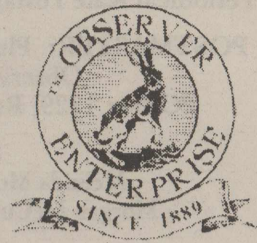


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Friday, January 26, 2018

Daddy - Daughter Date Night slated for January 27

The 9th annual Daddy - Daughter Date Night, "Blooming Beauties", will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Methodist Church Family Life Center.

This event offers dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are. This evening is for girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. There will be light appetizers, music and a complimentary 5x7 photo of the couple. Girls and their dates are encouraged to bring their own cameras to take a group photo at 6:15 as well as take pictures throughout the evening.

For more information, call or text Katie Drennan at (325) 473-0112 or Erin Oleksiuk at (325) 656-9884.

Red Hat Society to meet February 1

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am on Thursday, February 1, at the Red Barn in

Bronte. There are no dues or Roberts Rules of Order, just food and fun! So grab your red hat and come join a delightful group of ladies!

"Meet the Candidate" event slated for February 1

A "Meet the Candidate" event is being scheduled for Thursday, February 1 in Bronte to help Coke County citizens become more informed regarding the local candidates who have filed for the upcoming Primary election in March.

Candidates for County Judge, Treasurer, Clerk, Justice of the Peace, and Commissioners from Precincts 2 and 4 have been invited to participate in an informational forum. The event will be held in the Kickapoo Creek Lodge, which is located at 119 West Main in Bronte (across from the grocery store) and will begin at 6 pm with a social and mixer, with the official program beginning at 6:30 pm. Each candidate will be given an opportunity to provide an introduction and "stump speech." Afterwards, attendees are encouraged to remain and ask questions and speak one-on-



Showmanship Awards! These hardworking young people were honored with showmanship awards at the 79th Annual Coke County Junior Livestock Show. They include (from left to right) Cheyanne Torres - Rabbit Showmanship, Elexis Sanchez - Frank Percifull Memorial Overall Showmanship, Juan Orlando De La Garza - Clay Antilley Memorial Steer Showmanship, Kaylee Pentecost - Goat Showmanship, Cassidy McWright - Swine Showmanship, and Cole Knight - Lamb Showmanship.

one with candidates. The event is being sponsored by the Republican Party of Coke County. No candidate will be endorsed, and the forum will provide a great opportunity to learn more about these candidates and the important

positions they hope to fill for our February 20, and all residents are encouraged to attend this Early voting begins Tuesday, important discussion.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

Daddy - Daughter Date Night, 5 pm - 8 pm,
Family Life Center, First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee

Monday, January 29

Junior High Basketball -
Bronte vs Water Valley at Bronte, 6 pm
Robert Lee at Sterling City, 5 pm
Blackwell at San Angelo Cornerstone, 6 pm

Tuesday, January 30

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

Thursday, February 1

Junior High Girls Basketball District Tournament, Sterling City

Red Hat Society Meeting, 11 am,
Red Barn, Bronte

'Meet the Candidate', 6 pm,
Kickapoo Creek Lodge, Downtown Bronte

Vision with a Purpose Meeting, 6 pm,
Family Life Center, First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee

Friday, February 2

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



Property Recovered! In the late evening hours of January 12, 2018 and early morning hours of January 13, 2018, several individuals made their way into parked vehicles adjacent to residences in Robert Lee, Texas. The vehicles were entered into by the individuals without the owner's consent and several items of property were removed from various vehicles at random residences. Sheriff's Office Deputy Terry Crenshaw began taking reports of the incidents later in the afternoon on 1-13-2018 from victims who had discovered items missing out of their vehicles. It soon became evident that a rash of vehicle burglaries had occurred. Deputy Crenshaw consulted with fellow Sheriff's Deputy Anthony Lopez in regards to the incidents. Deputy Lopez provided supplemental insight and information as to who the responsible parties may be. Acting quickly on the information and further assessments, Sheriff's Office deputies pursued the opportunity to conduct legal searches of the potential suspects, their personal property, and place of residence. Within hours of the first reports of the incidents, Sheriff's deputies built the necessary probable cause to detain, arrest, and place one initial suspect into custody. The second suspect was subsequently arrested and charged shortly after. Several items of property were recovered and identified by the victims, including a stolen firearm. Matters of the case are still pending investigation.

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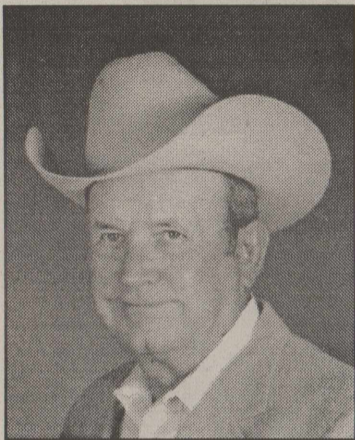
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Obituaries



Burns

William Paul Burns, 88, of Robert Lee, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Visitation was held all day Sunday, January 21, 2018, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee with the family present from 2 pm until 4 pm. Funeral services, the celebration of his life, were held on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 2 pm at Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Paul was born to William Ernest and Myrtle Lee Clark-Burns on June 6, 1929, in Mertzon, Irion County, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clark. He and his parents lived on his grandparents' ranch, west of Mertzon, which was leased by his dad. Paul started to grade school in Mertzon in 1936. At that time, his mother, younger sister, Jennie Lee Tinkler, and Paul moved into town for him to start school, as there were no school buses to transport him to and from school.

In 1935, his parents purchased the Chas-McCrohan ranch in Coke County. His dad gave up the lease in Irion County and they moved to their new home in Coke County in 1937, where Paul lived for the rest of his life. That fall Paul went to school at Paint Creek, where he was the only student in second grade. In the fall of 1938 he started the third grade in Robert Lee and graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1948. He always enjoyed his classmates and the many class reunions they shared together over the years. In addition, Paul was an avid fan of the Robert Lee athletic program,

particularly the Robert Lee Steers football team, and often traveled far and wide in support of them.

