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Early voting begins Tuesday in primary elections

Early voting for the March 1, 2016, Democratic and Republican primaries will begin Tuesday, February 16, 2016, and continue through Friday, February 26, 2016. Voters in all Coke County Precincts may vote at the Courthouse Tuesday, February 16, to Thursday, February 18, and Monday, February 22, to Thursday, February 25, from 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm until 5 pm. On Fridays, the Courthouse closes at 1 pm. Early voting will be held at the Courthouse Friday, February 19, and Friday, February 26, from 8 am to 1 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.

Wayne McCutchen, Marty

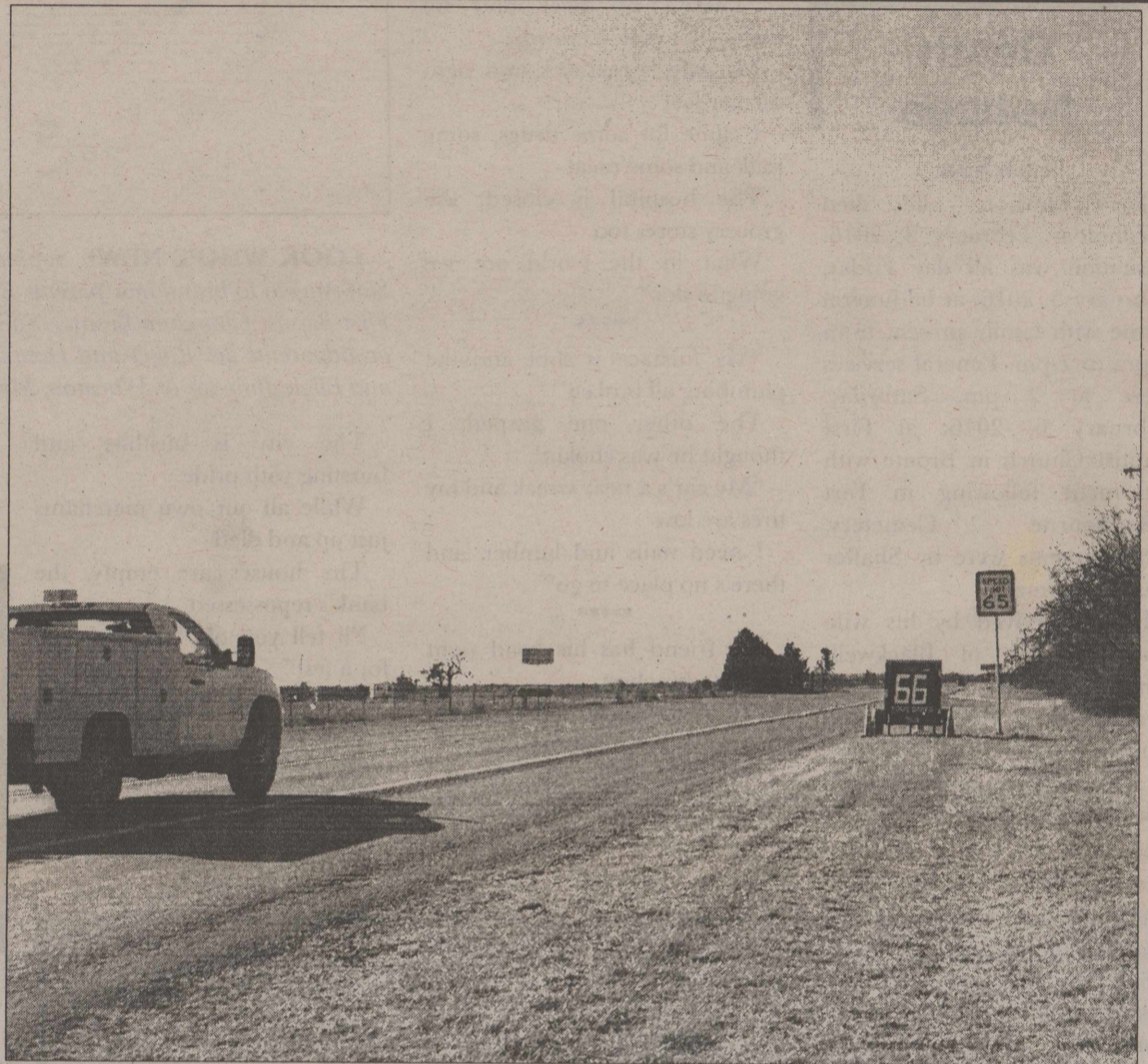
Boyd and Josie Dean have filed to retain their offices and will run unopposed. Nicholas Arrott II will run unopposed for County Attorney. Nobody filed for the office of Constable, Precinct 1.

