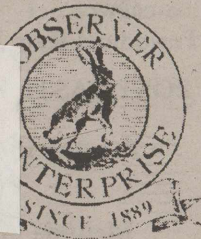


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Early voting ends today in primary elections

Early voting for the March 1, 2016, Democratic and Republican primaries ends today, Friday, February 26, 2016. Voters in all Coke County Precincts may vote at the Courthouse from 8 am to 1 pm.

The election will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Polling will take place from 7 am to 7 pm in Coke County at the following locations.

Precinct 1

Robert Lee Rec Hall, 350 E. Park Road, Robert Lee

Precinct 2

Bronte Senior Citizens Building, 613 E. Oliver Avenue, Bronte

Precinct 3

Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee

Precinct 4

Bronte First Baptist Church, 424 S. Washington, Bronte

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.

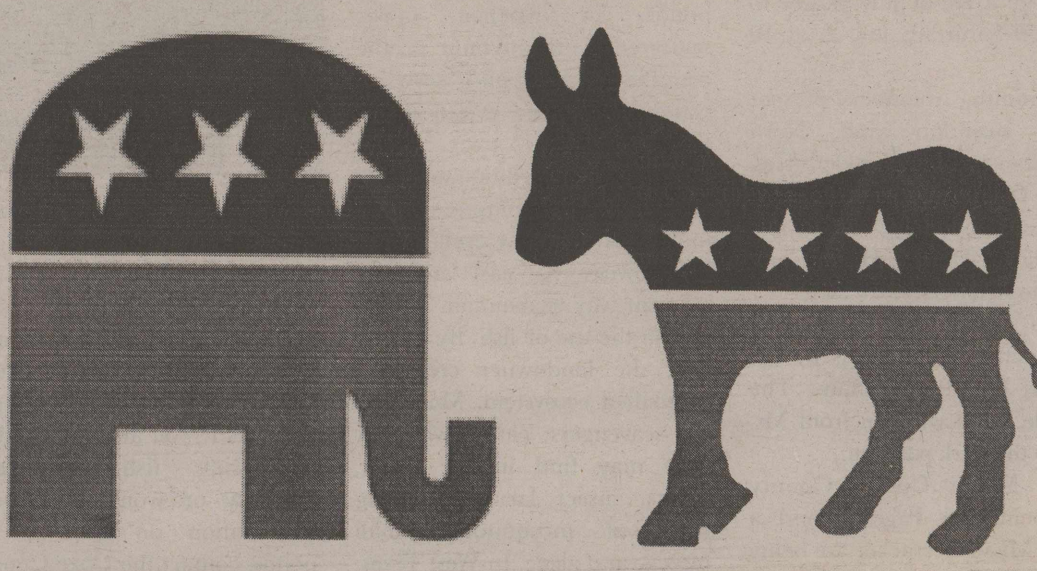
The election for Precinct 1 Commissioner should be decided in the primary election. The Precinct 3 race will be a marathon lasting until November. In the November 8th general election, the winner of the Republican primary (either Millican or Swinney) will face off against Democrat Charles Yorke and Bill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

Ballots set for Local Entity May elections

The filing period for the May 7, 2016, local government entity elections ended last 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 year terms. The offices are currently

Primary Election Day



Tuesday, March 1st

held by Mayor Leroy Casey and council members Sid Burns and Richard Johnson. Mayor Casey and Councilman Sid Burns have filed for re-election. Also filing for seats on the council are Joe Longoria and Jeanette Meeks.

The City of Bronte had terms expiring 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. Mayor Sandusky and councilmen Stautzenberger and Gohman have filed to retain their seats. George Tomes also filed for a seat on the council. They will not have to hold an 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. Both incumbents have filed for re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Josh Schoenfeld and Brandon Busby.

Robert Lee ISD will hold an election to elect two members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Erin Oleksiuk and Beverly Sinclair. Both incumbents have filed for re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Sherry Davidson.

West Coke County Hospital District had three two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Pat Stephens, Pat Carwile and Sarah Green are expiring. Only the incumbents filed and there should not be an election.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees had three two year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Howard Baker, Lanette Fletcher, and Everett Bedford. Only the incumbents filed and

there should not be an election.

Special Meeting of Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association set

There will be a special meeting of the Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association on Monday, February 29, at 5:30 pm in the Masonic Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss cemetery projects for 2016. Anyone interested is urged to attend.

Lions Club Chili Supper set for Saturday

The Robert Lee/Silver Lion's Club is having their 5th annual Chili Supper Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The chili supper with all the trimmings will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. A cake auction will follow the supper.

