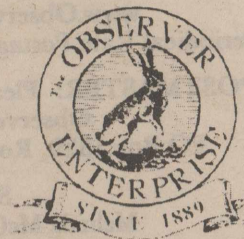


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Stock Show set for Saturday, January 20

The 79th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 20, 2018, at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. In year's past, it was a two day show. This year, the show is only on Saturday beginning at 8:30 am. With this new schedule, times and show orders will change.

This year's show will feature animals in the Market Rabbit, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, many young exhibitors from around the county. The Pee-Wee Show will be held immediately following the Sheep and Goat Shows and following the pig show on Saturday, January 20, and is open to all children 8 and under who are not 4-H members. Clover bud members are eligible to participate. Participants will need to find an animal to borrow for the show and sign up at the concession stand during the Sheep and Goat Shows.

The county stock show offers the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their

livestock projects which they have worked with for more than 11 months, in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activity for our youth in teaching them responsibility, working with others and numerous life skills, it is an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and the premium sale monies that come in from county and other areas. The total amounts of monies generated by these exhibitors amounts to over \$150,000 per year that is circulated in the county.

The show will begin at 8:30 Saturday morning with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Rabbit and Market Goat shows. Next will be the Market Swine show followed by the Market Steer show. The Buyer's appreciation barbecue will be served at 12:30 or immediately following the Market Steer show. Following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 3 pm to honor the prize winning animals and exhibitors

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As we begin
this new year, we want
to wish everyone
a very happy and
prosperous
2018!

Restoring Bronte Foundation Sources & Uses Breakdown

12/31/2017

Sources

Grants	\$ 72,350.00
Raised Capital	\$ 49,262.40
Individuals	\$ 4,718.42
	\$ 126,330.82

Uses

Town Improvements	\$ 159,868.81
Grants, Donations, and Scholarships	\$ 38,326.49
Cost of Funds & Overhead	\$ 20,434.16
	\$ 218,629.46

Restoring Bronte Foundation Has Great Year! Restoring Bronte Foundation, a local non-profit (501C3) organization has only been in existence for three years. Don't let their age fool you. The group has invested over \$200,000 in improvements to the Bronte community. According to Reese Braswell, RBF Treasurer, the group invests in the community \$0.84 of every dollar raised. The other \$0.16 is used to host fundraisers. He pointed out that the organization is completely volunteer based. In 2017, the organization gave almost \$40,000 in grants, donations and scholarships to various groups in Bronte. They also invested approximately \$160,000 into community improvements. Their mission is to restore Bronte to a town anyone would love to call home.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, January 5

High School Basketball -
Bronte vs Sterling City, 5 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Robert Lee vs Blackwell, 5 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

Monday, January 8

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

Junior High Basketball -
Bronte vs Blackwell, 6 pm
Robert Lee at Veribest, 5 pm

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

Tuesday, January 9

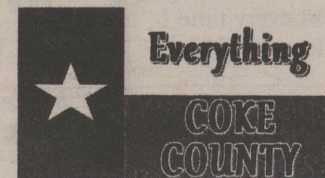
Commissioners Court, 9 am,
County Courthouse, Robert Lee

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Blackwell, 4 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Robert Lee at Water Valley, 4 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

Friday, January 12

High School Basketball -
Bronte vs Water Valley, 5 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Robert Lee vs Veribest, 5 pm,
JV Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Blackwell at Garden City, 4 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

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Death Notices

Robinson

Gay "Mimi" Robinson, 75, passed away on December 18, 2017, in her home of Possum Kingdom Lake (Graford), Texas.

A celebration of her life was held Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at The Hamil Family Funeral Home in Abilene.

Gay was preceded in death by her parents, Noel and Maxine Percifull.

She is survived by her loving husband, Carl A. Robinson, Sr. of Possum Kingdom Lake; her daughter, Carla Robinson Kitten and grandchildren, Courtney Kitten Ellis and her husband, David Ellis of Colleyville, Texas, and Cameron Kitten of Lubbock; along with her son Carl Robinson Jr., his wife Trish, and her grandchildren Conley, Liam and Bella Robinson of Bartonville.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was privileged to become an educator at Robert Lee in January, 1972. I was 22 years old, my wife Debbie was 21. We were young with many unknown unknowns facing us in our first teaching opportunity. Mr. Garland Davis was instrumental in guiding us through that first semester. The man who followed in the position of Principal was Mr. Jerry Gibbs.