There will be several candidates on the ballot for the Commissioner positions in Precincts 1 and 3. In the Republican primary, Shaunna Grantham, Donald Robertson, Sid Burns and Michael Salls are candidates for Precinct 1 Commissioner and Marshall Millican and Andy Swinney are candidates for Precinct 3 Commissioner. In the Democrat primary, Charles Yorke is a candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner.

The election for Precinct 1 Commissioner should be decided in the primary election. The Precinct 3 race will be a marathon lasting until November. In the November 8th general election, the winner of the Republican primary (either Millican or Swinney) will face off against Democrat Charles Yorke and Bill Burns, Independent.

Holiday Closings noted

The City of Robert Lee and the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Monday, February



New Speed Limit Signs! New speed limits, for traffic traveling north and south, have been imposed upon the stretch of Hwy 277 just north of Bronte. TxDOT installed the new signs last month and traffic appears to be complying with the new laws.

15, 2016, in observance of Presidents Day. With this being

a federally recognized holiday, the post offices and banks will be closed. The City of Bronte will remain open on this day.

Bronte FUMC posts schedule

The Bronte First United Methodist Church will have a Lenten Bible Study. "The Way" by Adam Hamilton will begin Wednesday, February 17, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be held before the study. Contact Rev. Everette Boyce for more information.

Holy Week Services will be held beginning Sunday, March 20. There will be more information on these services at a later date.

VP votes to sponsor EMT Training

Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose voted to sponsor two of their members, Grace Todacheeny and Gina Moran in their pursuit of Emergency Medical Technician training at their monthly meeting. The meeting on Thursday, February 4, was held at their headquarters on Austin Street in Robert Lee.

The training is a 16 week course which includes rotations, skills testing, and on-line training. These women, upon completion of their training, will

be a very much needed asset to Robert Lee. In case of emergencies, they will be able to assist with most situations.

VP would like to challenge any organization or business to sponsor any young adult interested in emergency training for our community.

In years to come, VP would like to sponsor anyone interested in pursuing this challenging career. Contact any VP member for further information.

Mt Creek membership meeting set

The Mountain Creek Golf Club general membership meeting will be held at 1 pm Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the course clubhouse. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Local government entity filing period ends February 19

The filing period for the May 7, 2016, local government entity elections will end at 5 pm next Friday, February 19, 2016.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for two council members. These are two years terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and

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Destructive Fire! Early Monday morning, February 8, 2016, a fire destroyed the Blackwell Family home at the intersection of Mule Creek Road and US Highway 277 south of Tennyson. Both the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department and the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, along with deputies from the Coke County Sheriff's Office, responded. Early indications point to the fire's cause as being electrical in nature.

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Death Notices

Lawhon

Jerry Lawhon 88, died Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Visitation was all day Friday, February 5, 2016, at the funeral home with family present from 6 pm to 7 pm. Funeral services were at 2 pm, Saturday, February 6, 2016; at First Baptist Church in Bronte with interment following in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lawhon of Blackwell; son, Lynn Lawhon of Abilene; and daughter Kelly Perry of Corpus Christi.

Navarro

Soyla Reina Navarro, 54, died February 6, 2016. Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Delfino Navarro of Robert Lee; daughters, Soyla Barrera of Robert Lee, Flor Scranton of Mississippi; Amanda Barrera of San Angelo; Linda "Mari" Barrera of Robert Lee and Monica Barrera of Robert Lee; brothers, Pascal Samaniego of Oklahoma, Ubill Samaniego of San Angelo and Ray Samaniego of Oklahoma; sisters, Lupe Foster of San Angelo and Anita Lujan of Abilene.

Ode to a dying town

By Marg Clader

Reprinted from the Boise City Oklahoma News

The men were quite cocky as the stood in the sun

"Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun

We'll buy by the case all under one roof

And save lots too, of that we have proof."