After his retirement, you might find Paul rocking on his front porch in his favorite chair with his cup of coffee watching his faithful dog companion, Rusty, protecting him from the varmints and rattlesnakes. Another possibility would be to find him "mechanicing" his recliner, which he declared to be "putting a new rear-end in it".

After graduation, Paul went to work for his dad on the ranch. The harshness of the 1950's "Seven-Year Drought" was in full strength, so Paul left the ranch in 1951 to work in the oilfield. However, his love and lifelong fervor for ranching couldn't be extinguished and so in 1967, he left the oilfield and returned to his passion full time. He spent the rest of his life meticulously building the best cattle herd in Coke County! Paul was very devoted to Coke County and served as the Coke County Precinct 1 Commissioner from 1990 to 2004.

Many wonderful and cheerful memories can be told of Paul's deep love for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the

hilarious antics that occurred while raising them out on "The Ranch". He also relished the annual "Burns-Tinkler Family Reunion," better known by family as "The Campout", where he spent time outdoors with his family, enjoyed some friendly games of dominos and poker, and cooked up his absolute favorite fried catfish meal.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Myrtle Burns, his wife, Joan Burns, daughter Kathy Preslar-Butler, and infant granddaughter, Kristyn Burns.

Paul is survived by his sister, Jennie Lee Tinkler and husband Roy of Robert Lee; daughter, Suzann Johnson and husband Richard of Robert Lee; sons, Bill Burns and wife, Linda of Robert Lee; Jacky Preslar and wife, Nancy of Signal Mountain, Tennessee; Doug Burns and wife, Marlane of Odessa; Sid Burns and wife, Cookie of Robert Lee; and Ernest Burns and wife, Linda of Robert Lee. He is also survived by his grandchildren, J.P. Skipworth and wife, Cynthia, Shannon Skipworth, Sheree Burns-Hardin and husband, B.C., Dean Burns and wife, Becca, Jeremy Burns and wife, Samantha, Kelly Preslar-Garcia and husband, Marcos, Thuy Preslar-Myers and husband, Thad, Cameron Burns, Madison Burns, Molly Burns-Bennett and husband, Matt, and Amanda Burns; sixteen great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

He was a wonderful father to his five children and the "Best Granddad Ever" to his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed supporting them and was their biggest fan in all of their endeavors, including athletic, 4-H, and FFA activities.

In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department or the Robert Lee EMS.

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

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VP to hold monthly meeting and Clean Up Day

Vision with a Purpose will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 1, at 6 pm. The meeting will take place in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. A meal will be served and all are welcome to attend.

The group will also hold a Clean Up Day on Saturday, February 3.

Filing period open for Local Entity May elections

The filing period for the May 5, 2018, local government entity elections began 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 to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Ashley Braswell, David McWright, and Blake Braswell.

Robert Lee ISD will also 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.

Area Churches

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Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
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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

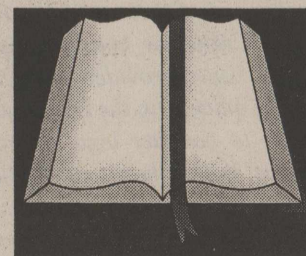
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 Pastor James Brunson
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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



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 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
 (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

Tennyson

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Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Local leaders discuss, pass policy at annual meeting

Coke County was represented at the meeting of the state's largest farm organization in December. John Ross Copeland and wife Meredith Copeland, delegates from Coke County Farm Bureau, traveled to Frisco where they helped shape the future of Texas Farm Bureau (TFB).

"Texas Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization. Every county matters, and the needs of the entire state are considered by the voting body as a whole," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "We're proud to send people to the TFB Annual Meeting each year to ensure Coke County voices are heard and our concerns are addressed."

Voting delegates were unanimous in their decision to strengthen private property rights.

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

The TFB Annual Meeting includes district meetings for members, a business session, exhibits from each company offering TFB members benefits and young farmer and rancher competitions offering prizes and scholarships to TFB member-families.

"It's more than a meeting. It's the gathering of farmers and ranchers from across Texas," John Ross said. "In some ways, it's a family reunion. But the most important actions are those that promote and strengthen Texas agriculture."

VP Beautification Committee hold's first 2018 meeting

The Beautification Committee of Vision With A Purpose held their first meeting of the year on January 18 at Pettit Insurance Agency. Those present were Nancy Wilson, Kelly Baker, Kaye Hurst, Beverly Hawkins, Dianne Hefner, Sheri Millican, Allyson Crenshaw and Floyd Pettit.

First on the agenda were possible fundraisers. It was decided that VP will hold a city-wide Trade Days (garage sale) May 5 in conjunction with Bronte's Trade Days. Two other fund raisers will be bake sales held May 11 and June 15 at the Robert Lee State Bank.

Farm Bureau! John Ross Copeland and his wife, Meredith, represented Coke County at the Texas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Frisco.

A budget was discussed for future projects. Monies will be needed for flowers for pots around Robert Lee, new brochures for purchase of memorial bricks, new flag poles and holders. Future improvements include two more lamps for Memorial Garden, banners on light posts, directional signs, and the building of a pavilion in Memorial Garden.

Kelly Baker and Allyson Crenshaw are working on brochures for new members, brick sales, and a list of current members. Membership dues will be addressed at the next meeting to include all VP members.

Flag flying days were discussed to decide which days they will be flown. New holders will be made to make it easier to erect and take down.

Anyone interested in helping with this committee or has any ideas are welcome to join. All help and ideas are valued. The next VP meeting will be Thursday, February 1 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

RLISD Board Meeting held

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. The meeting was held at 6 pm in Conference Room 119 at Robert Lee ISD.

Members present included Wes Washam, Beverly Sinclair, George Grim, Jeffie Roberts, and Irma Torres. Erin Oleksiuk and Tom Sawyer were absent.

At 6:05 pm the meeting called to order by President Washam and a quorum of members was present.

The invocation and pledge were led by Wes Washam.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2017, seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Robin Allen and to approve the bills. This was seconded by Irma Torres and all were for.

