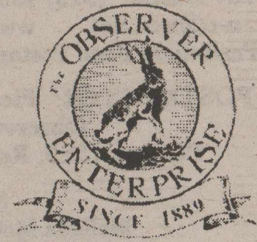


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Friday, June 2, 2017

Water Aerobics to be held in Bronte

A water aerobics class will begin Monday, May 29, at 6:30 pm. The class, led by Angel Cervenka, will be held at 6:30 pm each Monday and Thursday at the Bronte Pool.

Donations needed for fire departments

The Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer Fire Departments are requesting donations of water and Gatorade in preparation of the upcoming fire season.

Donations may be dropped off at the City Hall in each city or with any fireman. Your support of the area's Volunteer Fire Departments is greatly appreciated.

All State Honors recipients needed

Robert Lee ISD is in search of names of Robert Lee Lady Steers who received "All State Honors" in Basketball at any time in the past.

If you can be of assistance, please contact Coach Esquell at

justin.esquell@rlisd.net or Maranda Hood at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

Golf Tournament set for Robert Lee

The Bill "Sandy" Blair Spectacular 2 Person, 27 Hole Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The 9 Scramble, 9 Shamble, 9 Scramble tourney will have a 9 am shotgun start.

For more information, call (325) 453-2317 or (806) 543-2118.

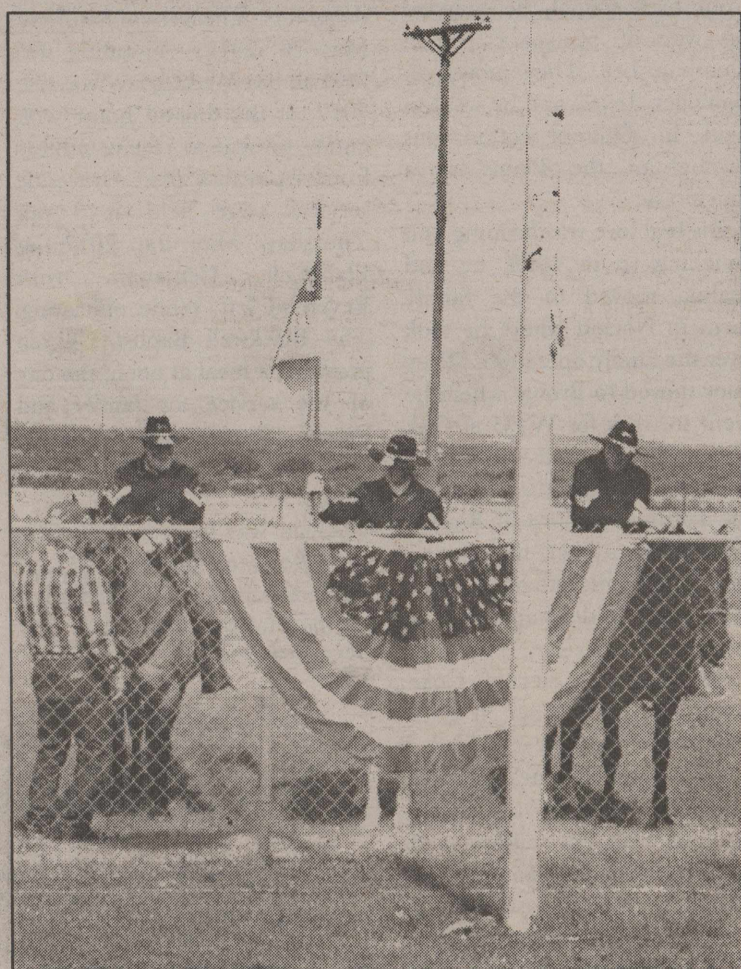
Doug McCutchen Memorial Tourney set for June 10

The Doug McCutchen Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Longhorn Golf Club in Bronte on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The tournament is a 27 hole, 3 person best ball with a 9 am start.

For more information, call (325) 473-2156 or (325) 262-6617.



