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Friday, December 8, 2017

### **Filing period** continues for 2018 **Primary Election**

The filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election began November 11, 2017, and will continue through December 11, 2017. Offices up for election include County Judge, currently held by Roy Blair; County Treasurer, currently held by Hal Spain; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Jackie Walker; County/District Clerk, currently held by Mary Grim; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik.

As of Monday evening, only a few candidates had filed for a place on the ballot. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace, as well as Jackie Walker. Johnson is currently serving as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Monica Reyes has filed for County/District Clerk. Reyes is currently a deputy in the Clerk's Office. Three men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm, Robert Feil, and incumbent Paul Williams. Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past.

### Vinson to present concert at RLBC

Don Vinson will be presenting a Christmas program at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Sunday, December 10 at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy Christmas music and fellowship.

### **Christmas Greetings Deadline** is

December 11 It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a



Small Town Christmas! Attendees at Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas enjoyed a delicious meal of stew and cornbread before heading out on a hay ride to view the beautiful Christmas lights. The

annual event, sponsored by Vision With A Purpose, was held Saturday evening, December 2, 2017.

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 11

Junior High Basketball -Robert Lee vs Water Valley, 5 pm

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

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, 7 pm, Bronte City Hall

Tuesday, December 12

High School Basketball -Bronte vs Robert Lee, 5 pm, JV and Varsity Girls Bronte vs Hamlin, 5 pm, JV and Varsity Boys Robert Lee at Winters, 5 pm, JV and Varsity Boys Blackwell at San Angelo Cornerstone, 6 pm, Varsity Girls and Boys Christmas greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 22 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Monday, December 11 at 12 noon. For more information or to place your greeting, contact the O/E office at 453-2433 or Morgan at 277-9210 or Melinda at 473-8863.

The O/E office will be closed from December 21 through January 2 and the annual Year in Review issue will be published Friday, December 29, 2017.

> **Angel Tree ends December 12**

It's that time of year when folks in Robert Lee are blessed with the opportunity to help fulfill Christmas wishes children of our community. Angels will be available beginning Friday, December 1 during the Open House at DJ's Merle Norman. Wrapped gifts should be returned no later than Tuesday, December 12. Don't miss out on a chance to bring a smile to a child's face as angels disappear from the tree quickly.

to the best float.

### Year in Review Issue Deadline set for December 18

The last issue of The Observer/Enterprise for 2017 will be published December 29, 2017. Deadline for this issue is Monday, December 18, 2017, at 12 noon.

We hope readers will enjoy looking back at a few of the stories making headlines this past year. It is impossible to include everything noteworthy from 2017.

The majority of this issue will

9:30 am and depart from the not required). Two entries per Bronte Health and Rehab category allowed. Entry card Center and will end at the train must be filled out and attached depot. A trophy will be awarded to the back of each photo. All entries must be original photography of the person entering.

> Art - Any size and categories will be determined by entries.

> Re-Purpose Project (Trash to Treasure) - At least 50% should be from repurposed materials.

> Lego/Model Crafts - Includes models made from Legos, model airplanes and the like.

> Crafts - Includes paper crafts, wood crafts, and decorative items. The possibilities are endless!

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Includes quilts, knitted scarves,

### Friday, December 15

Junior High Basketball -Bronte at Robert Lee, 6 pm

### High School Basketball -Bronte at Coleman, 4 pm, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys Robert Lee vs Garden City, 4 pm, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys Blackwell at Water Valley, 4 pm, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys



### Christmas in Olde Bronte slated for

### December 16

Christmas in Olde Bronte will be held Saturday, December 16. There will be a parade, vendor fair, outdoor display, tree lighting, and much more. Santa and Mrs. Clause will also be making an appearance!

The parade will be held at

be dedicated to 2017. However, current news will be listed near the back.

**Bronte City Council** meeting date changed

The Bronte City Council scheduled meeting for December 21, 2017, has been rescheduled for December 14, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

### **Project Fair and** Livestock Show set for January 18-20

The Coke County Project Fair and Livestock Show will be held January 18 through January 20, 2018, in Robert Lee. There are several contests scheduled for the Project Fair, as well as new contests this year. The project categories include:

Photography - Photos must be 8x10 (mounted if desired but

anything that was sewn, knitted, or crocheted.

Canning - Can include products such as jellies, jams, salsa, or canned vegetable or fruit.

