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Friday, December 11, 2015

Christmas in Olde Bronte set for Saturday

The annual Christmas in Olde Bronte celebration will be held Saturday, December 12, in downtown Bronte.

Activities will begin with vendors in the Blue Goose (Williams building) and holiday drinks and Christmas cheer at the event's Christmas headquarters at the Kickapoo Creek Lodge (Cumbie building).

At 2 pm, Mrs. Claus will have story time in the Christmas headquarters. The man of the hour, Santa Claus, will arrive at the Christmas Headquarters building at 3 pm to listen to all the Christmas wishes.

Courtesy of Glenn-Bivins Insurance and Larry's Automotive, The Muppet Christmas Carol will be shown at the Texas Theatre at 6:30 pm. Admission is free and concessions will be available.

Santa sets up special mailbox for Robert Lee

Miss T's (formerly Miss B's Blossom and Blooms), located at 5 E. 6th Street in Robert Lee, has a Letters to Santa mailbox set up out front in which to drop off Santa letters. All Santa letters deposited in this special mailbox will be answered! Please include a return address to make things easier for Santa elves!

Poinsettia

Fundraiser slated

Poinsettias will be available at Crazy T Greenhouse Friday and Saturday, December 4-5 from 8 am to 5 pm. They will also be available at this location from 8 am to 12 noon on Thursday, December 10 and from 8 am to 5 pm Friday, December 11. On Saturday, December 12, a poinsettia booth will be set up downtown during the Christmas in Olde Bronte celebration.

This is a Bronte Project Graduation event, with 100% of the profits benefitting this organization.

Angel Tree donations needed

An Angel Tree is currently set up at DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee.

If you would like to sponsor a child in need this Christmas, please stop in by Wednesday, December 16. All gifts need to be wrapped and received by Friday, December 18.

Sorosis Club Bake Sale slated

The Bronte Sorosis Club will hold a bake sale in front of the Bronte Grocery Store on Saturday, December 12, during the Christmas in Olde Bronte celebration, beginning at 1 pm. Love to see you there.

Child Seat Inspection slated

Bronte EMS will partner with SafeKids to do a child seat inspection from 1 pm to 3 pm during the Christmas in Olde Bronte celebration set for Saturday, December 12.

In order to complete the inspection, both the child and vehicle must be present so that fit and sizing may be assessed. Free seats will be provided if the child does not have one, needs a new one, has outgrown the old seat, or must have a replacement due to the current seat's recall.

Christmas Greetings deadline set for December 14th

It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 18th issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Monday, December 14th at 12 noon. For more information or to place your greeting, contact the O/E office at 453-2433.

In order to our employees to be with their families for



Arrott Honored! Mike Arrott Awarded for 25 years of Service! Mike Arrott was honored for 25 years of service to the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District at the board's November meeting. Mike took his seat on the board November 16, 1990. In November 2002, he was elected chairman of the board. He has remained in that capacity through the present. He also is the Zone 2 representative. Mike and his wife, Andra, were raised in Bronte and have raised their four children in Bronte. "Mr. Arrott is an exemplary example of stewardship to the land and well deserving of recognition," stated Erin Oleksiuk, District Technician Coke County SWCD.

Christmas, we will not have a December 25th issue. The O/E office will be closed that week. The annual Year in Review issue will be dated Friday, January 1, 2016.

RL Methodist to sponsor Hayride Caroling

The First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee will be having a hayride Christmas caroling event on Sunday, December 13. If you would like for us to come by and bless you with some Christmas cheer, please contact Brandi Sawyer with your place of residence and

we will be sure and stop by.

Santa Letter deadline set for December 14th

Deadline for Letter to Santa Claus to be printed in this year's Christmas edition has been set for Monday, December 14th at 12 noon. As in the past, we will go by the schools and pick up their Letters for Santa for inclusion in the Christmas paper on December 18th. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. This is why we have to have them early.

As in the case of Letters to

Santa which are delivered to the post office, we will pick them up, type them for the paper and mail them on to Santa as fast as we can.

Bench Plaques for Christmas available

Vision With A Purpose has taken delivery of eight new wrought iron benches to be distributed in downtown Robert Lee.

Plaques with dedication information on them are available for purchase. This would make a great Christmas present; all you need to do is contact Debbie Childers at 432-528-8782 or any VP member.

