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## Junior Livestock Show slated for Saturday

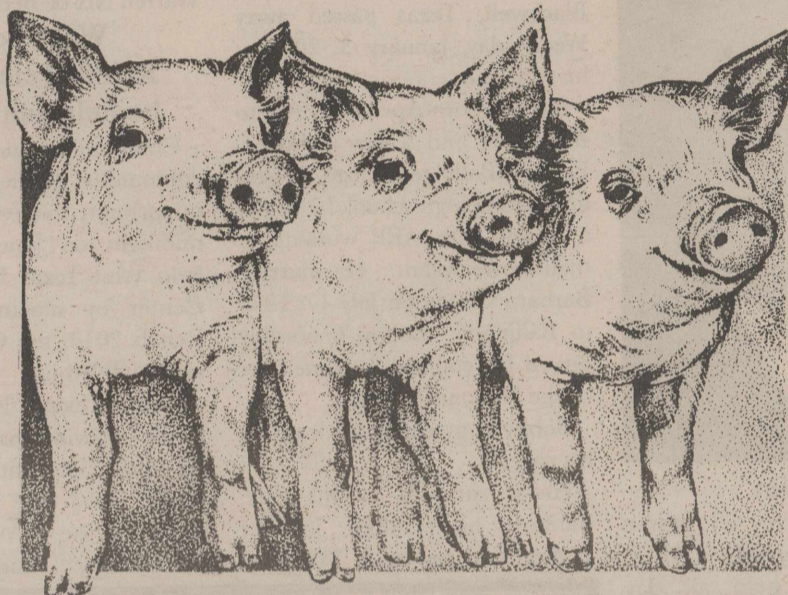
The 79th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 20, 2018, at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. In year's past, it was a two day show. This year, the show is only on Saturday beginning at 8:30 am. With this new schedule, times and show orders will change.

This year's show will feature animals in the Market Rabbit, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, many young exhibitors from around the county. The Pee Wee Show will be held immediately

following the Sheep and Goat Shows and following the pig show on Saturday, January 20, and is open to all children 8 and under who are not 4-H members. Clover bud members are eligible to participate. Participants will need to find an animal to borrow for the show and sign up at the concession stand during the Sheep and Goat Shows.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our

## Support our local youth!



## 79th Coke County Junior Livestock Show Saturday, January 20

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Friday, January 19

Blackwell CISD Early Release, 12 noon  
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School Holiday, Bronte ISD & Robert Lee ISD

#### Saturday, January 20

Coke County Junior Livestock Show, 8:30 am  
Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building, Robert Lee  
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Livestock Show Buyer's Appreciation Lunch, 12:30 pm  
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Livestock Show Premium Sale, 3 pm  
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Oak Creek Classic Junior High Basketball Tournament, Blackwell CISD

#### Monday, January 22

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm,  
First Baptist Church, Bronte  
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Junior High Basketball -  
Robert Lee at Blackwell, 5 pm  
Bronte vs Veribest at Bronte, 6 pm

#### Tuesday, January 23

Commissioners Court Meeting, 9 am,  
County Courthouse, Robert Lee  
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High School Basketball -  
Robert Lee at Garden City, 4 pm,  
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys  
Blackwell vs Water Valley at Blackwell, 4 pm,  
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

#### Friday, January 26

High School Basketball -  
Bronte vs Garden City at Bronte, 5 pm,  
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys  
Robert Lee vs Sterling City at Robert Lee, 5 pm,  
JV Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys  
Blackwell at Veribest, 5 pm,  
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$150,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin at 8:30 Saturday morning with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat and Market Rabbit shows. Next will be the Market Swine show followed by the Market Steer show. The Buyer's appreciation barbecue will be served at 12:30 or immediately following the Market Steer show. Following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 3 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors

Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors

which include Shane Kelton, Douglas Roberts, Tom Sawyer, Terry Austin, Michael Cervenka, Riley Coalson, Curtis Knight, Steve Oleksiuk III, Terry Queen, T. J. McCullough, Ricky Ross, Ricky Royall, Bill Torres, Noel Tinkler, Mark Wright, Emmit Crisp, Jack Yanez, Shanna Freeman, Mike Pentecost, and Jerrod Pitcock and Orlando DeLaGarza. The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show urge everyone to come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

#### Filing period open Local Entity May elections

The filing period for the May 5, 2018, local government entity elections began Wednesday, January 17, 2018, and will end Friday, February 16, 2018.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for three council members. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and council member Shaunna Grantham. Also open are the council member

positions formerly held by Toni Rainwater and Joe Longoria.

