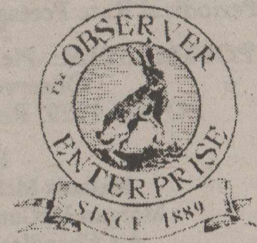


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### Golf Scramble slated for Saturday

Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee will host an Early Bird Scramble on Saturday, March 18, at 9 am with a shotgun start. It will be 3 person teams with 27 holes.

### Lake Clean-up set for Saturday

There will be a clean-up at the lake behind the park in Bronte beginning at 9 am on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The water level is now low enough to expose trash around the lake. Volunteers need to bring a trash bag and gloves.

### Beth Moore Bible Study for Women continues

Robert Lee's Bible Baptist Church will host a Beth Moore Bible study for women entitled "Entrusted" that will cover 2 Timothy. The group will meet at Bible Baptist Church on the second and fourth Saturday of the month for approximately 3 months or 6 sessions. The next session of this bible study will begin at 10 am, Saturday, March 25, at the church.

Please contact Linda Fiore at 325-656-1301 or Jami Casey at

254-707-1247 for more information.

or you may contact us on our facebook page or email us at biblebaptistchurch\_robertlee@yahoo.com.

### Family Fun Night set for Bible Baptist Church March 25

Come enjoy the fun, laughs, food and fellowship at the next game night hosted by Robert Lee's Bible Baptist Church. It is set for Saturday, March 25, starting at 6 pm at the church on Austin Street in Robert Lee.

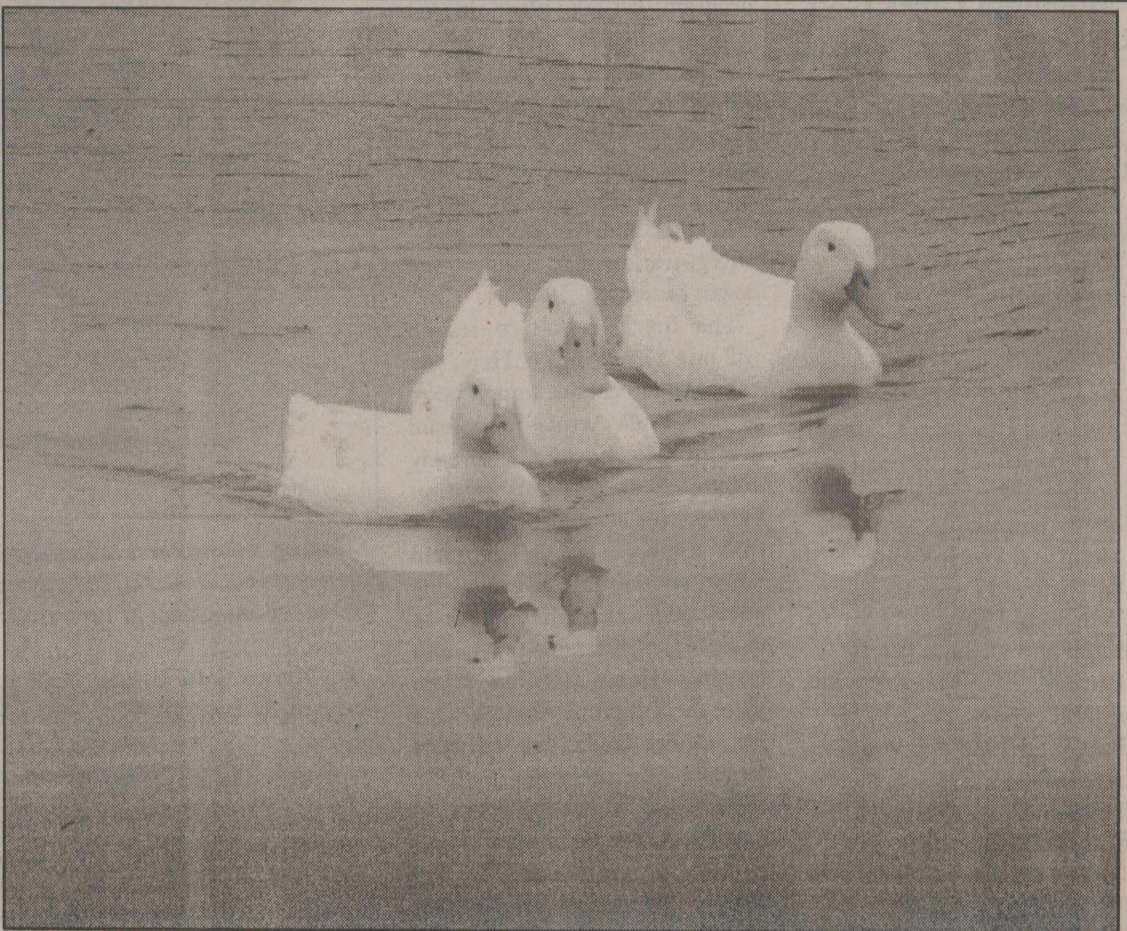
### Save the Park meeting set for March 30

Restoring Bronte Foundation will hold a Save the Park meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 6 pm. A location for the meeting will be announced.

