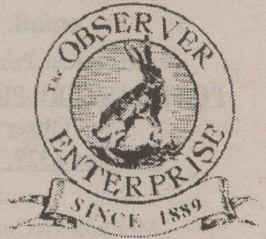


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Court sets new date for 2012 Texas Primary Election

As ordered by the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, the 2012 Republican and Democratic Primary Elections will be held May 29. Per the Court's Order, the runoff for the May 29 Primary Election is scheduled for July 31. The Court's Order can be found at www.sos.state.tx.us.

"I am pleased Texas voters and candidates now have certainty when the 2012 primary and runoff elections will be held in Texas," said Secretary of State Hope Andrade. "I urge all voters who want to make their mark on Texas by casting a ballot in these critical primary elections to verify they are registered to vote, by visiting www.VoteTexas.gov. Texans who are eligible, but not yet registered will find the necessary information directing them how they can become registered voters."

Additional key dates in the 2012 Primary Election cycle either included in the Court's Order or the result of the Order are shown in the box.

For more information on Texas elections and voter registration, please visit www.VoteTexas.gov.

Texas Republicans accepting filings

On Thursday afternoon, March 1, the San Antonio three-judge federal panel issued an order setting a May 29th Primary Election and a related administrative calendar for the election.

Of particular importance - the order sets a re-opened filing period for the primary ballot, which will commence on Friday morning, March 2, at 9 am and will run through Friday, March 9, at 6 pm.

The Republican Party of Texas will be accepting filing applications at their Austin headquarters at 1108 Lavaca, Suite 500, Austin, TX 78701, for all candidates who are required to file with the State Party instead of their county chairman. This office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Candidates who filed during the prior filing period in late 2011 who still wish to seek the same office need not re-file their applications, assuming no information contained therein has subsequently been rendered inaccurate.

To file as a Republican contact David Kitten at 653 Sweet Road, Blackwell, Texas, 325-282-2425. To file as a Democrat contact Robert Houck at 849 Mountain Road, Robert Lee, Texas, 325-453-2158.

Ballots set for May 12 local elections

Filing ended Monday, March 5, 2012, for the upcoming local entities elections. The election will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Along with the mayor, there are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Gerald Sandusky, mayor, and council members, Jennifer Stango, Paul (Buzz) Gohmann, and Jimmie Guthrie. Only the incumbents have filed for places on the ballot. The City Council will consider a resolution to cancel the May 12 City General Election and declare each unopposed candidate elected to office.

There are two council member terms and the mayoral position on the ballot for the City of Robert Lee. Currently, these council seats are held by Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. The office of mayor is held by John

Jacobs. The City Council will consider a resolution to cancel the May 12 City General Election and declare each unopposed incumbent candidate elected to office.

There are three two-year Board of Director terms on the ballot for the West Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Pat Stephens, Sarah Green, and Farrell Jean Washam. Pat Stephens, Patsy Cason and Sarah Green filed. A resolution to cancel the May 12 election and declare each unopposed candidate elected to office is planned.

There are two two-year terms and one unexpired term on the ballot for the East Coke County Hospital District. Currently, these offices are held by Beverly Sims, Nancy Cooper, and Howard Baker. Howard Baker has filed for re-election and Mike Arrott, along with Everett Bedford have also filed. A resolution to cancel the May 12 election and declare each unopposed candidate elected to office is planned.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Ericka Knight, Wayne Coalson, and Doug Tounget. One person the end of last week and another six filed on the last day of the

period to have their names on the ballot. They include David McWright, Bryan Swecker, Andra Arrott, Blake Braswell, Blain McGinnis, Kerry Lee, and Jay Henderson.

There are three three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Brandi Brosh, Wes Washam, and Tom Sawyer, Jr. Only the incumbents filed. This election will be cancelled. However, Robert Lee ISD will still hold a bond election on this day.

Meeting set for Saturday at local arena

The Coke County Roping Club will have their annual organizational meeting Saturday, March 10, at 3 pm at the arena in Bronte.

All people interested in the roping club or in promoting the arena are urged to attend.

Other communities have found their local arena to be a valuable commodity in drawing visitors to their area. The annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo continues to be an economic benefit to Bronte. However, our community must maximize the utilization of the resources we have to keep Bronte thriving.

