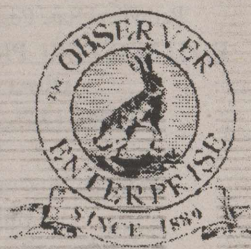


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Investigation handed off to the Texas Rangers

The investigation into the disposition of the old Coke County Juvenile Justice property has been handed to the Texas Rangers by 51st District Attorney Allison Palmer. The Ranger assigned the case is currently reviewing the actions of the Coke County Commissioners Court to see if there were any violations of criminal statutes. The Commissioners Court consists of Judge Roy Blair and Commissioners Bobby Blaylock, Wendell Lee, Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock.

The investigation is the result of concerns by local citizens over how Garrison General Contractors, LLC came to lease the facility with its 38 acres and the monetary relationship this company had with a former Coke County consultant, Michael Croft, who was reported to have handled all inquiries related to the property.

The consulting firm Stellar Solutions of Georgia was first hired by Coke County in 2009 to facilitate the re-opening of a prison in the old Coke County Juvenile Justice Center building. Their representative was welcomed with open arms by everyone because he offered hope for economic development and a boost to Coke County's bottom line.

From early 2009, Croft was given unfettered access and an office in the courthouse. The consultant worked closely with Coke County Judge Roy Blair and Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen to reopen the facility as a prison and was instrumental in the GEO Group giving the facility back to Coke County in December of 2012. At the time this appeared to be a gift to Coke County, but would later prove to be an annual loss of approximately \$65,000 in tax revenue.

Early in 2013, it became extremely clear the Texas Jail Commission was not going to approve a new prison in this area and on April 17, 2013, the consulting relationship between Stellar Solutions of Georgia and Coke County was ended.

Instead of Stellar's representative leaving Coke County with the end of the Stellar/Coke County business

arrangement, Croft continued to maintain his office in the Courthouse for another full year.

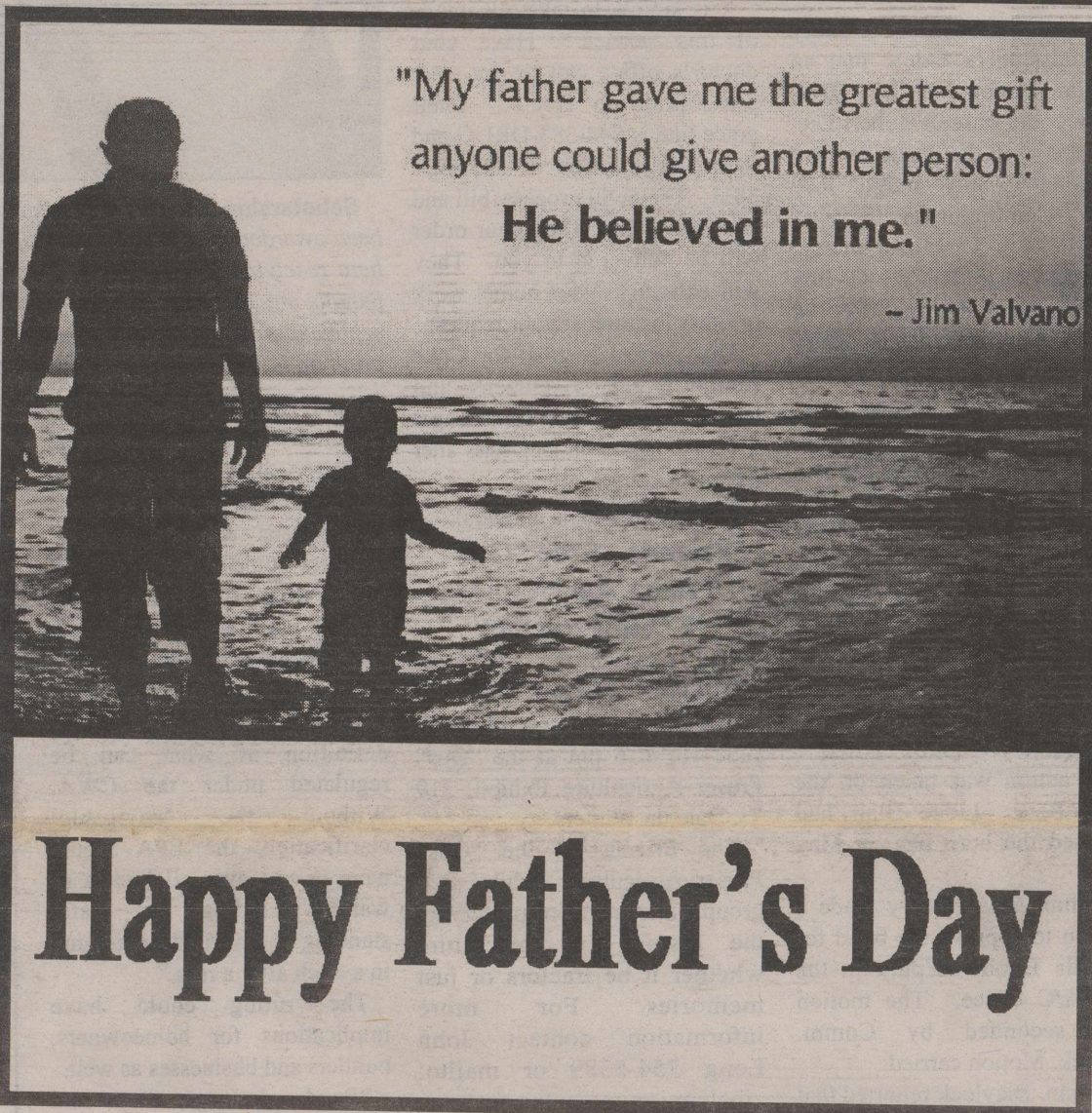
During a public meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2014, at the Bronte Community Center to answer questions regarding this situation, Judge Blair stated that he had asked Croft to vacate the courthouse and turn in his keys upon learning of his employment with Garrison General Contractors, LLC. The timing of Judge Blair's request to Croft has been disputed by several sources, as well as the duties the representative performed for Coke County between April 2013 and April 2014.

It remains unclear how Judge Blair and the Commissioners believed Croft would be compensated for the year he remained in the Courthouse after the relationship was dissolved between Coke County and Stellar Solutions of Georgia.

