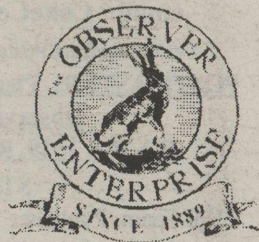


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Friday, January 16, 2009

County livestock show slated for this weekend

This weekend will be the 69th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show, held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year's show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, 43 youth exhibitors from around the county.

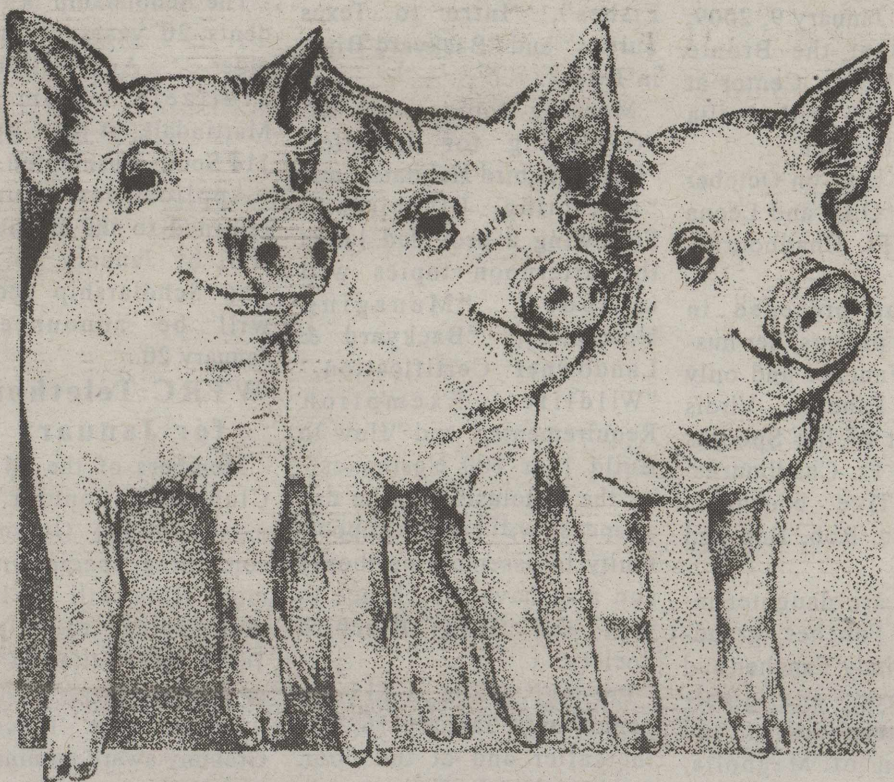
The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$150,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin

Friday, January 16 at 6:30 pm with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Marty Gibbs, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent from Ballinger. Saturday, January 17, the Market Swine show gets underway at 8:30 am, followed by the Market Steer show at 11 am, judged by Rebel Royall, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent from Garden City. Showmanship judge is Chuck Senter, swine and cattle producer from Lubbock.

The Buyer's appreciation barbecue will be served at 12 noon. Following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 2 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors who include Bobby Blaylock, Mike Cervenka, Wayne Coalson, Joe Harmon, Blake Braswell, Corby Kelsö, Shane Kelton, Jeff McGlothlin, Wibby Millican, Jerry T. Parker, Joel Percifull, Terry Queen, Douglas Roberts, Ricky Ross, Ricky Royall, Rick Sanchez, Tom

Coke County Junior Livestock Show



January 16-17, 2009

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Sawyer, Brenda Skinner, 453-2461.
Noel Tinkler, Teresa Vaughn;
Jack Yanez and Ernest Ybarra.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show would like to invite everyone to come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

Coke County Bake Show slated

In conjunction with the 2009 Coke County Livestock Show, there will be a bake show held on Friday, January 16, 2009, at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. Any student attending Bronte or Robert Lee ISD, grades 3 through 12, may enter. There will also be an adult division and any current resident of Coke County may enter.

Entries will be taken on Friday, January 16, beginning at 10 am and judging starts at 12 noon. No entries will be taken once judging starts. Entries will be displayed at the Rec Hall on Friday January 16 until 6 pm.

Categories include Cookies, Pies, Cakes, and Brownies. For more information contact the Texas AgriLife office at

CCRTA meeting set for Monday

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, January 19, 2009. The noon luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Members are to report individual volunteer hours for the past year.

Windbreak tree seedlings order deadline

Deadline for ordering windbreak tree seedlings is fast approaching. Availability is limited. Hardwoods are sold out, but there are still some evergreens to choose from. Please call 325-453-2623 ext. 3 or come by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee to place your order. Delivery date is February 5.

