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Coke County Livestock Show begins next week

Next week will be the 70th edition of the Coke County Junior Livestock Show, held at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibition Building in Robert Lee. This year's show will feature animals in the Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine and Market Steer shows, but more importantly, more than 50 youth exhibitors from around the county.

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

The show will begin Friday, January 15, at 6:30 pm with the Market Lamb show, followed by the Market Goat show. These will be judged by Jessup Yeaman, Sheep and Goat Specialist Assistant with Texas Agrilife Extension from San Angelo, Texas. Saturday, January 16, the market swine show gets under way at 8:30 am, followed by the market steer show at 11 am, judged by Jason Byrd, Texas Agrilife Extension Agent from Lampasas, Texas. Showmanship judge is Cody Bundick, Texas Agrilife Extension Agent from Eldorado, Texas.

The Buyers Appreciation Barbecue will be served at 12 noon. Following the barbecue, the premium sale will be held at 2 pm to honor the prize-winning animals and exhibitors. Persons wishing to donate to the Coke County Livestock Show can contact either the

County Extension office in the courthouse or one of the Livestock Association directors. The directors are Shane Kelton, Wayne Coalson, David Jackson, Jerry T. Parker, Mike Cervenka, Corby Kelso, Douglas Roberts, Wibby Millican, Joel Percifull, Blake Braswell, Terry Queen, Ricky Royall, Teresa Vaughn, Joe Harmon, Ricky Ross, Rick Sanchez, Tom Sawyer, Brenda Skinner, Noel Tinkler, Mark Wright and Jack Yanez.

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

Flu Shots slated for Monday

Texas Department of State Health Services will be in Coke County with Flu Shots and H1N1 Shots on Monday, January 11. They will be giving shots at Bronte ISD from 8 am until 12 noon and in Robert Lee at the Courthouse from 1 pm until 5 pm. This is open to the public. If you have any questions, please call the County Judge's Office at 453-2641.

Primary Elections Filing closed

The filing period for both the Democratic and Republican Primaries closed on Monday, January 4.

Primary elections are held in March of even-numbered years to determine the Democratic and Republican candidates to be on the ballot in the November General Election. The 2010 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 2.

Coke County offices up for election in 2010 are County Judge, County/District Clerk, County Treasurer, County Commissioners for Precincts 2 and 4, and both Justices of the Peace.

The final county filings include Coke County Judge - Roy Blair (Democratic Primary), Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 - Grady



Plane in the Pasture! A small plane had a minor accident over the holidays at the Robert Lee Airport. While attempting to land, the landing gear on the right side of the aircraft did not lock in place and forced the plane off the landing strip and into the pasture. The passengers, who were visiting Coke County for the holidays, were not injured.

Coulter (Democratic Primary), Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 - Jackie Walker and Judy Gartrell (Democratic Primary) and Leroy Casey (Republican Primary), County/District Clerk - Mary Grim (Democratic Primary), County Treasurer - Kathi Cox and Ronny Brown (Democratic Primary), and Hal Spain (Republican Primary), County Commissioner, Precinct 2 - Robert Feil and Wendell Lee (Democratic Primary), and County Commissioner, Precinct 4 - Bobby Blaylock and Joe Sefcik (Democratic Primary).

In addition, County Chairs for the Democratic and Republican Parties will be elected in the March Primary. Linda Burns has filed for reelection as Democratic County Chair. David Kitten has filed as Republican County Chair.

Diaper Pantry open at FUMC

There will be a free diaper pantry open once a month at the Bronte First United Methodist Church the third Tuesday of each month at 2 pm and at the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church the third Monday of each month at 10 am. Each family will receive one free pack of diapers for each child 3 and under. Parent, grandparent, or guardian must be present to get the diapers. For more information,

contact Misty McGlothlin, RN FUMC Wesley Nurse at 473-2069.

Windbreak

Seedlings on sale

Seedlings for conservation windbreaks are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Order your seedlings through January 25, 2010. Delivery is set for February 4, 2010.

For more information and availability, contact the SWCD office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or come by 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee.

West Texas Boy Scout Reunion slated for Feb. 6

The EOBOC is hosting a reunion of all West Texas Boy Scouts from the mid-twentieth century to commemorate the one hundred year anniversary of scouting in America. This will give former scouts the opportunity to reunite with friends from days gone by. Although not particularly exclusive, generally speaking the reunion would be relevant to those persons who were scouts from an era roughly between 1940 and 1980.