If you have ideas of events to be held or improvement projects, or would like to assist with any events or projects, please attend

Saturday's meeting.

For more information, call (325) 716-9626.

Time to renew Robert Lee Livestock Permits

It is time to renew Livestock Permits in the City of Robert Lee. New permits should be received by April 1st. Any one failing to comply with ordinance by April 15th will be in violation of ordinance. Pick up permits at city hall or contact code-enforcement officer Marshall Millican at 325-473-0437.

Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 2 person 18 hole select shot golf tournament on Saturday, April 7. Tee time is 9 am.

Carts are limited, so sign up early if one is needed. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156 or after 4 pm on weekdays, call 432-661-3431.

Motor Vehicle section of tax office to be closed March 15

The Coke County Tax Office will not be open for motor vehicle transactions on Thursday, March 15, from 1 to 5 pm. The Texas Department of Transportation will be updating equipment.

If you have any questions please call the Tax Office at 325-453-2614.

Important Election Dates

County • State • National Primary Election

CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD
March 2, 2012 – March 9, 2012

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
April 30, 2012

EARLY VOTING PERIOD
May 14, 2012 – May 25, 2012

RUNOFF ELECTION
July 31, 2012

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR RUNOFF ELECTION
July 2, 2012

EARLY VOTING PERIOD FOR RUNOFF ELECTION
July 23, 2012 – July 27, 2012

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
May 29, 2012

Local Entities Election

CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD
Ended Monday, March 5, 2012

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
April 12, 2012

EARLY VOTING PERIOD
April 30, 2012 - May 8, 2012

ELECTION DAY
May 12, 2012

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For more information, call the Robert Lee ISD at 453-4555 or Child Find at 325-658-6571.

Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Heading to San Angelo March 22-24

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in San Angelo, Texas, March 22-24, 2012. The three-day event at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo—Spur Arena will feature over 50 spectacular animals. These are adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals.

Adoption begins with a competitive bid Thursday March 22, at 2 p.m. First-come-first-served adoptions follow until 6 p.m., then again Friday, March 23, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 24, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years old with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a

minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses and five feet for yearlings. All animals must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist with the short application process, answer any questions and load horses.

The standard adoption fee is \$125, as set by law. Bidding will start at that amount.

BLM pays a one-time \$500 care-and-feeding allowance to adopters of horses at least four years old. The allowance is paid in full after one year when

adopters receive official ownership title for their horse(s). All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available. Younger horses, burros and trained animals are not eligible for this incentive.

Wild horses and burros – iconic symbols of America's western heritage – are renowned for their strength, endurance, agility and intelligence, characteristics bred into them in the wild that make them ideal for work or recreation. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 225,000 of these "living legends" in approved homes across the country.

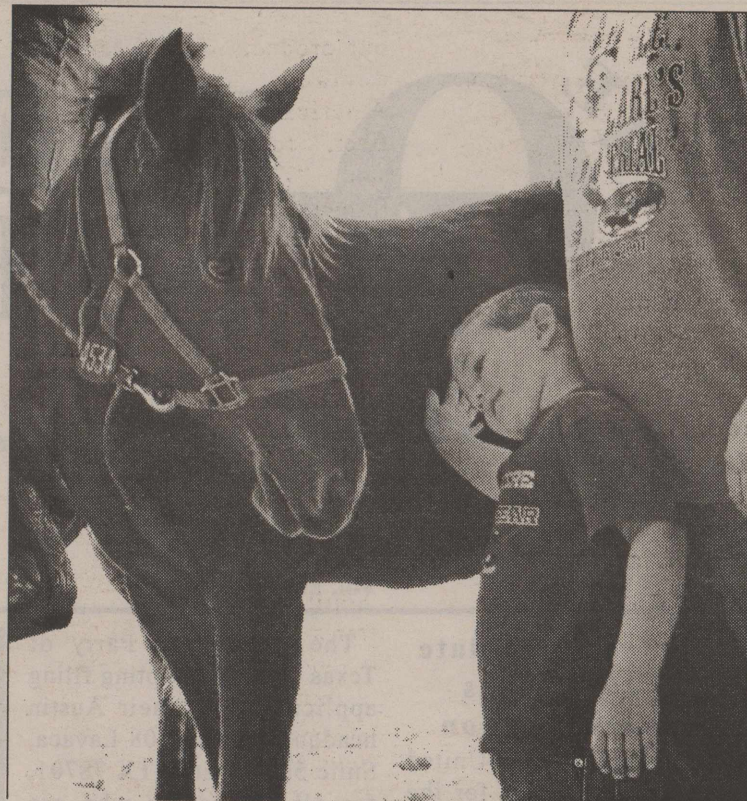
For more information, call toll-free 866-4-MUSTANGS (866-468-7826) or visit www.blm.gov/nm/oklahoma.