David O'Dell gave the principals report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 101 and attendance rate was 96% for the month of December. Lee

McCown gave the principals report for elementary; enrollment was 169 students and 95.3% attendance rate.

Item #7 was postponed by the Board until the February meeting.

Supt. Hood recommended approving Interlocal Agreement with West Texas Food Service Coop for 2018-2019. Irma Torres made the motion to approve the recommendation and it was seconded by George Grim. All were for.

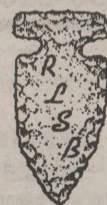
Supt. Hood presented Order of Election for Board of Trustees for May 5, 2018. Irma Torres made a motion to approve the Order as presented and it was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended to amend current school calendar with two early release days; March 29, 2018 and April 5, 2018. George Grim made a motion to approve both early release days. This was seconded by Irma Torres and all were for.



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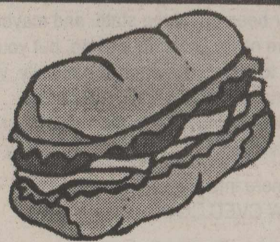
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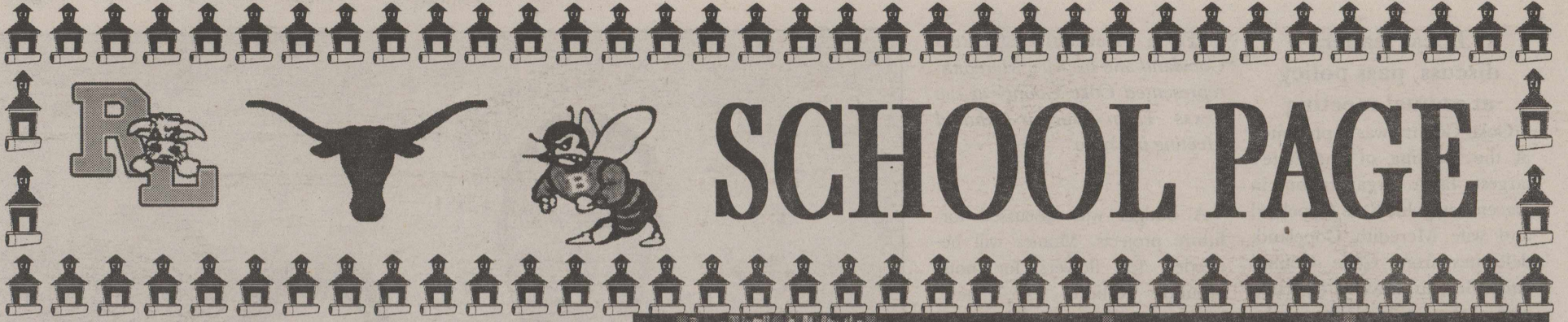


Super Bowl Subs & Snacks by Bronte 1st United Methodist Youth Missions

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Call Lanette 201-1776 or 473-6791 or pick up order forms at Glenn-Bivins by Jan. 31st

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SCHOOL PAGE

Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women has announced that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans' were long time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation was established by their family.

The scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older and applications are available from Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance (123 W Main Street in Bronte).

Applications must be returned to Lanette by February 16, 2018, with the scholarship recipient announced by March 15, 2018.

Blackwell CISD Awards

3rd Six Weeks

'A' Honor Roll

1st Grade

Drake Glenn, Lawson Hambright

2nd Grade

Bella Clark, Slade Wilkinson

3rd Grade

Brayden Claborn, Lilee Sanderson, Emmie Scott, Brynlea Wojtek

4th Grade

Kreed Cummings, Avery Glenn, Traci Sefcik, Jaxon Shipman

5th Grade

Kinley Cummings, Brionna Sommerfeld

6th Grade

Karter Cummings, Zachary Pierce

7th Grade

Luz Cano, Matthew, Shipman

8th Grade

Cadi Powers

9th Grade

Kiley Cummings, Nathaniel Shipman

10th Grade

Haylee Cason, Grant Gott,

Jordan Jones, Emily Rasco, Katelyn Robertson, Emilee Sanderson, Brendan Scott, Madison Solis

11th Grade

Vickie Davis, Elizabeth Meyer, Carli Powers

12th Grade

Cambrey Coulter, Payton McKee, Shelby Panzer, Carola Savino

'A/B' Honor Roll

1st Grade

Maria Lopez, Johanna Luz, Weston May, Kaelison O'Shields

2nd Grade

Hegan Burton, Ariaah Pearce, Dameon Rivera

3rd Grade

Joaquin Garcia, Ashlynn McKinney, Brodi Pierce, Ellie Scott

4th Grade

Ryder Antilley, Hondo Burton, Jason Daniel, Morgan Rasco, Jacob Rivera

5th Grade

Cooper Claborn, Morgan Dove, Elijah Drake, Jesse McKinney, Marlene Sanchez, Emma Williams

6th Grade

Jesus Gonzalez

7th Grade

Dustin Boyd, Autumn Clark, Blane Crosson, Ethan Morris

8th Grade

Chloe McKinney, Samuel Ottaberry, Stockton Solis

9th Grade

Madeline Bell, Samuel Brinkman, Devan Clower, Cameron Coldiron, Jacy Feitshans, Cirstyn Gober, Darrian Kenney, Allison Panzer, Zachary Panzer

10th Grade

Brandon Brinkman, Clay Cruz-Mendieta, Sydney Hayes

11th Grade

Tori Scott

12th Grade

Devin Rasco, Orrin Sirmons, Dillon Solis, Mercedes Williams



National Honor Society! The Bronte High School National Honor Society inducted six new members during a formal candle lighting ceremony on Thursday, January 4, 2018. The new members inducted were Vincent Basquez, Jaqueline Davia, Garrett Knight, Cassidy McWright, Dayana Perez, and Jayden Speary.