Relay for Life Valentine's Getaway

The Coke County Relay for Life Orange Crush Team is selling chances for a Valentine's Getaway package. It includes all of the following: one night for two at Holiday Inn Express in San Angelo; \$25 Gift card at

Olive Garden; Dinner for two at Henry's Diner in San Angelo; Two movie passes at Tinseltown in San Angelo; Free makeover and gift from D.J.'s Merle Norman in Robert Lee; \$20 Flower arrangement from Blossoms & Bloom in Robert Lee; Two one-hour massages from A Little Touch of Heaven in Robert Lee and a Valentine Gift Basket. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held on Friday, February 6, 2009, at the Robert Lee High School basketball game but you do not have to be present to win. For more information, contact Valerie Howard.

Landscaping with Wildlife in Mind

The Big Country Master Naturalist Chapter, Texas Park and Wildlife and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host a special seminar titled "Bring The Wildlife to You- Landscaping with Wildlife in Mind" on January 24 at the Taylor County Extension Office Conference Room located at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Registration for the meeting starts at 8:30 am.

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22 Years! On January 12, Bronte Volunteer Fire Department recognized Richard Hembree for his 22 years of service on the department. Richard and his wife Peggy will be moving to San Angelo.

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Obituaries

Fancher

Viridis Spoonts Fancher passed away January 9, 2009, at 1:35 am at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center at the age of 102 with Inella Nicholas by her side.

Viridis was born on October 15, 1906, to O.D. and Leona Spoonts in Ft. Chadbourne, Texas.

Viridis was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clay Fancher and only son Truman Fancher. Viridis was the last of the Spoonts family from Ft. Chadbourne. She had five brothers, Dobbin, Pete, Rob, Bon and Jiggs.

Survivors are daughter-in-law Evelyn Fancher; granddaughters Cindy Fancher and Janice Barron; and great-granddaughters Rachael and Kari Barron of Magnolia, Texas. Other survivors include sister-in-law Cloreta Spoonts of Bronte, plus many nieces and nephews. Also close friends Inella Nicholas, Joann McCutchen, Joyce Decker, John and Judy Driggers and many more.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, January 10 at 2 pm at Ft. Chadbourne Cemetery.

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Death Notices

Huse

Larry Huse, 54, died in Joshua, Texas on January 2, 2009. Among his survivors is his wife Teri Bryan Huse. Mrs. Huse is a granddaughter of Wilson Bryan and niece of Fran and Mike Lomas.

Brown

Dorothy Wylie Brown died October 24, 2008. Among survivors are niece and nephew Fran and Mike Lomas. Graveside was held in Bronte on December 29, 2008.

...Wildlife Landscaping (Continued from front page)

The keynote speaker will be Mark Klym, coordinator of the Texas Wildscapes and Texas Hummingbird Roundup programs at the

materials.

For more information or registration forms contact the Taylor County Extension office at 325-672-6048 or go online and visit the Big Country Master Naturalist website at www.bigcountrymasternaturalist.org.

Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce 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 has been established by their family.

The Scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale, at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to the Bronte City Hall by January 16, 2009. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on January 20.

WTRC Telethon set for January 19

Members of the 64 Study Club and popular Texas musician Pat Green have something special in common: Both will be lending their voices to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center on January 19.

Green, the three-time Grammy award nominee, will be singing on stage at the Abilene Civic Center during

Rehab 39th annual telethon, and 64 Study Club members will be talking on telephones at Ivey Motors asking residents to make donations to Rehab 2009.

"We hope our families and friends will ring the phones during the telethon," said Ava Lou Davis, phone bank coordinator, because the Rehab Center makes a difference every day in the lives of many area residents."

The telethon will be carried by 10 state-wide stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo and KTAB-TV in Abilene. Joining Green on stage will be hosts Charlie Chase and Red Steagall, as well as entertainers Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Brad Maule, Twyla Foreman and the Rehab 09 orchestra.

In addition, the telethon features an auction of more than 400 items ranging from ag items and electronics to furniture and travel packages which have been donated by businesses and individuals. Items can be seen and bids placed on the website at www.westtexasrehab.org. Additionally, an auction tabloid describing all items, including toll-free bidding numbers, will be published January 17 in the San Angelo Standard Times.

Traditionally, the benefit raises more than \$1 million for Rehab's operating expenses of facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona. WTRC staff provides outpatient rehabilitation

treatment services to more than 23,000 patients each year-regardless of their financial circumstances.

Signup for 2009 DCP Farm Program underway

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment (DCP) Farm Program is underway in Coke and Sterling Counties. Producers are encouraged to contact the FSA office in Robert Lee to schedule an appointment to enroll in the program. With the passage of the new farm bill, all new eligibility forms will have to be completed for producers who are enrolling in the program.

The 2009 Farm Program permits producers with base acreage on a farm to enroll in the program and receive direct program payments in return for participation. Producers can request a direct payment of 22% of the total at signup. The deadline to enroll in the program is June 1, 2009 with no late file period.

Details of the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program have not been announced. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in the spring. The phone number for the FSA Office for Coke and Sterling Counties is 453-2751.

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

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
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 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,
6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. George Bradley, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
Wed. 6 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 763-9208 • 320-1354
Sun. 10 am • Worship
11 am & 6 pm • Service
Wed. 7 pm

St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
Portis Ribble, Minister
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
Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2482
Jim Dominey, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Jason Martin, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
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10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
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Lake Ivie Baptist Assoc. meeting set

The Lake Ivie Baptist Association will meet Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at First Baptist Church, Santa Anna.

