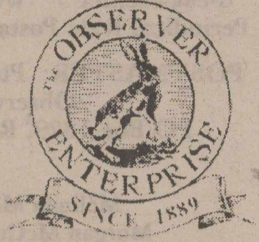


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## Filing period continues for Local Entity May elections

The filing period for the May 6, 2017, local government entity elections began Wednesday, January 18, 2017, and will continue through February 17, 2017.

The City of Robert Lee will hold a combined election this year. A special election for a one year unexpired term currently held by Shaunna Grantham and a regular election to elect three council members. These are two years terms. The offices are currently held by council members Toni Rainwater, Roger Alexander and Janie Munoz. As of presstime, no one has filed for these positions.

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for three council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by council members Martin Lee, George Tomes and Misti Bedford. As of presstime, no

one has filed for these positions.

Bronte ISD will hold an election for two members of the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by John Seales and Jodie Arrott. Jodie Arrott has filed to retain her seat.

Robert Lee ISD will hold an election to elect two members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Jeffie Roberts and Irma Torres. Jeffie Roberts has filed to retain her seat.

West Coke County Hospital District has two 2-year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Noel Tinkler and Patsy Cason are expiring.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has two 2-year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Gina McCutchen and Jerita Taylor. Taylor was appointed in 2016 to the ECCHD Board when Lee Wommack resigned.



**Town Hall Meeting!** The Restoring Bronte Foundation held their quarterly Town Hall meeting, combined with their Board of Directors meeting, Thursday evening, January 26, 2017, at Kickapoo Creek Lodge in downtown Bronte. A good crowd of citizens joined Directors Nick Arrott, Jodie Arrott, George Tomes, Ashley Braswell, Marlayna Schoenfield, and Reese Braswell for the meeting. Director Josh Schoenfield was absent. Among the items discussed were financial accounts, marketing strategies, Commerce Committee selection, BISD Academic Fund, Town Clean-up Days, status of the park projects, and Valentine's Dinner and upcoming events. Discussion was also held regarding the status of the destruction of the dilapidated houses and what roadblocks were currently preventing this.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Friday, February 3

High School Basketball -  
Bronte at Blackwell, beginning at 4 pm,  
JV Girls & Boys, Varsity Girls & Boys  
\*\*\*\*\*

Robert Lee at Water Valley, beginning at 5 pm,  
JV Girls & Boys, Varsity Girls & Boys

### Saturday, February 4

Restoring Bronte Clean-Up, Downtown Bronte, 9 am  
\*\*\*\*\*

Daddy-Daughter Date Night, 5 pm - 8 pm, Robert Lee Rec Hall  
\*\*\*\*\*

Junior High Girls District Basketball Tournament, Veribest

### Monday, February 6

Masonic Lodge #692 Meeting, 7:30 pm, Bronte Depot  
\*\*\*\*\*

Bronte Evening Lions Club Meeting, 7 pm, First United Methodist Church Bronte  
\*\*\*\*\*

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm, First Baptist Church Bronte  
\*\*\*\*\*

Junior High Basketball -  
Robert Lee at Cornerstone, San Angelo, beginning at 5 pm

### Tuesday, February 7

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club Meeting, 7:30 pm,  
Victory Assembly of God, Robert Lee  
\*\*\*\*\*

High School Basketball -  
Bronte vs Water Valley in Bronte, beginning at 5 pm,  
JV Girls & Boys, Varsity Girls & Boys  
\*\*\*\*\*

Robert Lee vs Veribest, beginning at 5 pm,  
JV Boys, Varsity Girls & Boys  
\*\*\*\*\*

Blackwell at Garden City, beginning at 6:15 pm  
JV Girls & Boys, Varsity Girls & Boys

### Wednesday, February 8

Robert Lee 4-H Meeting, School Library, Immediately After School

### Thursday, February 9

Junior High Boys District Basketball Tournament, Water Valley

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Both incumbents have filed to retain their seats.

## 8th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night set for February 4

The 8th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night, "Perfectly Paris", will be held Saturday, February 4, 2017, from 5 to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

This event offers dads, stepdads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are. This evening is for girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. There will be light appetizers, music and a complimentary 5x7 photo of the couple. Girls and their dates are encouraged to bring their own cameras to take a group photo at 6:15 as well as take pictures throughout the evening.