Kids Korner - For exhibitors who are in pre-school through 2nd grade. Can include any of the categories or anything made by the exhibitor.

There is also a Pies, Cookies, and Cakes Contest. All pies must be in a disposable pie pan to attach to the entry form, along with the recipe. Exhibitors may also submit one dozen cookies on a disposable plate. The recipe must be attached to the entry form. Cakes must be in/on a disposable pan/plate. The pies and cakes will be used as desserts during the Buyer's BBQ.

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Obituaries



#### Gibbs

Jerry Gibbs, 82, of Robert Lee, Texas died at home on November 29, 2017.

Jerry was born March 17, 1935, to G.G. and Lillie Grace Gibbs in Snowmac, Oklahoma, the youngest of eight children. Stricken with polio at the age of eight, Jerry actively participated in school sports where he was able, even becoming a Golden Gloves boxer in high school and college. He graduated from Andrews High School and pursued his graduate and Master's degrees at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas, where he met Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Phillips. They were married December 30, 1955, and began a life together sharing a love of horses, children, wildlife and education.

Jerry began his teaching career at Corpus Christi, and then taught at Huckabee, Buffalo Gap, Garden City, Coahoma and Robert Lee. While Jerry and Liz made new homes and new friends in several communities, they chose to raise their sons, Mitchell and Kyle, in Robert Lee where Jerry devoted himself as an educator, helping hundreds of children learn, dream, and aspire. Jerry served as high school and principal then superintendent of schools for 20 years at Robert Lee ISD before retiring in 1992. Following his retirement, Jerry developed an interest in photography, and traveled frequently to Yellowstone National Park and to Alaska to enjoy and photograph elk, bear, and landscapes. He never lost the spirit of an outdoorsman and hunter, but found many beautiful expressions of that

passion in his photography. In 2001, Jerry lost his wife and

partner, Liz, to her battle with cancer. He was fortunate a few years later to find a new friend, companion and wife in Yvonne Devoll and in recent years, a special caregiver in his son, Kyle. Both of whom remained by his side throughout his illness.

Jerry is survived by two sons, Mitchell Gibbs of Round Rock, Kyle Gibbs of Robert Lee, Skylar Caddell of Round Rock and a loving niece, Marsha Turpin of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Visitation was held on Friday, December 1, 2017, at the funeral home with family present from 5 pm until 7 pm to receive visitors. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at the First Baptist Church in Robert Lee at 2 pm with longtime peer and friend William Hood officiating. Co-officiants were Ronnie Ruff and Clyde Dukes. Interment immediately followed at Robert Lee Cemetery. Pallbearers included Burns, Aaron Hood, Matt Reid, and Lynn Gully. Honorary pallbearers included Jack Woodley, George White, and Kenneth Chandler.

For their support during these final days, Mitchell and Kyle share a special gratitude to Hospice of San Angelo for serving as a source of strength and guidance.

The family especially appreciates the outpouring of love expressed to Jerry over many years, in which he found great comfort.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com. <u>22-1tc</u>



### Graves

Beatrice Louise Graves was born February 9, 1929, to Louis and Liza Jane (Cockburn) Baker at home in Orient, Texas. She was the middle of five children. She attended school at Tennyson until Tennyson School consolidated with Bronte School. She married her husband, O. B. (Sonny) Graves, on February 17, 1945. Louise and Sonny were blessed with three sons. They lived in San



Angelo until the family built their home on the Baker family place in Tennyson, Texas, in 1968-1969. She retired from Ethicon in 1993. Louise was a member of Tennyson Baptist Church where she served as secretary/treasurer for many years.

Louise loved to sew western shirts for her sons, grandsons, great-grandsons. and She enjoyed cooking, sewing, doing various crafts, and being outdoors. She liked watching Tiger Woods play golf and was a diehard Dallas Cowboys football fan. However, the joy of her life was her family, her church, and her faith. She entered heaven suddenly on December 1, 2017, the day after watching her final Cowboys' victory.

Louise is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Louis Jr, and Wallace, her sister Harriet, her husband Sonny Graves, her oldest son James (Jimmy) Onis Graves, grandson James Daniel Graves, and niece Margie Newcomb.