Blackwell Memorial Day Celebration! A Memorial Day Celebration was held at 10 am Monday, May 29, 2017, at the Blackwell Cemetery. The guest speaker was World War II veteran Ed Cumbie of Bronte (above). The Fort Chadbourne Cavalry were on hand and the Sweetwater Municipal Band provided patriotic music. In addition to the Flag Ceremony, the names on the Honor Roll of Veterans buried in the Blackwell Cemetery were read. Jody Bell was the event's Master of Ceremony, with Rev. Jeff White, pastor of Blackwell's First Baptist Church, giving the invocation and benediction. A memorial tribute table was available for attendees to display personal memorabilia.



Red Hat Society to meet June 1

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am Thursday, June 1, 2017, at Mrs. Allen's at 1301 Broadway in Sweetwater.

Get your red hat and join us for some fun and lots of laughter. Laughter is very good medicine so join us for a big dose of laughter.

Fun Day set for June 17

The 3rd annual Save the Park Fun Day will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the Coke County Park in Bronte.

Since the inception of Restoring Bronte Foundation, numerous improvements have been made through grants and fund raising efforts.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday, June 1

Red Hat Society Meeting, 11 am,
Mrs. Allen's Family Meals, Sweetwater

Vision with a Purpose Meeting,
Victory Assembly of God, Robert Lee

Water Aerobics, 6:30 pm,
Bronte Pool

Monday, June 5

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

Water Aerobics, 6:30 pm,
Bronte Pool

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

Masonic Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm,
Bronte Depot

Tuesday, June 6

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

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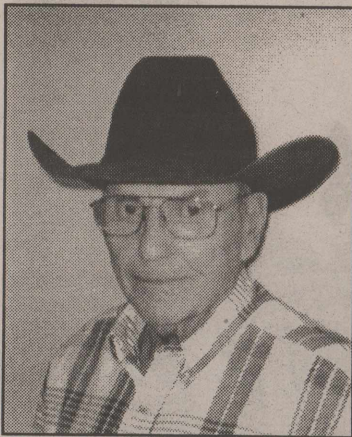
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Obituaries



Lee

Wendell Monroe Lee, 74, went to be with the Lord on May 18, 2017. He was a long time resident of Bronte, Texas, a member and Deacon in the First Baptist Church, a founding member of the Bronte Roping Club, President of the Big Country Cutting Horse Association, and a longtime member of the Bronte ISD School Board.

He was born February 24, 1943, to Lester Claude and Bertie Rue Lee in Maverick, Texas. He grew up on his family farm and went to school in Norton, Texas. After graduating from high school, he married his wife of 52 years, Jeanna Denman Lee. They moved to Ballinger, Texas, and he went to work in different cotton gins throughout the Plains as a machinist.

His real love was farming and ranching so in 1965, he and Jeanna moved to the family farm in Norton where he took over the family operations. They later moved to Bronte where he went to work for WTU at Oak Creek Power Plant until 1977 when he and Jeanna purchased the Hardware Store in Bronte. Several years later, he went to work for Higginbotham Lumber yard, and Alderman-Cave in Winters, Texas. He retired in 2008 and was elected Coke County Commissioner in 2011 where he served 4 years.

Throughout his life, his most enjoyable moments were being involved with his children and grandchildren and all of their activities. He also shared a strong love for raising horses, roping and various horse related events.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanna Lee; his son Kerry Lee and wife Heather Lee of Bronte, Texas; grandchildren

Kimber Lee of Lubbock, Texas, Ty Lee of San Angelo, Texas, and Bailey Lee and Skyler Lee of Georgetown, Texas. He is also survived by a brother and his wife, Joe and Dorothy Lee of Killeen, Texas; a sister and her husband, Carol and Bobby Baugus of Tucson, Arizona, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents Lester and Bertie Lee, a son Troy Lee, and a brother Louis Lee.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 25, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas at 2 pm.

