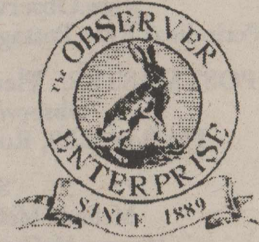


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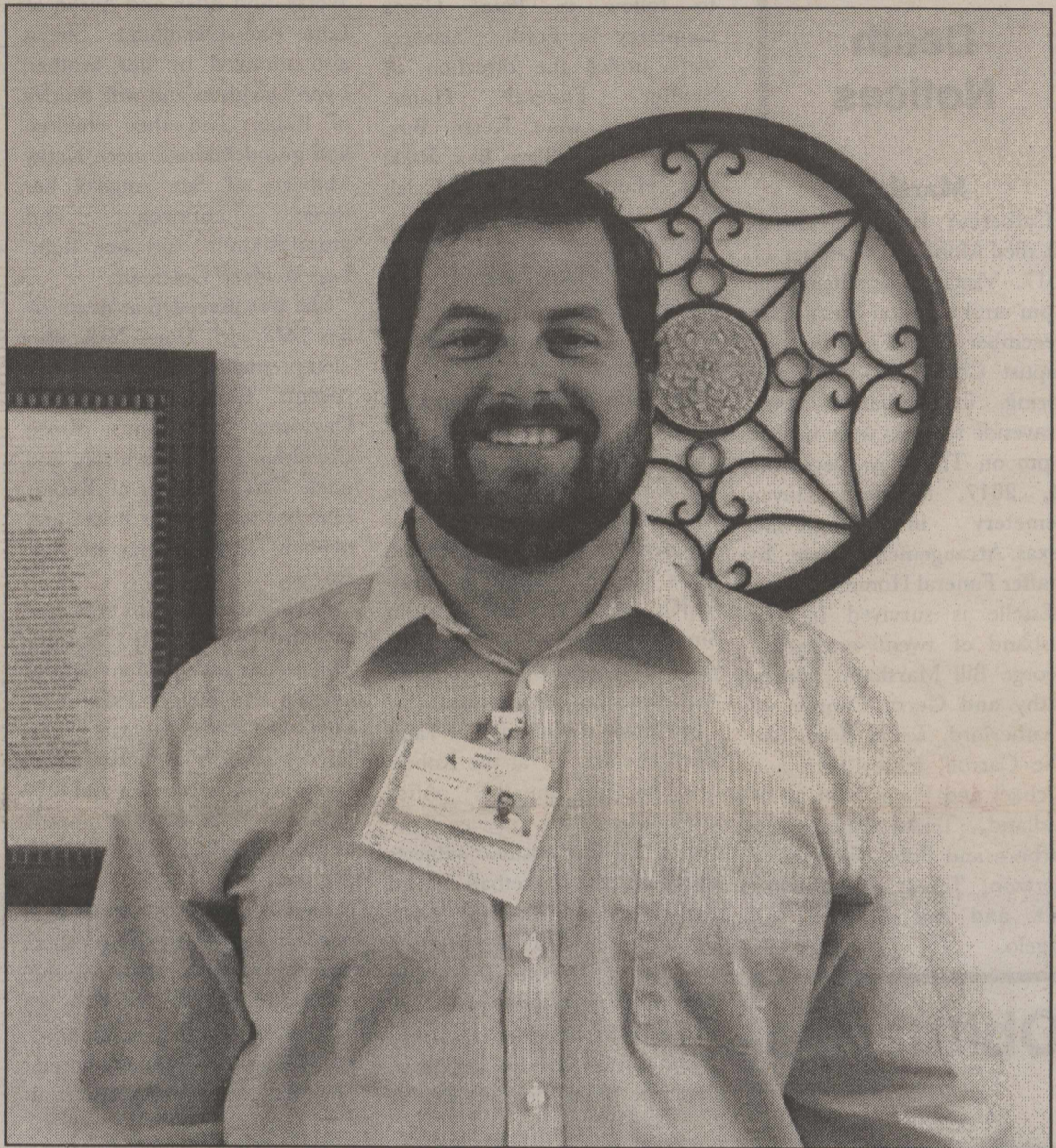
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Filing period ends for 2018 Primary Election

The filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election began November 11, 2017, and continued through December 11, 2017. Offices up for election include County Judge, currently held by Roy Blair; County Treasurer, currently held by Hal Spain; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Jackie Walker; County/District Clerk, currently held by Mary Grim; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik.