Louise is survived by sons Roger Graves, Jerry Graves and wife Susan Graves, grandchildren Scott Graves and wife Haley, Larry Graves, Jake Graves and wife Mandy, Dalton Graves and wife Chandra, Kendra and Scott Howell, twelve great-grandchildren, and her brother, Richard Baker.

Visitation was at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte on December 5 from 6 pm until 7 pm. The funeral service was officiated by pastor, David Dunn, at Tennyson Baptist Church on December 6 at 10 am. Pallbearers were her grandsons and great-grandsons. Burial followed at Mule Creek Cemetery in Tennyson, where she was buried between her husband and son.

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... Project Fair and Livestock Show

(Continued from front page) Age divisions for the contests are as follows:

Kids Korner - Pre-school through 2nd Grade;

Junior - 3rd grade through 5th grade;

Intermediate - 6th grade through 8th grade;

Senior - 9th through 12th grade;

Adults - 19 years old and up.

Entries will be taken at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee on Wednesday, January 17 between 12 pm and 6:30 pm. They will continue to be taken on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 8 am. All entries must be received by noon on January 18. Judging will take place Thursday and Friday before the Stock Show. Entry forms will be available at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. If you would like to drop them off early, please make arrangements with the Extension Office.

For more information, contact Kandice Everitt or Morgan Runyan at the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461.

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte (325) 473-3291 **Preacher David Lewis** Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Central Baptist Church 324 S. Franklin • Bronte (325) 473-4811 Dale Patterson, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am & 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 pm Youth Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting First United Methodist Church Corner of Washington & Holmes Bronte (325) 473-3281 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor 10:00 am Sunday School Sun. 11:00 am Worship

Robert Lee Bible Baptist Church POBox 938 • 9th & Austin RoberLee, John Fiore, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship, Emmanuel Pentecostal POBox 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm First United Methodist Church PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne RobertLee • (325) 453-2417 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice Iglesia Bautista Betel

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 Services: Sun. 10 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee (325) 365-2687 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm Robert Lee Baptist Church PO Box 493 •22 W. 11th (325) 453-2724 (325) 453-2724 Danny White, Pastor Stu. 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

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#### Coke County

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



10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study Tennyson

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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Texas Flip and Move! The DIY Network television show Texas Flip and Move came to Bronte recently and obtained two houses for the show. The house next to Larry's Auto on State Street (above right photo) and a house adjacent to Central Baptist Church on Franklin Street. The episode with these structures is scheduled to air at a future date.

### **CCSWD** hosting **Tree Sale**

The Coke County Soil and Water District is currently hosting a Tree Sale. Native seedlings include Afghan Pine, Cedar Elm, Bur Oak, Pecan and more. Containerized species are in plastic tubes with 6-12 inch tops. Bareroot species have 18-24 inch tops. Stop by the office at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee to pick up an order form and see a complete listing on the trees. The order dealine is January 31, 2018.

Call (325) 453-2623 ext. 3 for more information.

### **Bronte Economic** Development **Corporation** seeking individuals

The Bronte Economic Development Corporation is looking for individuals to serve as Board Members. The ideal candidates will have experience in business, tourism, and/or economic development, coupled with vision and commitment to our ensure community's growth economic and prosperity.

The Bronte EDC also has a voluntary position available to provide assistance to the EDC President, Secretary and Treasurer. The individual must have experience taking minutes and finances.

If you would like to submit your name for consideration for a term appointment as a Board Member or are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact City Hall before January 12 at (325) 473-3501.

Administrator. Houston accepted the position, and officially began his duties on November 19, 2017. The Board is very pleased to have Houston and welcomes him to his new position at the facility

**Regular Meeting** 

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session November 28, 2017. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and declared a quorum was present.

Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Carwile, and Noel Tinkler. Roger Alexander, WCCHD Administrator, Houston McGuire, RLCC Administrator, Chris Martin, Consultant, Janie Munoz, BOM, and Becca McGuire, DON, were also present at the meeting.

The invocation was given by Roger Alexander.

There were no visitors.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

There are 32 residents in the Care Center as of the meeting date. In the staffing update, there is an open position for a van driver. Accounts receivable were discussed in depth. Roger is working to bring the financials up to date. The audit has been postponed until after the first of the year.

Chris Martin, the previous RLCC Interim, has been hired as consultant for the Care Center. The Board is very pleased to have Chris continue to serve in this capacity.

Work will begin to repair and update the call lights on the west side of the facility in the next week or so.