So they did just that for many a year

And from the results never took any fear

Until one day they met once again

Standing uptown just out of the rain.

"What's happened here!" cried one in dismay.

Their faces were ashen, they had much to say.

Then one scratched his head. The other said loud

"There's no beer and no coffee, not even a crowd;

My wife is real sick and right off her feet

I came for some drugs, some milk and some meat

The hospital is closed, the grocery stores too

What in the world are we going to do?"

"My furnace is shot and the plumbing all broken"

The other one gasped, I thought he was chokin'

"My car's a near wreck and my tires are low

I need nails and lumber, and there's no place to go"

His friend has his head right down to his chest

"We're to blame," he muttered, "on our heads it does rest

We passed this town for the glimmer of lights

Bought stuff by the car load and took in the sights.



LOOK WHO'S NEW! Sophie Grace Jimenez was born at 12:49 am Friday, January 22, 2016, in San Angelo to brand new parents Emmanuel and Bethany Jimenez. Emmanuel is the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Bronte. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19.25 inches long. Sophie's grandparents are Roger and Donna Jay of Georgetown, Texas, Eva and Jerry Bible of Bangs, Texas, and Eligio Jimenez of Wheaton, Maryland.

The city is bustling and bursting with pride.

While all our own merchants just up and died.

The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed.

I'll tell you old boy, we're in for a test"

"We should have been smarter and wise," they said

"Then the town would be bustling, not half so dead"

"It's never too late, we've

learned," someone did say.

But for foolishness of many they'd all have to pay.

They parted at last as the wind

turned cold

And muttered, "Buy locally as this story is told"

Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Table Time • Tuesday evening



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

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
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 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
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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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PITCOCK PROPERTIES

EDGE OF TOWN! Large remodeled manufactured home sitting on almost 1/2 acre in Bronte! Due to wood remodel, home is now permanent to property. Quiet neighborhood on outskirts of rural community.

CLOSE TO SCHOOL! Cute home on two lots in rural community with many updates and metal roof only a couple of blocks from the school! A large fenced-in backyard with pecan trees and reasonable price make this an excellent option for first-time home-buyers! Many extras including a storm shelter!

MANY UPDATES! 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 1.91 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!

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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 Jerrod Pitcock, Broker

The Dragon's Not Gone, Just Asleep.

By Mark Sides, RLVFD
The Robert Lee VFD will be selling car wash tokens as a fund raising effort. Contact a member for more details.

On a more serious note, several wildfires are currently burning across the state. A recent wildfire in Taylor County caused evacuations in the Eula Community, and several homes were lost.

Above average temperatures, large amounts of dry fuels, low relative humidity, and strong winds could again set the stage where a careless spark, a lightning strike, or an arcing power line are the opening number in a Texas Firestorm.

Robert Lee, Bronte and outlying communities are no different from other rural Texas towns where rangeland, pastures, and CRP may be near or immediately adjacent to homes and businesses.

These are a few simple items that will reduce the chances of your home going up in smoke:

1) Routinely clean gutters, especially in the fall. Keep your yard clean of leaves, limbs, and dead grass.

2) Remove tree limbs that extend over the eaves of the roof or within 10-15 feet of the chimney

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

4) Landscape using deciduous trees and shrubs such as oaks, agarito, eastern redbud, desert willow, and sages. Avoid junipers, pines, and other evergreens unless they are planted 100 feet or further from the house.

5) Make sure your house number and street number are clearly posted to provide

firefighters easy identification.

6) Maintain at least 30 feet of open space between your home and the surrounding brush line or CRP field.

7) Avoid concentrations of shrubbery or ornamental grasses up against the house.

8) Have garden hoses connected at all times and long enough to reach around the house.

9) Store firewood at least 15 to 30 feet away from the house.

10) Maintain roads and entrances to provide easy access and adequate turnaround space for emergency equipment.

11) Exercise extreme caution and keep a reliable, pressurized water source handy when doing any outdoor burning or welding.

12) Don't allow tall grass and debris to accumulate against your house or under your porch or deck.

These items alone may not guarantee that your home will survive, but they will give your home and responding firefighters a fighting chance.