As of the filing deadline, below are the candidates that have filed for a place on the ballot. Hal Spain has filed for County Judge and will be joined on the ballot for by Sherry Davidson. Therese Emert has filed for County Treasurer. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace, as well as incumbent Jackie Walker. Johnson is currently serving as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Monica Reyes has filed for County/District Clerk. Reyes is currently a deputy in the Clerk's Office. Three men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm, Robert Feil, and incumbent Paul Williams. Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past. Joe Sefcik has filed for re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4.



New Administrator! The Robert Lee Care Center welcomed Houston McGuire in November as their new administrator. Houston has resided in Robert Lee since 2009 with his wife, Becca (Skinner) McGuire. In 2015, they welcomed twin boys, Hudson and Slade, to the family. Houston comes to Robert Lee Care Center from Baptist Memorial, where he completed 1000 hours of on-the-job training. He brings with him a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and is currently working on completing a Master's of Science in Dementia and Aging Studies through Texas State University. His knowledge of the elderly population is extensive and will be beneficial to the success of Robert Lee Care Center. Everyone at the Care Center looks forward to sharing his successes with the admirable work he will fulfill in his career at the Robert Lee Care Center.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, December 15

Early Release - Robert Lee ISD

Saturday, December 16

Christmas in Olde Bronte, Downtown Bronte

Monday, December 18

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

High School Basketball -
Blackwell at Merkel, 6:30 pm,
Varsity Girls

Tuesday, December 19

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Rotan, 5 pm,
JV Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

Wednesday, December 20

Early Release - Bronte ISD

Friday, December 22

Early Release - Blackwell CISD

Christmas in Olde Bronte slated for December 16

Christmas in Olde Bronte will be held Saturday, December 16, in downtown Bronte. The events kick off with a Christmas Parade at 9:30 am. At 10 am the downtown shops will open, there will be a vendor fair at The Rusty Bell, and the Kickapoo Creek Lodge will host "Sip, Shop, and Spa". From 11 am until 1 pm the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be cooking lunch behind The Blue Goose. Storybook time with Mrs. Santa will be at The Rusty Bell at 1 pm. Santa will make his appearance at 1:30 and pictures will be taken at The Rusty Bell. A special showing of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be held at 3:30 pm at the historic Texas

Theater. Beginning at 5:45 pm, the awards ceremony (parade winners, best decorated yard and business, ugliest sweater competition and more!) will be held. The tree lighting with the Bronte Longhorn Band, as well as the lighting of the "Winter Wonderland", will begin at 6 pm.

Year in Review Issue Deadline set for December 18

The last issue of The Observer/Enterprise for 2017 will be published December 29, 2017. Deadline for this issue is Monday, December 18, 2017, at 12 noon.

We hope readers will enjoy looking back at a few of the stories making headlines this past year. It is impossible to include everything noteworthy from 2017.

The majority of this issue will be dedicated to 2017. However, current news will be listed near the back.

Holiday office closures announced

The O/E office will be closed from Thursday, December 21 through Tuesday, January 2, and the annual Year in Review issue will be published Friday, December 29, 2017.

The County Courthouse will be closed Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.

The City of Bronte office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 - 26, as well as Monday, January 1, 2018.

The office for the City of Robert Lee will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 - 26. They will also be closed Monday and Tuesday, January 1 - 2, 2018.

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Death Notices

Marshall

Catherine Estelle Marshall, 80, died Monday, December 11, 2017. Visitation was held from 4 pm until 6 pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at Bellview Baptist Church, 1710 N. Big Spring, in Midland, Texas. Graveside services were held at 1 pm on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at Beth Haven Cemetery in Lingleville, Texas. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Estelle is survived by her husband of twenty-one years, George Bill Marshall; children Cathy and Gerry Cannon of Weatherford, Texas, Brent and Julie Carroll, Jeffrey Ford and Michael and Paula Ford all of Midland, Texas; one sister, Barbara and Buck Bradford of Mertzon, Texas; one brother, L.D. and Sue Ely of San Angelo.

Obituaries



Box

Our beloved mother, Bobbie Kathryn (Davidson) Box, passed away peacefully in the nursing home surrounded by her loving family on Friday, December 8, 2017. Visitation was held all day Monday, December 11, 2017, at the funeral home with family present from 5 pm until 7 pm. Funeral services were held at 2 pm, Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at Pecan Baptist church in Robert Lee, Texas, with pastor William Hood of Robert Lee, Texas, officiating with interment

to follow in Paint Creek Cemetery in Edith. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Kevin Box, Brandon Box, Blaze Box, Rikki Box, Hannah Box, and Caleb Westbrook.

