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Golf Tourney set for Saturday at Mountain Creek

Mountain Creek Golf Association has a 3 person, 27 hole early bird scramble slated for March 19. A 9 am shotgun start is planned.

For more information, please contact Mountain Creek at 325-453-2317 or 806-543-2118.

CCRC to meet Sunday

The annual membership meeting and the first 2016 meeting of the Coke County Roping Club will be held at 1 pm Sunday, March 20, at the arena in Bronte. All members and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Bronte FUMC posts schedule

The Bronte First United Methodist Church Holy Week Services will be held beginning with the Palm Sunday service on Sunday, March 20.

Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7 pm Thursday, March 24, with Good Friday service set for 7 pm Friday, March 25.

The annual Sunrise Service at the Kent Gentry Ranch west of Bronte will be held Sunday, March 27. A light breakfast will be provided.

The traditional Easter service will be held at 11 am on Sunday, March 27.

An Easter Egg hunt for children will be held between Sunday School and church.

Blackwell One Act Play public performance is Monday

The public performance of this year's Blackwell High School One Act Play "Unturned Stone" will be held Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7 pm. The evening will begin with a spaghetti dinner, hosted by the sophomore class, at 5:30 pm.

The students will compete in UIL One Act Play at 1 pm Tuesday, March 22, at Sterling City.

Retired Teachers to meet Monday

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Monday, March 21, for its monthly potluck lunch meeting. The meeting will be at the First Baptist Church in Bronte at noon. All retired school personnel are welcome to join in. Officers for the coming two years will be installed. The meetings are short and informative, the food is good,

and so is the company.

By joining local chapters of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, support is shown for the issues regulated by legislation. It is important to have a presence in such legislation through TRTA. A monthly meeting is held by CCRTA on the third Monday of the month from September to November and from January to May to keep up with legislative matters in Austin and local projects as well.

Sky Warn Class set for Tuesday

A Sky Warn class will be held Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 pm at the Robert Lee fire station. The public is encouraged to attend. The purpose of Sky Warn classes is to teach people on severe weather spotting.

County Republican Convention held

The Coke County Republican Convention was held Monday, March 14, 2016, at the Blue Goose in downtown Bronte. The minutes of the convention are included below.

The meeting was called to order with eleven members in attendance at 6:15 pm by Temporary Chairman Susan Williams.

The invocation was led by Paul Williams. The pledges to the United States and Texas flags followed.

Additional temporary officers were announced as follows: Wayne McCutchen - Temporary Sergeant-at-Arms; Hal Spain - Temporary Secretary; and Michael Cervenka - Temporary Parliamentarian. The first order of business was to elect permanent officers, and the preceding slate of four temporary officers were elected to permanent positions by acclamation.

Delegates to the upcoming state convention in Dallas were selected. The 2016 delegates are Paul and Susan Williams, with Hal and Kim Spain being selected as alternates.

The following four resolutions were passed unanimously by those attending, to be submitted at the state convention.

1. Pausing Refugee Settlement -Whereas, local communities and states are being forced to provide financial and human resources for an unlimited and unknown number of refugees whose backgrounds



County Convention! Susan Williams, Coke County Republican Chairman, urges members to take their seats at the County Republican Convention held in downtown Bronte Monday evening, March 14, 2016.

are impossible to thoroughly vet, according to multiple US law enforcement officials. Therefore, be it resolved, that until a full accounting of the direct and indirect costs associated with all resettled refugees to the state of Texas occur, local volunteer agencies and all state government agencies dealing with refugee resettlement cease and desist from assisting in any further resettlement of refugees.

2. Formal Withdrawal from Refugee Resettlement - Whereas, under federal regulations governing the Refugee Resettlement Program under Section 400.301 "Withdrawal from the refugee program" stipulates, "(a) in the event that a state decides to cease participation in the refugee program, the state must provide 120 days advance notice to the Director before withdrawing from the program." Therefore, be it resolved, the governor will immediately notify the US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, that Texas is withdrawing from the Refugee Resettlement Program, joining twelve other states that have also and will no longer provide state funds toward the Refugee Resettlement Program.

3. Prohibiting Criticism of any Religion - Whereas, our First Amendment rights have been defined by the courts as protected even when such

speech is deemed offensive to others, Therefore, be it resolved that Texas opposed any attempts from the federal, state, or local officials to restrict, punish, or limit in any manner an individual's right to share their opinions in writing or in speaking about any religion or political ideology without fear of any criminal or civil penalty.