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.

Sanco Homecoming meeting set for March 6

There will be a meeting for the Sanco Homecoming Association Sunday, March 6, at 2 pm at the Sanco Pavillion, weather permitting. Refreshments will be provided.



Lady Steers Take Bi-District Championship! The Robert Lee Lady Steers were named the Bi-District Champions following their win over the Trent Lady Gorillas in Sweetwater Tuesday, February 16, 2016. They next faced May's Lady Tigers for the Area title in Coleman and fell short 35-38. Congratulations on a very successful season.

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Parade for 4th of July slated by VP

A Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose committee meeting was held February 15 at First Assembly of God to discuss plans for a 4th of July parade to be held Saturday, July 2, at 10 am.

Committee members present were Brandon and Nora Broadbent, Noel Tinkler, Kay and Gayland Hurst, Dave Hughes, Leta Caston, Crystal Standford, Dianne Hefner, and Debbie Childers.

The parade will be held in conjunction with events by the Robert Lee Street Affair. The parade route will run from Ms. T's to the park pavilion.

A Miss Coke County Independence Pageant and a Little Miss Firecracker are being planned as well.

Donate Life Texas discussed at club meeting

J. T. Tucker, Shannon Hospital presented a very informative program to the Sorosis Study Club about Organ Donation. Did you know that you are never too old to donate? You could be an organ, eye and tissue donor. If you would like more information about the life saving program, go to <http://www.DonateLifeTexas.org> for more information.

CCRTA meeting detailed

The Coke County Retired Teachers met for their regular monthly meeting and pot luck lunch on Monday, February 14, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

For the book project, several members provided books to add to the ones purchased to be distributed to elementary libraries in Robert Lee and Bronte. A slate of officers was discussed and will be announced at the next meeting.

All retired school personnel are encouraged to join CCRTA. The District XV retired teachers are active in their communities and in state concerns.

Members attending were Glenda Draper, Wanda Brewer, Kathy McCown, Paul Gothard, Sue Johnston, Charlotte Jackson, Merle Kelso, Ann Hamilton, Beth Prather, Lee Wommack, Gerald Sandusky and Superintendent Aaron Hood.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, at the

First Baptist Church in Bronte at noon.

Fishing for Pond Success

By Erin Oleksiuk, District Technician of Coke County SWCD

All across West Texas there are ponds, or earthen tanks, scattered throughout the counties. These ponds serve as water sources for livestock and wildlife alike.

Like fencing, equipment, and tools; ponds require some maintenance to stay useful to the land owner. An easy and cost efficient way to maintain a pond is with the use of fish. By adding fish, the landowner creates a diversified ecosystem. Many fish are scavengers; eating whatever they may find in the water, plants, insect larva (including those of mosquitoes), small insects, and algae. In West Texas, fish can survive in ponds through the winter, resting on the bottom, waiting for warmer weather.



Bronte Health & Rehab Center
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Smaller species, such as goldfish, can be used to reduce algae growth and insect larva in livestock water troughs.

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently looking into hosting a fish sale. If you are interested in purchasing fish for your property or would like more information on fish use in ponds, contact the Coke County SWCD at 453-2623 x3 or come by the office at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee.

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Sunday Mornings • 10 am
 Table Time • Tuesday evening



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 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm

Coke County Cowboy Church
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 Preacher - Robert Lemonds
 Sunday, 10:30 am

First Baptist Church
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 6 pm Youth

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
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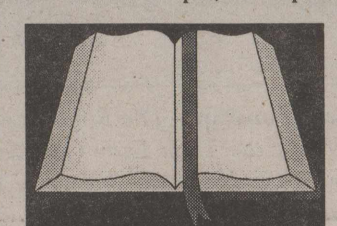
Rev. Everett Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
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 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am

Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
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 Sun. 5 pm

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Emmanuel Pentecostal
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 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
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 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
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 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

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 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

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Red Hat set for March 1

The Red Hat Society will meet Tuesday, March 1, in Ballinger. The ladies club is sponsoring a potato bake. It will be in The Family Life Center next to First Baptist Church located at 400 N. 8th Street. They will begin serving at 11:30. This is their annual fundraiser for scholarships. If you want to car pool, call 473-3032.

Primary Propositions, Referenda noted

In addition to voting for the candidates in the various elections, political parties request voters input through questions asked (either Republican propositions or Democrat referenda) at the end of the primary ballot. This year the following will appear on the Texas primary election ballots.