Bobbie was born February 19, 1934, to Elbert and Louella (Fields) Davidson. She was born at her grandparent's home, Hubert and Kelly Fields, of Edith. She attended elementary school at Green Mountain and high school at Robert Lee High. In 1951 she attended San Angelo Junior College where she was a majorette with the band for two years. Upon graduating from SAJC, she attended Hardin Simmons University for two years receiving a BBA in Business and a teaching certification.

She made a profession of Faith when she was 17 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. After graduating from college, she began teaching business subjects and coaching basketball at Jim Ned High in Tuscola. On December 22, 1955, she married S.V. Box of Tuscola, Texas, and they had forty-two years of wonderful life together.

She is survived by her three children, Blake Box of Robert

Lee, Marcus Box and wife Phyllis of Sweetwater, and Powell Box and wife Joyce of Breckenridge. Surviving grandchildren are Brandon Box and wife Erica of Ellicott City, Maryland, Hannah Box of Plainview, Kevin Box of San Angelo, Blaze Box and wife Holly of Midland, Rikki Box of Abilene, Brooke Howerton and husband John of Fort Worth and Staci Seilkopf and husband Mike of Little Axe, Oklahoma. Surviving great grandchildren are Andrew, Chloe, and Mikey of Maryland Hayden of Plainview; Neveah of Midland; Jude, Joel, Jace and Jett of Fort Worth, and Allen and Austin of Little Axe, Oklahoma. She is also survived by her brother, Lynn Davidson and wife Shirley of Robert Lee, their children and grandchildren; niece Kathy Maberry of San Angelo, her three children and grandchildren; and one aunt, Lori Fields of Coleman.

She was preceded in death by her baby girl, Dona Nell, who died prematurely after birth; her parents Elbert and Louella Davidson, her aunts Roxie Davidson, Dollie Davidson, and uncle Earl Davidson of Robert Lee; her sister Doris Price; and nephew Terry Hurley of San Angelo.

Bobbie served as an educator in the Jim Ned School, Sweetwater Independent School District and Snyder ISD. She began her seventeen years in the Snyder schools as a counselor and administrator. She and S.V. retired in 1989 and they moved to Robert Lee in 1990, where they ranched.

Bobbie loved to cook and especially make wedding cakes. She especially loved when she cooked for the family. One of her favorite times was watching her children and grandchildren. She was front and center at

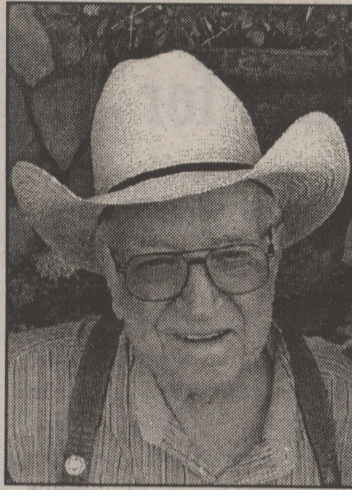
every sporting event, stock show, and any other thing they participated in.

A special thank you is extended to Dr. Conway and staff, Robert Lee Care Center, and Kindred Hospice for their loving care and attention.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Paint Creek Cemetery Association, c/o Blake Box, 630 FM 2059, Robert Lee, Texas 76945 or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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Lee

James Adrian (Jim) Lee passed away at 5:50 pm, Thursday, December 7, 2017, at the age of 78. Visitation was held all day Sunday, December 10, 2017, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte with family present from 4 pm until 6 pm. Funeral services were held at 10 am, Monday, December 11, 2017, at First Baptist Church of Bronte with

burial following in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Jimmy was born in Ballinger, Texas on March 23, 1939, to James Nedham Lee and Novella Nixon Lee. He married Carolyn Acuff Lee on August 15, 1969. He was a great Pops to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren and will be greatly missed. He was a good person and never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Lee; his grandson, Darin Burwick; and great granddaughter, Lillie Burwick.

Jimmy Lee is survived by his sister Judy Coates; daughter Tanya Burwick and husband Glenn; sons Kent Lee and wife Phyllis, Tim Lee and wife Pam and Kyle Lee and wife Janna; daughter Pam Hilliard; grandchildren Racheal Burwick, Zac Burwick, Shay Burwick and Lindsey Brown, Brandi McBee, Kolt Lee, Kaleb Lee, Brent Lee, Kaitlin Lee, Ethan Lee, Jami Higgins, Cheyenne Lee and Chandra Lee; great-grandchildren Radin and Gabe Burwick, Addie and Mac Mitchell, Kaycie Brown, Hayden and Hadalee Higgins and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be, Timmy Don Arrott, James Lynn Vaughn, Terry Poehls, Jeff Lee, and Billy Ren Lee.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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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

