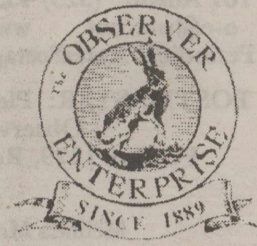


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## Texas Sales Tax Holiday is this weekend

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 11-13.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on

every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Most folks won't hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it's never too early to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from ball caps to ballpoint pens," Hegar said. "As the father of three young children, I know how these expenses can add up."

Lists of apparel and school

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**Stolen Vehicle Recovered!** This Dodge Charger was stolen in San Angelo last Friday morning, August 4, 2017. It was recovered during the lunch hour that day by Coke County Sheriff's deputies at the Stripes in downtown Bronte. The case is currently under investigation by the Coke County Sheriff's Office and the San Angelo Police Department.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Thursday, August 10

Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp, 9 am - 11 am, RLHS Tennis Courts  
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High School Volleyball, Bronte at Albany Varsity Tournament  
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Vacation Bible School, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee  
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Farm Bureau Annual Convention/Dinner, 6 pm, Robert Lee Recreation Hall  
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Back to School Movie Night, 8:30 pm, Bronte Park Pavilion

### Friday, August 11

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Head Start Registration, 8 am - 3 pm, Robert Lee Head Start  
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Vacation Bible School, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee  
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High School Volleyball, Bronte at Albany JV Tournament

### Saturday, August 12

High School Volleyball - Albany Varsity Tournament

### Monday, August 14

4-H Mini-Camp, 9 am - 3 pm, Robert Lee Rec Hall  
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Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm, First Baptist Church, Bronte  
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Robert Lee City Council Meeting, 6 pm, Robert Lee City Hall  
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Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, 7 pm, Bronte City Hall

### Tuesday, August 15

4-H Mini-Camp, 9 am - 3 pm, Robert Lee Rec Hall  
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Meet the Hornets/Meet the Teacher,  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Blackwell CISD  
\*\*\*\*\*

High School Volleyball - Bronte at Sonora, 9th, JV, Varsity

### Thursday, August 17

First Day of School, Blackwell CISD  
\*\*\*\*\*

High School Volleyball - Bronte vs Andrews, 5 pm, Varsity  
\*\*\*\*\*

Bronte City Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Bronte City Hall

### Friday, August 18

High School Football (Scrimmage) -  
Bronte at Hamlin  
Robert Lee vs May  
\*\*\*\*\*

High School Volleyball - Nita Vannoy Tournament, San Angelo, Varsity

### Saturday, August 19

High School Volleyball -  
Bronte at Miles, JV

Nita Vannoy Tournament, San Angelo, Varsity

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## Back to School!

Blackwell - August 17th

Bronte - August 23rd

Robert Lee - August 21st

Schedules for the 2017-2018 School Year  
for each of the schools are posted at  
[EverythingCokeCounty.com](http://EverythingCokeCounty.com).

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**4-H Mini-Camp set for August 14-15**

Coke County 4-H Mini-Camp will be held Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15, from 9 am until 3 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. There is a small fee to cover the cost of supplies and all participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Parent volunteers are welcome and needed. Come ready to have a fun filled day full of hands on activities, team building, and leadership skills and learn more about what 4-H has to offer.

Contact the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461 if you have any questions.

**Thorns to celebrate 50th anniversary August 19**

Ron and Fayne (Zoller) Thorn will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 19th, 2017.

They were married August 19, 1967, in Midkiff, Texas, by Pastor Jerry Bob Taylor. Fayne Thorn is the daughter of the late Bill and Maudene (Harris) Zoller. Mr. Thorn is the son of the late Cliff and Mildred (Walls) Thorn. Mrs. Thorn is retired from Bronte ISD after teaching special education for twenty-seven years. Mr. Thorn served in the U.S. Army Reserves and is retired after forty years of water well and windmill service, farming, and ranching.

The Thorn family were residents of Bronte for 35 years from 1981 to 2016. They have two sons, Cory Thorn and his wife, Tammy of Bronte, Texas; Casey Thorn and his wife, Erin of Leander, Texas. They have three grandchildren, Paul McConnel of Austin, Texas; Kellie Thorn of Bronte, Texas; and Macy Thorn of Leander, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorn will celebrate their anniversary with a social gathering at the Bronte Housing Authority Community Room on Northeast Rail Road from 2 pm to 4 pm on Saturday, August 19, 2017. All are welcome to come celebrate the occasion, visit and enjoy light refreshments.

**Blackwell tag orders due August 22**

All students planning to show lambs and goats this next season at the local, county (Nolan), and major shows need to order their lamb and goat tags by August 22, 2017. Contact Mr. Barnett

with your order. **... Tax-Free Weekend**

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 supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

**Ag leases to be covered in workshops**

By Kay Ledbetter

After such a positive response last year, four new Rancher Leasing Workshops covering grazing, hunting and livestock leases are scheduled across the state by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The free programs are funded by the Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center, said Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist in Amarillo.

"Last year, 100 percent of participants said they would recommend these programs to a friend, so we decided to offer them in more locations," Lashmet said.

The schedule will be:

- Aug. 22, noon-4 p.m., Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock.

- Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hildebrand Equine Complex, 3240 F&B Road, College Station.



**Ice Cream at The Pie!** Bronte Health & Rehab Center residents are enjoying ice cream during a trip to The Pie Pizzeria in Robert Lee recently.

- Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., AgriLife Extension office for Frio County, 400 S. Pecan St., Pearsall.

- Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Tom Green 4-H Center, 3168 N. U.S. Highway 67, San Angelo.

Lashmet said lunch will be provided by two sponsors: Ag Workers Insurance for the Lubbock, College Station and San Angelo programs, and Security State Bank for the Pearsall program.

Participants will need to RSVP at least one week before the meeting they will attend to Kim Garcia, 806-677-5626 or kim.garcia@ag.tamu.edu.

Each workshop will address the legal risks associated with agricultural leases, Lashmet said. The goal is to educate landowners and producers on the importance of utilizing written leases as a risk management tool.

Joining Lashmet on the program will be AgriLife Extension economists from around the state.

"We will discuss the potential legal implications of failing to have a sufficient written lease and the potential legal issues and litigation that the development of written leases can help avoid," she said. "The workshops will also familiarize participants with key terms and

provisions that should be considered in lease negotiations."

Participants will receive a leasing handbook that covers legal issues, designing lease payment structures and calculating payments, landowner liability, as well as checklists and sample lease forms for negotiating lease agreements.

**VP to raffle Honda ATV**

A new Honda ATV is being raffled off by Vision with a Purpose for their Hunters BBQ this year. The event is being held Saturday, November 4, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Tickets for the raffle will be \$50 each and entry to the BBQ is

\$12 each. Watch for further information. Don't miss the chance to win this extraordinary prize. Proceeds from the raffle and the BBQ will be used for Robert Lee's community park improvements.

