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Early Voting for March Primary begins Tuesday

Early voting for the March 6, 2018, Primary Election will begin Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and will run through Friday, March 2, 2018. Those wishing to vote early can do so by going to the County Clerk's office at the County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Offices up for election in Coke County 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 the filing deadline, 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 for 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



Fire! A home off of Mule Creek Road in southern Coke County burned Wednesday, February 7, 2018. It is suspected that an electrical issue was the cause of the blaze.

past. Joe Sefcik has filed for re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4.

Filing for Local Entity May elections to end February 16

The filing period for the May 5, 2018, local government entity elections 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. As of press time, no one has filed.

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. As of press time, no applications have been filed.

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. David McWright has filed for re-election and Bill Torres and Chris Jernigan have also filed for a place on the board.

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 and all have filed for re-election.

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 and all have filed for re-election.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 19

Coke County Retired Teachers Assoc. Meeting,
12 noon, First Baptist Church, Bronte

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

School Holiday -
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD

Tuesday, February 20

Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am,
Old Jail Annex, Robert Lee

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

Garden City High School Golf Tournament
at Ranchland - Midland

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Bronte Longhorns
Robert Lee Lady Steers
Blackwell Lady Hornets

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**CCRTA to meet
 February 19**

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 19, at 12 noon, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte for their pot luck lunch and business meeting.

All retired school staff are invited to join CCRTA and Texas Retired Teachers Association. Dues are \$40, and \$5 is retained for the local unit. TRTA membership allows for a voice in the Texas Legislature which deals with retired school personnel annuity and health care. In active membership there is representation in the political process.

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association meets the third Monday of the month, except for the summer months and December. The meetings are short and the food is good. New members and working school personnel eat free.

**Donations
 being accepted
 for local family**

Donations are being accepted for Roger Graves and Kendra Graves, due to a house fire that was a total loss. Donations are being accepted at First National Bank in Bronte for "Roger Graves House Fire". Any and all donations are greatly appreciate.

Abundant Life

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

Are you a Christian? Do you follow the teachings and examples of Jesus Christ?

If so, you are becoming a minority in the United States and are an outlaw in many countries across the world. A true follower of Christ. Luke 9:23 - "And he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

To deny oneself in this day and age will make most worldly people think you are crazy from the start. But to turn and walk away from what others are doing? That just makes people angry, and your circle gets smaller. Matthew 4:19 - "And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Now, start telling others about Jesus and telling others about

the gospel. You have now become a bible thumper and people start to talk about you. Your circle gets even smaller. Ephesians 4:31 - "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:"

Begin to forgive others, and do not let things anger you. Now they say you think you are better than everyone else and hate you more. Your circle is almost gone. John 15:18 - "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."

Don't let any of this worry you. We are in good company. The nice thing about a small Christian community is that it is not as bad as it is out in the rest of the world. I thank God for that and give thanks daily for my Brothers and Sisters here. I have been out in the world, and I know that being a Christian in a lot of places is hard. We need to pray for each other and lift each other up as often as we can.

With all that said, take heart and have joy. Jesus is coming quickly. John 16:33 - "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Regardless of what we face or what happens, we have won through Jesus Christ. It is not fleeting like this earthly life. It will be forever. Revelation 12:11

- "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

We have eternal life with love and great things forever and ever. Tell someone what Jesus has done in your life.

**Service Without
 Expectation**

by James M. Decker

Recently, I attended a dinner and dance to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, a nonprofit organization with campuses in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona. West Texas Rehab serves over 500 clients each day with therapy, rehab, hospice, and other services. It's one of the finest charities on earth. This essay is not about West Texas Rehab, but it is about an attitude at the core of the Rehab mission. Of those 500 patients, some pay full price for services. Some can only pay part of the cost. Some clients cannot pay anything. And yet, each client receives the same level of superb service. Talented, cheerful, optimistic employees improve the lives of each patient, regardless of their ability to pay. It's service without expectation of a return.