Coke County Christmas Season Activities

Saturday, December 12
Christmas in Olde Bronte
Downtown Bronte

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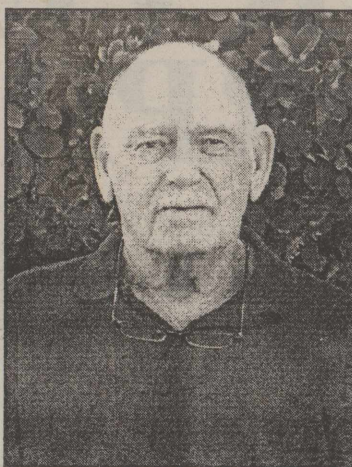
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Sawyer

John Thomas (Tom) Sawyer Sr. passed from this world on December 6, 2015, at Robert Lee Care Center following a battle with Alzheimer's.

Tom was born January 26, 1940, in Ranger, Texas, to R.C. (Buz) Sawyer and Floy Sawyer. He graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1958 and then attended McMurry University on a football scholarship.

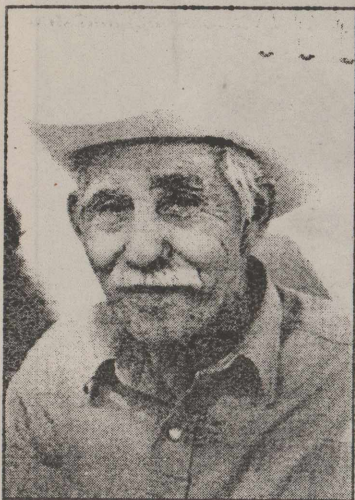
Tom married his high school sweetheart, Brenda Gayle Hollis, in October of 1958.

Tom and Gay moved to McAllen in 1959 when Tom was hired by Sun Oil Company. They transferred back to Robert Lee in 1967 where they have resided since.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Torres; sister, Estolia Barron; children, Johnny and Kay Torres, Rosa and Joe Longoria, Dora Torres and Riche Bain, Mary Lou and Efrain Garcia, Yolanda Saucedo, and Julian Torres; twenty grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm Monday, December 7, 2015, at Our Lady of the Guadalupe Catholic Church with interment following at Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Grandsons who honored him as pallbearers were Jonathan Torres, Eric Torres, Gilbert Torres, Bobby Longoria, Danny Garcia, Lewis Samaniego, Jr., Salomon Saucedo, and Omar Saucedo.

Obituaries



Torres

Julian Lara Torres, age 78 of Robert Lee, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 3, 2015.

He was born to the late Tiodoso Torres and Julia Lara Torres on February 20, 1937, in El Remolina, Coah., Mexico. He moved to Robert Lee in 1951. Julian married Juanita Hernandez on January 7, 1956. In Robert Lee, he worked at Bryan's Sand and Gravel as a loader and foreman. This is where Julian raised his beautiful family and lived for over sixty years.

Julian is preceded in death by his sons, Gilberto Torres and Joe Torres; his brothers, Sebastian Torres, Tiodoso Torres, Nicanor Torres, Jesus Torres, Rosendo Torres, Pablo Torres, Alvin Torres and Jose Torres; and sisters, Isabel Torres and Cesarea Torres.

For our Bronte customers' convenience, there is a Drop Box at Shirley's Place

(formerly the blouse factory)

in Bronte.

Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am
 Table Time • Tuesday evening
 Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm

FORGIVEN MINISTRIES
 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
 Russ Frasier, Preacher

Farm-Ranch, Commercial, Recreational & Residential Real Estate

PITCOCK PROPERTIES

GORGEOUS VIEWS! This beautiful updated home sits right on Oak Creek Lake! Large trees, landscaping, and patio surround this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home. Open concept living, dining and kitchen make this a perfect spot for entertaining! Carport, Storage/Workshop, and Boat Storage complete this package!

NEW LISTING! Large older home is just perfect for family. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms. Numerous built-ins throughout home, huge closets, woodburning stove in den, 2 car attached carport. Potential efficiency apartment or guest house on property includes full basement and 2 car attached carport. Loads of character in this home on 1.31 acres.

BEAUTIFUL LOCATION ABOVE ELM CREEK IN BALLINGER! Lovely home in excellent neighborhood with tons of character! Move-in ready with new roof put on in 2015 and new paint throughout! Large lot on hill above city park! Beautiful views from backyard patio!

WONDERFUL CRAFTSMANSHIP! Beautiful older home with lots of extras - built-ins, hardwoods, cedar closet, decorative ceilings, stained glass inserts, antique chandeliers and more! Lovely porches and trees! Updated with modern convenience while keeping old world charm!

HUGE TREES SHADE THIS CUTE HOME, PERFECT FOR A FAMILY! Master suite is separated from other bedrooms by living room with beautiful rock fireplace! Tons of storage, light, and comfort in this extremely well-maintained home in established neighborhood.

ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD! Three Bedroom Brick Home with a Large Backyard and Sunroom in a quiet neighborhood. Two Living Areas or possible 4th bedroom. Perfect for buyer who appreciates reduced price due to need for a little TLC!

BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY HOME! Enjoy the wonderful country views while sitting on the covered porch, wrapping entirely around home and under the gorgeous copper roof! Fireplace in Great Room stretches full two stories! Large master suite w/fireplace opens onto balcony overlooking great room. Second master suite downstairs.

Perfect weekend and vacation hideaway on the banks of Lake! Furnishings and appliances (including washer and dryer) to remain! Storm Central A/C

PRICE REDUCED! Lovely brick home in established neighborhood in Bronte! 4 bedroom, 2 bath has open-concept kitchen/living area with granite counter tops and glass doors leading to spacious sunroom with heating/cooling and wrap around windows! Large master suite with fireplace. Storage is increased to 2279. Large workshop, extra storage building and mature trees grace backyard. Great spot for entertaining!

PRICE REDUCED! Beautiful views just add to this great ranch. Perfect for hunting, livestock, or just getting away! Electricity, well and rural water onsite. Rolling terrain with good interior roads for easy access to all areas of ranch. Good cover for wildlife with cleared areas for that perfect shot! 713.1 Acres +/-; \$1,150/acre.

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 Ashley Braswell (325) 650-0615

Tom was a 50 year member of Hayrick Masonic Lodge #696, Robert Lee Eastern Star and First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Gay Sawyer, sons, Tom Sawyer Jr and wife Sandy, Wes Sawyer and wife Gina, Jamie Sawyer and wife Cindy, and special son Jack Horton of Robert Lee, Texas, grandchildren Brandi Sawyer, Trey Sawyer and wife Amber, Ashley Sawyer, Levi Sawyer and wife Stacie, Jeremiah Sawyer and wife Laura, Susanna Rutledge and husband Stephen, Luke Sawyer and wife Samantha, Krystal Raney and husband Robert; along with 9 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buz and Floy Sawyer, and his sisters, Rose Marie Davis and Kenney Sims.

Special thanks to the Robert Lee Care Center and Gentiva Hospice.

There will be no memorial or service.

The family requests memorials, in lieu of flowers, be made to First United Methodist Church building fund in Robert Lee, Texas

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Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 12, 2016, for the purpose of electing two directors.

Director Bob Ragsdale has filed for re-election to the board and Dennie Braswell has filed for the other director place.

The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5pm on Friday, November 27, 2015.

Conservation Tree and Shrub Seedlings available

A limited quantity of container and bareroot seedlings are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Deadline to order is February 6, 2015. Seedlings will be delivered and ready for pick up on February 12, 2015.

For species offered and other information, contact the SWCD office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or go by 214 E. 7th St. in Robert Lee.

Area Churches
 Invite You to Worship

Bronte

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

Coke County Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte

Preacher - Robert Lemonds

Sunday, 10:30 am

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte

(325) 473-2331

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,

10:55 am Worship,

5 pm Worship

6 pm Youth

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes

Bronte

(325) 473-3281

Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor

Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte

Russ Frasier, Pastor

Sun. 10 am

Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sun. 5 pm

Coke County

Pecan Baptist

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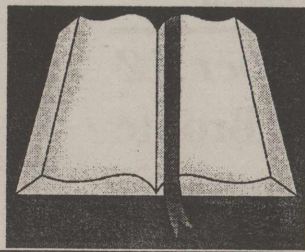
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(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, Ed Zimmermann, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School,

11 am & 6 pm Worship,

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy

Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360

Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 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

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennyson

(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



Christmas Festivities in Robert Lee! The Christmas season began in Robert Lee last Friday with Open Houses in numerous businesses and offices downtown. A tasty array of holiday snacks (left) was available in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Coke County Courthouse for attendees at this year's open house. Delicious chili and stew were among the warming foods available Saturday evening at Vision with a Purpose's Christmas headquarters during A Small Town Christmas.

Recycling/Convenience Center notes

The Recycling Center in Bronte accepts aluminum cans only. The Convenience Center does not accept brush or tree limbs, according to Bronte City Secretary Crystal Blevins.

Audubon Bird Count set for December 19

The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be conducted in Coke County on Saturday, December 19, by the Midland Naturalists who will gather at a local café at 7:45 a.m. Local birders are invited to join them to visit or go on a counting trek. This will be the 116th bird count of the Audubon Society.

There are almost 90 species of birds that are here, or migrate through, this area.