The executive board and the Mission minded ladies will meet at 5 pm. The evening meal will be served at 6 pm.

A program on 'Building Houses of Prayer' will begin at 6:45 pm. The program is being led by Dennis and Betty Jo Conner.

Please make a special effort to attend this first association meeting of 2009. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Coke Co. Historical Commission meeting held

The Coke County Historical Commission met Monday, January 12, 2009 in the Coke County Courthouse.

Representative members from Bronte and Robert Lee read the minutes and heard a treasurer's report. Following a session reading proposed bylaws and articles of incorporation, both were approved as presented. The Old Jail Project was discussed and members heard of the progress of efforts to secure a 501 (c) (3) IRS designation.

Portions of the 2004 study of the Old Jail and requirements for its presentation were distributed to members for a reading. Coke County Commissioners each received a copy for their files.

Officers, commissioners, and committee members are in place to begin working toward a successful preservation program for the county. One of the projects underway is the Newspaper Project in which newspapers are being prepared for transference to microfilm and CD. This project will enhance Coke County's site and building preservation.

Coke County's rich history will be symbolized by the preservation of the Old Jail and other historical buildings and sites in the county. The county's history will be pre-

served in writing through Bonita Cartrite's "Old Jail and Sheriffs" book; Jessie Yarbrough's "Coke County; the 1984 Coke County Family History book; Jewel Pritchett's "From the Top of Old Hayrick;" the cemetery books compiled by Bonita Cartrite and Wanda Smith; Josephine Bird's books of Sanco; Jane Austin Bruckner's Grandmother tales; and several locally written genealogical studies of families and histories of schools; a collection of scrap-books, and a collection of history books located at Fort Chadbourne; and, of course, family genealogical stories yet to be compiled.

With the interest of Charles and Joy Blake and the endowment of the Roberta Cole Johnson estate, Coke County will become an important representation of West Texas history.

Dillard named to Dean's Honor List

Brody Dillard was named to the Dean's Honor List for the 2008 Fall Semester at Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas. This recognition is awarded only to those students who complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of college credit with a grade point average of 3.5 or better for that semester.

Letter to the Editor "We the People"

By Jim Clendennen

Anti-Second Amendment forces in the 2009 Congress may attempt to circumvent the recent Supreme Court decision (Heller) that affirmed the right of individuals to possess firearms. A January 6th article in World Net Daily authored by Bob Unruh told about a Bill in Congress that would allow President Obama's apparent choice for Attorney General, Eric Holder, to "ban guns at will". The article stated that Holder had written a brief in the Heller case saying the people have no right to have a working firearm in their own homes.

The legislation that would enable a U.S. Attorney General to ban firearms has

already been submitted to Congress and may be resubmitted with a new number after the inauguration and confirmation of Cabinet choices. The bill is HR 1022 by New York Democrat Carolyn McCarthy and has 67 co-sponsors. The bill would empower the Attorney General to ban to the public any rifle, shotgun, or a firearm originally designed for military or law enforcement use or any firearm based on the design of such firearms. Nearly every firearm ever manufactured has been procured by the military or law enforcement during its existence. Does anyone out there own a pistol that remotely resembles a Colt revolver or a 1911 Browning Automatic? Any Remington 700 or Winchester 70 owners raising

their hands? Lever action 30-30s such as Marlin or Winchester qualify.

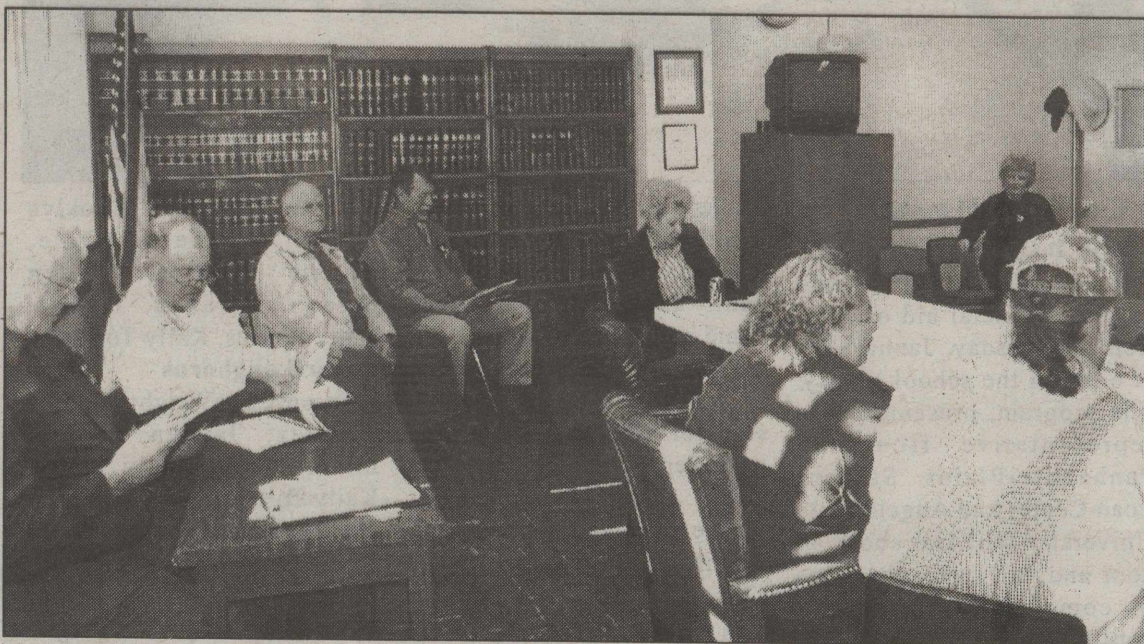
Reportedly, the Democrat members of the Judiciary Committee are "all sworn enemies to the Second Amendment". Five Supreme Court Justices have supported the Second Amendment, Roberts, Scalia, Alito, Kennedy, and Thomas. If any one of these judges is replaced by an Obama