Houston McGuire, Administrator, gave an update on the status of the QIPP program, which is a quality improvement program sponsored by the state, and also he gave the DSO report.

Discussion concerning the senior meals was tabled.

Houston is researching a change in companies for payroll and time clock, which should save the facility time and money. He also secured a contract with Best Med Pharmacy in Brownwood which will go into effect in the near future.

Some very positive work is being done in marketing, which should result in increased census.

Houston is also researching some potential revenue beneficial to the facility and the community.

The employee Christmas party will be held December 18, at which time longevity bonuses will be handed out.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next regular meeting will be December 28, encouraged to attend.

busy one. It began with a and guests. Christmas Sing Along Monday at Fort Concho. On December 12 at 3:30 pm, the monthly birthday party will be sponsored by the Spanish Club and Head Start. The birthday ladies this month are Marilyn White, Janis Fowler, and Marie Dowling. On December 16 at 3 pm, residents will enjoy a movie entitled 'The Christmas Story'. At 10:30 am on December 18, some community families will be at the facility providing Christmas gifts for the residents, and on the December 19 at 2:30 pm, the

opportunities which will be very residents will have their Christmas party, with entertainment being provided by Ellen, from the San Angelo Symphony. The following Saturday, the residents will enjoy a movie entitled 'The Grinch that Stole Christmas'. On Christmas Day, the movie entitled 'Jesus of Nazareth' will be shown. At the New Year's party on December 29 The public is invited and at 3:30 pm, Dr. Rocha, a violinist with the San Angelo Symphony The December calendar is a will be entertaining the residents

The Board of Directors, afternoon, and on Wednesday, Administration, Staff, and residents the residents went to San Angelo of RLCC would like to wish to have dinner and see the lights everyone a joyous Christmas and a very blessed 2018.



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# To the Citizens of **Coke County, Precinct 2**

I, Robert Feil, would like to announce that I am running for Commissioner, Precinct 2.

### WCCHD Board **Meeting Minutes** by Pat Stephens

### **Special Meeting**

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in called session November 3, 2017. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 2 pm and declared a quorum was present.

Board members present were Sarah Green, Patsy Cason, Pat Carwile. Roger Alexander, WCCHD Administrator, and Chris Martin, RLCC Interim, were also present at the meeting.

The invocation was given by Pat Stephens.

The one item of business on the agenda was an interview with Houston McGuire for the position of RLCC I was Commissioner for one term from 2007 - 2010 and worked for the county road crew in Precinct 2 from 1987 to 2002.

I'm going to try to visit with each of you, but if you have any questions before I see you, please feel free to call (325) 450-2495.

Thank you for your time, support, and vote on March 6, 2018.

> Thank you, **Robert Feil**

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Robert Feil

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# LARRY DYESS **AUTOMOTIVE, LLC** will be closed

Wednesday, December 20 through Tuesday, January 2.

> We wish all a safe and blessed holiday!

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### BISD Christmas Concert slated

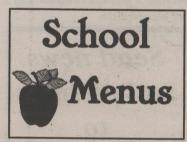
The Bronte ISD Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 14, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

### UIL Awards Ceremony set for RLISD

Robert Lee ISD will hold an awards ceremony on Friday, December 15. It will recognize students (2nd through 6th grades) who placed in events at the District 11A - Zone 2 UIL Academic meet held in December in Garden City.

The ceremony will be held at 9:30 am in the RLISD Cafetorium. All parents and family members are encouraged to attend.

Please call the elementary office at (325) 453-4555 if you have any questions.



### Bronte ISD Breakfast

Monday, December 11 Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk **Tuesday, December 12** Donut holes or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday, December 13 DR L or cereal with

PB&J or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk **Thursday, December 14** 

BK Tornados or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk **Friday, December 15** Sausage and biscuit or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice,

with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk <u>Lunch</u>

Monday, December 11

Country fried steak with gravy,

juice, milk Wednesday, December 13 Waffles, bacon, fruit, juice,

milk Thursday, December 14

Pita Pocket Breakfast, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 15

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk <u>Lunch</u>

Monday, December 11 Pizza, salad, carrots, apple slices, milk

Tuesday, December 12 Meat and cheese chalupas, salsa, zesty cucumbers, refried

beans, rosy applesauce, milk Wednesday, December 13 Country fried steak, okra,

mashed potatoes, roll, gravy, strawberry cup, milk **Thursday, December 14** 

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

Friday, December 15 Hamburger, garnish, broccoli, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit,

krispy cereal treat, milk Head Start - hamburger, garnish, broccoli, sweet potato

fries, mixed fruit, milk Blackwell CISD Breakfast

Monday, December 11 Assorted bagels, cream cheese,

fruit, juice, milk **Tuesday, December 12** Yogurt and fruit parfait, granola, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday, December 13

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 14



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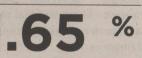
Santa Claus! Members of the Blackwell High School cheerleading squad enjoyed a visit with Santa recently.