**Farm Bureau annual convention/dinner slated for August 10**

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau Member Appreciation Dinner and Annual County Convention will be held Thursday, August 10, at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. The evening's activities will begin with a steak dinner at 6 pm.

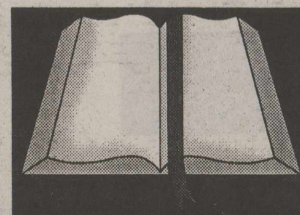
Door Prizes will be awarded to some lucky members.

**Area Churches**

**Invite You to Worship**

**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

**Robert Lee**  
**Bible Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am 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  
 Recardo Reyes, 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



Please join our family on this joyous occasion when our parents

**Ron & Fayne Thorn**

celebrate 50 years of marriage at a reception in their honor on

**Saturday, August 19, 2017**  
**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Bronte Housing Authority Community Room**  
**Bronte, Texas**

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and an introduction to the people who make that office work.

This week, we are highlighting a few of the offices of our county government. The table above shows the relationship between the voters and the officials.

## County Auditor Valerie Johnson Appointed by 51st District Judge Barbara Walther

The county auditor maintains the integrity of financial administration of county government by overseeing the county's financial record-keeping and assuring that all expenditures comply with the county budget and the law. The county auditor has continuous access to all books and financial records of every elected official and conducts detailed reviews of all county financial operations.

The office of county auditor is not subject to the control of the commissioners court or any other county official, but is appointed by the district judge(s) serving the county. Both the county auditor and commissioners court are required by law to approve claims for disbursement of county funds. The integrity of county financial administration is entrusted to a dual control system of "checks and

balances."

As with the elected county officials, the county auditor has ultimate authority over the operations of the office, including the authority to hire and fire personnel and direct their daily activities. The auditor also has authority to determine how to use all other resources allocated to the office during the budget process.

Since this is not an elected position, the story of the origination of county auditors in Texas and the laws governing this office are included below.

When the Texas Constitution originated, there was no mention of County Auditors. However in 1905, the county auditor position was enacted by statute and not an amendment to the Constitution. At that time, appointment as auditor was a joint effort of the county judge and the district judge. In 1917,



Auditor Valerie Johnson (right) was appointed by 51st District Judge Barbara Walther following the retirement of Sheryl Tavarez. Valerie, a Robert Lee graduate, first worked in the Tax Assessor/Collector's, before becoming assistant auditor. She and her husband Dallas have three children - Melanie Kohutek, Kindra Thomas and Dixie Van Tine. The couple enjoys their five grandchildren. Current Assistant Auditor is Laura Lee who came aboard in September 2016.

district judges were given the sole responsibility for these appointments. According to previous county officials, a proposed mandate went out some years later from state government which would require all counties to have an auditor. The Commissioners Court in Coke County at that time immediately took action and the first auditor was

appointed in Coke County. However, when the law was enacted, counties with populations under 10,200 were not required to have an auditor. Coke County was left with an auditor they weren't required to have, but could not remove. Only the District Judge could make the change. Current

District Judge Barbara Walther has refused to discontinue this position. The laws pertaining to this office are below.

**Sec. 84.002. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AUDITOR.** (a) In a county with a population of 10,200 or more, the district

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## Give your child a... Head Start



Accepting applications for 2017-2018 program year:  
Aceptando aplicaciones para el 2017-2018 año del programa:  
August 1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 9th, & 11th, 8:00am-3:00pm  
Robert Lee Head Start  
1323 Hamilton St.  
325-453-4555 ext. 667

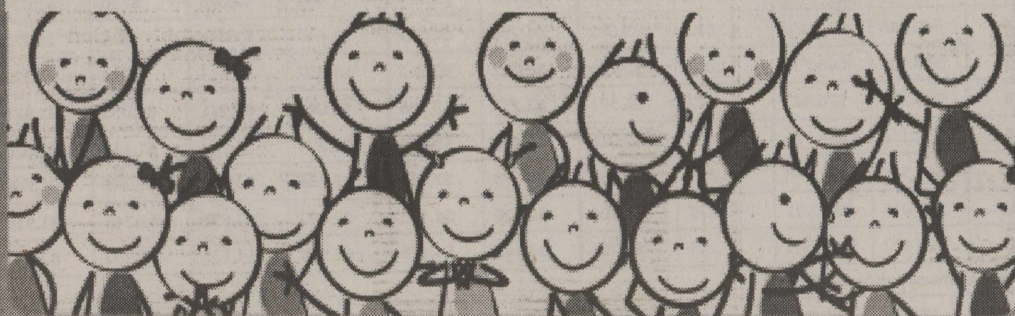
### DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- ⇒ Proof of Age (original Birth Certificate or passport)
- ⇒ Child's Immunization Record(s)
- ⇒ SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) (if applicable)
- ⇒ Child's Insurance Card (Medicaid, CHIPS, private insurance)
- ⇒ PROOF OF ALL FAMILY INCOME (2016 Income Tax 1040, All W2s for 2016, 12 months of TANF, SSI, Social Security, child support, check stubs, unemployment, Veterans benefits etc.)

### REQUISITOS:

- ⇒ Prueba de Edad (acta de nacimiento original o pasaporte)
- ⇒ Registro de Vacunas/Inmunizaciones
- ⇒ SNAP (Programa de Asistencia de Nutrición Suplemental) (Si acaso recibe esta ayuda)
- ⇒ Tarjeta del Seguro Medico del Nino (Medicaid, CHIPS, privado)
- ⇒ Documentación de Sustento Familiar (Forma de Impuestos 1040 del Año 2016, Forma W2(s), 12 meses de TANF, Seguro Social para Desabilitados, Seguro Social, Desempleo, Manutención para el Menor, Beneficios para Veteranos)