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session January 12, 2016, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner Pct. #2 Paul William, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, and Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Commissioner Williams and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 22, 2015, meeting. The motion was



Hochheim Meeting! Keith Fletcher, president of the Hochheim Prairie Branch 95, presents Dell Bratcher, treasurer of the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, a check for \$1,250. Each year, the Bronte VFD caters for the annual Hochheim Prairie branch meeting. There were over 60 people present for this year's meeting. Door prizes this year included six Yeticups and \$30 Addona's restaurant gift card donated by Glenn-Bivins Insurance; and a 30" television donated by Floyd C Pettit Insurance.

seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Comm. Pitcock made a motion that was seconded by Comm. Montgomery to accept the Treasurers Report as

presented. Motion carried.

No report presented on the extension reports.

Judge Blair presented the Sheriff's report.

The Tax Collectors report was presented by Judge Blair.

The District/Clerks report

was presented by Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff.

Marshall Millican presented the Precinct 1 report.

Marty Boyd presented the Precinct 2 constable report.

Jackie Walker presented the

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VOTE



Mike Salls

Republican Candidate

For

County Commissioner, Precinct 1
Coke County

MY PLATFORM IS BASED ON EXPERIENCE,
QUALIFICATIONS and SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Experience In

- * Economic Development
- * Emergency Medical Service-EMS
- * Water Systems
- * Landfill & Recycling Facilities
- * Recreation Facilities
- * Roads and Maintenance

County Commissioner for 12 Years in Madison County, Florida

"New insight can be the solution to old problems"

Juan Botino was Madison County's EMS Director for over 20 years and has just retired. He was kind enough to send his recommendation to the voters of Precinct 1, Coke County, Texas

"Don't forget Mike that you were once a newcomer to Madison County, as was I, but thanks to your hard work and leadership, you made Madison County a better place. You were also instrumental in improving our addressing and 911 system. Our EMS became the number one rural system in the state and we had one of the first Enhanced 911 system thanks to your support. You made my job easier and I am honored to have worked with you and count you as a friend. You stood up for what was best for the citizens and always put them first."

Mike, you would have the Cuban vote if I lived there...lol...you accomplished great things when you were a county commissioner in Madison County and always did the right thing. You kept hazardous waste out and built a much needed rec park among other things. Wish you were running for president. Take care my friend, and good luck. God Bless you and Georgia.

*Political advertisement paid for by Michael W. Salls (325) 453-2548.

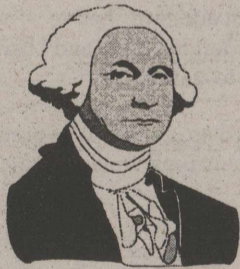
HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All facilities of this bank will be closed

Monday, February 15.

In Observance Of

Presidents Day



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

Robert Lee State Bank

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Robert Lee, Texas



SCHOOL PAGE



Blackwell Junior High Basketball! The Blackwell Junior High girls defeated Bronte, 36-13, to win the junior high Oak Creek classic. Team members include (sitting, from left) Vanessa Marcee, Allison Panzer, Caitlin Lange, (standing, from left) Darrian Kenney, Jacie Fields, Jordan Jones, Madison Solis, Emilee Sanderson, Katelyn Robertson, Nicole Marcee, Maddy Bell, and Emily Rasco.

Bronte Longhorns post basketball scores

The Bronte Longhorns fell to the Garden City Bearkats 39-58. Scoring for the Horns were Ean Ward- 7 pts, Ryan Jones- 9 pts, Carson Kelso- 4 pts, Tanner Bedford- 6 pts, and Shawn Puentez- 13 pts.

The Longhorns next defeated the Paint Rock Indians 76-36. Statistics include Ean Ward- 4 pts, 6 rebs, Ryan Jones- 4 pts 7 assists, Carson Kelso- 2 pts, Diego Perez- 6 pts, Justin Reed- 6 pts, Ishacl Cecilio- 4 pts, Tristin Sullivan- 5 pts, Shawn

Puentez- 24 pts, 4 steals, Tanner Bedford- 10 pts, 3 steals, and Zach Jackson- 11 pts.