appointee, laws such as HR 1022 would wreak havoc in your gun closet. Or would it? You see, every citizen already has an irrevocable permit. "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

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Historical Commission! The Coke County Historical Commission held a meeting on Monday, January 12, at the Coke County Courthouse. One of the topics discussed was the restoration of the Old Jail.



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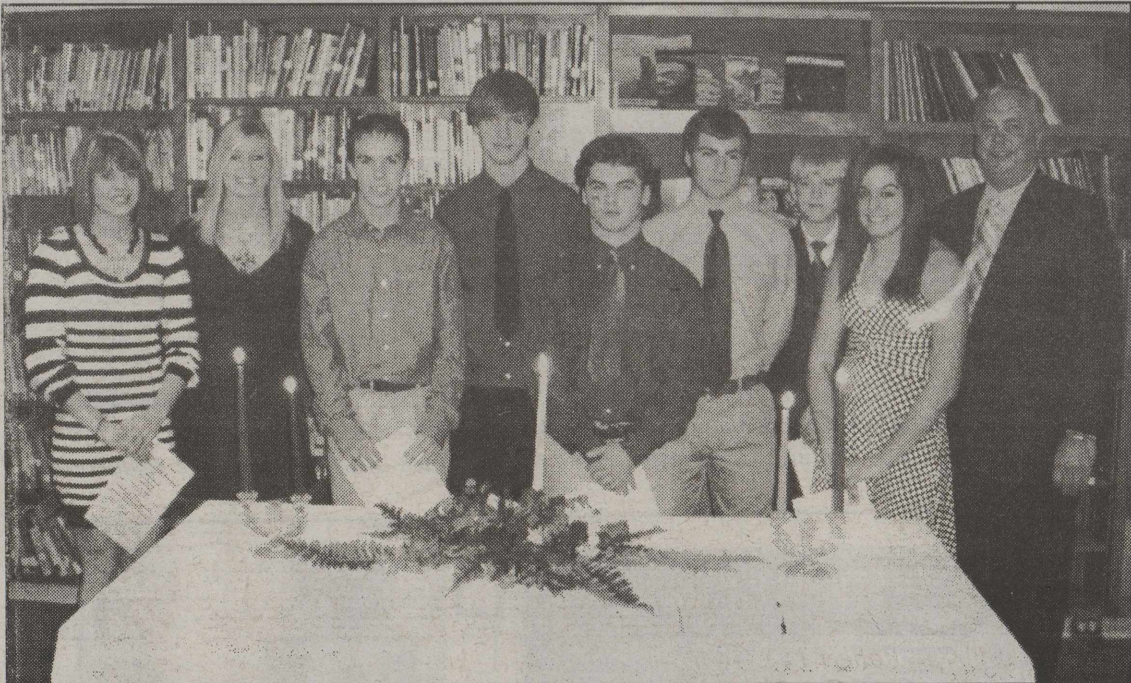


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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



NHS! The Bronte High School National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony on Thursday, January 8. The candle lighting ceremony was held in the school library with guest speaker State Representative Drew Darby. Eight new inductees were accepted into membership. They included (left photo, from left to right) Shelbi Waller, Chelsea Cook, Jacob Scott, Rob Rosson, Crawford James, Reece Springer, Bill Miller, Shannon Deller and Representative Drew Darby.

Bronte High School senior NHS officers conducted the candle lighting ceremony. They were (above photo, from left to right) Lahne Burns, Treasurer; Jessi England, Secretary; Sam Rawlings, Vice President and Ariel Coalson, President

College financial aid night planned

Bronte ISD will host a free college financial aid orientation on Tuesday, January 27 at 6 pm in the school library. The program, presented by a representative from the Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center and Angelo State University will last about an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans. Pizza and

drinks will be served.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. A drawing will be held for a \$200 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent. For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte ISD counselor, at (325) 473-2521.

