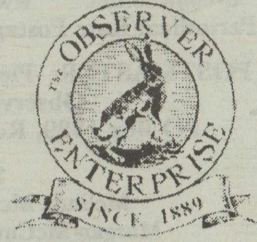


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Early voting continues in Bronte elections

Early voting for the May 6, 2017, local government entity elections began Monday, April 24, 2017, and will continue through next Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

Voting on election day Saturday, May 6, 2017, will be at the Bronte Senior Citizens Center from 7 am to 7 pm.

The City of Bronte has three council positions up for election. These are two year terms currently held by council members Martin Lee, George Tomes and Misti Bedford. On the ballot for these positions are Stormy Vaughn, David Bedford, Jim Rodriguez, Orlando DeLaGarza, and Paul Knight. Early voting will be held at City Hall from 8 am to 5 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and Thursday and Friday, 7 am to 7 pm.

Bronte ISD will hold an election for two members of the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by John Seales and Jodie Arrott. Jodie Arrott and John Seales will be joined on the ballot by Margaret Charlesworth and Kinley Pritchard. The early voting will be held in the Superintendent's office from 8 am to 4 pm each day.

Blackwell CISD Election News

Early voting in the Blackwell CISD School Trustee Election began Monday, April 24, 2017, and will continue through Tuesday, May 2, 2017. It will be held in the Blackwell CISD boardroom from 8 am until 3:30 pm each of these days, Monday through Friday.

Election day is Saturday, May 6, 2017. The election will be held on that day from 7 am to 7 pm in the same location. Other polling locations for this election on May 6 are the Nolan Community Center in Nolan and the Shep Community Center in Shep.

Two three year terms will be on the ballot. These terms are currently held by Rick Griffin and Jason Jones. Jones has filed to retain his seat and will be joined on the ballot by Brandye Glenn, Herman Rivera and Jason Coldiron.

Texas Farm Bureau to host Hamburger Lunch

Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau Office will be having a Hamburger lunch on Tuesday May 2, 2017, from 11 am to 2 pm at the Farm Bureau Office. The hamburger lunch is part of the Texas Farm Bureau Food Connection Day. The cost of



New Playground is Open! Members of the Restoring Bronte Foundation Board of Directors were joined by Coke County employees and officials, along with volunteers at the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the new playground at the park in Bronte. The event, held at 1 pm Sunday, April 23, 2017, also included free hotdogs and a video thanking the community.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, April 28

High School Regional Track Meet
Angelo State University, San Angelo

Saturday, April 29

High School Regional Track Meet
Angelo State University, San Angelo

District 7 4-H Rifle Match, Brady

Monday, May 1

Bronte Evening Lions Club Meeting, 7 pm
First United Methodist Church, Bronte

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

Tuesday, May 2

Restoring Bronte Foundation participating in San Angelo Gives
12 am to 12 midnight, online

Robert Lee- Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am
Victory Assembly of God, Robert Lee

Texas Farm Bureau Hamburger Lunch, 11 am to 2 pm
Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Office, Robert Lee

Thursday, May 4

Red Hat Society, 11 am
Rangels Restaurant, Robert Lee

Saturday, May 6

Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale, 8 am

Coke County Cowboy Church BBQ Lunch, 11 am - ?
Old Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte

Bronte City Council and Bronte ISD Board of Trustees Elections,
7 am - 7 pm, Bronte Senior Citizens Center

Blackwell CISD Board of Trustees Elections,
7 am - 7 pm, Blackwell CISD Boardroom

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this meal is a donation of a canned food item or non perishable food. All donations will go to the local Coke County Food pantry.

For more information please contact the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau Office at 325-453-4505.

Restoring Bronte Foundation to participate Tuesday in San Angelo Gives

The San Angelo Area Foundation has approved the Restoring Bronte Foundation for participation in San Angelo Gives 2017. This awesome giving campaign allows people to give small or large amounts to Restoring Bronte Foundation.

San Angelo Gives is a

powerful 24-hour online fundraising event hosted by the San Angelo Area Foundation that will unite communities around causes that matter. San Angelo Gives is a great way to give community members the chance to find and support nonprofit organizations whose mission aligns with their passions. All donations made on May 2nd through www.sanangelogives.org are eligible for amplification funds increasing each donation and can also help nonprofita win "Prize Money" that will be awarded throughout the day.

