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Blaylock, Lee win commissioners' races in primary election

Coke Countians went to the polls on Tuesday, March 2, to elect a couple of commissioners on the east side of the county, and cast their ballots in some other important local and statewide political races.

Starting with the commissioners' races on the east side, incumbent Bobby Blaylock defeated Joe Sefcik by a total of 59 to 41 in the precinct 4 race, and Wendell Lee totaled 74 votes to defeat incumbent Robert Feil, who had 45 votes in the precinct 2 race. Neither race has a Republican contender for the general election.

Staying with the Democratic Party, Kathi Cox defeated Ronny Brown in the race for the democratic nominee for county treasurer by a vote of 225 to 131. Cox will face Hal Spain in the general election, as he totaled 240 votes in the Republican primary election.

In the only other locally contested race, Jackie Walker defeated Judy Gartrell by a count of 126 to 73 to become the Democratic nominee for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. Leroy Casey will be the Republican nominee, with a total of 123 votes.

State voting of interest in Coke County was the governor's race, which Rick Perry swept state-wide with 52% of the vote over Kay Bailey Hutchison's 31%. Locally the vote was just the opposite, as Kay Bailey garnered 130 votes to Rick Perry's 116 votes. Debra Medina received a total of 66 votes locally in this state-wide race for governor.

Other vote totals in the uncontested races are as follows:

County Judge - Roy Blair 335;

County Clerk - Mary Grim 338;

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 - Grady Coulter - 177;

County Democratic Chair - Linda Burns 340.

In the Republican Primary in Coke County, incumbent

US Representative Mike Conaway totaled 212 votes over his opponents Chris Younts 69 votes, and Al Cowan 17 votes; Lieutenant Governor - David Dewhurst 246; Attorney General - Greg Abbott 243; State Representative - Drew Darby 253; and County Republican Chair - David Kitten 231 votes.

Last day to file for local entities election is Monday, March 8

Monday, March 8, 2010, is the last day to file for a place on a number of local entity ballots. These local entities include the cities of Robert Lee and Bronte, Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, West Coke County Hospital District and East Coke County Hospital District. The election is slated for Saturday, May 8, 2010.

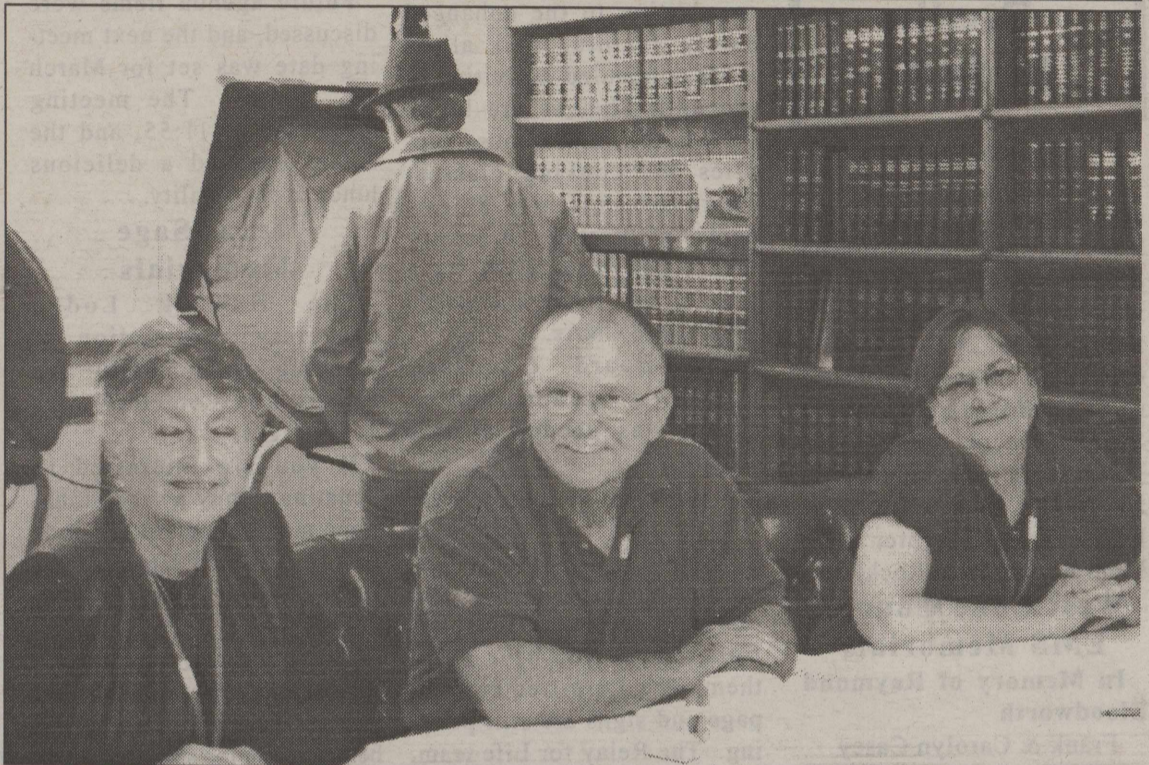
City of Bronte

The Mayor and three councilmembers for two-year terms to the Bronte City Council will be determined in this election. The terms of Mayor Gerald Sandusky, Councilmember Jim Guthrie, Councilmember Buzz Gohman and Councilmember Jennifer Stango will expire. The deadline to apply for a place on the ballot is 5 pm on March 8, 2010. Candidate applications may be picked up at Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington. For information, you can call 473-3501. Mayor Sandusky, Councilmembers Guthrie, Gohman and Stango have filed for re-election.

