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Friday, March 10, 2017

DiFrancesco Retirement celebration set for today

A celebration honoring John DiFrancesco's retirement as Administrator from Bronte Health and Rehab Center is planned for today, Friday, March 10, 2017, at 2 pm. The event will be held at the BHRC located on South State Street (US 277) in Bronte.

Utility Assistance offered

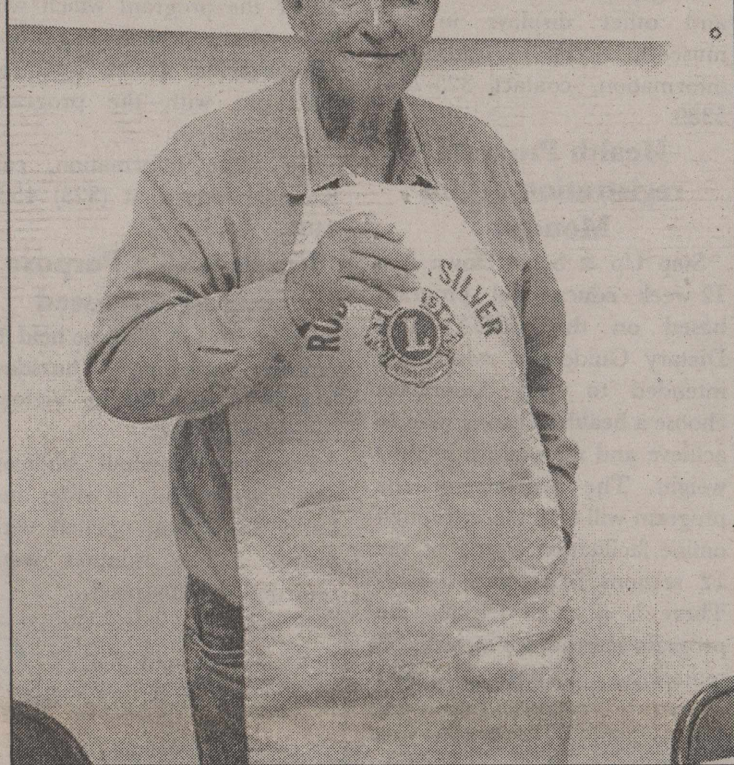
The Concho Valley Community Action Agency will be in Coke County on April 5, 2017, to help with Utility Assistance. They will also be taking applications for the Weatherization Program.

The location and time is at the Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Linens of Love grand opening set for Saturday

Linens of Love is Bronte's new clothing closet, located in and sponsored by First Baptist Church in Bronte. A wide variety of clothing and

ns Club



Anniversary Noted! John Stephens was recently presented with his Lion's Club 20 Year Pin by Todd Smith. John has devoted many years of service to Robert Lee through various organizations including the Lions Club and Texas Farm Bureau.

accessories for the entire family is available. Professional attire is also available, along with

assistance in resume building. The clothing and services, donated by community members, is available to anyone in need in Bronte and the surrounding area.

Linens of Love will be open Saturday, March 11, for the Grand Opening and will be open every second Saturday of each month from 9 am to 12 noon.

Bible Baptist Church to host Movie Night

Robert Lee's Bible Baptist Church will be hosting a movie night on March 11 beginning at 6 pm at the church. "God's Not Dead 2" will be shown and the evening includes popcorn and drinks. There will be a movie night on the second Saturday each month beginning at 6 pm with a different movie each month. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Tai Chi classes to be held at RLBC

A 10 week series of Tai Chi classes will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall beginning Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 5:15 pm. The first class is free of charge and no special equipment is required. For more information, call Barbara Jameson at (325) 453-2939.

Tai Chi is an exercise practice developed in China based upon soft, slow, and flowing movements. Studies by the National Institute of Health and Harvard Medical School show practicing tai chi improves balance, restores range of motion, reduces chronic joint pain, reduces the chance of developing shingles, and lowers blood pressure.

Instructor for the class is Steve

Haidinger and has 20 years experience in tai chi. With a masters degree in Oriental Medicine, he is a certified Tai Chi for Arthritis teacher and a professional member of the American Tai Chi and Qigong Association.

Beth Moore Bible Study for Women slated

Robert Lee's Bible Baptist Church will host a Beth Moore Bible study for women entitled "Entrusted" that will cover 2 Timothy. The group will meet at Bible Baptist Church on the second and fourth Saturday of the month for approximately 3 months or 6 sessions. The bible study will begin at 10 am at the church.