Anyone interested in the program can find the best information by a Google search of the Christmas Bird Count.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife/Texas Department of Transportation nature map lists five birding sites in the Coke County Caliche Loop. One more site will be added with publication of a new map next month.

The group will travel the back roads of the county and will stop at various locations with binoculars ready. There will be an estimated 72,650 bird counters across the whole North American Continent to count birds in our shared environment.

A backyard bird count will be offered February 12-15. A fifteen minute watch and count is all that is needed to participate. See Great Back Yard Bird Count at www.birdcount.org.

TxDOT announces new campaign

The Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign urges party goers to plan for a sober ride this holiday season. The campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2016 and coincides with an increase in DUI patrols and enforcement.

"The holidays are a time of celebration and family, but they also require responsible decisions and planning if

alcohol is involved," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Our goal is to save families from the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Finding a sober ride is easy and it can save you from being arrested, injured or killed. There is no excuse for drinking and driving."

During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2014 - Jan. 1, 2015) there were 2,412 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 190 serious injuries and 110 fatalities. This was nearly an 8-percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities over the previous holiday season.

Central to the Plan While You Can campaign is a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game that uses custom gaming technology to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes. As participants play, virtual drinks are added and the players' on-screen avatars become less able to dodge incoming "snowballs." The game demonstrates how even one drink can slow reaction

times.

Additionally, TxDOT is hosting a contest on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts. Participants who tag up to three friends in a tweet or a post with the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan will be entered into a giveaway for a donated gift card from a retailer, restaurant or entertainment venue. To enter and learn more, follow TxDOT on its social media accounts.

As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spend the night.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at (512) 463-8700.

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- West Texas resident
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- Age 21-64
- Currently uninsured or under insured
- West Texas resident
- Typically have a difficulty qualifying for income-based help programs

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BISD Represented! A Bronte Junior High cheerleader represented Bronte ISD in a performance by the 2015 Varsity All-American Cheer Squad in the Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade November 26, 2015. Eighth grader Karissa Cervenka was one of almost 400 cheerleaders from junior highs and high schools across the United States. The activities of the three day event included a tour of NASA and a local aquarium. Karissa was selected for this honor during the summer Bronte Cheer Camp. It was thanks to many generous Coke County contributors that she was able to raise the funds to participate in this memorable event.

Longhorns post B'ball wins

The Bronte Longhorns faced off against the Winters Blizzards on the basketball court and came away with a 52-33 victory.

Statistics include: Ean Ward- 12 pts Ryan Jones- 7 pts, 4 assists Carson Kelso- 2 pts Diego Perez- 6 pts Justin Real- 2 pts Kaleb Turner- 3 pts Tristan Sullivan- 2 pts Shawn Puentez- 7 pts, 5 steals Tanner Bedford- 11 pts and Zach Jackson- 4 assists.

In the Robert Lee Tournament, the Longhorns came away with three straight wins. In the first game, the Horns defeated Eldorado 65-53.

Statistics include: Ean Ward- 8 pts, 7 rebounds, 5 steals Ryan Jones- 12 pts, 5 assists Carson Kelso- 2 pts Diego Perez- 11 pts Kaleb Turner- 1 pt Shawn Puentez- 1 pt, 6 steals Tanner

Bedford- 14 pts and Zach Jackson- 3 pts.

In the second game, the Horns defeated Fort Stockton JV 59-38. Statistics include: Ean Ward- 10 rebounds, 5 steals Ryan Jones- 9 pts, 8 assists Carson Kelso- 2 pts Diego Perez- 13 pts, 7 rebounds Tristan Sullivan- 2 pts Shawn Puentez- 20 pts, 5 rebounds and Tanner Bedford- 12 pts.

In the third game, Bronte fell to Water Valley 31-32. Statistics include: Ean Ward- 7 pts, 5

rebounds Ryan Jones- 6 pts, 5 rebounds Carson Kelso- 2 pts Diego Perez- 2 pts Shawn Puentez- 8 pts, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and Tanner Bedford- 6 pts, 6 rebounds.

In the fourth game, Bronte defeated Forsan 48-32. Statistics include: Ean Ward- 9 pts Ryan Jones- 4 pts, 6 assists Carson Kelso- 2 pts Shawn Puentez- 16 pts, 5 steals Tanner Bedford- 10 pts and Zach Jackson- 5 pts.