At midnight on May 2, 2017, SanAngeloGives.org will begin accepting donations to raise unrestricted dollars for area

nonprofits. It is a day of giving to celebrate the nonprofits in our area, a chance to raise thousands of dollars, and recognize the impact that can be made in our area when people join together for San Angelo Gives.

Bronte Citywide Garage Sale set for May 6

It's time again for the Annual Citywide Garage Sale. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6 at 8 am.

If you would like to participate, please call City Hall at (325) 473-3501 by Friday, May 5. Your garage sale location will be listed on a map that will be distributed at the First National Bank parking lot. This is a great opportunity to recycle, reuse and reduce unwanted items in your closet.

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Annual Senior Issues set for next month

The annual issues honoring the graduating classes of Bronte, Robert Lee and Blackwell have been slated for May 12, 19, and 26.

The issue honoring Bronte is set for May 12. Robert Lee will be honored on May 19 with Blackwell's issue set for May 26.

If you have a special senior graduating this year and wish to sponsor them, please call the office of The Observer/Enterprise at (325) 453-2433 or (325) 473-8863.

The seniors to be honored this year are listed below.

Bronte

Billy Arthur, Kayla Arthur, Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Chance Berryhill, Jordayn Berryhill, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Ismael Cecilio, Emily Davidson, Karen Davis, Samuel Dominguez, Evan Ferguson, Kacelyn Follis, Joshua Huffman, Garrett Jones, Carson Kelso, Tristin Minjarez, Tristan Moore, Isaiah Ornelaz, Berkley Pearcy, Diego Perez, Justin Reed, Morgan Sallee, Kaitlyn Swecker, Kaleb Turner, Hanna Weatherly, and Emily Whitehurst

Robert Lee

Gabriel Abalos, Thomas Boatright, Dylan Carter, Matthew Curry, Sean Tyler Dooley, Bailey Grimes, Kaden Hayes, Anna Huapilla, Nicole Jones, Chesney Minjarez, Kyla

O'Dell, Trace Oleksiuk, Cole Raynor, Serena Reese, Casey Scruggs, Kandace Skipworth, Erin Smith, Donovan Thomas, Mauricio Ureno, Jr., Natasha Warren, James Wyatt, Meghan Bohannon, Noah Davis, and Nicholas Davis

Blackwell

Krista Angst, Kyndall Angst, Crystal Chavez, Case Logan Gober, Abby Gott, Daniel Mendoza, Sarah Ottaberry, Halee Sanderson, Abigail Sorrells, Kayla Walker, and Corben Chase Wynne

Bronte Letter Carrier Food Drive set for Saturday, May 13

The annual Bronte Letter Carrier Food Drive, benefiting Salt of the Earth Food Ministry will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned juices, pasta, rice, dried beans and peas,



Advancing to State! Nineteen students from Blackwell CISD competed at regional UIL at Angelo State University on Friday and Saturday, April 7th and 8th. These three ladies advanced to state competition in Austin on Monday and Tuesday, May 22nd and 23rd. Senior Halee Sanderson placed 3rd in Informative Speaking and 6th in LD Debate. Junior Shelby Panzer placed 3rd in Persuasive Speaking and 2nd in LD Debate. Freshman Emilee Sanderson placed 5th in LD Debate.

crackers, breakfast foods, condiments, any non-perishable food item will be gratefully accepted. No glass items please.

Please help the Bronte Post Office and Rural Letter Carrier by filling a bag with food items and taking it to the post office or fill a bag for the carrier to pick up on the route Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Your contributions will stay helping feed local families within the Bronte Community

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 (325) 473-2331
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 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
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 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
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 11:00 am Worship
 Forgiven Ministries
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 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
 St. James Catholic Church
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 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm
 4C Cowboy Church
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
 Pastor James Brunson
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 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
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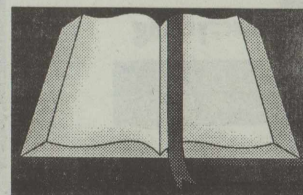
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Pipeline Groundbreaking! Robert Lee City officials were joined by Coke County officials, State Representative Drew Darby, USDA representatives, Vermeer representatives, project engineers, and many others at the water pipeline groundbreaking ceremony held Friday, January 20, 2012.



Pipeline Volunteers! This group of volunteers worked late on Thursday, February 2, 2012, to complete the 4.5 mile portion of the waterline to Bronte. The pipeline contractor was responsible for the remaining 7.5 miles to the treatment facility in Bronte.