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for mayor and two council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Gerald Sandusky and council members Wade Stautzenberger and Paul Gohman.

Bronte ISD will hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Ashley Braswell, David McWright, and Blake Braswell.

Robert Lee ISD will also hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam.

West Coke County Hospital District has three two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Pat Stephens, Pat Carwile and Sarah Green are expiring.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has three two year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Howard Baker, Lanette Fletcher, and Everett Bedford.

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**Obituaries**



**Gulley**

Bobby Joe Gulley, 83, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Visitation was held all day Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the funeral home with family present from 5 pm until 7 pm. Funeral services were held at 2 pm, Friday, January 12, 2018 at Robert Lee Baptist Church officiated by Pecan Baptist Pastor William Ray Hood with interment following in Sanco Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Bob was born to Arthur Leroy and Josey Mae Gulley on November 8, 1934. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1952 and later graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1960. He married June McKinley on December 30, 1961. Their son, Aubrey Lynn was born in 1962. Bob was a self-employed rancher and operated Meadow Creek Ranch around Sanco and in Callahan County with June. He coached pee-wee little league baseball and basketball. Bob was involved with the church group at Immanuel Baptist Church and was proud that he took them on a trip for the play offs to Tulsa, OK. He was a photographer for Abilene Reporter News to support himself through college and processed his own film.

He was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-four years, June Gulley.

Bob is survived by his son, Lynn Gulley of Robert Lee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Coke County Livestock Association,

P.O. Box, 555, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

Online condolences may be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).  
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**Hejl**

Bobby Joe Hejl, 72, of Blackwell, Texas passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at his residence.

He was born April 30, 1945, to Benjamin and Libby (Marcek) Hejl in Ballinger, Texas. After graduating high school, he began a career with AEP working in their power plant. He married Barbara Clifton on July 17, 1970 in Ballinger. Bobby honorably served his country as a member of the National Guard.

Bobby is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Jennifer Walker and husband, Travis of

Waco, Texas, Bea Jay Kenney and husband, Randy of Sweetwater, Texas; his brother, Don Hejl of San Angelo, Texas; his sister, Macy Wesley of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and seven grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held Saturday, January 6 at the Wingate Cemetery with Jeff White officiating.

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**Death Notices**

**Nix**

Robert "Bob" Nix, 97, died Monday, January 8, 2018. Funeral services were held at 10 am, Friday, January 12, 2018, at Paint Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his son, Tony Warren Nix of Beeville, Texas.

**West Texas**

**Rehab Telethon to be held January 20**

Coke County and surrounding community residents have an opportunity between now and midnight on January 20th to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to Rehab 2018, the Center's 48th annual Telethon.

West Texas Rehabilitation Center provides outpatient care for over 530 patients a day. Since 1953 the Rehab has served the West Texas community, and provides

exceptional care to patients regardless of ability to pay. Patients like young Adalee, who has been coming to the Rehab Center several times each week for occupational, physical, speech, and food therapies. Born with developmental delays, Adalee is now walking and improving every day with help from her Rehab team. Just like Adalee, Rehab is dedicated to serving the people of West Texas through its facilities in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona.

Volunteers Ava Lou Davis and the 64 Study Club are spearheading local efforts to support the Rehab with a Robert Lee/Bronte Phone Bank.

You can expect a call from Ava Lou and her volunteers at the 64 Study Club on January 20th during the Telethon. "We hope our families and friends will come together with us to support the Rehab," said Ms. Davis, "because Rehab makes a difference in the lives of many area residents and this is a way we can work to ensure that Rehab is around for all of us when we need it."