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Eldred

Gayna Dean Eldred, of Blackwell, passed into the arms of her Savior and joined her daughters in heaven on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Visitation was held all day Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at the funeral home with family present to receive visitors from 4 pm to 6 pm. Graveside services were held at 3 pm Thursday, May 25, 2017, at Blackwell Cemetery with Reverend Jeff White officiating. The Blackwell Baptist Church provided a meal at noon, the day of the service for family and friends. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Gayna was born in Colorado City, Texas, on July 14, 1934, to Raymond Browne and Catherine Lucille McFarland Browne. She

met and married the love of her life, Buddy Eldred. Gayna was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother who took great pride as a homemaker. She loved caring for and tending to her family. Gayna spent a lot of her time putting together a cook book of her mother's, mother-in-law's and her own recipes so that her children and grandchildren could pass this down for generations to come. Gayna was also a member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two daughters, Diane Cantrell and Gaylene Daniels.

Gayna is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Buddy Eldred; son, Steve Eldred and wife Syndi; brother, Randy Browne and wife Cheryl; sister, Judy Rhodes; ten grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

Online Condolences may be made at shafferpioneer.com.

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Moore

Elton Clyde Moore, 86, passed away May 27, 2017, at his daughter's residence in Merkel, Texas. Family visitation was from 6 pm to 8 pm Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas. Services were held at 10 am Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at First Baptist Church of Bronte with Emmanuel Jimenez officiating. Interment followed in Blackwell Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Elton was born September 3, 1930, in Lamesa, Texas, to Adrian Clyde Moore and Eva Lee (McClendon) Moore. Elton was the oldest of six children and his father died just before Elton turned twelve years old, so he had to step up into the role of a man in order to help his mother make ends meet. He was no stranger to hard work and he learned many family values by

helping his mother. He milked the family's cows and picked cotton at a young age. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 1949 and immediately enlisted in the Navy.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy, Elton went to work in the oil field. He worked for Magnolia Oil Company on the seismograph crew and he worked his way up into a drafting position. Mobil Oil Company bought Magnolia and Elton continued his career, until his retirement as the head-draftsman in 1989 from Exxon-Mobil, at which time he bought a section of land in Blackwell and began ranching. He expanded his ranch to two sections and continued ranching until he retired, once again in 2014 at the age of 84.

Elton married the love of his life and his very best friend, Fredna (Marrs) Moore on July 4, 1953. The day before their wedding they had gone to visit one of Fredna's sisters and her husband. On the way back to Fredna's home in McCamey, Texas, he asked her if she thought she might like to get married and she said, "yes." So he asked when and she said, "Tomorrow would be good." Which they did and they were married 61 years before Fredna passed into God's Kingdom.

They had three children, Kent, Rhonda, and Ray. Elton loved being a Boy Scout Leader for his sons. He was a great dad—the BEST! He spent countless weeks and weekends with all of his family camping, boating, skiing, fishing, and

hunting. As his family expanded, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and later with his great-grandchildren. He loved all of his family and was greatly loved back. He will truly be missed!

Elton and Fredna moved to Bronte in 1992 and became active in the First Baptist Church and the community. Elton served on a number of community boards, made numerous friends, and loved his life in Bronte.

Elton was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his grandson, Emmitt Ray Moore; his granddaughter Lisa Nacole Moore; two sisters, Blanche Wells and Sherry Day and Sherry's husband Foy Day; a brother, Troy Moore; and a nephew, Dwight Moore.

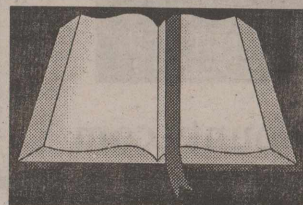
He is survived by his son Kent Moore and wife Melissa of Snyder, Texas; daughter Rhonda Greenwood and husband Keith of Merkel, Texas; son Ray Moore and wife Sara of Midland, Texas; six grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Delmar Moore and Orval Moore and wife Ernestine; and a host of extended family.

The family would like to offer our gratitude to Hospice of the Big Country and to Visiting Angels of Abilene, Texas, for all the great care they provided Elton his last few months. In lieu of flowers, please make Memorial donations to First Baptist Church of Bronte or First United Methodist Church of Merkel. Online condolences may be made to shafferpioneer.com.