Dannheim competes at All-State Band

Recently, Jonathan Dannheim, a student at Bronte High School, competed against the top students from five music regions for places in the Association of Texas Small Schools 3-A and under All-State Band at Waco Robinson. Jonathan placed seventh out of twenty percussionists. He missed making All-State band by three chairs. Congratulations to Jonathan on his representing Bronte High School and better luck in competing next year.

Bronte Elementary Awards

3rd Six weeks

1st grade

Perfect attendance

Mason Aguirri, Karissa Cervenka, Agustin Espino, Summerain Gothard, Hunter Hortenstine, Christyan Jones, Megan Reyes, Kyalyn Seales

Met Reading Goal

Brittany Earley, Mason Aguirri, Josalyn Casarez, Agustin Espino, Megan Reyes, Karissa Cervenka, Whitney Moran, Hunter Hortenstine, Cindy Gentles, Summerain Gothard, E'lexia Davis

Super Citizen Award

Karissa Cervenka, E'lexia Davis, Brittany Earley, Stephanie Garza, Summerain Gothard, Hunter Hortenstine, Hannah Mertz, Mia Minjarez, Whitney Moran, Megan Reyes, Kyalyn Seales

2nd grade

A Honor Roll

Alyssa Lyon, Cassidy McWright

A/B Honor Roll

Tanner Braswell, Brooklyn Jones, Kimberly Ogle, Kaylee Puentez, Jayden Speary, Miranda Tijerina, Bailly Torres, Kaily Torres

Super Longhorns

Cassidy McWright, Kaylee Puentez, Jayden Speary, Mahira Tapia, Bailly Torres, Kaily Torres

Perfect Attendance

Nicholas Casarez, Jr Guia, Brooklyn Jones, Alyssa Lyon, Cassidy McWright, Kimberly Ogle, Kaylee Puentez, Mahira Tapia, Bailly Torres, Kaily Torres

Met Reading Goal

Tanner Braswell, Alyssa Lyon, Cassidy McWright, Kaylee Puentez, Jayden Speary, Mahira Tapia

3rd grade-Wilson

Super Longhorn Citizenship Awards

Jaxon Chantrill, Darby Duncan, Hanna McKinney, Melissa Perez, Shawn Puentez

A Honor Roll

Vincent Basquez, Nicole Carnell, Darby Duncan, Hanna McKinney

A/B Honor Roll

Jaxon Chantrill, Joshua Fuentez, Colton King, Collin Moore, Melissa Perez

Perfect Attendance

Jaxon Chantrill, Natasha Carroll, Darby Duncan, Colton King, Hanna McKinney, Shawn Puentez

Met Accelerated Reading Goal

Vincent Basquez, Darby Duncan, Nicole Carnell, Jaxon Chantrill

3rd grade-Lloyd

All "A" Honor Roll

Tanner Bedford, Analyn Bohensky, Mercedes Delacerda, Kyla Marshall

All "AB" Honor Roll

Emmanuel Casillas, Sierra O'Brien, Mason Keeney, Diana Tapia, Chelsea Trussell

Super Citizen

Analyn Bohensky, Jaqui Davila, Mercedes Delacerda, Mason Keeney, Kyla Marshall, Diana Tapia

AR Reading Goal

Tanner Bedford, Analyn Bohensky, Aaron Cervenka, Anthony Cisneros, Jaqui

Davila, Mercedes Delacerda, Kyla Marshall, Sierra O'Brien, Chelsea Trussell

Perfect Attendance

Aaron Cervenka, Anthony Cisneros, Jaqui Davila, Mercedes Delacerda, Kyla Marshall, Sierra O'Brien, Danny Pullen, Diana Tapia

4th grade-Coalson

Perfect Attendance

Reighlyn Baken, Ashley Betts, Evan Ferguson, Alex Guia, Ryan Jones, Destiny Lyon, Justin Reed, Tristan Sullivan, Emily Whitehurst

"A" Honor Roll

Whitney Boyd, Emily Whitehurst

"AB" Honor Roll

Emily Barnett, Evan Ferguson, Alex Guia, Ryan Jones, Destiny Lyon, Justin Reed

Met A.R. Goal

Emily Whitehurst, Whitney Boyd, Alex Guia

4th grade-Bearden

A Honor Roll

Brittany Bedford, Hannah Brackeen, Kacelyn Follis, Katlyn Reeves, Alejandro Rosales

A/B Honor Roll

Kayla Arthur, Ismael Cecilio, Samantha Hiley, Carson Kelso, Zachary Rosales

Perfect Attendance

Kayla Arthur, Brittany Bedford, Hannah Brackeen, Samantha Hiley, Carson Kelso, Tristin Minjarez

Met A/R Goal

Brittany Bedford, Hannah Brackeen, Kacelyn Follis

5th grade

A Honor Roll

Cambri Kelso

A-B Honor Roll

Jerica Davis, Rankin DeRonde, Christopher James, Tucker McMullan, Sarah Sanchez, Kellie Thorn, Ean Ward

Perfect Attendance

Rankin DeRonde, Cambri Kelso, Emmery McCullough, Tucker McMullan, Jaime Padilla, Brittany Sutton, Martha Tapia, Kellie Thorn