The phone bank will be held

at Ivey Motors so if you are interested in helping make those calls for Rehab you can contact Ava Lou at 325-453-2184. Contributions before, during, and after that night may be given by returning gifts to Ava Lou at PO Box 54, Robert Lee, TX 76945, or by calling the Rehab Center at 325-223-6364.

The Telethon will be carried by 9 television stations, including KLST in San Angelo and KTAB in Abilene, along with stations in parts of New Mexico and Oklahoma. The Telethon show also will be streaming live at [www.WestTexasRehab.org](http://www.WestTexasRehab.org).

**VP to hold monthly meeting and Clean Up Day**

Vision with a Purpose will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 1, at 6 pm. The meeting will take place in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. A meal will be served and all are welcome to attend.

The group will also hold a Clean Up Day on Saturday, February 3.

**Area Churches Invite You to Worship**

**Bronte**

**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  
 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

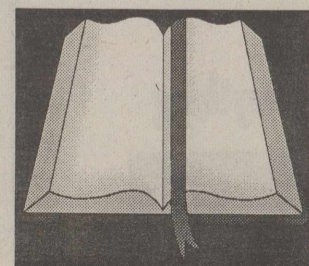
**Forgiven Ministries**  
 117 W. Main, Bronte  
 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am  
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor  
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

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

**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](http://www.pecanbaptist.org)  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



**Robert Lee**

**Bible Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am Worship,

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360  
 Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 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  
 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  
 Danny White, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638  
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee  
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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

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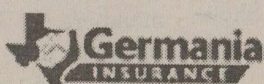
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**Ballot set for March 2018 Primary Election**

With the end of the filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election on December 11, 2017, the ballot is now set. Local candidates only filed for the Republican Primary. No local candidates filed to run as a Democrat.

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.

Below are the candidates that have filed for a place on the ballot. Hal Spain, current County Treasurer and former owner/publisher of The Observer/Enterprise, has filed for County Judge and will be joined on the ballot by Sherry Davidson. Therese Emert has filed for County Treasurer. Emert is a retired Verizon Sourcing Manager. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace, as well as incumbent 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. Joe Sefcik has filed

for re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4.

**Commissioners Court meeting held**

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session on December 27, 2017, at 9 am at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Deputy Clerk Monica Reyes.

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 Robertson was absent.

The burn ban is currently off at this time.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the minutes. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Accounts Payable for payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchase of the sand for the quoted price of \$765. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion. Commissioner Millican abstained. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the amended health insurance. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the amended budget for insurance. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There is no private road work being done at this time.

Commission Millican moved to approve the payment of the bills. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.

**RL City Council meeting minutes**

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on December 11, 2017, with Mayor Leroy Casey presiding. Members present included Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz, and Shaunna Grantham. No members were absent. There are currently two vacation positions, due to death and resignation. Temporary Billing Clerk, Patricia Fields, was also present. The sign in sheet is on file.

The meeting began at 6:04 pm with a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was given.

Open Forum: Brandi Brosh asked about the replacement of the Assyst bookkeeping program. Her statement was that the program was a good program and assistance from the company was readily available with just a phone call. The IT people are able to log in to the computer and show whomever how to resolve the problem. It is a problem with the system then more education is needed, not replacement at an added expense.

**A. Consent Agenda: (Items 1 - 3)**

Minutes of the meeting November 27, 2017, Monthly Code Enforcement Officers report, Monthly Animal Control Officers Report. Council Member Alexander made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Munoz. The motion passed.

**B. Regular Agenda:**

4) Cancel the second council meeting in December (December 25, 2017).

A motion by Council Member Grantham, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to cancel the second meeting of December that falls on Christmas Day. The motion passed.

5) Presentation by EMEX, results of the online auction.

The online auction was held at 3:00 PM today and the results were a possible savings of \$2,419.95 annually with the contract. A motion to enter in to a contact with EMEX beginning at the end of the current contract. A motion was made by Council Member Grantham and seconded by Council Member Munoz. The motion passed.