Tickets will be available at the door.

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

## RBF sponsoring Clean-Up Day Saturday

The first Restoring Bronte Foundation Clean-Up Day of the year will be held this Saturday, February 4, 2017. Volunteers will meet at 9 am in front of Kickapoo Creek Lodge in downtown Bronte.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear gloves, long sleeved shirts

and to bring shovels, trash bags, dollies, weed eaters and anything else that can help with the group's goal of cleaning up homes, lots, and yards where the owners are physically unable to do so. Utility trailers and pickups will be needed

Coke County Precinct 2 and 4 employees will be collecting limbs on Saturday morning. Please place any limbs to be removed in a pile close to the curb.

Young volunteers will be provided with a letter of proof of their community service which can be included with college and scholarship applications.

Refreshments will be served after the clean-up at Kickapoo Creek Lodge for the volunteers.

## Bronte Methodist Youth slate Super Bowl Sunday Sale

The Youth of Bronte's First United Methodist Church is once again holding their annual Super Bowl Subs and Snacks Sale for Sunday, February 5, 2017.

You can pre-order for either pick-up or delivery. Pick up location in Bronte is the Methodist Fellowship Hall from 11:30 am until 1 pm and in Blackwell from 12 noon to 1 pm at Blackwell Fellowship Hall. Delivery is available in town.

To order, forms are available

at Glenn-Bivins Insurance in downtown Bronte or you may call Tiffany Lange at (325) 234-3881 or Lanette Fletcher at (325) 201-1776 or (325) 473-6791.

## Valentine Dinner Dance slated

Why drive to the "big city" to have a romantic Valentine's evening?

Restoring Bronte Foundation is hosting a night of dining and dancing on Saturday evening, February 11, 2017. The event will be held from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Blue Goose (Williams building) in downtown Bronte and will also include a silent auction and photo booth.

Tickets are available in advance at Bronte Hardware. Tickets will not be sold at the door. All proceeds go to the Restoring Bronte Foundation.

## Benefit Lunch and Raffle slated

The Blackwell United Methodist Women are hosting a Mexican Pile-on and Quilt Raffle to benefit Lucile Taylor and help with medical expenses from breast cancer.

The meal will be held on Sunday, February 12, at the Blackwell Methodist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 12 noon.

Plates will include tea and desert. Raffle tickets can be purchased for the quilt from any

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**New Church Building!** The new activity center for First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee is coming along nicely. Construction of the center should be completed in March of this year.

**VP Special Meeting held**

A special meeting was held by Vision With A Purpose on Monday, January 23. Todd Smith opened with prayer and Marshall Millican, President, called the meeting to order.

Two items on the agenda were a possibility of a circus planned for March and a golf tournament to be held May 20 at Mountain Creek Golf Course, Robert Lee.

Because of lack of help and community involvement, it was decided to cancel the circus. Too many tickets needed to be sold in order to break even.

The golf tournament was approved by membership, Mountain Creek members will be agreeable in providing VP with help and set-up. Marshall and Sheri Millican and Todd Smith attended the Mountain Creek meeting Jan. 11 to find out more information. It was decided that VP will provide food.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held Thurs., Feb. 20 at Victory Assembly of God at 6:30. We are encouraging anyone interested in joining this fine community-oriented organization to please join us. A special meal will be served.

**... Benefit Lunch**

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 UMW member. The quilt is currently on display at the Bank in Bronte and tickets are available there.

For more information or question you can contact Lana Goodman at 282-2054 or Karen Walls at 338-3578.

**Eminent domain, taxes among TFB legislative priorities**

When the 85th Texas Legislature convenes in January, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) will be there—ready to fight for farmers, ranchers and Coke County residents.

While thousands of bills will be filed in the 140-day regular session on a myriad of topics, TFB will focus on seven state legislative priorities.

“The biggest priority is eminent domain,” John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president, said. “In the past, TFB has been involved in eminent domain reform, but more work needs to be done to make the process fair for landowners facing eminent domain.”

Other priority issues named by the TFB board of directors include: producer financial protections, water, taxes, land use regulation, transportation and animal care.