Any of these persons who are interested in such an event are invited to the T9C Ranch just outside of Eldorado on Saturday, February 6, for a day of reminiscing about scouting days of old at Camps Sol Mayer,

Louis Farr and Fawcett, Jamborees, Aquatic Camps, Philmont, Canoe Trips and Order of the Arrow activities. It is hoped that participants will drag out old photographs and other memorabilia from their days in scouting.

There is no charge for the event and gates will be open from 10 am until dark, at which time there will be a fireworks display. Stew, chili, coffee and tea will be served at noon and attendees are encouraged to bring snacks, desserts and other drinks, as well as their stories about any experiences that they had during that time, to share with the group. The only request is that persons who plan to attend should contact Jim Runge at 325-853-3678 or eoboc@hotmail.com by February 1, in order for the proper preparations to be made.

To date, there have been inquiries from former scouts in Ballinger, Bandera, Big Lake, Brady, Christoval, Del Rio, Eden, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Junction, McCamey, Menard, Mertzon, Ozona, Rankin, Robert Lee, Rocksprings, San Angelo, Sanderson, Sonora and Uvalde. However, it should be emphasized that any former scout who is reading this communique is welcome to attend, regardless of where they were involved in scouting. Also, all interested parties should help spread the word to their scout friends in order to reach more possible participants.

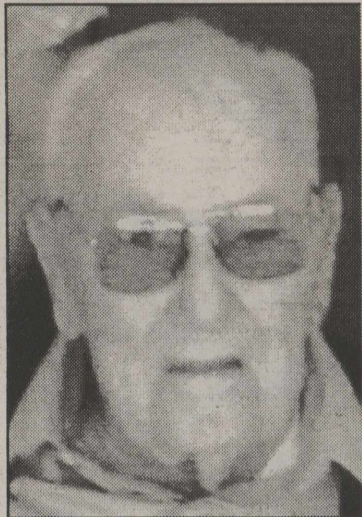
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Obituaries



Lasswell

Robert Columbus "Lum" Lasswell went to be with his Lord on December 22, 2009. He was 101 years of age. Lum was born October 21, 1908, in Coke County to Milton Eugene and Mary Pruitt Lasswell. Lum lived most of his life on the Lasswell land near Fort Chadbourne, Texas. He called himself a stock farmer and always said that it was the best life one could choose. In his later years, he enjoyed building things with wood and left behind many projects for family and friends to treasure. Lum loved his Lord and faithfully worked at many different jobs over a long life of service at First United Methodist Church of Bronte. Teaching Sunday school was a special joy to him

Lum married Mildred Hayley on November 27, 1930. Together they raised two children, Robert E. (Bob) and Mary Linda. Mildred preceded him in death in 1977. He then married Virginia Walling who preceded him in death in 1996. Lum was also preceded in death by his parents, his brother Melvin, and his sisters Lora, Elsie, and Myrtle.

Lum is survived by his son, Robert E. Lasswell and wife, Stella; his daughter, Mary Linda Simpson and husband, Robert of San Angelo; grandchildren, Bryan Lasswell and wife, M'Linda of Galveston, Sharla Fitzgerald and husband, Reid of Fair Oaks Ranch, Lita Bradley and husband, Paul of San Angelo, and Stacy Simpson of San Angelo; great grand-

children, Reese and Reagan Lasswell, Robert, Patrick, and Ethan Fitzgerald, and Brandon and Jennifer Davis; and great great granddaughter Calista Davis.

The family wishes to thank all employees of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center for their loving and compassionate care.

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Wrinkle

Loy Wrinkle, 81, of Bronte died Sunday, December 27, 2009, at his residence. Graveside service was at 2 pm, Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his daughter, Donna Wrinkle; a son, Roy Wrinkle, both of Bronte; and sisters, Lori Knight of Abilene and Joyce Riley of Hubbard.

Glenn

Joseph Wayne Glenn, 28, of Bronte, passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2009, in Fort Worth. Memorial services were held at 4 pm Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Pastor Jason Thompson officiating.

Those left to cherish his memories are his mother, Donna Diez; father and stepmother David and Karen Glenn; sister Cassandra Glenn; brother James Diez; grandmother Pearl Quain; uncles, Robert Quain and Dean Glenn; and aunt Helen Scott.