Please contact Linda Fiore at 325-656-1301 or Jami Casey at 254-707-1247 for more information.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, March 10

Kenneth Rasco Memorial High School Track Meet, Robert Lee

Retirement Celebration for John DiFrancesco

2 pm, Bronte Health & Rehab Center

Early Release for Bronte ISD

Bronte City Council, 7:30 pm, Bronte City Hall

Saturday, March 11

Linens of Love Grand Opening

First Baptist Church in Bronte

Beth Moore Bible Study for Women, 10 am

Bible Baptist Church in Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church Movie Night, 6 pm

Bible Baptist Church in Robert Lee

Monday, March 13

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm, First Baptist Church, Bronte

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, 7 pm, Bronte City Hall

Tuesday, March 14

Tai Chi Class, 5:15 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Robert Lee

Thursday, March 16

Sorosis Study Club Meeting, 7 pm

Lanette Fletcher's Home in Bronte

Saturday, March 18

Piper Relays High School Track Meet, Hamlin

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Spring Forward



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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Obituaries

Overman

Sandra Overman was born February 21, 1942, along with her twin brother, Jimmy Lew, to Clifford Burns and Mary Pauline Walker Underwood. She passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 4 pm at the Hendrick Hospice in Abilene, Texas. Services were held 10:30 am at Lake Leon Baptist Church Friday, March 3, 2017, with burial following in Staff Cemetery. A visitation was held Thursday, March 2, 2017, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Edwards Funeral Home.

Sandra is survived by her spouse of almost 60 years, Jerry Dwayne Overman. Daughter: Sherry Lynn Davidson and husband Davy. Granddaughter: Lacie Lynn O'Neil and husband, Brandon, and 2 great grandkids: Grace and Jaxon O'Neil. Grandson: Jordan Dwayne Davidson and wife Erin. Son: Jerry Cliff Overman and wife Angela. Grandkids: Ryley Wayne, Russell James, and Sydney SueAnne Overman (Nana's namesake). Numerous brothers and sisters, in-law, nephew and niece, who were like her own kids, Edward Underwood and Cindy Baker and other nieces and nephews.

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Family Fun Night set for Bible Baptist Church

Robert Lee's Bible Baptist Church held its second game night recently with eleven people attending. The group enjoyed sandwiches and lemonade before the real fun started with a game of Farkle. We all enjoyed the fun, laughs,

and fellowship. Another game night is set for March 25 starting at 6 pm.

Restoring Bronte Foundation to participate in program

The San Angelo Area Foundation has approved the Restoring Bronte Foundation for participation in San Angelo Gives 2017. This awesome giving campaign allows people to give small or large amounts to Restoring Bronte Foundation.

San Angelo Gives is a powerful 24-hour online fundraising event hosted by the San Angelo Area Foundation that will unite communities around causes that matter. San Angelo Gives is a great way to give community members the chance to find and support nonprofit organizations whose mission aligns with their passions. All donations made on May 2nd through www.sanangelogives.org are eligible for amplification funds increasing each donation and can also help nonprofits win "Prize Money" that will be awarded throughout the day.

At midnight on May 2, 2017, SanAngeloGives.org will begin accepting donations to raise

unrestricted dollars for area nonprofits. It is a day of giving to celebrate the nonprofits in our area, a chance to raise thousands of dollars, and recognize the impact that can be made in our area when people join together for San Angelo Gives.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit to meet

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting Monday March 13, at 6 pm. The meeting will be at the Gus Pruser Agriculture Exhibit, located at 219 W. Dale in Winters.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of Runnels County. The group works on tractors and other displays in the museum. For additional information, contact 325-754-5389.

Health Program registration begins Monday

Step Up & Scale Down is a 12-week educational program based on the USDA 2010 Dietary Guidelines, which are intended to help Americans choose a healthful eating plan to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. The majority of the program will take place through online facilitation with 3 of the 12 sessions being face-to-face. There is a small fee for the program but that fee includes all materials, incentives, and recipes. All face to face sessions will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Registration is online beginning Monday, March 13, 2017.

The first face-to-face session will take place April 6. Here, you will have the chance to sign

up to be on a Walk Across Texas team (if you haven't already committed to a team), weigh-in (in a private setting), sit in on the first session of the program where we will talk about setting goals, and have the chance to explore different "health booths." Doors open at 5 pm with the program starting at 6 pm. Online facilitation will start week 2 on the program.

Face-to-face session 2 will be held May 11. This will be session 6 of the program where we will discuss the importance of hydration. Healthy recipe demos and tastings will also be available at this session. Doors open at 5:45 pm with the program beginning at 6 pm.

The last face-to-face session will be held June 22. At this session, we will go through week 12 of the program which will talk about celebrating our achievements. Doors open at 5:45 pm with the program starting at 6 pm.

For more information, call Kandice Everitt at (325) 453-2461.

Vision with a Purpose meeting discussed

Vision With A Purpose held its monthly meeting Thursday, March 2, at 6:30 at Victory Assembly of God.

President Marshall Millican called the meeting to order and Larry Broughton opened with prayer. The minutes were recorded and approved.

Crystal Stanford presented the Treasurer's report which was approved. Crystal said the various committees need to present their budgets for the following year.

Nancy Wilson updated the members on the Beautification and Restoration committee decisions. Two new LED lights are being ordered for Memorial Park. Anyone interested in dedicating to this project will have a plaque attached to the poles in memoriam. Also, a red oak tree will be planted in Memorial Park. The committee will hold a bake & casserole sale at Robert Lee State Bank May 12, Mother's Day weekend. This is a fund raiser to buy plants and flowers for the planters around Robert Lee.

A garage sale will be held June 10 at the VP headquarters on Austin St. to cover VP expenses. Also, VP is sponsoring a golf tournament May 20 at Mountain Creek Golf Course. Watch for further information.