The Longhorns also defeated the Veribest Falcons 54-27. Scoring for the Horns were Carson Kelso- 2 pts, Tanner Bedford- 11 pts, Ean Ward- 8 pts, Ryan Jones- 2 pts, Shawn Puentez- 13 pts, Justin Reed- 5 pts, and Diego Perez- 13 pts.

The Horns were defeated by the Water Valley Wildcats 20-36. Scoring for Horns were Carson Kelso- 4 pts, Ean Ward- 2 pts, Kaleb Turner- 3 pts, Ryan Jones- 6 pts, Shawn Puentez- 3

pts, and Diego Perez- 2 pts.

The JV Horns defeated Garden City 36-31. Scoring for the JV Horns were Jaxon Chantrill- 12 pts, Tanner Braswell- 2 pts, Samuel Dominguez- 5 pts, Emmanuel Casillas- 13 pts, Garrett Knight- 2 pts, and Jose Sanchez- 2 pts.

They also rolled past Paint Rock 56-3. Scoring for the JV Horns were Jaxon Chantrill- 21 pts, Hunner Powell- 2 pts, Tanner Braswell- 4 pts, Samuel Dominguez- 9 pts, Emmanuel Casillas- 11 pts, and Garrett Knight- 9 pts.

The JV Horns thoroughly defeated Veribest 66-8. Scoring for Bronte were Emmanuel Casillas- 13 pts, Jaxon Chantrill- 17 pts, Hunner Powell- 6 pts, Tanner Braswell- 6 pts, Samuel Dominguez- 12 pts, Garrett Knight- 7 pts, and Jose Sanchez- 5 pts.

The JV Horns were once again victorious in their game against Water Valley 40-16. Scoring for the JV Horns were Jaxon Chantrill- 16 pts, Hunner Powell- 3 pts, Tanner Braswell- 3 pts, Samuel Dominguez- 9 pts, Emmanuel Casillas- 4 pts, and Garrett Knight- 5 pts.

Blackwell foundation awards scholarships

Recently, the Blackwell Education Foundation awarded over \$57,000 in scholarships for the Spring semester. All graduates of Blackwell high school receive a scholarship based on their years of attendance. Students qualify for \$3,000 per year of attendance.

Scholarships can be used for four-year and two-year colleges and/or job training.

Project Graduation Beef Raffle underway

Bronte Project Graduation is selling raffle tickets for 1/2 side of beef, processing at Sklenarik's, and a small freezer. Raffle tickets can be purchased in Bronte at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, Bronte Hardware Store, Crazy T Greenhouse, or check with a senior parent for a raffle ticket. Drawing will be held April 1.

Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 15

Pancakes, bacon or choice of cereal and yogurt, sliced pineapples, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 16

Sunrise sandwich or choice of cereal & cheese stick, orange halves, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 17

Oatmeal w/cinnamon, toast or choice of cereal, cheese stick, diced peaches, juice, milk

Thursday, February 18

Biscuits and gravy and scrambled eggs or choice of cereal & yogurt, apple slices, juice, milk

Friday, February 19

Breakfast burrito or choice of

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VOTE

Sidney W. Burns

for Commissioner, Precinct 1

As your County Commission for Precinct 1, I would focus on the following problems.

Water - This continues to be a crucial problem for our county. As City Councilman, I have worked on getting water to our city and rural customers and will continue to do so if elected Commissioner.

Growth - We need continued growth in our cities and county, both individual and businesses. Once we have a steady source of water, we need to promote our county.

Taxes - These are necessary to support our county. No one likes to pay them but with increased growth we could hopefully minimize raising taxes.

EMS - We need our local EMS for our citizens and for the Care Centers in Robert Lee and Bronte. These Two entities employ numerous citizens who spend their money and live in our town, but we **NEED** Volunteers to man these ambulances. We need to figure a way to help support our EMS and I have talked with members of Robert Lee service and other counties on ideas and ways to do this.

County Parks - Both parks need attention. Our baseball fields need to be cleaned up, the RV parks need to be updated and our golf courses need to remain open. All of these can generate people coming in and spending money in our county.

Yes these are a lot of issues that need to be addressed. I am willing to work on each and every one of these and ask for your input and concerns. Please vote in the upcoming election!