The group is shooting for April 29 as the grand opening of the new playground and the 3rd annual Save the Park Fun Day is set for June 17, 2017.

### Utility Assistance offered

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency will be in Coke County on April 5,



**Spring Is Here!?** Last week, these ducks were enjoying the lake behind the park in Bronte. Fruit trees and even some wildflowers are blooming. Does this mean spring is officially here? Not according to the big mesquite trees! Photo courtesy of M. Lanty.

2017, to help with Utility Assistance. They will also be taking applications for the Weatherization Program.

The location and time is at the Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

### Restoring Bronte Foundation to participate in program

The San Angelo Area Foundation has approved the Restoring Bronte Foundation for participation in San Angelo Gives 2017. This awesome giving campaign allows people to give small or large amounts to Restoring Bronte Foundation.

San Angelo Gives is a powerful 24-hour online fundraising event hosted by the San Angelo Area Foundation that will unite communities around causes that matter. San Angelo Gives is a great way to give community members the chance to find and support nonprofit organizations whose mission aligns with their passions. All donations made on May 2nd through [www.sanangelogives.org](http://www.sanangelogives.org) are eligible for amplification funds increasing each donation and can also help nonprofits win "Prize Money" that will be awarded throughout the day.

At midnight on May 2, 2017,

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**New Iron Fence!** The hand forged iron fencing at the Old Coke County Jail, conceived and funded by Charles and Joy Millican Blake, is close to a reality with the hanging of the gates for the fence. Steve Clark, designer and welder (from left), Jeff McCrea, preservationist and contractor for Old Jail projects, and Ryan Jones, top hand in the fencing project are busy with the project.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Saturday, March 18

Bronte Lake Clean-Up  
Lake behind park in Bronte  
\*\*\*\*\*

Piper Relays High School Track Meet, Hamlin  
\*\*\*\*\*

Kassie's Kreations Ribbon Cutting  
Robert Lee

### Monday, March 20

Coke County Retired Teachers Association Meeting, 12 noon  
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Bronte  
\*\*\*\*\*

First Round of District Golf Tournament  
Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo  
\*\*\*\*\*

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

Robert Lee City Council Meeting, 6 pm  
Robert Lee City Hall

### Tuesday, March 21

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am  
Victory Assembly of God in Robert Lee  
\*\*\*\*\*

Bronte Health & Rehab Center Auxiliary Meeting, 1 pm  
BHRC Dining Room in Bronte  
\*\*\*\*\*

Hornet Relays Junior High Track Meet, Blackwell

### Thursday, March 22

Irion County Invitational Tennis Tournament, Mertzon  
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High School Tennis, Blackwell Hornets at Sterling City

### Friday, March 24

Hornet Relays High School Track Meet, Blackwell  
\*\*\*\*\*

Irion County Invitational Tennis Tournament, Mertzon

### Saturday, March 24

Beth Moore Women's Bible Study, 10 am  
Bible Baptist Church, Robert Lee  
\*\*\*\*\*

Game Night, 6 pm  
Bible Baptist Church in Robert Lee

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**Mountain Creek Golf Course posts memorials**

The following memorials were received by Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee.

- Randy Flanagan**  
First National Bank of Sterling City  
Robert Lee State Bank  
Buddy Wallace  
Stephen and Sterling Myers  
B.W. and Dolores Roe  
Don and Karen Hodge  
Dick and Dana Sims  
Don Powell  
Bobbie Allen  
Scotty Jackson  
Susan and Dwain Gober  
Richard and Peggy Barker  
Walt's Auto Sales  
Keith and Cynthia Dillard  
Patricia Ivey and Lee Caldwell  
Bobby and Deborah Mumford

- Terry and Linda Eaton  
Jimmy and Janet Mathis  
Paul and Brenda Wagner  
Tommy and Kei Antilley  
Ronnie and Bonnie Sims  
Joe and Marilyn White  
Bobby and Diann May  
Leon and Shirley Ridgemont  
D.K. Maxcey

- Karl Brigs  
Lonny and Teresa Briley  
Karen Rasco

- Bill Allen**  
Tommy and Kei Antilley

- Bill Blair**  
Tommy and Kei Antilley  
Clay and Robin Allen

- Charles Bloodworth**  
Buddy and K.D. Wallace

- Ben Bessent**  
Clay and Robin Allen

- Horace Scott**  
Clay and Robin Allen

- ... RBF to participate in program

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At midnight on May 2, 2017, SanAngeloGives.org will begin accepting donations to raise unrestricted dollars for area nonprofits. It is a day of giving to celebrate the nonprofits in our area, a chance to raise thousands of dollars, and recognize the impact that can be made in our area when people join together for San Angelo Gives.