4. Delegate Weight Standardization - it was discussed that there may be different standards in different states for the proportional number of Republican delegates who make up the Electoral College. This resolution seeks to standardize the number of delegates; so that no one state will have more delegates proportionally than any other

state.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Ranchers Workshop is planned

A Coke County Ranchers Workshop will soon be held in Bronte.

Topics will include: Range Health and Rotational Grazing, Prescribed Burning Benefits, Land Lease and Water Rights, Sheep and Goat Update, Pesticide Update, Rangeland herbicide Update, and Cattle: Choosing and Taking Care of Your Herd Sire.

CEU's will be available and lunch will be provided. Please be looking for more information to come.

**Regular Meeting of the
Commissioners Court
9 am Tuesday
March 22, 2016
Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse**

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Obituaries

Massey

Benton Floyd Massey left this world to fly among the angels on February 25, 2016. He was laid to rest on February 27, 2016. A memorial was held at Emmanuel Pentecostal Church in Robert Lee with friends and family in attendance.

Benton graduated from Midland High school, served in the Air Force as a mechanic, and was a machinist for the remainder of his life. He was passionate about music and became a good drummer.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon Massey.

He is survived by his parents Bennie and Eyvonne Massey of Robert Lee, his sisters Debbie and Kim Massey of Robert Lee, and two nephews Brandon Sandahl of Tacoma, Washington, and Justin Sandahl of Robert Lee.

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O'Banon

Donald Ray O'Banon passed away at his home peacefully in his sleep on March 11, 2016. Graveside services were held at 10 am, Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Gypsy, Peggy, Juanita and Billy.

Don is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Linda Sue; children, Belinda, Deborah, David, Rose, Chris and Natalie; fourteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and many other family members and friends.

Decision America Tour prayer rally set for April 26

Franklin Graham is taking a team of believers across America to have a prayer rally at each of the 50 state capitals. There will be a prayer rally in Austin at the capital at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 26.

Graham will pray and then preach a sermon about the gospel of salvation. At the same time the Austin rally is taking place, there will be a prayer rally in front of the courthouse in Robert Lee.

If America is to experience extreme revival across our nation, her citizens must be

Cottonseed denial will affect Texas economies

Low prices, high inputs and a lack of a safety net continue to plague cotton farmers across Texas. Now that an effort to find cottonseed coverage in the farm bill has been denied, the likelihood of farming communities and related businesses suffering the consequences is even higher.

"We hoped U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack would allow cottonseed to be designated as the oilseed it is," John Ross Copeland, Sterling County Farm Bureau president, said. "Without farm bill coverage that other crops receive, cotton farmers and local businesses will suffer."

Vilsack announced earlier this month that U.S. Department of Agriculture lawyers don't have the authority to make that designation.

House Agriculture Committee Chair Mike Conaway of Texas disagrees and urges Vilsack to reconsider.

In the meantime, cotton farmers across America must find a way to go on without an effective safety net to help them in the worst of times.

"Over half of our nation's cotton is grown right here in Texas," John Ross said. "But with cotton prices as low as they are, it may not make sense for some farmers to plant the crop this year. That would impact everyone down the line—from the gins to the person who works at a retail store selling cotton t-shirts."

Farmers asked Vilsack and USDA to designate cottonseed as an oilseed because cottonseed is a coproduct of cotton, not just a byproduct.

Cottonseed is used as a source of oil and meal.

Cotton farmers are not eligible for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) safety net programs through the farm bill due to a deal the U.S. has with Brazil

following the Brazil Cotton Case.

In the case, Brazil alleged the U.S. gave unfair subsidies to its cotton growers. As a result, U.S. officials promised not to give direct subsidies to its cotton farmers.

Congress still has an opportunity to designate cottonseed as an oilseed, but it will take time. Time is something farmers don't have as planting season approaches for most.

Taylor County Vet Center to Hold Open House on March 25

The Department of Veterans Affairs Taylor County Vet Center in Abilene will host an Open House Friday, March 25, from 10 am to 2 pm at 3564 N. 6th Street in Abilene, Texas.

Located separately from the VA hospital, Vet Centers provide readjustment services to Veterans who have served in a combat theater without an appointment through the traditional VA system. These services include individual, group, marriage and family counseling, as well as treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), bereavement, and Military Sexual Trauma (MST).

The Mobile Vet Center (MVC) from Abilene, Texas, will also be on-site for tours and information. The MVC is a 38 foot community outreach vehicle equipped with two confidential offices where Vet Center counselors can meet with Veterans and family members. VA operates 80 Mobile Vet Centers nationwide to enhance direct service delivery.