Numerous mentions of Croft's actions related to the facility are included in Commissioners Court minutes from 2013. Legally, the Commissioners Court could have ordered an appraisal in the spring of 2013 following the Jail Commission's rejection. They then could have listed the facility at that price with a Multiple Listing Service (MLS) member real estate broker. Most people know MLS listings by the website Realtor.com. It is a nationwide database of listings readily available to potential buyers. Although this would have satisfied the "whole goal" of getting the facility back on the tax roll, the Commissioners Court chose another avenue.

In the spring of 2013, Judge Blair and Croft went to Colorado City where they met Bryan Garrison and his father at a workshop for the boom being created by Cline Shale. According to Judge Blair, he and Croft also met representatives from some "northern" company. Blair and Croft brought the Garrisons back to the Bronte facility and gave them a tour.

Judge Blair has stated that the Garrisons wanted to buy the facility for approximately \$200,000 and that the only way they could legally sell the property below its appraised value was to get a new appraisal



"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person:
He believed in me."

— Jim Valvano

Happy Father's Day

and list it with an MLS broker. Therefore, the Commissioners Court couldn't legally accept the Garrison's offer. From the time the prison was handed back to Coke County, the value has dropped from over \$3.2 million to just over \$685,000.

The Court voted on July 22, 2013, to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease or lease/purchase the facility. The RFP was published in The Observer/Enterprise on August 16, 2013, containing a closing date of September 6, 2013. The RFP was also mailed to Garrison General Contractors, LLC and to the "northern" company. Since the RFP was not widely circulated and had only a 3 week window of opportunity not allowing sufficient time for many potential tenants/buyers to respond, Commissioners Court only received one proposal. The only proposal resulting from the RFP was from the Garrisons and it resulted in the lease signed by Judge Blair on April 21, 2014.

There have been many complaints voiced regarding this lease. Some of the complaints are listed below.

- The lease for this expansive property is very low, starting at \$1,125 per month and topping

out at \$3,625 per month.

- There is only a termination clause for the tenant and not the county.

- The Lease Agreement states the county will now list the property for sale with a MLS broker. Why now and not before?

- Because of this lease, the county will fail to locate a willing buyer other than the company who has the lease. What buyer would want to purchase a property tied up for 2 ½ years in a lease so low the buyer's monthly expenses on that property would not be met? What buyer would want to tie their capital up for 2 ½ years without being able to use the purchased property?

- Coke County may be liable for additional funds due to a specific clause in the lease which states "For all improvements whose contract price exceeds \$25,000, Tenant's contractor must provide payment and performance bonds each in the amount of 100% of the cost of the construction, with the Landlord (Coke County) named as a co-obligee on the bonds with the Tenant."

As the investigation progresses, The Observer/Enterprise will strive to keep citizens updated.

Harmon-Sparks

Reunion set for June 14

The 75th Harmon-Sparks Reunion will be held Saturday, June 14, 2014, in the Large Rec Hall in the Coke County Park in Robert Lee. A covered dish lunch will be served at 12:30 pm and visiting all day. Relatives and friends are invited.

For more information, call 325-453-2957 or 325-763-8857.

Paint Creek Cemetery Assn. to meet

The annual business meeting for Paint Creek Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014 starting at 9:00 am at the cemetery. For more information, contact Blake Box at 453-4330 or Joe Harmon at 453-2804.

Robert Lee Community Band Rehearsal

Robert Lee Community Band will have a rehearsal on Tuesday evening, June 17 at 6:00 pm in the high school band hall. If you played a band instrument in the past and want to join the fun, "Come on down". Enter the band hall through the door on the left side of the high school building-not the front door. If you have questions, please call Linda Burns at 473-0540 or Carolyn Long at 453-2383.

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Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session May 27, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Comm. Blaylock and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Comm. Lee was absent.

Comm. Blaylock made a motion to approve the minutes for May 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban. Judge Blair had released the burn ban on May 26.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the bond for Rhonda Boone, deputy in the Tax A/C office. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.

Comm. Blaylock reported that Comm. Lee is at home, very weak and is walking with a walker. He also reported that they have received the diving board for the swimming pool.

Comm. Montgomery reported that the air conditioner is out at the Robert Lee Senior Citizen Building. They have received a bid of \$5800.00 from Clawson.

Comm. Pitcock reported on the ceiling in the Rec Hall at Bronte.

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

Comm. Blaylock made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.

New Pharmacy Service comes to Coke County

Doc's Drugstore is now delivering prescriptions to residents of Coke County. All residents are eligible to have their prescriptions filled and delivered by Doc's.

The drugstore, located in Brownwood, will also deliver over the counter medications, vitamins, diapers, herbals and more pharmacy items. There is no charge for the delivery.

All insurances are accepted by Doc's. They also accept all major credit and debit cards.

With approved credit, charge accounts will be available.

It is simple to take advantage of this service. Have your doctor's office call or fax your prescription to Doc's. Their voice line is 844-383-DRUG and their fax number is 325-643-3811. They will process, bill and fill your order. Then your order will be delivered to you. They will deliver to your home, work or other location at your request.

This system is great for Coke County's elderly citizens and busy young families. You no longer will have to wait in long lines after driving to a larger city.

Remember, Doc's delivers!