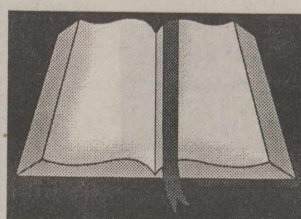
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
 Pastor James Brunson
 Sunday, 10:30 am

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
 www.pecanbaptist.org

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, 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. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 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

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 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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January 2 is first day to rent county buildings

The first day to rent the Robert Lee and Bronte Large Recreation Halls, Robert Lee and Bronte Senior Citizens Buildings, and the Robert Lee and Bronte Pavilions will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

The Coke County Judge's Office will be open at 7 am to begin taking rentals. For more information, please call Lorrie at (325) 453-2641.

Bronte Economic Development Corporation seeking individuals

The Bronte Economic Development Corporation is looking for individuals to serve as Board Members. The ideal candidates will have experience in business, tourism, and/or economic development, coupled with vision and commitment to ensure our community's economic growth and prosperity.

The Bronte EDC also has a voluntary position available to provide assistance to the EDC President, Secretary and Treasurer. The individual must have experience taking minutes and finances.

If you would like to submit your name for consideration for a term appointment as a Board Member or are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact City Hall before January 12 at (325) 473-3501.

Project Fair and Livestock Show set for January 18-20

The Coke County Project Fair and Livestock Show will be held January 18 through January 20, 2018, in Robert Lee. There are several contests scheduled for the Project Fair, as well as new contests this year. The project categories include:

Photography - Photos must be 8x10 (mounted if desired but not required). Two entries per category allowed. Entry card must be filled out and attached to the back of each photo. All entries must be original photography of the person

entering.

Art - Any size and categories will be determined by entries.

Re-Purpose Project (Trash to Treasure) - At least 50% should be from repurposed materials.

Lego/Model Crafts - Includes models made from Legos, model airplanes and the like.

Crafts - Includes paper crafts, wood crafts, and decorative items. The possibilities are endless!

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting - Includes quilts, knitted scarves, anything that was sewn, knitted, or crocheted.

Canning - Can include products such as jellies, jams, salsa, or canned vegetable or fruit.

Kids Korner - For exhibitors who are in pre-school through 2nd grade. Can include any of the categories or anything made by the exhibitor.

There is also a Pies, Cookies, and Cakes Contest. All pies must be in a disposable pie pan to attach to the entry form, along with the recipe. Exhibitors may also submit one dozen cookies on a disposable plate. The recipe must be attached to the entry form. Cakes must be in/on a disposable pan/plate. The pies and cakes will be used as desserts during the Buyer's BBQ.

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Age divisions for the contests are as follows:

Kids Korner - Pre-school through 2nd Grade;

Junior - 3rd grade through 5th grade;

Intermediate - 6th grade through 8th grade;

Senior - 9th through 12th grade;

Adults - 19 years old and up.

Entries will be taken at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee on Wednesday, January 17 between 12 pm and 6:30 pm. They will

continue to be taken on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 8 am. All entries must be received by noon on January 18. Judging will take place Thursday and Friday before the Stock Show. Entry forms will be available at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. If you would like to drop them off early, please make arrangements with the Extension Office.

For more information, contact Kandice Everitt or Morgan Runyan at the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461.

December VP meeting held

Vision With A Purpose held their December meeting Thursday, December 7 at the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Pastor Cyndi Weidner opened the meeting with prayer. A meal was served. Allyson Crenshaw presented to the group the possibility of sponsoring a family for Christmas. It was voted on and approved.

Crystal Stanford gave the Treasurer's report and the results of the Hunter's Bar-B-Que held in November. A nice profit was made and the money is going toward the Park restoration and improvement for the community.

An update on re-construction of the VP headquarters on Austin Street, was given by Floyd Pettit. New steel for the elevator had to be re-ordered because of imperfections which delayed the building being finished by Christmas.

Allyson Crenshaw and Kelly Baker will be working on obtaining grants for various improvements in the community.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They are:

President - Nancy Wilson, Vice President - Crystal Stanford, Secretary - Sheri Millican, Treasurer - Beverly Burdett, Long Range Planning Commissioner - Floyd Pettit, Seargent of Arms - Anthony Lopez, Parliamentarian - Jeffie Roberts, Reporter - Dianne Hefner, and Photograprer - Leta Caston.

Floyd Pettit closed the meeting with prayer. Next month's meeting is scheduled for January, 4, 2018, at 6 pm at the Family Life Center. Vision with a Purpose is always looking for old and new members, so please join us for a meal and discussion and plans for new projects.