WTC Presentation! Carolina Rosendo, the director of recruitment at Western Texas College, recently visited with senior students at Blackwell. Rosendo covered many features associated with WTC such as the financial aid process, what academics they offer, the cost of WTC compared with four-year universities, campus housing, and athletic programs offered. Rosendo also discussed the Core Curriculum which guarantees all core classes successfully completed at WTC will transfer to any four-year public university in Texas. Lastly, she explained the new agreement WTC has with Texas Tech University; students planning on obtaining a Bachelors Degree in education to become a teacher can complete a two-year program at WTC and then transfer to TTU to complete a year of study, thus obtaining a Bachelors Degree in education in three years. The program is fast paced and rigorous designed for ambitious students.

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SCHOOL PAGE

Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 14

Chicken n waffles or choice of cereal & cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 15

Breakfast club or choice of cereal & yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 16

Toast, scrambled eggs, sausage or choice of cereal & cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 17

Sausage Kolache w/yogurt or choice of cereal & yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 18

Breakfast Pizza or choice of cereal & cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 14

Breaded pork chops, gravy, baked potato, glazed carrots, strawberries & bananas, roll, milk

Tuesday, December 15

Chicken Quesadilla, corn, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Wednesday, December 16

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, cranberry sauce, fruit, milk

Thursday, December 17

Popcorn chicken, roll, sweet potato waffle, fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit, cookie, milk

Friday, December 18

Homemade chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk

Bronte Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 14

Pancakes or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 15

Blueberry muffin or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 16

Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 17

PBJ sandwich or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 18

Sausage & biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 14

Fish strips, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles, rolls, milk

Tuesday, December 15

Hot ham and cheese sandwich, potato tots, tomato-cucumber salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 16

Chicken Alfredo, breadstick, garden salad, carrot coins, apple, milk

Thursday, December 17

Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fruit, roll, milk

Friday, December 18

Pizza sticks, seasoned corn, baby carrots, fruit, milk

Robert Lee Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 14

Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 15

Biscuit, eggs, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 16

Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 17

Sausage, egg, cheese, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 18

Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 14

Chicken Alfredo, salad, carrots, apple slices, breadstick, cookie, milk

Tuesday, December 15

Meatloaf, green beans, creamed potatoes, roll, apple-pincapple d'lite, milk

Wednesday, December 16

Hot Ham and Cheese on pretzel bun, broccoli, snowball salad, milk

Thursday, December 17

Pizza, salad, baby carrots w/ranch, mixed fruit, milk

Friday, December 18

BBQ on bun, pinto beans, coleslaw, mandarin oranges, milk

UIL Awards Ceremony set for December 18

Robert Lee Independent School District will hold an Awards Ceremony Friday, December 18, to recognize students, grades 2-8, who placed in events at the District UIL Academic Meet, held in December at Blackwell.

The ceremony will begin at 9:30 am in the cafetorium. All parents and family members are encouraged to attend. Early release is also set for this day at 12:30 pm.

Steers named to All District Football Teams

Austin Fowler, a senior at Robert Lee High School, has been named the 2015-16 District 6 Division 1 Offensive Most Valuable Player. Other

Steers named to the First Team are Wide Receiver Gabriel Abalos, RLHS Junior; Spread Center Daniel Mendoza, RLHS Freshman; Quarterback Jake Jackson, RLHS Senior; Running Back Kyle Fowler, RLHS Senior; Noseguard Kyle Fowler, RLHS Senior; Defensive Lineman Jake Jackson, RLHS Senior; Linebacker Bruce Buddin, RLHS Senior; and Cornerback Blaine Yanez, RLHS Senior.

Named to the All District 2nd Team are Wide Receiver Blaine Yanez, RLHS Senior; Kicker Kaleb Torres, RLHS Senior; Special Teams Player Isaiah Smith, RLHS Sophomore; Defensive Lineman Daniel Mendoza, RLHS Freshman; Safety Dylan Carter, RLHS Junior; and Safety Mauricio Ureno, RLHS Junior.