Vision with a Purpose update

By Joan Davis

Some thirty-five members and visitors met Thursday evening, March 1, for the monthly meeting of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose. Held at Noel and Clark Tinkler's place, the group enjoyed a light supper before the business session began.

The agenda included various reports and a vote



A young boy gets to know his newly adopted mustang.

to limit attendance to those over 13 years of age. The remainder of the meeting dealt with an upcoming fundraiser for the organization. These monies will enable the group to go forward with planned projects, including a cleanup of the amphitheatre for multiple uses.

Vision with a Purpose will sell boxed meals by drive-thru at the Robert Lee Fire Department, corner of Hwy 158 and Hwy

208, on Sunday, April 22, from 11:30 am to 1 pm. The meals will include fried chicken, beans, potato salad, and dessert. Tickets are available from any VP member and at the following businesses: Super H, This N That, Observer/Enterprise, Coke County Abstract, Blossoms N Blooms, and others. Although it's early yet, get your tickets now for a good meal for a good cause!

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(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. Matt Pennington, Pastor

Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte

Russ Frasier, Pastor

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

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First United Methodist Church

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Steve Peyton, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship

5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel

101 Houston • Robert Lee

Sun. 10 am • Worship

11 am & 6 pm • Service

Wed. 7 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) 655-9784 or 453-2685

Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;

Wed. 6 pm

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

PO Box 638

6th & Houston, Robert Lee

(325) 453-2208

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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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The monthly meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group

Will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting will be held at Bronte Health & Rehab Center

900 S. State St., Bronte, TX

The guest speaker will be John DiFrancesco, Jr.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Followed by a Group discussion

Refreshments provided

(An Alzheimer's Association Sanctioned Support Group)

March 4-H meetings cancelled

There will be no 4-H meetings in Bronte or Robert Lee during the month of March. The agent will be gone during the Robert Lee 4-H meetings to attend the Houston stock show. Bronte 4-H meetings will not be held due to Spring Break. All 4-H meetings will resume in the month of April. If you have any concerns please contact the county extension office.

U.S. agriculture exports reach record high

Despite encountering historic natural disasters, including the epic Texas drought, American agriculture posted a record high \$136.3 billion in exports last year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"Last year, farmers and ranchers battled a ton of obstacles, especially here in Texas. Even with those challenges, American agriculture remains a bright spot in an otherwise bleak economy," said John Ross Copeland, president of Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau.

Strong exports, coupled with domestic demand, have strengthened the agriculture sector and boosted American jobs. The USDA estimates that every \$1 billion in exports produces 8,400 American jobs. Based on this statistic, American agriculture exports supported more than one million American jobs last year.

In 2011, agriculture exports in nearly every commodity category increased, including grains, cotton, dairy and pork. U.S. beef exports also reached an all-time high with \$5.4 billion in beef and beef product sales.

"Record agriculture exports reflect the confidence other countries have in

our products and the strong demand for quality, American-grown food and fiber," John Ross Copeland said. "That's something our farmers and ranchers-and all Americans-can be proud of."

Artist to speak at WTRC benefit

Internationally acclaimed artist Luis Sottill will deliver an "Art Talk" Saturday, March 24, at historic Fort Concho during the 13th annual Stribling Art Extravaganza benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Sottill's presentation will offer a personal glimpse into his development as an artist, his motivation to share his creative passion with young people as well as his "Naturalismo" painting technique he uses today by blending gold leaf and natural pigments in layers to attain greater luminosity.