[Editor's Note: This is the first article in a series documenting the water situation in Robert Lee and Coke County. In this issue, we will look back a few years to see exactly how dire the water situation was for the people of Robert Lee.]

The year 2011 was a nightmare for Coke County in more ways than one. Of course, as we all remember, it was the year of the fires. However, it was also the year Robert Lee almost ran out of water. The drought which added to the fire danger also caused available water supplies to drop. With this drop, the water conditions at Lake Spence, Robert Lee's main source of drinking water, became unsafe with dissolved particles too plentiful to run through filtration.

Through cooperation with city officials in Bronte, it was determined a pipeline to Bronte would be the best solution to the immediate problem. Years ago, the city of Robert Lee was given

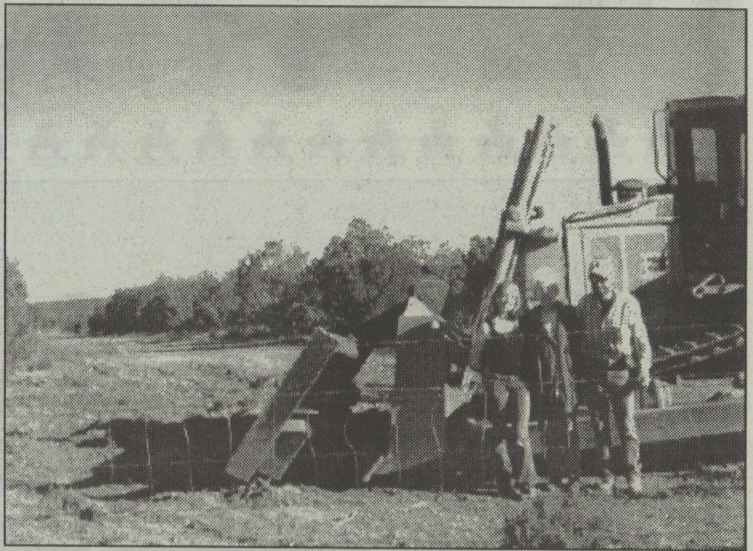
an allotment of water at Oak Creek Reservoir near Blackwell. Due to the distance involved and water more readily available at Lake Spence, Robert Lee had never used this allotment. Officials in Bronte and Robert Lee worked out an agreement for Bronte to allow Robert Lee's allotment from Oak Creek Reservoir to run through Bronte's pipeline to the water treatment plant in Bronte where it would be treated before entering the proposed pipeline to Robert Lee. The agreement, along with an additional contract between the cities of Bronte and Robert Lee and Upper Colorado River Authority, are available under the "Contracts" tab on the homepage of ObserverEnterprise.com.

Former Robert Lee mayors Joe White and John Jacobs, along with all members of the Robert Lee City Council, worked with representatives of Region F, the Texas Water

Development Board, and the Texas Department of Agriculture to obtain funding for this project. Robert Lee's engineer, James Busby, delivered the applications in person to each agency in order to expedite the grant process.

The funding required volunteer participation for 4.5 miles of the pipeline from the community members in Robert Lee. The citizens of Robert Lee stepped up to the plate and in true Texas open heart tradition, Bronte community members also donated their time and labor to the pipeline construction. In addition to local companies, Vermeer provided a giant ditching machine for the project.

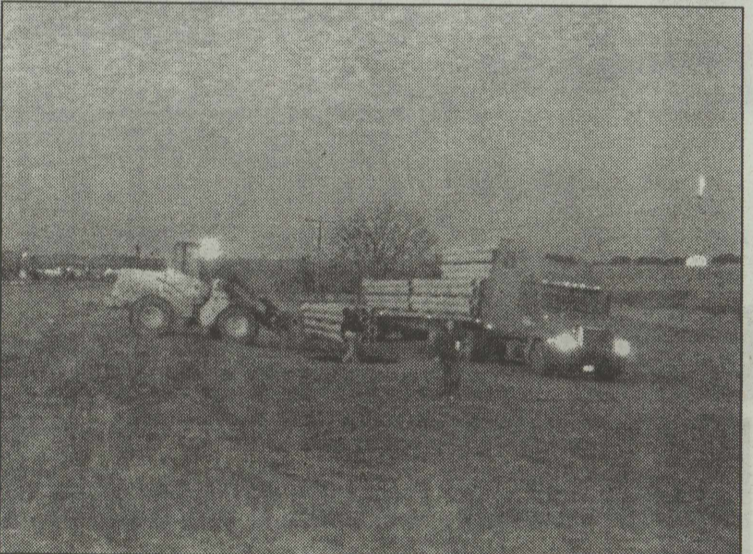
Due to the generous donations of time, expertise, equipment and labor, the pipeline was completed a good deal ahead of schedule. This was fortunate. At the time the pipeline construction was completed, Robert Lee was only six weeks from being totally out of water.