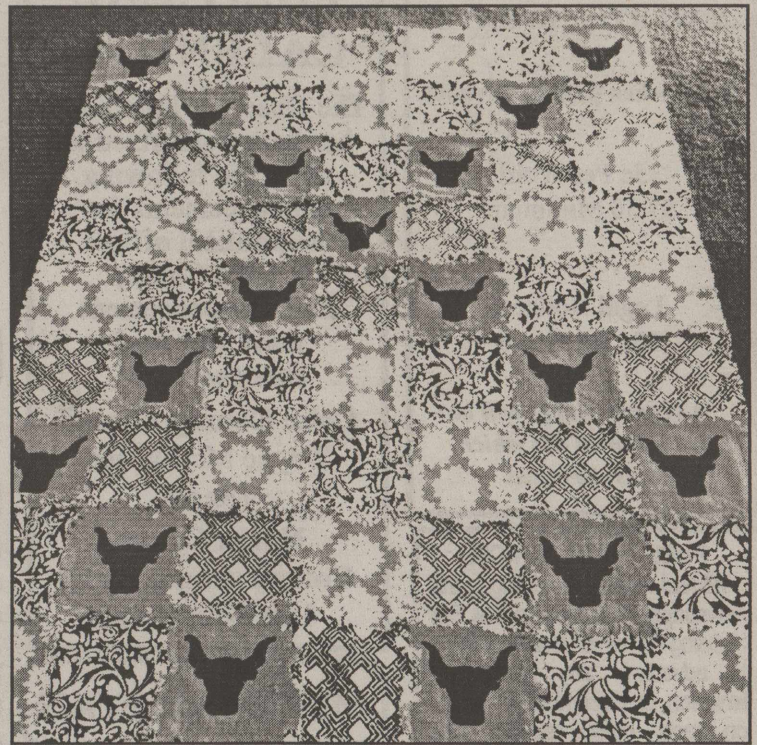
Named Offense Honorable Mention were Dylan Carter, RLHS Junior, and Isaiah Smith, RLHS Sophomore. Isaiah Smith was also named Defense Honorable Mention.

Comptroller's Office Accepting Match the Promise Scholarship Applications

Comptroller Glenn Hegar has reminded Texans that applications are being accepted for Texas Match the Promise Foundation SM scholarship awards through Dec. 31, 2015.

Match the Promise scholarship awards are available for fifth through ninth graders whose families have an annual income of \$100,000 or less and participate in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (TTPF), the state's prepaid college tuition plan.

The foundation, in cooperation with the Comptroller's office, offers these competitive scholarships to encourage Texas families to save for college. Winners receive matching scholarships of tuition units worth up to \$1,000 at today's prices, and top-scoring



Spirit Quilt Winner Announced! At a drawing on Robert Lee's Open House Friday, December 4, 2015, in the Coke County Library, the following winners were named. Vernon Smith won the Spirit Quilt (above), and Taylor Walker, Judy Berry, and Pedro Flores of Garden City won gift certificates to Sam's and WalMart. '64 Study Club members appreciate all who contributed to the success of this fund raising effort. The money raised in this event will provide scholarships for RLHS seniors to continue their education beyond high school.

recipients can also receive one-time grants of tuition units worth \$2,000 at today's prices.

"The Match the Promise Foundation scholarship reflects our agency's belief in the importance of higher education," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "Students across the state should take advantage of this opportunity to be part of Texas' prepaid college tuition plan."

Eligible students can apply for Match the Promise scholarships now through Dec. 31, 2015. Families also can enroll in the TTPF during this time if they have not already done so.

Application materials and more information on the scholarships and TTPF can be found at MatchThePromise.org or by calling 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-1696.

Match the Promise is funded by individuals who have donated the cash value of property held in the state's unclaimed property program, as well as by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations and through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt public charity and is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

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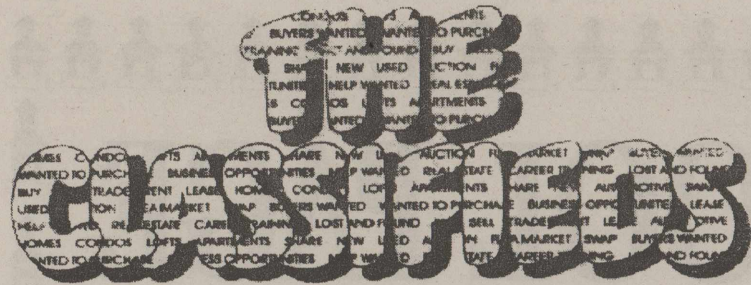
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Coke County is accepting applications for Road Hand for Precinct 1. Must have CDL. Applications can be picked up at the Coke County Judge's Office in the Courthouse. Applications must be received by December 18, 2015, at 12 noon. Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING

Robert Lee ISD will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 119 of the school. The purpose of the meeting is to distribute an Annual Financial Management Report in accordance with state law. The hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled board meeting.

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POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Observer/Enterprise has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each announcement must be a paid announcement.

Coke County Sheriff
Wayne McCutchen (Rep.)

Nolan County Commissioner, Pct 3
Luis Solis (Rep.)

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PRN LVN

PRN Dietary

Environmental Services Assistant

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...More Classifieds

NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING

Bronte ISD will hold a public hearing on Thursday December 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Bronte ISD board room.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Bronte Independent School District's First Rating on the State's Financial Accountability System. The public is welcome to attend.