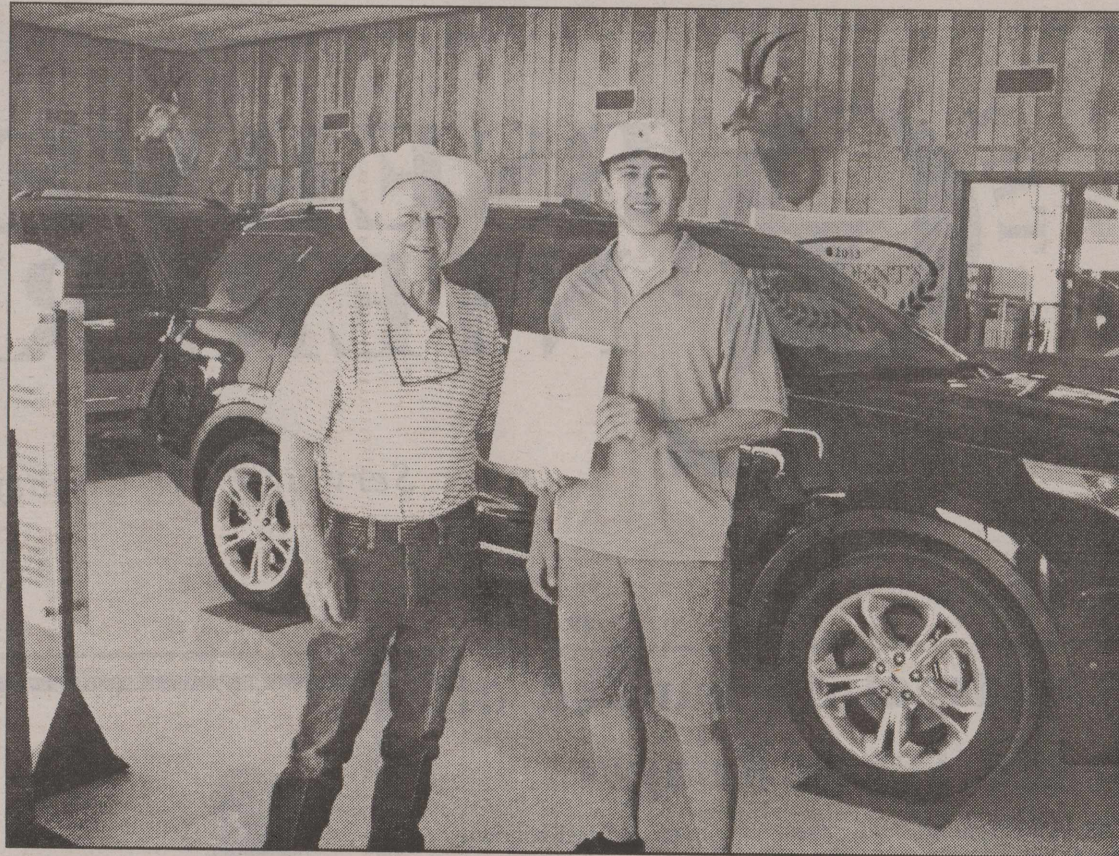
Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit to meet

The Friends of the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their June meeting on Monday, June 16, at 6 pm at the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit, 219 W. Dale, in Winters.

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the history of agriculture whether it be tractors or just memories. For more information contact John Long 754-5389 or mailto: zihalemuseum@wtxs.net.

EPA's proposed rule could hurt Texas farmers, ranchers

Farmers and ranchers from Coke County are telling Congress, "It's time to ditch the rule." The campaign is aimed at a new rule proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Clean



Scholarship Awarded! Coleman Pittillo, a 2014 graduate of Sterling City High School-FFA, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Ivey Motor Co., Inc and Ford Motor Company. He is shown here receiving a scholarship certificate from Billy W. Roe, owner of Ivey Motor Co. Coleman's parents are John and Dennise Pittillo. Pittillo plans to study pre-med at Texas Tech University. All scholarship applications are judged by the National FFA Foundation in Indianapolis, Indiana. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Water Act (CWA) that would essentially give EPA additional regulatory authority.

"If this rule is enacted, the implications to farmers and ranchers could be devastating," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "The rule would allow the agency to take the phrase 'navigable waters' out of its definition of what can be regulated under the CWA. Without the 'navigable' clarification, the EPA would have power over all bodies of water including the water standing in my field or running in a ditch after a rain."

The ruling could have implications for homeowners, builders and businesses as well.

"Ponds, drainage, seeps and other areas where water stands would all come under EPA regulation," John Ross Copeland said. "This could give the EPA authority to tell us what we can or cannot do on our farm, home and businesses."

Additional information about the Ditch the Rule campaign and EPA's proposal is available at DitchTheRule.FB.org.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, July 26. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up you must let

them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156, 325-473-3231 or 325-262-6617. After 5 pm call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

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Invite You to Worship

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Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
(325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers
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 & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm
First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
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

St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

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(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
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, Young Houston, Minister
Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am
Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee (325) 453-2360

Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 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

Jordan Arnold, 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. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724

Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638

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

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Tennyson Baptist Church
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Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Housing Reconstruction/ Rehabilitation Assistance Program applications to be taken in Bronte

Mayor Gerald Sandusky and the Bronte City Council are pleased to announce that The City of Bronte has been awarded a HOME Grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The TDHCA mission is to "help Texans achieve an improved quality of life through the development of better communities."

The HOME Program provides funds to assist low income homeowners with repairs to bring their homes into compliance with local codes and construction specifications or to replace homes with a new house when repair costs are greater than the allowable limits for repairs. Assistance requires no repayment as long as the homeowner continues to own and occupy their home for fifteen years.

Applications are being taken on June 17, 2014, at 9:30 am at the Bronte City Hall. Some of the documents interested homeowners will need to bring are: copies of social security cards for all persons living in the home; copies of photo I.D.s for all persons 18 years or older living in the home; a voter registration card or a utility bill with the homeowner's name and the property address listed; six months of checking statements; six months of pay stubs; the latest savings account statement; a copy of the social security income statement; the most current year's tax receipt; and a copy of the Deed for the property showing proof of ownership.

Additional documents may be required depending on individual circumstances. Those interested should plan on spending four to six hours for the application process.

Grant Works, Inc. has been hired to administer the Grant. GrantWorks is the largest grant writing and management firm in Texas, serving more than 200 predominantly rural cities and counties. This company brings together more than 30 professionals to meet the community development, planning, and housing needs of our client communities. GrantWorks' staff members have professional expertise in planning, city management, housing, environmental review, labor standards, lead based paint assessment, and other skills to implement every aspect of your projects.

For more information, interested homeowners may pick up a flyer at the Bronte City Hall or can contact Caley Carmichael at GrantWorks by calling: 512-420-0303 ext. 306.

o-e@wcc.net

Locals attend Texas GOP Convention

By David Kitten

The leadership of the Republican Party of Texas hosted a successful biennial state convention on June 5, 6, and 7, at the Convention Center in downtown Fort Worth. More than 5,100 delegates and close to 800 alternate delegates were registered, making the Texas Republican Convention the largest political convention in the United States of America, and possibly the world.

In contrast to many political conventions, any delegate at the Texas Republican Convention may address the assembled delegates on a point of order, a point of inquiry, or to introduce a motion. Although this is often time consuming, it tends to provide consideration of all aspects of a complicated issue, and results in a final vote that most delegates can accept.

Delegates heard inspiring speeches from Governor Rick Perry, Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott, Senator Ted Cruz, Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky, Senator John Cornyn, and from candidates for state office George P. Bush, nominee for Land Commissioner, Glenn Hegar, nominee for Comptroller, Ken Paxton, nominee for Attorney General, Dan Patrick, nominee for Lieutenant Governor, Sid Miller, nominee for Agriculture Commissioner, and from Ryan Sitton, nominee for Railroad Commissioner.