The Taylor County Vet Center (Abilene) is

approximately 4,500 square feet including two group rooms and six offices that can be used for readjustment counseling. The center has a well-trained core staff comprised of therapists, program administrators, an outreach specialist, and an MVC driver, many of whom have served in the military and some of whom are combat veterans themselves. The center is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with extended evening hours Tuesdays - Thursdays. The center also accommodates weekend appointments for veterans.

Established in 1979, the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center program operates a system of 300 community based Vet Centers nationwide, and each Vet Center provides services to several counties. With a Veteran population of 26,651 in its service area, the Taylor County Vet Center (Abilene) service area includes Taylor, Brown, Eastland, Jones, Scurry, Nolan, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Haskell, Knox, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, and Throckmorton counties. All honorably discharged veterans who served in combat theatres and veterans who have been exposed to Military Sexual Trauma are eligible for care at a VA Vet Center at no cost, as are their families who are impacted by the veteran's readjustment difficulties.

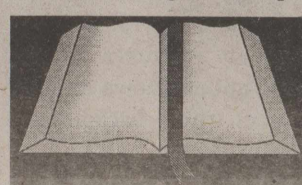
There will be a Veterans benefits specialist from Waco, Texas, VA Benefits office on site to assist with claims and VA hospital staff will be available to enroll veterans in VA healthcare. The Mobile Vet Center (MVC), a 38 foot outreach vehicle, will be available for tours.

Area Churches

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Bronte Church of Christ
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 (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

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 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
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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
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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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The Easter Story

Part One

Mark Chapter 11

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

1 As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. 2 "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here: 3 If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'"

4 The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. 5 As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it.

8 Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!"

11 So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

12 The next morning as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. 13 He noticed a fig tree in full leaf a little way off, so he went over to see if he could find any figs. But there were only leaves because it was too early in the season for fruit. 14 Then Jesus said to the tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit again!" And the disciples heard him say it.

Jesus Clears the Temple

15 When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, 16 and he stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace. 17 He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves."

18 When the leading priests and teachers of religious law heard what Jesus had done, they began planning how to kill him. But they were afraid of him because the people were so amazed at his teaching.

19 That evening Jesus and the disciples left the city.

20 The next morning as they

passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. 21 Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!"

22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. 23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. 24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. 25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

27 Again they entered Jerusalem. As Jesus was walking through the Temple area, the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders came up to him. 28 They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right to do them?"

29 "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied. 30 "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human? Answer me!"

31 They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask why we didn't believe John. 32 But do we dare say it was merely human?" For they were afraid of what the people would do, because everyone believed that John was a prophet. 33 So they finally replied, "We don't know." And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things."

Chapter 12

Parable of the Evil Farmers

1 Then Jesus began teaching them with stories: "A man planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country. 2 At the time of the grape harvest, he sent one of his servants to collect his share of the crop. 3 But the farmers grabbed the servant, beat him up, and sent him back empty-handed. 4 The owner then sent another servant, but they insulted him and beat him over the head. 5 The next servant he sent was killed. Others he sent were either beaten or killed, 6 until there was only one left—his son whom he loved dearly. The owner finally sent him, thinking, 'Surely they will respect my son.'"

7 "But the tenant farmers said to one another, 'Here comes the heir to this estate. Let's kill him and get the estate for ourselves!' 8 So they grabbed him and



murdered him and threw his body out of the vineyard.

9 "What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do?" Jesus asked. "I'll tell you—he will come and kill those farmers and lease the vineyard to others. 10 Didn't you ever read this in the Scriptures? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. 11 This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.'"

12 The religious leaders wanted to arrest Jesus because they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers. But they were afraid of the crowd, so they left him and went away.

Taxes for Caesar

13 Later the leaders sent some Pharisees and supporters of Herod to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. 14 "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You are impartial and don't play favorites. You teach the way of God truthfully. Now tell us—is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? 15 Should we pay them, or shouldn't we?"

Jesus saw through their hypocrisy and said, "Why are you trying to trap me? Show me a Roman coin, and I'll tell you." 16 When they handed it to him, he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

17 "Well, then," Jesus said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

His reply completely amazed

them.

Discussion about Resurrection

18 Then Jesus was approached by some Sadducees—religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead. They posed this question: 19 "Teacher, Moses gave us a law that if a man dies, leaving a wife without children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. 20 Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. 21 So the second brother married the widow, but he also died without children. Then the third brother married her. 22 This continued with all seven of them, and still there were no children. Last of all, the woman also died. 23 So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her."

24 Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. 25 For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven.

26 "But now, as to whether the dead will be raised—haven't you ever read about this in the writings of Moses, in the story of the burning bush? Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' 27 So he is the God of the living, not the dead. You have

made a serious error."