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COKE COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

Is seeking bids from contractors for the painting of our two pump station buildings located at 780 Hwy 2034 and 838 Paint Creed Rd located in Coke County.

Description of services:

Paint interior and exterior of pump houses (white and under the eaves light blue matching the tank color)

Plumbing inside the pump house and paint blue (pump motors not included)

Clean rust from steel doors and paint white

Clean and paint electrical boxes gray

Replacement of roof rotating vents

Paint floors gray with epoxy paint

Include any necessary exterior repairs

Replace wooden doors on chlorinated room

Contact John Price at 325-763-8815 for an appointment to view the pump stations, bids must be in writing and received by CCWSC at our office at 10390 W State Hwy 158 by December 31. Late bids will not be opened and will be returned to sender. CCWSC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

20-6tc

Winters Christmas activities slated

The Z. I. Hale Museum's Rock Hotel will have a completely new look and activities for the 2015 Christmas season. One of the new activities for this year is the Tamale Contest with Tamale Dinner. On December 12 at 5 pm, DJ

Rudy Fernandez and friends will judge the tamales with cash prizes being awarded. At 5:30, the Museum Dining Room will begin serving a Tamale Dinner. In honor of this event, the hotel downstairs will be decorated "Mexican Fiesta". There will still be Christmas Trees and other traditional displays upstairs including a display of over 100 Santas from a New Mexico collector. There will also be an expanded Snow Village. The Rock Hotel is handicapped equipped.

Fill the Halls With Christmas Carols Come and fill the halls of the Rock Hotel at 6:30 PM on Monday the 7th and help us to welcome the Christmas Season with a full house singing Christmas Carols. There will be refreshments.

Best Christmas Ever Our Christmas Raffle is something that will make anyone a very nice Christmas present. The lucky winner of the raffle will receive \$200.00 (at retail) of Texas Scratch-Off Lottery Tickets. Could be worth MILLIONS. Look for the display at different locations around town and at the Rock Hotel. This fall's fund raising raffle should complete raising the money needed to replace the roof on the Rock Hotel.

The Rock Hotel would make the perfect venue for a private or semi-private party. For the private parties, reasonable rental rates are offered and the Rock Hotel is closed to the public. There is catering available. With a Semi-private party, the public is still able to tour the museum.

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting next Monday December 14 at 6PM. The meeting will be at the Gus Pruser agriculture Exhibit 219 W. Dale, Winters. This will be a get acquainted and viewing of the new wall meeting. For additional information contact John Long at 325-754-5389.

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Minor Accident! Traffic was slowed Monday morning, December 7, 2015, as officers with the Coke County Sheriff's Office assisted motorists with an accident. The driver of the car traveling on Woods Street failed to yield the right of way when he was attempting to cross State Highway 158 in Bronte striking the west bound truck.

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for the Bronte
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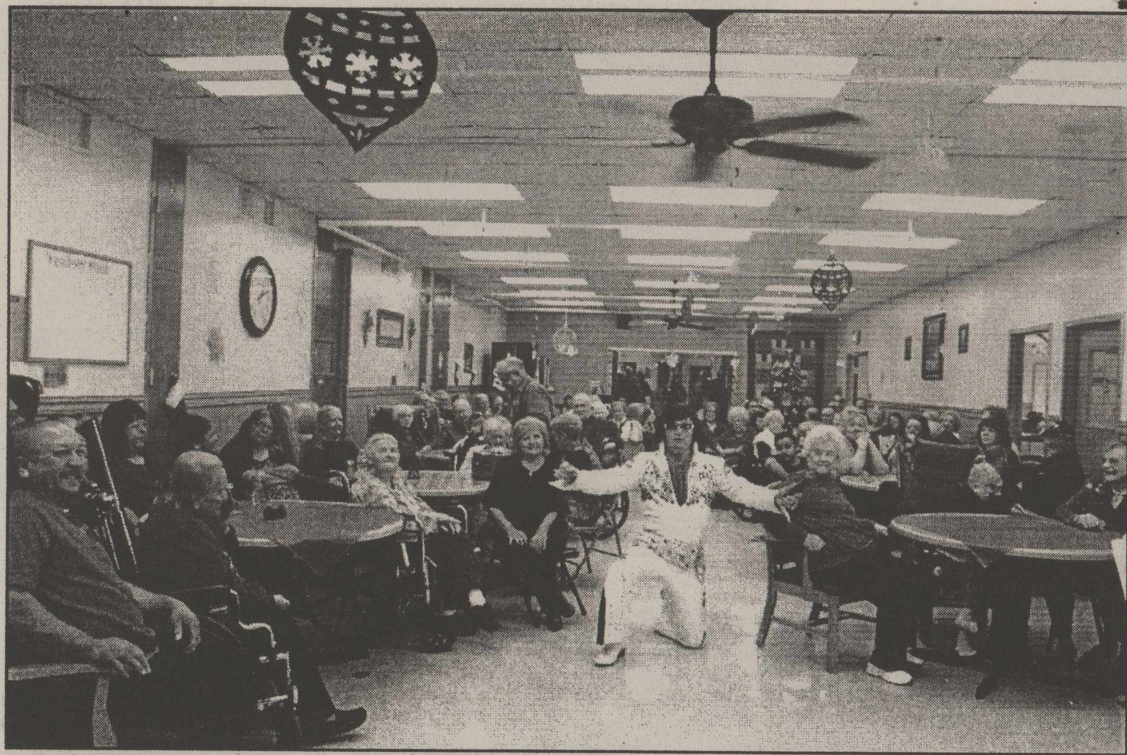
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BHRC Christmas! Residents, friends, family and staff of Bronte Health & Rehab Center heard the words "Elvis is in the building!" during their Christmas party held earlier this month.