Republican Primary Ballot Propositions

Proposition 1:

Texas should replace the property tax system with an alternative other than an income tax and require voter approval to increase the overall tax burden.

Proposition 2:

Texas cities and counties should be required to comply with federal immigration laws or be penalized by loss of state funds.

Proposition 3:

Texas should prohibit governmental entities from collecting dues for labor unions

through deductions from public employee paychecks.

Proposition 4:

Texas and its citizens should strongly assert 10th Amendment Rights guaranteed by the US Constitution which states "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Democrat Primary Ballot Referenda

Referendum 1:

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress pass an economic security and prosperity plan for families that includes higher incomes by raising the state minimum wage to a livable wage, passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to ensure equal pay for equal work, guaranteeing paid family leave to care for a child or ill loved one, fully funding public neighborhood schools, and making a debt-free community college education a reality for hardworking students?

Referendum 2:

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress pass criminal justice reform legislation that ensures equal justice throughout our society without respect to race, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or other factors unrelated to behavior, ensuring as well common sense policies to protect the rights of law enforcement officers, the



Special Olympics Volunteers! As in years' past, members of our local ambulance service were on hand to assist with any potential injury at this year's Special Olympics event. The event was held Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Bronte ISD.

community, and defendants in the criminal justice system?

Referendum 3:

Should the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress encourage the transition to renewable, non-polluting energy as a means to slow down climate change and its impact on the planet?

Referendum 4:

Should the United States Congress pass the new Voting Rights Advancement Act to protect all American voters?

Referendum 5:

Should the Texas Legislature allow each public institution of higher education (not only private universities) to opt out of the ability to carry guns on campus?

Referendum 6:

Should the United States Congress pass a just and fair comprehensive immigration reform solution that includes an earned path to citizenship for law-abiding immigrants and their children, keeps families together, protects DREAMers, and provides workforce solutions for businesses?

RE-ELECT

Marty Boyd
Constable, Precinct 2

Serving Precincts 2 and 4

I appreciate your vote and support during the Republican Primary.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Marty Boyd

Friends and Family are Invited to an

80th Birthday Celebration

honoring

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Saturday, March 5, 2016

11 am to 1 pm

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Mike Salls

Republican Candidate

For Coke County County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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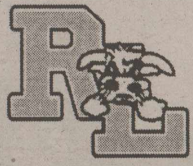
"Actions speak louder than words"

- * Experience Equals Knowledge
- * Knowledge Equals Success
- * Success Equals Accomplishments

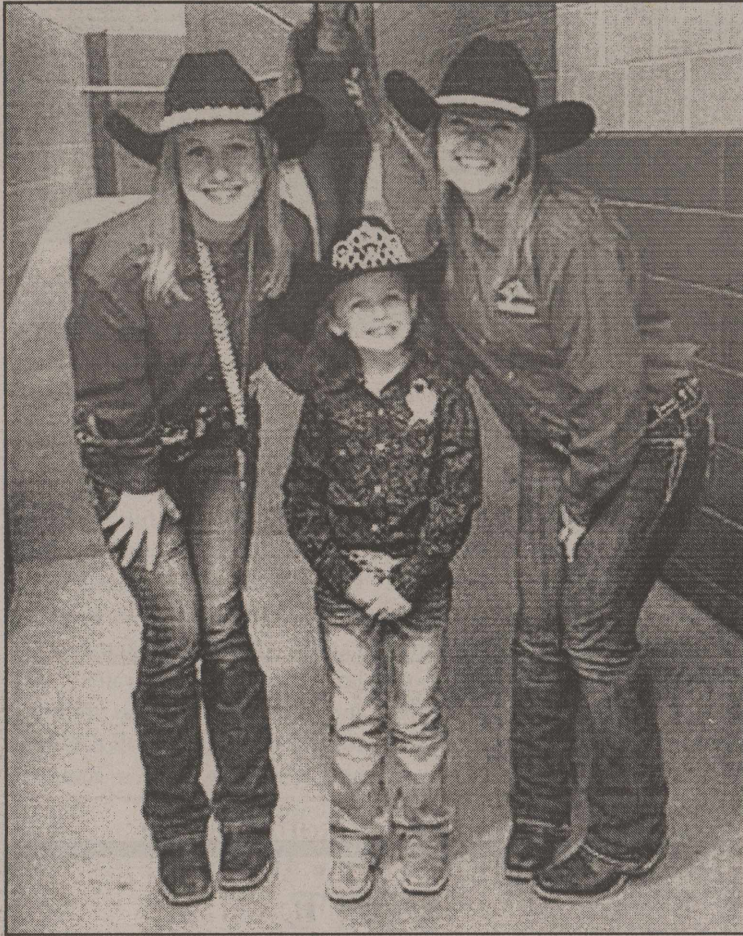
Juan Botino was Madison County's EMS Director for over 20 years and has just retired. "Don't forget Mike that you were once a newcomer to Madison County, as was I, but thanks to your hard work and leadership, you made Madison County a better place. You were also instrumental in improving our addressing and 911 system. Our EMS became the number one rural system in the state and we had one of the first Enhanced 911 systems 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."