**Health Program registration continues**

Step Up & Scale Down is a 12-week educational program based on the USDA 2010 Dietary Guidelines, which are intended to help Americans choose a healthful eating plan to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. The majority of the

program will take place through online facilitation with 3 of the 12 sessions being face-to-face. There is a small fee for the program but that fee includes all materials, incentives, and recipes. All face to face sessions will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Registration is online and began March 13, 2017.

The first face-to-face session will take place April 6. Here, you will have the chance to sign up to be on a Walk Across Texas team (if you haven't already committed to a team), weigh-in (in a private setting), sit in on the first session of the program where we will talk about setting goals, and have the chance to explore different "health booths." Doors open at 5 pm with the program starting at 6 pm. Online facilitation will start week 2 on the program.

Face-to-face session 2 will be held May 11. This will be session 6 of the program where we will discuss the importance of hydration. Healthy recipe demos and tastings will also be available at this session. Doors open at 5:45 pm with the program beginning at 6 pm.

The last face-to-face session will be held June 22. At this session, we will go through week 12 of the program which will talk about celebrating our achievements. Doors open at 5:45 pm with the program starting at 6 pm.



**Caring Volunteers!** Members of the East Coke County Ambulance Service gather around an injured athlete at the Special Olympics held recently in Bronte. The annual event is hosted by Bronte ISD to the enjoyment of area athletes and spectators.

For more information, call Kandice Everitt at (325) 453-2461.

**Rock Hotel March Lunch set**

The March lunch at the Rock Hotel will be Thursday, March 16, 2017, from 11 am to 1 pm. The menu will be Irish Cowboy Beans, Cornbread, Drinks and Green Jello Cake. Carry-outs are available.

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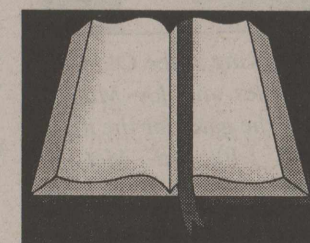
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(325) 473-4811  
Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am & 5 pm Worship  
**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship,  
5 pm Worship  
6 pm Youth  
Wednesday 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  
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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sun. 5 pm  
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Pastor James Brunson  
Sunday, 10:30 am

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11 am & 7 pm, Worship



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11 am & 6 pm Worship,  
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Jordan Arnold, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6 pm, Worship  
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PO Box 508  
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee  
(325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or  
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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  
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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

**Springing to Life!**

By Erin Oleksiuk, District Technician, Coke County SWCD

We may be in for an early spring in Coke county. Ranchers have reported grass greening up in pastures and residents are beginning to notice iris, bluebonnets, and hyacinth blooming in flowerbeds. It doesn't matter if you are a county bumpkin or a city mouse, plant knowledge is important.

Our native plants can provide excellent forage and habitat for livestock and wildlife. Some vegetation may not be edible by larger animals but provide seeds to birds. There are plants that are an excellent food source for deer, antelope, sheep, and goats but are ignored by cattle. Others are poisonous to livestock but palatable by deer at certain times of the year. Some plants seem so prickly and thorny that they must serve no purpose, but most vegetation will serve some animals in some way. For example, Tasajillo are spiny plants that no one wants to run across but birds will eat the small, red tunas and it can provide hiding cover for quail.

Knowing what is growing on your property is important for many reasons; aggressive vegetation will take over an area or poisonous plants being dangerous around pets and children. Maximilian sunflowers and whitebrush are both very aggressive. Even though the Maximilian boasts a pretty, yellow flower and the whitebrush is very fragrant, they can take over an area quickly. Locoweed, jimson weed, and floglove plants are poisonous to both humans and livestock and are readily found in our area.

Some natives prefer certain soil types, giving us clues to what else might be able to thrive in that area, aiding landowners in reseeding and planting.