If a common theme could be drawn from the speeches, it would be twofold: the concerted effort that office holders and candidates are making, or will make, to control the over-reaching actions of the national government, and the emphasis on faith, family and freedom that seems to be absent in the national government today.

Bronte ISD Board Minutes posted

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustee Meeting opened with prayer by Ray Barnett.

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on May 8, 2014 at 5:45 pm. Those in attendance were: Shane Kelton, President, Blake Braswell, Paul Williams, Ray Barnett, Kay Styles, Jay Henderson, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present: David Bedford, Secondary Principal. Guest: Nick Arrott. Absent: David McWright

The Board entered into closed session at 5:47 pm.

The Board reconvened in regular (open) session at 5:54 pm.

The Board approved to hire Cade Tatsch as Secondary English Teacher/Boys Assistant Coach. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting on May 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Shane Kelton, President, David McWright, Blake Braswell, Kay Styles, Jay Henderson, Nick Arrott, John Seales, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present: David Bedford, Secondary Principal, Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal. Guest present: Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood and Nancy Cooper.

The meeting opened in prayer by David Bedford.

There were no audience items. Votes were canvassed from the May 10 School Board Trustee Election as follows:

Riley Coalson-51

John Seales-80

Nick Arrott-118

Josh Schoenfeld-72

Certificates of Election were issued.

Nancy Cooper Administered the Oath of Office to Nick Arrott and John Seales.

The realignment of the Board is as follows: Shane Kelton, President; Jay Henderson, Vice-President; David McWright, Secretary.

The minutes were approved as read for the April 17, 2014 Board meeting.

Principal's reported on enrollment: Secondary-134 with a 95.7% attendance rate and Elementary-127 with a 96.12% attendance rate. Total enrollment-261. Ms. Poehls reported on the upcoming Talent show, wacky water days and other end of the year activities. Mr. Bedford reported on the boys' track team winning

the State track meet, Meagan Yackley qualified in UIL writing, upcoming senior trip and graduation. Also, Mrs. Webb was KSAN/KLST Teacher of the Week.

The 2014-2015 student transfer list was approved as presented.

Mr. Richey, Superintendent reported Graduation on May 30, New Board Training-Thursdays, June 12. Discussed funding and tentatively scheduled the July board meeting for July 31. The Site-Based Retreat results were discussed.

The Board went into Executive session at 7:30 pm and resumed the Regular meeting at 8:48 pm.

The Board approved to hire an Ag Teacher and a part-time Art Teacher to teach 2-3 classes. All in favor.

Motion was made to pay the May 2014 bills.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.

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7th Annual Clay Antilley Invitation Tournament set for June 21

The 7th Annual Clay Antilley Invitation Golf Tournament is slated for Saturday, June 21, 2014, at Mountain Creek Golf Club in Robert Lee. The tournament, honoring Clay's memory, raises money for Robert Lee seniors. This year, \$7,500 was given in scholarships. Since the event began, almost \$40,000 in scholarships have been awarded. Clay, the son of Tommy and Kei Antilley and a favorite son of Robert Lee, was extremely active in golf, 4-H, and FFA.

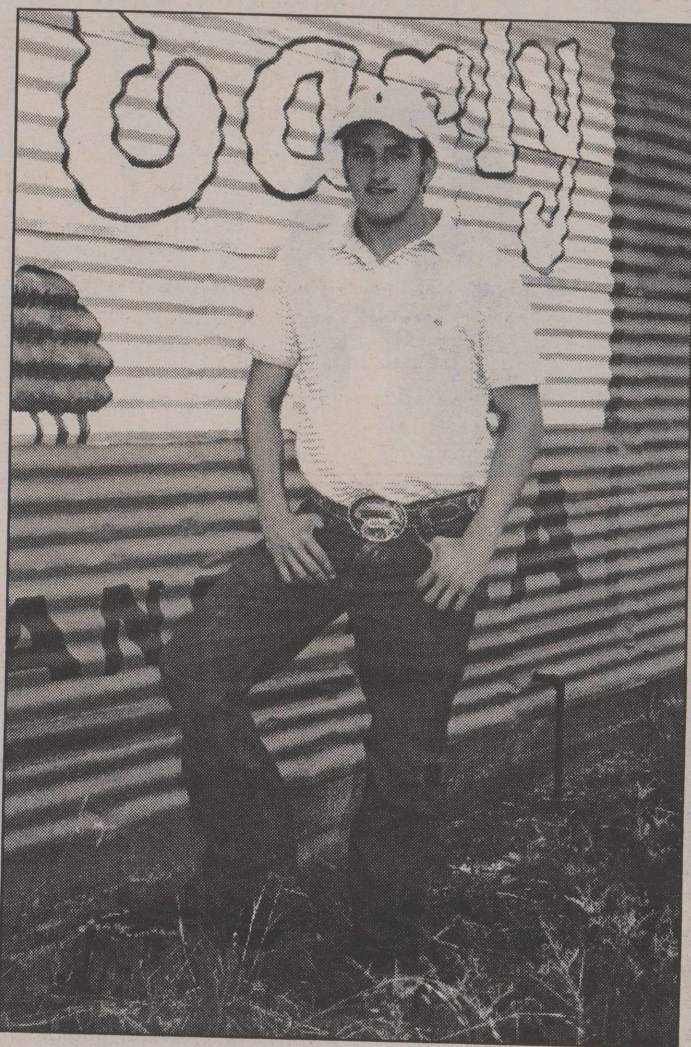
The tournament will have two tee times, 8:30 am and 1 pm. A lunch will be provided for golfers and their families at 12 noon. The tournament will be a shotgun start, three person select shot with prizes given in the flights and one of Clay's Git'R Done trophies for a team to be selected from the remaining teams. A long drive and closest to the pin prize will also be given.

Following the tournament, there will be a dinner for the players, families and contributors to the tournament. The night's entertainment will be provided by the bands, Rough Creek and No Refunds.

Donations to this scholarship fund are tax deductible and receipts will be given. Contributions may be made to the Clay Antilley Scholarship fund at Robert Lee State Bank. They may also be made by contacting DeeAnna Harmon, Tommy Antilley, Kei Antilley, Darren Clawson, Jeff Brisbin, Scotty Jackson, Ricky Ross or by seeing Jessie Flores at the golf course.

An auction will also be held during the evening. To donate auction items, contact Kei Antilley at (325) 453-2545.