Local Company Works to Clear Right-of-Way! Caston Company, LLC donated their equipment, time and labor to help satisfy Robert Lee's contribution for the volunteer requirements of the STEP grant program. The company cleared 4.5 miles on the west end of the right-of-way. Shown are three generations of the Caston family (from left) Ginny Caston - granddaughter, Leta Caston and her son and Ginny's father, Marty Caston.



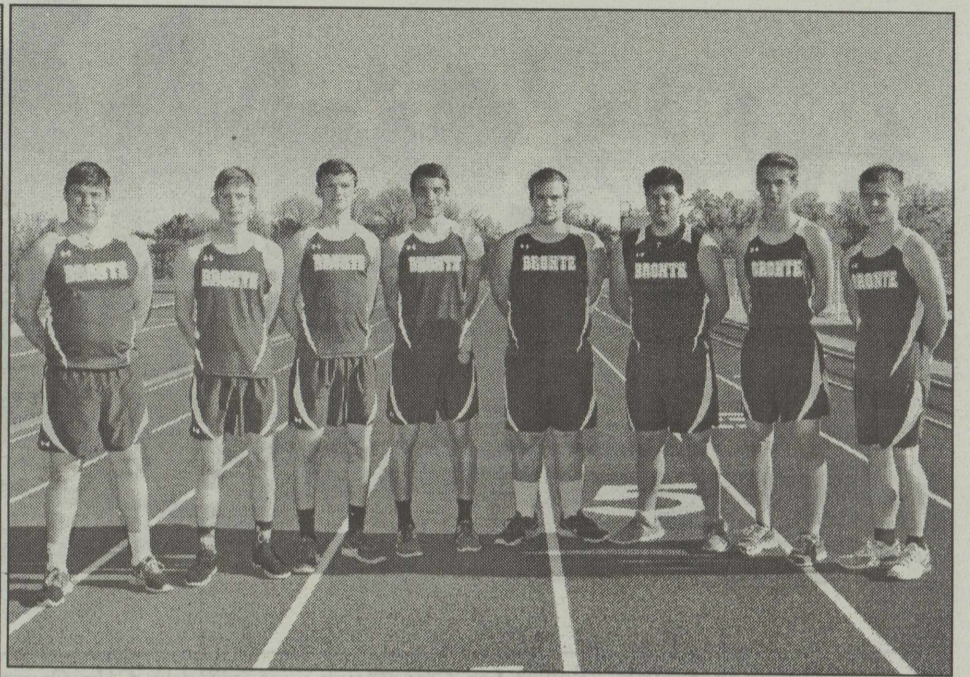
It's Begun! The construction of the trench for the water pipeline began Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The huge machine, along with the operator, were donated by Vermeer.



Miles of Pipe! The moon shines its last rays before the sun came up as Edwin Brosh of WEB Construction unloaded one of the trucks laden with the miles of pipe necessary for the water pipeline project.



Water Pipeline! Roberts Construction of San Angelo began their section of the water pipeline at the Bronte water treatment plant. They are shown in late February 2012 covering up the section of pipe under the bridge over Highway 158 at the west edge of Bronte. Texas Water and Soil Company of San Angelo picked up where Robert Lee's volunteer requirement ended and headed west. They continued west to Double Barrel Road and then turned north to meet the Roberts Construction section at the intersection of Hwy 158 and Double Barrel Road.



Bronte Track! The Bronte Longhorns and Lady Longhorns have had a very successful track season. Each team, including some Junior Varsity team members, spent many hours braving either the grueling cold, or the uncomfortable heat to make

themselves better and represent BHS with pride. The Longhorns attended track meets in Sterling City, Robert Lee, Hamlin, Blackwell, and Water Valley. District/Area track was held in Blackwell with eleven track team members qualifying for the next round which is the Regional Track Meet which will be held at Angelo State University on April 28 and 29. Participants in this years track program are: Carson Kelso, Zach Jackson, Tanner Bedford, Jaxon Chantrill, Nathan Arthur, Gabriel Basquez, Tanner Braswell, and Jason Woerhle. Also: Searra Powell, Zoe Watkins, Lexie Davis, Darby Duncan, Brittany Bedford, Skyleigh Minjarez, Kaci Queen, Morgan Sallee, Jordayn Berryhill, Kristen Stille, Dayana Perez, and Karen Davis. Not with us on picture day but on our team were Lilliana Cavazos and Mia Minjarez.