The Most Important Commandment

28 One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. 30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' 31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

32 The teacher of religious law replied, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. 33 And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law."

34 Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

35 Later, as Jesus was teaching the people in the Temple, he asked, "Why do the teachers of

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Safe Driving Presentation! Trooper Fred Biddle, a state trooper out of Abilene, recently spoke to high school students at Blackwell CISD. Trooper Biddle described to the students how devastating driving while intoxicated can be. Biddle went over facts stating how quickly alcohol can get in one's bloodstream and an estimated amount of how many drinks it would take to put an individual over the legal limit. Students were shown footage of actual people driving under the influence and the severe consequences they had to face. Drinking while driving not only puts your own life at risk, but also the lives of others on the road. Biddle also reminded the students that drinking under the age of 21 was illegal.

Robert Lee Cheerleaders announced

The 2016-2017 Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will be Kelby Clawson - Head Cheerleader, Megan Grantham, Anna Huapilla, Margo Mendoza, Kaylee Puentez, and Jessie Wheat. Kandace Skipworth will be the Mascot.

The 2016-2017 Robert Lee Junior High Cheerleaders will be Mia Galvan, Aubrey Nichols, Hemma Rangel, Adison Thomas, Zoe Tijerina, and Jullisa Ureno.

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.

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Scholarship is also open to past Bronte High School graduates.

Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor, on or before April 12, 2016.

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

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.

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.

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Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 21

Sausage biscuit or choice of cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 22

Dutch waffle, bacon or choice of cereal, peaches, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 23

Breakfast boat or choice of cereal, mandarin oranges, juice, milk

Thursday, March 24

Stuffed Bagel, sausage or choice of cereal & mixed fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

Lunch

Monday, March 21

Hamburger/cheeseburger, garnish, oven fries, western beans, diced pears, milk

Tuesday, March 22

Nachos Grande, refried beans, salsa, petite tomato cup, garden salad, pears, lime sherbet cup, milk

Wednesday, March 23

Pulled pork slider, multi-grain chips, coleslaw, petite tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday, March 24

Chicken Parmesan, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, breadsticks, milk

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

Bronte Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 21

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



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Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24

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

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

Lunch

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

Fish strips, coleslaw, pinto

beans, orange smiles, rolls milk

Thursday, March 24

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

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

Robert Lee Menu

Breakfast

Monday, March 21

Chicken-n-waffle, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 22

Breakfast club, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 23

Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, March 24

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

Lunch

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

Popcorn chicken, French fries, cucumber dippers, roll, grapes, cookie, milk

Wednesday, March 23

Chili w/cornbread, salad, broccoli bites, oranges, milk

Thursday, March 24

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Friday, March 25

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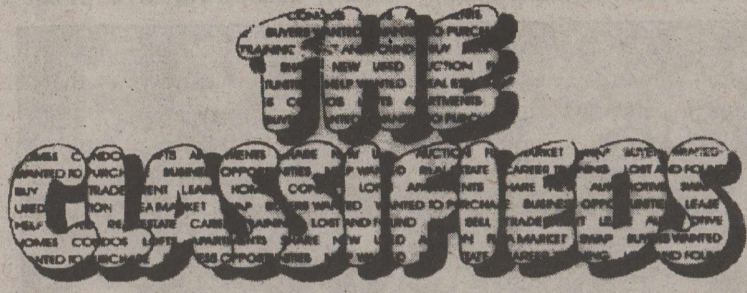
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Donald Robertson (Rep.)

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Marshall Millican (Rep.)

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**... The Easter Story
Part 1**

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religious law claim that the Messiah is the son of David? 36 For David himself, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies beneath your feet."

37 Since David himself called the Messiah 'my Lord,' how can the Messiah be his son?" The large crowd listened to him with great delight.

38 Jesus also taught: "Beware of these teachers of religious law! For they like to parade around in flowing robes and receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces. 39 And how they love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the head table at banquets. 40 Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be more severely punished."

The Widow's Offering

41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. 42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Chapter 13

Jesus Speaks about the Future

1 As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls."

2 Jesus replied, "Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"

3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him, 4 "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?"

5 Jesus replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, 6 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. 7 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. 8 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

9 "When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues. You will stand trial before

governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me. 10 For the Good News must first be preached to all nations. 11 But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

12 "A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed. 13 And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

14 "The day is coming when you will see the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing where he should not be." (Reader, pay attention!) "Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. 15 A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. 16 A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat. 17 How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days. 18 And pray that your flight will not be in winter. 19 For there will be greater anguish in those days than at any time since God created the world. And it will never be so great again. 20 In

fact, unless the Lord shortens that time of calamity, not a single person will survive. But for the sake of his chosen ones he has shortened those days.