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 Dale Patterson, Pastor
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 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
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 11 am & 6 pm Worship,
Emmanuel Pentecostal
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 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
 Recardo Reyes, 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
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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
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
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Commissioners Court Minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners court met in special session at the Courthouse in Robert Lee on April 27 at 9 am. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe Sefcik and Mary Grim, Clerk.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Judge Blair.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Williams was absent.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes for April 11, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to reinstate the burn ban. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

The item regarding the agreement for the Coke County facility was tabled.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to approve the request from CVEC to construct a single-phase electric line along the northwest side of Cedar Cove Rd., approximately 850 feet southwest from the intersection of Aspen Circle and Cedar Cove Rd, at an anchor and continue southwest for 957 feet to a second anchor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to accept a bid of \$600.00 for Tax Deed and Property Card for Trust Property in the City of Bronte from Texas Communities Group, Lots 1 and 2, Black 1 in the Maxwell Addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to accept a bid of \$953.00 for Tax Deed and Property Card for Trust Property in the City of Bronte from Texas Communities Group, Lot 6 Block 49 of the Original Town of Bronte and described in Volume 296 Page

330 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to accept the petition by property owners of Coke County requesting to close Hamilton County Rd. to the public. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to accept the Order Reappointing Auditor Vallery Johnson for Coke County Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to renew the Agreement for Drug & Alcohol Testing with Allied Compliance Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to enter in to the Class Action Lawsuit against Volkswagen Audi. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to enter into the Class Action Lawsuit against Chrysler Fiat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik reported on the ribbon cutting and thanked Commissioner Millican for his help with the park equipment.

Commissioner Millican reported that they have hired Abby Bounds for Park Caretaker and Pool.

Treasurer Hal Spain reported on his school.

County Clerk Mary Grim reported about possible liquor election and on the Walk Across Texas team.

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

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

The Coke County Commissioners court met in



Food Drive is Success! The 2017 Bronte Letter Carrier Food Drive benefiting the Salt of the Earth Food Ministry, collected 1,134 pounds of non-perishable food items. The employees of the Bronte Post Office wish to express their appreciation to all contributors for their generous donations to help feed local families.

regular session at the Courthouse in Robert Lee on May 9 at 9 am. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe Sefcik and Mary Grim, Clerk.

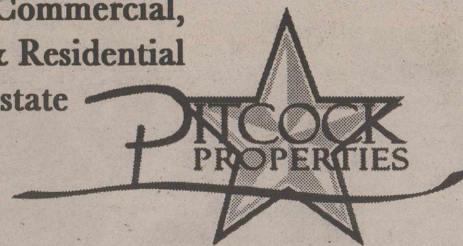
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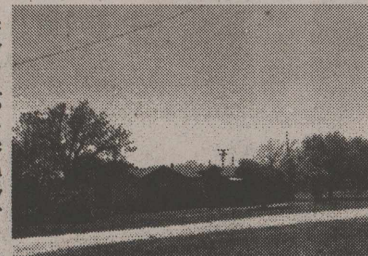
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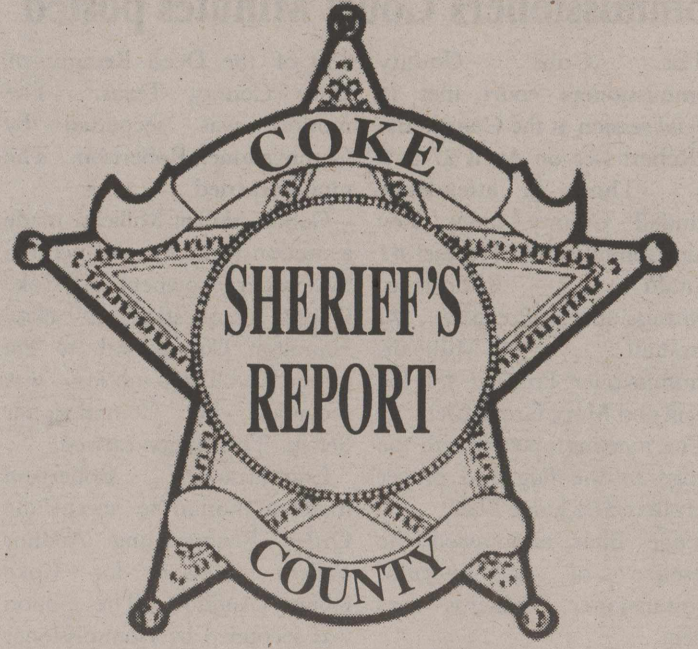
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Bronte Junior High Tennis! The Bronte Junior High Tennis season is now complete. Team members include Damian Albolaz (back row, from left), Lance Rolls, Amanda Marrs, Emma Lozada, Katelyn Powell, Michaela Basquez, Keeley Queen, Emily Devine, Sydney McMullan (front row, from left), Zachary McWright, Nico Willis, Mariah DeLaCerde, Coach Misty Davis, Cami Davidson, Saige Busby, Zoie Posas, Rance Siler (not pictured), and Hallee Mikulka. The Girls team was District Runners Up. The A team duo of Nico Willis and Zachary McWright were Mixed Doubles runners up and Cami Davidson was A Team girls singles District Champion. The B team mixed doubles team of Amanda Marrs and Lance Rolls were district champions and girls doubles team of Zoie Posas and Emily Devine were district runners up. Congratulations Bronte Jr High tennis!