Qualifying for the Regional Meet are: Tanner Bedford, Jr-400 M Dash; Jaxon Chantrill, Jr-800 M Dash, 1600 M Run, High Jump; Brittany Bedford, Sr-4x100 M Relay, 4x200 M Relay, 4x400 M Relay; Jordayn Berryhill, Sr-4x400 M Relay; Lexie Davis, Fr-4x100 M Relay, 4x200 M Relay, 4x400 M Relay; Karen Davis, Sr-4x100 M Relay, 4x200 M Relay, 4x400 M Relay; Darby Duncan, Jr-400 M Dash, 800 M Dash; Morgan Sallee, Sr-4x100 M Relay, 4x200 M Relay; Searra Powell, Fr-800 M Dash; Zoe Watkins, Fr-High Jump. Skyleigh Minjarez, Soph-Relay Alternate.



Elementary Easter Egg Hunt! Bronte Elementary Kindergarten through 3rd graders enjoyed an afternoon at the Ballinger Park hunting Easter Eggs on Thursday, April 13, 2017. The 2nd graders stopped for a short time to pose for this picture!

**Bronte ISD
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Professional Experience

Medical Laboratory Research - Immunology, Renal Transplantation (40+ years)
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Volunteer Service

Restoring Bronte Foundation
Sunrise Rotary Club of San Angelo (15 years)
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Volunteer Driver - Meals for the Elderly (8 years)
Bicycle Advisory Committee - Texas Highway Department (10 years)
Brenham (TX) Community Development Corporation Board (3 years)
American Red Cross - 30+ years
Chairman of Volunteers, Clark Air Base, Philippines
CPR Instructor/Trainer
Military Hospital Laboratory - Medical Technologist (multiple US Air Force bases)

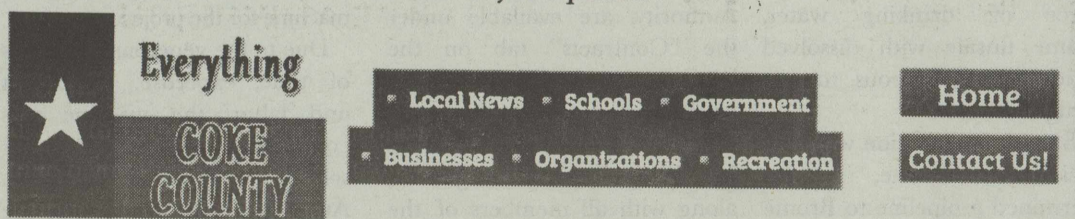
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SCHOOL PAGE



All Big Country! These Robert Lee Lady Steers were named to the Abilene Reporter News All Big Country basketball team. They are Kaylee Puentez: Honorable Mention for 1A Kelby Clawson: Honorable Mention for 1A and Mariah Munoz: 1A Player of the Year, and member of the Super Team, comprised of all classifications.

Robert Lee Elementary sets pre-registration

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold Pre-K, Kindergarten and Headstart pre-registration Tuesday, May 2, 2017, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Elementary School Office. Prospective Pre-K students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2017, to be eligible for the 2017-2018 school year.

Documents needed for Headstart will be proof of all family income, proof of age, child's shot record, SNAP (if applicable) and proof of Medicaid, CHIP, or private health insurance.

All new students to the Robert Lee ISD Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Required documentation for enrollment will include birth certificate, social security card, and current immunization records. Registration packets may also be picked up at the Elementary office anytime from 8 am to 4 pm.

For additional information, please feel free to call the elementary school office at 453-4555.