City of Robert Lee

Candidate applications are available for Mayor and two places on the Robert Lee City Council. Applications can be picked up at Robert Lee City Hall from 8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday until 5 pm March 8, 2010.

To be eligible for the office of Mayor a person must be a registered voter and have lived within the city for at least 12 months preceding election day. To be eligible for the office of city council



Election Day! Jim and Olivia King are casting their ballots on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, during the Primary Election. Election workers shown at the Courthouse where Precinct 3 voted are (from left) Dolores Roe, Ron Hill and Joan Hill.

a person must be a registered voter and must live within the City on election day. Also, a person must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. Citizen.

Mayor Joe White is not seeking re-election, nor is Councilmember Bonita Cartrite. Councilmember John Jacobs has filed for re-election.

West Coke County Hospital District

Three two-year terms will be on the ballot for West Coke County Hospital District. The terms of Mike Lomas, Marilyn White, and Pat Stephens are expiring. Mr. Lomas and Mrs. White have filed for re-election and Mrs. Stephens has announced her intention to file for re-election.

East Coke County Hospital District

East Coke County Hospital District residents will need to elect three board members for two-year terms. The term of Ronald Mark Duncan, and unexpired terms for Beverly Sims and Nancy Cooper are open. All three members have filed for re-election.

Applications may be picked up from Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 S. State Street. For more information, you may call 473-3621.

Bronte Independent School District

The Board of Trustees for Bronte Independent School District will have two three-

year terms on the ballot. The terms of Quinda Feil-Duncan and Shane Kelton are expiring. Mr. Kelton has filed for re-election.

Robert Lee Independent School District

Robert Lee ISD will need to elect two trustees. The 3 year terms of Kevin Roe and Tod Reed are expiring. Tod Reed has filed for re-election.

Applications can be picked up at the Robert Lee ISD Administration Office. Requirements for filing are that you must have lived 1 year in the state and 6 months in the school district prior to filing, be at least 18 years of age, and be a registered voter at time of election.

Coke County Roping Club meeting set

The Coke County Roping Club will have their organizational meeting at 3 pm Sunday, March 14, 2010, at the roping arena in Bronte.

For more information, call Morgan Webb at 325/716-9626 or Wayne McCutchen at 325/473-3201.

Coke County Relay for Life

There will be a Team Captains meeting for the 2010 Coke County Relay For Life on Monday, 3/8/10 at the West Central Wireless office in Robert Lee at 6:30 pm. The Relay will be held April 23-24 in Robert Lee.

Team Captains are encouraged to bring your

team members to the meeting and get points toward the Super Team trophy. It's not too late to get a team of friends, family, co-workers, etc. together and participate in the fight against cancer.

Come to the meeting for details. Call Judy Blair at 453-2380 for more information.

Relay fundraiser lunch slated

The Rabbit Twisters team for Coke County Relay for Life is asking for your support for a chicken spaghetti lunch Thursday, March 11th. For tickets or information, contact Judy Blair at 453-2380 or Rhonda Hood at 453-2065. Orders must be placed by Friday, March 5th.

Benefit Basketball Tournney slated for March 6

A basketball tournament for elementary children, grades 4-6, has been scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Bronte ISD.

There will be both girls and boys divisions. A round robin format is slated for the morning with seeding to bracket play in the afternoon. Each team is guaranteed two games.

UIL rules will be used, with six minute running clock quarters.

For more information, contact Joni Frasier at 473-3704.

This tournament benefits the Bronte 2010 Project Graduation.

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Death Notices

Carter

Harmon Carter, 85, died on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at a local nursing home. Graveside service was at 2 pm Friday, February 26, 2010, at Sanco Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Carter of Robert Lee; and his daughter Gaye Lynn Reynolds of Rockport.

West Coke County EMS Memorials In Memory of Raymond Bloodworth

Frank & Carolyn Casey
WCCHD Board Meeting minutes posted

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met Monday, March 1, 2010, in regular session in the conference room at the Robert Lee Care Center. Members present were Mary Bessent, Dessie Kendall, Marilyn White, Mike Lomas, and Pat Stephens. Others present were Janie Munoz, Business Office Manager, and Roger Alexander, Administrator. President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM, and declared there was a quorum. Dessie Kendall gave the invocation. There were no visitors.

Absent Board member Mike Lomas was excused from the January meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

In the staffing update, Roger increased the staff in

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work toward the achievement of their goal to help provide funds for cancer research.

In the report on capital projects, the Board authorized Roger to employ Templeton Construction Co. as project manager for the renovation of the dining room at the facility.

Cost estimates will be obtained. The possibility of a water storage tank was discussed, and the feasibility of acquiring one will be further investigated.

The financial statements were discussed and approved.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next meeting date was set for March 29, 2010. The meeting adjourned at 11:55, and the Board enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

Texas Sage Memorials

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association is working to beautify the Robert Lee Cemetery with Texas sages.

If you are interested in donating to buy a sage, donations may be mailed to Linda Burns, 981 Paint Creek Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

If your donation is in memory of someone, please include the person's name. The sages will be planted in the spring of 2010. The Cemetery Association runs

only on donations and memorials.