Susan Lamb-(Past Owner/Editor of the Madison County Enterpriser Newspaper) "When the retired, longtime sheriff of Madison County, Florida says Coke County is getting the best, folks need to listen! Joe Peavey doesn't support just anyone! And for me, I totally agree with Joe, there is no better man than Mike Salls to be a county commissioner. Honest, level-headed, smart and trustworthy! I must have said some of those same things when I supported you when you ran in Madison because I really believe you were an excellent commissioner in Madison."

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SCHOOL PAGE



Junior Rodeo Princess! On Wednesday, February 17, 2016, Cali Ingram performed at the San Angelo Rodeo as a Junior Rodeo Princess. She showed her bubbly personality and love of being the center of attention. Cali is 5 years old and attends kindergarten at Robert Lee Elementary. Cali is the daughter of Casey and Chad Ingram of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of Casey and Sue Ann Nesbit of Robert Lee and Bill and Diana Ingram of Odessa.

Bronte Longhorn Basketball

The Bronte Longhorns defeated the Robert Lee Steers recently, 49-33. Statistics include Ean Ward- 8 pts, 12 rebs, Ryan Jones- 10 pts, Carson Kelso- 1 pt, 7 rebs, Diego Perez-

10 pts, Shawn Puentez- 18 pts, 4 steals, and Tanner Bedford- 2 pts.

The Bronte Junior Varsity Longhorns faced off against the JV Eagles from Sterling City and won 54-16. Scoring for the JV Horns were Jaxon Chantrill- 18

pts, Hunner Powell- 2 pts, Samuel Dominguez- 17 pts, Emmanuel Casillas- 11 pts, Garrett Knight- 4 pts, and Jose Sanchez- 2 pts.

STEM Conference at ASU set for March 5

Girls in grades 6 through 12 may attend a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) conference at Angelo State University on Saturday, March 5th.

Participants will listen to professors from ASU and Howard College, see a science show, receive a patch and sports pack, as well as, lunch.

For more information, please contact Stacy McGuire at 325-655-8961, ext. 709, or to register for the conference, please visit bit.ly/stem-sanangelo. Flyers are also available for pickup at Bronte High School.

Scholarships now available for students in Coke County

Whatever your college plans, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) wants to help you on your way to a higher education.

"Each year, TFB offers a whole host of scholarships on both the local and state level for TFB members and their

families," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "It's our way of giving back to our community and helping Coke County students on their way to success."

Scholarships totaling almost \$80,000 are awarded annually to students who participate in TFB's youth contests, youth leadership organizations or apply for several other scholarships that are made available.

The S.M. True Jr. Agricultural Scholar Award is a major scholarship offered by TFB. The \$20,000 scholarship honors the former TFB president and his commitment and dedication to Texas agriculture.

The scholarship is open to students who have declared agriculture as their major and have at least 60 hours of college credit.

The Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 to one high school junior or senior who attended TFB's Youth Leadership Conference in Stephenville during the summer.

Collegiate and high school students who would like to pursue a career in agriculture are encouraged to apply for TFB's Young Farmer and

Rancher scholarship.

Memorial and district scholarships are also available.

"We encourage all high school and college students in County to check out the scholarships and apply," Copeland said. "Every little bit helps when you're trying to reach your goals."

To apply for TFB's scholarships, visit www.TexasFarmBureau.org.

Information on local scholarships can be found at the Coke County Farm Bureau office.

Local Bronte Scholarships available

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 "Scholarship Information" or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 12, 2016.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past Bronte High School graduates.

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VOTE

Sidney W. Burns

for Commissioner, Precinct 1

I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election for Commissioner, Precinct 1. As many of you know, my wife, Cookie, and I grew up here in Coke County, attended schools here, raised our children and now our grandchildren are attending school in Robert Lee. I am proud to be a Coke County Rabbit Twister.