Accelerated Readers! Bronte Elementary School 4th, 5th and 6th graders with 300 or more AR points were awarded with a trip to the Tom Green County library. They also were able to play in the park and enjoy a pizza lunch. Their sponsor is Mrs. Coalson.



March 2017

The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's Office for the month of March 2017.

- 6 Sheriff's Information Reports
 - 4 Civil Matters
 - Class C Theft
 - Criminal Mischief
 - 2 Welfare Checks
 - Burglary of a Building
 - Information Report
 - Possession of Controlled Substance
 - Terroristic Threat
 - Theft

- 333 Public Service Calls
(Includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls Etc...)
- 3 Civil Process
- 4 Prisoner Transports, including arrest and to and from court
- Warrants Served
- 33 Livestock Calls
- 4 Accidents
- 2 Accident Assists
- 47 Traffic Stops
- 27 Traffic Stops resulting in citations
- 2 Male inmates in Runnels County Jail as of Tuesday, April 11, 2017

April 2017

The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's Office for the month of April 2017.

- 8 Sheriff's Information Reports
 - 6 Civil Matters
 - Class C Theft
 - Criminal Mischief
 - 4 Welfare Checks
 - Burglary of a Building
 - Information Report
 - 5 Burglary of a Vehicle Reports
 - Assault
 - 2 Thefts

- 354 Public Service Calls
(Includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls Etc...)
- 4 Civil Process
- 3 Prisoner Transports, including arrest and to and from court
- 27 Livestock Calls
- 3 Accidents
- 2 Accident Assists
- 42 Traffic Stops
- 35 Traffic Stops resulting in citations
- 1 Male inmate in Runnels County Jail as of Tuesday, May 9, 2017