Organizers ask that players call early to enter the tournament and give their desired tee time. To enter, contact Mountain Creek Golf Course at (325) 453-2317, Tommy Antilley at (325) 656-1972 or Kei Antilley at (325) 453-2545.



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Top Cookie Seller! Nikkole Harendt has been recognized as the Top Cookie Seller by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas in the 2014 Coke County Service Unit. Nikkole is one of the Girl Scouts in Troop 5193 of Bronte. Nikkole sold 468 boxes of cookies this season. If you would like to learn more about the Bronte Girl Scouts organization, please contact Tiffany at 763-1171.

**Robert Lee
6th Six Weeks Awards
Perfect Attendance**

7th Grade

Corbin Drennan, Mark Garces, Hunter Jowers, Daniel Mendoza

8th Grade

Kelsey Benson, Kourtney Roach, Isaiah Smith

9th Grade

Gabriel Abalos, Kaden Hayes, Erin Smith, James Wyatt

10th Grade

Brady Clawson, Kodi Drennan, Julia Madrid, Yulissa Perez, Myrka Rangel, Karlee Roach, Blaine Yanez

11th Grade

Mason Hill, James Roberts, Mychael Tijerina

12th Grade

Michael Curry, Will Howard, Bianca Huapilla, Kassie O'Dell, Jesse Sheets, Everett Wilson

A Honor Roll

7th Grade

Kaden Austin, Kelby Clawson, Corbin Drennan, Megan Grantham, Autumn Ramon, Chelsea Wyatt

8th Grade

Kiara Burns, Mariah Munoz, Tavo Rangel, Kourtney Roach

9th Grade

James Wyatt

10th Grade

Brady Clawson, Kodi Drennan, Karlee Roach

11th Grade

Mason Hill, James Roberts

12th Grade

Michael Curry, Hanna Hamrick, Will Howard, Kassie O'Dell, Jesse Sheets, Ashlie Tennison, Everett Wilson

A/B Honor Roll

7th Grade

Bubba Bohannon

8th Grade

Billy Coppedge, Peyton Dooley, Margo Medoza, Braden Richardson, Rachel Russell, Isaiah Smith, Savannah Strange,

Julian Torres

9th Grade

Gabriel Abalos, Matthew Curry, Anna Huapilla, Kyla O'Dell, Erin Smith

10th Grade

Wade Allen, Bruce Buddin, Julia Madrid, Pammy Meeks, Myrka Rangel, Justice Saucedo, Madison Wright

11th Grade

Tristen Hildebrand, Mychael Tijerina, Jerry Wofford

12th Grade

Bianca Huapilla

Blackwell ISD 6th

6 weeks awards

Perfect Attendance

Pre-Kindergarten

Haleigh Robertson, Lilee Sanderson

Kindergarten

Daniela Delgado, Annabel Linebarger, Jaxon Shipman

1st Grade

Morgan Dove, Pyeper Miller, Emma Williams

2nd Grade

Chevelle Mabes, Shelby Rasco

3rd Grade

Luz Cano, David Graham, Matthew Shipman, Cedric Ware

4th Grade

Izac Chavez, Donovan Grenier-Tucker, Reid Hoyle, Ryder Hoyle, Cadi Powers, Madyson Robertson

5th Grade

Harrison Coldiron, Darrian Kenney, Allison Panzer,



Box Tops for Education! Students at Bronte Elementary School and Bronte community residents have been collecting Box Tops for Education for the past year and have raised \$719.85. Pictured above is the 4th grade class which collected the most Box Tops this spring. They celebrated by having a popsicle party. The Box Tops program is coordinated by parent volunteer Teresa Swecker. Bronte Elementary thanks everyone who has collected Box Tops and asks that parents and community members continue to collect Box Tops throughout the summer.

Zachary Panzer, Nathaniel Shipman

6th Grade

Grant Gott, Drew Hardy, Emily Rasco, Katelyn Robertson, Brendan Scott

7th Grade

Vickie Davis, Tori Scott

8th Grade

Alex Crawford, Cade McKee, Payton McKee, Shelby Panzer

9th Grade

Crystal Chavez, Halee Sanderson, Chaun Weeks

10th Grade

Charlie Cano, Heath Rasco, Christopher Sorrells

11th Grade

Gary Roland

12th Grade

Ted Chambliss, April Cole

A Honor Roll

1st Grade

Riley Linney, Bryson Smith, Brionna Sommerfeld, Emma Williams

2nd Grade

Austin Magness

3rd Grade

Matthew Shipman

4th Grade

Makayla Lee, Cadi Powers

5th Grade

Nathaniel Shipman

6th Grade

Jacie Fields, Grant Gott, Jordan Jones, Emily Rasco, Katelyn Robertson, Emilee Sanderson, Brendan Scott, Madison Solis

7th Grade

Vickie Davis, Carli Powers, Tori Scott

8th Grade

Payton McKee, Shelby Panzer

9th Grade

Krista Clower, Abby Gott, Hallee Sanderson

10th Grade

Shianne Solis

11th Grade

Harrison Gott, Veeda Jeter

12th Grade

Shelby Alley, Jayden Jones, Mason Magness, Summer Mull

A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade

Morgan Dove, Pyeper Miller, Michael Swaim

2nd Grade

Chevelle Mabes, Shelby Rasco

3rd Grade

Dusty Boyd, Luz Cano, Blane Crosson

5th Grade

Madeline Bell, Darrian Kenney, Matthew Mabes, Allison Panzer, Taylor Roy, Caleb Simons

6th Grade

Drew Hardy

7th Grade

Elizabeth Meyer

9th Grade

Audrey Mink, Abbi Sorrells, Chaun Weeks

10th Grade

Cole Alley, Hailey Bennett, Karleigh Coldiron, Cambri Kelso, Stormie Lewis, Brena Robison, Jaina Robison

11th Grade

Robert Davis, Brandi Wright

12th Grade

April Cole, Matthew Lowry

ASU Spring graduates announced

Angelo State University conferred 709 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 705 graduates during 2014 spring commencement exercises held May 10 in San Angelo, Texas.

Coke County graduates receiving a degree during the ceremony included the following.

Bronte

Ryan C. Everheart, B.A.; Aaron P. McConnell, M.S.S.; and Cheyenne J. Thomas, M.Ed.

Heidi M. Austin, B.S.; Brandi J. Brosh, B.S.; and Orville W. Davis, B.S.W., magna cum laude

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Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Excessive and unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet radiation (UV light) is the primary risk factor for skin cancer. However, skin cancer is one of the most preventable types of cancer!