“TFB fights for the residents of

Coke County,” John Ross said. “As a grassroots organization, we have our hand in the policy set forth by the state organization. Leaders from our county, along with representatives from across the state, decide what issues will impact agriculture most and what we should work toward to ensure a strong future for Texas agriculture.”

On a national level, TFB will focus on eight national legislative priorities. They are: trade, taxes, regulatory reform, the farm bill, cottonseed, agriculture technologies, property rights and border security/immigration.

“Each year, TFB takes a group of people from across Texas to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Congress and their staffs to talk about why the

topics are important and what needs to be done to ensure the future of Texas agriculture,” John Ross said.

“It’s important to reach out to our representation in Austin and Washington, D.C.,” John Ross said. “These lawmakers want to hear from you. Explain why a specific bill is important to you. Share your story so they really understand what’s needed.”

VoterVoice, a feature on www.TexasFarmBureau.org, makes it easier to stay in touch with state and national lawmakers.

Simply visit <http://texasfarmbureau.org/advocacy/voter-voice> to sign up for alerts, find legislation, look up officials and submit comments on issues when applicable.

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 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship,  
 5 pm Worship  
 6 pm Youth  
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship

**Forgiven Ministries**  
 117 W. Main, Bronte  
 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am

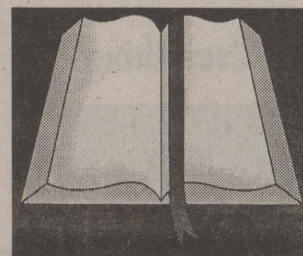
Tuesday 6 pm Table Time  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm

**4C Cowboy Church**  
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
 Pastor James Brunson  
 Sunday, 10:30 am

**Coke County**

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 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor  
 www.pecanbaptist.org  
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 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



**Robert Lee**

**Bible Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
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 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship,

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
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 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**  
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 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School  
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

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 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  
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 (325) 473-1053  
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**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

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 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Danny White, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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

**Tennyson**

**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
 (325) 473-2040  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

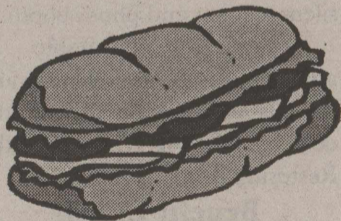
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**Organization seeking new members**

Vision With A Purpose is looking to add new members to their organization. They would also like to welcome past members to come back to the fold.

VP's purpose is "Restoration and Beautification" for Robert Lee. Anyone interested in improving the quality of life in Robert Lee is encouraged to please come out and get involved in this great organization.

They meet monthly, the first Thursday; and often work weekends to beautify the town, weather permitting. This is a great group of people from all walks of life with one aim—to improve Robert Lee.

The group's next meeting, open to all who are interested, will be held at Victory Assembly of God on Thursday, February 2, at 6:30 pm. A meal will be provided. Please join them for a great meal and comradeship with one goal, "Restoration and Beautification".

**Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show**

**set for next weekend**

The 35th annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex in Odessa, Texas, next weekend, February 10-12, 2017.

Those attending can see the new 2017 model RVs and boats and receive the best buys of the season. Visit the new expanded gun show, and a variety of booths including resort areas, RV parks, jewelry, ladies apparel, pet boutique, motorcycles, ATV's, hot tubs and used boats and rvs. Plan your vacation or a safari in Africa. Let the kids fish in the Army Bass Anglers Kids Fishing Tank. Visitors may also register for a \$500 vacation cash giveaway and a \$500 shopping spree.

A free tram will be provided to transport people from building to building. All exhibits are inside.

**Texas chosen as testing ground for automated vehicles**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has named Texas a national Automated Vehicle (AV) Proving Ground for the testing of connected and automated vehicle technologies. The designation establishes Texas as a leader in the research and development of new transportation technologies that could make roads safer and less congested.

"With five of the nation's 15 fastest-growing cities in Texas and our population expected to potentially double by the year 2050, Texas must be a leader in new technology that addresses transportation challenges," said Texas Department of Transportation Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams. "This partnership puts Texas at the forefront of automated vehicle technologies that likely will shape the future of transportation around the world."

Texas' booming population and economy make it an ideal test site for automated and connected vehicle technology. This technology is increasingly being developed and tailored to address congestion and increase safety, by reducing human error. It also offers opportunities to improve how people and goods move throughout their communities and the nation at large. Testing it, in different environments and uses, is an important step in assuring these technologies will be safe and reliable.