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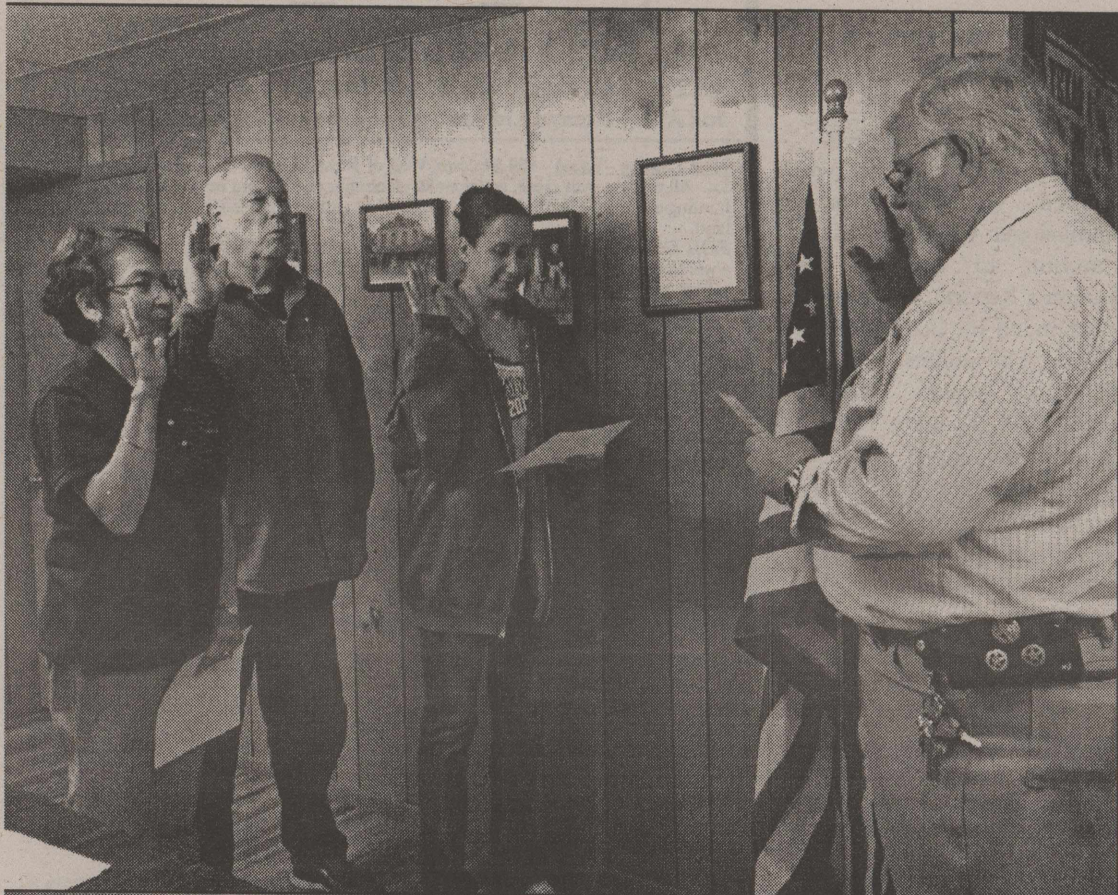
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Everything Changes ...and Everything Stays the Same! Members of the Bronte and Robert Lee City Council elected last month were sworn in by the respective Mayors. In Robert Lee (left photo), Mayor Leroy Casey swears in incumbents (from left) Janie Munoz, Roger Alexander and Shaunna Grantham. Bronte elected three new members (from left) David Bedford, Stormy Vaughn and Santiago "Jim" Rodriguez. They are shown with Mayor Gerald Sandusky.



Seniors Honored! The Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church in Bronte served breakfast to the 2017 Bronte graduating class (above photo) Monday morning, May 15, 2017, with plenty of food, good fellowship and grateful seniors. Congratulations to these fine young people.

Hamburger Lunch! On Tuesday May 2, 2017, the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau office (left photo) held their Hamburger Lunch for Food Connection Day. The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau raised \$433 in donations and collected 183.5 lbs. of canned good items for the Coke County Food pantry. Board members who were present to help out with the hamburger lunch were: Board President John Ross Copeland, Vice President John E. Stephens, Directors Hal Spain and Jerrod Pitcock, Agency Manager Alan Davidson, Agent Russell Davis and Fieldman Anthony Munoz.

BHRC Field Trip! Residents of the Bronte Health & Rehab Center (bottom left photo) visited the WASP Museum in Sweetwater last month.