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K

Ella Claborn, Kyler Matthew, Levi McVey, John Pierik, Bryce Senegal, Hope Williams

Kindergarten

Faith Garcia, Paislie Gunn, Taygen McVey, Layla Meek

1st Grade

Drake Glenn, Lawson Hambright, Maria Lopez, Johannah Luz, Weston May, Kaelison O'Shields

2nd Grade

Memphis Boyd, Hegan Burton, Makayla McMurtrey, Ariaah Pearce, Slade Wilkinson, Faith Williams

3rd Grade

Addison Dove, Joaquin Garcia, Jazlene Rios, Xavier Rios, Lilee Sanderson, Brynlea Wojtek

4th Grade

Hondo Burton, Kreed Cummings, Jason Daniel, Kassie Flowers, Avery Glenn, Paige McVey, Lydia Pico, Stokely Pierce, Morgan Rasco

5th Grade

Kinley Cummings, Morgan Dove, Elijah Drake, Makinlee Killough, Marlee Sanchez, Emma Williams

6th Grade

Karter Cummings, Shelby Rasco

7th Grade

Dusty Boyd, Luz Cano, Blane Crosson, Christopher Geick, Ethan Morris, Dylan Taylor

8th Grade

Reid Hoyle, Donovan Perry, Blade Wood

9th Grade

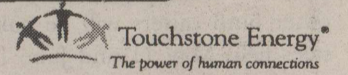
Samuel Brinkman, Devan Clower, Kiley Cummings, Jacy Feitshans, Cirstyn Gober, Cody Golding, Myrka Ibarra, Darrian Kenney, Caitlin Lange, Allison Panzer, Carson Sorrells, Jaydon Taylor

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State Competition! Blackwell CISD students Shelby Panzer and Emilee Sanderson both advanced to the Student Congress State Competition. After competing at the regional event held in Abilene, Shelby and Emilee advanced to the state event and finished in the top ten.



Tournament Champions! The Bronte Junior High Lady Shorthorns won the Blackwell Junior High Basketball Tournament recently. They defeated Loraine 35 - 11 and Blackwell 24 - 11. Team members include Nikkole Harendt, Gabby Quezada, Kaitlyn Zadra, Sarah Devine, Zoey Hortenstine, Zayde Kincannon, Victoria Schaeffer, Tatum Riney, Emmy Speary, Emily Jackson, Rhianna Castaneda, Hailey Gibson, Maelyn Williams, Dashiah Flores and Sydney McMullan, team manager.

10th Grade

Sydney Hayes, Jared Julian, Emily Rasco, Katelyn Robertson, Brendan Scott

11th Grade

Vickie Davis, Peyton Hinckley, Elizabeth Meyer, Hunter Perry, Carli Powers, Tori Scott

12th Grade

Jimmie Lewis, Payton McKee, Shelby Panzer, Devin Rasco, Orrin Sirmons

Head Start - Same as above

Friday, February 2

Pita pocket breakfast, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Lunch

Monday, January 29

Chicken tenders, gravy, Texas toast, broccoli, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, krispy cereal treat, milk

Head Start - Chicken tenders, gravy, broccoli, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, milk

Tuesday, January 30

Meat and cheese chalupas, salsa, zesty cucumbers, refried beans, rosy applesauce, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Wednesday, January 31

Country fried steak, okra, gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, strawberry cup, milk

Head Start - Country fried steak strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, strawberry cup, milk

Thursday, February 1

Pizza, salad, carrots, apple slices, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Friday, February 2

BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, green beans, orange smiles, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, January 29



Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, January 29

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Tuesday, January 30

Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Cheesy toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, January 31

Waffles, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Thursday, February 1

Sausage, egg, cheese sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, January 30

Donut holes, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, January 31

PB&J, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 1

BK Tornados, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 2

Sausage, biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 29

Salisbury steak, roasted potatoes, biscuit, brown gravy,

garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk

Tuesday, January 30

Nachos grande, refried beans, tomato cup, cucumber dippers,

salsa, pears, sherbet cup, milk

Wednesday, January 31

Chicken sandwich, oven tots, veggie cup, Mandarin orange, milk

Thursday, February 1

Asian chicken, egg roll, rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple milk

Friday, February 2

Ham and cheese melt, chips, fresh fruit, pinto beans, tiny

tomato cup, cookie, milk

Blackwell CISD

Breakfast

Monday, January 29

Waffles-n-sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, January 30

Biscuit-n-sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, January 31

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 1

Funnel cake, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 2

Biscuit-n-gravy, fruit, juice, milk

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- The recipient must attend a recognized Texas institution of higher education, including certified trade schools, while pursuing a degree at any level.

Recipients

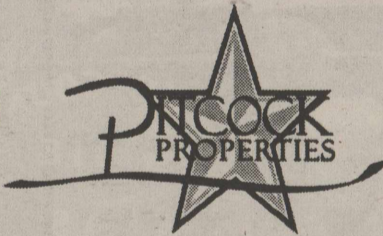
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2018 Coke County Livestock Show Results

Market Rabbit Show

1. Elexis Sanchez, 2. Elexis Sanchez, 3. Elexis Sanchez, 4. Elexis Sanchez, 5. Chyann Torres, 6. Chyann Torres, 7. Chyann Torres, 8. Chyann Torres

Grand Champion Rabbit
Elexis Sanchez

Reserve Champion Rabbit
Cheyanne Torres

Market Swine Show

Duroc

1. Payton Arrott, 2. Zoe Tijerina, 3. Garrett Knight, 4. Juan Orlando De La Garza, 5. Kristen Stilley, 6. Mackenzie Galicia, 7. Zachary McWright, 8. Payton Arrott

Champion Duroc

Payton Arrott

Reserve Champion Duroc

Zoe Tijerina

Hampshire

1. Treyton McCullough, 2. Kaylee Pentecost, 3. Kaci Queen, 4. Brooke Davis, 5. Karissa Cervenka, 6. Stephen Oleksiuk

Champion Hampshire

Treyton McCullough

Reserve Champion Hampshire

Kaylee Pentecost

White OPB

1. Payton Arrott, 2. McKenna Parker, 3. Braylee Hood, 4. Payton Arrott, 5. Brewer Hood, 6. Cole Knight, 7. Zoe Tijerina

Champion White OPB

Payton Arrott

Grand Champion White OPB

McKenna Parker

Light Weight Black OPB

1. Treyton McCullough, 2. Morgan Sullivan, 3. Hannah Sullivan, 4. Stephen Oleksiuk, 5. Mackenzie Galicia, 6. Ryen White, 7. Eli Bradshaw