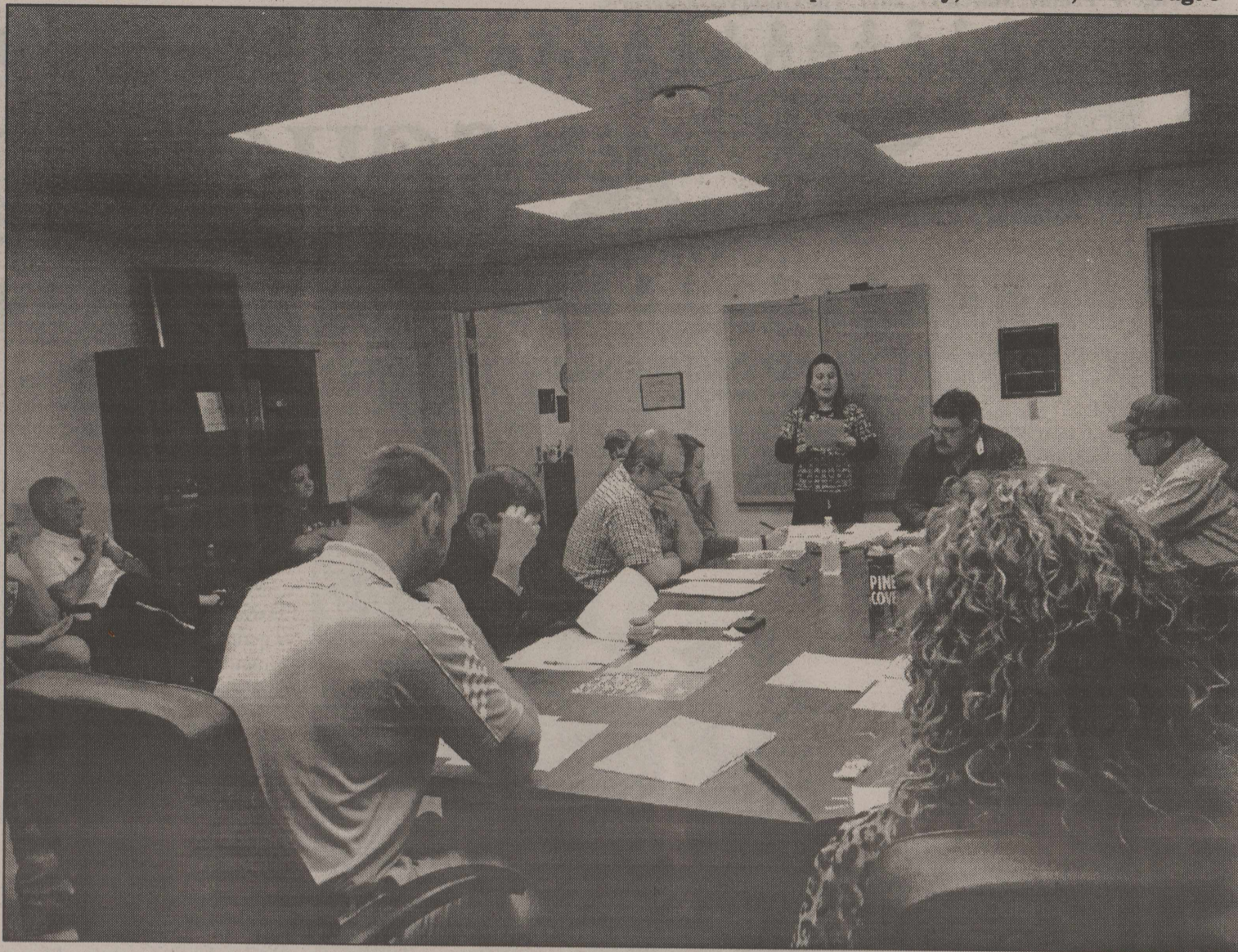
Not only will plant identification give you greater insight to the plants around you but it is also a fun hobby to enjoy. George Clendenin, local rangeland management specialist, published a new book titled, Common Rangeland Plants of West Central Texas. This book should be a staple for all landowners; filled with excellent photographs, descriptions, livestock and wildlife values, and history.

These new books are available for purchase at the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District located at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee. FREE Poisonous Plants: Guide to Prevention and Treatment pamphlets are also available in the office.

**Watch for slow moving vehicles on Coke County roadways**

Spring is one of the busiest times in agriculture, and more farm equipment can be found on Coke County roads as planting season begins.

"Spring brings more farm activity, and that means more slow moving vehicles on the roadways," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau



**Coke County Championship is Coming Back!** Daylene Knight addresses the Board of Trustees for the Bronte Independent School Board regarding the possible move to 6 Man football at their regular meeting Thursday evening, March 9, 2017. Several members of the public addressed the Board, along with BISD Athletic Director Rocky Rawls, on this subject. Following a lengthy open discussion considering all aspects, expenses and consequences of the change, the Board voted unanimously to drop down to 6 Man classification beginning 2018-2019 school year. Members of the BISD Board of Trustees are Shane Kelton, Ashley Braswell, David McWright, Jodie Arrott, John Seales and Blake Braswell.

president, said. "Farmers are moving equipment to the field and ranchers are hauling livestock to different pastures."

Farm equipment moves slower than other vehicles on the road, which is why John Ross urges motorists to drive safely.

Due to the size of farm equipment and the narrowness of many rural roads, tractors, combines, plows and planters often have difficulty moving to the side or shoulder of the road.

"Drivers should use caution when coming around a sharp turn or topping a steep hill because they can come upon slow moving vehicles like farm equipment," John Ross said. "Farmers and ranchers should also do their part to share the roadways."

Data from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) shows accidents involving farm equipment on rural roads has slightly increased from 197 accidents in 2011 to 233 in 2015.