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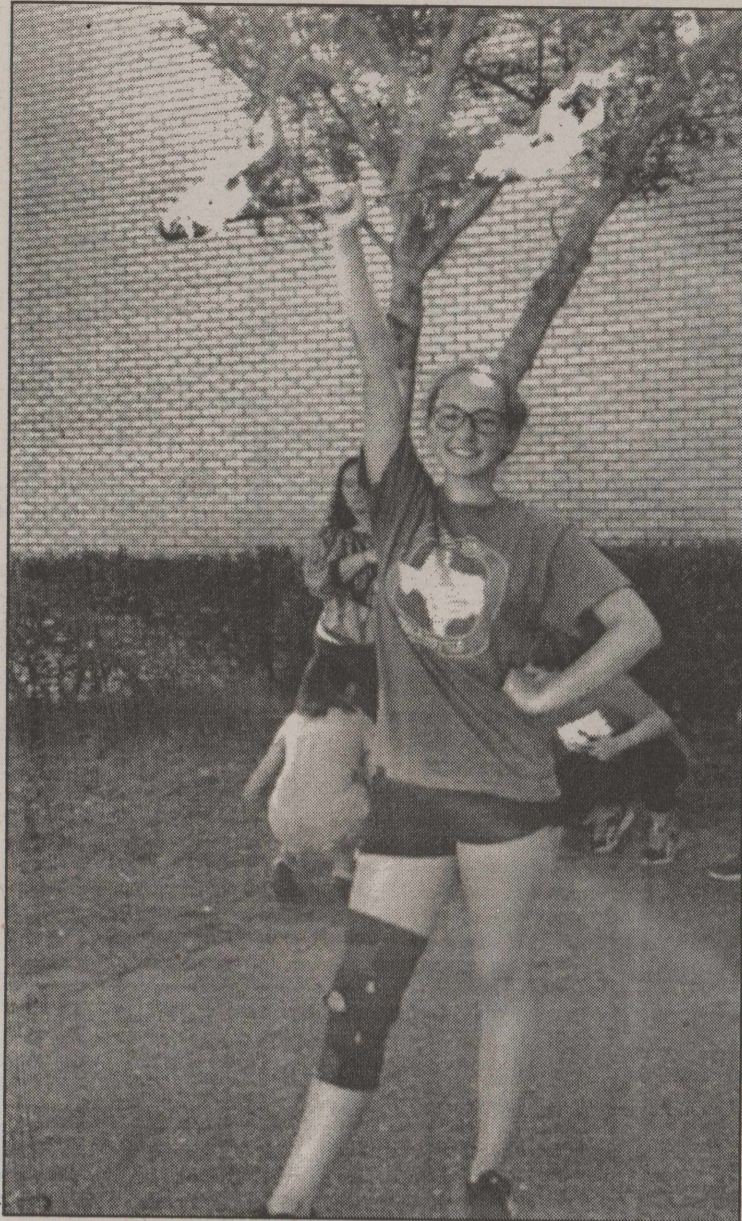
621 Austin Street Robert Lee, Texas



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**Playing with Fire!** Blackwell High School freshman twirler Madeline Bell attended Tops in Twirling Camp at Kilgore Junior College from June 28th to July 1st, where she earned a blue ribbon for her dance routine and learned to twirl fire batons. This is impressive for her first year as a varsity spirit team member!

**Bronte Elementary School Supply List 2017-2018**

**Preschool program for children with disabilities & Pre-K**

- 3 - 1.25 oz. Elmer's Glue
- 3 boxes Kleenex Facial Tissue
- \*1 Spiral Notebook (100 count wide rule)
- 1 Clorox wipes or baby wipes
- 3 - Folder with pockets and brads

- \*1 Large Zippered Top Backpack
- \*1 Set of extra clothing (weather appropriate)
- \*Blanket and pillow
- \*Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class' glue box.
- \*Please consider clothing that

will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.

**Kindergarten**

- 6 boxes Crayola Crayons - Primary colors only (8 count only - NO Jumbo/NO Glitter)
- 3 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 12 - No. 2 Pencils
- 1 box Crayola Thick Markers (10 count)
- 2 - 4.0 oz. Elmer's Glue (No Rose Art)
- 1 set Dry Erase Markers (set of 4)
- 10 - Folders with Bottom Pockets only (NO plastic, get various colors)
- 1 - Sharp 5 Fiskar Scissors
- 1 Canister of pull-up Clorox

- Disinfectant wipes
- 2 - Pink Bevel Eraser
- 1- Small Plastic School Box (no zipper bags please)
- 1 - School Bag or Backpack (large enough to hold folders)
- 1 roll 1/2 Transparencies
- 1 box Ziploc slider bags (Boys - Gallon Size, Girls - Quart Size, no stand and fill bags)
- \*Please label everything your child brings to school.

**1st Grade**

- 2 boxes Crayola Crayons (16 count)
- 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 10 - No. 2 Pencils
- 5 - Assorted Folders (Pockets only)

- 1 - Sharp 5 Fiskar Scissors
- 4 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - Disinfectant Wipes
- 2 - Small Pink Erasers
- 1 box Ziploc slider bags (Boys - Pint Size, Girls - Snack Size)
- 2 packages Dry Erase Markers
- 1 - Plastic School Box
- 1 - School Bag or Backpack
- 2nd Grade**
- 1 box Crayons (24 count)
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 12 - No. 2 Pencils
- 1 - Elmer's Glue (small size)
- 1 - Scissors
- 2 - Pink Erasers
- 1 - School Box
- 1 - School Bag or Backpack
- 8 - Folders with Pockets
- 1 - Ruler
- 2 - Dry Erase Markers

**ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas 76945

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Robert Lee ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$2.00 lunch costs Pre k-6 \$2.75, 7-12 \$3.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$.30, for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. If you received a notification letter that a child is directly certified for free meals, do not complete an application. Let the school know if any children in the household attending school are not listed in the letter.

The following questions and answers will provide additional information on how to complete the application. Complete only one application for all the students in the household and return the completed application to Samantha Burns, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas. If you have questions about applying for free or reduced price meals, contact Shanna Freeman, (325) 453-4555 or by email at samantha.burns@rlisd.net.

**1. Who can get free meals?**

- **Income**-Children can get free or reduced-price meals if a household's gross income is within the limits described on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
- **Special Assistance Program Participants**- Children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals.
- **Foster**-Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- **Head Start, Early Head Start, and Even Start**-Children participating in these programs are eligible for free meals.
- **Homeless, Runaway, and Migrant**-Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told about a child's status as homeless, runaway, or migrant or you feel a child may qualify for one of these programs, please call or Aaron Hood at 325-453-4555.
- **WIC Recipient**-Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

**2. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to Aaron Hood, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas 76945 or call (325) 453-4555.

**3. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?** Yes. An application is only good for that school year and the first few days of this school year. Send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for this school year.

**4. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. Apply at any time during the school year. A child with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

**5. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that normally received. If a household member lost a job or had hours/wages reduced, use current income.

**6. We are in the military. Do we report our income differently?** Basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. Any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments count as income. If housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include the housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is excluded from income.

**7. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

**8. Will application information be checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the reported household income.