Commissioners Court meeting minutes

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session November 28, 2017, at 9 am at the courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those in attendance included Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Deputy Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting was opened with prayer, given by Judge Pro-Tem Williams, and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams announced the presence of a quorum. Judge Blair was absent.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the minutes for November 14, 2017. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

The burn ban is still in effect. No action was taken.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner

Robertson, carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve and pay \$2.00 per yard for caliche to the land owner. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved a motion to approve the new 2-year agreement with Frontier for the telephones. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to accept the request to lay a waterline down county road right of way to OHV Park, located by the old city lake. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the bonds for Misti Hayes, Julie Privitt, and Jose Dean. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the 2016 annual tax report. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the agreement plan for 2018 between Coke County and the Texas County District Retirement System. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the refund of \$708 to the Tocker Foundation and Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the contract for hardware and software for TEEH IBM 8203E4A. Commissioner Sefcik seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the payment of bills. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:38 am.

Deadline for December 29, 2017, issue is Monday, December 18, at 12 noon.

Christmas in Olde Bronte
Saturday, December 16
Schedule of Events
 9:30 am - Christmas Parade
 10 am - Downtown Shops Open, Vendor Fair at The Rusty Bell, "Sip, Shop, and Spa" at the Kickapoo Creek Lodge
 11 am - 1 pm - Lunch behind The Blue Goose (sponsored by Bronte VFD)
 1 pm - Storybook Time with Mrs. Santa at The Rusty Bell
 1:30 pm - Santa Arrives! Pictures with Santa will be taken at The Rusty Bell
 3:30 pm - Special Showing of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the historic Texas Theater
 5:45 pm - Awards Ceremony (Parade Winners, Best Decorated Yard and Business, Ugliest Sweater Competition and more!)
 6 pm - "Winter Wonderland" lighting, Tree Lighting with the Bronte Longhorn Band, 12 Days of Christmas

I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of **Coke County Judge**.

Having served as the owner/publisher of your local newspaper for twenty-eight years, and as your County Treasurer for two terms, I believe that I have the necessary experience to tackle this pivotal position in our county government.

I will appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming primary election.

Hal Spain
 Candidate for
Coke County Judge

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Hal Spain, PO Box 975, Robert Lee, TX 76945



SCHOOL PAGE

UIL Awards Ceremony set for RLISD

Robert Lee ISD will hold an awards ceremony on Friday, December 15. It will recognize students (2nd through 6th grades) who placed in events at the District 11A - Zone 2 UIL Academic meet held in December in Garden City.

The ceremony will be held at 9:30 am in the RLISD Cafetorium. All parents and family members are encouraged to attend.

Please call the elementary office at (325) 453-4555 if you have any questions.

Blackwell JH District UIL results

The Blackwell Junior High UIL students placed 3rd as a school with 347 points. Results are as follows.

7th grade

Art

3rd (Team) - Dusty Boyd, Luz Cano, Dylan Taylor

Calculator

4th - Matthew Shipman, 6th - Blane Crosson; 3rd (Team) Matthew Shipman, Blane Crosson, Autumn Clark

Chess

3rd - Matthew Shipman, 6th - Blane Crosson, 2nd (Team) - Matthew Shipman, Blane Crosson, Dylan Taylor

Editorial Writing

3rd - Matthew Shipman, 4th - Dusty Boyd

Impromptu Speaking

2nd - Chris Geick

Listening Skills

5th place - Autumn Clark, 3rd - Luz Cano and Blane Crosson

Maps, Graphs, and Charts

1st - Matthew Shipman

Mathematics

2nd - Matthew Shipman

Modern Oratory

1st - Luz Cano, 4th - Autumn Clark

Number Sense

4th - Matthew Shipman, 2nd (Team) Matthew Shipman, Chris Geick and Ethan Morris

Oral Reading

1st - Autumn Clark, 4th - Luz Cano

Ready Writing

1st - Matthew Shipman, 6th - Autumn Clark

Science

4th - Autumn Clark, 2nd (Team) Autumn Clark, Blane Crosson and Ethan Morris

Social Studies

3rd - Ethan Morris, 3rd (Team) Ethan Morris, Autumn Clark and Blane Crosson

Spelling

3rd (Team) - Luz Cano, Autumn Clark, and Dylan Taylor

8th grade

Dictionary Skills
4th - Cadi Powers

Editorial Writing

3rd - Gloria Gonzalez, 4th -

Stockton Solis

Impromptu Speaking

1st - Cadi Powers

Listening Skills

1st - Cadi Powers

Mathematics

2nd - Cadi Powers

Modern Oratory

5th - Reid Hoyle

Number Sense

5th - Samuel Ottaberry, 3rd

(Team) - Samuel Ottaberry,

Gloria Gonzalez and Cadi

Powers

Oral Reading

6th - Gloria Gonzalez

Ready Writing

1st - Gloria Gonzalez, 4th -

Cadi Powers

Social Studies

3rd - Cadi Powers

Spelling

3rd - Cadi Powers, 3rd (Team)

- Cadi Powers, Reid Hoyle and

Ryder Hoyle

Bronte Longhorns basketball update

The Bronte Longhorns basketball team is off to a successful season, as they are currently sitting at 11-1.