6) Adopt revised and up to date Personnel Policy.

A motion to table was made by Council Member Alexander due to not enough time to read the policy. The motion, seconded by Council Member Munoz, passed.

7) New payroll schedule starting January 2018.

A motion was made to table this item until more information

can be obtained was made by Council Member Alexander. The motion, seconded by Council Member Munoz, passed.

8) Discuss replacing the Bookkeeping Program.

A motion to discuss was made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Munoz. The motion to discuss passed.

Council Member Alexander commented that the problem seems to be an education problem, not a problem with the billing program.

9) Tabled Item: Mr. Jeff Betty as City Attorney.

There seems to be some trouble with the agreement from Mr. Betty. A motion was made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Munoz to table this item until clarification can be obtained. The motion passed and the item is tabled.

**C. Reports**

Mayor & Public Works Report:

1) The council was advised for the need of budget amendments to bring the budget in line.

2) Reported that we had hired for an individual to fill vacant position.

3) There is only one bid for the city hall repair.

4) Waiting on the contractor to do a walk through on the electronic meter project.

5) Past due bill collection is on going and we are down to two and they will be current soon.

6) Deputy City Secretary is out sick.

City Secretary Report:

None. Being no other business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

**Coke County Junior Livestock Show Schedule**

**Friday, January 19, 2018**

All animals must be in place by 12 noon.  
Official weigh in will begin at 1 pm.

**Saturday, January 20, 2018**

- Market Lamb Show - 8:30 am
- Market Goat Show - following completion of Lamb Show
- Lamb and Goat Pee-Wee Showmanship
- Rabbit Show
- Market Pig Show
- Pig Pee-Wee Showmanship
- Market Steer Show - following the completion of Market Pig Show
- Barbeque Lunch - 12:30 pm (or following completion of Steer Show)
- Premium Ribbon Sale - 3 pm

**9th Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night "Blooming Beauties"**

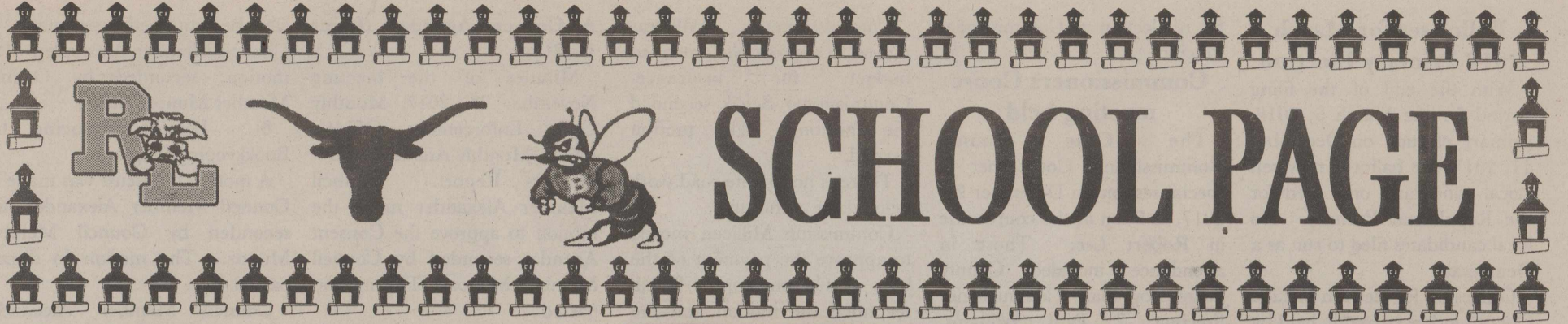
Saturday • January 27 • 5-8 pm  
Robert Lee Methodist Church  
Family Life Center  
Grades Pre-k thru 6th

Advance Tickets purchased before  
Wednesday, January 24  
\$20/couple, \$5 for additional child  
Tickets will be available at the door.  
\$30/couple, \$5 for additional child

Tickets may be purchased at  
DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee  
and Bronte Hardware Store.