This got me to thinking about service in our communities. Over the years in your town, how many quality ideas have arisen and fizzled out? How many times have folks started a movement, only to let it die when the community did not adopt the same level of enthusiasm as the organizer? How many aspiring builders abandoned plans to create something special when their plan didn't become an instant local revolution?

What caused those ideas to fizzle out? Did newness wear off and adversity set in? Was it dismay at the lack of return from the community? When you invest time, energy, and even money into the betterment of place and community, human nature is to expect return on that investment. Monetary profit may or may not be a goal, but

returns might also include thank yous, respect, and admiration of fellow citizens. When that return doesn't come, or doesn't come to the level that you invested, what happens? We question everything. Was it the right idea? Was it the right time? Was it the right place? Maybe we start asking darker questions too. Do people even care anymore? Does anybody want anything better?

Anyone who has ever invested in their community has likely felt all these emotions. But I've concluded that there's a better mindset. At West Texas Rehab, services don't slack off when a patient can't pay or isn't sufficiently appreciative of the incredible service that they received. Helping the person is return enough.

What if we focused our minds and work to treat service in our communities with a similar attitude? Look beyond instant gratification, to the bigger picture—is what you're doing beneficial for the community tomorrow, next month, next year, 10 years from now? If you spend a morning picking up trash on the street, and no one thanks

you, the street still looks better than it did littered with plastic cups and cigarette butts. If you have a building project that will take ten years to be appreciated, rather than be an instant revolution, isn't it still a good idea?

Return on investing in your community is always nice, but it should never be the sole goal. People might genuinely appreciate you, but don't have the means or the courage to say so. Some people may not see your vision now, but they will in the future. Perhaps people are benefiting from your investment in community improvement but they don't even realize it yet. In the end, the level of return that you "deserve" is far less important than investing yourself in the betterment of your place and your people. Service without expectation, for the sake of the service, is return enough.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and city councilman in Stamford, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of '98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at facebook.com/james.decker.

**Area Churches
 Invite You to Worship**

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 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 • Pastor Lee Bevy
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
 Study & Worship

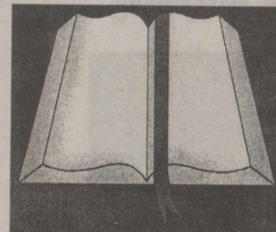
Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

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
 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

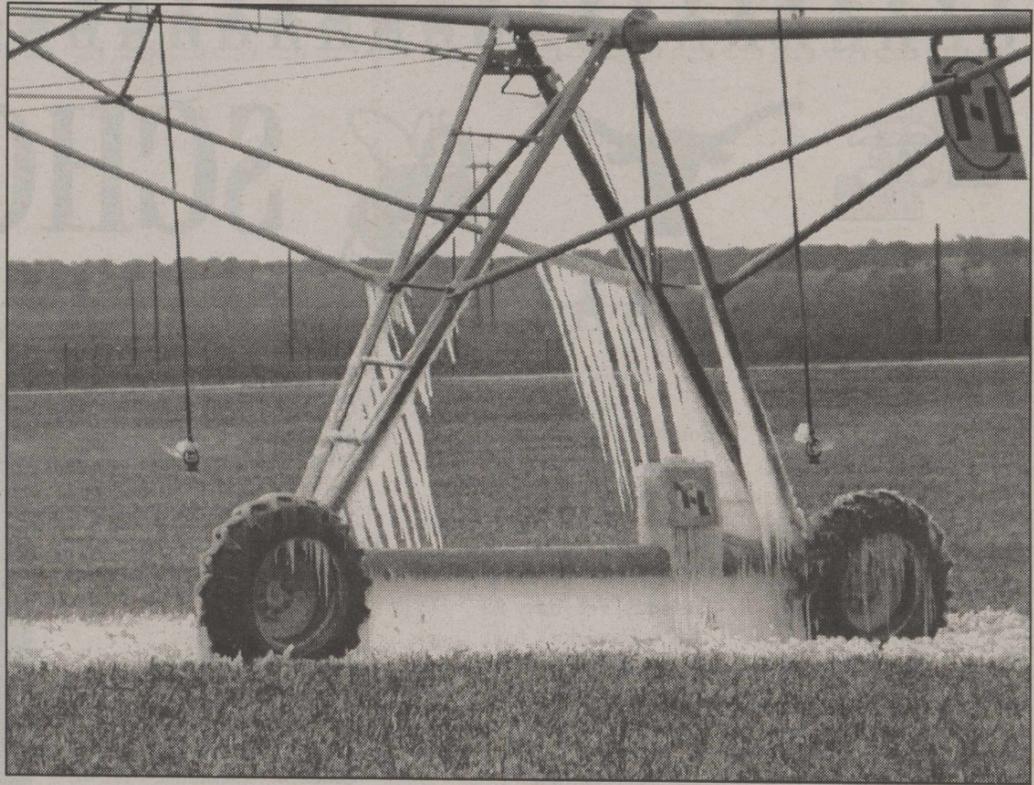
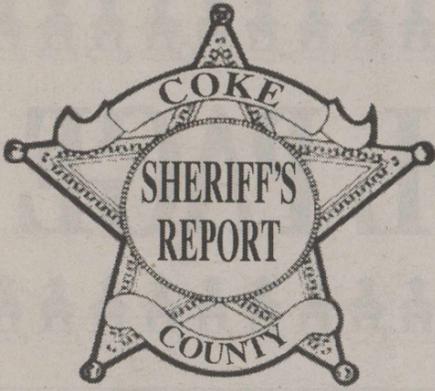
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Frozen! This irrigation pivot off of Highway 277 near Tennyson made quite a show Sunday morning, February 11, 2018. With the running water and a temperature hovering near 25 degrees, the ice building up provided a neat sculpture.