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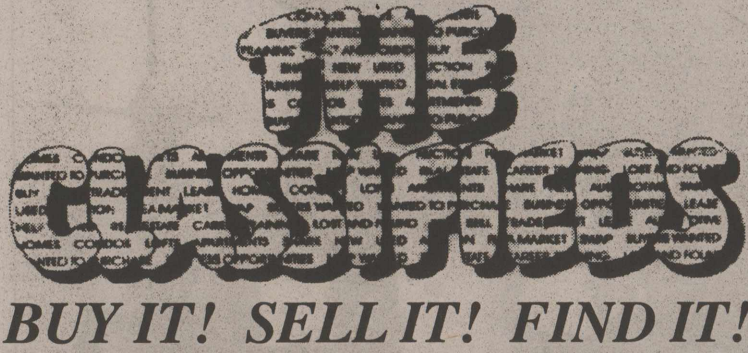
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Millican. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Hal Spain. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried.

Extension Agents Morgan Runyan and Kandice Everitt presented their reports.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report. He also reported on security that the deputies are doing for the pipeline.

Tax Collector's report was presented by Judge Blair.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Constable Precinct #1 Marty Boyd presented his report.

Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 Jackie Walker presented her report. She also reported on schools she will be attending and her surgery.

The D.R. report was presented by Judge Blair. There was no activity.

The Trapper's report for October 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017, was presented by Judge Blair.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the line items as transfers as presented:

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3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

219 Zero Street, Robert Lee. Saturday, June 3, at 8 am.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the East Coke County Hospital District will meet for a public hearing on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 5 pm in the business office of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South State Street, Bronte, Texas. Public comments concerning the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 will be received at this hearing. The proposed budget will be adopted at a regular meeting immediately following this public hearing. The public is invited to attend and participate in these proceedings.

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FOR SALE - Located at 122 W. 11th St., Robert Lee, 2 BR/1 BA, All floors covered with laminated wood. Metal Windows, Central Heat and Air, Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer to remain with the house. Carport and storage building. Water well is sufficient to water the yard. Fenced back yard. The house is in good repair and close to school.

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.

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

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

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Hardware Store - 801 Austin St., Robert Lee, Texas, buildings, lots and inventory

Houses located at: 564 Lake Shore Circle, Cedar Cove//112 West 12th ST, close to school, good location//224 W. Riley St., Bronte, Tx.-Starter home.

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from R&B #1 Cold Mix to R&B #1 Miscellaneous; from Constable 2 Travel to Constable 2 Conference; from Constable 1 Communications, Travel, Equipment, and Radar to Constable 2 Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to extend the Depository Contracts with Robert Lee State Bank and First National Bank of Bronte. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Clay Hannsz presented the request from Dawson GeoPhysical to do seismic work on Silver Loop. Mr Hannsz stated that if there is damage to the roads, Dawson GeoPhysical

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will repair them. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried. Commissioner Millican opposed.

Commissioner Williams reported the water well at the Bronte Park is up and going. He also addressed HJR70, SB2, and HB15.

Commissioner Millican reported on roofing.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim reported that she will be attending the State Law School next week in San Marcos.

Judge Blair reported that after the meeting he will be leaving for Lubbock for Probate School. There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Fire Season Tips

By Mark Sides, RLVFD

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.



EMT Class! Coke County students are participating in an EMT class in Sterling City. These volunteers are desperately needed to maintain ambulance crews when emergency medical assistance is needed locally.

Farm Bureau pushes for eminent domain reform

The Texas Legislature is debating proposed changes in the states' eminent domain process.

"For too long, entities and companies with eminent domain authority have been allowed to offer landowners below-market-value for their land," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "If the landowner wants what is fair, he'll have to pay a lawyer and sue for what is right. It's unfair, and it's time for that to change."

Fairness and transparency in eminent domain proceedings are

two of the goals of the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) and its members this legislative session.

TFB President Russell Boening recently testified in support of several bills that would help landowners.

HB 2684 by Rep. DeWayne Burns, outlines requirements to make the eminent domain process more fair.

TFB also supports HB 2694 by Rep. Kyle Kacal, which would encourage those with eminent

domain authority to make fair offers by providing a disincentive for lowball offers.