Sottill will speak at 2 p.m. in the Living History Stables classroom. Seating space is limited, interested attendees are urged to call 325-223-6414 as soon as possible.

San Angelo is a focal point of Sottill's journey as he lived here in the late 1980's and had his very first art show at the Calla Lily gallery. Today his works are included in more than 2,000 private and corporate collections worldwide. He is represented in more than 20 galleries, including one of his own at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

This year's Stribling Extravaganza will feature approximately 280 works by 165 local and area artists. Mediums include oils, acrylics, watercolors, bronzes, metal, ceramics, wood and stone and all may be viewed at the Fort Concho's Commissary and Quartermaster buildings.

Ben and Beverly Stribling are underwriting the show and sale which showcases the talents of current and former residents of San Angelo and

the Concho Valley. Additional funding for Extravaganza activities also is provided by Travis and Kam Stribling.

Hours for the free, public show are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 23 and 24 and noon to 4 p.m. March 25. Additionally, the young artists' display, sponsored by Jud Gray, may be viewed at the Living History Stables. This unique exhibit features the works of local and area high school students and affords them an opportunity to experience public recognition of their talents.

Also, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, guitar virtuoso Paul Finley will per-

form selections from his extensive repertoire in the Commissary while devotees view the weekend show. An Austin resident, he is appearing in San Angelo as a guest musician for the Cultural Affairs Council.

Since 1953, West Texas Rehab Center's mission has been to improve the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities, regardless of their financial circumstances. A private, non-profit organization, WTRC has outpatient rehabilitation facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

More information is available about the art show or WTRC services by calling

325-223-6300 or by visiting the Center's website at WestTexasRehab.org.

Organization offers free trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easier for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring through planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2012 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RLHS UIL! Robert Lee High School recently competed at the Wylie Invitational Meet and at the Wall Invitational Meet. Zachary Sanchez placed 4th in Current Issues and Events at the Wylie Invitational and Michael Curry placed 6th in the number sense sophomore division at the Wall Invitational Meet. Shown are Michael Curry, Bianca Huapilla, Garrett Rogers, Will Howard, Hanna Hamrick, Ashlie Wheat, Lubbock Roe, Drew Davis and Mason Hill.



RLHS Golf! The Robert Lee Girls golf team won their 2nd tournament of the year at the Eden Invitational. The Lady Steers shot a team score of 416, outdistancing their rival, Garden City, by 20 shots. Jordan Gartman paced the Lady Steers and took medalist honors with an 82. Meagan Ross finished 3rd in the medalist competition with a round of 92. Other Lady Steer scores were Jesse Sheets 124, Taylor Benton 118, and Ashlie Tennison 133. The team includes (top photo, from left) Jordan Gartman, Ashlie Tennison, Jesse Sheets, Taylor Benton, and Meagan Ross.

Steers kick off golf season

The Robert Lee Steers golf team kicked off their season by hosting the Robert Lee Invitational Tournament Thursday, March 1, and finishing in second place.

The Steers shot a team score of 352 but were bested by Colorado City's 340. Christoval was third, in the 8 team field, with a 360. Steers Justin Gartman and Dawson Brisbin finished in a tie for 2nd in the medalist competition with rounds of 78, with Colorado City's Tyler Hammond taking top honors with a 74. Other Steer scores were Zach Skinner 94, Bailey Smith 102; James Roberts 108; and Michael Curry 142.

Zach Skinner made his 1st hole-in-one on #8 while playing a qualifying round on the Wednesday preceding the tournament. It was witnessed by teammates Sean Hildebrand, Aaron Sharp, and Michael Curry.

The Steers next played in the Baird Invitational on March 5.

The Steers shot a team score of 406 at Shady Oaks Golf Course. Justin Gartman posted the best score for the Steers with an 89. Other scores were Dawson Brisbin 94, Zach Skinner 102, Bailey Smith 126, James Roberts 121, and Michael Curry 125.

Both the Lady Steers and Steers will take Spring Break off and restart their seasons

back at Shady Oaks at the Jim Ned Invitational on March 21.