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

- Sheriff's Info Report - 6
- Civil Matter - 3
- Welfare Check - 2
- Assault
- Criminal Mischief - 4
- Domestic Dispute
- Theft
- Burglary of a Vehicle
- Burglary of a Habitation
- Public Service - 301 (includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls, etc.)
- Civil Process - 1
- Prisoner Transport - 3 (including arrest and to and from court)
- Warrants Served - 0
- Livestock Calls - 25
- Accidents - 7 (4 - Blue Forms)
- Accident Assist - 3
- Traffic Stops - 28
- Traffic Stops resulting in citations - 18
- Total Inmates in Runnels County Jail (as of Tuesday, January 9, 2018):
- Male - 2

January 2018

The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's

Office for the month of January 2018.

- Sheriff's Info Report - 6
- Civil Matter - 4
- Criminal Mischief - 1
- Burglary of a Vehicle - 6 (suspects apprehended, numerous items returned to owners)
- Burglary of a Habitation
- Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (recovered and returned to owner)
- Theft of a Firearm (recovered)
- Evading Arrest
- Executed two search warrants
- Public Service - 278 (includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls, etc.)
- Civil Process - 2
- Prisoner Transport - 5 (including arrest and to and from court)
- Warrants Served - 0
- Livestock Calls - 7
- Accidents - 1 (3 - Blue Forms)
- Accident Assist - 2
- Traffic Stops - 11
- Traffic Stops resulting in citations - 17
- Total Inmates in Runnels County Jail (as of Tuesday, February 13, 2018):
- Male - 2
- Female - 1 (Parole Violation)

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 turn around 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.

On a different note, the area roads have seen their fair share of salt lately. This can be a disaster for your vehicle's

undercarriage. The Robert Lee VFD is selling \$10 tokens for a \$15 value car wash at the Stripes on Sherwood Way near Academy. Proceeds from these tokens goes towards the purchase of equipment and protective clothing.

