall Millican, in the November election as your Commissioner, Pct. 3.

*Thank you again!*

**Marshall Millican**

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**Lions Club  
hosts Chili Supper**

By Roger Alexander

On February 27, 2016, the Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club held their annual Chili Supper. There was great participation from the community and a great time was had by all. There was a Cake Auction conducted by auctioneer extraordinaire Roy Blair.

The Lions Club supports many State and National Lions Charities, such as Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville, Lions Eye Bank in Midland, and Leader Dog training for the blind in New York. This year we are proud to continue our support of some local organizations. We are donating the following: 64 Study Club, for their Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, West Coke County EMS \$500, Robert Lee Fire Department \$500, and the Coke County Food Bank \$500. We applaud the great work and that each of these organizations provide for our community.

The Lions Club is now meeting at 6 pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Vision with a Purpose building. All community members are invited to attend and help the Lions Club support programs for the sight impaired as well as our community.

**Going Native  
in West Texas**

By Erin Oleksiuk, District Technician, Coke County SWCD

Spring will soon be upon us in Coke County, which means planting time for most folks. While many people think of spring planting to include flowers and ornamental foliage,

it is also a good time to plant grass seed. Grass will not only create a beautiful lawn, it prevents soil erosion on slopes around water storage tanks and ponds as well. Soil can easily be eroded by wind and our fast, sudden rains if not protected.

How do you tend to your land and not break the bank? You "go native"! Native grasses provide many benefits to the landowner and wildlife, providing food sources and habitats. When used in lawns and slopes; native grasses require less maintenance, tolerate and resist local pests and drought, minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides (reducing water pollution caused by runoff), and add to the natural landscape. The benefit that most landowners like is the reduction of cost and the increased gains.

Some popular and productive types of seed used in our area are: blue grama, bluestem, lovegrass, green spangletop, sand drop, sideoats, and Indian grass. Your local Soil and Water Conservation District can help determine a blend best suited for your soil type and project needs. They can even place a seed order for you that can be delivered to the Robert Lee office.

For questions or more information on native grasses



**RLCC Valentine Party!** Robert Lee Care Center held their Valentine party on February 17, 2016 with entertainment by "Elvis" Harvey McFadden. Residents and visitors from the community had a great time listening and dancing to Elvis music. All residents received either a stuffed teddy bear or a stuffed hound dog. Those who had February birthdays received a scarf from Elvis. Refreshments served were strawberry shortcake and strawberry lemonade. A fun time was had by all! Shown are (from left) Grace Ditmore, Bonita Cartrite and Eula Faye Blair.

and seed orders, visit the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 214 E. 7th Street or call at 453-2623 ext. 3.

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**Vision With A Purpose!** VP Heart Worker for January is Claire Giudici. Claire and her husband Steve moved here from New York in July of 2013. She is very active in the community and has served on many committees for VP. The pair bought an older home in Robert Lee and have been remodeling it. They will move in soon. They are a great addition to Robert Lee and VP.

**Vision with a Purpose meeting held**

Vision with a purpose met Thursday, March 3, at Victory Assembly of God at 6:30 while their Austin St. headquarters is under construction. The meeting opened with prayer led by Debbie Childers and then a light supper was served. The meeting was led by new president, Marshall Millican.

Sabrina Nunez read minutes from last meeting. Crystal Stanford gave the treasurer's report.

Guest Buddy Wallace from Mountain Creek Golf Course presented an update on the changes and progress of the golf course. Members of the golf course would like to work with VP in beautification and other projects. VP will donate another golf cart this year. It was suggested we place benches along the course's walking trail.

Paul Nunez and Todd Smith gave members an update on the progress of VP's construction of their headquarters. The floor will be the next project. The old one will be torn off and a new concrete one will be poured.

Sons of Pitches baseball tournament is in the works for August. Gina Moran reported that baseball teams from the area are excited for this year's

event. It was decided to purchase more pots for the beautification of Austin St. and other areas in Robert Lee-the golf course being one.

Dianne Hefner presented the minutes from the 4th of July parade committee meeting. Approval is needed by membership for floats and pageant and concession stand. Jason Moran, a VP member and a member of the Street Affair committee will attend future VP parade committee meetings.

It was reported that the EMS training for Gina Moran and Grace Todacheeny has been paid up, thanks to VP and Noel and Clark Tinkler.

VP set up an EMT committee for future applicants in order to get VP support. Committee members are, Noel Tinkler, Gayland and Kay Hurst, Leta Caston, Grace Todacheeny, Gina Moran and Tony Lopez.

Robert Lee's electronic sign will be updated by Nora Broadbent with help from city hall.

Debbie Childers will be in charge of Facebook, Heart Worker of the Month, and Ribbon Cuttings. Grace Todacheeny will continue sending out e-mails and Facebook info.



**VP Officers!** New officers for 2016 were elected and shown with outgoing President Debbie Childers (from left) President- Marshall Millican, Debbie Childers, Secretary- Sabina Nunez, Parliamentarian- Jeffie Roberts, Vice President- Jan Pettit, and Treasurer- Crystal Stanford. Sergeant of Arms- Larry Broughton is not pictured. Photos are courtesy of Leta Caston.

The Heart Worker of the month of February was Clark Tinkler. Clark has been very active in VP projects, especially those things involving construction. He and wife Noel have been very supportive with VP's involvement of the EMT program. He and Noel are running the very successful Noel & Co., a wonderful place to go for Sunday dinner.

Gaylon Childers closed the meeting with prayer.

**Parade for 4th of July slated by VP**

Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose is planning a 4th of July parade to be held Saturday, July 2, at 10 am.

Committee members present were Brandon and Nora

Broadbent, Noel Tinkler, Kay and Gayland Hurst, Dave Hughes, Leta Caston, Crystal Stanford, Dianne Hefner, and Debbie Childers.

The parade will be held in conjunction with events by the

Robert Lee Street Affair. The parade route will run from Ms. T's to the park pavilion.

A Miss Coke County Independence Pageant and a Little Miss Firecracker are being planned as well.



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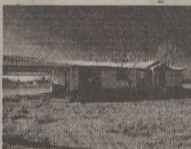
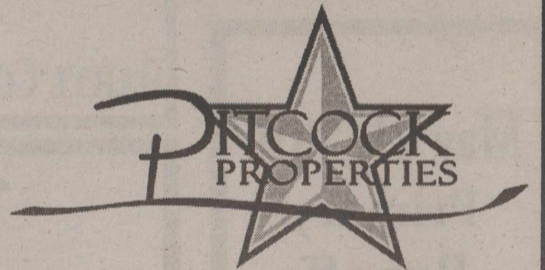
**Thank you for your vote and support in the Precinct 1 County Commissioners Primary election.**

**I will appreciate your vote and support in the Tuesday, May 24, 2016 Primary runoff election.**

**Donald Robertson**

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Donald Robertson

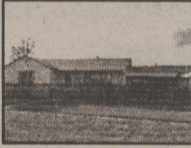
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**EDGE OF TOWN!** Large remodeled manufactured home sitting on almost 1/2 acre in Bronte! Due to wood remodel, home is now permanent to property. Quiet neighborhood on outskirts of rural community.



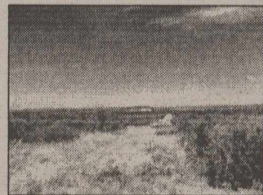
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