Other bills, like HB 3687, outline project information and property rights protections through the eminent domain process.

"Eminent domain use is on the rise as Texas' population grows," John Ross said. "These bills will help ensure landowners receive a fair price for their land when it is taken and that the process is more transparent."

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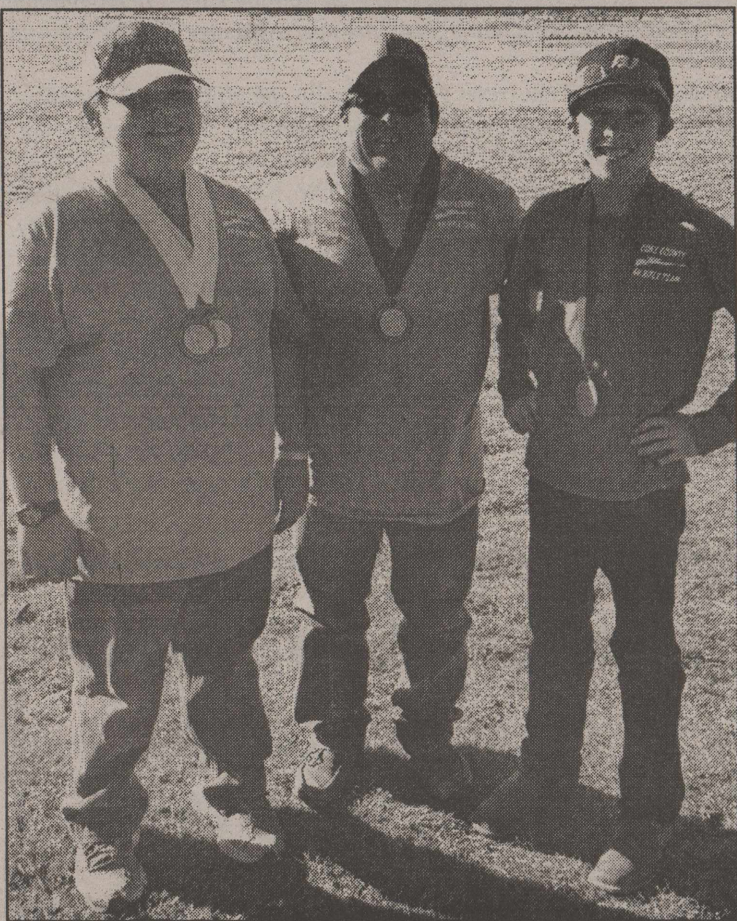
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4-H Shooters! On May 14, 2017, the Coke Co 4-H Rifle Team competed at the McCulloch County HOT Invitational in Brady, Texas. Tristan Grantham won 2nd and Joey Goddard won 3rd in the Junior Light Rifle. Joey Goddard won 3rd in the Junior Silhouettes. The team did a great job. In this competition, one of the parents of the top 3 winners of the Silhouette competition got to compete against the other winners' parents in a Parent Silhouette competition. Joey Goddard's parents chose to let the team's coach, Orlando De La Garza, compete for one of them. Orlando won 1st in the Geriatric Silhouette competition. It is always fun for the kids to get to give the adult shooters advice on their shooting. On May 20, 2017, the Coke County 4-H Rifle Team (top photo) competed at the Callahan County Fun Shoot in Baird, Texas. The team did an amazing job at this shoot. Tristan Grantham won 3rd in Junior 3P. Joey Goddard won 2nd in Junior Light Rifle and 2nd in Junior Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes. Joey Goddard won 1st and Tristan Grantham won 2nd in Junior Air Rifle Silhouettes. Juan Orlando De La Garza won 3rd in Intermediate Air Rifle Silhouettes.



CPR/First Aid Class! On May 7, 2017, Coke County 4-H hosted a CPR/First Aid class (bottom left photo). The class was taught by Joyce Gray from Sav-A-Life Skills Training Center. There was a great turn out. As you can see, you can never be too young or too wise to learn how to save a life.

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