Photos will be taken from 5 to 6 pm  
with the group picture at 6:15 pm.

For More Information, call or text  
Katie Drennan at 473-0112 or  
Erin Oleksiuk at 656-9884.



**Bronte Elementary**

**Awards**

**3rd Six Weeks**

**2nd Grade**

**A Honor Roll**

Blessyn Beck, Rhyan Dobbs, Karter Follis, Rhyan Dobbs, Emma Siler, Gauge Withrow

**A/B Honor Roll**

Mason Pritchard, Carter Reeves, Zandrey Sanchez, Kenzie Schoenfield

**Perfect Attendance**

Annalisa Martinez, Blessyn Beck, Carter Reeves, Kenzie Schoenfield, Mason Pritchard, Morigan Holland, Paloma Jimenez, Tomas Galvan

**Met Reading Goal**

Billy Bannert, Blessyn Beck, Tomas Galvan, Rhyan Dobbs, Karter Follis, Dakota Harrell, Renesmee Jacques, Paloma Jimenez, Annalisa Martinez, Mason Pritchard, Carter Reeves, Preston Rodriguez, Zandrey Sanchez, Kenzie Schoenfield, Emma Siler, Maricella Velasquez, Gauge Withrow

**Super Longhorn Citizens**

Dakota Harrell, Gauge Withrow

**4th Grade**

**A Honor Roll**

Hailey Beal, Lawsynn Sanchez, Maddie Schoenfield

**A/B Honor Roll**

Jordan Ashby, Shaylee Bilbrey, Bernica Hancock, Grace Jernigan, Treyton McCullough, Raymond Williams

**Perfect Attendance**

Bernica Hancock, Joel Pena, Maddie Schoenfield, Miles Mohler, Parker Holland, Shaylee Bilbrey, Treyton McCullough, Waylon Carpenter

**Met Reading Goal**

Maddie Schoenfield, Lawsynn Sanchez, Joel Pena, Raymond Williams, Parker Holland, Hailey Beal, Waylon Carpenter

**5th Grade**

**A Honor Roll**

Anna Henson, Jaxon Morris

**A/B Honor Roll**

Cole Knight, Warren Middleton, Ellie Stevens, November Wilson

**Perfect Attendance**

Cole Knight, Jaxon Morris, Jorja Harendt, Jose Heredia, November Wilson, Roy Flores, Warren Middleton

**Met Reading Goal**

Jorja Harendt, Anna Hensen, Jose Heredia, Cole Knight, Caleb McIntire, Jaxon Morris, November Wilson

**6th Grade**

**A Honor Roll**

Daysiah Flores, Jayton Galvan, Emily Jackson

**A/B Honor Roll**

Matthew Ashby, Daysiah Flores, Maelynn Williams

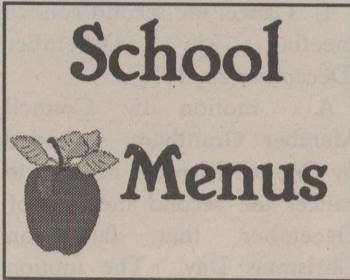
**Perfect Attendance**

Daysiah Flores, Joey Goddard

**Met Reading Goal**

Matthew Ashby, Daysiah

Flores, Emily Jackson



**Robert Lee ISD**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, January 22**

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

**Tuesday, January 23**

Burrito, hash browns, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

**Wednesday, January 24**

Biscuit, eggs, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

**Thursday, January 25**

Kolache, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

**Friday, January 26**

Egg and cheese sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

**Lunch**

**Monday, January 22**

Corn dog, tater tots, baked beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk

Head Start - Corn dog, tater tots, baked beans, sliced fruit, milk

**Tuesday, January 23**

Nachos Grande, salsa, refried beans, tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, sherbet, milk

Head Start - nachos grande, salsa, refried beans, sliced tomatoes, cucumber slices, peaches, milk

**Wednesday, January 24**



**Spirit Squad!** The Blackwell High School Spirit Squad competed at the UIL State Championships in Fort Worth on January 11. They placed 4th in Band Dance and 5th in Fight Song. Spirit Squad members include (from left to right) Emilee Sanderson, Darrian Kennedy, Madeline Bell, Jordan Jones, Cambrey Coulter, Caitlin Lange, Carola Savino, Shelby Panzer, and Allison Panzer.