Tijerina

Helen Tijerina, 77, died on Monday, December 21, 2009,

at a San Antonio hospital. Funeral service was held at 9 am on Thursday, December 24, 2009, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and burial followed at Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughter, Linda Minor of San Antonio; two sons, Roberto Tijerina of Robert Lee and Ray Tijerina of Hondo, Texas.; one sister, Christina Torres of Robert Lee; and one brother, Ismael Valenzuela of San Angelo.

**Check Out
Coke
County
Library**

Recently a Coke County Library patron was touring along the Northwest US coast. The patron happened to call her daughter via cell phone to say that she was in Forks, Washington, the site of the Twilight series books. The daughter was shopping at a big box store.

Another shopper in line heard the daughter say something about "Forks!!!" and soon the daughter had an audience for the call with her mother, and then had a follow-up conversation with people in line with her.

The patron has provided the library with some really good photographs of Forks, Washington, including the 1953 Chevy Pickup, The Swan residence, and First Beach at LaPush including the James Island Group. She also brought the library a trivia Twilight quiz and pictures of the town of Forks. Fans of the Twilight series are welcomed to come take a look at the folder with the pictures, maps, and the trivia quiz. The library appreciates the patron who thought about the hometown library while on tour.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

**Statewide
spinal screening
program offered**

The Texas State Legislature passed a law in 1985 that requires all sixth and ninth grade students to be screened for spinal deformities. Early detection of abnormal spinal curvature can prevent serious health problems. This is a problem that may begin during the early adolescent years (from 10 - 14 years of age), with an estimated 1 in 10 adolescents having some degree of abnormal curvature. Curves that are detected early may only require periodic observation by a specialist. Moderate curves may require the wearing of a brace, which is usually supervised by an orthopedic specialist. In most cases, need for major surgery for this deformity can be eliminated through early detection.

Spinal screening for Robert Lee ISD school children has been scheduled to begin on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Children will be screened for two types of spinal deformities: scoliosis and kyphosis. Scoliosis is a condition in which the spine is twisted, causing misalignment of the upper body or lower back. This condition can worsen and lead to much pain, as well as complications of the heart and lungs. Kyphosis is an exaggerated rounding of the spine.

Progression of these two conditions can often be arrested if detected early.

For more information regarding the scheduled spinal screening, contact Amber Palmer at 453-4556. For more information regarding state-mandated spinal screenings in Texas schools, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services at 1-800-252-8023.

**College Preview
Dates scheduled**

Many universities are offering college previews and tours to perspective students. Students and parents will be able to speak with representatives from academic departments, undergraduate admissions, financial aid, scholarships, student organizations and residence life. Attendees will also have the opportunity to tour the campus and residence halls.

Angelo State University will host Discover ASU Days on February 20 and March 27. Both of these dates are on Saturdays from 9:30 am until 2 pm and will include a free lunch. Attendees will also be given tickets to the basketball games on February 20. The Discover ASU events are free and individuals may register at www.angelo.edu or call 942-2041.

Tarleton State University is offering a preview and tour of their campus on Saturday, March 27. Perspective students and their parents may register at www.tarleton.edu.

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**Area Churches
Invite You to Worship**

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
(325) 473-3291
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. David Bailey, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth

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

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 763-9208 • 320-1354
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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
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

Forgiven Ministries
117 W. Main, Bronte
Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am

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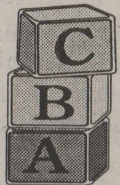
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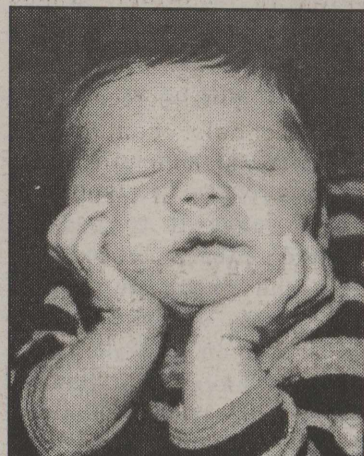
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Look Who's New!



Nicholas Price Erpillo

Ashley and Nick Erpillo of Plano, Texas, are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Nicholas Price. Price was born on November 5, 2009, at 12:25 pm at Baylor Medical Center in Frisco, Texas. He weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz. and was 19 inches long.