21 "Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it. 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones. 23 Watch out! I have warned you about this ahead of time!

24 "At that time, after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send out his angels to gather his chosen ones from all over the world - from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

28 "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. 29 In the same way, when

you see all these things taking place, you can know that his return is very near, right at the door. 30 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene before all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

32 "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. 33 And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!

34 "The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return. 35 You, too, must keep watch! For you don't know when the master of the household will return—in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak. 36 Don't let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning. 37 I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for him!"

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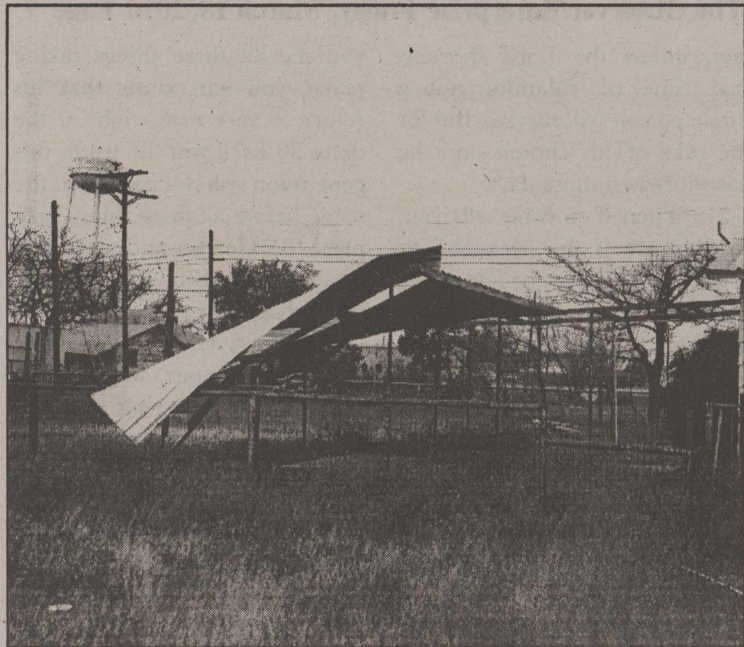
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Time is Running Out to Sign-up for CSP

By Traci Bruckner, Center for Rural Affairs

Time is running out for farmers and ranchers to participate in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) this year. This year's deadline for producers to apply at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office is March 31.

The CSP is a voluntary stewardship incentives program that rewards farmers, ranchers, and foresters for maintaining existing conservation and adopting additional conservation measures that provide environmental benefits. CSP rewards producers for improving water quality, enhancing wildlife habitat, reducing soil erosion, increasing 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.

CSP is a continuous sign-up program, and producers can apply to enroll at any time of the year. 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 following year. To enroll in 2016, you must file your application by 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.

To sign up, farmers and ranchers should visit their local NRCS center.

I-10 Closed at Texas-Louisiana Border

Due to continued flooding from excessive rainfall along the Texas-Louisiana state line, the Texas Department of Transportation has closed Interstate 10 near the state line. All motorists who are driving eastbound to Louisiana should use I-20 as an alternate route. For those traveling on I-10 from:

- El Paso take I-20 East of Van Horn
- San Antonio take I-35 North to I-20 East to Shreveport
- Houston take US 59 North to I-20 East to Shreveport
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Farm bill safety net program enrollment now open for COKE County farmers

It's time once again for Coke County farmers to enroll in farm bill safety net programs at the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

The enrollment period for the 2015 Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs opened Dec. 7 and will remain open through Aug. 1, 2016.

"Many Coke County farmers already made their safety net program selection, but it's important for all of them to go back to the FSA office to enroll their acreage into the program



VP Volunteers! Members of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose work together assembling new benches at the group's headquarters building on Austin Street in Robert Lee. Photo courtesy of Leta Caston.

for the new year," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said.

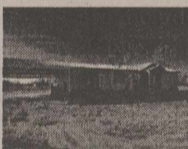
FSA officials encourage farmers to call their local FSA office to make an appointment to enroll before the deadline.

"If Coke County farmers

don't enroll, their farms and crops won't be eligible for financial assistance should crop prices or farm revenues fall," John Ross said. "These safety nets are important to ensure American farmers have something, if only the

percentage of a crop's original value, to make ends meet in bad years. Without it, many farmers business in times of drought or excessive rain." For more information, farmers need to visit the local FSA office.

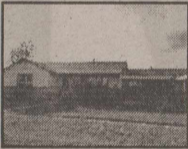
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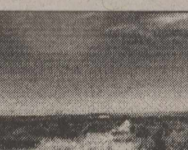
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