Chicken sandwich, oven fries, veggie cup, Mandarin oranges, milk

Head Start - Same as above

**Thursday, January 25**

Salisbury steak, biscuit, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, salad, fruity gelatin

Head Start - Salisbury steak, biscuit, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, fruity gelatin, milk

**Friday, January 26**

Pizza, broccoli salad, baby carrots, seasonal fruit, brownie, milk

Head Start - Pizza, broccoli salad, sliced fruit, milk

**Bronte ISD**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, January 22**

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, January 23**

Donut holes, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, January 24**

PB&J, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, January 25**

BK Tornados, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, January 26**

Sausage, biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**

**Monday, January 22**

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, peaches, rolls, gravy,

milk

**Tuesday, January 23**

Crispy tacos, fresh veggie cup, charro beans, salsa, apple/pineapple, milk

**Wednesday, January 24**

Breaded drumstick, Texas toast, carrot coins, seasoned corn, fruit, cookie, milk

**Thursday, January 25**

Hamburger, oven tots, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk

**Friday, January 26**

Chicken Parmesan, green beans, garden salad, apple slices, breadstick, milk

**Russell Davis**  
Agent

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**Monday, January 22**

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**Tuesday, January 23**

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Tickets go on sale Thursday, January 11 and may be purchased in advance until Wednesday, January 24. Tickets

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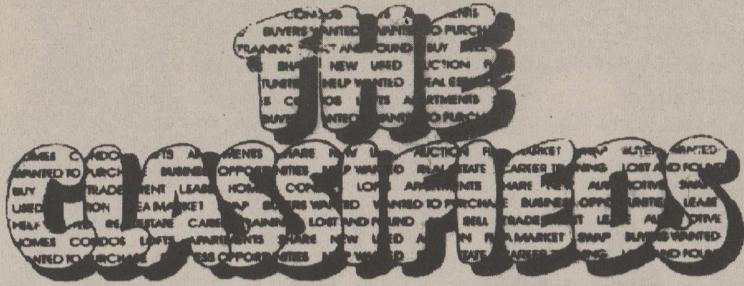
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**Political Calendar**

The **Observer/Enterprise** had been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement.

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After consideration of applications the City shall select as municipal depositories one or more banks that offer the most favorable terms and conditions for the handling of the municipal funds. The City Council will meet to consider the selection of depository on Thursday, January 18th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 114 S. Washington Street, Bronte, Texas. This invitation for applications for City Depository is made pursuant to V.T.C.A., Local Government Code Sections 105.001-105.092, and subject to all the provisions thereof.

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**BOIL WATER NOTICE RESCINDED JANUARY 11, 2018**

On December 29, 2017, the Texas Commissioner on Environmental Quality required the City of Robert Lee public water system, 0410002, to issue a Boil Water Notice to inform customers, individuals, or employees that due to conditions which occurred recently in the public water system, the water from this public water system was required to be boiled prior to use for drinking water or human consumption purposes.

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School board members serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be for every child. In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility and oversight in Robert Lee ISD for an annual budget of \$3.8 million; 280 students, in grades PK - 12; 50 employees and two campuses.

We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families. These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unfailing commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future.

The men and women serving are Wes Washam, President; Tom Sawyer, Vice President; Jeffie Roberts, Secretary; Beverly Sinclair, Trustee; Erin Oleksiuk, Trustee; Irma Torres, Trustee and George Grim, Trustee.

Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference. Please join us as we applaud these local leaders for helping our kids soar to success.

**New Series**

[Editor's Note: The following is the third in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

**Joy**

How often do we take the time to reflect on the true joy in our lives? Not so much what we call happiness but **TRUE JOY**. Happiness tends to depend on external things around you to exist. However, joy in a Christian is about a choice and an attitude that come from the interaction and connection with the Holy Spirit. As a Christian you are able to have joy (**TRUE JOY**) even when things are not going so well around you. Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit."