Send news and pictures to

o-e@wcc.net or ObserverEnterprise@gmail.com

Fire Department Report

by Mark Sides, Robert Lee VFD

Long range forecasts predict another spring and summer almost identical to what Coke County and Texas in general, saw in 2011. 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 are 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

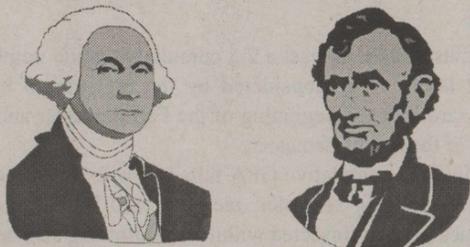
3) Keep your grass mowed to a 4" height or less, and if possible, well watered during periods of extreme drought. Prune tree branches at least 10

feet from the ground.
4) Landscape using deciduous trees and shrubs such as oaks, agarito, eastern redbud, desert

HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of this bank will be closed Monday, February 19.

In Observance Of **Presidents Day**



Please plan your banking requirements during regular banking hours to avoid any inconvenience.

Robert Lee State Bank

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453-2545
Robert Lee, Texas

EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

These are the two most important qualities I feel I can bring to the County Judge's office.

Having served as the owner/publisher of your local newspaper for twenty-eight years and as your County Treasurer for two terms has given me the necessary experience and leadership to tackle this pivotal position in our county government.

I will appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming primary election.

Hal Spain
Candidate for
Coke County Judge

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Hal Spain, PO Box 975, Robert Lee, TX 76945



SCHOOL PAGE

Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women has announced that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans' were long time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation was established by their family.

The scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older and applications are available from Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance (123 W Main Street in Bronte).

Applications must be returned to Lanette by February 16, 2018, with the scholarship recipient announced by March 15, 2018.



Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, February 19
School Holiday

Tuesday, February 20
French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above
Wednesday, February 21
Breakfast strudel, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, February 22
Sunrise sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above
Friday, February 23
Burrito, hashbrowns, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above
Lunch

Monday, February 19
School Holiday

Tuesday, February 20
Boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, carrot sticks, orange smiles, brownie, milk

Head Start - Boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, carrot sticks, orange smiles, milk
Wednesday, February 21
Chicken quesadillas, salsa, refried beans, Mexicali corn, sliced peaches, milk

Head Start - chicken quesadillas, salsa, refried beans, sliced peaches, milk
Thursday, February 22
Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, California blend vegetables, salad, fruit cup, milk

Head Start - Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, milk
Friday, February 23
Popcorn chicken, roll, oven fries, broccoli bites, sliced fruit, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, February 19
School Holiday

Tuesday, February 20
Donut holes, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 21
PB&J, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 22
BK Tornados, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 23
Sausage, biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 19
School Holiday

Tuesday, February 20
Meatball sub sandwich, potato rounds, fresh veggie cup, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 21
Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, garden salad, apple slices, milk

Thursday, February 22
Frito pie, Mexicali corn, baby carrots with ranch, salsa, peaches, milk

Friday, February 23
Hamburger, sweet potato fries or tots, coleslaw, orange smiles, milk

Blackwell CISD

Breakfast

Monday, February 19
Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

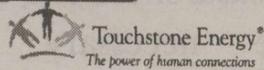
Tuesday, February 20
Zucchini, banana, or cinnamon bread, fruit, juice, milk

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JUNE 6-15, 2018



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Scan this QR code to see a Youth Tour video

Wednesday, February 21

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 22

Biscuit with sausage, egg, and cheese, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 23

Assorted fruit filled danish, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, corn, salsa, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 21

Chicken sandwich, potato cubes, fruit, milk

Thursday, February 22

Corn dog, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, fruit, milk

Friday, February 23

Meatball sub, black olives, onions, chips, carrots with ranch, fruit, milk



School Holiday - Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD • Monday, January 19
President's Day

CVEC Scholarship

Established to provide financial assistance for qualified individuals seeking a college, trade school or university education.

Concho Valley Electric Cooperative offers four \$2,000 scholarships. Two scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors and two are awarded to other students of higher learning.

2018 Guidelines

- The applicant must be an active CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC, OR be the dependent of a CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC.
- The applicant will be chosen based on the following criteria: grades, leadership, community, school activities and essay.
- Permissible use of funds include payment of tuition, fees required for books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses of instruction.
- The recipient must attend a recognized Texas institution of higher education, including certified trade schools, while pursuing a degree at any level.