Met Accelerated Reader Goal

Kevin Charles

6th grade

A Honor Roll

Crystal Bilbrey, Marley Braswell, Lance Burns

AB Honor Roll

Jessie Arthur, Amber Betts, Charissa Caston, Edison Daires, Stacia Emfinger, Maria Franco, Kourtney Kelton, Joshua Puentez, Jensen Reed, Addison Rosson, Jared Scott

Perfect Attendance

Ricky Amendt, Dakota Arthur, Savannah Arthur, Jacob Baken, Amber Betts, Crystal Bilbrey, Marley Braswell, Lance Burns, Charissa Caston, Maria Franco, Carlos Fuentez, Madison Harris, Kourtney Kelton, Joshua Means, Dalton Ogle, Oscar Pena, Josh Puentez, Dakota Pullen, Jared Scott

AR Reading Goal

Ricky Amendt, Amber Betts, Crystal Bilbrey, Marley Braswell, Jacob Baken, Carlos Fuentez, Maria Franco, Kourtney Kelton, Oscar Pena, Josh Puentez, Jensen Reed, Addie Rosson, Jared Scott

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, January 19

Cereal, Applesauce, toast, jelly

Tuesday, January 20

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, January 21

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, January 22

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Friday, January 23

Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 19

Chicken fajitas, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, rosie applesauce, milk

Tuesday, January 20

Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, peaches, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday, January 21

Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, taco shell, fruit jello, milk

Thursday, January 22

Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, baby carrots, cornbread, fruit, milk

Friday, January 23

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tator tots, bun, apricot cobbler, milk

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Robert Lee ISD Awards 3rd Six Weeks A Honor Roll

2nd grade

Kaden Austin, Courtney Brown, Kelby Clawson, Corbin Drennan, Megan Grantham, Autumn Ramon, Elexis Sanchez, Chelsea Wyatt

3rd grade

Alyssa Balderas, Joshua Gregston, Christian Hodges, Margo Mendoza, Mariah Munoz, Kiara Padgett, Cesar Rangel, Kourtney Roach, Rachel Russell

4th grade

Gabriel Abalos, Anna Huapilla, Ryan Martin, James Wyatt

5th grade

Bruce Buddin, Kodi Drennan, Haley Grantham, Hunter Hamrick, Myrka Rangel, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo

6th grade

James Roberts

7th grade

Will Howard

8th grade

Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Zachary Sanchez, Ashlie Wheat

9th grade

Tyler Henderson, Meagan Ross

10th grade

Heidi Austin, Skyler Rainwater, Jorge Rostro, Luke Sheldon

11th grade

Cayetano Carrera, Piedad Juarez

12th grade

Holly Austin, Jasmine Cortinez, Sarah Jones, Prescilla Lara, Jeremy Martinez, Mira Myrice, Norma Rojas, Mason Ross, Jodi Sheldon, Cori Torres

A/B Honor Roll

7th grade

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, January 19

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Tuesday, January 20

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Wednesday, January 21

Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk

Thursday, January 22

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Friday, January 23

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 19

Corndog, pork & beans, tator tots, pudding, cookie, apricots, milk

Tuesday, January 20

Grilled cheese sandwich, veg soup, crackers, pickles, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, January 21

Chicken fajitas, salad, Spanish rice, orange, milk

Thursday, January 22

Chili con carne, crackers, salad, corn, peaches, milk

Friday, January 23

Chicken patty on bun, baked chips, pickles, salad, pears, milk

Hanna Hamrick, Everett Wilson

8th grade

Cooper Hinderliter, Sara Lara

9th grade

Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrera, Jose Fabian, Cynthia Mitchell, Lisa Myrice, Kimberly Roach, Victoria Roe, Raquel Rojas, Diana Vera

10th grade

Haden Dillard, Blake Hewitt, Daniel Nowlin, Kacee Roberts, Josh Tennison, Sarah Walker

11th grade

Emily Arellano, Briana Brisbin, Cody Brosh, Molli Hinderliter, Stetson Nesbit, Emilee Yanez

12th grade

Garrett Blair, Josh Gallegos, Arrin Minjarez, Olga Perez, Michael Rodriguez, Blake Thompson

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K

Heather Huapilla

Kindergarten

Reaghan Bohannon, Richard Eatherly, Casey Skipworth

1st grade

Joseph Leal, Tara McCormick, Jonathan Skipworth

2nd grade

Bubba Bohannon, Kaden Austin, Daniel Mendoza, Caleb Ward, Chelsea Wyatt, Madison Hall, Tristan Ellsworth

3rd grade

Joshua Gregston, Chaiston Golden, Elana Gloria, Jayce Bower, Julian Torres, Kourtney Roach, Christian Hodges, Margo Mendoza, Alyssa Balderas, Mariah Munoz, Jorge Mendoza

4th grade

Chesney Minjarez, Ryan Martin, James Wyatt, Nicole Jones, Mauricio Ureno, Anna Huapilla, Casey Scruggs, Kaden Hayes, Gabriel Abalos