Bronte ISD Menu

Breakfast

Monday, May 1

Chicken-n-biscuit or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Tuesday, May 2

Breakfast Pizza or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Wednesday, May 3

Stuffed bagel and sausage or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Thursday, May 4

PBJ Sandwich or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, juice,



Lady Steers Track! The Robert Lee Lady Steers (above) are sending several to the Regional meet. Those qualifying are: Jasmine Rojas - 800 Meter Run; Margo Mendoza - 100 Meter Dash, Discus, Shot Put; Kelby Clawson - 400 Meter Dash; Mariah Munoz - 300 Meter Hurdles, Triple Jump; Kiara Burns - Shot Put; and Aimee Zimmermann - Discus.

fruit, milk

Friday, May 5

Sausage and biscuit or choice of cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 1

Steak fingers, gravy, mashed

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Citizens of Bronte,

On May 6, 2017, you will have the opportunity to elect new city council members. Since the three members up for re-election are not running for another term, there will be three new council members. I have chosen to "throw my name in the hat" in hopes that I might have the opportunity to serve this community which I have grown to love. I would appreciate your vote of confidence on Election Day May 6, 2017.

Misti and I moved to Bronte in the summer of 2001 and have raised three children in the Bronte school system. Bronte has become home to me. As most of you are aware, I spent 13 years teaching, coaching, and as a member of the leadership team for the Bronte school system. In those years, I had the opportunity to grow in my abilities to make system wide decisions. At times, those decisions were not easy but all decisions we made were in the effort to benefit the most students with the resources we had available. Over the past two years, I have had the opportunity to work with school leaders in the Education Service Center Region 15. One of my greatest responsibilities is training leaders and the school communities in system wide problem solving. I believe this is a skill needed as a council member. I have led groups in solving problems in a collaborative and transparent manner.

Bronte is facing some tough times. We have an immediate problem that needs to be solved. In my opinion, the best way to approach this is collaboratively and transparently. I believe I have the skill set necessary to be a member of a group who is ready to solve the problem. As Bronte faces other challenges, I believe my work experiences have developed a skill set will enable me to make tough, well-informed, and transparent decisions.

I would like to serve as a council member that represents you, the taxpayer. I would like to bring unity back to our community so we can continue being the extraordinary town in which we have so much pride. I would appreciate your vote on May 6, 2017.

Sincerely,
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(Continued from page 5) potatoes, carrot coins, fruit, rolls, milk

Tuesday, May 2

Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, garden salad, California blended vegetables, sliced peaches, milk

Wednesday, May 3

Chicken quesadillas, Mexicali corn, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Thursday, May 4

Texas chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, tomato cup, orange smiles, milk

Friday, May 5

Popcorn chicken, oven fries, cucumber dippers, rolls, fruit, cookie, milk

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Breakfast

Monday, May 1

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FOR SALE - Located at 122 W. 11th St., Robert Lee, 2 BR/1 BA, All floors covered with laminated wood. Metal Windows, Central Heat and Air, Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer to remain with the house. Carport and storage building. Water well is sufficient to water the yard. Fenced back yard. The house is in good repair and close to school.

HOUSE AND LOTS located at 1521 Bishop have been reduced in price from \$75,000 to \$69,000. This house is across one street from the school.

HOUSE - 510 W. 11th St.-3br/2b **SOLD** - Covered working areas-RV cover. All in very good condition.

HOUSE - Trailer House (16'x46') with attached garage on Lot 60 Wildcat Marina-good condition.

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Poptart, fruit, juice, milk	milk
Tuesday, May 2	Tuesday, May 2
French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk	Pita Pocket Breakfast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, May 3	Wednesday, May 3
Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk	Chicken-n-Waffles, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, May 4	
Assorted bagels, cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk	
Friday, May 5	
Assorted cereal, fruit, juice, milk	
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Robert Lee ISD Menu	
Breakfast	
Monday, May 1	
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Thursday, May 4

Stuffed bagel and sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, May 5

Dutch waffles and bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 1

Corn dog, fries, baby carrots, sliced peaches, crispy cereal treat, milk

Tuesday, May 2

Taquitos and queso, charro beans, salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday, May 3

Chili Cheese Combo, veggie cup, seasonal fruit, chocolate pudding, milk

Thursday, May 4

Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, green beans, broccoli, apple slices, milk

Friday, May 5

Pizza, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk

VP to host bake sale

Vision with a Purpose will host a bake sale on Friday, May 12, at Robert Lee State Bank. A variety of baked goods and casseroles will be available.

TFB invests in technical school scholarships

To ensure a bright future for its members in Coke County and across the state, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) recently invested \$35,000 in scholarship funds for students of Texas State Technical College (TSTC).

The initial investment is targeted to help Coke County Farm Bureau (CFB) members follow their dreams while building a skilled workforce.

"TSTC offers many programs that give students a leg up in the workforce," John Ross Copeland, Coke CFB president, said. "This investment will help reach the members who would like to pursue accreditation in fields like diesel mechanics, biology or culinary arts."