A few days ago, now at age 68, I was honored by his family to be a small part of his memorial service. After leaving Robert Lee in May, 1978, we have continued to maintain contact with former students, faculty, and friends who extended so much love to us and have added so very much to our lives. Our deep appreciation for the community continues to this day. My appreciation for Mr. Gibbs and his instruction, friendship, and love for our family is beyond description. My last conversation with him, only weeks before his death, was ended with marvelous words that I heard almost every time I called him, "I love the Ruff family."

I liked a short list of memories during the memorial service and would like to revisit them for those who are not

present. There are lessons in every life, and it would be my hope that recounting a few of Mr. Gibbs' character traits would be beneficial to each reader.

1. Mr. Gibbs was a rock - he was not afraid to stand for right even when it meant standing alone. Men of courageous character are in short supply these days. We need a constant flow of men who will stand for truth, say what they mean and mean what they say. Men who are confident within themselves and strong enough to admit their failures.

2. Mr. Gibbs was committed to his work. His job was to manage teachers and develop character in students. To do those things one has to be able to distinguish between loving people and affirming bad behavior. The world is filled with individuals who have no knowledge of this concept. Many parents provide their children with the latest fashions, finest cars, and the most recent cell phones, while forgetting the greatest gift of all - an educated conscience.

3. Mr. Gibbs was humble. Humility is the single most outstanding characteristic of a great leader. In simple definition, it is "strength under control". It is embodied within the individual who really "knows

who he is" and is comfortable "within himself".

Carl Sandburg once said that "a tree is best measured after it has fallen". Saturday morning, hours before his funeral, I stood and watched as his grave was being prepared. I walked the cemetery, read names on gravestones of many friends of bygone years. In my work, I am seldom still - always moving to the next project. I need to constantly remind myself of the difference between the urgent and the important. Perhaps you do as well. I remind my adult sons often to guard their heart. To never forget that wealth is far beyond the wood in your fine home, the metal in your equipment, the dark soil under your feet, and the cattle under your care. Wood rots, metal rusts, dirt blows away and cattle die. Mr. Gibbs left us as a very wealthy man. His wealth was in the experience of serving his fellow man and bringing honor to the God who gave him his abilities by being committed to their best use.

Thank you Mr. Gibbs for the great lessons taught by a life well lived. You left the woodpile much higher than you found it - and we are eternally grateful.

Respectfully,
Ronnie and Debbie Kuss
Hanston, Kansas

New Series begins

[Editor's Note: The following is the first in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

I know from personal experience that when you get advice from a Pastor or a Christian it is often attached to the word faith. Before I became a Christian that did not comfort me because I had no understanding of God or Jesus, or his plan for my life. After I became a Christian I struggled because I had no roots in God's word and only a vague understanding. As you begin to

study and learn, your faith grows. As you discover more about God's plan for your life, it will grow greater and faster

Here are some faith roots to help:

• Hebrews 11: 6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." The last half of the scripture gives a lot of insight into what faith is, it is the fact that you know God is real and are allowed to go before him understanding he wants to help you.

• Romans 10: 17 "Consequently, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ". The more you read God's word and act on it, the more that it will take root in your heart. Church, bible studies, and prayer time with the Lord are like super vitamins for the growth of faith and you will be walking like a true warrior in Christ in no time.

If you have never asked Jesus into your heart maybe it's time.

- John 3:16 tells us "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life". You just need to ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and come into your heart and be lord of your life. Your life will change for the better.

Love y'all. Tell someone what Jesus has done for you.

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session Dec. 28, 2017. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Carwile, and Noel Tinkler. Houston McGuire, RLCC Administrator, Chris Martin, Consultant, Nora Broadbent, HR, and Becca McGuire, DON, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Chris Martin. Stephanie Steger was the only visitor, and there were no comments. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Absent Board member Patsy Cason, was excused from the previous meeting.