Heavy Weight Black OPB

1. Kristen Stilley, 2. Payton Arrott, 3. Brennen Hood, 4. Brewer Hood, 5. Danica Grace Jernigan

Champion Black OPB

Kristen Stilley

Reserve Champion Black OPB

Payton Arrott

Light Weight Cross

1. Elexis Sanchez, 2. Treyton McCullough, 3. Julian De La Garza, 4. Danica Grace Jernigan, 5. Brennen Hood, 6. Autumn Ramon, 7. Cassidy McWright, 8. Cheyanne Torres

Heavy Weight Cross

1. Kaylee Pentecost, 2. McKenna Parker, 3. Kailey Bradshaw, 4. Payton Arrott, 5. Braylee Hood, 6. Aiden Beck

Champion Cross

Kaylee Pentecost

Reserve Champion Cross

Elexis Sanchez

Grand Champion Swine

Kaylee Pentecost

Reserve Grand Champion Swine

Treyton McCullough

Market Steer Show

English Breeds

1. Julian De La Garza, 2. Brody Pitcock

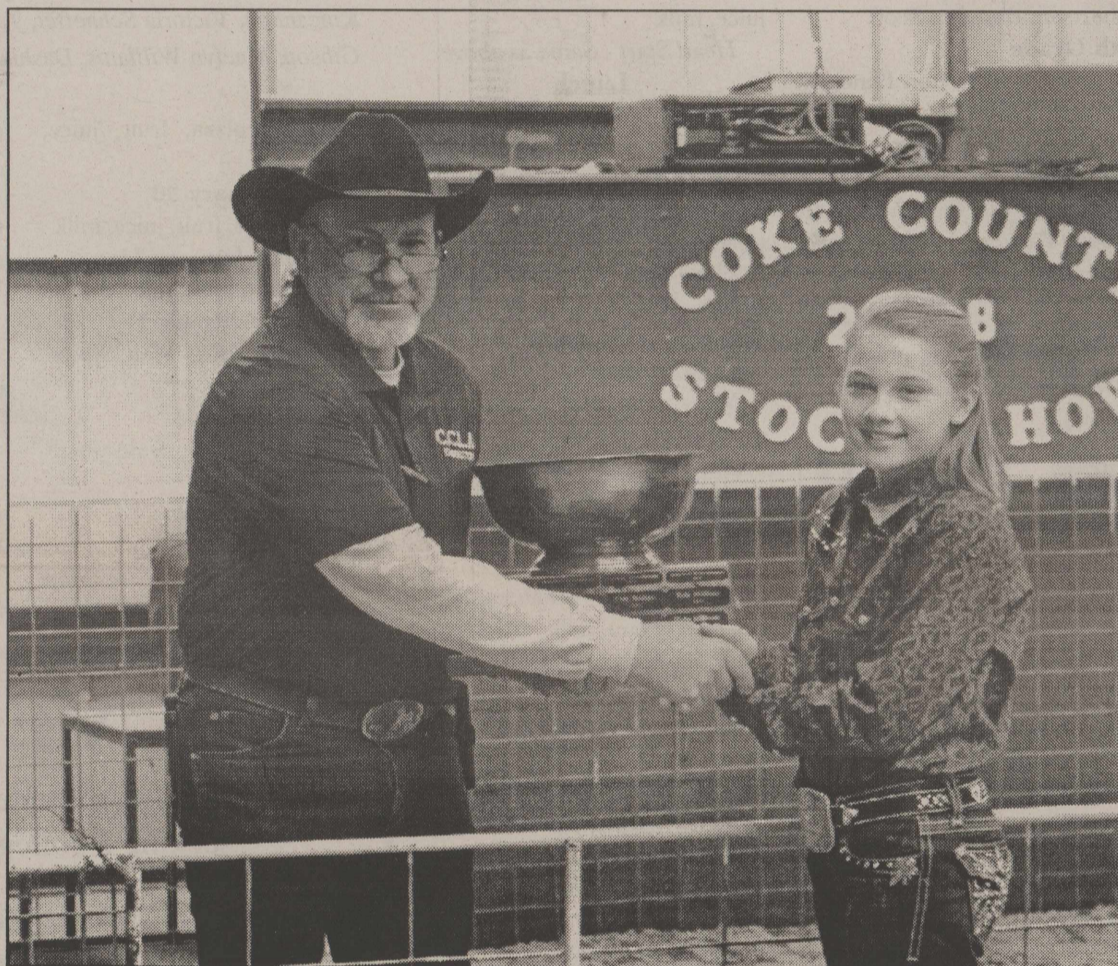
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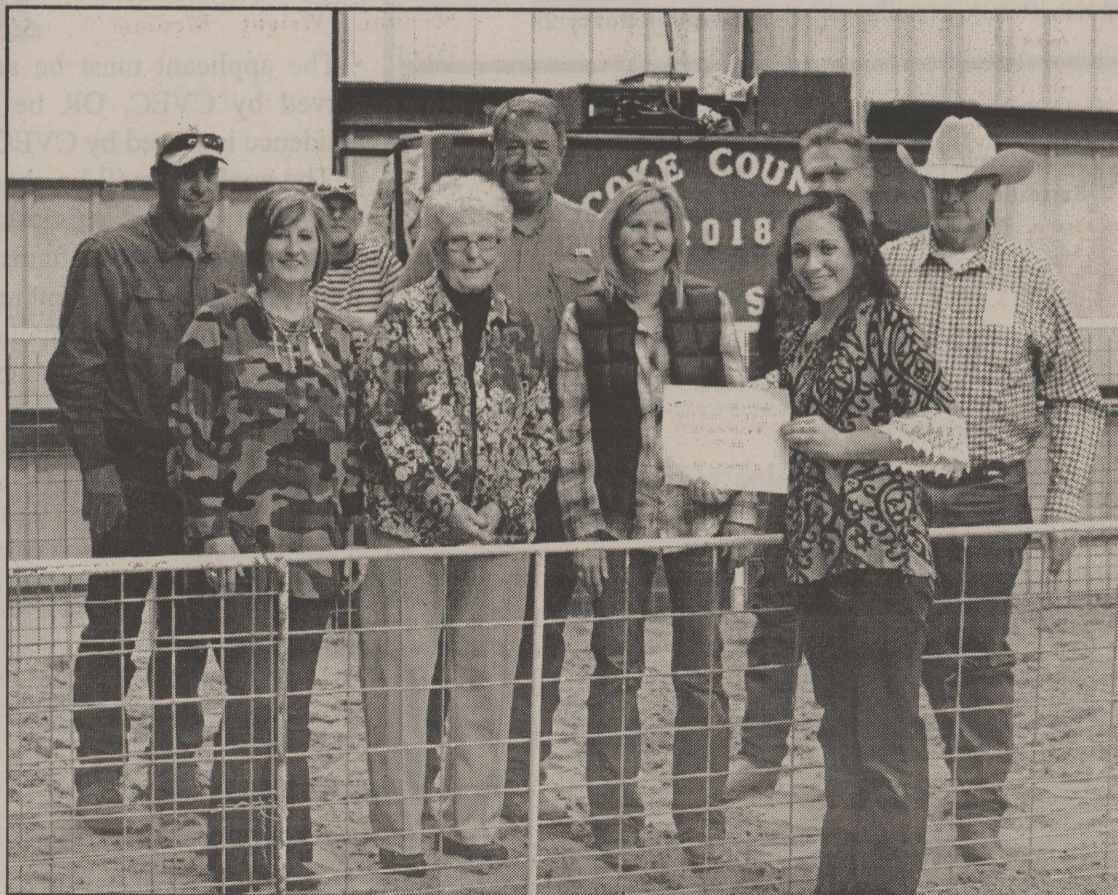
European Crosses