A Ribbon Cutting will be held March 18 at Kassie's Hair Salon.

A special meeting is being called for Wednesday, March 8, at VP quarters on Austin St. All members are encouraged to attend as this has to do with our building expansion.

Rev. Irving Smith closed the meeting with prayer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 6 at 6:30 at Victory Assembly of God.

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

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| <p>Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher David Lewis
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 & 5 pm Worship
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
4C Cowboy Church
Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Pastor James Brunson
Sunday, 10:30 am</p> | <p>Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
11 am & 6 pm Worship,
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice
Iglesia Bautista Betel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm
Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
Jordan Arnold, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
(325) 473-1053
Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
Tennyson
Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting</p> |
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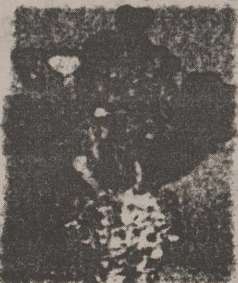


**Come and help us celebrate
John DiFrancesco's Retirement!
Friday, March 10th, 2017
2:00pm
Bronte Health and Rehab Center**

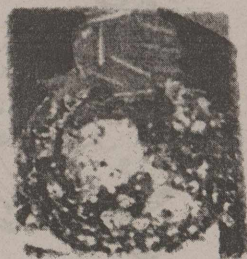
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The Dragon's Not Gone, Just Asleep.

By Mark Sides, RLVFD
Smoke on the wind this morning generated a lot of phone calls and questions. North winds brought smoke from fires near Amarillo as far as the Concho Valley and Permian Basin. Two fires in the Panhandle have consumed approximately 125,000 acres, and are still active.

This is just a reminder that Wildcat, Dos Amigos, and Whitehat became household names in Coke County during 2011. Wildcat, Rockhouse, Deaton-Cole, Possum Kingdom and others made national headlines.

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 become 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.

City of Bronte to sell trust properties

The City of Bronte, in conjunction with the Texas Communities Group, LLC, will begin placing FOR SALE signs on available Trust Property within the City of Bronte in the coming days. This project is a part of the clean-up effort spearheaded by the City of Bronte and the participating entities.

Trust properties are lots and tracts of land which have been foreclosed upon to collect a tax lien due the local governmental entities, the City of Bronte, Coke County, Bronte ISD, East



Torres Attends Conference! Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bill Torres recently attended the 2017 State Firemen's & Fire Marshals Association of Texas Fire Chiefs Conference in Austin.

Coke County Hospital District and Coke County Underground Water Conservation District. These properties were put up for auction and went unsold at the tax sale. The properties are then "struck-off" to the entities.

The placement of the signs on available property will identify the properties available for purchase. There will also be catalogs disbursed within the community.


Anyone over 18 years old can submit a bid for a property. However, a successful bidder CANNOT owe delinquent taxes on other property in the county, owe an unpaid fine or fee to the

city and/or county, and/or own other property in the city/county that is subject to existing penalties for codes enforcement.

Bids may be placed online at www.texascg.com or www.brontetexas.org or you can simply go to Bronte City Hall and submit a bid, which is the price you would consider paying for the property you wish to buy. Should you meet the requirements listed above and your bid is sufficient and accepted by all entities, the property will be deeded to you upon receipt of the payment of your bid amount and fees to cover the cost of the deed and

recording fees, which are minimal.

There is a saying, that one person's trash may be another person's treasure! This is certainly the case with Trust Property. If you are interested in a property, there certainly is value to you. Maybe the property is next door and you can expand your yard or build a garage. Perhaps a property with a structure can be rehabbed into a profitable rent house. Never underestimate the power of an entrepreneurial mind! So, please notice the signs, look through the catalog, or go online and
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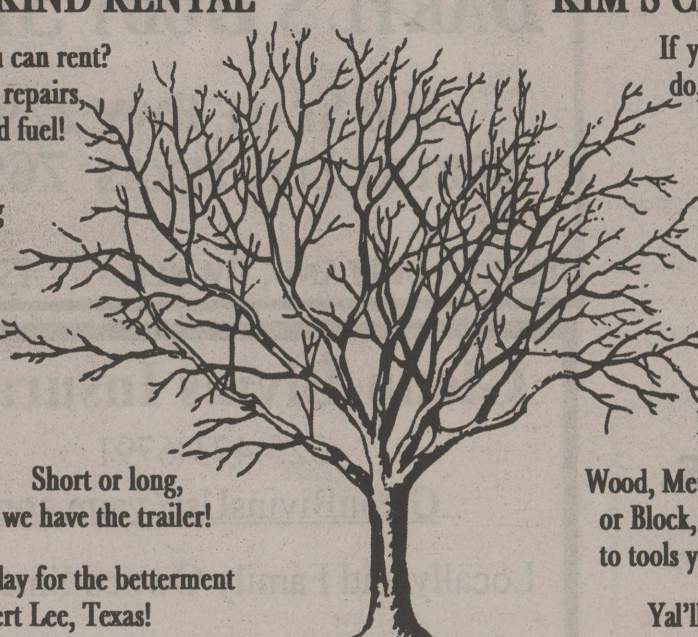
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SCHOOL PAGE



Best of Show! Grace Jernigan, a third grader in Mrs. Wilson's class at Bronte Elementary, won First Place and Best of Show in the Junior Drawings division at the San Angelo Stockshow and Rodeo with her "Bird of Paradise".