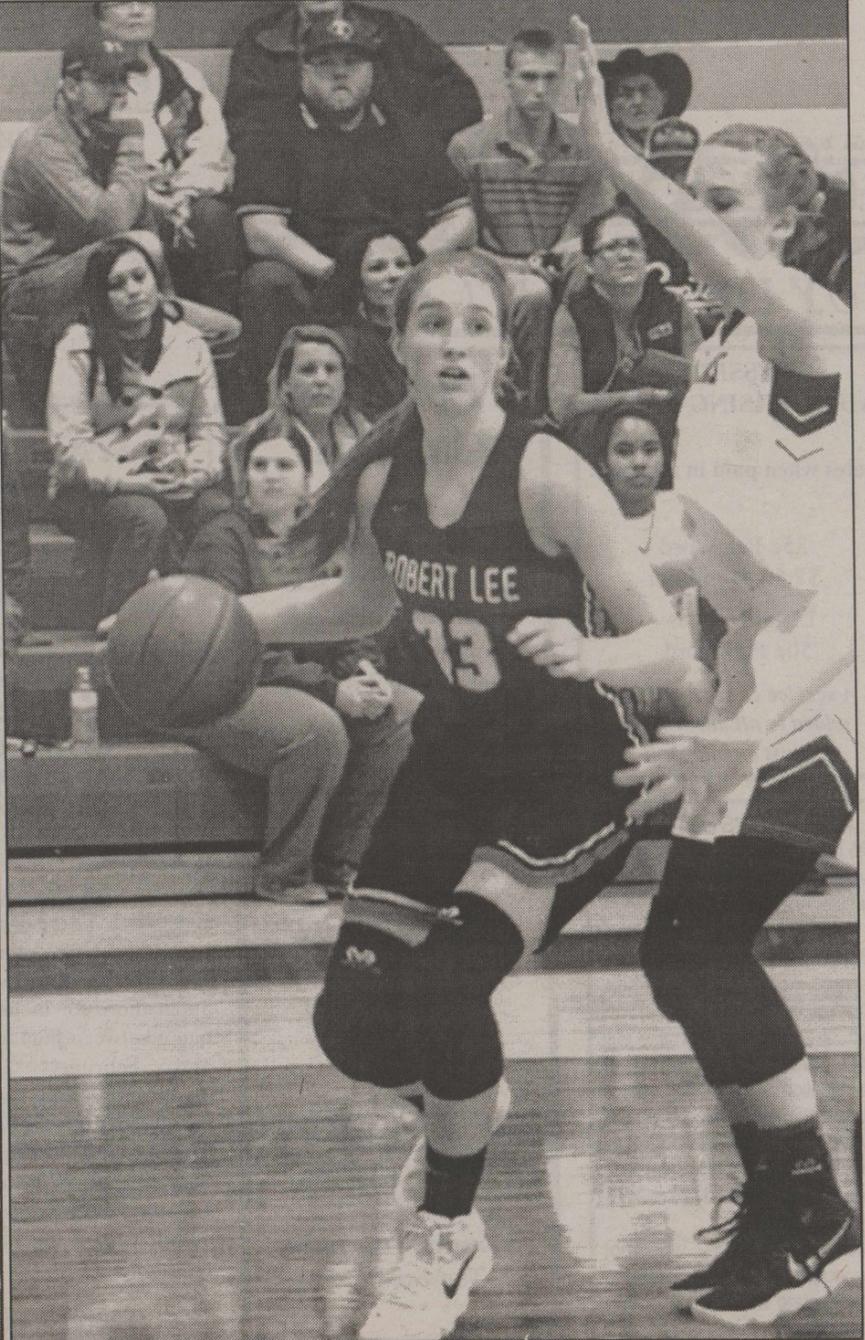
Recipients

Recipients must obtain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. One half of scholarship is awarded at the beginning of the Fall Semester and the remaining one half is awarded at the beginning of the Spring semester.