They have also been named champions at both the Robert Lee and Roscoe tournaments. Results for those tournaments are below.

Robert Lee Tournament

1st Game

Bronte - 71, Eldorado - 20

2nd Game

Bronte - 64, TLCA - 62

Championship Game

Bronte - 61, Winters 35

Roscoe Tournament

1st Game

Bronte - 63, Wichita Falls City View - 54

2nd Game

Bronte - 69, Roscoe 56

3rd Game

Bronte - 64, TLCA - 48

4th Game

Bronte - 69, Big Spring JV - 26

5th Game

Bronte - 38, Ira 26

The Longhorns also defeated Christoval 68 - 59 recently during a regular season game.



Champions! The Bronte High School Longhorns basketball team was recently named champions of the Roscoe tournament after winning all five of their games.

School



Menus

Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, December 18

Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 19

Donut holes or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 20

PB&J or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 21

School Holiday

Friday, December 22

School Holiday

Lunch

Monday, December 18

Steak finger basket, fries, rolls, gravy, carrot coins, apple slices, milk

Tuesday, December 19

Te-Mex stack, spanish rice,

refried beans, salsa, tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday, December 20

Hamburger, sweet potato fries or tots, cucumber cup, apple slices, milk

Thursday, December 21

School Holiday

Friday, December 22

School Holiday

Blackwell CISD

Breakfast

Monday, December 18

Poptart, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 19

Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 20

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 21

School Holiday

Ham, egg, and cheese combo bar, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 22

PBJ or oatmeal round, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 18

Soft or crunch tacos, lettuce, tomato, cheese, spanish rice, fruit, milk

Tuesday, December 19

Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, corn, salsa, fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 20

Chicken sandwich, fries, fruit, milk

Thursday, December 21

Corn dogs, baked beans, roll, fruit, milk

Friday, December 22

Sack lunches (PBJ or turkey and cheese), chips, fruit, milk



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**RLJH Dogies
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The Robert Lee Junior High School Dogies basketball team defeated Garden City on Monday, December 4, 23 - 12. Scoring for the Dogies included Zane Avants - 4, Dylan Thomas - 4, Caleb Smith - 4, Michael Munoz - 7, Vincent Alfaro - 2, Gavin Freeman - 2, and Wayne Riley - 2.

The Dogies unfortunately lost to Water Valley on Monday, December 11, 10 - 39. Scoring for the Dogies included Zane Avants - 1, Michael Munoz - 7, and Dylan Thomas - 2.

Water Valley also defeated the Dogies B Team on December 11. Scoring included Reid Crisp - 2, Vincent Alfaro - 2, Ryan Mendoza - 4, and Kobe Smith - 2.

**Adopt-A-Beach Art
Contest kicks off**

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush is calling for entries in the 22nd Annual Adopt-A-Beach Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest. The deadline to submit artwork is Thursday, March 1, 2018.

The 'Treasures of the Texas Coast' Children's Art Contest is a great opportunity for kids across the Lone Star State to learn about the coast and express their appreciation for its natural beauty and exotic wildlife in a creative manner, said Commissioner Bush. As a father and a former educator, I encourage parents and teachers to inspire students to participate. Open to students in grades K-6 across Texas, this contest motivates thousands of young artists each year.

Commissioner Bush will select the grand prize winner. This year's grand prize winner will receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any United destination in the 48 contiguous United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International departing out of Galveston, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels.

The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines, and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean International.

Ten winners will be chosen from each of four grade-level categories (K - 2nd, 3rd - 4th, 5th, and 6th). One grand prize winner will be chosen from the 40 finalists. All 40 winners will receive a ticket to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, a ticket to the Houston Zoo, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, a certificate of recognition and prizes from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

Winning artwork will appear together in a 2019 calendar, which will be distributed across the state. The Adopt-A-Beach

Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest began in 1996 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach Program. The annual competition encourages Texas schoolchildren to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they've learned through their art.