"We know our equipment moves slowly, but we ask other motorists to be patient," John Ross said. "We all want to get home safely and that takes all of us sharing the road together."

Each March, the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), through a coordinated effort with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Ag Center, holds an Ag Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) to raise awareness for the most important health and safety challenges faced by agriculture.

The theme of the safety awareness program is "Get Out of My Space".

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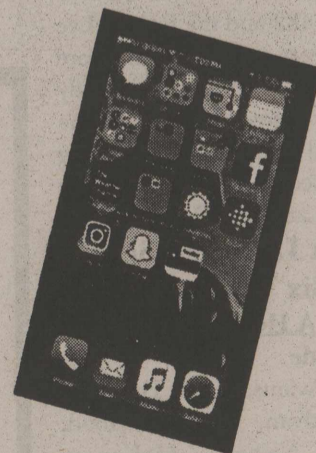
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Career Day! Members of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department were just one of the organizations on hand with demonstrations at the Career Day held at Bronte High School Friday, March 10, 2017.

**RLHS, RLJHS announce cheerleaders**  
 Cheering for the 2017-2018 Robert Lee High School Steers will be Kelby Clawson, Megan Grantham, Margo Mendoza, Kaylee Puentez, Zoe Tijerina and Jessie Wheat. Mikayla Rodriguez will be "Stomper" the Steers mascot.

Kailey Bradshaw, Mia Galvan, Kristen Moreno, Tylie Murphy, Aubrey Nichols, and Myrka Sosa will be cheering for the Robert Lee Junior High Dogies next year.

**Lady Longhorns win tourney**

The Bronte Lady Longhorns Golf Team placed first with a team score of 441 at a golf tournament hosted by Robert Lee recently. The Ballinger Lady Bearcats posted a team of score of 482 and the Robert Lee Lady Steers posted a team score of 491. The Veribest Lady Falcons posted 497, with the Blackwell Lady Hornets posting a 510 score, followed by the Rankin Lady Red Devils 520.

**Robert Lee High School 4th Six Weeks Awards A Honor Roll**

**7th Grade**  
 Zane Avants, Gavin Freeman, Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzie Puentez, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

**8th Grade**  
 Hemma Rangel, Harlee Richardson, Adison Thomas

**9th Grade**

Dianne Austin, Kaleb Gregston, Kole Leal, Kari O'Dell  
**10th Grade**  
 Kaden Austin, Kelby Clawson, Megan Grantham, Kaylee Puentez, Autumn Ramon, Chelsea Wyatt, Aimee Zimmermann

**11th Grade**  
 Kiara Burns, Mariah Munoz, Tavo Rangel, Braden Richardson, Jasmine Rojas

**12th Grade**  
 Gabriel Abalos, Thomas Boatright, Matthew Curry, Kaden Hayes, Anna Huapilla, Chesney Minjarez, Nicole Jones,

Kyla O'Dell, Serena Reese, Kandace Skipworth, Erin Smith  
**A/B Honor Roll**  
**7th Grade**  
 Ethan Crisp, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Angelina Saldivar, Caleb Smith

**8th Grade**  
 Mason Fowler, Trenton Galvan, Casey Skipworth, Zoe Tijerinas, Lacey Jones, Jullisa Ureno

**9th Grade**  
 McKenzie Bachmann, Jaycee Crisp, Lane Fowler, Anthony Ramirez, Crystal Salinas

**10th Grade**  
 Corbin Drennan, Panitan Kanyalard "Kim", Daniel Mendoza

**11th Grade**  
 Bethany Coppedge, Peyton Dooley, Chris Gonzales, Margo Mendoza, Ronald Peraza, Kourtney Roach, Julian Torres, Jessie Wheat

**12th Grade**  
 Casey Scruggs, Donovan Thomas, Mauricio Ureno, James Wyatt

**Perfect Attendance**  
**7th Grade**  
 Reaghan Bohannon, Ethen Crisp, Gavin Freeman, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzie Puentez, Caleb Smith, Dylan Thomas

**8th Grade**  
 Trenton Galvan, Casey Skipworth, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno

**9th Grade**  
 Kaleb Gregston, Kole Leal, Kari O'Dell, Crystal Salinas

**10th Grade**  
 Bubba Bohannon, Megan Grantham, Panitan Kanyalard "Kim", Kaylee Puentez, Autumn Ramon, Samantha Roe, Aimee Zimmerman

**11th Grade**

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Kiara Burns, Bethany Coppedge, Jasmine Rojas, Jesse Wheat

**12th Grade**

Gabriel Abalos, Anna Huapilla, Chesney Minjarez, Serena Reese, Kandace Skipworth, James Wyatt

**Blackwell CISD Menu**

Breakfast

**Monday, March 20**

Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, March 21**

Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, March 22**

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, March 23**

Muffins, yogurt cup, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, March 24**