2016 Primary Election Filing Period ends next Monday

The filing period for the March 1, 2016, Democratic and Republican primaries began Saturday, November 14, 2015, and will end next Monday, December 14, 2015, at 6 pm.

County offices up for election include Coke County Commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, currently held by Gene Montgomery and Gaylon Pitcock; County Constables in Precincts 1 and 2, currently held by Marshall Millican and Marty Boyd respectively; County Attorney, currently held by Nancy Arthur; County Tax

Assessor/Collector, currently held by Josie Dean; and County Sheriff, currently held by Wayne McCutchen. At presstime, Wayne McCutchen and Marty Boyd have filed to retain their offices. Shaunna Grantham, Donald Robertson and Michael Salls have filed for Precinct 1 Commissioner. Marshall Millican has filed for Precinct 3 Commissioner. The above filings are for the Republican Primary. Charles Yorke has filed for Precinct 3 Commissioner in the Democrat Primary.

Those interested in filing may pick up and return the applications and the filing fee (or petition with signatures) to either

the County Party Chairman or to the Coke County Clerk's office. The Democratic Party Chairman for Coke County is Robert Houck, 849 Mountain Road, PO Box 189, Robert Lee, Texas, 76945, (325) 453-2158. The Republican Party Chairman for Coke County is Susan Williams, 439 Morrow Road, Bronte, Texas 76933 (325) 650-1750. Before filing an application, potential candidates must file a treasurer appointment.

For more information, contact either party chairman or the Coke County Clerk's office at (325) 453-2631.

Annual Livestock Show - Not just for Kids!

The Coke County Livestock Show and Fair is slated for Friday and Saturday, January 15-16, 2016. In addition to the Junior Livestock Show, the following categories are open to ANY Coke County resident of ANY age.

Contest categories include: Art Photography AG Mechanics - Metal Works and Repurpose Project (trash to treasure).

All entries must be turned in to the Coke County Extension office between December 28, 2015, and January 6, 2016.

Please contact the Extension

Office at 325-453-2461 for more information.

Mt Creek Golf Club meeting set for Saturday

Mountain Creek Golf Club will hold their annual membership meeting Saturday, December 12, at 1 pm at the Clubhouse. All members are encouraged to attend.

... Winters Christmas
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December's events at the Rock Hotel are listed below.

- December 12**
5:30 pm Tamale Contest and Tamale Dinner
- December 13**
Special Opening 1 pm to 4 pm
Cookies and Punch served
- December 19**
7:30 Texas Lottery Scratch-Off Raffle Drawing



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**Christmas in
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December 12, 2015
Downtown Bronte, Texas

9 AM- FBC-Bronte Youth 4th Annual Christmas Fun Run

10 AM- Red Ryder BB Gun Christmas Turkey Shoot-Out

1 PM- Vendors open in Blue Goose Building
Holiday Drinks and Christmas Cheer at
Christmas Headquarters (Kickapoo Creek Lodge)

2 PM- Story time with Mrs. Clause at Christmas Headquarters

3 PM- Santa Arrives at Christmas Headquarters

4:30 PM- Live Christmas Music at Mini-Park (Weather Permitting)

5:00 PM- Chuckwagon Dinner provided by the Cowboy Church
(Donation only)

6:30- "The Muppet Christmas Carol" at Texas Theatre
(Free admission! Concessions available!)

*Silent
Holy Night
Night*