Note: If recipient's cumulative GPA falls below 2.5 or if the recipient fails to register as a full-time student for the spring semester, recipient will be placed on probation for one semester. If probationary issues are not corrected within the following semester, the remaining scholarship funds allotted to that student (\$1,000) will be revoked. If the recipient fails to enroll or register for any course work during the spring semester the remaining scholarship funds allotted to that student (\$1,000) will be revoked.

Applications

To obtain an application you may come by the CVEC office at 2530 Pulliam St., San Angelo, TX 76905, call the Member Service Department at (325) 655-6957 or visit our website at <http://www.cvec.coop>



**Early
Voting
begins
Tuesday,
February
20,
2018!**

I would sincerely appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming Republican Primary election on March 6, 2018.

Thank you,
Russell Johnson
Candidate for
Justice of the Peace

Paid Political Advertisement by Russell Johnson

To the Citizens of Coke County

As a twenty-two year resident of Coke County, I'm pleased to announce my candidacy for Coke County Treasurer. Rather than move to New Jersey or the Irving, Texas, area, I retired from Verizon at the end of 2015 as a Sourcing Manager.

In my thirty plus years with Verizon/GTE, my responsibilities included: qualification of vendors, which required performing a financial review on them; negotiating, writing, and managing real estate contracts; and design and construction contracts with associated budgets. I hold a lifetime Certified Purchasing Manager designation. The experience I bring will be beneficial in performing the duties of County Treasurer.

Your support will be appreciated in the upcoming election.

Thank you,
Therese Emert
Republican Candidate for
Coke County Treasurer

Paid political advertisement by Therese Emert.

...More Classifieds

NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Tommy W. Scates, Deceased, were issued on January 31, 2018, in Cause No. PR1801866, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to: Ramona Scoates.

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

c/o Kenneth H. Slimp
Attorney at Law
PO Box 157
Winters, TX 79567

DATED the 1st day of February, 2018.

Kenneth H. Slimp
Attorney for Ramona Scates
State Bar No.: 18500900
PO Box 157
Winters, TX 79567
Telephone: (325) 754-5563
Facsimile: (325) 754-5564
E-mail: kenslimp@wtxs.net

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bobbie Kathryn Box, Deceased, were issued on January 16, 2018, in Cause No. PR1701864, pending in the County Court of Nolan County, Texas, to: Derwood Blake Box.

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

c/o Lance Hall
Attorney at Law
PO Box 168

Sweetwater, Texas 79556

DATED the 16th day of January, 2018.

Lance Hall
Attorney for Derwood Blake
Box
State Bar No.: 08763500
119 East Third Street
Sweetwater, Texas 79556
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Is a Managed Account Right for You?

As an investor, you'll face many decisions over the years. How much should you invest? Where should you put your money? When is it time to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others? Some people enjoy making these choices themselves – but not everyone. Consequently, the type of investor you are will influence your thinking about whether to open a managed account.

As its name suggests, a managed account – sometimes known as an “advisory” account – essentially is a portfolio of stocks, bonds and other investments chosen by a professional investment manager who makes the buy and sell decisions. Typically, each

managed account has an investment objective based on your goals, and you may have some voice in investment choices – for example, you may be able to request that the manager avoid certain investments. Or, you might still work with a personal financial advisor who can help you identify and quantify your goals, define your risk tolerance, and track changes in your family situation – and who can then use this information to help guide the investment manager's choices.

Beyond this basic structure, managed accounts can vary greatly in terms of administration, reporting, fees and minimum balance.

So, assuming you meet the requirements for a managed account, should you consider one? There's really no one right answer for everyone. But three

factors to consider are cost, control and confidence.

Cost – Different managed accounts may have different payment arrangements. However, it's common for a money manager to be paid based on a percentage of assets under management. So, if your manager's fee is 1% and your portfolio contains \$100,000, the manager earns \$1,000 per year, but if the value of your portfolio rises to \$200,000, the manager earns \$2,000. Because the manager has a personal stake in the portfolio's success, this arrangement could work to your advantage. Be aware, though, that other fees may be associated with your account.