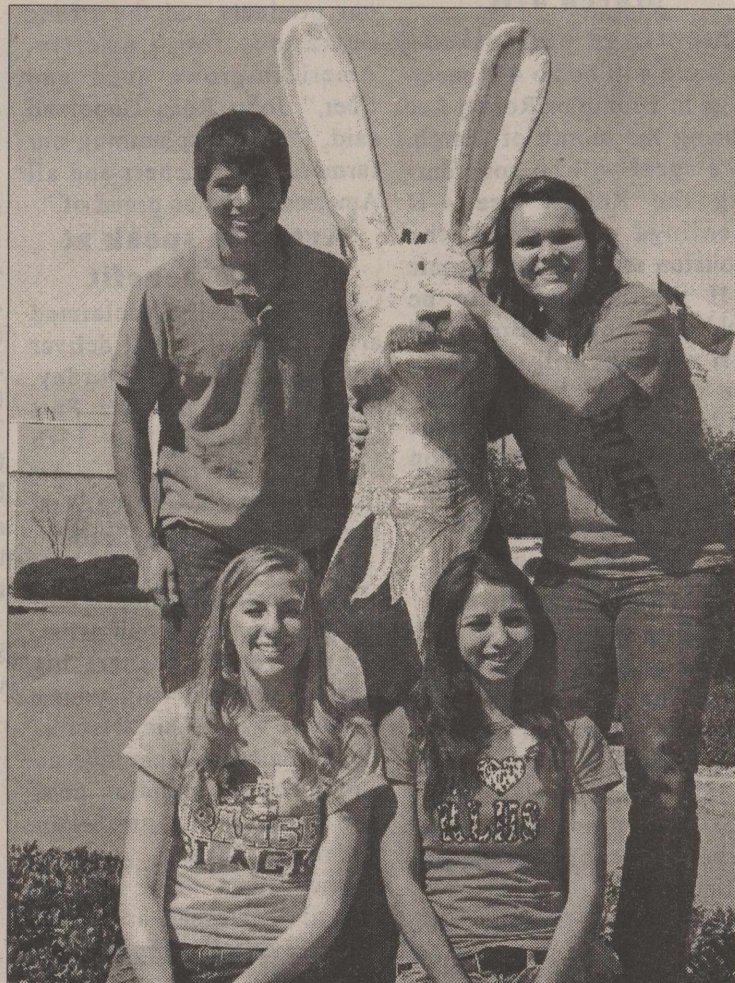
RLISD Board minutes posted

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, February 23, at 7 pm.

The meeting was called to order by President Washam. Members present were Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Tracy Allen, Tom Sawyer, and Brandi Brosh. Irma Torres was absent.

The invocation and pledge were led by Wes Washam.

Jeff Roberts with First Southwest was present to discuss the refunding of the Bonds.



RLHS Student Council! The Robert Lee High School Student Council officers attended the Texas Association of Student Councils District 8 Spring Leadership Forum at the MCM Grande Fundome. Shown are Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat, Kimberly Roach and Rachel Rojas. Kimberly Roach was awarded a \$500.00 scholarship from the Texas Association of Student Councils District 8 at the Spring Leadership Forum in Odessa. Kimberly currently serves as president of the Robert Lee High School Student Council.

Brandi Brosh moved to adopt an order authorizing the issuance of the District's Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, appoint-

ing Supt. Aaron Hood as representative of the District and delegating to Supt. Hood certain matters with respect to the

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Horns named to All District Team

Creed Coalson and Jordan Baumann, Bronte High School seniors, were named to the 1st Team All District.

BHS Senior John Deller was named to the 2nd Team All District.

Receiving All District Honorable Mention were Newt McGinnis, junior, and Ty Lee, sophomore.

BISD UIL does well at Wall

Science and Mathematics students traveled to Wall ISD Monday evening, February 27, for a practice UIL meet.

The following students are gaining valuable experience with different types of tests and questions in preparation for the District UIL meet which will be hosted by Trent ISD on March 21.

Junior Level Science

Mario DelaRosa 15th

Freshman Level Science

Edison Diares 4th

Dakota Pullen 8th

Sophomore Level Science

River Wood 2nd, and Top Biology (1st)

Mathematics

River Wood: 18th

Number Sense

River Wood 10th

Calculator Apps

River Wood 10th

Academy Day set for March 24

Congressman Mike Conaway is hosting an Academy Day on Saturday, March 24, at Angelo State University in the MCS building from 1:30-4:30 pm to provide information about the United States Military Academies, including West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy.