PLEASE VOTE March 1st

Sidney W. Burns

for Commissioner, Precinct 1

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Sidney W. Burns

cereal & yogurt, applesauce, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 15

Hamburger or cheeseburger w/garnish, oven fries, garden salad, baby carrots w/ranch, mixed fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 16

Spicy Thai chicken, eggroll, brown rice, tomato-cucumber cup, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk

Wednesday, February 17

Chicken Alfredo, garden salad, carrot coins, apple slices, cookie, milk

Thursday, February 18

Hornet chicken bowl, gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, roll, milk

Friday, February 19

Fish sticks, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles, milk

Bronte Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 15

No school

Tuesday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 17

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

Thursday, February 18

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

Friday, February 19

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

Lunch

Monday, February 15

No school

Tuesday, February 16

Hamburger, oven fries, baby carrots, diced peaches, cookie, milk

Wednesday, February 17

Steak fingers, potato tots, charro beans, rolls, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday, February 18

Pizza, seasoned corn, tomato cup, fruit, milk

Friday, February 19

Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, garden salad, fruit, milk

Robert Lee Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 15

Sausage, biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 16

Dutch waffle, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 17

Breakfast boat, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 18

Bagel, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 19

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 15

Steakfingers, fries, roll, gravy, salad, charro beans, cinnamon apples, milk

Tuesday, February 16

Chili cheese combo, veggie cup, grapes, cookie, milk

Wednesday, February 17

Pizza, salad, tomato cup w/ ranch, fruit cup, milk

Thursday, February 18

Chicken nuggets, salad, mac & cheese, green beans, apple slices, milk

Friday, February 19

Hamburger w/garnish, fries, baby carrots w/ranch, sliced peaches, cereal treat, milk

VP February Meeting

Vision With A Purpose held its monthly meeting at their headquarters on Austin Street in Robert Lee Thursday, February 4, at 6:30 pm.

Debbie Childers, outgoing President, led the group in an



CPR Instruction at Bronte High School! Susie Dominguez of the Permian Basin Area Health Education Center recently provided CPR training to the juniors at Bronte High School. The state of Texas requires that school districts are required to provide instruction to students in CPR before they graduate from high school. Pictured are some juniors performing CPR on practice mannequins.

opening prayer. Brandon and Nora Broadband were guests and new members.

A shout-out was given to the City of Robert Lee for exemption of our Austin Street water bill.

Marshall Millican reported that the new sea containers are ready to be used for storage.

Beverly Hawkins, Gaylon and Debbie Childers and Claire Giudici cleaned the office for preparation of Thursday night's

meeting. VP is in the middle of demolition of an interior remodel. Todd Smith and Paul Nunez plan to start removing wiring this week.

Beverly Hawkins announced she would be taking orders for VP sweatshirts for anyone interested.

Debbie Childers presented the group with the possibility of a 4th of July parade. A committee was appointed to proceed with plans. Debbie will

head the committee.

Heart Worker for the month of January was Claire Giudici. Claire and her husband Steve moved here from New York in July of 2013. She is very active in the community and has served on many committees for VP. The pair bought an older home in Robert Lee and have been remodeling it. They will move in soon. They are a great addition to Robert Lee and VP.

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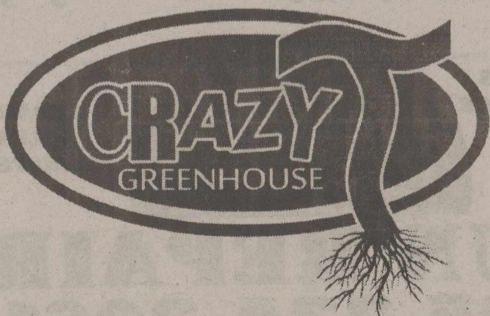
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Commissioner, Pct. 3

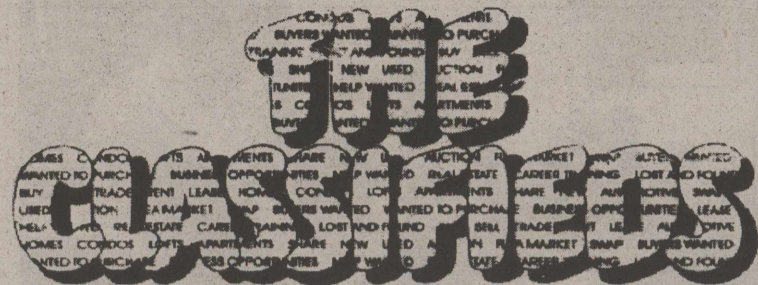
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Coke County Sheriff
Wayne McCutchen (Rep.)