Texas was one of 10 regions




**Ribbon Cutting!** *Tomes of Technology officially joined Main Street in Bronte as a new business Friday, January 13, 2017, with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony officiated by members of Bronte Economic Development. Stephen Tomes is joined by partner Chris Pelfrey in this new business offering computer repair, coffee, and free wifi. The business is located in Kickapoo Creek Lodge in downtown Bronte. Shown are Lee Wommack, George Tomes, Stephan Tomes, Chris Pelfrey, and Gerald Sandusky.*

selected from an applicant pool of more than 60. Texas offers a unique statewide capability, starting with existing controlled environments on research campuses such as Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin and the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) Campus in San Antonio. Texas' additional testing environments are available in several municipal and regional areas, and include unique settings such as barrier-separated lanes, medical

districts, transit bus corridors and border crossings. These varied and unique test sites will help the USDOT develop guidelines for automated vehicle


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Dinner will start at 6:30 in the Blue Goose, dancing, silent auction, and photo booth will follow afterwards.

Tickets will be sold in advance only, so pick yours up from Bronte Hardware or from Marlayna Schoenfeld today!

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**Thank You First Responders!** Fire Chief Ross Torres greeted the Robert Lee Elementary 4th grade and thanked them for the letters of gratitude when the class delivered their project to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Language Arts classes of Robert Lee Elementary have completed a writing project to thank four groups vital to the safety and well-being of Coke County. Thank you letters were written to the Coke County Sheriff's Office and county constables; the East Coke County EMS, the West Coke County EMS, and the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. Each letter was attached to a goodie bag with a poem.

Before the letters were written, class discussions covered the importance of these individuals and the fact that some of the important organizations in our county are made up of volunteers. The sixth grade was really surprised and pleased when Constable Marty Boyd dropped by the school to say thank you. The fifth grade received a wonderful thank you letter from the East Coke County EMS.

**Lady Longhorns results posted**

The Bronte Junior Varsity Lady Longhorns faced off against the Garden City JV Lady Bearkats January 6, 2017, and were defeated 21-35.

Scoring for Bronte were Makaylah Delacerda 9 points, Melissa Perez 2 points, Kaily Torres 2 points, Bryton Percy 1 point, and Kristen Stilley 7 points. Their record is 5-7.

**RLISD posts board minutes**

The Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6 pm.

The meeting was called to order by President Washam at 6 pm with a quorum of members present. Members present included Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres, and Erin Oleksiuk. Beverly Sinclair was absent.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Irma Torres.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016, meeting. The motion was seconded by George Grim. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Robin Allen and to approve the bills. It was

seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All voted for.

Mr. O'Dell gave the high school report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 112 and attendance rate was 95.97% for

the month of December. Supt. Hood gave the elementary principals report; enrollment for December was 170 students and 95.8% attendance rate.

Mr. O'Dell presented the

2015-2016 TAPR results in a public hearing.

Supt. Hood gave a review of A-F Release for RLISD and Campuses.

Supt. Hood recommended signing the agreement with Fairview Alternative Education Co-Op. Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve this recommendation, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended signing the agreement with West Texas Food Service Cooperative for 2017-2018. Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve this recommendation, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood presented a Resolution to designate RLISD as a District of Innovation. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All voted for.

Supt. Hood presented the Order of Election for Board of Trustees. George Grim made the motion to approve the Order, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his report on enrollment numbers, budget update, Team of Eight training and read thank you notes.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:40 pm and reconvened into open session at 7:08 pm.

George Grim made a motion, seconded by Tom Sawyer, to extend Supt. Hood's contract and to discuss salary at a later date. All voted for.

The next regular board

meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**Hill named**

**Distinguished Student**

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

Mason Hill of Robert Lee was honored as a Distinguished Student for earning a GPR of between 3.5 to 3.74 while taking at least 15 hours in the fall semester.