The damaging and cumulative effects of UV light begin when an infant's or toddler's unprotected skin is exposed to sunlight. Protecting the skin from ultraviolet radiation can prevent approximately 80% of skin cancers.

You, as a parent, are important to helping prevent skin cancer! Teach your children early about sun protection to decrease their potential for future skin cancers.

Did You Know?

Children receive about 80% of their lifetime exposure to ultraviolet radiation during the first 18 years of life.

It's important to shield your children's skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they're doing or what time of year it is, if they're outside, your children need to be protected.

The sun's rays can penetrate deeply into skin and damage the skin's lower layers. It can cause sunburn, wrinkles, freckles, suntans, precancerous skin conditions, and skin cancer.

One severe sunburn early in life doubles the chances of future skin cancer!

Build safe sun habits into your family's daily routine. Lead by example—children will respond

better when they see you protecting your skin. Begin by teaching them to:

- Use sunscreen.
- Wear protective clothing.
- Wear sunglasses.
- Wear a hat that shades the face, neck, and ears.
- Reduce time outdoors between 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Children and Sun Safety

Children and adults should use sunscreen every day—even on cloudy days. Seventy to 80% of the sun's damaging rays can penetrate through clouds and water.

Sunscreens work in two ways. The chemicals in most sunscreens absorb ultraviolet radiation before it can damage the skin. Some sunscreens block ultraviolet rays by scattering or reflecting them away from the skin.

Apply a sunscreen and lip balm with an SPF of 15 or greater every day!

Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going out in the sun to allow time for it to work. Use broad-spectrum sunscreen products that block out both ultraviolet-A and ultraviolet-B rays. Use waterproof sunscreens that will not be washed off through perspiration, and to be sure you're protected, reapply sunscreen every two hours if swimming or sweating.

Sun Screen-Sunglasses

Overexposure to the sun can cause short- and long-term damage to the eyes. Protection of the eyes is especially important for young children since the lens of the eye is not able to completely protect the retina from the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation.

Buy sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB radiation. Darker sunglasses are not necessarily better because UV protection comes from an invisible chemical applied to the lenses—not from the color or darkness of the lenses. Buy large-framed wrap around sunglasses with

Velcro adjustable headbands to protect your child's eyes from all angles.

Clothing and Hats

Hats offer the best method of minimizing ultraviolet radiation to the face, head, ears, and neck. A hat with a wide brim that goes all the way around offers the best protection. The hat's brim should be at least 3 to 4 inches wide. A wide-brimmed hat provides approximately 50 percent protection from direct exposure.

Clothing can block out the sun's harmful rays and should be one of the first lines of defense against sun exposure. Fabric is full of tiny holes that can allow ultraviolet light through. The fewer the number and the smaller the size of the holes in the fabric, the more it blocks ultraviolet radiation. Lighter colors may feel cooler, but darker colors actually absorb ultraviolet light and promote more protection for the skin. Swimwear and outerwear are now being made with UV protection.

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Roy Blair (Rep.)

Justice of the Peace
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APPLICATION NOTICE

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The City of Bronte HOME Program provides help to eligible homeowners within the City Limits for home reconstruction or rehabilitation. A program information sheet is available from City Hall. Applications will be taken June 17, 2014 at 9:30 am at the City Hall. Applications will only be taken on this date unless there is further notice. If you are physically unable to attend the intake, please call Caley at 512-420-0303 ext. 306 to make other arrangements. Please bring the following.

1) Proof of 6 months income or SS/SSI letter and/or any other benefits received

ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS BY FAMILY SIZE

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
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2) Homeownership: Warranty deed or other proof. Statement of Location for Manufactured Homes - NO CONTRACT FOR DEED. 3) Tax receipts verifying ALL property taxes paid 4) Proof of Occupancy: Driver's license or photo I.D.s for all household members 18 and up and voter's registration or utility bill showing the property address and the homeowner's name 5) Social Security Card for all household members 6) Six months of bank statements.

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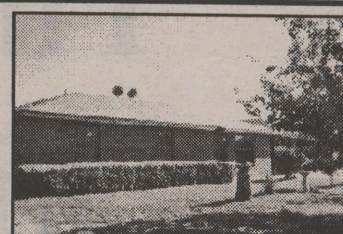
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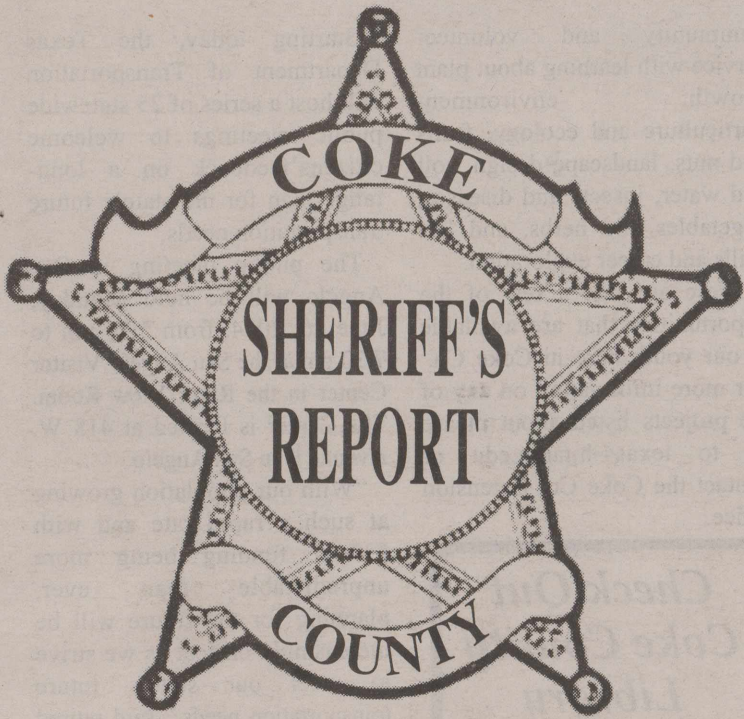
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The following reports were made by Coke County Sheriff's Office for the month of May 2014.

• 2 Sheriff's Informations Reports

- Burglary of a Vehicle
- 4 Criminal Mischief
- Stolen Vehicle
- Unattended Death
- Resisting Arrest
- Injury to a Child

Public Service: 402 Calls
(Includes Funerals, Court, Motorist Assist, and Alarm Calls Etc.)