There are 32 residents in the Care Center as of the meeting date.

In the staffing update, there is an open position for a van driver.

Accounts receivable were discussed and Roger is still working to have financials completed and ready for the January audit.

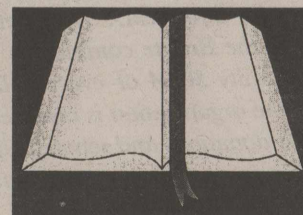
Houston gave reports and updates on building maintenance and the QIPP program. The staff continues to work hard on quality control measures and the next action will be in March. A chart was presented to the Board on the DSO (Days of Sales
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Area Churches 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. Everett Boyce, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Forgiveness 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

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Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
11 am Worship,
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360
Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 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
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(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
Tennyson
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Filing period to open January 17 for Local Entity May elections

The filing period for the May 5, 2018, local government entity elections begins Wednesday, January 17, 2018, and will end Friday, February 16, 2018.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for three council members. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and council member Shaunna Grantham. Also open are the council member positions formerly held by Toni Rainwater and Joe Longoria.

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for mayor and two council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Gerald Sandusky and council members Wade Stautzenberger and Paul Gohman.

Bronte ISD will hold an election in May. However at presstime, no information was available on the expiring offices.

Robert Lee ISD will hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam.

West Coke County Hospital District has three two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Pat Stephens, Pat Carwile and Sarah Green are expiring.

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

Ballot set for March 2018 Primary Election

With the end of the filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election on December 11, 2017, the ballot is now set. Local candidates only filed for the Republican Primary. No local candidates filed to run as a Democrat.

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, current County Treasurer and former owner/publisher of The Observer/Enterprise, has filed for County Judge and will be joined on the ballot for by Sherry Davidson. Therese Emert has filed for County Treasurer. Emert is a retired Verizon Sourcing Manager. 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.



Birds of Prey! Members of the Texas Hawking Association traveled to the bird sanctuary at the old city lake in Robert Lee recently. The group included Master Falconer Kevin Johnson (right) and Trent Johnson, General Falconers Nichole Moore and Sarah Kupka, and Apprentice Falconer James Moore. Kupka (center), from Nacogdoches, is shown with Leto. Nichole (left) is shown with Vesper and she and James are from Stephenville. The Johnsons are from Longview. Photo courtesy of Leta Caston.

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.

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.