Lady Steers All District Honors announced

Several members of the Robert Lee High School Varsity Basketball team were recognized on the All District Team, including both MVPs.

Mariah Mupoz was named Offensive Most Valuable Player and Defensive Most Valuable Player was Kelby Clawson. Kaylee Puentez was named Newcomer of the Year.

Megan Grantham was named to the All District First Team. Named to the All District Second Team was Anna Huapilla and Margo Mendoza received Honorable Mention.

Longhorn Track News posted

By Coach Moore
The Bronte High School track teams took to the track in Sterling City for the first meet of the season. Beginning track is a difficult transition, but they fared very well for the first outing. Results include:

- Billy Arthur-2nd 800 m run; 3rd mile run.
- Zach Jackson-4th 100 m dash; 2nd 400 m dash.
- Jaxon Chantrill-1st mile run.
- Jason Woerhle-2nd 100 m dash; 3rd 200 m dash; 1st 400 m dash.
- Nathan Arthur-3rd Shot Put.

The Bronte Girls Varsity Team placed 3rd in the meet overall, winning all three relays.

Relay members are Morgan Sallee, Lexia Davis, Brittany Bedford, Karen Davis-4 x 100.

Morgan Sallee, Lexia Davis, Brittany Bedford, Karen Davis-4 x 200. Karen Davis, Lexia Davis, Jordayn Berryhill, Darby Duncan-4 x 400.

Individual results are:

- Skyleigh Minjarez-3rd 100 m dash.
- Morgan Sallee-3rd 200 m dash.
- Jordayn Berryhill-4th 400 m dash.
- Darby Duncan-5th 400 m dash.
- Searra Powell-4th 800 m run.
- Kaci Queen-5th 800 m run.

- Searra Powell-6th Mile run.
- Kristen Stille-4th Shot Put; 6th Discus.
- Mia Minjarez (JV division) 100, 200, 400.

Blackwell CISD

4th Six Weeks Awards A Honor Roll

- 1st Grade**
Hegan Burton, Dameon Rivera, Emerie Schomber, Slade Wilkinson
- 2nd Grade**
Brayden Claborn, Ellie Scott, Brynlea Wojtek
- 3rd Grade**
Avery Glenn, Jaxon Shipman
- 4th Grade**
Cooper Claborn, Brionna Sommerfeld
- 5th Grade**
None reported

- 6th Grade**
Matthew Shipman
- 7th Grade**
Cadi Powers
- 8th Grade**
Darrian Kenney, Nathaniel Shipman
- 9th Grade**
Haylee Cason, Grant Gott, Jordan Jones, Clay Mendieta, Emily Rasco, Katelyn Robertson, Emilee Sanderson, Brendan Scott, Madison Solis
- 10th Grade**
Vickie Davis, Elizabeth Meyer, Tori Scott
- 11th Grade**
Payton Mckee, Shelby Panzer, Mercedes Williams
- 12th Grade**
Abby Gott, Sarah Ottaberry, Halee Sanderson
- A/B Honor Roll**
- 1st Grade**
Memphis Boyd, Bella Clark, Makayla McMurtrey, Aria Pearce
- 2nd Grade**
Ashlynn McKinney, Brodi Pierce, Gabriel Putnam, Jazlene Rios, Haleigh Robertson, Lilee Sanderson, Emmie Scott
- 3rd Grade**
Ryder Antilley, Hondo Burton, Lydia Pico, Morgan Rasco
- 4th Grade**
Morgan Dove, Marlene Sanchez, Emma Williams
- 5th Grade**
Zachary Pierce
- 6th Grade**
Dusty Boyd, Luz Cano, Autumn Clark, Ethan Morris, Dylan Taylor
- 7th Grade**
Gloria Gonzales, Reid Hoyle, Chloe Mckinney, Samuel Ottaberry, Stockton Solis
- 8th Grade**

- Sam Brinkman, Devan Clower, Cameron Coldiron, Jadyne Feitshans, Cirstyn Gober, Myrka Ibarra, Caitlin Lange, Allison Panzer, Zachary Panzer, Caleb Sirmons
- 9th Grade**
Brandon Brinkman
- 10th Grade**
Hunter Perry, Carli Powers, Joe Sanchez
- 11th Grade**
Cambrey Coulter, Devin Rasco
- 12th Grade**
Krista Angst, Crystal Chavez, Case Gober, Abigail Sorrells, Chase Wynne
- Perfect Attendance**
- Pre-K**
Tilden Bryan, Bryce Senegal, Moriah Smith
- Kindergarten**
Johannah Luz, Weston May, Kaelison O'Shields
- 1st Grade**
Sydnie Pate, Tatum Pate, Aria Pearce, Isabelle Pico
- 2nd Grade**
Brayden Claborn, Brodi Pierce, Lilee Sanderson, Brynlea Wojtek
- 3rd Grade**
David Evangelista, Avery Glenn, Tray Jackson, Lydia Pico
- 4th Grade**
Cooper Claborn, Avery Jackson, Makinlee Killough, Marlene Sanchez, Emma Williams
- 5th Grade**
None listed
- 6th Grade**
Christopher Gieck, Ethan Morris, Matthew Shipman, Dylan Taylor
- 7th Grade**
Gloria Gonzales, Reid Hoyle, Ryder Hoyle, Stockton Solis