We know that our life is eternal and that what is to come is better than anything we could put together ourselves. 1 Corinthians 2:9 "Rather, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him."

For just a minute lets look at the now, not what is to come. John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill,

and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Matthew 11:30 "for My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

As we deepen our relationship with God our life is easier, and we are given better provision and protection than what we would have on our own. Life more abundant. That doesn't sound like a life filled with sorrow and grief all the time. But of joy (**TRUE JOY**) and rest.

Tell someone what Jesus has done for you. Love y'all.

**Texas leaders amplify cotton policy at national level**

The right to repair equipment, the farm bill and general farm policy were among policy resolutions discussed and approved today by farmers and ranchers from across the nation during the American Farm Bureau Federation's 99th Annual Convention & IDEAg Trade Show in Nashville, Tenn. Texas cotton farmers have support from the national Farm Bureau organization to include cottonseed and/or cotton lint as a Title I commodity in the 2018 Farm Bill. The designation makes the commodity eligible for the Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage farm programs.

"We submitted national policy language that calls for the inclusion of cotton as a Title I commodity in the 2018 Farm Bill, so cotton farmers have the same risk management tools as other covered commodities," Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said. "Cotton is a major crop in Texas, and this is an important policy goal for our organization."

Delegates supported policy that gives farmers an option to select either a program through the farm bill that provides protection against a decline in milk price or a decline in milk margin. It increases the margin

level from \$4 to \$5 and maintains the ability to buy up to \$8 margin coverage.

The policy also supported increasing coverage from 4 million pounds of milk to 5 million pounds of milk for all dairy farmers.

"The Dairy Margin Protection Program isn't working, and we think this is a better solution," Boening said.

Texas delegates led the effort to firmly establish that farmers and ranchers have the right to repair their equipment.

The overwhelming vote also supported an exemption to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act for the repair of agricultural vehicles.

"Farmers and ranchers can run into increased costs and time lost while waiting for an equipment dealer to diagnose and fix a problem," Boening said. "Our work here today shows how important this issue is to farmers and ranchers."

The policy supports allowing owners and independent repair facilities to have access to the same agricultural equipment diagnostic and repair information made available to the manufacturers, dealers and authorized repair facilities.

Rodents and fire ants are a growing issue. Delegates also adopted a policy supporting the use of insulated wire in equipment or automobiles that is repellent to pests.

In addition, delegates adopted policy submitted by Texas Farm Bureau that opposes monopolistic non-compete clauses among farm equipment dealers.

Commercial farming and ranching practices are often targeted by non-agricultural groups, and national delegates voted to oppose any program guidelines set to further those entities' agendas.

"We oppose voluntary programs becoming mandatory programs," Boening said.

A shortage of labor is an issue facing farms and ranches in

Texas and across the nation. Delegates supported changes to policy in order to reduce the H-2A waiting period because of lack of local labor interested and to eliminate the newspaper advertising requirement.

The advertising requirement has yielded few job placements, proving to be an expensive and inefficient process.

AFBF delegates supported the negotiation and implementation of a revised Softwood Lumber Agreement. Delegates said the agreement should protect U.S. timber producers from Canadian imports subsidized by their government.

Boening noted the mood, despite the poor farm economy, is positive for agriculture.

"We had a lot of consensus on many issues," he said. "The farm economy isn't the best, but our outlook is positive. Our willingness to work together across the country will only help us as we look to another farm bill and face regulatory issues this year."

In other business, Zippy Duvall, a Georgia farmer and rancher, was re-elected as AFBF president and Scott VanderWal, a South Dakota farmer and cattle feeder, was re-elected as vice president.

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### TSCRA offers tips to prevent livestock theft

By Jessica Domel

Every year, millions of dollars in livestock are stolen from pens, pastures and barns across the nation. But what can Texas cattlemen and women do to mitigate the risk that their cattle, horses, sheep or goats will be next?