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

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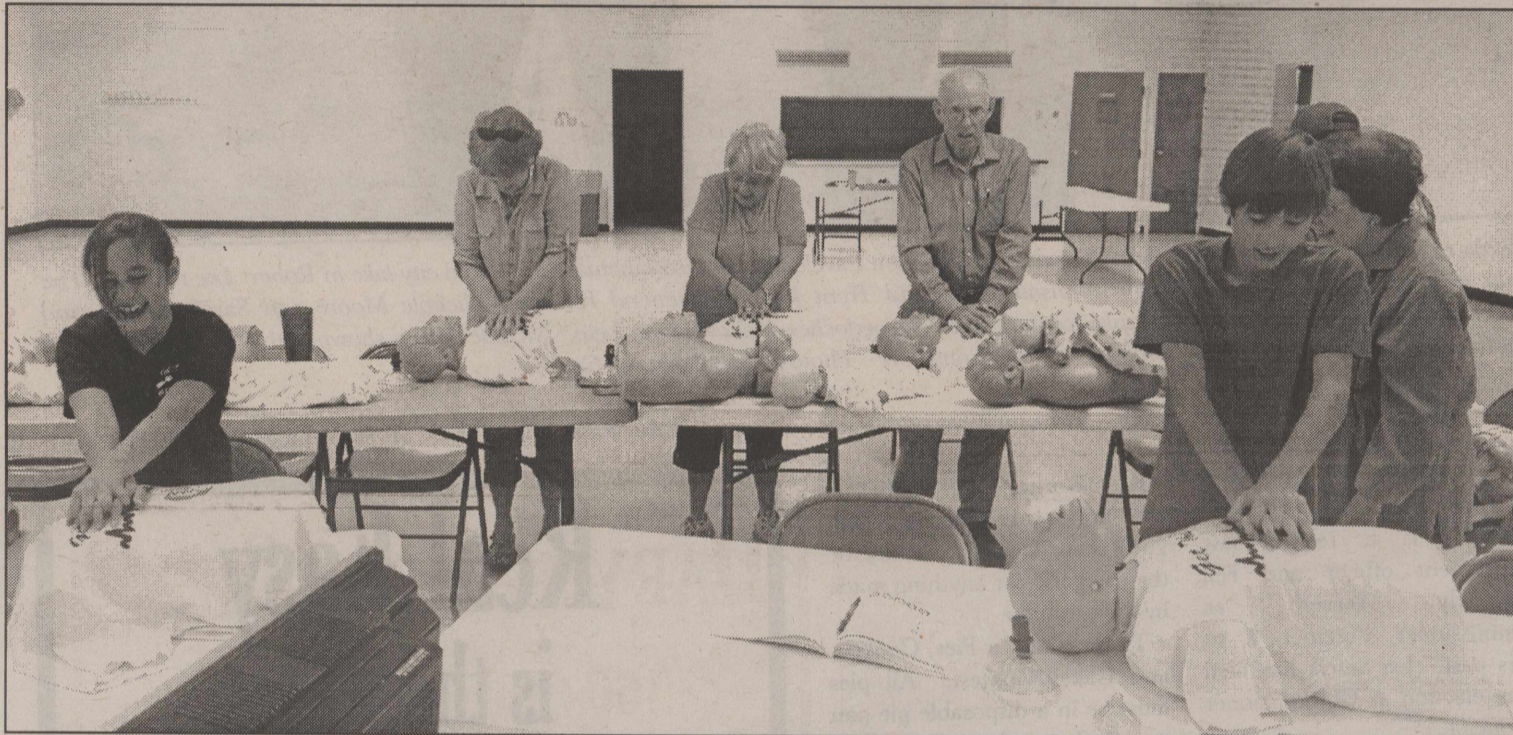
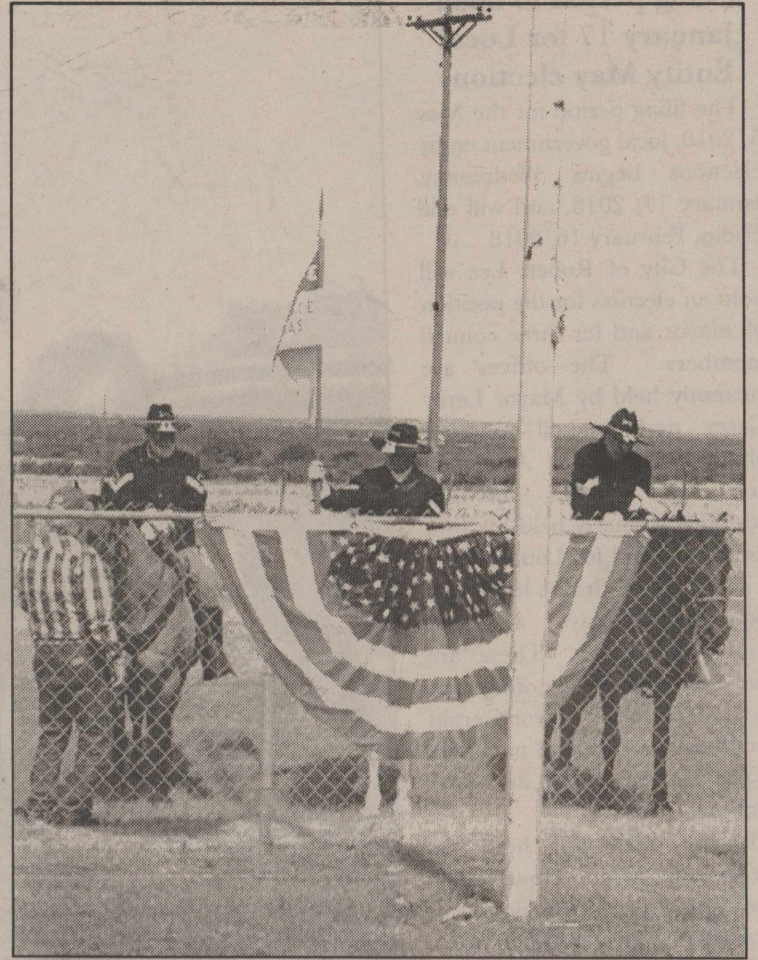
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2017 Year in Review