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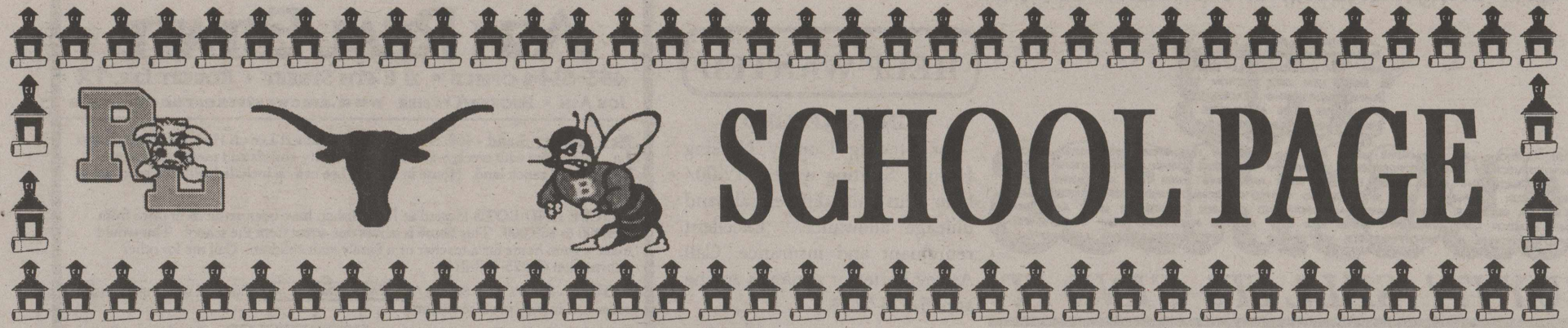
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8th Grade
Cameron Coldiron, Cirstyn Gober, Cody Golding, Darrian Kenney, Allison Panzer, Zachary Panzer, Carson Sorrells, Jaydon Taylor

9th Grade
Grant Gott, Emily Rasco, Emilee Sanderson, Madison Solis

10th Grade
Christian McElroy, Elizabeth Meyer, Hunter Perry

11th Grade
Cambrey Coulter, Shelby Panzer, Dillon Solis, Mercedes Williams

12th Grade
Crystal Chavez, Halee Sanderson, Abigail Sorrells

Bronte Elementary School
4th Six Weeks Awards
A Honor Roll

2nd Grade
Colton Bilyeu, Holden Davis, Emma Hopkins, Braylie Morris, Zoey Neal

3rd Grade
Hailey Beal, Grace Jernigan, Lawsynn Sanchez, Maddie Schoenfield, Raymond Williams

4th Grade
Anna Henson, Jaxon Morris

5th Grade
Daysiah Flores, Jayton Galvan, Emily Jackson

6th Grade
Arath Brosig, Zoey Hortenstine, Jett Jackson

A/B Honor Roll
2nd Grade
Serene Blache, Shayly Cummings, Jesus Hernandez, Jadan Martinez, Abby Moon, JJ Pena, Blakely Pritchard, Morgan Sullivan, Brylee Torres

3rd Grade
Shaylee Bilbrey, Bernica Hancock, Parker Holland, Izzac Kincannon, Treyton McCullough, Joel Cecilio

4th Grade
Roy Flores, Jose Heredia, Cole Knight, Warren Middleton, Tatum Sanchez, November Wilson

5th Grade
Ryana Castaneda, Illana Hernandez, Maelynn Williams

6th Grade
Aiden Beck, Sarah Devine, Deliziah Flores, Kolson Follis

Perfect Attendance
2nd Grade
Bubba Bannert, Julian De La Garza, Jadan Martinez, Blakely Pritchard, Holden Davis, Jesus Hernandez, Abby Moon, Morgan Sullivan, Braylie Morris, Zoey Neal, Wyatt Parks

3rd Grade
Joel Cecilio, Maddie Schoenfield, Parker Holland, Grace Jernigan, Raymond Williams, Levi Parks, Cheyenne Blackwell, Shaylee Bilbrey

4th Grade
None listed

5th Grade

Brandon Baughman, Daysiah Flores, Joey Goddard, Illana Hernandez, Dayton Jones

6th Grade
Patrick Barrera, Parker Bearden, Arath Brosig, Juan Orlando DeLaGarza, Deliziah Flores, Victoria Hall-Shaffer, Zoey Hortenstine, Teegan Minjarez, Bastian Quezada, Chyann Torres

Met Reading Goal
2nd Grade
Shayly Cummings, Julian De La Garza, Jadan Martinez, Blakely Pritchard, Colton Bilyeu, Holden Davis, Emma Hopkins, Braylie Morris, Zoey Neal, Serene Blache, JJ Pena, Abby Moon, Jesus Hernandez, Morgan Sullivan