We have had many challenges in our county in the past years and I believe the citizens stepped forward and we were able to face these challenges head on. I have worked diligently on the Robert Lee City Council for the past six years to bring water to our town and rural water system and continue to pursue more ways to bring water to our area so we do not face the possibility of "no water" ever again.

Now with the decline in oil revenue, our county leaders face an even bigger challenge in meeting a budget with depleted revenue. I believe I can bring experience of owning an oilfield business for 37 years and going through the ups and downs in the oilfield to the table.

Please consider me in voting for Commissioner of Precinct 1. I pledge to put forth all my time and effort in making Coke County a better place for our citizens and a place others will want to live.

PLEASE VOTE March 1st

Sidney W. Burns

for Commissioner, Precinct 1

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Sidney W. Burns

or before April 12, 2016.

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

Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 29

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

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

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

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

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

Lunch

Monday, February 29

Meat & cheese tostadas, Spanish rice, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, March 1

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans, strawberry cup, roll, milk

Wednesday, March 2

Pizza choice, garden salad, vegetable medley, apple slices, milk

Thursday, March 3

Soft tacos, baby carrots w/ranch, corn, salsa, orange smiles, cookie, milk

Friday, March 4

Hamburger or cheeseburger, garnish, zesty cucumbers, sweet potato fries, sliced peaches, milk

Bronte Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 29

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

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

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

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

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

Lunch

Monday, February 29

Chicken sandwich, oven fries, vegetable cup, fruit, milk

Tuesday, March 1

Nachos Grande, refried beans, tomato cup, garden salad, salsa, fruit, milk

Wednesday, March 2

Corn dog, western beans, broccoli, apple-pineapple, milk

Thursday, March 3

Country pot pie, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk

Friday, March 4

Pizza, baby carrots, seasoned corn, fruit, milk

Robert Lee Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 29

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 1

Cheesy toast, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 2

Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, March 3

Breakfast strudel, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 4

Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 29



Special Cheers! The Bronte High School Cheerleaders were on hand to cheer for the athletes who competed in Saturday's Special Olympics.

Chicken sandwich, fries, veggie cup w/ranch, mandarin oranges, milk

Tuesday, March 1
Nacho Grande, refried beans, salsa, tomato cup, salad, pears, lime sherbet cup, milk

Wednesday, March 2
Corndog, baked beans, steamed broccoli, apple-pineapple D'Lite, milk

Thursday, March 3
Salisbury steak, gravy, biscuit, roasted potatoes, salad, fruity gelatin, milk

Friday, March 4
Hot dog, corn chips, grapes, baby carrots w/ranch, broccoli, salad, cookie, milk

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I ask for your support in the Republican Primary.

Vote

Marshall Millican

for Coke County
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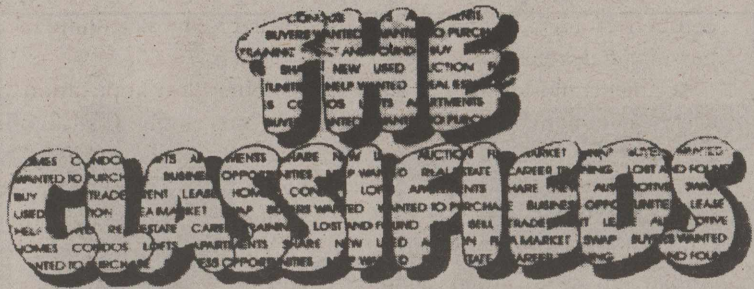
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POLITICAL CALENDAR

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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.)
Andrew Swinney (Rep.)

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

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Coke County is accepting applications for a Part Time Coke County Librarian. Applications may be picked up at the Coke County Judge's Office in the Courthouse. Applications must be received by March 7, 2016, at 9 am in the Coke County Judge's Office.

Coke County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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PENA'S RED BARN

Is looking for a morning waitress. Please apply in person at 311 N. State, Bronte.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Clearly Petroleum, LLC, 5825 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West #550, Houston, TX 77086 is applying to the Railroad

Commission of Texas for a DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Minielle Sand formation, N.E., I.A.B. Lease well #701. The proposed disposal well is located 9 miles Northwest from Robert Lee in the I. A. B., NE. (Penn. 5150) field in Coke County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4700 feet to 5300 feet. The applicant also proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Minielle Sand formation, N.E., I.A.B. Lease well #902. The proposed disposal well is located 9 miles Northwest from Robert Lee in the I. A. B., NE. (Penn. 5150) field in Coke County. The waste

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UNDER CONTRACT 198 Acres - Coke County, Texas. North of Robert Lee, large barn, cattle pens, one water well. \$1295/acre.