His grandparents include Carl and Cheryl Erpillo of Plano, Paul and Ericka Knight of Bronte and the late Joe Torres. Great-grandparents are Allen and Carole Clendennen and Julian and Juanita Torres, all of Robert Lee.

Learn How to Take Control of Your Weight

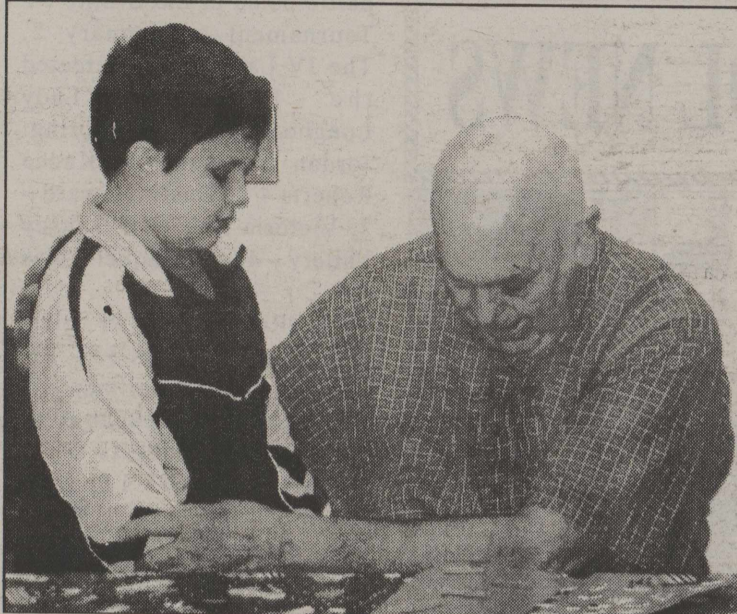
Do you need help managing your weight? Free classes are now being offered to learn practical steps to controlling your weight. The first class will be Monday, January 11, at the Robert Lee United Methodist Church from 1 pm - 2 pm. Learn how to assess your weight status, how to get started on managing your weight, and much more.

For more information, contact FUMC Wesley Nurse Misty McGlothlin, RN at 473-2069.

...College Previews

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Texas Tech is hosting Red Raider Madness Days on Saturday, January 30, and Saturday, February 20. Register online at



Special Gift! Kole Leal, a Robert Lee Elementary student presented Robert Lee Care Center resident, Tommy Hood, with a very special Braille Christmas Card.

www.gototexastech.com and for more information.

Howard Payne University in Brownwood is having preview events on Monday, January 18, and Monday, February 15. Please register for the event at www.hputx.edu.

For other university or college preview dates, please visit the school's web site or call the admission's office of that college or university.

Bringing Healthcare access to Coke County

Imagine having a sick child and knowing that you will have to travel at least 40 miles one way for them to see a physician. This is what parents in Coke County, Texas, face every day. Coke County currently has no health care provider for the 3,960 people living in the county. Residents must travel 40-50 miles one way to the nearest major hospital and doctors.

The F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural Institute for Rural and Community Health hopes to change that by bringing telemedicine services into the school at Bronte ISD through Project CHART.

County Judge Roy Blair sees potential for the future. "We hope that this will be a stepping stone to establishing a clinic in the county with a full-time nurse practitioner or physician assistant."

Stephen Salmon, president of East Coke County Ambulance Service, an all-volunteer staff of health care providers says, "We recognize the need for such a program, perhaps better than most."

The county has chosen to be a participant in Project CHART. Salmon adds, "We believe our population and location lends itself well to such a project."

Alan Richey, superintendent for Bronte ISD, says, "This will be a great benefit to our students, athletes and staff. It will greatly reduce our number of absences."

The telemedicine equipment will be installed in the Bronte ISD nurses area. The school has a science teacher, who is licensed physician assistant and who will oversee the medical care of the children, along with the school nurse, Tammy Royall.

In West Texas, there are 22 counties without a physician-10 of those without a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

Debbie Voyles, director of Telemedicine of the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and



Texas Snowman! This impressive snowman decorated the lawn of the Robert Lee Care Center during one of the abnormal snow showers that this part of the area has seen recently.

Community Health explains, "It is exciting to be able to offer the families with children in Coke County, better access to health care. We hope that Project CHART will only be the start of healthcare services being made available in Coke County. I would like to see it extended beyond just children at the end of the project."