Donations and memorials recently received include the following.

In Memory of:

Gerlad M. Storie

Mary Jo Storie
 Gary & Sherry Storie

Betty Clawson

Mary Jo Storie
 Gary & Sherry Storie

Dennis Counts

Dolores & Rachel Seal
 Mindi Drennan
 Debbie & Melvin McCabe
 Milton Counts

Bronte Volunteer

Fire Department

Donations and

Memorials

The following donations and memorials were recently received by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorials

C. B. Barbee

Bob and June Gulley
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rasco

Paul Sublett

George & Joyce Snapp

Donations

Texas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.
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 J. B. Arrott
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 Charles Sonnenberg
 Tuny Glenn
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Preacher John V. Driggers
 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 & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy

Robert Lee

(325) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor

Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte

(325) 473-2331

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,

10:55 am Worship,

6 pm Youth

and Worship

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes

Bronte

(325) 473-3281

Rev. Matt Pennington, Pastor

Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

First United Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne

Robert Lee

(325) 453-2417

Steve Peyton, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship

5:00 pm Choir Practice

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Sun. 10 am • Worship

11 am & 6 pm • Service

Wed. 7 pm

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sun. 5 pm

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee

(325) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508

9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee

(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685

Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;

Wed. 6 pm

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(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sat. 6 pm

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Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-2482

www.pecanbaptist.org

Jim Dominey, Pastor

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennyson

Joe Hodges, Pastor

(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

PO Box 638

6th & Houston

Robert Lee

(325) 453-2208

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Important Election Dates

Monday, March 8

Last Day to File for place on the ballot in the local elections for the following entities.

- City of Robert Lee
- City of Bronte
- Bronte ISD Board of Trustees
- Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees
- West Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees
- East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees

RL Baptist Youth plan fundraiser

On March 6th the youth of Robert Lee Baptist Church will be hosting a parents night out. For more info contact Ryan Reed at 453-2724.

RL Methodist now has Children's Church

Robert Lee First United Methodist Church now has "Children's Church" during the Church hour. The children start out in church with their families and then after the Children's Time with the Pastor during worship, the children are escorted downstairs where they have a special time of learning, snacks and activities while worship continues. All children under the 3rd grade are encouraged to attend.

Worship starts at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday with Praise and Worship singing before at 10:45. If you have any questions, call the church office - 453-2417.

Instructors needed for literacy classes

Volunteer tutors/instructors are needed to help with English as a second language classes in Bronte and Robert Lee. Tutors/instructors do not need to have teaching experience and are not required to speak Spanish.

The Robert Lee classes will be on Mondays from 8:30 am-9:30 am at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Bronte classes will be at the St. James Catholic Church and class times have not been established yet. For more information contact Misty McGlothlin FUMC Wesley Nurse at 473-2069.

Coke County Food Pantry

The Coke County Food Pantry is located in Robert Lee at 714 Austin Street and is open each Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Each first time shopper must provide a proof of address in Coke County. One member from a family is allowed to shop and will be given a shopping bag. This bag is to be brought back each week to be used again. Only one back will be furnished. Each shopper is allowed to fill their own bag, but there are rules that must be followed. All types of products are available-canned vegetables, fruits, soups, meats, dry products, such as macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, pasta, soup mixes, etc. Also, there is canned milk, dry milk, crackers, corn meal, cornbread mix, flour, sugar, etc. There are frozen products available at times. The Food Pantry is a very small version of a grocery store.

Three shoppers are allowed in the Food Pantry at one time to make choices and fill their bag. The volunteers help them to find products so that their shopping can be done in an expedient manner. If fresh produce, bread, and

cakes/pies are available those items are put into a plastic bag furnished by the Food Pantry (this is what we call a free food because it doesn't take up room in their shopping bag). These foods are perishable and can't be held over until the next week. We are fortunate to have some fresh and dried produce donated by individuals and local businesses.

Food is purchased weekly at the Concho Valley Food Bank in San Angelo. Two of our volunteers go every Tuesday to shop and are met back at the Food Pantry by other volunteers to help unload and stock shelves.

In the last quarter of 2009 the number of families receiving food was 658, the total number in these families was 2044. The number of children was 345 and the number of adults 65 and over was 341.

As time goes by there seems to be more of a need in the County and it is more difficult to get what is needed with the resources we have. We would appreciate donations either of canned food, frozen food and/or money to purchase food. So,---if anyone is cleaning out a freezer or a pantry, please think of the Food Pantry. Also, when shopping, please consider picking up a few extra items to be donated to the Food Pantry. It's hard to think that children or adults in our County could be going to bed hungry, but this is a reality. Please donate if you are able--we need your help.

For additional information please call Marilyn @ 453-2026, Dolores @ 453-2164, or Milburn @ 453-4445.

Texas Mesquite Art Festival slated

The Texas Mesquite Art Festival is returning to San Angelo, on April 16-18th and promises to showcase the best mesquite artisans.

Roger Ellison, San Angelo Festival Director, said many juried artists from around the state and beyond will gather at Fort Concho for a 3 day

celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite. "Besides seeing the absolute best of mesquite, visitors will enjoy one of the largest gatherings of mesquite artisans," Ellison said.

The festival, like mesquite wood itself, has come a long way since the first Fest, which was held in Fredericksburg, Texas in 1992, and is still going strong today.