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water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4202 feet to 5275 feet. The applicant also proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Minielle Sand formation, N.E., I.A.B. Lease well #2101. The proposed disposal well is located 9 miles Northwest from Robert Lee in the I. A. B., NE. (Penn. 5150) field in Coke County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4700 feet to 5300 feet. The applicant also proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Minielle Sand formation, N.E., I.A.B. Lease well #2502R. The proposed disposal well is located 9 miles Northwest from Robert Lee in the I. A. B., NE. (Penn. 5150) field in Coke County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4700 feet to 5266 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resource Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen (15) days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control, Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711, telephone (512) 463-6792.

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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.

Health Careers Camp slated

Students currently enrolled in grades 8-12 are invited to attend a Health Careers Camp in Odessa, Texas, June 13th through 16th to get hands on learning about health careers. The camp is sponsored by the Permian Basin Area Health Education Cooperative (AHEC) and students will participate in tours of local health care facilities, shadowing opportunities with health care professionals, hands on science experiments, and lectures from college professors and instructors who will offer good habits for college success.

The cost covers 3 nights of housing, food and snacks, and transportation during the camp. The deadline to apply is May

13th. Scholarships are available based on financial need. Please pick up an application in the Bronte HS Counselor's office. For additional information, please call Susie Dominguez at (432) 894-5562.

CVEC offers scholarships

Concho Valley Electric Cooperative is offering four \$2,000 scholarships. Two scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors and two are awarded to other students of higher learning.

Guidelines include:

The applicant must be an

active CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC, OR be the dependent of a CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC.

The applicant will be chosen based on the following criteria: grades, leadership, community, school activities and essay.

Permissible use of funds include payment of tuition, fees required for books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses of instruction.

The recipient must attend a recognized Texas institution of higher education, including

certified trade schools, while pursuing a degree at any level.

Recipients must obtain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. One half of scholarship is awarded at the beginning of the Fall Semester and the remaining one half is

awarded at the beginning of the Spring semester.

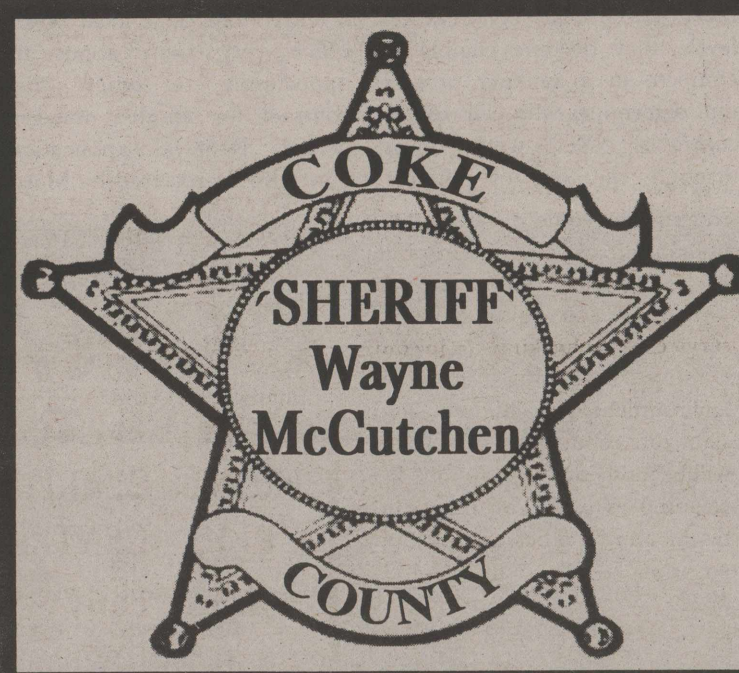
To obtain an application you may come by the CVEC office at 2530 Pulliam St., San Angelo, TX 76905, call the Member Service Department at (325) 655-6957 or visit our website at www.cvec.coop. Deadline for submission is April 11, 2016.