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roll, strawberry cup, milk **Tuesday, December 12** 

Chicken tenders, Texas toast, gravy, sweet potato fries or tots, broccoli, mixed fruit, milk Wednesday, December 13

Texas chili, cornbread, cucumber cup, baby carrots, fruit, brownie, milk **Thursday, December 14** 

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, roll, cranberry sauce, fruit, milk Friday, December 15 BBQ on a bun, pinto beans, coleslaw, orange smiles, milk Robert Lee ISD <u>Breakfast</u> Monday, December 11 Sausage, egg, and cheese

sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 12

Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit,

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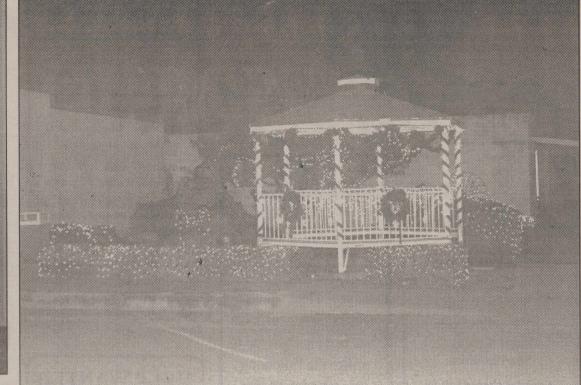
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Small Town Christmas! Attendees at Robert Lee's Small Town Christmas enjoyed having their photo taken and viewing the lovely decorations. The gazebo in the Mini-Park between Robert Lee City Hall and the Coke County Library also received a holiday makeover and was adorned with lights and festive decor.

Toast with jelly, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk Friday, December 15 Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice,

### Lunch

milk

Monday, December 11

Taco salad bowl (shell, ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes) pinto beans, spanish rice, fruit, milk

#### Tuesday, December 12

Volcano bowl (meatballs), black olives, onions, chips, carrots with ranch, fruit, milk Wednesday, December 13 Family Christmas Lunch

### Thursday, December 14

Sloppy Joe, chips, baby carrots, fruit, milk

### Friday, December 15

Soup (2 choices), cornbread, crackers, fruit, milk

### Vision with a Purpose hosts Small Town Christmas

Vision With A Purpose provided Robert Lee a magical evening Saturday, December 2 with the arrival of Santa Claus (by fire truck) to the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church. Santa greeted children and heard their Christmas wishes.

Chili and stew and cornbread were served along with gingerbread men.

Pictures were taken by Erin Oleksiuk Photography, music was heard throughout the evening, and hayrides were provided for many to see the beautiful lighted Memorial Park and decorated homes. Under the direction of Nancy Wilson, the Family Life Center was decorated with sparkling lights, a big Santa, and a Christmas tree that was beyond words.

### Holiday Cheer abounds

at Texas State Parks Get in the holiday spirit by celebrating at a Texas State Park. Throughout the month of December, 42 state parks around Texas are hosting more than 60 holiday events including light displays, taffy pulls, a balloon glow and geocaching.

Step back in time and see how the holidays would have been early 1900s. celebrated on the Battleship Texas at its Yuletide Texas event 11 am to 3 pm on December 9 at the Battleship Texas State Historic Site near Houston. Staff on the historic ship will recreate classic Christmas traditions crew would have experienced during their time afloat while the ship was in service. Younger visiting sailors will also have a chance to take a photo with Santa and transmit a message directly to the North Pole from the ship's post office.