Visitors will be treated to collections of sculpted wood from the world's absolute finest mesquite craftsmen. Items range from large furniture items such as beds, dressers and chairs made entirely from mesquite, to unique craft and gift items such as beautifully turned lamps, delicate scroll work, handsome pen and pencil sets, unique Christmas tree ornaments, sturdy gun stocks, sculpted vases, and dimensionalized artwork, all carefully crafted of mesquite.

Once viewed as a nuisance, mesquite has become the darling of architects and retailers. Mesquite's growing appeal comes in part from the high profile offered by the Texas Mesquite Association and have both festivals, according to Ellison. Articles praising mesquite's quality and value have appeared in such magazines as "Texas Highways," "Veranda," and "Fine Woodworking."

Architects now vie to install mesquite accents in upscale homes," Ellison said. Mantles, doors, flooring, art items, dining sets, tables, and other furniture are increasingly requested in mesquite.

Hours are Friday, 4:00 pm-9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00-6:00 pm and Sunday, 10:00 am-4 pm. Items are available for purchase, with food and drink sold on the grounds. Free parking.

More information on the Texas Mesquite Art Festival and the Association is available by calling the Fest



Golden Anniversary! March 11, 1960, fifty years ago, God joined together Nancy and Johnny Page. March 11 is their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Johnny and Nancy met and fell in love in Big Spring, Texas. They eventually moved to Robert Lee, Tx, in 1970. Johnny then went to work with CRMWD from which he retired in 1990. They have two children, son John Page Jr., and his wife Julie who live in Coleman, Tx. Also they have a daughter Paula Sue, she and her husband Michael Brennan reside in Mansfield, Ga. They have four Grandchildren, Steven Petty Jr, Garrett Page, Vanessa Page Croft and Sheyna Petty. They also have one Great Grandchild Ethan Croft!

office toll free at 1-866-TEX-FEST (839-3378).

Congressman Conaway to hold "Academy Day"

Congressman K. Michael Conaway invites area high school students interested in attending a military service academy to an "Academy Day" event, Saturday, April 20, 2010.

The event will be held from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at Angelo State University, MCS Building, Rom 100, 2200 Dena Drive in San Angelo.

Academy Liaison Officers, ROTC Representatives and others will be on hand to meet with prospective students and their families.

The "Academy Day" program will feature information

about the nomination process involved in securing academy appointments.

Students who reside in the 11th Congressional District are encouraged to submit their applications in the spring of their junior year of high school to Congressman Conaway at his San Angelo Regional Office, 33 East Twohig, Suite 307, San Angelo, Texas 76903. Application deadline for the Class of 2015 is October 27, 2010.

Congressional staff members will be at the "Academy Day" event to assist prospective applicants.

FMI contact Jo Anne Powell, Office of Congressman K. Michael Conaway, 325-659-4010.

Results of Hope in God

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. • Romans 15:13

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. • Proverbs 10:28

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. For thou art my hope, O Lord God: Thou art my trust from my youth. • Psalm 71:4-5

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. • Jeremiah 17:7-8

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Ladies Win Bi-District Championship! The Bronte Lady Longhorns won the Bi-District Championship in Clyde on February 16 by defeating Santo 48-41. Lady Longhorns are Katie Austin, Mackenzie Gibbs, Kaycee Baker, Chelsea Cook, Chelsea Meek, Chelsea McGinnis, Jill Scott, Harley Wallace, and Kimber Lee.

Longhorns advance to regional tourney

On Wednesday February 24, the Longhorns won their bi-district game against Santo by a score of 47-21. Stats: Rob Rosson 6 pts., 7 rebounds, Ernesto Casillas 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 19 pts., 11 rebounds, Heath Richey 5 pts., Kerwin Rawls 13 pts. and KC Barber 2 pts.

On Friday, February 26th,

the Longhorns won their area game against Petrolia 39-26. Stats: Rob Rosson 9 pts., 9 rebounds, Ernesto Casillas 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 15 pts., 18 rebounds, 3 steals, Heath Richey 4 pts., 6 rebounds and Kerwin Rawls 9 pts.

On Monday, March 1st, the Longhorns won their quarter-finals game against Poolville by a score of 55-43. Scoring: Dakota Rawls 27 pts., Heath Richey 4 pts., Kerwin Rawls 14 pts., Ernesto Casillas 5 pts., Terron Charles 2 pts. and Rob Rosson 3 pts.

The Bronte Longhorns advance to regional tournament in Abilene at the Moody Coliseum on the campus of Abilene Christian University and will face Goldthwaite at 6 pm Friday, March 5.

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A basketball tournament for elementary children, grades 4-6, has been scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Bronte ISD.

There will be both girls and boys divisions. A round robin format is slated for the morning with seeding to bracket play in the afternoon. Each team is guaranteed two games.

UIL rules will be used, with six minute running clock quarters.

For more information, con-

tact Joni Frasier at 473-3704. This tournament will benefit the Bronte 2010 Project Graduation.

Band Boosters plan fundraiser

The Bronte Longhorn Band Boosters will be hosting a chicken spaghetti fundraiser to send students to band camp. The lunch will be held Sunday March 7, from 11 am until 1 pm. Tickets are being sold by band students and booster members.

For more information, contact Stacy Kelton at 234-0539.