**9. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or 2-1-1.

If you have other questions or need help, call: Samantha Burns, Food Service Manager, (325) 453-4555. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: Samantha Burns, (325) 453-4555.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Burns  
Food Service Manager

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING FREE AND REDUCED PRICE BENEFITS**

Effective From July 1, 2017, To June 30, 2018

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$15,678	\$22,311	\$1,307	\$1,860	\$654	\$930	\$603	\$859	\$302	\$430
2	\$21,112	\$30,044	\$1,760	\$2,504	\$880	\$1,252	\$812	\$1,156	\$406	\$578
3	\$26,546	\$37,777	\$2,213	\$3,149	\$1,107	\$1,575	\$1,021	\$1,453	\$511	\$727
4	\$31,980	\$45,510	\$2,665	\$3,793	\$1,333	\$1,897	\$1,230	\$1,751	\$615	\$876
5	\$37,414	\$53,243	\$3,118	\$4,437	\$1,559	\$2,219	\$1,439	\$2,048	\$720	\$1,024
6	\$42,848	\$60,976	\$3,571	\$5,082	\$1,786	\$2,541	\$1,648	\$2,346	\$824	\$1,173
7	\$48,282	\$68,709	\$4,024	\$5,726	\$2,012	\$2,863	\$1,857	\$2,643	\$929	\$1,322
8	\$53,716	\$76,442	\$4,477	\$6,371	\$2,239	\$3,186	\$2,066	\$2,941	\$1,033	\$1,471
9	\$59,150	\$84,175	\$4,930	\$7,016	\$2,466	\$3,509	\$2,275	\$3,239	\$1,138	\$1,620
10	\$64,584	\$91,908	\$5,383	\$7,661	\$2,693	\$3,832	\$2,484	\$3,537	\$1,243	\$1,769
11	\$70,018	\$99,641	\$5,836	\$8,306	\$2,920	\$4,155	\$2,693	\$3,835	\$1,348	\$1,918
12	\$75,452	\$107,374	\$6,289	\$8,951	\$3,147	\$4,478	\$2,902	\$4,133	\$1,453	\$2,067
For each additional family member add:										
	+\$5,434	+\$7,733	+\$453	+\$645	+\$227	+\$323	+\$209	+\$298	+\$105	+\$149

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- 4 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - Large Cloth book cover
- 3rd Grade**
- 2 box Facial Tissues
- 5 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - Elmer's Glue
- 2 - Permanent Markers
- 8 - Folders with pockets (no brads)
- 24 - #2 pencils
- 2 - Highlighters
- 1 - Notebook paper (wide rule-not college)
- 2 Pencil sharpener & Eraser
- 2 - Red pens
- 1 - Supply box/bag
- 1 Box Crayons
- 4th Grade**
- 2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
- 24 - No. 2 Pencils
- 1 - School Bag or Backpack
- 4 - Pocket folders (2 paper/2 plastic)
- 2 - Jumbo Cloth Book Covers
- 2 packages Notebook Paper (Wide Rule)
- 1 - 1 inch three ring binder
- 4 - Glue Sticks
- 2 - Highlighters
- 5th Grade**
- 3 boxes Facial Tissues
- 3 - Pocket Folders (various colors/designs)
- 2 - Jumbo Book Covers
- 1 - Plastic pocket folder
- 1 package Index Cards (4x6)
- 2 - Pencil Sharpeners (hand held)
- 24 - No. 2 Pencils
- 2 - Highlighters (Yellow)
- 1 package Wide Ruled Notebook paper
- 1 box Quart Size Ziplock bags
- 2 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - 1 inch three ring Binder
- 6th Grade**
- 12 - No. 2 Pencils (wood)
- 1 package Notebook Paper (200 wide rule)
- 2 boxes Facial Tissues
- 2 - Cloth book covers (Jumbo size)
- 3 - Pocket Folders (Plastic)
- 1 - 1 inch three ring binder
- 2 - Hand-held pencil

- sharpener
- 1 box Color Pencils (12 ct.-Crayola brand)
- 1 box Gallon size Ziplock bags
- 2 - Highlighters (Yellow)
- 2 - Pocket Folders (Paper)
- 4 - Glue Sticks

**Bronte ISD Jr. High and High School**

- Math**
- 100 page Composition book
  - Notebook paper
  - Folder or 3 ring binder to keep math papers in
  - Pencil(s)
  - Pencil top erasers
  - Colored pen for grading (can be any color except black)
  - 3 glue sticks
  - Box of Kleenex (optional but greatly appreciated)

**Mrs. Middleton**

- 1 - three ring binder
- 2- 100 page composition book
- Notebook paper (NO spiral notebooks)
- Pencils/lead instruments
- Highlighters
- 6 - Glue Sticks
- Map Colors (optional)
- 1 box of Kleenex (optional)
- Red pen (optional)

**Science (Taylor)**

- Notebook paper
- Highlighters (yellow)
- 4 - Glue Sticks
- Zippered pencil/pen bag for 3 ring binder
- 1 - 1 inch three ring binder
- 1 set of dividers (5 count)
- 12 - #2 pencils
- Map Colors
- Box of Kleenex
- 2 - 100 page composition book
- Black or blue pens (no fluorescent or metallic colors)

**Local churches provided free school supplies**

The churches in Bronte have offered to provide free school supplies again this year for Bronte Elementary students in grades Pre-K through 6th grade. Parents were able to pick up

school supplies Sunday afternoon, August 6, at the Cowboy Church in Bronte. Backpacks and optional Longhorn t-shirts were not be provided.

**Robert Lee Elementary School Supply List**

- Pre-K**
- 2 boxes 8 count crayons
  - 2 packages glue sticks
  - 1 package assorted construction paper
  - 4 pencils
  - 1 box Ziploc bags (quart size)
  - 4 boxes Kleenex
  - 1 set watercolors
  - 1 package of index cards
  - 3 large Disinfectant Wipes
  - 1 set of extra clothes
  - 1 old large shirt to use for

- painting
- Kingergarten**
- 3 boxes 24 count Crayola Brand crayons
  - 6 glue sticks
  - 6 regular Yellow #2 pencils
  - 1 composition notebook
  - 1 package construction paper
  - 1 small plastic school box
  - 3 large boxes Kleenex
  - 1 1 white binder
  - 2 sturdy, slick plastic pocket folders (no brads)
  - 2 large pink erasers
  - 1 package 3x5 index cards
  - Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
  - Backpack
  - Set of extra clothes
  - \*Initial each eraser and crayon
  - \*Leave crayons in the original

- box
- \*Do not initial pencils or glue sticks
- 1st Grade**
- 2 packages pencil top erasers
  - 2 red plastic folders with brads and pockets
  - 1 orange folder with brads
  - 2 black marble composition notebooks (wide ruled, not spiral)
  - 3 boxes Kleenex
  - 2 boxes Crayola crayons (at least 24 count)
  - 1 package of Ticonderoga yellow pencils (24 count)
  - 2 glue sticks
  - 1 1 1/4 oz bottle Elmer's G
  - 1 box Ziploc bags (Quart size)
  - 1 clipboard
  - 1 package construction paper
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**BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Bronte ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$0 lunch costs Elem. \$2.75, H.S. \$3.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$0, for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. If you received a notification letter that a child is directly certified for free meals, do not complete an application. Let the school know if any children in the household attending school are not listed in the letter.

The following questions and answers will provide additional information on how to complete the application. Complete only one application for all the students in the household and return the completed application to Bronte ISD, PO Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933, Phone (325) 473-2511. If you have questions about applying for free or reduced price meals, contact Phillip Ratliff P.O. Box 670 Bronte, Texas 76933, 325-473-2511 ext. 116.