Thirteen of the 30 communities have been identified and are in progress to benefit from the project, which is funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to provide better access to pediatric care for Medicaid-enrolled children.

Staff in the institute con-

tinue to work with communities across the region to conduct needs assessments for participating in the project. If your community is interested in discussing the opportunity to participate, contact Debbie Voyles at 806-743-4440 or debbie.voyles@ttubscedu.

West Coke County EMS Memorials

In Memory Of Jerry Harmon
Ben and Mary Bessent
In Memory Of Wilson Bryan
Roger and Della Alexander

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Thanks for the Memories

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Coke County as County Auditor for the past 28 years. All these years, I have been surrounded by marvelous and wonderful people who worked together faithfully for the best interest of Coke County.

Thank you Sheryl and Dovie for being my Assistant County Auditors and putting up with me for all these many years. You have to be incredible ladies to do that.

Thank you everyone for sharing in my retirement celebration, parties, cards, and phone calls. I treasure my relationship with everyone and the joy, laughter, and experiences we shared together.

"Thank you for the memories!"
Stover Taylor

On behalf of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for all of their support and participation during 2009.

A special thank you to Luis Charles for his unselfish dedication to the Chamber, allowing us access to the Texas Theater as a venue for numerous events throughout the year.

We would like to thank the merchants who allowed us the privilege to serve them in an effort to make their businesses successful.

We would be remiss if we didn't thank all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to make items for our bake sale.

We would like to express our gratitude to all of you who truly showed your Christmas spirit by volunteering to help us with our numerous activities during December. The Parade, Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas Reading, Craft Fair and the First Annual Merchants Christmas Clearance Sale were successful because of your support and willingness to step forward and be involved in community events.

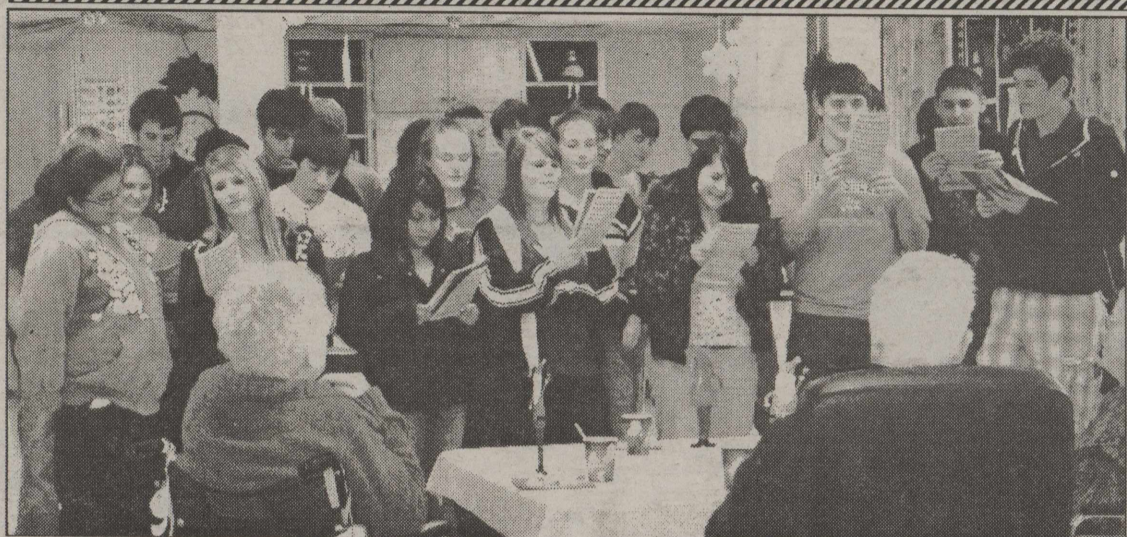
And last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank the Teens In Action, led by Austin Wertz. This group consists of 42 teenagers who helped with preparations of all of our events to make our job a little easier.

Yes, Bronte has a lot going for it, but the people of the community are its greatest asset. As we look forward to 2010, we hope many of you will renew your membership with the Chamber. If you are not currently a member, we would like to extend a special invitation to you to join us as we all work together to show others why Bronte is such a unique place to live. Membership applications can be picked up at Hometown Hardware.