ACT and SAT Tests to be offered in Bronte

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 10, 2010 and the SAT test will be offered on May 1, 2010 at other locations in the surrounding area. Registration is open to anyone, but juniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the high school counselor's office or online at www.actstudent.org for the ACT test and www.collegeboard.com for the SAT test. Fee waivers are also available for students who are on free or reduced lunches. In order to avoid late fees, please register by March 5, 2010 for the ACT test and March 25, 2010 for the SAT test. For more

information, please call the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2521. Free study guides are available in the counselor's office and all high school students at BHS have a password that allows them access to the web site ACT Online Prep to help prepare for the test.

Evans Scholarship Applications Available

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte United Methodist Church.

The Scholarship is for students 19 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to the City Hall by February 10. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on February 16.

Local Scholarships for Seniors

C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship

Seniors at Bronte High School may now go online at www.bronteisd.net to apply for local scholarships. The Bronte Community Scholarship application and the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship applications are available under the Counselor's Corner link under Scholarships. These applications are due in the counselor's office on or by April 13, 2010. Please note that current college students may also apply for a C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship, as well.

First National Bank of Sterling City

The First National Bank of Sterling City is also offering a scholarship to a BHS student and the application is also available online at www.bronteisd.net under the Counselor's Corner link under Scholarships. In order to qualify, a senior must be enrolled in an accelerated curriculum and have at least an 85 average. Seniors who apply for this scholarship must be willing to attend an interview session at the bank in Sterling City on a date to be announced. Applications will be due the end of March to the

bank in Bronte.

San Angelo Area Foundation

The San Angelo Area Foundation has also posted their scholarship application online at www.saafound.org. The deadline to turn in this scholarship application is March 1, 2010.

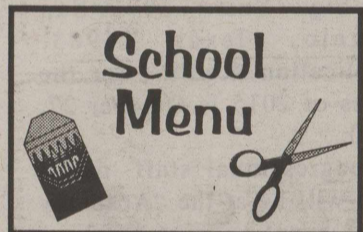
Permian Basin Area Foundation

The Permian Basin Area Foundation has posted the Marie Hall Scholarship for students who are attending or are planning on attending one of the following schools: Angelo State University, Howard College, Sul Ross State University, Texas Tech, Odessa College, Midland College or the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. Applications are available at www.pbaf.org. Applications for this scholarship are due May 31, 2010.

Lions Club Scholarship

The Lion's Club is sponsoring an "Outstanding Youth Award" contest for current junior and senior high school students. The Contest Winner will receive a check for \$1,500 and the District Runner-Up will receive a check for \$1,000. Applicants should have a record of community service to apply. Please see Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor, for a copy of the rules and an application. The deadline to apply is March 1.

The Lion's Club is also sponsoring a "Type 1 Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest" for current junior and senior high school students. The District Winner will receive a check for \$1,500 and the District Runner-Up will receive a check for \$1,000. You do not have to have diabetes to apply for this contest. Please see Mrs. Timmerman for a copy of the application and rules.



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, March 8**
Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly, milk
- Tuesday, March 9**
Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk
- Wednesday, March 10**
Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk
- Thursday, March 11**
Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk
- Friday, March 12**
Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, March 8**
Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk
- Tuesday, March 9**
Spaghetti, meat sauce, corn on cob, tossed salad, fruit, Texas toast, milk
- Wednesday, March 10**
Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit jello, milk
- Thursday, March 11**
Nachos grande, lettuce & tomato, fruit, pinto beans, nacho chips, milk
- Friday, March 12**
Corn dogs, French fries, pork & beans, apple crisp, milk

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TYLA Helps Keep Kids Safe with New Video, "R U Safe? Protecting Yourself in Cyberspace"

"R U Safe? Protecting Yourself in Cyberspace" is designed to educate children and their parents about online dangers and give them the tools needed to be safe while online. The DVD was created by the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) and is available for viewing and downloading at <http://www.tyla.org> or may be requested by calling 512.427.1529.

The video covers such topics as cyber bullying, social networking sites, chat rooms, sexting, and online predators. Each part of the four-part DVD is 15-20 minutes in length and geared toward a specific age group, helping kids and parents learn how to report suspicious activity and understand the legal ramifications of certain online behavior.

The project is made possible by a generous grant from the Texas Bar Foundation, the largest charitably-funded bar foundation in the country. Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has distributed over \$10 million in grants.

Consider the following statistics:

- One in five U.S. teenagers who regularly log on to the Internet say that they have received an unwanted sexual solicitation

School Menu



Breakfast

- Monday, March 8**
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, March 9**
Pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, March 10**
Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, March 11**
Biscuit & sausage, cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, March 12**
Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, March 8**
Corn dog, tator tots, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk
- Tuesday, March 9**
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, salad, peaches, breadsticks, pudding, milk
- Wednesday, March 10**
Chili w/beans, crackers, corn, mandarin oranges, milk
- Thursday, March 11**
Fish sticks, mac & cheese, bread, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk
- Friday, March 12**
Chicken patty on bun, pickles, salad, chips, peaches, milk

via the Web.

- 25 percent of children have been exposed to unwanted pornographic material online.

- 75 percent of children are willing to share personal information online about themselves and their family in exchange for goods and services.

"These statistics are shocking," said Cori Harbour, TYLA President. "Research indicates that teens who've talked to parents or guardians ignore messages from unfamiliar people, refuse to reply or chat, block unknown senders, and report these occurrences to trusted adults. Education regarding online safety is proving instrumental in the fight against online predators."