Congressional nominations are required for appointments to the Department of Defense academies. This event is free and parents are also welcome to attend.

For more information, please see the bulletin board in the hallway at BHS or contact Joanne Powell, Service Academy Liaison, at (325) 659-4010.

ACT and SAT Test Info

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 14, and the SAT test will be offered on May 5, at other locations in the surrounding area.

Registration is open to anyone but juniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the Bronte High School counselor's office or online at www.actstudent.org for the ACT test and www.collegeboard.com for the SAT test. Fee waivers are also available for students who are on free or reduced lunches.

In order to avoid late fees, please register by March 9, for the ACT test and April 6, for the SAT test. For more

information, please call the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2511.

Free study guides are available in the counselor's office and all high school students at BHS have a password that allows them access to the web site ACT Online Prep to help prepare for the test. Another ACT test will be given at BHS on June 9.

Bronte High School Scholarship Check List

Due March 12

Texas Telephone Scholarship

Due April 1

Slough Scholarship (Texas)

Due April 10

Bronte Community Scholarship

C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship (Bronte HS and alumni)

Due April 20

Concho Valley Electric Scholarship

Due May 1

San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship

Due May 31

Marie Hall Scholarship (ASU, Texas Tech, Howard College, Midland College)

Scholarship Opportunities

Bronte High School seniors may now apply for the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship. The applications are available on the counselor's page on the BHS web site at www.bronteisd.net. Please note that Bronte HS Alumni may apply for a C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship. Applications must be turned into the counselor's office on or by April 10, 2012.

If your family is a member of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative and you are a senior, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Applications are available in the counselor's office at Bronte HS or you may call the cooperative office at (325) 846-4111 to ask for an application to be mailed to you. Applications must be in to the Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. business office by April 1, 2012.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



BHS Field Trip! Bronte High School Students recently took a tour of Howard College, Angelo State University and the Texas Workforce Commission in San Angelo. During the tours, the students had the opportunity to learn more about each of the institutions and ask questions about the programs and services each provides.

Financial Aid for College

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for students planning on applying for financial aid to attend college after graduation.

Students and one of their dependent parents must apply for a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov in order to sign off on the online application.

Parents may go online and begin filling out the application but the information from the 2011 tax return will be needed to complete the application.

Please be aware that certain universities and colleges may have priority deadlines for submitting the FAFSA. Typically, the earlier you are able to submit the FAFSA the better because schools tend to award grants on a first

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... Trees

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A special thank you to Jennifer and Terry for all they did to make this successful and also everyone else who helped. We love you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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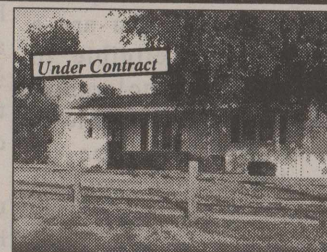
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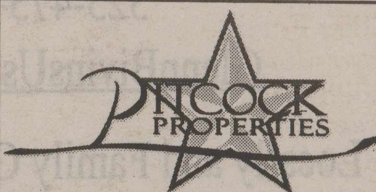
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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District is seeking proposals from firms interested in renovation of an existing school house. Renovations are to include flooring, countertops, doors, etc.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the superintendent and schedule a time to walk through the house.

Proposals will be accepted until 2 PM, Monday, March 19, 2012. Proposals will be presented to the board of trustees for possible approval at the regular school board meeting, March 21, 2012.

For more information, please contact Superintendent Abe Gott at 325-282-2311 or at agott@blackwellcisd.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to 42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners Court of Coke County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as pre-cleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 31st day of January, 2012.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Coke County, Texas.

Mary Grim-County Clerk AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

De conformidad con 42.035, Código Electoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Coke, Texas, este

documento proporciona la notificación de cambios en los límites del Condado de política adoptadas por la Corte de Comisionados, y como precleared por el Departamento de Justicia el día 31 de enero, 2012.

Las personas interesadas pueden revisar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del secretario del condado durante las horas regulares de trabajo.