Happy New Year!

Don-Ann Wheeler, President
Susan Williams, Vice-President
Peggy Kemp, Secretary
Jennifer Stango, Treasurer
Kay Styles, Reporter

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Birthday Party! The Robert Lee High School Spanish Club hosted the December birthday party at Robert Lee Care Center. The students brought gifts and sang Christmas carols to the residents.



Christmas Carols! On December 16, 2009, the Robert Lee ISD second grade class visited the residents at Robert Lee Care Center and presented cards they had made and sang Christmas carols.

Shooting Sports on hold until January 17

Coke County 4-H Shooting Sports WILL NOT be

School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, January 11**
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, January 12**
Pancake and sausage on stick, cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, January 13**
Pigs in blanket, cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, January 14**
Biscuit and sausage, cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, January 15**
Stock Show
- Lunch**
- Monday, January 11**
Pizza, corn, salad, orange, breadstick, milk
- Tuesday, January 12**
Grilled cheese, soup, crackers, pickles, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wednesday, January 13**
Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, peas, sliced bread, pears, milk
- Thursday, January 14**
Chicken patty on bun, pickles, salad, chips, peaches, milk
- Friday, January 15**
Stock Show

holding practices until January 17, 2010, due to holidays and weather. Remember, when weather is bad, cold, windy or wet, they will not have practice.

Lady Steers on a roll

The Robert Lee High School Lady Steers defeated Rotan on December 11 56-28. Scoring: Connie Saucedo - 9, Molli Hinderliter - 9, Briana Brisbin - 11, Emilee Yanez - 2, Amanda Mendoza - 6, Sarah Walker - 10, Kimberly Roach - 5, and Luisa Carrera - 4.

Also on December 11, the JV Lady Steers defeated Eden 39 - 17. Scoring: Diana Vera - 7, Meagan Ross - 6, Dusty Howard - 2, Lubbock Roe - 2, Victoria Roe - 3, Raquel Rojas - 4, Ashlie Wheat - 2, and Linsey Vallery - 13.

The Lady Steers defeated TLC on December 15 67 - 22. Scoring: Raquel Rojas - 4, Connie Saucedo, 4, Skyler Rainwater - 8, Emilee Yanez - 2, Kimberly Roach - 12, Sarah Walker - 19, Amanda Mendoza - 3, Briana Brisbin - 6, Molli Hinderliter - 7, and Luisa Carrera - 2.

On December 18, the Robert Lee varsity girls defeated Christoval 40 - 23. Scoring: Connie Saucedo - 5, Skyler Rainwater - 2, Kimberly Roach - 7, Sarah

Walker - 2, Amanda Mendoza - 2, Briana Brisbin - 4, Molli Hinderliter - 16, and Luisa Carrera - 2.

The Robert Lee JV girls also defeated Christoval with a score of 38 - 27. Scoring: Jordan Gartman - 12, Diana Vera - 1, Meagan Ross - 3, Victoria Roe - 9, Raquel Rojas - 5, Ashlie Wheat - 2, and Linsey Vallery - 6.

At the Robert Lee Varsity Tournament, the Lady Steers narrowly defeated the Bronte Lady Longhorns 34 - 32 on December 29. Scoring: Connie Saucedo - 9, Kimberly Roach - 4, Molli Hinderliter - 4, Briana Brisbin - 5, Skyler Rainwater - 4, Amanda Mendoza - 4, and Sarah Walker - 4.

Also at the Robert Lee tournament, the Lady Steers defeated Trent 58 - 18. Scoring: Kimberly Roach - 6, Molli Hinderliter - 13, Luisa Carrera - 3, Briana Brisbin - 8, Skyler Rainwater - 10, Amanda Mendoza - 4, and Sarah Walker - 14.

In the Lady Steers final RL tournament game, they were defeated by Spur 33 - 42, earning them second place at the tournament. Scoring: Connie Saucedo - 5, Kimberly Roach - 5, Molli Hinderliter - 10, Luisa Carrera - 2, Amanda Mendoza - 3, and Sarah Walker - 8.

The Robert Lee High School JV Lady Steers

participated at the Bronte JV Tournament on January 2. The JV Lady Steers defeated the Bronte JV Lady Longhorns 30 - 16. Scoring: Jordan Gartman - 6, Kacee Roberts - 2, Dusty Howard - 2, Victoria Roe - 10, Linsey Vallery - 4, and Raquel Rojas - 6.