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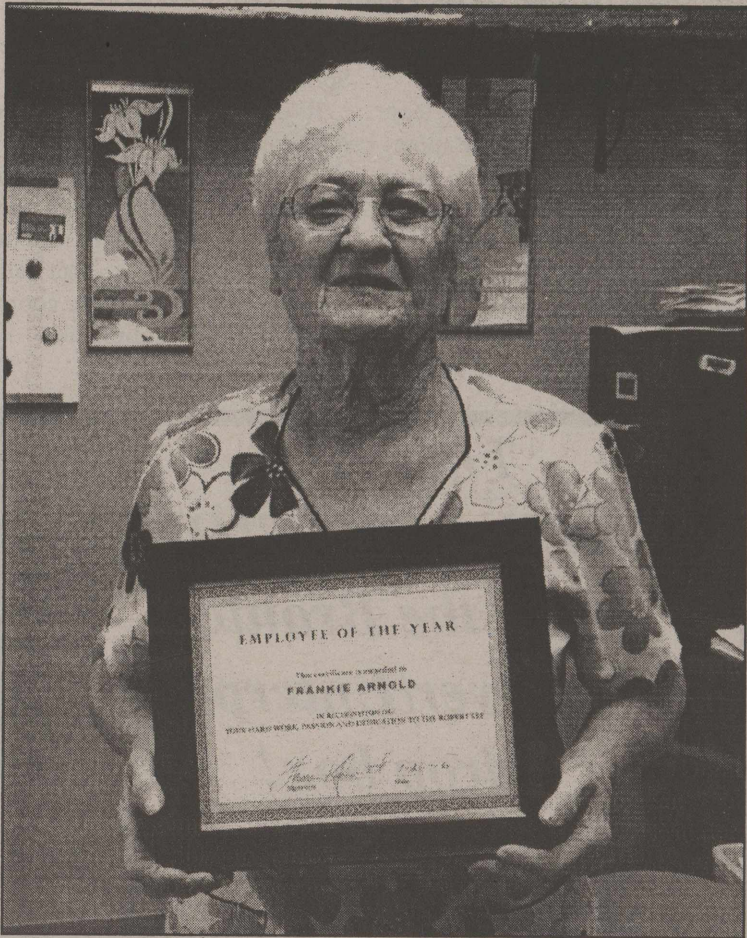
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RLCC Employee of the Year! Robert Lee Care Center is proud to recognize Frankie Arnold as the employee of the Year. Frankie has been a vital part of Robert Lee Care Center's team. She has worked at this facility as a Dietary Supervisor for the greater part of her career and is currently working as a Dietary Kitchen Manager. She has been in this profession for at least 45 years. Her work ethics are very outstanding. Frankie is always around to help out wherever she is needed. She is the heart and soul of the dietary department. Frankie is a resident of Robert Lee Care Center and had one daughter, Jackie, two grandkids, Christy and David, and four great-grandkids. Congratulations Frankie!!

Conservation Stewardship Program Sign-ups Open

Producers to submit initial application by March 31

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced this year's deadline for producer applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is March 31.

March 31 is also the deadline by which initial applications are needed from farmers with expiring 2012-2016 contracts if

they want to renew them for another five years. Some 12 million acres already in the program are eligible for renewal this year.

"CSP is a continuous sign-up program, and producers can apply to enroll at any time of the year," said Traci Bruckner, Senior Policy Associate for Agriculture and Conservation at the Center for Rural Affairs. "NRCS applies a cut-off date for applications to be considered during a particular fiscal year. Once the cut-off date is past,

producers may continue to apply, but they will not be considered for entry until the spring of the following year. To enroll in 2016, you must file your application by March 31."

The Conservation Stewardship Program is a voluntary stewardship incentives program administered by NRCS. It rewards farmers, ranchers, and foresters for maintaining existing conservation and for adopting additional measures that run beyond the farm or ranch.

CSP pays producers for clean water, better soil management, improved habitat, energy efficiency, and other natural resource benefits. Since the program began in 2009, nearly 70 million acres of farm and ranch land have been enrolled in the program.

To sign up, farmers and ranchers should visit their NRCS local service center and submit their basic application form by the March 31 deadline. "Once a farmer or rancher's initial application is accepted by NRCS, they are then scored based on current and planned future conservation activities," added Bruckner. "If applicants meet acceptable conservation levels, they become eligible to compete in a ranking process that determines who will receive contracts. NRCS works down through the list of eligible

applicants until acreage allocated to the particular state for that particular year runs out."

2012 Contracts Up for Renewal

March 31 is also the deadline for CSP contract holders who enrolled in 2012 to renew. CSP contracts last for five years and can be renewed for an additional five years, extending and building upon their previous conservation efforts and current level of stewardship.

Existing CSP contracts enrolled in 2012 will expire later this year if they are not renewed by March 31. Producers should act now to ensure a seamless transition into another five-year contract and avoid any lapse in payments.

Approximately 12 million acres and 8,000 contracts are up for renewal this year. In 2014 and 2015, approximately 75% of expiring CSP acres were renewed in the program, and we join our colleagues at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) in hoping to see renewal rates that meet or exceed the first two re-enrollment periods.