Control – With any managed account, you will give up some, or perhaps all, of your power to make buy-and-sell decisions. If you have built a large portfolio,

and you're busy with work and family, you may like the idea of delegating these decisions. And, as mentioned above, you can still oversee the “big picture” by either working through a financial advisor or, at the least, having your goals, risk tolerance and investment preferences dictate a money manager's decisions. But you will have to decide for yourself how comfortable you are in ceding control of your portfolio's day-to-day transactions.

Confidence – It's essential that you feel confident in a managed account's ability to help you meet your goals. And the

various elements of a managed account may well give you that assurance. For example, some managed accounts include automatic rebalancing of assets, which, among other things, can help you achieve tax efficiency. Other features of a managed account – such as the experience and track record of the manager – also may bolster your confidence.

Ultimately, you'll need to weigh all factors before deciding whether a managed account is right for you. In any case, it's an option worth considering.

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Wildfire season hits Texas early

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Wildfire season has started early this year, as drought and environmental conditions have sparked several blazes across the Lone Star State.

Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director for emergency management at Texas A&M University, said wildfire season normally begins in March, lasting through April and May during spring green-up. Potential for fires are increased during this time due to dead grasses, winds and warm, dry conditions.

"These conditions arrived about a month ahead of schedule and could mean the wildfire season could extend to 90, possibly 100, days before the typical green-up," Vestal told AgriLife Today.

The current conditions were brought on by wetter conditions early in 2017 followed by drought.

Vestal noted the Energy Release Component (ERC) is at critical levels in parts of the state. ERC measures how hot and long available fuel, such as trees, underbrush and dry grassy fields, can burn if sparked. High winds, low relative humidity and other environmental factors help raise conditions.

"Grasslands that have not been regularly grazed or managed have enough fuel to create high ERCs, and that is the threat," Vestal said. "You add high winds like we've been seeing into the equation and you

have the threat of a serious fire that could be extremely difficult to control."

According to Vestal, most of the state west of Interstate 35 is at a critical point, due to existing fuel, dry conditions and high winds. With no change to current weather patterns, he believes this could be a difficult wildfire season.

"Environmental conditions at this point of the winter could make for a long fire season," Vestal said.

The U.S. Drought Monitor continues to show drought conditions worsening, according to State Climatologist Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon.

"The long-term outlook continues to call for below-normal precipitation and above-normal temperatures," Nielsen-Gammon said.

Roughly 85.5 percent of the state is "abnormally dry," according to the drought monitor. Almost 20 percent of Texas is under severe or extreme drought conditions—specifically in the Panhandle and a portion of Central Texas.

Motley County recently experienced a fire that burned almost 6,000 acres. North Texas experienced nine separate wildfires just days prior, burning almost 2,700 acres.

"It's amazing to think we have a season named after such potentially devastating events, but we have historical data that tells us it happens," Vestal said. "This year, it's happening earlier than usual, and our producers and the public need to be mindful about the dangers and take precautions to prevent catastrophe."

2018 Texas Farm Bureau Photo Contest

It's time once again for the annual Texas Farm Bureau photography contest, when you or someone you know can share your best pictures with the entire Lone Star State and maybe even win a cash prize. So get those cameras rolling, y'all. The deadline for photo submissions in the 2018 contest is June 1. The contest is limited to members of the Texas Farm Bureau and their immediate families.

As always, rural settings and rural lifestyles are the preferred themes for all submissions, and contestants are limited to one entry per person.

Four top winners will be selected and published in the July edition of Texas Agriculture and the summer edition of Texas Neighbors.

First place will be awarded a \$100 cash prize, second place

will receive \$50, and two honorable mentions will receive \$25 each.

As in years past, both digital and printed photographs may be submitted.

To enter, follow these simple rules:

- Digital entries should be e-mailed to photocontest@txfb.org. For publication purposes, photos must be at least 1024 X 768 pixels or higher.

- Print entries may be mailed to Photo Contest, TFB Communications Division, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, TX 76702-2689. A self-addressed, stamped envelope needs to accompany your print photo entry if you want your photograph returned.

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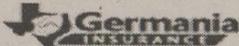
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