Open to students in grades K-6 across Texas, the contest motivates thousands of young artists each year. Only one entry per student is allowed, and all entries must have a completed parental release form taped to the back. Parental release forms may be printed from the Land Office website located at TexasAdoptABeach.org. Each contest entry must be postmarked by March 1, 2018.

Artwork must be displayed on a plain sheet of white 8 1/2 inches by 11-inch paper and can be in any medium except computer generated. Three-dimensional art or artwork displaying logos, product brands and/or store names is ineligible. Students are encouraged to color copy their artwork prior to sending it in because all artwork submitted becomes property of the Texas General Land Office and cannot be returned. This year's contest sponsors are Royal Caribbean International, United Airlines, Schlitterbahn Waterparks, the USS Lexington and the Houston Zoo.

For more information and contest guidelines on the Treasures of the Texas Coast 2018 Children's Art Contest, please contact the General Land Office at 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our website at




Dollars and Sense! Members of the Blackwell High School FCS Dollars and Sense class toured the First National Bank of Sterling City - Bronte Branch on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. During the tour the students were able to see first hand how a bank functions on a daily basis. Students pictured are sophomores Sydney Hayes, Katelyn Robertson, Emily Rasco, and Claider Cruz.

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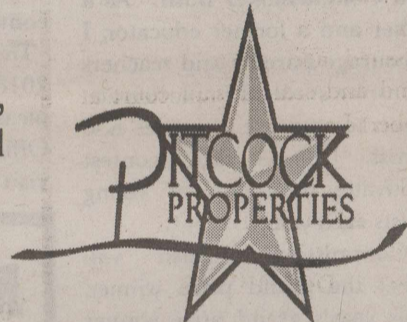
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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiff at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 51ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, Coke County, Texas, at the courthouse in the city of Robert Lee, Texas.

Said petition was filed in said court, on the 16th day of November, 2017 in cause number CJI700336 on the docket of said court and styled:

IN THE INTEREST OF A CHILD
ELEIRRA MELANIE
JANE RAMIREZ

The nature of this cause is (what type of case).

The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas this the 17th day of November, 2017.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
DON PAYNE

125 S. WASHINGTON
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76933
Mary Grim, Clerk
Coke County Courthouse
13 E. 7th Street
Robert Lee, Texas 76945
By: Monica Reyes, Deputy

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BRONTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - ASSISTANT TO EDC PRESIDENT/ SECRETARY/ TREASURER

The Bronte EDC has a voluntary position available to provide assistance to the EDC President, Secretary and Treasurer. Individual must have experience taking minutes and finances. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact City Hall before January 12th at (325) 473-3501.

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BRONTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - BOARD MEMBER

The Bronte Economic Development Corporation is looking for individuals to serve as Board Members. The ideal candidates will have experience in business, tourism, and/or economic development, coupled with vision and commitment to ensure our community's economic growth and prosperity.

If you would like to submit your name for consideration for a term appointment as a Board Member of the Bronte EDC, please contact City Hall before January 12th at (325) 473-3501.

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ROBERT LEE ISD
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

Applications for candidates to apply for a position on the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees may be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration Office beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2018, during the hours of 8 am - 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The deadline for filing a candidate application is Friday, February 16, 2018, at 5 pm. Election Day will be Saturday, May 5, 2018.

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

Robert Lee ISD will need to elect three places for full three year terms. The three year terms of George Grim, Tom Sawyer Jr., and Wes Washam are expiring.

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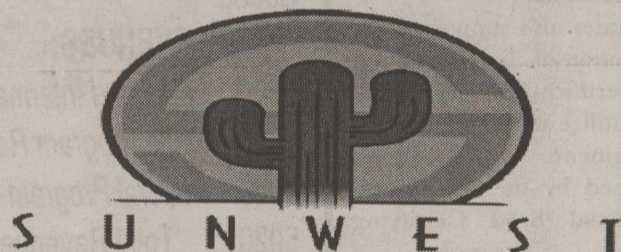
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Farmers, ranchers focus on policy concerns at annual meeting

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) voting delegates were unanimous in their decision to strengthen private property rights at the organization's 84th annual meeting in Frisco that concluded this afternoon.

Nearly 800 voting delegates from county Farm Bureaus across Texas adopted state policy for the coming year and recommended national policy positions for consideration by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Seed certification, a program to promote the horse industry, and agricultural practices also topped the list of issues discussed by delegates.

"Our state's rapid growth has led to an increased taking of private property, especially in rural areas," TFB President Russell Boening said. "Our members are justifiably concerned about fairness as private land is taken for public use."

Delegates voted to support landowners receiving property right protections in easement terms throughout the eminent domain process—whether the property is acquired voluntarily or through condemnation.