5th grade

Julia Madrid, Jesus Landeros, Kaleb Torres, Sandra Hubbard, Kodi Drennan, Justice Saucedo, Bruce Buddin, Karlee Roach, Hunter Hamrick

6th grade

Daria Tinkler, Jaden Aldridge, James Roberts

7th grade

Taylor Benton, Fatima Fabian, Bianca Huapilla, Kevin Saucedo, Jesse Sheets, Sydney Sheldon

8th grade

Faylin Bell, Beanca Bower, Sara Lara, James Skinner

9th grade

Linsey Arellano, Luisa Carrera, Jose Fabian, Jared Long, Lisa Myrice, Kimberly Roach, Meagan Ross, Jim Smith, Diana Vera

10th grade

Terry Allen, Haden Dillard, Paul Pineda, James Rhodes, Kacee Roberts, Jorge Rostro, Connie Saucedo, Luke Sheldon, Sarah Walker

11th grade

Emily Arellano, Briana Brisbin, Cayetano Carrera, Josef Hanigan, Molli Hinderliter, Piedad Juarez, Blake Millican, Erika Percy, Olivia Trejo

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Spanish Club! The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club hosted the December birthday party for Robert Lee Care Center residents. They brought Christmas ornaments for all the residents and sang Christmas carols. Students participating included (back row, from left to right) Heidi Austin, Connie Saucedo, Skyler Rainwater, Sarah Walker, Mira Myrice, Heather Smith, Cori Torres, Molli Hinderliter, Piedad Juarez, Prescilla Lara, Olga Perez, Kacee Roberts, (front row, left to right) Jodi Sheldon, Libby Trejo and Mandy Mendoza.

12th grade

Holly Austin, Arrin Minjarez, Mira Myrice, Mason Ross, Jodi Sheldon, Cori Torres

Robert Lee Steer basketball results

On January 6, Robert Lee defeated TLC by a score of 50-24. Scoring: Gallegos 14, Rodriguez 1, Nesbit 6, Dillard 8, Philley 9, Ross 1, Brosh 8 and Blair 3.

On January 9, Robert Lee was defeated in a close game against Eldorado by a score of 45-43. Scoring: Gallegos 16, Nesbit 2, Dillard 6, Philley 6, and Brosh 13.

Robert Lee JV Steer

Robert Lee JV was defeated by Eldorado by a score of 38-21. Scoring: Roe 4, Henderson 1, Hewitt 5, Carrera 5, and Hannigan 6.

Lady Dogies win Bronte Tourney

The Robert Lee junior high girls basketball team played in the Bronte Tournament on January 10 and came home with the Championship trophy. They took on Menard in the first game and won 19-14. The Lady Dogies were led by Jordan Gartman with 11, Bianca Huapilla 6 and Ashley Wheat 2.

In the Championship game the girls defeated Christoval 26-12. Leading the way was Jordan with 14, followed by Bianca with 10, and Sara Lara 2.

On Thursday, January 8, the Lady Dogies traveled to Garden City and came up just a little short and lost in overtime by a score of 31-32. Bianca led the girls in scoring with 20, followed by Jordan with 8, Sara 2, and Lubbock Roe 1.

On Monday, January 12, the girls came up short against Sterling City 47-17. Scoring for the Lady Dogies were Alexis Mendoza 5,

Jordan 4, Lubbock 4, Bianca 2, and Dusty Howard 2.

JV Lady Steers win Bronte tourney

On Saturday, January 3, the JV girls basketball team won the Bronte JV Tournament. In their first game they beat Miles 44-12. Scoring for the Lady Steers JV were: Landeros 11, Ross 2, Roberts 2, Roe 11, Rojas 2, Carrera 2, and Vallery 12.

In the Championship game the girls beat Bronte.

RL Lady Steers varsity results

On Tuesday, January 6, the Lady Steers played Tree of Life Academy. They won 48-44. Scoring for the Lady Steers were: Roach 2, Perez 8, Minjarez 15, Brisbin 4, Mendoza 6, Walker 6, and B. Saucedo 7.

On Friday January 9, the Lady Steers started district play in Garden City. The Lady Steers lost 20 to 12. Scoring for RL was: B. Saucedo 3, Mendoza 2, Perez 2, Walker 3, and Minjarez 2.

RLJH boys results

On January 8, at Garden City, the Robert Lee Junior High boys basketball team defeated Garden City by a score of 26-15. Scoring: Justin Gartman 5, Dawson Brisbin 1, Zach Skinner 2, Zachary Sanchez 11, and

Cooper Hinderliter 7.

In the Bronte Tournament on January 9, the Dogies captured second place. They defeated Menard by a score of 41-30. Scoring: Gartman 13, Skinner 12, Sanchez 9, and Hinderliter 7.

In the second game, Robert Lee was defeated by Bronte by a score of 23-16. Scoring: Gartman 3, Skinner 4, Sanchez 4, Hinderliter 3, and Efrain Olguin 2.

On January 12, at Sterling City, Robert Lee defeated Sterling City by a score of 35-19. Scoring: Gartman 3, Skinner 8, Sanchez 16, Will Howard 4, Hinderliter 2, and Kevin Saucedo 2.