**1. Who can get free meals?**

- **Income**-Children can get free or reduced-price meals if a household's gross income is within the limits described in the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
- **Special Assistance Program Participants**- Children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals.
- **Foster**-Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- **Head Start, Early Head Start, and Even Start**-Children participating in these programs are eligible for free meals.
- **Homeless, Runaway, and Migrant**-Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told about a child's status as homeless, runaway, or migrant or you feel a child may qualify for one of these programs, please call or email Daisy Sanchez, 325-473-2511 ext. 119, daisy.sanchez@bronteisd.net.
- **WIC Recipient**-Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

**2. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** Talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to Tim Siler, P.O. Box 670, Bronte, Texas 76933 Phone 325-473-2511, ext. 111.

**3. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one?** Yes. An application is only good for that school year and the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for this school year.

**4. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. A child with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

**5. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. If a household member lost a job or had hours/wages reduced, use current income.

**6. We are in the military. Do we report our income differently?** Basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. Any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments count as income. If housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include the housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is excluded from income.

**7. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

**8. Will application information be checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the reported household income.

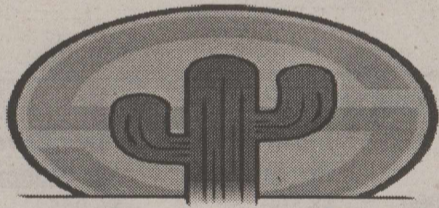
**9. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or 2-1-1.

If you have other questions or need help, call: Phillip Ratliff @ Bronte ISD 325-473-2511 EXT 116  
Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: Phillip Ratliff @ Bronte ISD 325-473-2511 EXT 116

Sincerely,  
Phillip Ratliff

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING FREE AND REDUCED PRICE BENEFITS**  
Effective From July 1, 2017, To June 30, 2018

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$15,678	\$22,311	\$1,307	\$1,860	\$654	\$930	\$603	\$859	\$302	\$430
2	\$21,112	\$30,044	\$1,760	\$2,504	\$880	\$1,252	\$812	\$1,156	\$406	\$578
3	\$26,546	\$37,777	\$2,213	\$3,149	\$1,107	\$1,575	\$1,021	\$1,453	\$511	\$727
4	\$31,980	\$45,510	\$2,665	\$3,793	\$1,333	\$1,897	\$1,230	\$1,751	\$615	\$876
5	\$37,414	\$53,243	\$3,118	\$4,437	\$1,559	\$2,219	\$1,439	\$2,048	\$720	\$1,024
6	\$42,848	\$60,976	\$3,571	\$5,082	\$1,786	\$2,541	\$1,648	\$2,346	\$824	\$1,173
7	\$48,282	\$68,709	\$4,024	\$5,726	\$2,012	\$2,863	\$1,857	\$2,643	\$929	\$1,322
8	\$53,716	\$76,442	\$4,477	\$6,371	\$2,239	\$3,186	\$2,066	\$2,941	\$1,033	\$1,471
9	\$59,150	\$84,175	\$4,930	\$7,016	\$2,466	\$3,509	\$2,275	\$3,239	\$1,138	\$1,620
10	\$64,584	\$91,908	\$5,383	\$7,661	\$2,693	\$3,832	\$2,484	\$3,537	\$1,243	\$1,769
11	\$70,018	\$99,641	\$5,836	\$8,306	\$2,920	\$4,155	\$2,693	\$3,835	\$1,348	\$1,918
12	\$75,452	\$107,374	\$6,289	\$8,951	\$3,147	\$4,478	\$2,902	\$4,133	\$1,453	\$2,067
For each additional family member add:										
	+\$5,434	+\$7,733	+\$453	+\$645	+\$227	+\$323	+\$209	+\$298	+\$105	+\$149



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**... Auditor**

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judges shall appoint a county auditor.

(b) In a county with a population of less than 10,200:

(1) the district judges may appoint a county auditor if the judges determine that the county's financial circumstances warrant the appointment; and

(2) the district judges shall appoint a county auditor if:

(A) the commissioners court finds that a county auditor is necessary to carry out county business and enters an order in its minutes stating the reason for this finding;

(B) the order is certified to the district judges; and

(C) the district judges find the reason stated by the commissioners court to be good and sufficient.

**Sec. 84.009. REMOVAL.**

(a) A county auditor may be removed from office and a successor appointed if, after due investigation by the district judges who appointed the auditor, it is proven that the auditor:

(1) has committed official misconduct; or

(2) is incompetent to faithfully discharge the duties of the office of county auditor.

(b) The district judges who appointed a county auditor under Section 84.002(b)(2) or Section 84.008 may discontinue the services of the auditor after the expiration of one year after the date of the appointment if it is clearly shown that the auditor is not necessary and the auditor's services are not commensurate with the auditor's salary.

**... Robert Lee School Supplies**

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1 small plastic school box  
1 disinfectant wipes  
1 backpack (no wheels)  
\*Please DO NOT label the supplies

**2nd Grade**

1 package yellow #2 pencils (24 count)  
2 composition notebooks (100 sheets, wide ruled)  
3 plastic folders with pockets and brads  
2 boxes Crayola brand crayons (24 count)  
Markers  
3 glue sticks  
Scissors  
1 plastic school box  
2 pink erasers  
1 backpack (no wheels)  
3 boxes Kleenex  
1 box Ziploc bags (girls - gallon, boys - quart)  
1 package construction paper  
Disinfecting wipes  
Hand sanitizer

**3rd Grade**

1" three ring binder with pockets  
Pocket folders - 1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 any color/design  
Yellow #2 pencils (at least 24 ct)  
Pink eraser (at least 3)  
Crayons  
Markers  
Scissors  
2 highlighters  
Supply box  
Backpack  
Hand sanitizer (12 oz bottle)

3 boxes Kleenex  
Disinfecting wipes  
**4th Grade**  
1 school box (no bags)  
1 package Expo Markers for white board  
1 box Crayons (24 count)  
1 box map pencils  
Markers or Sharpies  
1 pair scissors  
1 small package colored copy paper  
Liquid glue  
4 packages 3x5 white index cards  
24 pencils  
3 composition notebooks  
2 packages wide ruled notebook paper  
1 plastic folder with brads and

pockets (any color)  
2 folders with 3 holes and pockets (any color, no brads)  
2 1" three ring binder  
2 large tubs disinfectant wipes  
3 boxes tissue  
1 package Ziploc bags  
2 red pens  
**5th Grade**  
1 school box or bag  
2 packages wide ruled notebook paper  
3 composition notebooks  
1 2" three ring binder  
1 plastic folder with brads and pockets  
3 folds with 3 holes and pockets (no brads)  
24 pencils  
2 red pens

1 package dividers  
Scissors  
Crayons (24 count)  
Map pencils  
Markers  
Liquid glue  
2 black Sharpies  
1 package Expo Markers  
4 packages 3x5 white index cards  
1 small package colored copy paper  
2 tubs disinfectant wipes  
3 boxes Kleenex  
1 small zippered Ziploc bags  
**6th Grade**  
Pencils  
Pens  
Map pencils  
Markers