Funnel cake, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

**Monday, March 20**

Meatball sub, veggies, chips, fruit, milk

**Tuesday, March 21**

Soft or crunchy tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk

**Wednesday, March 22**

Loaded baked potato with fixings, salad, hot roll, fruit, milk

**Thursday, March 23**

Chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic toast, fruit, milk

**Friday, March 24**

Chicken Parmesan, green beans, breadstick, fruit, milk

**Bronte ISD Menu**

Breakfast

**Monday, March 20**

Chicken-n-biscuit or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, assorted juice, fruit, and milk

**Tuesday, March 21**

Breakfast pizza or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, assorted juice, fruit, and milk

**Wednesday, March 22**

Stuffed bagel and sausage or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, assorted juice, fruit, and milk

**Thursday, March 23**

PBJ Sandwich or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, assorted juice, fruit, and milk

**Friday, March 24**

Sausage and biscuit or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, assorted juice, fruit, and milk

Lunch

**Monday, March 20**

Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fruit, rolls, milk

**Tuesday, March 21**

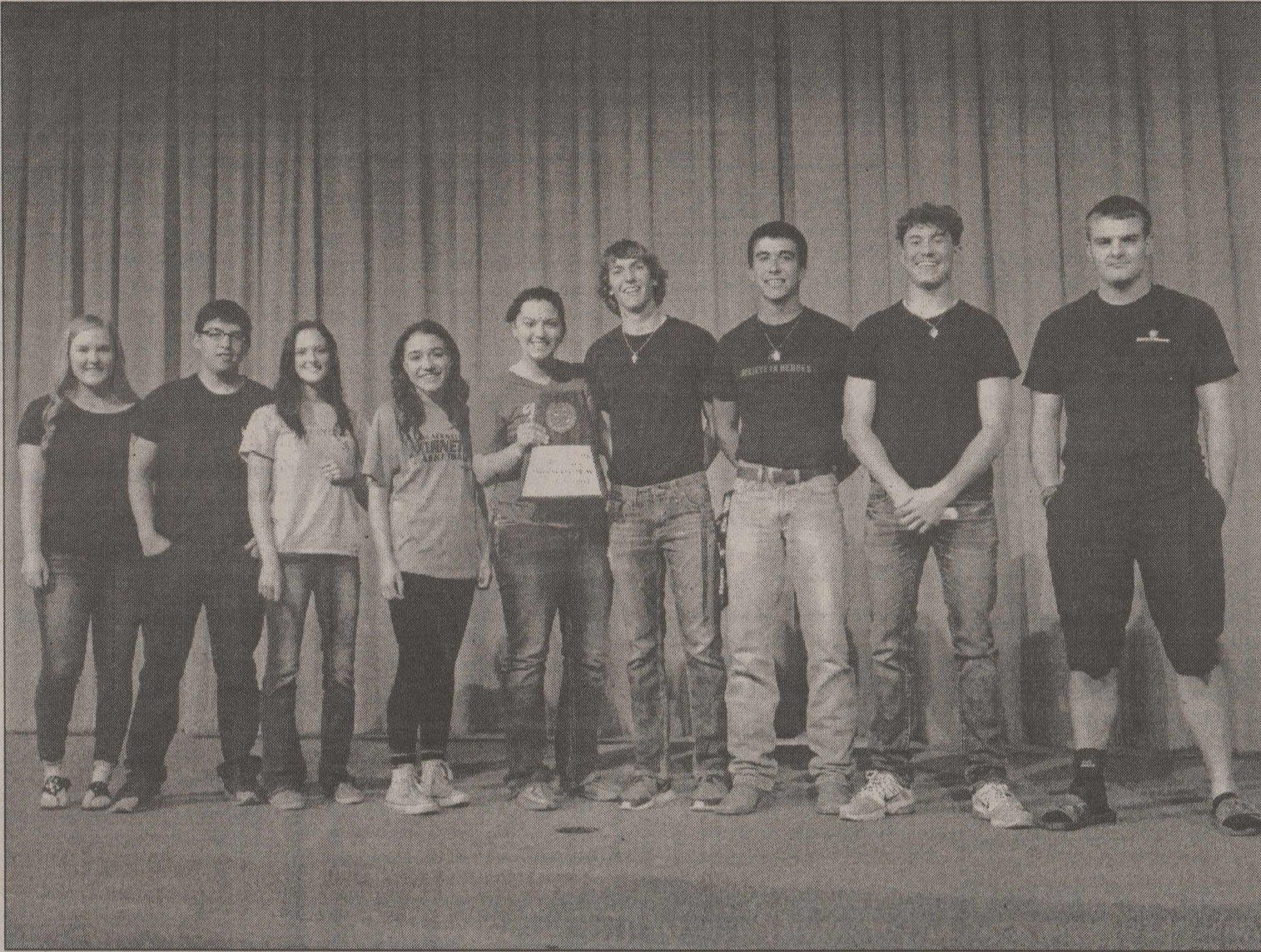
Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, garden salad, California blend vegetables, sliced peaches, milk