College Planning website available

Do you know a high school student who could benefit from learning more about planning, preparing and paying for college? The U.S. Department of Education has created a web site at www.college.gov which offers students helpful tools for college planning, such as the opportunity to create their college roadmap or view videos of students who are just like them. The site also helps students understand the steps of the college admission process such as taking the SAT or ACT test, filling out the FAFSA and finding scholarships.

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With God's love,
The Will Hinderliter family
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THANK YOU
Inella and Cloreta wish to thank many for their love and care for Viridis Fancher the eight years she lived in Bronte Health and Rehab. Special thanks to John & Judy Driggers, Joyce Decker, Jo Ann and Marlon McCutchen, Kendall Johnson and everyone else at Bronte Health and Rehab including nurses, aides, & staff. Thank you who brought food to us. We did not see the list of flowers sent. We will not be able to send thanks individually but thanks to all. Thank you Vista Care and nurse Jill.
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Applications are also available in the counselor's office at Bronte HS. Apply by March 29, 2009. For more information, you may call the Slough scholarship office at (432) 685-6493.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship is now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under scholarships or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April

14, 2009. The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2521.

Longhorns add two to win column

The Bronte Longhorns defeated Winters by a score of 58-29. Stats: Sam Rawlings 11 pts., Lahne Burns 11 pts., Rob Rosson 9 pts., 5 rebounds, Dakota Rawls 15 pts., 8 rebounds, 9 blocks, Heath Richey 8 pts., 7 rebounds, and Kerwin Rawls 4 pts., 5 assists.

The Longhorns defeated Albany by a score of 55-37. Stats: Sam Rawlings 6 pts., Lahne Burns 9 pts., Rob Rosson 3 pts., Dakota Rawls 25 pts., 3 steals, 4 blocks, Heath Richey 10 pts., 12 rebounds, and Kerwin Rawls 2 pts., 9 rebounds, 5 assists.

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- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Pleasanton, June 28-July 2.

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- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany, July 19-23.

- East Texas Feathered Forces, Nacogdoches, July 26-30.

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Rainfall totals not as bad as I originally thought

by Hal Spain, Publisher

I hope you noticed the rainfall totals from our cooperators in last week's issue. If you didn't, we are running it again this week adjacent to this column.

Last week I saw no sense in rubbing it in about the dry weather. Everybody knows it's dry, and has been since September. This year is shaping up just like last year, with six months of dry weather through the fall and winter.

What made me respond to our dry conditions was a news article that Jerry Lackey published in the Tuesday, January 13, 2009 issue of the Standard Times. The article is titled "Texas moves into 5th dry month".

We in Coke County are no exception to the rest of the state. It's been dry for awhile and looks like it's going to be dry for another while.

What got my attention was the rainfall data that Mr. Lackey was quoting from most of the Hill Country and even Tom Green County. He indicated that Kendall County had received 11.81 inches of rainfall in 2008. Across the Hill Country they "averaged" a total of 13.3 inches for 2008. And I talked to a guy from San Saba yesterday, and he stated they had 11 or 12 inches for a total for 2008. The "normal" annual rainfall for Mason, Texas is 27 inches, and local real estate agent Mike Dail from Mason is saying they're in the same boat as the rest of the Hill Country. He even quotes Mike Mecke, who was stationed here in Robert Lee for a while before he left to be the water management specialist at Fort Stockton, as saying that San Angelo's total rainfall for 2008 was somewhere around 13 plus inches.

Now take a look at our totals for Coke County from our cooperators for the past year. Everyone on the list from all parts of the county received at

least 20 inches total rainfall during 2008, with some totals ranging from 24 to a high of 26.51 inches.

My point is that although we are in a very dry spell, we can look back at 2008 and count our blessings. Our total rainfall for

last year was almost double that of the Hill Country, and up to 10 to 13 inches more than San Angelo. I know that doesn't solve our current livestock feeding situation, and it won't turn those wheat fields from brown to green. But just think-

how bad this could have been if year. Just something to think we hadn't raised any grass last about.

County Rainfall Totals

	October	November	December	Total for Year
Edith Area • Dee & Dessie Kendall				
2007	0.00	0.75	0.00	32.81
2008	1.80	0.00	0.00	24.10
Valley View Area • Bobby and Jeffie Roberts				
2007	0.64	0.07	0.27	33.65
2008	1.60	0.01	0.01	20.31
Divide Area • Dolores McCabe Seal				
2007	0.33	1.04	0.41	31.90
2008	1.18	0.00	0.00	20.39
Bruce & Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2007	.50	1.50	0.40	46.75
2008	1.28	0.00	0.00	26.51
Bob Blackwood • 4 miles E. of Robert Lee				
2007	0.19	0.94	0.37	36.03
2008	1.12	0.00	0.00	21.69
Bronte Area • Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg				
2007	0.66	1.44	0.27	42.54
2008	1.25	0.00	0.00	21.89
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2007	0.20	1.20	1.30	43.05
2008	2.20	0.00	0.00	24.60

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