The 48th annual tree lighting the High Plains Food Bank. at Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site Sunday, December 17, from 6 pm until 9 pm is a Hill Country tradition started by the president and first lady

continued for nearly half a century. The event highlights some German holiday traditions of the region. The evening also features carolers, a live nativity, Santa Claus and refreshments. Revisit the past at the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm. The farm will be decorated the way families would have celebrated the holidays in the

In the Panhandle, Palo Duro Canyon State Park will feature a one-of-a-kind balloon glow against the backdrop of the canyon from 5 pm until 8 pm on December 16. The park will have hot chocolate, festive live music and a special appearance by Santa. Kids can also create a lasting souvenir with a parkthemed ornament. Entry to the park will be free with the donation of canned goods and other nonperishable food items at 4 pm. All food items will go to

The eighth annual Santa Christmas hike will be held at Wyler Aerial Tramway in El Paso from 8 am to noon on December 31. The hike will take Johnson which has visitors to the top of Ranger



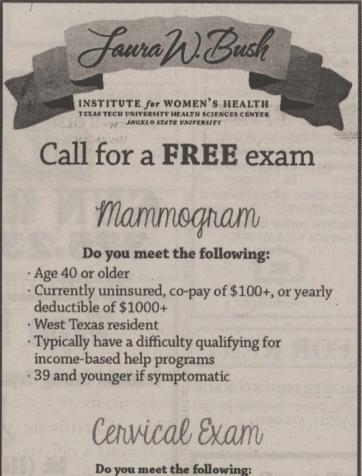
Peak where cups of hot online on the Texas Parks and chocolate, apple cider and coffee and a spectacular view await.

For more information about holiday activities at Texas State Parks, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's website. A full calendar is available

Wildlife Department's calendar page.

Want to bring Texas State Parks home for the holidays? Commemorate parks and the holidays with a Texas State Park ornament.

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Age 21-64 currently uninsured, co-pay of \$100+, or yearly deductible of \$1000+

Many families came out to support this annual event produced by Vision With A Purpose.

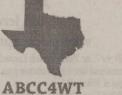
VP will be holding their next meeting Thursday, December 7 at 6 pm at the Family Life Center. We encourage all those interested in providing Robert Lee with beautification and restoration to attend. New and old members are welcome. A meal will be served.

**Olde Bronte** Saturday, December 16 The Rusty Bell - Downtown Bronte Parade - 9 am

Visits and Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus - 1:30 pm

Vendor Fair, Outdoor Lighting Display, Tree Lighting and more throughout the day!

- · West Texas resident
- · Typically have a difficulty qualifying for income-based help programs