"We wanted to begin a conversation with children that they need to have some accountability when it comes to social networking and technology," said Alyssa Long of San Antonio, a chair of TYLA's Cyber Awareness Committee. "There are not only personal protections kids have to take when they're online, but there are legal consequences to some of these activities. Young people may not be aware that they can get arrested for things like sexting and cyber bullying."

In addition to Long, members of the TYLA Cyber Awareness Committee include Brett Busby, Houston, Adrienne Clements, Fort Worth, Kirsten Cohoon, Houston, Erin O'Driscoll, Houston, Jobe Rodgers, Lubbock, and David Anderson, Dallas.

TYLA, widely recognized as the public service arm of the State Bar of Texas, develops programs designed to assist Texas attorneys in the practice of law and provides legal education to Texans as a public service. TYLA's main purposes are to facilitate the administration of justice, foster respect for the law, and advance the role of the legal profession in serving the public. All licensed Texas attorneys who are 36 years old or younger or who are in their first five years of licensure regardless of age, are automatically members of TYLA.

Scholarships available

San Angelo Area Foundation

The San Angelo Area Foundation has also posted their scholarship application online at www.saafound.org.

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Email: o-e@wcc.net

Please send articles in the body of the email and photos as a jpeg attachment.

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

The deadline to turn in this scholarship application is March 1, 2010.

Permian Basin Area Foundation

The Permian Basin Area Foundation has posted the Marie Hall Scholarship for students who are attending or are planning on attending one of the following schools: Angelo State University, Howard College, Sul Ross State University, Texas Tech, Odessa College, Midland College or the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Applications are available at www.pbaf.org. Applications for this scholarship are due May 31, 2010.

Ozarka Scholarship offered

Ozarka Spring Water has announced their 2010 "Every Drop Counts" Earth Scholarship.

For nine years the company has awarded two students in the state of Texas a \$10,000.00 scholarship each.

This scholarship is intended for students pursuing degrees at a four-year college or university in the field of earth/environmental science. Examples of earth/environmental science fields include but are not limited to: Geology, Hydrology, Environmental science, Environmental Law, Environmental Education, Forestry, Oceanography, and Ecology.

Students must be a U.S. citizen and a Texas resident and have a 3.0 or above G.P.A. Applications are available online at www.ozarkawater.com.

Honors Math Camp slated

Texas State University at San Marcos is hosting the 21st Annual Texas State Honors Math Camp June 20 - July 31. Eligible applicants are students who will be entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade next school year. Applications are available in the counselor's office at Bronte High School or online at www.txstate.edu/mathworks/applications.html and are due by April 30. The

program costs \$2,700, which will include room, board, books, supplies, a copy of Mathematica, and all weekend trips. Scholarships are available.

For more information about the camp, please call a math camp official at (512) 245-3439.

UTPB Falcon makes promise

UTPB is announcing the Falcon Promise Program for students from families making \$60,000 per year or less! Beginning Fall 2009, students who are Texas residents and Pell Grant eligible can acquire a quality, four-year education at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin with 12 hours of tuition per semester covered by the Falcon Promise Program.

Students will qualify if they meet all of the following criteria:

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- Pell Grant eligible according to Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Have combined family

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$60,000 or less

Have completed financial aid paperwork by July 15, 2010

Have been accepted to UTPB
The Falcon Promise Program will cover tuition and mandatory fees. The program will not cover books, room/board, supplies, or miscellaneous expenses.

Prospective UTPB students must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours each regular term in order to benefit from the Falcon Promise Program over eight consecutive regular semesters (summer school is not included). They must maintain a 2.00 GPA and complete 75% of the hours they attempt during each regular term. There are no age restrictions as long as students are full-time undergraduates. The Falcon Promise Program also applies to transfer students.

Funding for this new program comes from federal and state need-based aid as well as institutional funds.

For more information about the UTPB Falcon Promise, please call the Financial Aid Office at 432-552-2620 or e-mail finaid@utpb.edu.

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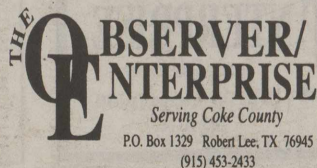
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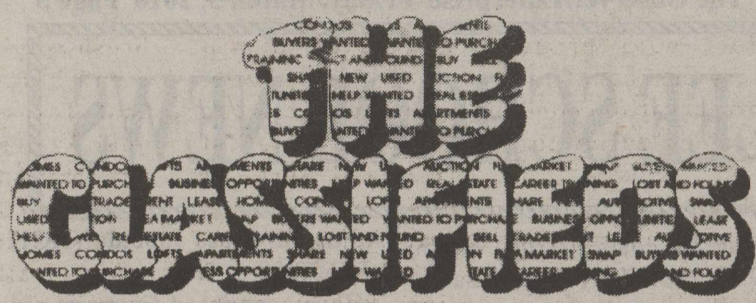
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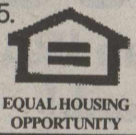
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Political Calendar
The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.