**Wednesday, March 22**

Chicken quesadillas, Mexicali corn, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk

**Thursday, March 23**

Texas chili with cornbread, broccoli bites, tomato cup,



**Blackwell One Act Play Advances!** The Blackwell High School One Act Play advanced from district competition in Sterling City on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Krista Angst, Hunter Clark, Daniel Mendoza, and Abigail Sorrells received All Star honors. They will compete at Bi-district, also held in Sterling City, next Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

orange smiles, milk

**Friday, March 24**

Popcorn chicken, oven fries, cucumber dippers, rolls, fruit, cookie, milk

**Robert Lee ISD Menu**

Breakfast

**Monday, March 20**

Sausage biscuit, juice, fruit, milk

**Tuesday, March 21**

Pita Pocket Breakfast, juice, fruit, milk

**Wednesday, March 22**

Chicken-n-waffles, juice, fruit, milk

**Thursday, March 23**

Stuffed bagel and sausage, juice, fruit, milk

**Friday, March 24**

Dutch waffle, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch

**Monday, March 20**

Pizza, salad, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk

**Tuesday, March 21**

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

**Wednesday, March 22**

Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, green beans, apple slices, milk

**Thursday, March 23**

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**Friday, March 24**

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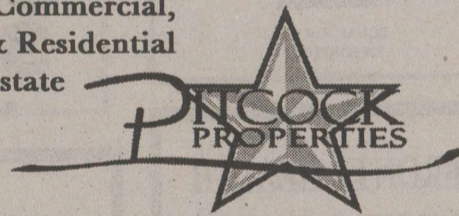
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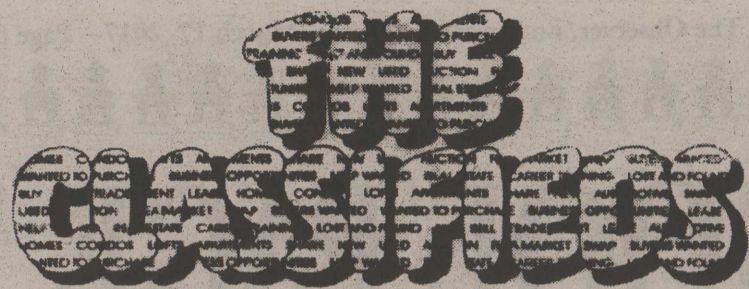
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**HOUSE AND LOTS** located at 1521 Bishop have been reduced in price from \$75,000 to \$69,000. This house is across one street from the school. This would make a good home for a teacher or a family with children. Call me for other information @ 325-473-0164.

**HOUSE** - 510 W. 11th St.-3br/2 **Under Contract** p-Covered working areas-RV cover. All in very good condition.

**HOUSE** - Trailer House (16'x46') with **Under Contract** Lot 60 Wildcat Marina-good condition.

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Call for information on other Tracts of land for sale.

**NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District is seeking proposals for student insurance. Proposals should include plans for both accident and catastrophic care. Proposals

should be delivered by Friday, March 24 at 2 PM. The BCISD Board of Trustees will make selection at the regular board meeting on March 29, 2017 at 7:15 PM. For more information, please contact Superintendent Abe Gott at 325-282-2311 or at agott@blackwellcisd.org.

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### The Dragon's Not Gone, Just Asleep.

By Mark Sides, RLVFD

Smoke on the wind this morning generated a lot of phone calls and questions. North winds brought smoke from fires near Amarillo as far as the Concho Valley and Permian Basin. Two fires in the Panhandle have consumed approximately 125,000 acres, and are still active.

This is just a reminder that Wildcat, Dos Amigos, and Whitehat became household names in Coke County during 2011. Wildcat, Rockhouse, Deaton-Cole, Possum Kingdom and others made national headlines.

Above average temperatures, large amounts of dry fuels, low relative humidity, and strong winds could again set the stage where a careless spark, a lightning strike, or an arcing power line become the opening number in a Texas Firestorm.

Robert Lee, Bronte and outlying communities are no different from other rural Texas towns where rangeland, pastures, and CRP may be near or immediately adjacent to homes and businesses.

These are a few simple items that will reduce the chances of your home going up in smoke:

- 1) Routinely clean gutters, especially in the fall. Keep your yard clean of leaves, limbs, and dead grass.
- 2) Remove tree limbs that extend over the eaves of the roof or within 10-15 feet of the chimney
- 3) Keep your grass mowed to a 4" height or less, and if possible, well watered during periods of extreme drought. Prune tree branches at least 10 feet from the ground.
- 4) Landscape using deciduous trees and shrubs such as oaks, agarito, eastern redbud, desert willow, and sages. Avoid junipers, pines, and other evergreens unless they are planted 100 feet or further from the house.
- 5) Make sure your house number and street number are clearly posted to provide firefighters easy identification.
- 6) Maintain at least 30 feet of open space between your home and the surrounding brush line or CRP field.
- 7) Avoid concentrations of shrubbery or ornamental grasses up against the house.
- 8) Have garden hoses

connected at all times and long enough to reach around the house.