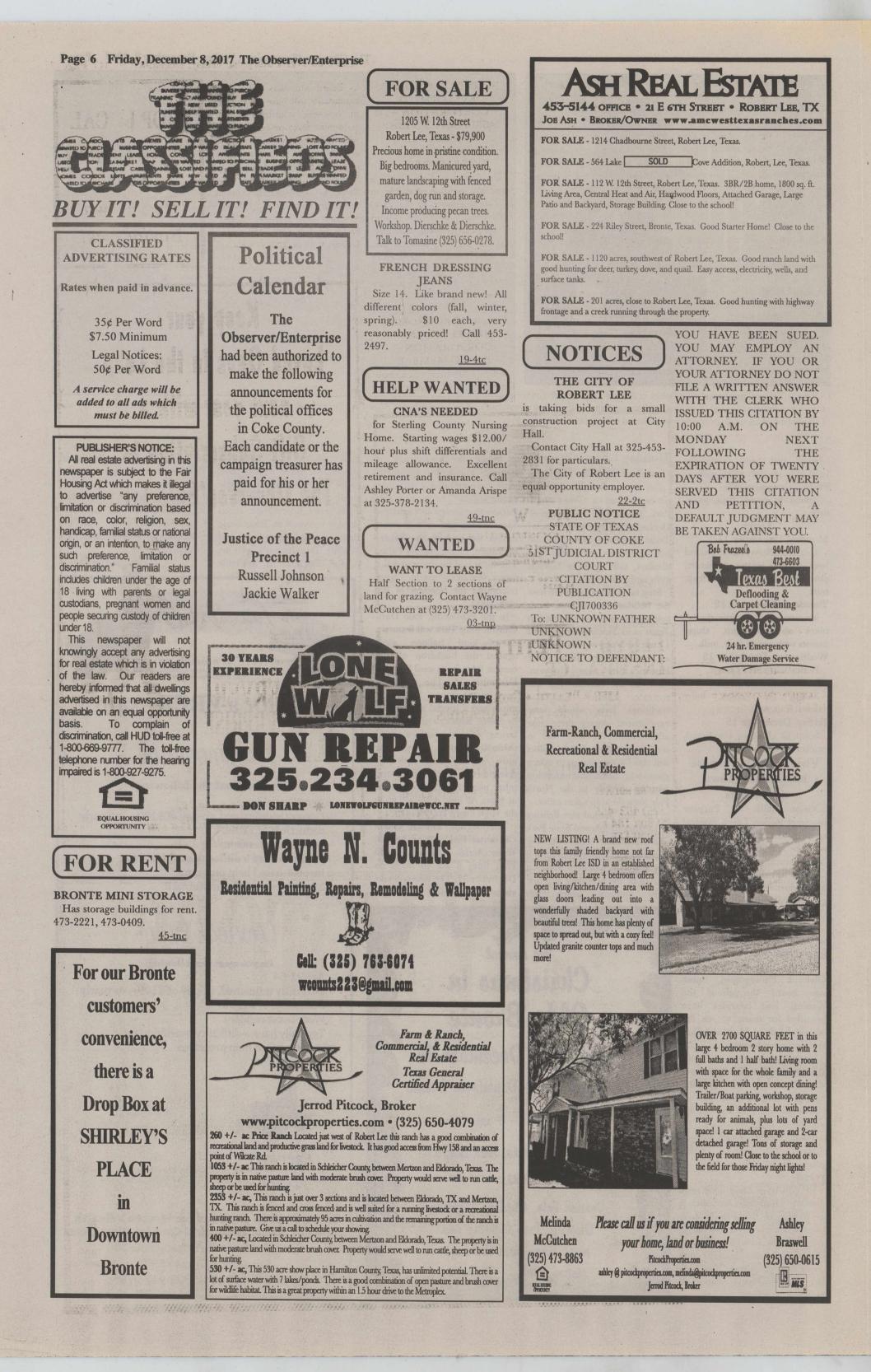


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### You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiff at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days same according to requirements after the date of service of this of law, and mandates thereof, citation before the Honorable 51ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, Coke County, Texas, at the courthouse in the city of Robert Lee, Texas.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 16th day of November, 2017 in cause number CJI700336 on the docket of said court and styled:

> IN THE INTEREST OF A CHILD **ELEIRRA MELANIE** JANE RAMIREZ

The nature of this cause is (what type of case).

The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas this the 17th day of November, 2017.

**ATTORNEY FOR** PLAINTIFF: DON PAYNE 125 S. WASHINGTON SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76933 Mary Grim, Clerk **Coke County Courthouse** 13 E. 7th Street Robert Lee, Texas 76945 By: Monica Reyes, Deputy 21-4tc **PUBLIC NOTICE** STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE 51ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT **CITATION BY** PUBLICATION CJI700336 To: THORP, ROBERT UNKNOWN

**UNKNOWN** 

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO **ISSUED THIS CITATION BY** 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THF **EXPIRATION OF TWENTY** DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION

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### **BRONTE ECONOMIC** DEVELOPMENT **CORPORATION** -ASSISTANT TO EDC PRESIDENT/ SECRETARY/ TREASURER

voluntary position available to name for consideration for a provide assistance to the EDC President, Secretary and Treasurer. Individual must have experience taking minutes and January 12th at (325) 473-3501. finances. If you are interested in . becoming a volunteer please. contact City Hall before January 12th at (325) 473-3501.

22-6tc **BRONTE ECONOMIC** DEVELOPMENT **CORPORATION** -**BOARD MEMBER** 

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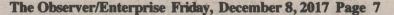
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as Board Members. The ideal candidates will have experience in business, tourism, and/or economic development, coupled with vision and commitment to ensure our economic growth and prosperity. The Bronte EDC has a If you would like to submit your term appointment as a Board Member of the Bronte EDC, please contact City Hall before

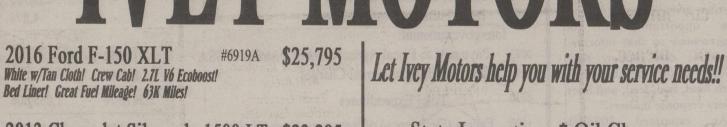




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### ...TPWD Holiday Activities

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For more than 15 years, the Christmas annual park ornaments have featured some of the most recognizable Texas State Parks landscapes. This year, the ornaments depict the hallowed halls of Garner State Park, paddlers at Village Creek State Park and prairie dogs at Lake Arrowhead State Park. The wooden ornaments are available for purchase for \$8.95 'each or \$19.95 for the set of three. To purchase them, call 512-389-8900.

Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine is also offering a special subscription deal for the holidays. Anyone can give two gift subscriptions to the magazine for just \$15. Don't want to feel left out? Give yourself the gift of the outdoors for an additional \$5. Subscriptions can be ordered online at http://bit.ly/ TPWMagholiday17.

### 2017 ag census arrives this month

Farmers and ranchers in Texas and across the nation will receive the 2017 Census of Agriculture this month.

Farmers and ranchers can mail in their completed census form or respond online via the web questionnaire. Officials said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has extensively revised the online questionnaire to make it more convenient.

The census will be mailed in several phases through December. Farm operations of all sizes that produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2017 are included in the census. The census is the only source of uniform, comprehensive and impartial agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

"The Census of Agriculture is USDA's largest data collection endeavor, providing some of the most widely used statistics in the industry," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said. "Collected in service to American agriculture since 1840, the

deadline of February 5, 2018.

Revisions and additions to the 2017 census aim to capture a more detailed account of the industry. Farmers will see a new question about military veteran status, expanded food questions about marketing practices and questions about on-farm decision-making to better capture the roles and contributions of beginning farmers, women farmers and others involved in running the business.

Conducted once every five years, the census is a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches and those who operate them. It is the only source of uniform, comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the country.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.



**Small Town Christmas!** The Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee was decorated with sparkling lights, a Christmas tree, this large Santa, as well as a variety of other decorations for Small Town Christmas.

### ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes		10 General	50 Debt Service	Other G	Total overnmental
		Fund	Debt Service Fund	Funds Funds	
	REVENUES:	10770/7	e 0310/1 e	11 776 0	2 952 104
		5 1,877,067		44,776 \$	2,853,104
	State Program Revenues	2,052,689	11,424	15,225	2,079,338
	Federal Program Revenues	7,018	-	177,666	
5020	Total Revenues	3,936,774	942,685	237,667	5,117,12
	EXPENDITURES:				
	rrent:			05 494	1 71 7 1 7
	Instruction	1,616,653		95,484	. 1,712,13
	Instructional Resources and Media Services	8,780	-	- 3580	8,78
	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	950	THAN A TOUT ON THE A	-	95
	Instructional Leadership	11,584	-		11,58
	School Leadership	193,366		140.00	193,36
	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	22,886	PORTER LESSTON	A 13 12 - 201.41	22,88
	Health Services	2,279	-	BO HOW W	2,27
	Student (Pupil) Transportation	238,372	and the second second	161,905	238,37 162,46
	Food Services	563	-	101,905	172,66
	Extracurricular Activities	172,662		Canal Canal	240,59
	General Administration	240,590 625,129		TELL CARACTERIA	625,12
	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	161,415		17.17	161,41
	Data Processing Services bt Service:	101,413	•	1.300	101,41
)071	Principal on Long-Term Debt		815,000	A LANGUAR OF	815,00
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt		235,730	· · · · ·	235,73
0072	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees		4,876	- TRAINET	4,87
	rergovernmental:		4,010		1,07
	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	210,952	a heat it per	-	210,95
	Other Intergovernmental Charges	81,789			81,78
6030	Total Expenditures	3,587,970	1,055,606	257,389	4,900,96
	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	348,804	(112,921)	(19,722)	216,16
	Expenditures				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		Anning rent		S. S. S. S. S.
7915	Transfers In		7	19,722	19,72
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(19,722)	Ť	*	(19,72
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(19,722)	•	19,722	
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	329,082	(112,921)	bins ni born ar	216,10
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	729,843	354,417	*	1,084,20
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(1,156)	in and a line in the second	the set of the	(1,15

census gives every producer						
the opportunity to be						
represented so that informed						
decisions can support their						
efforts to provide the world						
with food, fuel, feed, and fiber.						
Every response matters."						

An estimated 400,000-500,000 farmers and ranchers received an email from NASS in November promoting the improved web application.

New time-saving features of the online questionnaire include automatically calculating totals, skipping sections that do not pertain to the operation and providing drop-down menus of frequent responses.

The census website will be updated with new information through the census response