**Blackwell Menu**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, February 6**  
Biscuit-n-sausage, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, February 7**  
English muffin sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, February 8**  
Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, February 9**  
Waffles-n-sausage, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, February 10**  
Cheese toast, hashbrowns, fruit, juice, milk


**Lunch**

**Monday, February 6**  
Taco salad bowl (shell, ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes) pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk

**Tuesday, February 7**  
Fancy burrito (burrito, chili, cheese, lettuce, tomato) tater tots, fruit, milk

**Wednesday, February 8**

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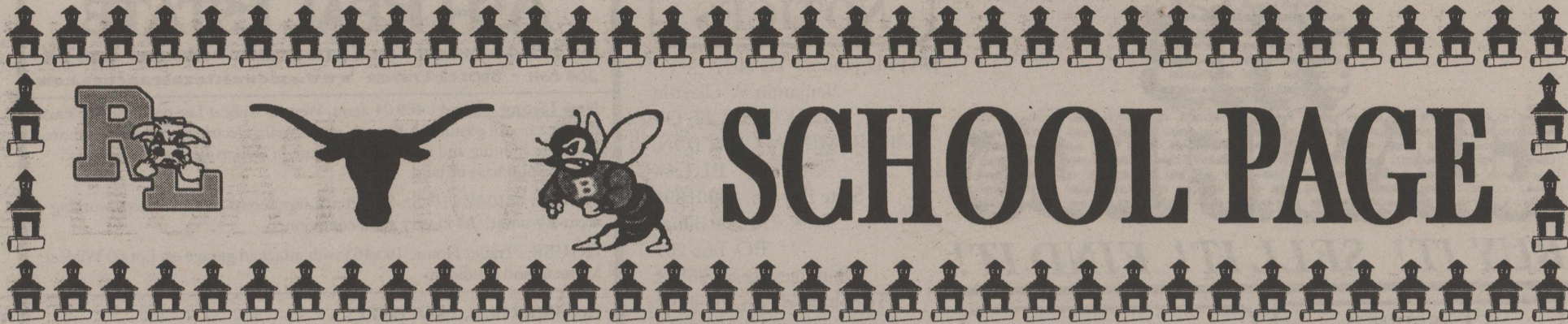


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# SCHOOL PAGE

Chicken parmesan, peas, bread stick, fruit, milk

**Thursday, February 9**

Spaghetti, corn on cob, salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk

**Friday, February 10**

Fish sticks, French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, fruit, milk

**Bronte Menu**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, February 6**

Chicken-n-biscuit or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, February 7**

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

**Wednesday, February 8**

Stuffed Bagel & sausage or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, February 9**

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

**Friday, February 10**

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

**Lunch**

**Monday, February 6**

Pizza, seasoned corn, baby carrots, mixed fruit, cookie, milk

**Tuesday, February 7**

Steak finger basket w/fries, roll, gravy, carrot coins, apple slices, milk

**Wednesday, February 8**

Hot ham & cheese pretzel sandwich, garden salad, tomato-cucumber cup, snowball salad, milk

**Thursday, February 9**

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

**Friday, February 10**

Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, roll, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk

**Robert Lee Menu**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, February 6**

Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, February 7**

Pita pocket breakfast, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, February 8**

Chicken-n-waffles, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, February 9**

Stuffed bagel, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, February 10**

Dutch waffle, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**

**Monday, February 6**

Chili-cheese combo, veggie cup, fresh fruit, choc/vanilla pudding, milk

**Tuesday, February 7**

Taquitos & queso, charro beans, salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk

**Wednesday, February 8**

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

**Thursday, February 9**

**Junior High Celebration!**

*The Bronte Lady Shorthorns brought home the second place trophy from the Oak Creek Classic Junior High Basketball tournament held last month in Blackwell.*

Pizza, salad, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk

**Friday, February 10**

Hamburger, garnish, oven fries, baby carrots, peaches, crispy cereal treat, milk

**Blackwell FFA**

**Nolan County**

**Stock Show Results**

**Nolan County Livestock Association Scholarships**

Abby Gott and Halee Sanderson.