The year 2017 was so eventful,
last week's special issue could not cover it all!
Please enjoy these additional memories.

Members of the Fort Chadbourne Cavalry (right) were on hand for the Memorial Day celebration at the cemetery in Blackwell on May 29, 2017. The guest speaker was World War II veteran Ed Cumbie of Bronte and the Sweetwater Municipal Band provided patriotic music. In addition to the Flag Ceremony, the names on the Honor Roll of Veterans buried in the Blackwell Cemetery were read. Jody Bell was the event's Master of Ceremony, with Rev. Jeff White, pastor of Blackwell's First Baptist Church, giving the invocation and benediction. A memorial tribute table was available for attendees to display personal memorabilia.



On May 7, 2017, Coke County 4-H hosted a CPR/First Aid class. The class was taught by Joyce Gray from Sav-A-Life Skills Training Center. There was a great turn out. As you can see, you can never be too young or too wise to learn how to save a life.



Although Coke County didn't face a year like 2011, local firefighters still went out of their way to protect the county. They are pictured here at a fire across from the post office in Tennyson in July 2017.



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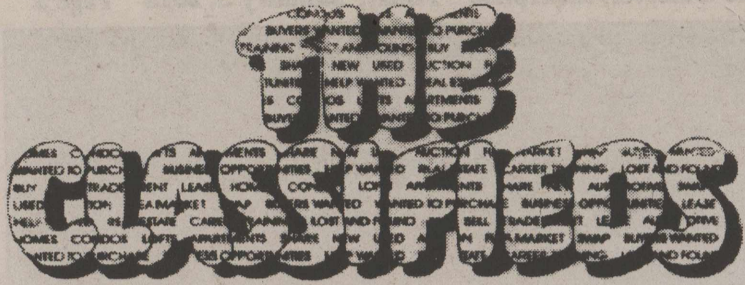
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Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement.

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Jackie Walker

County Judge
Hal Spain

County Treasurer
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1053 +/- ac This ranch is 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.

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 an 1.5 hour drive to the Metroplex.

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Please note: by agreeing to this purchase, you also agree to bring the property to meet city ordinance requirements and/or state minimum requirements. The existing structure must be demolished and debris must be removed within six months of the execution date of deed.

HOW DO I BID?
You may place a bid online at www.texascg.com or www.bronte.texas.org or you can simply go to Bronte City Hall and submit a bid, which is the price you would consider paying for the property you wish to buy. Should you meet the requirements listed above and your bid is sufficient and accepted by all entities, we will then send the deed to be recorded. The recorded deed will then be forwarded to the

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individual at the address that accompanied your successful bid.

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The Bronte Economic

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NOTICES

Boil Water Notice for Community Public Water Systems December 29, 2017

Due to a leak causing low water pressure, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has required the City of Robert Lee, PWS 041002 public water system to notify all customers to boil their water prior to consumption (e.g., washing hands/face, brushing teeth, drinking, etc). Children, seniors, and persons with weakened immune systems are particularly vulnerable to harmful bacteria, and all customers should follow these directions).

To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and ice making should be boiled and cooled prior to use for drinking water or human consumption purposes. The water should be brought to a vigorous rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes.

In lieu of boiling, individuals may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other suitable source for drinking water or human consumption purposes.

When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, the public water system officials will notify customers that the water is safe for drinking water or human consumption purposes.

Once the boil water notice is no longer in effect, the public water system will issue a notice to customers that rescinds the boil water notice in a manner similar to this notice.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example,

people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions concerning this matter, you may contact Ricky Royall or Leroy Casey at City Hall, Robert Lee, Texas.325-453-2831.