- 1 Civil Process
- 10 Prisoner Transports - including arrest and to and from court

- 1 Warrant Served
- 39 Livestock Calls
- 8 Accidents
- 3 Accident Assists
- 193 Traffic Stops
- 113 Traffic Stops resulting in citations

TOTAL INMATES IN
RUNNELS COUNTY JAIL AS
OF Monday June 9, 2014

7 Males

May 2014

Arrests and Dispositions

Salvador Salinas, Deadly Conduct, Criminal Mischief more than \$1500 less than

\$20K, Terroristic Threat, 5-1-14

Allen Rodriguez, Motion to Revoke Probation - DWI with Child under 15, 5-6-14

Tony Bell, Resisting Arrest, 5-9-14

Shawn Brotherton, Motion to Revoke Probation - Theft, 5-11-14

Jason Bedford, Motion to Revoke Probation - Forgery, 5-19-14

Johnny Skinner, Driving While License Invalid with Previous Conviction, 5-26-14

District Court

Dispositions

May 12, 2014

The State of Texas vs. Dalton Dale Graves

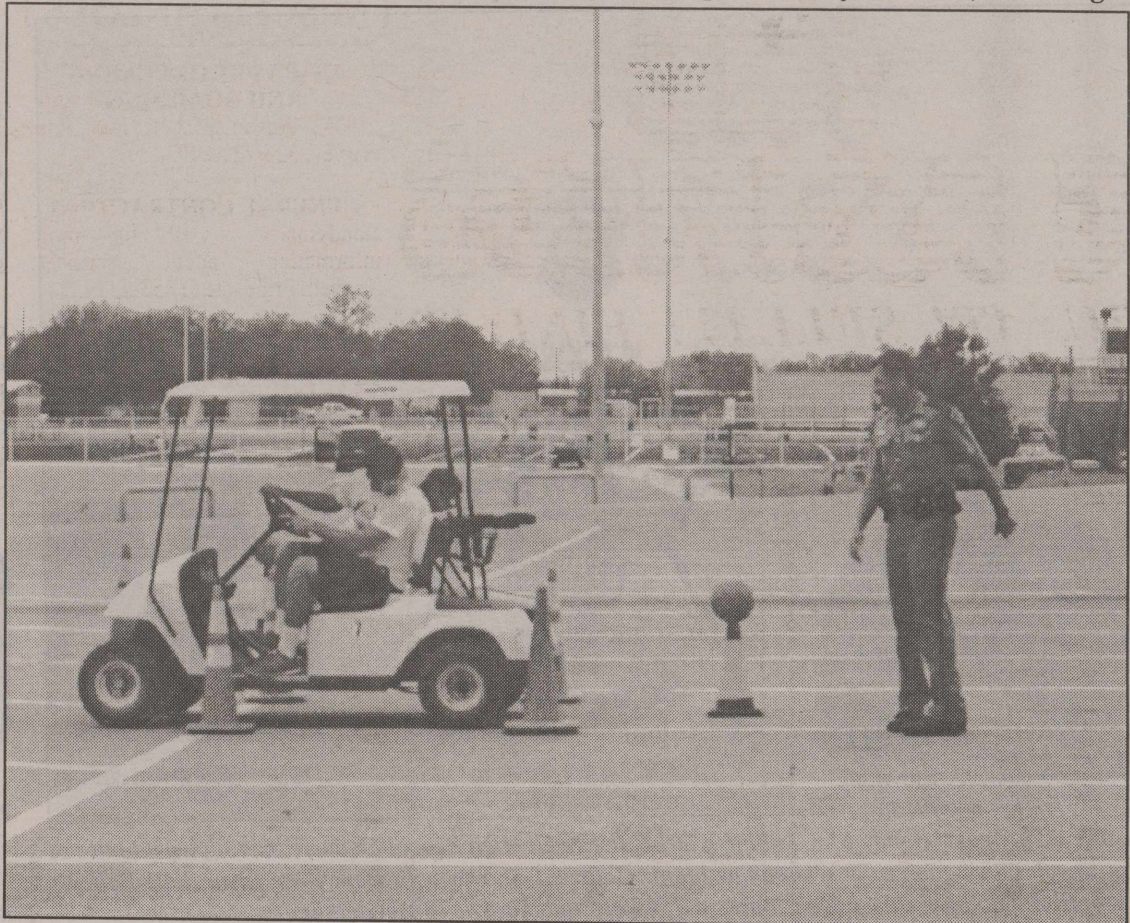
Charge: Theft of Property more than \$20K less than \$100K

Plea: 2 Year Pre-Trial Intervention - Cause #14-01423

The State of Texas vs. Dalton Dale Graves

Charge: Theft of Property more than \$20K less than \$100K

Plea: 2 Year Pre-Trial



Staying the Course! DPS Trooper Shawn Baxter monitors Ty Lee (driving) and passenger Mizael Perez on an obstacle course at Bronte High School. Trooper Baxter recently spoke to the senior class about safe driving practices and the dangers of driving while under the influence. Each senior had the opportunity to drive a golf cart on the course with and without the special goggles that simulate being intoxicated.