**Nolan County Livestock Association Top Hand Award**

Halee Sanderson

**Market Goats**

Elizabeth Meyer  
9th and 11th place

Abby Gott  
3rd and 8th place

**Market Lambs**

Abby Gott  
1st and 3rd place

Emilee Sanderson  
Senior Showmanship,  
Finewood 1st place and  
Reserved Champion,  
Southdown 1st place and Breed  
Champion, Finewool Cross 3rd  
place

Halee Sanderson  
Finewool 2nd place, Finewool  
Cross 1st place and Champion,  
Medium Wool 1st place and  
Champion, and Grand  
Champion overall

**Market Swine**

Emma Williams  
6th place Duroc, 4th place  
Black OPB, 3rd place York, 8th  
place Cross

Victoria Davis  
3rd place Duroc

Caleb Sirmons  
3rd place Hamp, 5th place  
Cross

Orrin Sirmons  
9th place Cross

Jadyn Feitshands  
10th place Cross

Avery Glenn  
2nd place Black OPB

Jordan Jones  
1st place Hamp, 1st place and  
Reserved Champion York, 3rd  
place Cross, 1st and Breed  
Champion Cross and Reserved  
Champion overall

Drew Hardy  
4th place Hamp

Tori Scott  
2nd place Hamp

Brendan Scott  
5th place Hamp

**Market Rabbits**

Makinlee Kilow  
17th place

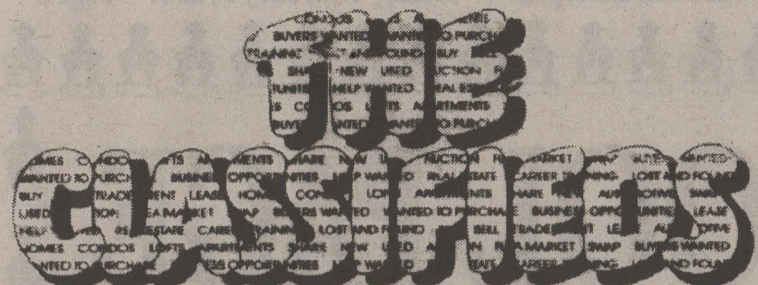


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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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**HOUSE** - Trailer House (16'x46') with attached garage on Lot 60 Wildcat Marina-good condition.

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El Consejo Administrativo de 2017 y el 17 de febrero 2017. Las aplicaciones y las peticiones se pueden obtener en las oficinas de Robert Lee Care Center durante el horario normal, 9 am - 5 pm, de lunes ha viernes. Cualquiera pregunta puede ser dirigida a John Rainbolt, Administrator.

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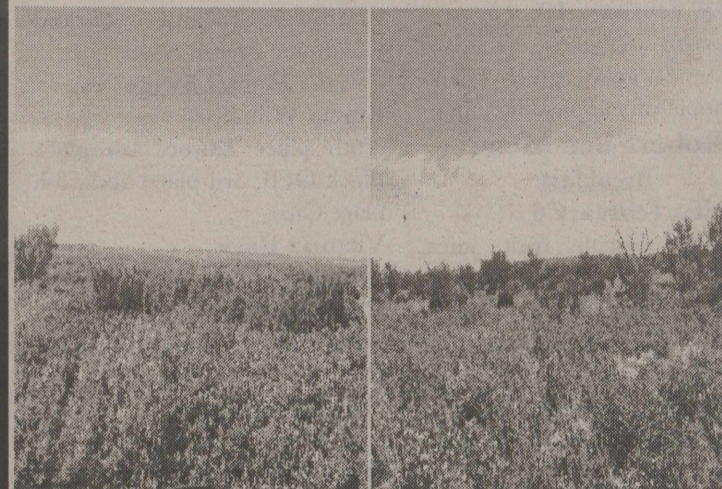
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**Healthcare Trends for 2017**

By Tom Quirk CEO for UnitedHealthcare of Texas and Oklahoma

The U.S. health care system will continue to evolve during 2017, with new technologies and programs helping make care more efficient and accessible for more Americans. Here are five health care trends to monitor during the coming year.

**Fitness Trackers:** The wearable-technology market is booming; the industry's value is expected to reach \$31.2 billion by the end of 2020, according to a recent research report. This is good news for consumers, as wearable devices enable people to track their daily steps, monitor their heart rates and analyze sleep patterns. Some employers and health plans, such as UnitedHealthcare Motion™, are including fitness trackers as part of wellness programs, enabling some employees to earn up to \$1,500 per year in incentives by meeting specific daily walking goals. Employers are expected to incorporate more than 13 million wearable and fitness tracking devices into their wellness programs by 2018, according to technology consultancy Endeavors Partners.