**26-1tc
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BRONTE ISD TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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**26-2tc
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Lessee must pay a Security Deposit of \$500.00

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Senior Citizen Buildings - The Rental Rate is \$50.00 for a full day or \$25.00 for a half day (anything over six hours is

considered a full day)

Pavilions - The Rental Rate is \$25.00 per day if Lessee uses electricity, otherwise no charge (no half day rate available)

Contact the County Judge's Office at 325-453-2641 for more information.

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**26-2tc
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.

Livestock Association directors which include Shane Kelton, Douglas Roberts, Tom Sawyer, Terry Austin, Michael Cervenka, Riley Coalson, Curtis Knight, Steve Oleksiuk III, Terry Queen, T. J. McCullough, Ricky Ross, Ricky Royall, Bill Torres, Noel Tinkler, Mark Wright, Emmit Crisp, Jack Yanez, Shanna Freeman, Mike Pentecost, and Jerrod Pitcock and Orlando DeLaGarza.

The directors of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show urge everyone to come and participate in this year's County Livestock Show and support the youth of our county for their hard work and dedication.

**26-2tc
... Stock Show**

(Continued from page 1) the prize winning animals and exhibitors.

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Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, January 8

Breakfast strudel, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, January 9

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Wednesday, January 10

French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Thursday, January 11

Cheesy toast, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Friday, January 12

Burrito, hash browns, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Lunch

Monday, January 8

Chicken quesadillas, refried beans, salsa, sliced peaches, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Tuesday, January 9

Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, roll, strawberries and bananas, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Wednesday, January 10

Texas chili, cornbread, celery sticks, carrot sticks, orange smiles, brownie, milk

Head Start - Texas chili, cornbread, celery sticks, carrot sticks, orange smiles, milk

Thursday, January 11

Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, California blend vegetables, salad, fruit, chocolate pudding, milk

Head Start - Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, milk

Friday, January 12

Sloppy Joe sandwich, broccoli, oven fries, seasonal fruit, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Bronte ISD

No menu available at presstime.

Blackwell CISD

Breakfast

Monday, January 8

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, January 9

Zucchini or banana bread, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, January 10

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, January 11

Biscuit with sausage, egg, and cheese, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, January 12

Assorted fruit filled Danish, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 8

Chicken spaghetti, corn, salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk

Tuesday, January 9

Homemade beef enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk

Wednesday, January 10

Chicken Parmesan, green beans, bread stick, fruit, milk

Thursday, January 11

Boneless wing chunks, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, milk

Friday, January 12

Frito pie with chili and cheese, chili beans, fruit, milk

Robert Lee City

Council minutes posted

The Robert Lee City Council met in Regular session on November 27, 2017, Mayor Leroy Casey, presided. Members Present: Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz, Shaunna Grantham. Member(s) absent: None. There are 2 vacant council positions currently, due to the death of Member Toni Rainwater and resignation of member Joe Longoria. The meeting started at 6:02 P.M. with a quorum present. City staff present: Brandie Millican, Deputy City Secretary. Sign in sheet on file.

Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Open Forum: No comments.
A. Consent Agenda: (Items 1-5)

Minutes of the meeting November 13, 2017, since the monthly and financial information is unavailable as well as the monthly Animal Control and Code Enforcement. All to be voted on is the minutes of the previous meeting. The Mayor explained since this was the second meeting of the month, the monthly reports would be removed from the agenda in the future. Council Member Munoz made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Grantham. Motion Passed.

B. Regular Agenda:
6. Presentation by EMEX about electricity for the city.

Monty Montgomery with EMEX. EMEX is an electricity broker, they are "geared" to save municipalities money on their electricity bills. Their home office is in Waco, Texas and on an average, can save, with reverse bidding, about 15%. EMEX will do a usage analysis to provide real time savings. Their commission is 4/1000 of 1cent per kilo watt hour. Council Member Grantham made the motion to be involved in the auction to compare electric cost, seconded by Council Member Munoz. Motion passed.