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- COUNTY JUDGE**
Roy Blair (Dem.)
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**
Wendell Lee (Dem.)
- COUNTY TREASURER**
Hal Spain (Rep.)
Kathi Cox (Dem.)
- JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1**
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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Coke County is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Coke County Auditor.
Applications can be picked up in the Coke County Judge's Office at the Courthouse.
Applications must be received by Monday, March 8, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
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Menu
Tuesday, March 9
Swiss Steakw/Mashed Potatoes
Thursday, March 11
Turkey Tetrazzini

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Orders need to be placed by 4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, and picked up between 4 pm and 7 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER
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Texas Land Title Association Renews Commitment To Historic Texas Courthouses

The Texas Land Title Association (TLTA) will continue its support of Texas' historic county courthouses for the fourth year through a public/private partnership with the Texas Historical Commission (THC). This collaboration — the only one of its kind in the United States — supports the highly successful Texas Courthouse Stewardship Workshop program. Grant money provided by TLTA helps to provide training and technical assistance to maintain historic county courthouses restored through the THC's award-winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Funds provided by TLTA also support Courthouse Stewardship Awards, recognizing counties that have shown exemplary care and commitment to their newly restored historic county courthouses.

Since 1999, the Texas Legislature has allocated \$227 million and counties have provided local matches of more than \$147 million to fully restore more than 40 of the state's historic county courthouses. In 2008, the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program received national attention for its accomplishments with a Preserve America Presidential Award presented at the White House. In 2009, TLTA was awarded the American Society of Association Executive's Associations Advance America Award of Excellence for its partnership in the Texas Courthouse Stewardship Workshop program. The award recognizes associations that propel America forward through innovative projects in citizenship and community service.

For more information on the stewardship workshops and the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512.463.6094 or visit <http://www.thc.state.tx.us>.

Explore The 2010 First Lady's Texas Treasures Award Winning Communities Online

Videos featuring the cultural and historic assets of Nacogdoches, San Marcos and Waxahachie are now available on the Texas Historical Commission's

(THC) web site, <http://www.thc.state.tx.us>. These three communities are the 2010 winners of the First Lady's Texas Treasures Award, which recognizes up to five communities each year that showcase a passionate commitment to community preservation efforts through participation in THC programs. The videos bring to life Nacogdoches' five historic National Register Districts, San Marcos' Victorian homes and Waxahachie's beautifully restored historic county courthouse.

The First Lady's Texas Treasures Award, sponsored by the THC and the Office of the First Lady, acknowledges communities that recognize the economic benefits of researching, identifying and preserving the structures, archeological sites and landscapes that emphasize an authentic sense of Texas place.

Be inspired by the video clips of Nacogdoches, San Marcos and Waxahachie to assist your community on its own preservation journey. For more information about the First Lady's Texas Treasures Award, contact the THC's Community Heritage Development Division at 512.463.6092.

Celebrate Texas Independence Throughout March

The spirit of Texas is alive and well in March as the state pays homage to its vibrant past during Texas History Month. Celebrating the month of Texas' Independence, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) encourages people to explore the state's dynamic historic landscape. Texas History Month honors Texans who helped shape the history of the state and acknowledges significant historical events.

One way to observe Texas History Month is to plan a trip through the Texas

Independence Trail Region. This heritage travel region is part of the THC's nationally award-winning heritage tourism initiative and provides a historic journey through gripping battle sites and memorable deeds as Texas struggled for its freedom. Visit Gonzales, the site of the Texas Revolution's first skirmish, for the Texas Independence Day Relay on March 6-7. The course starts in Gonzales, where the Texas Revolution began, and finishes at the San Jacinto Monument, where Texas Independence was won.

For a free Texas Independence Trail Region brochure or other heritage travel guides, please call 866.276.6219 or visit <http://www.thc.state.tx.us>.

Register Now For The 2010 Annual Historic Preservation Conference

April 2 is the early registration deadline for the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) 2010 Annual Historic Preservation Conference, sponsored in association with Preservation Texas, held at the Westin Oaks Houston, April 22-24. The conference provides an excellent environment for preservationists to network, learn new skills and enjoy the sights and sounds of Houston.

The 2010 conference will include four concurrent session tracks — Resource Fundamentals, Resource Development, Preservation Advocacy and Public Engagement. The conference also features events honoring recipients of the T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award and two of the THC's most prestigious awards, the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award and the Curtis D. Tunnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Archeology. The conference's Preservation Marketplace offers commercial and nonprofit ven-

dors with products and services beneficial to the preservation community a perfect outlet to promote their goods.

The online conference brochure is available at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us>. New this year is online registration. Please contact the THC's Marketing Communications Division at 512.463.6255 for additional information.

New Travel Guide Coincides With Spring's Arrival In Texas

In advance of the April 14 launch of the Texas Hill Country Trail Region's travel guide, brilliant blues, resounding reds and ostentatious oranges will saturate fields and hills, announcing spring's arrival in Texas. Uptown Blanco, an arts, entertainment and dining complex, will host the unveiling of the 10th Texas heritage region travel guide, the final in the series. The travel guide includes 19 counties featuring attractions from scenic natural wonders to charming small towns.

Each of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) nine other heritage trail regions will also blossom with more than 5,000 species of wildflowers including popular favorites

like Indian paintbrush, pink ladies, buttercups and blue-bonnets. From East Texas, with the 51st Annual Azalea and Spring Flower Trail in Tyler from March 19-April 4, to the blackfoot daisies in the Texas Mountain Trail Region, each heritage region will awake to a cascade of colorful wildflowers.

The heritage regions are part of the THC's regional tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program. The nationally award-winning program encourages people to venture out and rediscover Texas' historic and cultural marvels.