3rd Grade
Hailey Beal, Grace Jernigan, Joel Cecilio, Bernica Hancock, Raymond Williams, Maddie Schoenfield, Parker Holland, Levi Parks, Lawsynn Sanchez

4th Grade
Anna Henson, Jaxon Morris, Jorja Harendt, Warren Middleton, November Wilson, Roy Flores, Cole Knight

5th Grade
Daysiah Flores, Illana Hernandez, Emily Jackson, Maelynn Williams, Halie Gibson, Dayton Jones

6th Grade
Arath Brosig, Sarah Devine, Deliziah Flores, Patrick Barrera, Victoria Hall-Shaffer, Bastian Quezada, Kolson Follis, Jett

Super Longhorn Citizens
2nd Grade
Shayly Cummings, Zoey Neal, Blakely Pritchard

3rd Grade
None listed

4th Grade
None listed

5th Grade
Emily Jackson, Daysiah Flores, Jayton Galvan, Ryana Castaneda, Maelynn Williams

6th Grade
None Listed



Bronte Junior Varsity Lady Longhorns

Jackson, Marky Martinez, Jamison Seales
Super Longhorn Citizens
2nd Grade
Shayly Cummings, Zoey Neal, Blakely Pritchard
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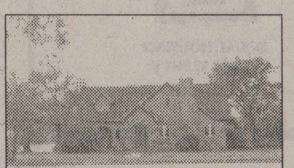
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Coke County is accepting applications for Lifeguards at the swimming pool. You must be fifteen years old and have a lifeguard certification. Coke County will pay one half of the certification.

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New Listing - Land - 469.24 acres, West of Robert Lee on Hwy. 2059 and Collier Ln. All pasture with creek, water wells, electricity, corrals and more. Excellent hunting and ranch land. House in Robert Lee can be included with the purchase of land.

HOUSE AND LOTS located at 1521 Bishop have been reduced in price from \$75,000 to \$69,000. This house is across one street from the school. This would make a good home for a teacher or a family with children. Call me for other information @ 325-473-0164.

HOUSE - 510 W. 11th St.-3br/2ba Under Contract -p-Covered working areas-RV cover. All in very good condition.

HOUSE - Trailer House (16'x46') with Under Contract Lot 60 Wildcat Marina-good condition.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Hardware Store - 801 Austin St., Robert Lee, Texas, buildings, lots and inventory
Houses located at: 564 Lake Shore Circle, Cedar Cove//203 West 12th ST, close to school, good location//224 W. Riley St., Bronte, Tx.-Starter home.
Call for information on other Tracts of land for sale.

Applications can be picked up at the Coke County Judge's office in the Courthouse.

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drive. 241 Edith Rd, One block from highway on the right. You don't want to miss this sale! Lots & lots of great items @ good prices. Cash only please.

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THE FAMILY OF RANDY FLANAGAN

Wants to give out a big thanks for all of the love, prayers, & support throughout his illness. We are so thankful for all our friends in this wonderful community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District is seeking proposals for student insurance. Proposals should include plans for both accident and catastrophic care. Proposals should be delivered by Friday, March 24 at 2 PM. The BCISD Board of Trustees will make selection at the regular board meeting on March 29, 2017 at 7:15 PM. For more information, please contact Superintendent Abe Gott at 325-282-2311 or at agott@blackwellcisd.org.

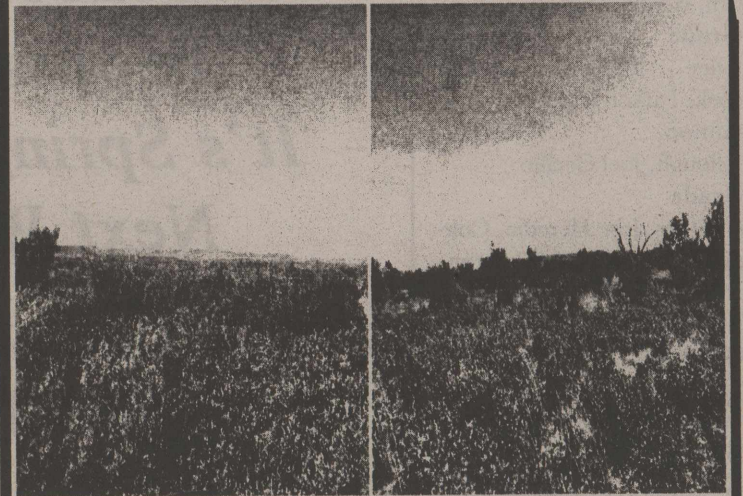
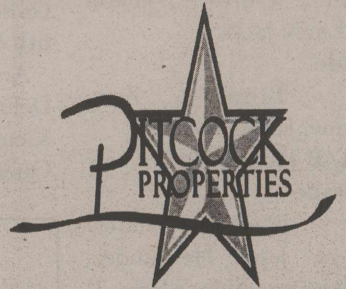
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, ECI Storage located at Corner of 6th Street and Highway 158, Robert Lee, Texas and then proceed to Corner of Highway 208 and Bishop, Robert Lee, TX 76945, and then proceed to Corner of 8th and Chadbourne. All property generally described below will be sold at the public sale to the highest bidder for cash, check, or money order. Removal and cleanup on day of sale will be required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space will be sold by the space only. Items include: Contents of Unit #3 belonging to: Torri Watson. Contents of Unit #114 belonging to Daro Id Calk. Contents of Unit #124 belonging to Diane Irwin. Contents of Unit #302 belonging to Destiny Long. Contents of Unit #334 belonging to Charles Abalos. SALE DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2017, 10 A.M. SALE LOCATIONS: ECI Storage located at Corner of 6th Street and Highway 158, Robert Lee, TX 76945 and Corner of Highway 208 and Bishop, Robert Lee, TX 76945, and Corner of 8th and Chadbourne, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