The TSTC system has 10 campuses across the state, offering degrees in a variety of fields including agriculture technology, dental hygiene, digital media design, engineering and more.

"Not every career requires a four-year degree," John Ross said. "We're pleased to support the careers that enrich our communities. We encourage any interested members to apply."

To help as many students as possible, TSTC is matching \$25,000 of TFB's donation.

The funding will be used for both first- and second-year students. A percentage will also be used for a "helping hands" fund that helps students with unexpected costs not covered by traditional scholarships.

TFB members may apply for the scholarship through their TSTC campus.

TSTC campuses are located in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Fort Bend County, Harlingen, Marshall, North Texas, Sweetwater, Waco and Williamson County.

Coke County farmers help connect their farms to the community

Farmers in Coke County will have their chance to reach out to the community and talk about how their food gets from the field to your fork during Texas Food Connection Day.

Each farmer will seek to spark conversations with their consumers while they cook and serve hamburgers to local residence of Coke County Tuesday May 2, 2017 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The cost of this hamburger lunch is a donation of a canned good item or non-perishable food benefiting the local food pantry.

"Many consumers have questions about where and how their food is grown. This event gives farmers and ranchers the opportunity to start up a conversation and answer those questions or concerns," said John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president.

Although Food Connection Day is only held once a year, County farmers are open to having more conversations

about their farm practices.

"We work hard every day to provide families with fresh, nutritious and affordable food," John Ross said. "We're looking forward to connecting with our consumers today, tomorrow and in the future."

Texas Food Connection Day was established to connect farmers with their consumers and spark conversations about agriculture and food-related issues, including affordability, nutrition, animal welfare, profitability and productivity.

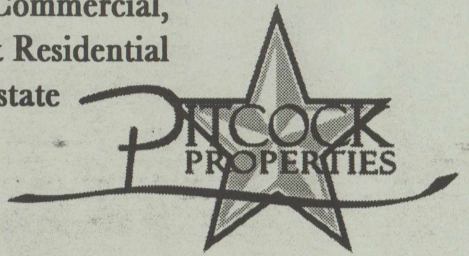
"Texas Food Connection Day is about sharing what we do on our farms and ranches to grow our food, fiber and fuel," John Ross said. "We want to share the stories of our family farms and ranches, because just 2 percent of the American population is responsible for growing our food."

For more information about local activities and media opportunities, contact the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau office at 325-453-4505.

VP to host golf tournament

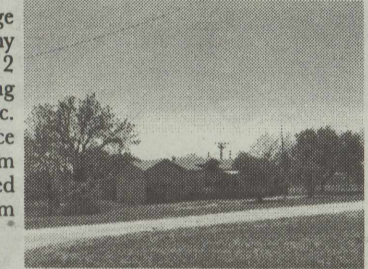
Vision with a Purpose will host a golf tournament on May 20 at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. It will be a 3-person scramble, 27 holes, with a shotgun start at 9 am.