For free heritage trail brochures call 866.276.6219, or visit

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us>.

To learn more about the April launch of the Texas Hill Country Trail Region travel guide call 512.936.2399.

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I want to thank everyone in Precinct 4 who voted in the primary. Melissa and I appreciate all of you who supported me and I will do my best to keep your confidence so that all of us can work together to keep Coke County a great place to live.

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Longhorns Advance in Playoffs! *The Bronte Longhorns beat Santo in the area basketball playoffs at Breckenridge last week. Pictured are Ernesto Casillas, Kerwin Rawls, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey and Rob Rosson. The Horns continued their winning streak last Friday night by defeating Petrolia in the Area Championship. On Monday, March 1, the 15th ranked Horns went up against #5 Poolville in the Regional Quarterfinals and came away with a decisive victory of 55-43. The Longhorns will play in the Regional Tournament at 6 pm Friday, March 5, in the Moody Coliseum on the Abilene Christian University Campus in Abilene.*

Hand Delivery of Census Questionnaire launches in rural Texas

Here we come. Many rural Texans will begin receiving their 2010 Census forms this week as trained Census workers begin the hand-delivery of a million questionnaires to households without numbered street addresses and to those in other areas, such as the coastal areas ravaged by hurricanes and the colonias along the Texas-Mexico border.

Census workers hit the country roads starting March 1 to begin the first major operation of the 2010 Census: the enumeration of an estimated 25 million rural residents across the country and almost 4 million in Texas. The operation runs through the month of March and marks the beginning of the 2010 Census questionnaire delivery. Although it will cover almost two-thirds of the geography

of Texas, almost 90 percent of Texas' 8.2 million households will likely receive the Census questionnaire by mail, the least expensive mode of delivery, around the third week in March.

The questionnaires are hand-delivered to rural areas to update hard-to-register addresses and to ensure that each household receives a questionnaire. These on-site visits are necessary because the Census Bureau relies on counting individuals at specific physical addresses to prevent counting people twice.

Household occupants will be asked to fill out the answers to the 10 questions and return the completed form by mail. It's important to note that Census workers will not ask for any information during this operation other than to ask you to complete the questionnaire and to mail it back. If no one is home, the enumerator will leave the questionnaire in a plastic bag

on the doorknob or nearby.

"We're going to bring it right to your door," said Gabriel Sanchez, Dallas Regional Census Director. "It will either come in the mail or we are going to take the extra step of delivering it in person."

In Texas, the so-called update enumeration will involve mobilizing perhaps 6,000 enumerators and support staff to cover the four-week operation. They will deliver questionnaires to more than 1 million Texas households.

You can identify official Census workers by their government identification badge, the confidentiality notice in their possession and the questionnaire. Some workers may also be carrying a Census tote bag. Census workers in this operation will

not ask for any information and will not ask to come inside your house.

Census Day is April 1, the day that the law requires you to be counted at the address where to live and sleep most of the time. In mid-March, the Census Bureau will mail questionnaires to 145 million households in the United States, the largest mass mailing in the history of the county and the least expensive way to reach 90 percent of those who live in the United States.

The Census is especially important to farm communities and rural communities. While Texas' overall population grew by 12.7 percent from 2000 to 2005" nearly twice the national rate -- its rural population grew much slower and its proportion of the overall population declined. Of Texas' estimated 24.8 million people, fewer than 4 million live in rural areas. Moreover, 93 rural counties that lacked a metropolitan area lost population between 2000 and 2005, according to Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts study of U.S. Census data.

Because congressional representation is entirely dependent on the Census count -- and the disbursement of federal dollars is based, in part, on population figures -- getting an accurate Census count is

vital for rural Texas and its many communities. In 2008 alone, the federal government spent billions of dollars on rural and farm programs, including \$909 million in crop insurance, \$42 million in livestock compensation programs, \$279 million in crop disaster assistance and \$21 million in rural rent assistance.

Rural areas also present special difficulties in getting a full and accurate count. Far-flung homesteads are often difficult to locate and migrant farm workers can be difficult to include because of the mobile nature of their livelihoods.

Promoting the Census in rural Texas is one way to ensure the continued economic vitality of one of the nation's most important agricultural and cultural areas. It's also safe. All information remains strictly confidential: Census data is not shared with any individual or other government agency. So encourage your neighbors to fill out the Census questionnaire when it arrives in mid-March. Mail it back by the first week of April and a Census worker will not knock on your door in May.

The Census is mandated in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. The 2010 Census is the nation's 23rd.

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I would like to thank everyone for your continued support during the Primary Election. I have enjoyed my time as County Judge and I will continue to do the job that I have been elected to do. Thank you for your votes. I appreciate your confidence.

Roy Blair

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Judy Blair, Treasurer, PO Box 245, Robert Lee, TX 76945

THANK YOU

I want to thank all of my supporters who voted for me in this week's primary election. Your support and influence in November's General Election will be greatly appreciated.

Hal Spain

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Thank You

I would like to thank each of those who supported me in the election for commissioner, Precinct 2.

I thank all those who came out to vote whether you voted for me or not. The only way to have a say in the government processes is to vote. I will work hard at the job and do my best to treat all the residents of Precinct 2 fairly and work to continue to make Coke County the great place to live that we currently enjoy. Thank you, again.

WENDELL LEE

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