Sharpies  
Highlighters  
Scissors  
2 bottles liquid glue  
2 packages notebook paper  
2 tubs disinfectant wipes  
3 boxes Kleenex  
School supply box  
1 package Expo Markers  
2 composition notebooks  
2 2" three ring binders  
2 packages 3x5 white index cards  
1 package dividers  
Small Ziploc bags  
Folder with 3 holes and pockets  
Deck of cards  
2 boxes pencil top erasers

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The ROBERT LEE ISD will hold a public meeting at 5 pm, August 30, 2017, in 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participating in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.420000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	2.60% increase
Debt Service	35.60% decrease
Total expenditures	5.60% decrease

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$537,817,260	\$373,026,720
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,228,420	\$ 1,562,920
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$149,954,690	\$139,046,360
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,991,110	\$ 58,748,010

\* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New Property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$7,995,000  
\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.420000*	\$1.460000	\$8,500	\$6,055
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.000090	\$0.351220*	\$1.351310	\$8,264	\$5,514
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.420000*	\$1.460000	\$ 7,948	\$5,514

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$66,984	\$68,980
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$66,984	\$68,980
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.460000	\$1.460000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$977.97	\$1,007.11
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$29.14

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest Rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.46. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.46.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance (s)	\$329,843
Interest & Sinking Fund Balances (s)	\$354,417

**What in the World?!?! That is the question these donkeys seem to have as they venture over to look at the large machine digging a trench for the recently completed pipeline through Coke County. You would have thought they would have waited for the machine to stop running before getting that close. Curiosity could have killed something bigger than a cat if they'd gotten much closer!**

**VP meeting held**

Vision with a Purpose held its monthly meeting August 3, at 6 pm, at the Family Life Center at the United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. A free meal and babysitting was provided.

Prior to the general meeting, the Hunter's BBQ committee met. Raffle tickets for a Honda ATV and guns will be sold. ATV tickets are \$50 each and gun raffle tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Guns are being upgraded.

The general meeting opened with prayer with president Marshall Millican presiding.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, as was the treasurer's report, given by Crystal Stanford.

Anthony Lopez and Crystal Stanford reported on their meeting with the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. The firemen agreed to help set up and tear down for the BBQ.

Nine teams had signed up to participate in the Sons of Pitches softball tournament, held the weekend of August 4-5. T-shirts and concessions were available.

VP is planning to start refurbishing the city park. The Restoration committee will start by repairing the swings so they will be safer for the children.

VP will be selling breakfast burritos at the Junior High Color Run, to be held Saturday, August 19. All proceeds will go to the park restoration.

The Honda ATV was purchased and exhibited to the group. It will be raffled off at the Hunter's BBQ.

The next meeting will be held September 7 at 6 pm, at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. The meeting is open to anyone wanting to help improve Robert Lee. A meal and free babysitting will be available.

Pastor Cyndi Weidner closed the meeting with prayer.

**Bronte Lions preparing annual program**

The Bronte Evening Lions Club is gearing up for this year's Loughorn football season by beginning preparations for the 2017 football program.

If you would like to be a part of this program, available at each home football game, please contact a member of the Lions Club or call Lions Club President Reese Braswell.

**RL Cemetery needs assistance**

There are several curbed lots at the Robert Lee Cemetery whose owners are unknown. These lots are in Sections 2, 3, 7 and 10. The lot in Section 2 includes the name "Spencer" in the curbing.

Anyone who has information on the ownership of these plots is urged to call George Grim at (325) 453-9902. The ownership of the

plots will revert to the cemetery association if not identified by September 1, 2017.

**Donations needed for fire departments**

The Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer Fire Departments are requesting donations of water and Gatorade in preparation of the upcoming fire season.

Donations may be dropped off at the City Hall in each city or with any fireman. Your support of the area's Volunteer Fire Departments is greatly appreciated.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The BRONTE ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 pm, August 31, 2017, in BRONTE ISD ROOM, 210 SOUTH JEFFERSON, BRONTE, TEXAS. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participating in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	4.00% decrease
Debt Service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	4.00% decrease

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$257,950,520	\$241,797,600
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 745,430	\$ 1,779,620
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 76,097,919	\$ 80,400,039
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 844,840	\$ 52,811,720

\* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New Property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$0

\* Outstanding principal.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0*	\$1.040000	\$3,959	\$6,771
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.170000	\$0*	\$1.170000	\$4,241	\$7,097
Proposed Rate	\$1.170000	\$0.000000*	\$1.170000	\$4,898	\$7,291

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$75,231	\$69,458
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$75,231	\$69,458
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.040000	\$1.170000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$782.40	\$812.66
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		-\$ 30.26

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest Rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04.**

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance (s)	\$564,250
Interest & Sinking Fund Balances (s)	\$0