Coke County Commissioner, Pct 1
Shaunna Grantham (Rep.)
Donald Robertson (Rep.)
Sidney W. Burns (Rep.)
Michael Salls (Rep.)

Coke County Commissioner, Pct 3
Marshall Millican (Rep.)

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

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NEW LISTING -Glasscock County, 2586 acres south of Stanton, 200 acres in farmland, remaining in pasture. Two hunting Lodges with a total of 12 rooms 12 bath rooms. Good water and paved access. \$2.95 million.

REDUCED! 314 Acres - North Of Robert Lee, Texas. Two water wells, house and barn, 36x36 shop. \$1495/acre.

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1137 Acres - Runnels County, Texas. Three water wells, electricity, several dirt tanks, highway frontage, live oaks. \$1250/acre. Minerals available.

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2 BR/2BA House on four large lots (1484 sq. ft.) with carport and cover for travel trailer. Chain link fence around property. Located in Bayview Addition.

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Retired Teachers to meet Monday

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will hold its regular noon lunch meeting at First Baptist Church in Bronte on Monday, February 15, 2016. All retired school personnel in the area are most welcome to attend.

The meetings are brief and the food and friendship are enjoyable. First time visitors need not bring a dish. Volunteer hours, books, spring meetings, and recent legislative information will be discussed. Public school personnel, active and retired, are impacted by legislation.

Sheriff issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Wayne McCutchen today announced that Coke County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks. Associate Member funding allows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff McCutchen.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to escalate, and programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff McCutchen. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. Interstate 35, Austin, Texas 78741, www.txsheriffs.org

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501

(c)(3) non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

... Commissioners Court

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J.P. Pct. 1 report. Grady Coulter presented the J.P. 2 report.

No D.R. report was presented. No Trappers report was presented.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Comm. Williams, to approve bond for Nancy Arthur. Motion carried.

Judge Blair made a motion, seconded by Comm. Sefcik, to approve resolution prohibiting licensed members of the public from carrying concealed or openly carrying weapons into the Coke County courthouse and the Coke County Annex in

Bronte. Comm. Williams opposed. Motion carried.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Comm. Sefcik, to accept donation of crushed rock from Carty Beal to be moved to Ross Road. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported a grant has been submitted by Karen Rasco, librarian, to update the library's automation system.

No request for private road work and no action taken.

Comm. Williams made a motion, seconded by Comm. Sefcik, to pay bills. Motion carried.

Judge Blair recessed the meeting at 9:48 am.