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REQUEST FOR BID ON SALE OF SUBURBAN BY

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NOTICE TO BUYERS:

Do not bid on items that you are not prepared to purchase.

Return your bid in an envelope, sealed and clearly marked on outside with "2003 Suburban" and date.

Bids will be accepted until 2 PM, Monday, March 27, 2017

Bids will be opened at 9 AM, Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Bids will be awarded at the regular school board meeting, Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Winners will be notified by

phone, so it is necessary to include a phone number with your bid.

District must receive full payment by 3 PM, Thursday, March 30, 2017, or next highest bidder will be awarded at 9 AM, Friday, March 31, 2017.

Payment must be in cash, money order, or cashier's check. No personal checks will be accepted.

District has set a minimum bid amount of \$1,000. Any bid below \$1,000 will not be considered.

The District is selling a 2003 Suburban with 201,570 miles. The vehicle is being sold with no warranties or guarantees. Interested individuals should inspect the vehicle prior to purchase.

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Walk Across Texas to kick off next month in Robert Lee

Walk Across Texas! is a 12 week program for teams of 8. Teams have a friendly competition to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or biking. You can even log miles by dancing, doing aerobics, or riding a stationary bike! Everyone's miles are recorded on the Texas map posted in a public place so everyone can see your progress. The team that walks the farthest "across Texas" will win, but everyone who participates will take home a healthy habit-walking for fitness! Start forming teams

today!!

Join Us at our Walk Across Texas! Kick-Off event Thursday, April 6. Here, you will sign your team up or have the chance to join a team, sit in on a 30 minute talk about goal setting, and have the chance to explore different "health booths." Doors open at 5 pm with the program starting at 6 pm.

On May 11, we will meet for a mid-program update where teams will check-in and update everyone on their progress. There will also be a 30 minute presentation on the importance of staying hydrated during physical activity. Multiple healthy recipes will be demonstrated and be available for tasting. Doors open at 5:45 pm with the program starting at 6 pm.

The program will end June 22. At this meeting, we will "celebrate" the accomplishments we made and tally up the final count of miles that were walked! Doors open at 5:45 pm with the program starting at 6 pm

The program is free of charge and incentive items will be distributed throughout the program!

Kick-Off event, mid-program update, and Celebration Ceremony will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

For questions or more information, please contact Kandice Everitt at 325-453-2461 or by email at kandice.everitt@ag.tamu.edu.

Watch for slow moving vehicles on Coke County roadways

Spring is one of the busiest times in agriculture, and more farm equipment can be found on Coke County roads as planting season begins.

"Spring brings more farm activity, and that means more slow moving vehicles on the roadways," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "Farmers are moving equipment to the field and ranchers are hauling livestock to different pastures."

Farm equipment moves slower than other vehicles on the road, which is why John Ross urges motorists to drive safely.

Due to the size of farm equipment and the narrowness of many rural roads, tractors, combines, plows and planters often have difficulty moving to the side or shoulder of the road.

"Drivers should use caution when coming around a sharp turn or topping a steep hill because they can come upon slow moving vehicles like farm equipment," John Ross said. "Farmers and ranchers should also do their part to share the roadways."

Data from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) shows accidents involving farm equipment on rural roads has slightly increased from 197 accidents in 2011 to 233 in 2015.

"We know our equipment moves slowly, but we ask other motorists to be patient," John Ross said. "We all want to get home safely and that takes all of us sharing the road together."

During March 5-11, the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), through a coordinated effort with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Ag Center, will hold the Ag Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) to raise awareness for the most important health and safety challenges faced by agriculture during March 5-11.

The theme of the safety awareness program is "Get Out of My Space," and each day of the week will highlight a different safety focus. AFBF will provide webinars on at least two of the themes.

More information on the program can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/AgSafety/>.

... Trust Properties

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- 2005 Ford F-150 #5232A \$ 2,495
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Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 14, 2017 at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner, Pct. #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. #3, Marshall Millican, Commissioner, Pct #4 Joe Sefcik. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for January 24, 2017 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Comm. Millican. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Comm. Sefcik made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried.

The Extension Report for Agent Kandice Everitt was given by Judge Blair.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

Tax Collector's Report was presented by Judge Blair.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report. She also reported that the county had been reimbursed from the State Comptroller for \$308.00 which was for jury fees.

Constable Precinct 1 Marty Boyd presented his report.