7. Hiring Mr. Jeff Betty as City Attorney.

Since Mr. Betty was not available for discussion, motion to table made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Munoz. Motion passed to table till next meeting.

8. Motion to move Item #8 to #14. Made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Grantham. Motion passed.

9. Buy Linda Barrera's comp. time.

Motion to discuss made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Munoz. Passed. Discussion to buy Linda's comp time, at the rate it was earned. Council Member Grantham made the motion to pay the comp time at the earned rate, seconded by Council Member Alexander. Motion passed.

10. Allow merit raises to be given.

Merit raises are not in the personnel policy book. After a brief discussion. This item was let die for the lack of a motion.

11. The Central West Texas Trails Coalition request for access to water for their area.

Mrs. Nancy Wilson with the CWTTTC is requesting access to city water for the off-road gathering area. The original plan was to go down the 158 right of way. The suggestion was made to tie into the 6" line in Overland Trail, going north along Santa Fee Trail to Scott Lane, East to the road going to the Old Lake Road. Motion made by Council Member Grantham and seconded by Council Member Alexander to give permission for the CWTTTC to receive water from a connection point (tap and meter) on Overland Trail continuing to Santa Fe Trail to Scott Lane and that the Coalition will obtain permission from the county to use their right of way to final point. Motion passed.

12. Up date City Hall, add security wall for the front area.

Motion made by Council Member Munoz and seconded by Council Member Alexander to get bids for the up dates to the front area of City Hall. Motion passed.

13. Approve hiring a Collection Firm.

This item was tabled at the last meeting. Research was done by Council Member Grantham, JVS Group seems to fit the needs we have. The motion to enter into a contract with JVS Group to collect delinquent accounts was made by Council Member Munoz and seconded by Council Member Alexander. Motion passed.

14. Set date of the city Christmas party.

After discussion the date of the city Christmas party was agreed on and set for December 7, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

8. Ordinance #1249 Business Permit, lawyer's opinion.

Motion made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Munoz to go into executive session to discuss lawyer's opinion on Ordinance #1249.

Motion passed.

Regular session adjourned at 7:31 P.M. Return from executive session at 7:37 P.M.

Regular session reconvened at 7:46 P.M.

Motion to refer the attorney's letter to our city attorney and also ask our attorney to review and possibly rewrite Ordinance #1249 made by Council Member Alexander with a second by Council Member Munoz. Motion passed.

C. REPORTS:

Mayor and Public Works Report:

The Mayor reported that Cayetano has turned in his resignation and it will be effective December 1st.

There has been a "clean up" in City Hall.

The electronic meters are all in. The engineer has been notified that the final money will not be released until a final walk around has been done.

The mayor notified the council that our engineer and himself are working on a water source that could double the available water for the city. This is still in the discussion and infancy stages. When more information is available, the council will be made aware.

Deputy City Secretary Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The motion was made to adjourn was made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Munoz.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

... WCCHD Minutes

(Continued from page 2) Outstanding).

In the future, senior meals will be picked up at the facility by a representative of the county.

A copy of the revised and updated employee handbook will be presented to the Board for review on January 16, to be addressed in the regular meeting on January 30.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next regular meeting will be Jan. 30. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.


The January calendar looks a bit quieter and more relaxed after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. On Jan.1, the residents enjoyed watching the New Year's Day Parade on the Fox channel on TV to officially usher in the New Year. On the 8th and the 22nd, at 3:30 pm, the Methodist will be entertaining in the facility, and on the 15th and the 29th, there will be Sing-Alongs at 3:30 for whomever would care to come and join the fun. Roger Alexander will be leading the music. There will be a shopping trip at 2:00 on the 19th. Maybe checking out the January sales?? The monthly birthday party will be at 3:30 on January 23, sponsored by the Assembly of God Church. There are several honorees this month: Bonita Cartrite, Francisco Leal, Hortensia Garza, Grace Ditmore, Jennie Tinkler, Gerald Collvins, and Mary Landers. Happy birthday to all! Jim Gross will be entertaining in the dining room at the facility on Jan. 26 at 3:30. Have a happy January, 2018, and stay warm!!



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