It all starts with locking your gate, frequently checking your property and keeping a good herd inventory, according to Scott Williamson, a special ranger and supervisor for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA).

"Thieves target places (with) either absentee owners or (where) it is very evident that they are disorganized enough that they don't realize how many cattle they have or where their property is parked," Williamson said in an interview with the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Radio Network.

If it takes someone several weeks or months to realize livestock or property, like a trailer, is missing, the likelihood of finding any evidence to link to the crime is greatly diminished.

Williamson said that makes it much more difficult for law

enforcement officials to track down what was taken.

Keeping good fences and knowing your neighbors are also helpful when livestock get out or are stolen.

"I would say a high percentage of livestock thefts are where the livestock actually get out onto another property or get out onto a county road and somebody is able to just pick those up and take them off and there is no evidence," Williamson said. "The crime scene may never be able to be located."

Williamson recommends branding livestock and using ear tags that made identification, both on and off the property, easier.

"In most cases, that is a must. For instance, if you just told me, 'I need you to go find the white Ford half-ton pickup,' it would be impossible because they're everywhere," Williamson said. "If you call me and say, 'I'm missing a black cow,' she's just a black cow. The chances of me finding that animal are pretty well zero unless there's a rare occurrence that we have a known suspect, locate the animal and have the ability to go back and DNA test against parentage."

Ear tags, even if taken out, can mean the difference between finding stolen livestock and never seeing them again.

"For my definition, the license plate for that animal is that registered brand so that it can be identified as belonging to that owner. I love ear tags. It's true that a thief will cut that ear tag out most likely, but it gives us evidence such as the type of tag, whether it was a spade tag or a button tag, whether that's a round hole or a cut hole, whether it was torn out, cut out," Williamson said.

If TSCRA Special Rangers find the ear tag in a pen or trailer, that's evidence they can use to possibly locate the missing livestock.

"And when there are just incidental occurrences of cattle getting out, getting across onto a neighbor, it is a much easier identification," Williamson said. "If I just walk out and I've got a bunch of green-tag steers and I walk out there and see a red tag, it will automatically flag me to go figure out what that animal is and get him home if I'm an honest operator and neighbor."

Having cattle pens or keeping equipment near a busy roadway is also a risk, Williamson said.

"It's not a bad operational

practice to feed cattle or have water in the pen. I understand that, particularly with labor cost and the availability of labor, but keep those away from the public access as much as possible," Williamson said. "In other words, don't build the pens where they bump up against the county road—where you could actually load off of the county road—or where people could drive by, see the cattle laid up around the water trough in the pens. They could slip somebody out of a pickup, step over, close the gate and be done."

If pens are further away from the road, a would-be thief would have to cut a lock, go into the property, find the pens, get livestock into the pens, load them and exit the property—all while risking being caught.

Make sure your fences are stable, Williamson said. He also encourages landowners to use locks.

"I understand as much as anybody the aggravation of having a lock, and I understand that a thief will just come cut the lock. What it does is, one, allows you to have a more immediate knowledge of when somebody has entered your property, so you can make the report more rapid, which is a

critical element in being able to solve that case," Williamson said. "If you pull up there and see a lock cut, instead of driving in, driving around and looking to see what happened, it's critical you take that time to back up and call law enforcement because tire tracks, foot prints, cigarette butts, cans or anything that could be in there may be destroyed by that producer driving in. You gain the advantage of being able to have a chance to recover that evidence if you're flagged by a cut lock or a removed lock."

There are 28 TSCRA Special Rangers who cover Texas and Oklahoma. They average 1,000 investigations per year and about \$5 million in recoveries.

"I have probably a dozen reports right now that we are currently working from multiple counties of missing cattle," Williamson said. "None of these were locked gates. They're ones and twos and threes missing, so there's months and months that they just assumed, 'Well, they're in the back of the pasture. They're here. They're there,' and so we don't have any specifics of our timeline to incorporate into our investigation."

The more a livestock owner can do to prevent theft, the better, Williamson said.



Watch for 2018 Coke County Junior Livestock Show results and pictures in next week's issue of The Observer/Enterprise!