Justice of the Peace Jackie Walker presented her report.

The D.R. Report was presented by Judge Blair. No activity.

The Trapper's Reports for October-December 2016 was presented by Judge Blair.

Judge Blair removed the burn ban on February 13, 2017. No action was taken.

Douglas Roberts with TxDot addressed the Court on the closing of 5 roadside picnic areas in Coke County. In attendance with him were John Dewitt and Will McLane. Comm. Robertson made a motion to remove the 5 roadside picnic areas in Coke County as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Millican reported to the Court on the meeting of the committee that met February 7th and presented what was discussed and agreed upon. Comm. Williams made a motion to set the rental rates at \$180.00/day and \$90.00/half day for the Large Rec halls and \$90.00/day and \$45.00/half day for the Small Rec Halls and the Pavilion to \$50.00 effective today. The motion was seconded by Comm. Millican. Motion carried.

Comm. Sefcik made a motion to approve the bond for County Attorney Secretary Julie Privitt. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the bonds for Comm. Robertson and Comm. Millican. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Millican made a motion to accept the Coke County Financial Report for the Year ended September 30, 2016 submitted from Wayne Barr with Eckert & Company. The motion was seconded by Comm. Robertson. Motion carried.

Comm. Millican made a motion to approve Tax Deed and property card for Trust Property in the City of Bronte from Texas Communities group, Ease half of Lot Ten in Blk fifty-nine of the Original Town of Bronte. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Robertson made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,000.00 held in Trust by Coke County, BLK 4, Lot-w34' of 4, E/10' of 5, ANL, Robert Lee Units:0. 141. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to accept the bid held in Trust by Coke County, BLK 4, Lot-W/34' of 4, E/10' of 5, ANL, Robert Lee Units:0. 141-Farm to Market and Flood Control District. The motion was seconded by Comm. Millican. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to remove former County Attorney Nancy Arthur from the signature card on the LibraryAccount #0051055 and the Check Processing Fee Account #0051063 and to place County Attorney Nick Arrott, on these accounts. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to accept 50 to 60 foot 4" poly pipe from WTG. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to support Resolution for Opposition to Unfunded Mandates, Resolution for State Funds for Indigent Criminal Defense and Resolution for Opposition to Appraisal Caps and Revenue Caps. The motion was seconded by Comm. Robertson. Motion carried.

Constable Marty Boyd presented his Racial Profiling report to the Court. Comm. Williams made a motion to approve Racial Profiling report for Constable Pct 2. The motion was seconded by Comm. Robertson. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to accept \$500.00 crossing fee permit for Pipeline Companies crossing county roads. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that Comm. Robertson had completed the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act. Comm. Williams requested that request for salvage material from TxDot be put on the next agenda. Comm. Robertson and Millican reported on the school they had attended.

There being no private road

work requests no action was taken.

Comm. Williams made a motion to pay the 3 registers of bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Millican. Motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.

Cattle fever ticks a growing concern for Texas ranchers

With the spread of fever ticks outside the permanent quarantine zone, Texas ranchers, veterinarians and animal health officials are growing increasingly concerned.

As of Feb. 8, more than 500,000 acres in Texas are under various quarantines.

Counties with infested premise quarantines include Cameron, Kleberg, Live Oak, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata.

There are 2,083 adjacent and check quarantined premises and 98 exposed quarantined premises, according to the Texas Animal Health Commission

(TAHC).

Those counties with exposed, adjacent or check premises quarantines include: Bastrop, Bee, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Colorado, Denton, DeWitt, Dimmit, Falls, Fayette, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kinney, Kleberg, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Milam, Mills, Parker, Runnels, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Wharton, Willacy and Zapata.

"Coke County ranchers should check for ticks on their cattle and contact their veterinarian or local Texas Animal Health Commission inspector if ticks are found," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said.

The disease could have a catastrophic effect on Texas, the number one cattle state in the nation, because of the tick's reproductive cycle.

Females lay up to 4,000 eggs, each of which finds a host to start the life cycle over. The tick remains on the host for about 25

days. Any animal movement during this time allows the ticks to be dropped in new locations, further spreading the disease.

The tick can carry a disease agent called Babesia. The organism attacks red blood cells and causes anemia and death following symptoms, such as spleen and liver enlargement and high fever.

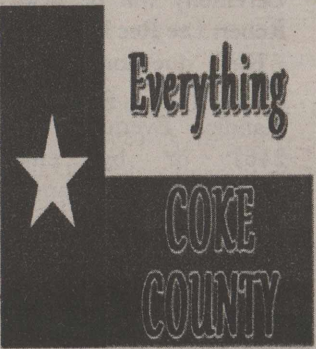
If the cattle fever tick ever feeds on blood from an infected animal and lays eggs, the offspring will carry the disease agent and spread it to the animal it feeds on.

"This disease could cripple our Texas cattle business," said. "We need to remain vigilant and monitor our herds."

Once fever ticks are confirmed on a premise, an "infested quarantine" is issued for both the livestock and the premise.

For more information and updates on fever ticks, visit www.tahc.texas.gov. The Tick App, a free smartphone application, is also available at <http://tickapp.tamu.edu>

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