The condemning entities should be liable and bound to restore the land to its original condition if abandoned, voting delegates said.

Delegates also supported the privatization of Texas seed and plant certification services. It would utilize a non-profit crop improvement association sanctioned by the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies through a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In addition, the delegates supported the establishment of a Texas-bred program to promote the horse industry in the Lone Star State.

"The vast Texas horse industry is an important part of our state's agricultural legacy," Boening said. "Our policy now supports an organized effort to promote industry education and Texas-bred horse genetics."

Commercial farming and ranching practices are often targeted by non-agricultural groups, and TFB delegates voted to oppose any program guidelines set to further those entities' agendas.

"Agricultural technologies continue to improve, resulting in more efficiency while using fewer resources," Boening said. "There are organizations all over the country that wish to derail farm and ranch practices as we know them today. In light of that, our members elected to implement policy that strengthens our independence to grow or raise agricultural products, as we see fit, without influence from those that wish to see agriculture fail."

The delegates also supported

strengthening Federal Aviation Administration regulations on recreational motorized manned aircraft.

"The current regulations don't allow landowners to file charges or prosecute those who operate that type of aircraft," Boening said. "Those who pilot that aircraft have been known to harass landowners and livestock. They are infringing upon private property rights and potentially compromising the welfare of livestock on farms and ranches."

On the national level, repairing technologically-advanced agricultural equipment was discussed. Delegates supported the right of the equipment owner to repair the machine or have an independent repair facility do so.

Delegates also supported funding for programs that allow legal deprecation efforts

for birds that affect aquaculture production.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz addressed delegates, vowing their support to protect private property rights and championing agriculture's role to the state economy. Both officials recognized the impact of Hurricane Harvey on Texas agriculture and the resiliency of the agricultural community in its wake.

In other action, delegates elected Boening to his third term as president of the state's largest farm and ranch organization, which reached a 519,849 member-family milestone this year.

Mark Chamblee of Smith County was elected as vice president and Scott Frazier of Nueces County was elected as secretary-treasurer.

Re-elected to two-year terms

as state directors were Chamblee, District 5; Jessica Richmond of Comanche County, District 7; Larry Joiner of Angelina County; District 9; and Frazier, District 13.

Three new state directors were also elected.

Pat McDowell of Wheeler County is the new District 1 state director. A former president and board member of the Wheeler County Farm Bureau, McDowell grows corn, wheat and raises cattle. McDowell represents TFB on the U.S. Meat Export Federation and previously represented the organization on the Cattlemen's Beef Board from 1998-2004. He was the TFB Young Farmer & Rancher Advisory Committee chairman in 1990. McDowell and his wife, Liz, live in Shamrock.

The new District 3 state director is Mark Daniel of

Seymour. Daniel has served as the president of Baylor County Farm Bureau for 13 years and has also served on the Beef Advisory Committee. He has a cow-calf and hay operation utilizing rotational grazing and fertilizer and weed management. He also owns a cattle trucking service. Daniel and his wife, Teresa, have one son.

Allen Kaminski of Austin County is the new District 11 state director. Kaminski served in numerous roles on the Austin County Farm Bureau board of directors, including president for 19 years. He also serves on the Small Farm and Ranch Advisory committee and was the TFB Discussion Meet finalist in 1996. He manages his commercial beef cattle and hay operations on the family farm. Kaminski and his wife, Rebecca, have two daughters.

BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes	10		98
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,022,581	\$ 37,038	\$ 1,059,619
5800 State Program Revenues	1,794,627	10,963	1,805,590
5900 Federal Program Revenues	--	152,104	152,104
5020 Total Revenues	<u>2,817,208</u>	<u>200,105</u>	<u>3,017,313</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	1,320,193	84,508	1,404,701
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	35,102	--	35,102
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	994	--	994
0023 School Leadership	130,101	--	130,101
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	59,221	--	59,221
0033 Health Services	438	--	438
0034 Student Transportation	57,582	--	57,582
0035 Food Service	4,520	130,808	135,328
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	213,353	--	213,353
0041 General Administration	225,364	--	225,364
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	291,794	--	291,794
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,996	--	2,996
0053 Data Processing Services	150,659	--	150,659
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	89,183	--	89,183
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>2,581,500</u>	<u>215,316</u>	<u>2,796,816</u>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)			
1100 Expenditures	235,708	(15,211)	220,497
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>235,708</u>	<u>(15,211)</u>	<u>220,497</u>
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	3,225,991	32,333	3,258,324
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 3,461,699	\$ 17,122	\$ 3,478,821