Intervention - Cause #14-01424

The State of Texas vs. Dalton Dale Graves

Charge: Possession of a Controlled Substance more than 1gram less than 4 grams

Plea: 2 Year Pre-Trial Intervention - Cause #14-01425

County Court

Disposition

May 21, 2014

The State of Texas vs. William Colt Jones

Charge: DWI

Plea: Dismissed by the County Attorney due to insufficient evidence

The State of Texas vs. Brian Ditto

Charge: Boating While Intoxicated

Plea: 1 Year Pre-Trial Intervention

The State of Texas vs. Marsha Ann Baker

Charge: Assault

Plea: 30 Days County Jail - Time Served

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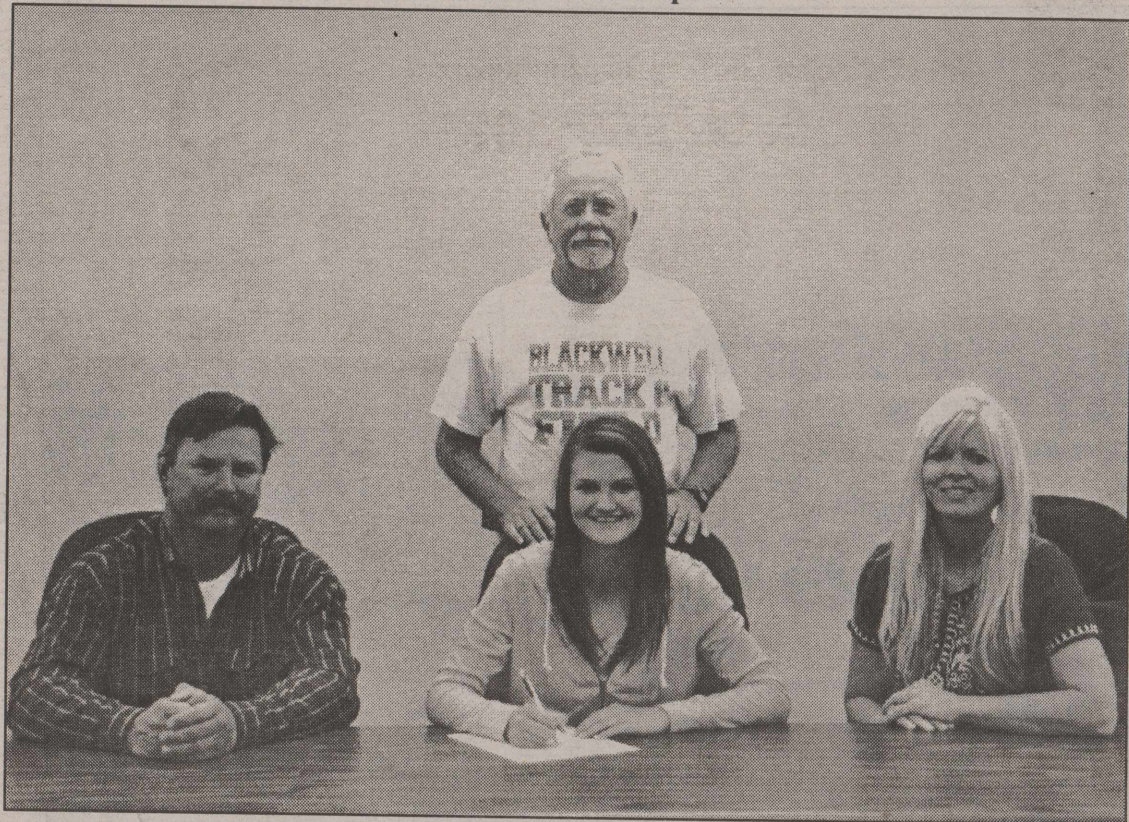
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Letter Of Intent! Bailey McGlothlin, a 2014 Blackwell High School graduate, has signed a Letter of Intent to run cross country at Clarendon Junior College. Shown with Bailey are (from left) Bailey's father Jeff McGlothlin, Coach Don Jones, and Bailey's mother Diane McGlothlin.

4-H....Making the best better

By Morgan Runyan
Texas AgriLife Agent

With the summer 4-H activities kicking off with State 4-H Round-up I thought it would be a great idea to outline some of the opportunities 4-H can offer the young people of Coke County. 4-H can be defined as a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities. There are a variety of ways to get involved in the 4-H program. Some of the most common projects areas are livestock, photography, and food and nutrition. Livestock projects help to develop animal husbandry practices, livestock

selection, health, and care in addition to showing at local, county, state, and national shows. Photography encourages self expression and provides opportunity for career exploration and promoting 4-H. Food and nutrition helps 4-Hers to learn to make healthy food and lifestyle choices. All of these projects are very important to Coke Co and I hope that we can keep them going strong.

A few projects that have gained recent popularity are shooting sports, consumer decision making, Ag product ID, and horticulture. The Shooting Sports Project is a comprehensive introduction to shooting sports safety and the fundamentals of archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading, and hunting. The Coke Co. Shooting Sports club has competed and performed well at a variety of matches. They have also been commended on their

safety practices. Consumer Decision Making gives youth the opportunity to make wise decisions when shopping. Consumer Decision Making is a judging contest designed to teach kids to observe, compare and make consumer based decisions based on facts. 4-Hers use their consumer knowledge to rank similarly based products to fit a given scenario. Kids learn to organize their thoughts and to defend their decisions in oral reasons. Ag product ID is a contest to help 4-Hers learn more about the products they use every day. This contest helps to expand knowledge of the agriculture product industry. 20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. The horticulture project is a hands-on project that incorporates

community and volunteer service with learning about plant growth, environment horticulture and ecology, fruits and nuts, landscape design, soil and water, insects and diseases, vegetables and herbs, and life skills and career exploration.

These are just a few of the opportunities that are available to our youth here in Coke Co. For more information on any of the projects listed about please go to texas4-h.tamu.edu or contact the Coke Co. Extension office.

Check Out Coke County Library

As I searched "reading" on Pinterest, I found an article that offers some good advice on how to make reading a part of your family time. Reading time is especially valuable if you have kids, and even more valuable during the summer time. With almost three months of vacation away from school, it is important to keep those reading skills sharp! Some suggested activities are: read bedtime stories, play board games, visit your local library, read a recipe and cook something yummy together, create a comfy reading space in your home, and put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store. These are just a few ways to incorporate reading (and some math, too!) into their summer time. Library hours: Monday-closed, Tuesday 8-12, Wednesday 8-4, Thursday 1-5, Friday 8-12.

TxDOT seeks input on transportation plan

Statewide series of open-house meetings will address future transportation needs, solutions

Starting today, the Texas Department of Transportation will host a series of 25 statewide public meetings to welcome citizens' feedback on a long-range plan for the state's future transportation needs.

The public meeting in San Angelo will be held Monday, June 16, 2014, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the San Angelo Visitor Center in the River View Room. The Center is located at 418 W. Avenue B in San Angelo.

"With our population growing at such a rapid rate and with federal funding being more unpredictable than ever, planning for the future will be increasingly critical as we strive to meet our state's future transportation needs," said retired LtGen J.F. Weber, USMC, TxDOT executive director. "We encourage the public to join us and to provide input so we can best align available resources with areas of need."

The Texas Transportation Plan (TTP) 2040 will define TxDOT's long-range goals for all transportation modes — roadways, transit, rail, ports, aviation, pedestrian, bicycle and freight. The plan also will address the state's aging infrastructure and offer solutions for managing and prioritizing transportation funding and assets.

An interactive investment tool and exhibits outlining the statewide initiative will be presented at each meeting. Participants are invited to ask questions and provide written comments on the direction of the plan, which is scheduled to be completed and ready for public hearing and adoption by the Texas Transportation Commission this fall.

A schedule of meetings and related information can be found here or at www.txdot.gov by searching for TTP 2040.

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