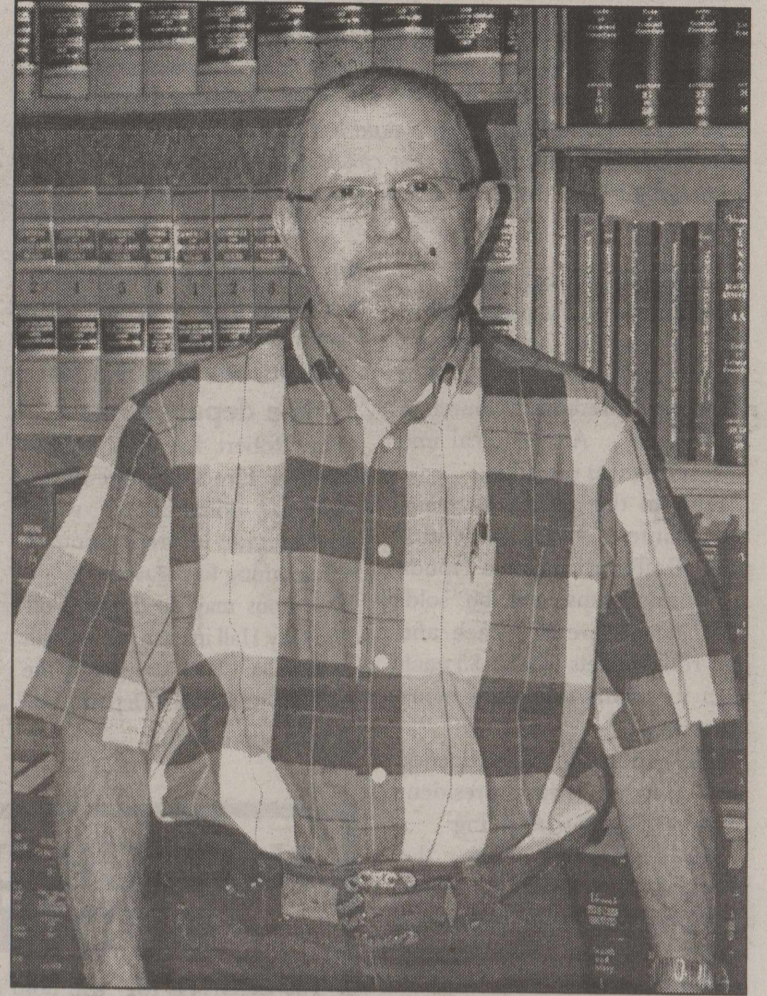
# PUBLIC PROFILES

## County Treasurer • Hal Spain • Elected to Office in 2010

The county treasurer, as the chief custodian of all county funds, including the general fund and special funds, such as those dedicated to a certain purpose and those under the control of an elected official other than the commissioners court. The treasurer has a duty to receive all money received by the county from any source and place it in the appropriate county depository. All county money received by any official must be delivered promptly to the county treasurer for proper handling. The county treasurer is also responsible for disbursing county funds as directed by the commissioners court consistently with the law. The county treasurer often acts as the chief liaison between the county and all depository banks. In this capacity, he or she maintains records of all deposits and withdrawals, and reconciles all

bank statements, thus assuring their accuracy and the safety of county funds. The county treasurer, who may be designated as the county's investment officer, is required to submit regular reports to the commissioners court about the county's finances. As with all elected county officials, the treasurer has ultimate authority over the operations of the office, including the authority to hire and fire personnel and direct their daily activities. The treasurer also has authority to determine how to use all other resources allocated to the office during the budget process.

Treasurer Hal Spain was an accomplished businessman before being elected as Treasurer. Raised in Haskell, he earned his Master of Agricultural Education at Texas Tech University. He began his career with the Texas Extension Service, serving as an ag agent in several communities throughout the state. He next moved to Sonora where he owned Spain's Department Store and served as the President of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. He moved to Coke County when he purchased The Observer/Enterprise in 1983. He owned and operated the local newspaper until his election in 2010. An avid horseman, Spain served as a national director and Executive Secretary for national horse organizations. He and his wife Kimberly are active in Robert Lee's Methodist Church. Hal has two children, Wade Spain and Christi Spain Savage. He also has four grandchildren.



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### NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR COKE COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.685409 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of COKE COUNTY. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of COKE COUNTY proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Maintenance and Operations and Salaries.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.685409 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.640837 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.659048 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.711771 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for COKE COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that COKE COUNTY may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Josie Dean, PCC  
COKE COUNTY tax assessor-collector  
13 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas  
325-453-2614  
cokecotax@yahoo.com

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

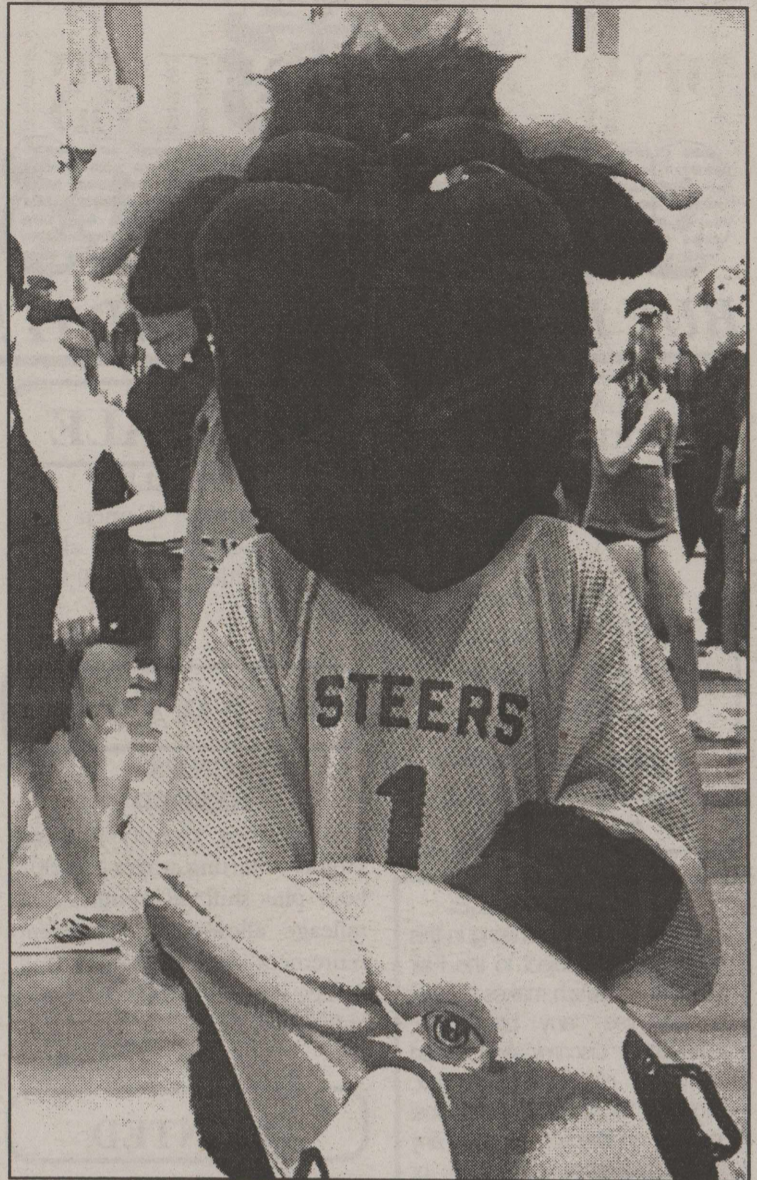
First Hearing: August 18, 2017 at 9:00AM at 13 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

Second Hearing: August 22, 2017 at 9:00AM at 13 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.





**Spirit Camp!** The Robert Lee Cheerleaders and Stomper had a great week at camp. Among their awards were a second in Sideline, Game Day Champs, three All Americans and one "Pin it Forward" award (above). They were Mushy one day and Spirit Sticks! Stomper won the Traditions Award.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2018 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 21, 2017, at 5:30 pm at the Coke County Courthouse, second floor jury room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	\$228,094.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget	\$ 6,744.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	2
The number of employees compensated under the current budget	3

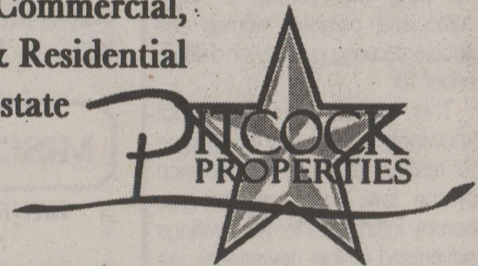
The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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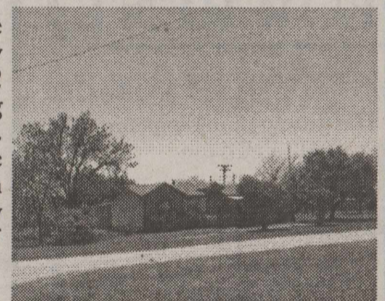
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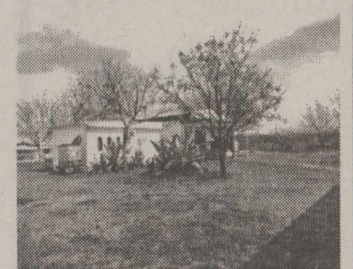
171+ acres west of Robert Lee! Beautiful views add to this great ranch. Perfect for hunting, livestock, or just getting away! Electricity and well onsite. Stock Pond complete with dock! Rolling terrain. Good cover for wildlife with cleared areas for that perfect shot! Additional adjoining