Juan Orlando De La Garza
Clay Antilley Memorial Steer Showmanship Award



Kaylee Pentecost
Ralph Walker Memorial Top Hand Award



Elexis Sanchez
Frank Percifull Memorial Overall Showmanship Award

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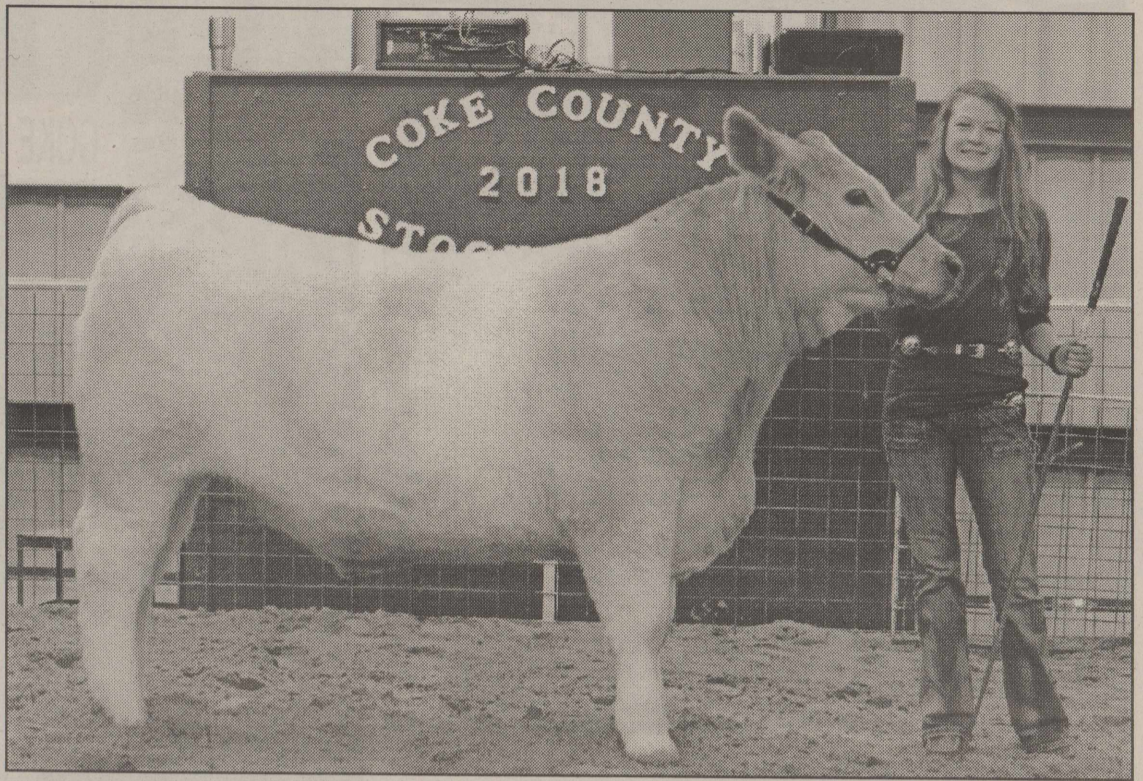
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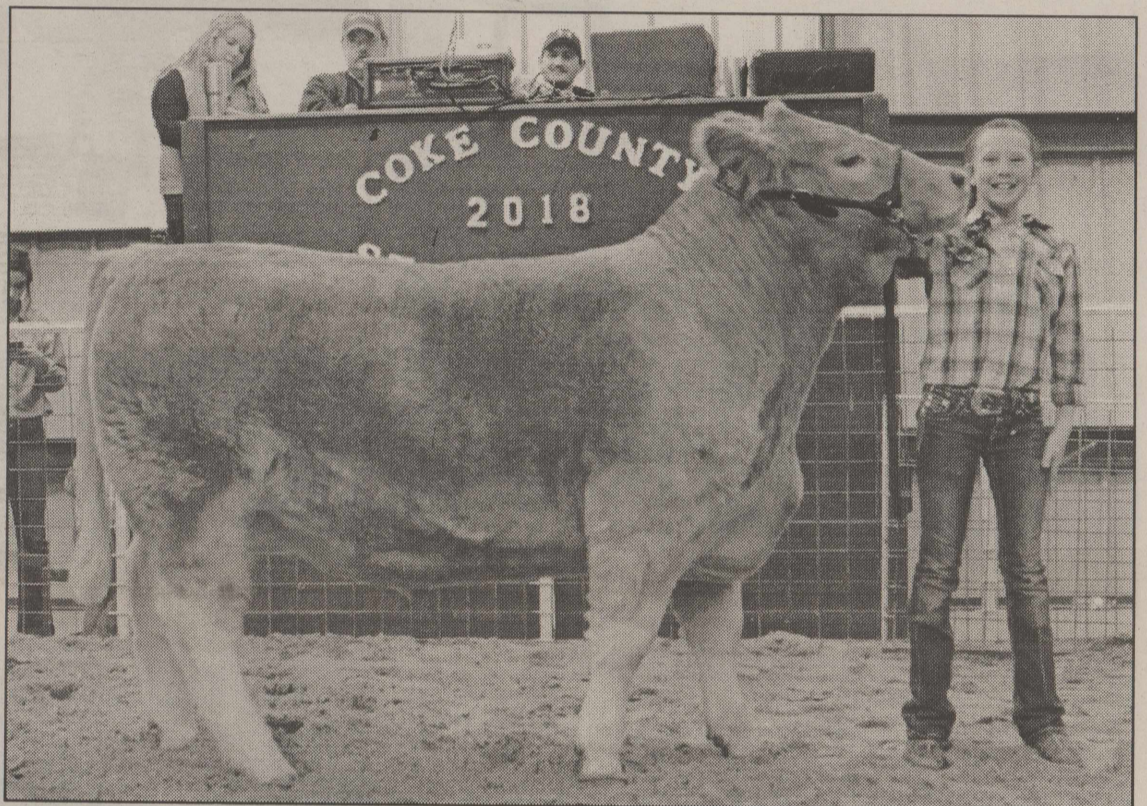
Treyton McCullough