Los cambios en los precintos electorales del condado fueron necesarias por la redistribución de los distritos del Condado de la Corte de Comisionados de conformidad con la Constitución de los Estados Unidos y 42 USC 1973, también conocida como la Ley de Derechos Electorales, tras la publicación de los datos del censo 2010. Los cambios en los precintos electorales del condado fueron diseñados para lograr un equilibrio numérico entre los cuatro distritos electorales comisionados judiciales, y para asegurar los derechos de voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado de Coke, Texas.

Mary Grim-Oficial de Condado
32-3tc

Wilkes chosen as student ambassador

Rainy Dae Wilkes, daughter of Jeff and Leticia Wilkes of Belton, and granddaughter of Doug Wilkes and Debbie Bennett has been selected by People to People to represent the Austin area as a student ambassador.

People to People is a national organization providing educational travel as well as organizing and promoting opportunities for bridging culture and political borders through direct contact.

Wilkes will be traveling to Europe, visiting and learning the cultures of France, Italy, and Greece

this summer. She has been busy organizing a fund-raising project to help pay her own way to Europe. Her project consists of raffling off a \$429 Oklahoma Joe's Smoker/Grill and a 6' pine picnic table.

Clint Adams, store manager at the Killeen Lowe's, donated the smoker/grill. Doug Wilkes, Leticia's grandfather, and her uncle, Jerry Wilkesare, donated the supplies, design, and building of the picnic table.

The drawing will be held April 21, at the Bloomin' Temple Festival in Temple. You do not need to be present to win.

If the lucky winner is from the Robert Lee area, this wonderful prize will be delivered to you.

To purchase raffle tickets, contact Doug Wilkes at (325) 473-1471.

... RLISD minutes (Continued from page 4)

sale of the Bonds, and enacting other provisions relating to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. The motion was seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer moved to adopt an order calling a bond election in the District on May 12, 2012, and providing for the administration of the election. The motion was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012, seconded by Tracy Allen. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills, seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Wayne Simpson, Elementary Principal gave his report; enrollment for January was 135 students and 96.16% ADA. Austin Crawley, High School Principal, gave his report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 95 and ADA was 95.1% for the month of January.

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Supt. Hood recommended that the Statement of Impact for Texas College Preparatory Academics Charter School be signed and state that it would affect the district in a negative way. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended that the Statement of Impact for TLC Academy Arise Public Schools be signed and state that it would affect the district in a negative way. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended that the Engagement Letter/Agreement be signed to secure Eckert & Company, LLP for the RLISD Audit for year ending August 31, 2012. Brandi Brosh made the motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Tracy Allen. All voted for.

Austin Crawley gave the NCLB Report Card for RLISD.

Wayne Simpson gave the Annual SHAC Written Report for RLISD. Tracy Allen made the motion to approve Written Report, seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve Resolution Determining Eligibility for Tax Credit to Goat Wind, LP for \$147,605.73 to be reimbursed by TEA. The motion was seconded by Tracy Allen. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made the

motion to approve Resolution Determining Eligibility for Tax Credit to Capricorn Ridge Wind, LLC and Capricorn Ridge Wind II, LLC for \$104,999.17 to be reimbursed by TEA. The motion was seconded by Tracy Allen. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended to approve the On-Site Master Services Agreement with TASB. Brandi Brosh made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Supt. Hood recommended to approve Federal Grant Policy and Procedures Manual. Tracy Allen made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Brand Brosh. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on facilities, enrollment numbers, intervention update, budget and purchase of property.

The Board entered into closed session at 8:35 pm and reconvened into open session at 9:17 pm.

Tom Sawyer made a motion, seconded by Tracy Allen, to extend Austin Crawley's contract one year making a two year contract. All voted for.

Brandi Brosh made a motion, seconded by Jeffie Roberts, to extend Wayne Simpson's contract one year making a two year contract. All voted for.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be held Thursday, March 21, at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned 9:24 pm.

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BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Hornets host track meet

A varsity track meet was held in Blackwell Friday, March 2. Hornets placing at the meet are listed below.