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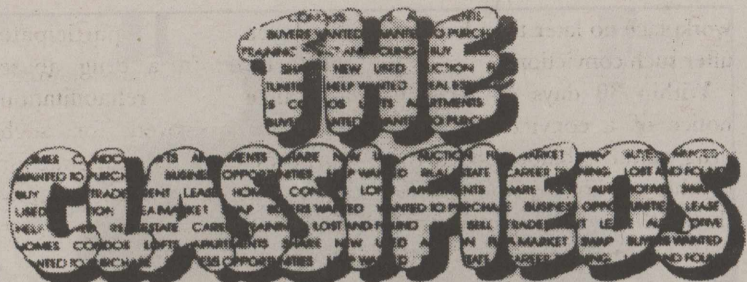
home, but is now attached to beautiful den complete with wood burning stove! Both master and second bedroom have bathrooms! Enjoy the outdoors and area's wildlife from the wrap around covered porch!

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For more information, contact Abe Gott, Superintendent, PO Box 505, Blackwell, Texas 79506, Phone: 325-282-2311.

Deadline for accepting bids is August 25, 2017, at 2 pm. Winning bid will be approved at August 30, 2017, board meeting.

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**TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY DIVISION OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

1. Blackwell CISD offers career and technology education programs in Vocational Agriculture, Business and Family Consumer Science. Admission to these programs is based on age, grade and class schedule.

2. It is the policy of Blackwell CISD does not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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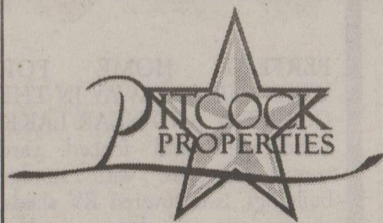
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2353 +/- ac, This ranch is just over 3 sections and is located between Eldorado, TX and Mertzon, TX. This ranch is fenced and cross fenced and is well suited for a running livestock or a recreational hunting ranch. There is approximately 95 acres in cultivation and the remaining portion of the ranch is in native pasture. Give us a call to schedule your showing.

400 +/- ac, Located in Schleicher County, between Mertzon and Eldorado, Texas. The property is in native pasture land with moderate brush cover. Property would serve well to run cattle, sheep or be used for hunting.

530 +/- ac, This 530 acre show place in Hamilton County, Texas, has unlimited potential. There is a lot of surface water with 7 lakes/ponds. There is a good combination of open pasture and brush cover for wildlife habitat. This is a great property within a 1.5 hour drive to the Metroplex.

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Call for information on other Tracts of land for sale.

Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Phone: 325-282-2311, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Abe Gott at PO Box 505, Blackwell TX 79506, Phone: 325-282-2311.

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4. Blackwell CISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English Language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in vocational programs.

5. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Abe Gott at PO Box 505, Blackwell TX 79506.



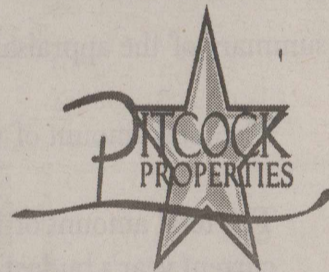
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4. Blackwell CISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participation en los programas vocacionales.

5. Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, ABE GOTT, en Blackwell TX, 325-282-2311, y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, ABE GOTT, en Blackwell TX, 325-282-2311.

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BLACKWELL CISD prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance, as that term is defined in state and federal law, in the workplace or any school-related event.

Employees who violate this prohibition may be referred to drug counseling programs, drug rehabilitation programs, or employee assistance programs or may be terminated form employment with the District.

As a condition of employment in the District, each employee shall abide by the terms of the requirements and prohibitions set out in this statement and shall notify the District of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the


workplace no later than five days after such conviction.

Within 30 days of receiving notice of a conviction for any drug statue violation occurring in the workplace, the District shall either: (1) take appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to and including termination, or (2) require the

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## Coke County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Gayle Sisemore Appointed in 2005

The chief appraiser is the head of the county appraisal district appraisal office. The board of directors appoints and directs the chief appraiser and it also determines the chief appraiser's compensation. The appraisal district may not contract with an independent contractor to perform the duties of the chief appraiser.

The chief appraiser employs professional, clerical, and other personnel for the appraisal district's operations. The chief appraiser may also delegate authority to appraisal office employees. The appraisal district may not employ or contract with an individual or the spouse of an individual who is related to the chief appraiser.

The chief appraiser may disburse funds if authorized by the board of directors. The

board of directors of an appraisal district may restrict the chief appraiser's actions relating to the finances or administration of the appraisal district. Every year, the chief appraiser prepares a budget for the appraisal district's operation for the next tax year. The chief appraiser includes a list showing each proposed position, the proposed salaries and benefits, each proposed capital expenditure, as well as the budget allocation for each taxing unit.

County appraisal district boundaries are the same as the county's boundaries. Prior to 2008 some Texas county appraisal district boundaries extended into adjacent counties.

A county appraisal district appraises the value of your property. The property tax is based on the assessed value derived from



Chief Appraiser Gayle Sisemore served in the Tax Assessor/Collector's office, first as a deputy beginning in 1991 to her election as Tax Assessor/Collector in 2001. She was appointed to the Appraisal District as Chief Appraiser in 2005. She and her husband Tommy Sisemore make their home in Robert Lee and have five children - Teena Bennett, Tonya Ledbetter, Pam Helton, Michelle Sugarek and Misti Hayes. They also enjoy their twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Carol Hardaway began her career with the Appraisal District in May of 1989 and Ed Lindsey joined the office in May of 2013. Although located in the courthouse, the Appraisal District is not under the control of the Coke County Commissioners.

the appraised value.

The Appraisal Review Board (ARB) settles disagreements between the property owner and

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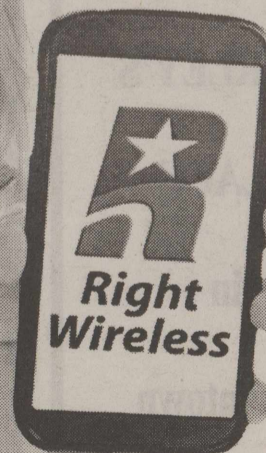
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