- 9) Store firewood at least 15 to 30 feet away from the house.
- 10) Maintain roads and entrances to provide easy access and adequate turnaround space for emergency equipment.
- 11) Exercise extreme caution and keep a reliable, pressurized water source handy when doing any outdoor burning or welding.
- 12) Don't allow tall grass and debris to accumulate against your house or under your porch or deck.

These items alone may not guarantee that your home will survive, but they will give your home and responding firefighters a fighting chance.

#### City of Bronte to sell trust properties

The City of Bronte, in conjunction with the Texas Communities Group, LLC, will begin placing FOR SALE signs on available Trust Property within the City of Bronte in the coming days. This project is a part of the clean-up effort spearheaded by the City of Bronte and the participating entities.

Trust properties are lots and tracts of land which have been foreclosed upon to collect a tax lien due the local governmental entities, the City of Bronte, Coke County, Bronte ISD, East Coke County Hospital District and Coke County Underground Water Conservation District.

These properties were put up for auction and went unsold at the tax sale. The properties are then "struck-off" to the entities.

The placement of the signs on available property will identify the properties available for purchase. There will also be catalogs disbursed within the community.

Anyone over 18 years old can submit a bid for a property. However, a successful bidder CANNOT owe delinquent taxes on other property in the county, owe an unpaid fine or fee to the city and/or county, and/or own other property in the city/county that is subject to existing penalties for codes enforcement.

Bids may be placed online at [www.texascg.com](http://www.texascg.com) or [www.brontetexas.org](http://www.brontetexas.org) or you can simply go to Bronte City Hall and submit a bid, which is the price you would consider paying for the property you wish to buy. Should you meet the requirements listed above and your bid is sufficient and accepted by all entities, the property will be deeded to you upon receipt of the payment of your bid amount and fees to cover the cost of the deed and recording fees, which are minimal.

There is a saying, that one person's trash may be another person's treasure! This is certainly the case with Trust Property. If you are interested in a property, there certainly is value to you. Maybe the

property is next door and you can expand your yard or build a garage. Perhaps a property with a structure can be rehabbed into a profitable rent house. Never underestimate the power of an entrepreneurial mind! So, please notice the signs, look through the catalog, or go online and scroll through the properties.

The process to purchase these Trust Properties is relatively simple, submit the winning bid! The paperwork and recording is done for you. Returning property back to the taxpaying citizens of the community is one of the focal points of this joint effort

#### Walk Across Texas to kick off next month in Robert Lee

Walk Across Texas! is a 12 week program for teams of 8. Teams have a friendly competition to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or biking. You can even log miles by dancing, doing aerobics, or riding a stationary bike! Everyone's miles are recorded on the Texas map posted in a public place so everyone can see your progress. The team that walks the farthest "across Texas" will win, but everyone who participates will take home a healthy habit-walking for fitness! Start forming teams today!!

Join Us at our Walk Across Texas! Kick-Off event Thursday,

April 6. Here, you will sign your team up or have the chance to join a team, sit in on a 30 minute talk about goal setting, and have the chance to explore different "health booths." Doors open at 5 pm with the program starting at pm.

On May 11, we will meet for a mid-program update where teams will check-in and update everyone on their progress. There will also be a 30 minute presentation on the importance of staying hydrated during physical activity. Multiple healthy recipes will be demonstrated and be available for tasting. Doors open at 5:45 pm with the program starting at 6 pm.

The program will end June 22. At this meeting, we will "celebrate" the accomplishments we made and tally up the final count of miles that were walked! Doors open at 5:45 pm with the program starting at 6 pm

The program is free of charge and incentive items will be distributed throughout the program!

Kick-Off event, mid-program update, and Celebration Ceremony will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

For questions or more information, please contact Kandice Everitt at 325-453-2461 or by email at [kandice.everitt@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kandice.everitt@ag.tamu.edu).

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# Please Pray for the PANHANDLE



The above photo was taken during the Wildcat Fire in 2011. It depicts a Bronte Volunteer Fire Department truck full of Bronte volunteer firemen in the cab and on the back breaking through a wall of smoke and flames on FM 2662 south of Bronte and Robert Lee. Thankfully, they made it through safely.

Our county has been blessed in the years since 2011 with few fires and none like those of 2011. However with the rains we have received in the last year, fuel is readily available. An article by Robert Lee Volunteer Fireman Mark Sides is on Page 7 of this issue and discusses this situation and precautions we can take.

Please consider donating to the people of the Panhandle as they begin the rebuilding process. Also, please donate to our local Volunteer Fire Departments and EMS Services. As always, please pray for rain!

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