Kari O'Dell



Payton Arrott



Mackenzie Galicia

1. Kari O'Dell, 2. Mackenzie Galicia, 3. Juan Orlando De La Garza

Grand Champion Steer
Kari O'Dell

Reserve Grand Champion Steer
Mackenzie Galicia

Market Lamb Show

Light Weight Dorper

1. Isabella Taton, 2. Elizabeth Taton, 3. Brylee Torres

Heavy Weight Dorper

1. Jaycee Crisp, 2. Tiffany Crisp, 3. Brittany Crisp

Champion Dorper
Jaycee Crisp

Reserve Champion Dorper
Tiffany Crisp

Light Weight Medium Wool

1. Kaylee Pentecost, 2. Kaylee Pentecost, 3. Jaycee Crisp, 4. Julian De La Garza, 5. Tiffany Crisp, 6. Elexis Sanchez

Medium Weight Medium Wool

1. Juan Orlando De La Garza, 2. Garrett Knight, 3. Cole Knight, 4. Brittany Crisp

Heavy Weight Medium Wool South Down

1. Garrett Knight, 2. Garrett Knight, 3. Juan Orlando De La Garza, 4. Elexis Sanchez

Champion Medium Wool
Garrett Knight

Reserve Champion Medium Wool
Garrett Knight

1. Julian De La Garza

Grand Champion Lamb
Garrett Knight

Reserve Champion Lamb
Garrett Knight

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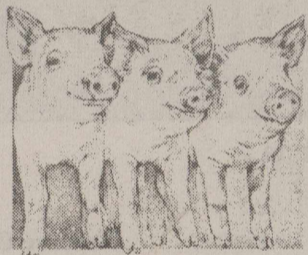
McKenna Parker



Garrett Knight (shown with breeders Kyle and Sarah Loving)



Jaycee Crisp



Elexis Sanchez and Chyann Torres

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Market Goat Show

Class 1

- 1. Kaylee Pentecost, 2. Braxton Wright, 3. Braxton Wright, 4. Eduardo Ureno, 5. Eduardo Ureno

Class 2

- 1. Karissa Cervenka, 2. Karissa Cervenka, 3. Keeley Queen

Grand Champion Goat

Karissa Cervenka

Reserve Champion Goat

Kaylee Pentecost

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Kaylee Pentecost (shown with Livestock Judge Garrett Cline)

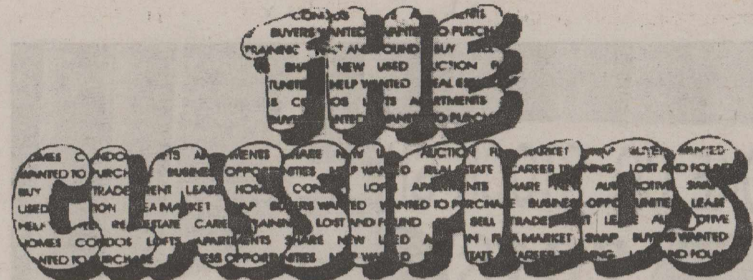


Karissa Cervenka

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HELP WANTED

PUBLIC NOTICE

Coke County is accepting applications for Robert Lee Park Caretaker. Applications may be picked up at the Coke County Judge's Office in the Coke County Courthouse.