A related study published in Science & Medicine showed people tend to overestimate how much exercise they get each week by more than 50 minutes, and they underestimate sedentary time by more than two hours, underscoring the importance of a wellness program like UnitedHealthcare Motion.

**Workplace Wellness:** Besides fitness trackers, some employers offer other wellness incentives, which can include gift cards, lower health insurance premiums, cash bonuses, and discounts on gym memberships. An estimated 70 percent of employers already offer wellness programs and 8 percent more plan to do so during the next year, according to a 2016 study from the Society for Human Resource Management. The value of corporate wellness incentives has increased to \$693 per employee, up from \$430 five years ago, according to a recent study from the National Business Group on Health. However, the study found that fewer than half of eligible employees earned the full incentive, with workers leaving millions of dollars of unclaimed rewards.

**Comparison Shopping:** The internet has transformed how people purchase goods and services, and it is doing the same for health care. Some new online and mobile services enable people to comparison shop for health care based on quality and cost. The Health4Me app, available on iPhone and Android devices, enables users to identify nearby health care providers and facilities, as well as compare quality and estimated cost information for more than 850 common medical services. With a growing number of Americans now enrolled in consumer-directed health plans, more people are using online and mobile health care transparency

resources. More people (32 percent) are using websites and mobile apps to comparison shop for health care, up from 14 percent in 2012, according to the recent UnitedHealthcare Consumer Sentiment Survey.

**Get Care Anywhere:** New mobile apps now enable people to meet with a primary care physician and specialist to obtain medical care, with the goal of providing convenience and more affordable care. The cost of a video-based virtual visit is usually less than \$50 and may provide significant savings when compared to costs for similar minor medical needs treated at a doctor's office (approximately

\$80), urgent care facility (approximately \$160) or emergency room (approximately \$650), according to UnitedHealthcare claims data. Recent advances in audio and video technology is enabling people to obtain a diagnosis and necessary prescriptions for minor medical needs including allergies, sinus and bladder infections, bronchitis and other conditions.

**... Automatic Vehicles**  
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technologies.

The rapid rate at which this technology is progressing will ultimately require a formal

testing plan to be developed and approved by the appropriate state and local agencies, including the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Until then, initial testing will take place on closed research proving grounds.

TxDOT joins the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), The University of Texas at Austin's Center for Transportation Research (CTR), Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) and 32 municipal and regional partners to form the Texas AV Proving Grounds Partnership.

**COKE COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

*Static Levels & Rainfall 2001-2016*

Static Levels Below Surface (Ground to Top of Water)		Rainfall Network	
2001	61.75'	2001	
2002	61.67'	2002	
2003	61.82'	2003	24.69"
2004	62.07'	2004	33.54"
2005	61.65'	2005	28.15"
2006	60.97'	2006	15.29"
2007	60.24'	2007	33.08"
2008	61.88'	2008	20.68"
2009	61.76'	2009	19.00"
2010	61.55'	2010	26.33"
2011	64.43'	2011	8.94"
2012	65.72'	2012	25.61"
2013	69.80'	2013	21.57"
2014	69.23'	2014	18.53"
2015	60.40'	2015	32.16"
2016	59.76'	2016	36.44"

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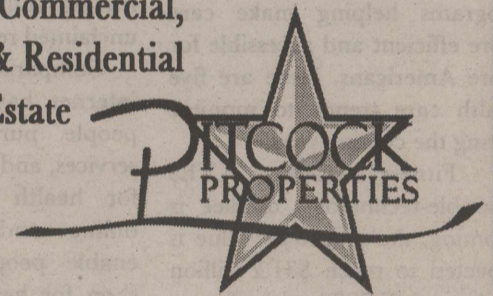
and include "The Lost Hero", "The Son of Neptune", "The House of Hades", and "The Blood of Olympus", all are part of The Heroes of Olympus Series; and two of the Kane Chronicles, "The Red Pyramid" and "Throne of Fire". Please visit the library's new web site at coke.bibliionix.com and browse the catalog to see some of the books the library owns.

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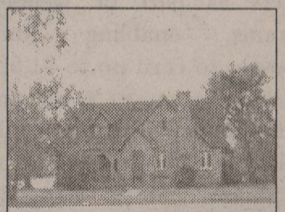
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