Producers should be receiving a letter from their local NRCS office very soon about the opportunity to renew their contract for another five-year period. Renewal applications must also be received by March

31 to ensure a seamless transition into their next contract without a lapse in payments.

Program Improvements

"We are pleased to report that two key improvements we have been advocating for along with the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition will be part of the program moving forward," Bruckner said. "These include more funding and a higher and expanded application of the minimum payment for small acreage farms and ranches."

NRCS will be able to enroll nearly all 10 million acres as authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which is 2.3 million more acres than last year's sign-up due to the annual appropriations not placing any funding limits on the CSP. This will help ensure NRCS can better meet program demands and enroll more farmers. In Nebraska, for example, in 2015 NRCS was only able to enroll 30% of eligible program applicants, Bruckner added.

"The increase in the minimum payment to improve access for small acreage farms and ranches will be set at \$1,500. Previously, this minimum payment was set at \$1,000 and was only available to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers," Bruckner concluded. "This change opens up the minimum payment level to all participating small acreage farms and ranches."

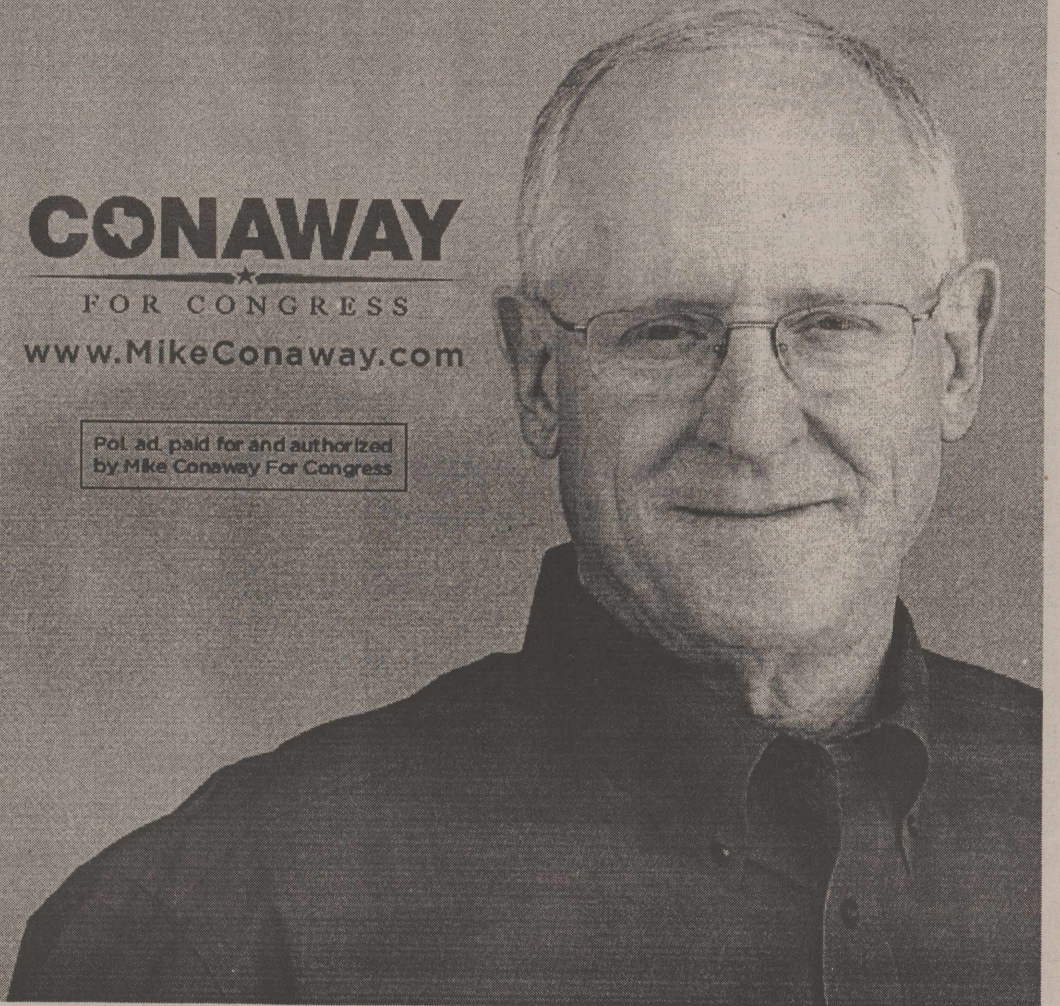
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