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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SEALED BID APPLICATIONS TO BE CITY DEPOSITORY

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After consideration of applications the City shall select the bank that offers the most favorable terms and conditions for the handling of the City funds. The City Council will meet to consider the selection of depository on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 12:00 Noon at City Hall 121 E Main, Blackwell,

Political Calendar

The **Observer/Enterprise** had been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES

The East Coke County Hospital Board of Directors hereby gives notice of filing deadlines for the May 5, 2018, Election. Three Directors will be elected for a term of two (2) years each. Candidates may file applications for inclusion on the ballot between January 17, 2018, and February 16, 2018. Applications and petitions may be obtained at Bronte Health and Rehab Center during normal business hours, 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions may be addressed

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...School Menu

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Lunch

Monday, January 29

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday, January 30

Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, January 31

Chopped BBQ sandwich, pickle spears, coleslaw, chips, fruit, milk

Thursday, February 1

Sweet-n-sour chicken, fried rice or lo mein noodles, fruit, milk

Friday, February 2

Lasagna, corn on the cob, garlic bread, salad, fruit, milk

...RLISD Board Meeting Minutes

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Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers, budget update, and Team of Eight Training.

The board left open session at 6:22 pm to enter into closed session at 6:25 pm and reconvened into open session at 6:50 pm.

Beverly Sinclair made a motion, seconded by George Grim, to give Supt. Hood a 3% raise in salary for 2018-2019 school year. All were for. Irma Torres made a motion, seconded by Jeffie Roberts, to extend Supt. Hood's contract one year, making a five year contract extending through 2023 school year. All were for.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 11 am.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

New Series

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

Abundant Life

Kindness - the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. In the flesh, kindness does not come naturally. But, if we are a follower of Christ this should become a common trait among us. A small act of kindness can make the difference for others during the day. It is hard to stay upset when others are smiling, waving, and being of good cheer. I have found the easiest way to start my day out with others is to remember the kindness that my Jesus has shown me. I did nothing to earn my salvation, or the blessings that come with being a child of the King. Once pondered it brings things into focus for me.

Proverbs 3:3 *"Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart."*

Being kind to others also has away of making our problems become smaller. As our focus shifts from self to selflessness the Holy Spirit begins to multiply the joy inside of us and we start walking in the spirit and all the powers of the devil must fall away because they cannot stand in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:6 *"The mind governed by the flesh is death,*

but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."

If we all, as Christians, will pray up and greet the day with Jesus in our hearts we will be able to see the effects of Jesus in our streets and places of business and schools. It won't take long and the blessings will be everywhere around us.

Philippians 2:1-2 *"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any*

affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."

Love y'all. Tell someone what Jesus did for you.

House Ag Committee launches farm bill landing page

The 2018 Farm Bill is on the horizon, and it has many in agriculture eyeing funding,

challenges and defining needs as farm policy talks continue.

As part of the dialogue surrounding the new farm legislation, the U.S. House Agriculture Committee this month launched a farm bill landing page to serve as a central location for updates and information throughout the process of crafting the 2018 Farm Bill.

The new web page, which can be found at <https://agriculture.house.gov/farmbill/>,

includes videos, farm facts and outlines challenges in rural America.

"Agriculture needs a strong farm bill," said John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president. "Low prices, volatile markets and Mother Nature are just a few of the factors we deal with each year in agriculture. This farm bill can provide important resources for farmers and ranchers."

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...Landing Page

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Farm income has also been in a slump for several years, leaving farmers and ranchers feeling financial pressure.

"It is critical that we provide adequate price protection for our farmers," John Ross said. "If substantial cuts are made to the farm bill, it'll be a rough outlook for agriculture and the Texas economy."

John Ross also noted the farm bill and returning cotton to Title I is key to reducing volatility in agriculture.

"All Americans benefit from strong farm policy. It not only helps us have an affordable food supply, but it also creates jobs and boosts our economy," John Ross said.

Midessa Boat, RV, Sport, & Gun Show slated for Feb. 9-11

The 36th annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex, Odessa, Texas, February 9 - 11, 2018. Those attending can see the new 2018 model RV's and Boats and receive the best buys of the season. Visit the new expanded gun show, and a variety of booths including resort areas, jewelry, ladies apparel, motorcycles, ATV's, veterans services, home décor, specialty foods, kayaks, African Safari Guides and used boats and RVs.

Let the kids fish in the Army Bass Anglers Kids Fishing Tank sponsored by All American Chevrolet of Odessa.

Register for a \$500 vacation cash giveaway and a \$500 shopping spree.

A free tram will be provided to transport people from building to building.

What does a growing Texas population mean for agriculture?

By Julie Tomascik

Texas is changing and growing. The Lone Star State is home to more than 28.3 million people, according to data released late last year.

That's a lot of folks. And a lot of homes, shopping centers, restaurants, stores and more.

What does that surging population mean for Texas farmers and ranchers?

It's a loss of land.

Population growth means an increased demand for homes and services. That kicks up the price for land, meaning farmers can't afford to buy it. But sometimes farmers can't afford not to sell their land.

It depends what side of the fence you're on when it comes to skyrocketing land values.

But farmers and ranchers can stay on the land and keep it in production for future generations. Land trusts and conservation easements with financial incentives offer farmers and ranchers a way to do so.

Texas is still a rural state, but it's growing more urban every year. That's both an opportunity and a challenge for

rural Texas. It's a chance for farmers to connect with consumers like you and me, but it also means a loss of our state's working lands and natural resources.

We need private land and our farmers and ranchers to pursue modern agriculture. That land and the people who work it grow our food, conserve water and preserve wildlife habitat.

We need to keep private property in agriculture. We need to keep farmers and ranchers on the land. Because it's good for the land and good for Texas. And that's also good for you and me.

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Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the **City of Robert Lee General and Special Elections** ballot may be filed during the following time.

Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Eleccion General y Especial de City of Robert Lee se pueden presentar durante el siguiente horario:

Filing Dates and Times:
 (Fechas y Horario para Entregar Solicitudes)

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| Start Date January 17, 2018 (Fecha Inicio) | End Date February 16, 2018 (Fecha Limite) |
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Office Hours: **Monday - Friday 8:00-12:00; 1:00-5:00**
 (Horario de la Oficina)

Physical address for filing applications in person for place on the ballot:
 (Direccion a fisica para presentar las solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta)

City of Robert Lee
 6 West 7th Street
 Robert Lee, Texas 76945

Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (if filing by mail):
 (Direccion a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (en caso de presentar por correo))

City of Robert Lee
 PO Box 26
 Robert Lee, Texas 76945

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