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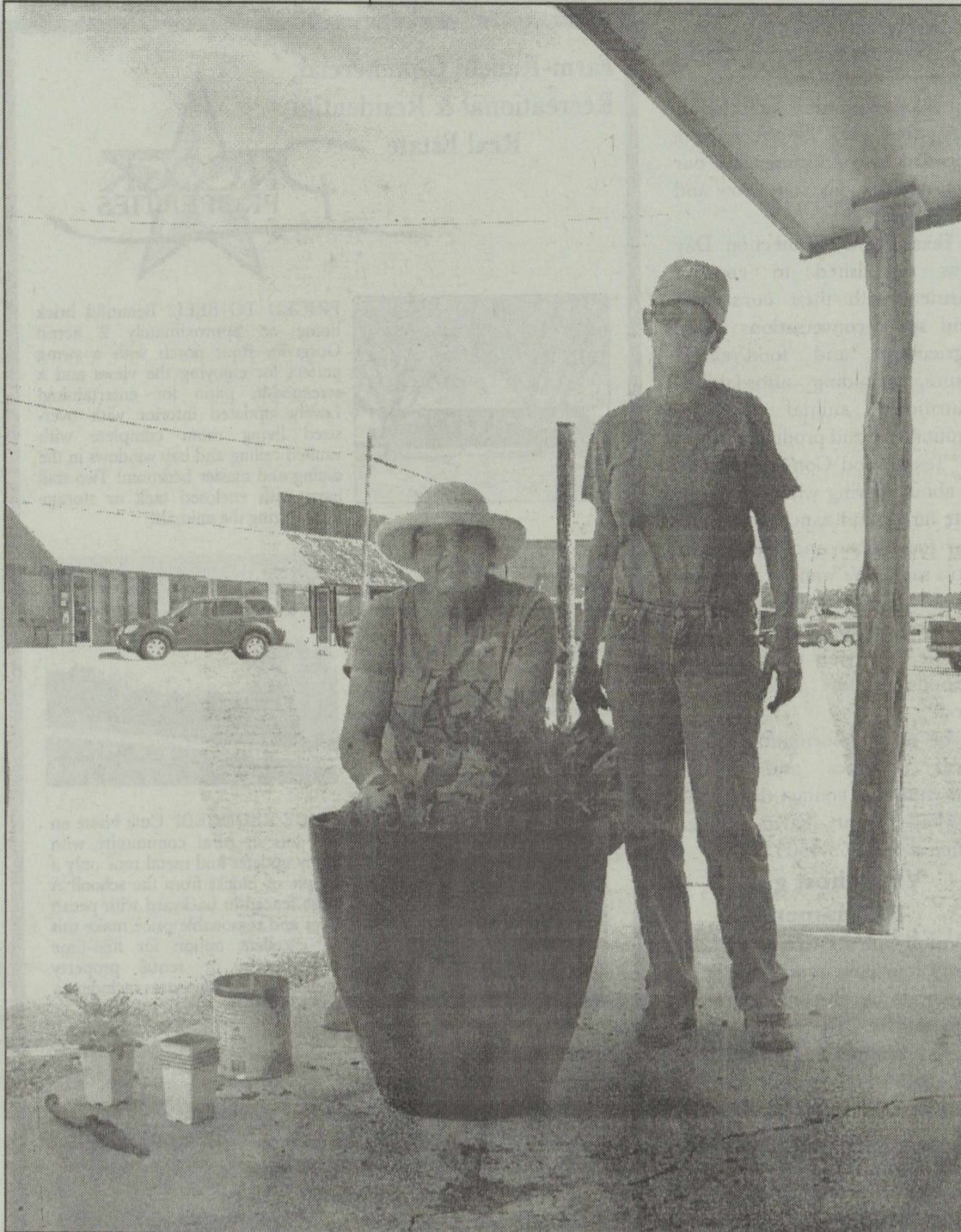
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Beautifying Robert Lee! Sheri Millican (left) and Noel Tinkler work to beautify Robert Lee's downtown area by planting spring flowers. Both ladies are members of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose.

4-H to host CPR/First Aid Class

The Coke County 4-H will be hosting a CPR/First Aid class on May 7, 2017, at 2 pm and will last approximately 3.5 hours. This class is for anyone, not just 4-H members. Joyce Gray from CPR Sav-A-Life Skills Training Center will be teaching the class.

It is strongly recommended for EVERYONE to know CPR/First Aid in rural areas like ours. If one of your family members, best friend or a neighbor needed CPR or First Aid, would you know what to do?

Please call the Coke County Extension Office at (325) 453-2461 to RSVP by May 1, 2017.

Red Hat Society meeting set for May 4


The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am, Thursday, May 4, at Rangel's Restaurant in Robert Lee. Remember, ladies,

this club does not have dues, rules, or projects, just lots of fun. Hope to see you at Rangel's.

Mountain Creek Memorials

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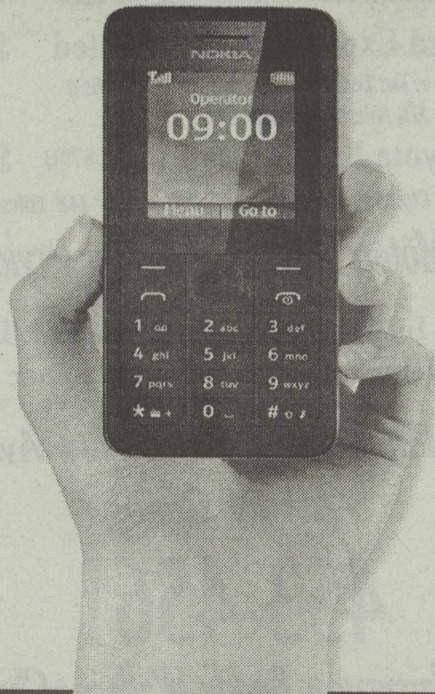
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