Discus

Shelby Alley 3rd, Veeda Jeter 6th

Shot Put

Bethany Breaux 2nd, Leo Castelo 3rd, Veeda Jeter 6th
Jordan Fields 3rd, Cody Shamblin 4th

Pole Vault

Jayden Jones 1st, Mason Magness 4th

High Jump

Mason Magness 3rd

Triple Jump

Mason Magness 1st, Ted Chambliss 3rd, Frank Cano 6th

Stephanie Metcalf 2nd, Mireya Sanchez 3rd, Bailey McGlothlin 4th

Long Jump

Jayden Jones 2nd, Ted Chambliss 4th

Stephanie Metcalf 1st, Mireya Sanchez 5th, Reccie Roland 6th

4X400 relay Boys

4th Place (Ted, Mason, Mark, Frank)

Mile Run

Frank Cano 4th

200 M Dash

Jayden Jones 1st, Cady Shamblin 6th

Stephanie Metcalf 1st, Bethany Breaux 5th

300 H

Mark Monroe 1st
Elizabeth Rozzlle 2nd

400 Dash

Ted Chambliss 6th
Leonor Castelo 3rd

4x200 relay

Boys 1st (Ted, Jayden, Mason, Andrew) (1:43.00)

100 Dash

Jayden Jones 1st
Stephanie Metcalf 1st,
Mireya Sanchez 5th

100 and 110 Hurdles

Mark Monroe 1st
Stephanie Metcalf 3rd

800 Run

Frank Cano 4th
Leonor Castelo 3rd, Bailey

McGlothlin 4th 4x100 Relay Girls

2nd (Reccie, Mireya, Bethany, Elizabeth)

Upcoming BCISD activities

There will be a junior high and high school track meet on Friday, March 9.

Spring Break is scheduled for the week of March 12-16.

Financial Aid for College

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for students planning on applying for financial aid to attend college after graduation.

Students and one of their dependent parents must apply for a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov in order to sign off on the online application.

Parents may go online and begin filling out the application but the information from the 2011 tax return will be needed to complete the application.

Please be aware that certain universities and colleges may have priority deadlines for submitting the FAFSA. Typically, the earlier you are able to submit the FAFSA the better because schools tend to award grants on a first come first serve basis.

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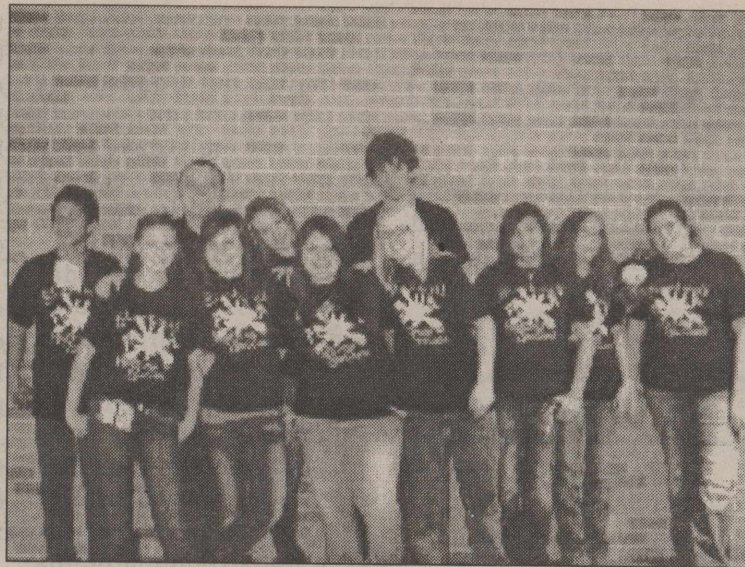
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Blackwell FCCLA attends Regional Competition!

Blackwell had seven students advance to state competition and one student elected as a state officer at the Region II FCCLA Leadership Meeting. BreAnne Richardson was elected as a state officer. In Star, Hailey Bennett placed

1st in Career Investigation and advances to state. Also advancing are Brian Mink and Summer Mull who placed 5th in National Programs in Action. In LEO Competition, Krista Clower, Jaina Robison, Hannah Coffman, and Adriana Rodriguez received Gold Medals and will advance to state. Charlie Cano was awarded a silver medal, with Audren Mink and Crystal Chavez receiving bronze medals. Tristan Hayes was noted for participation. Lori Griffin is the group's teacher/sponsor.



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