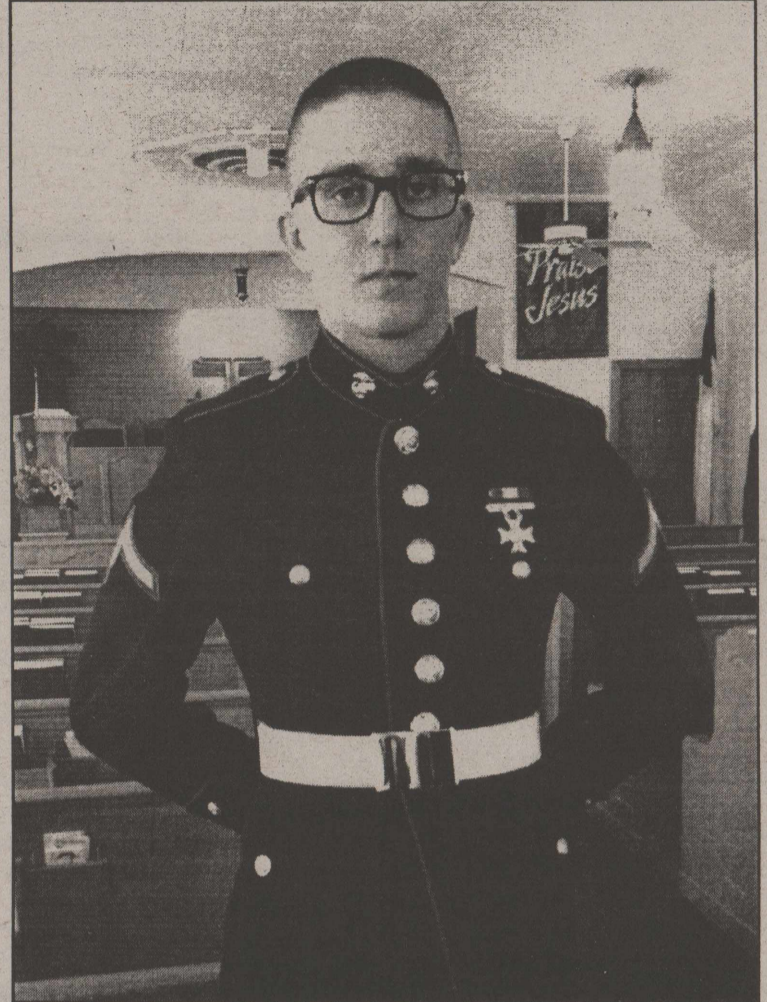
... Vision with a Purpose

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New officers for 2016 were elected and include President-Marshall Millican, Vice President- Jan Pettit, Secretary-Sabina Nunez, Treasurer-Crystal Stanford, Parliamentarian- Jeffie Roberts, and Sergeant of Arms- Larry Broughton. Debbie Childers presented a gavel to President Marshall Millican.

A ribbon cutting was held at Mrs. T's Flower Shop Saturday.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 3, at Victory Assembly of God since the Austin Street building will be under renovation.



Bronte FUMC Visitor! First United Methodist Church in Bronte was proud to have , PFC Lonnie Griffith in attendance recently. Lonnie is the church's former Youth Director. He has just finished Basic Training in San Diego, California, in the Marine Corp and will be heading to Camp Pendleton, California. Lonnie is a member of Sierra Vista UMC in San Angelo and a graduate of Central High School.


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2015 Ford Fusion SE Sedan #7162 \$19,995 <i>White w/Dune Cloth Interior! Super Nice! 18K Miles!</i>	
2014 Ford Focus SE Sedan #7170 \$12,995 <i>Ruby Red w/Black Leather! 23,990 Miles! Great Condition!</i>	
2005 Toyota Camry XLE Sedan #5220 \$ 7,795 <i>Silver w/Gray Leather, Navigation, Moon Roof! Classy Ride!</i>	
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First Deer! Noah Murray, age 6, brought down his first deer this season on his grandparent's (Doc and Sally Holladay) ranch. He took the spike on November 28, 2015, and the doe on December 23, 2015. Noah is the son of Bartley and Jennifer Murray.



... Local Entity Elections

held by Howard Baker, Lanette Fletcher, and Everett Bedford.

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council members Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. Applications may be picked up at the City Secretary office at the Robert Lee City Hall beginning January 20.

The City of Bronte will hold an election for mayor and three council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Gerald Sandusky and council members Wade Stautzenberger, Paul Gohman, and Jodie Arrott. Applications can be picked up at City Hall.

To be eligible for a seat on a city councils, a person must be a registered voter and must reside within that city on the date of the election.

Bronte ISD will hold an election for two members of the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Shane Kelton and Kay Styles. Applications may be picked up at the Bronte ISD Administration Office beginning Wednesday, January 20, 2016, during the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Robert Lee ISD will hold an election to elect two members of the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Erin Oleksiuk and Beverly Sinclair. Applications for candidates to apply for a position on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees may be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration Office beginning Wednesday, January 20, 2016, between 8 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

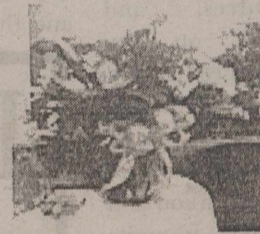
Requirements for filing for school board are that you must have lived in the state for one year and six months in the school district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at the time of election.

West Coke County Hospital District will have three two year terms on their ballot for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Pat Stephens, Pat Carwile and Sarah Green are expiring.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees will also have three two year terms on the ballot. These offices are currently

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