The Robert Lee JV girls also defeated Miles 35 - 21. Scoring: Jordan Gartman - 7, Diana Vera - 4, Meagan Ross - 6, Kacee Roberts - 2, Victoria Roe - 12, and Raquel Rojas - 4. These wins earned the Robert Lee JV Lady Steers the title of Bronte JV Tournament Champions.

Steers earn 2nd in RL tourney

On December 29, Robert Lee High School Varsity Steers were defeated by the Bronte Longhorns 54-29. Scoring: Justin Gartman 2, Tyler Henderson 3, Cooper Hinderliter 1, Stetson Nesbit 8, Haden Dillard 6 and Logan Philley 9.

On December 30, the Steers defeated the Trent Gorillas 60-34. Scoring: Justin Gartman 13, Tyler Henderson 5, Sam Peyton 5, Cooper Hinderliter 2, Stetson Nesbit 17, Haden Dillard 14, Logan Philley 2 and Cayetano Carrera 2.

Robert Lee Varsity defeated Spur 42-32. Scoring: Justin Gartman 4, Tyler Henderson 2, Sam Peyton 2, Stetson Nesbit 8, Haden Dillard 7, Logan Philley 18 and Cayetano Carrera 1.

Robert Lee JH basketball update

On January 4, the Robert Lee Junior High Dogies were defeated by Garden City 28-4. Scoring: Tristen Hildebrand 2 and Eric Wells 2. Shelby Davis, James Roberts and Will Howard gave good defensive efforts.

The Robert Lee Junior High Lady Dogies were defeated by Garden City 28-7. Scoring: Jesse Sheets 5, Bianca Huapilla - 2.

Last call for Memory Wall photographs

This is the last call for pictures to put on a memory wall in the present Robert Lee ISD school building.

If you are a past or present student, or a parent of a student at Robert Lee ISD,

the art department of RLISD would like for you to send a picture of yourself or your child to be included on the wall. All images will be scanned, printed out, and applied to the wall. If you would like to include a memory about attending RLISD, it will be included as well.

All pictures will be scanned and then returned to its owner. If you leave it to have it scanned, please leave your name and phone number as well. Only scanned images will be used on the wall.

Please have the images turned in by Friday, January 22. They would like to finish the wall by the end of February. Images can be brought to either offices or the art room.

RLISD Board Meeting held

On Thursday, December 17, 2009, a regular meeting of the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees was held in the Robert Lee High School Library at 6 pm. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Washam.

Members Present: K. Roe, J. Roberts, W. Washam, I. Torres, B. Brosh, T. Reed, and T. Sawyer

Invocation and pledge were led by Vice President Washam.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Jerry Tinkler with Eckert & Company presented the 2008-2009 RLISD Independent Audit.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to accept the financial report given by Robin Allen and to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Brandi Brosh. All voted for.

Matters related to the 2008 construction projects were discussed.

The Board recessed at 6:30 pm to attend the Christmas Program and to tour the construction site. The meeting reconvened into open session at 8 pm.

Wayne Simpson gave his elementary principal's report. November ADA 97%, 142 enrolled.

Roger Henderson gave his high school principal's report. Enrollment for grades 7-12 was 99 students and 97% ADA for the month of November.

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Beef raffle tickets on sale

The Bronte High School Senior Class is selling raffle tickets for a half side of beef to raise money for project graduation. Tickets are available from a senior or at a home basketball game. The drawing will be held at the Bronte vs Winters basketball game on January 29 in Bronte.

Financial Aid Night slated

Bronte ISD will host a free college financial aid orientation on Thursday, January 21, at 7 pm in the school library. The program will be presented by a representative from the financial aid department of Angelo State University will last about an hour. The presentation will cover the steps in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. There will be door prizes available for attending seniors and their parents.

For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman, counselor, at 473-2521.

Longhorns named RL tournament champions

In the first game, the Bronte Longhorns defeated Trent 80-20. Stats: Rob

Rosson 8 pts, Ernesto Casillas 11 pts., Dakota Rawls 16 pts., 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals, Heath Richey 12 pts., 6 rebounds, 3 steals, Kerwin Rawls 9 pts., 7 assists, Jason Horton 7 pts., Jacob Scott 4 pts., 3 assists, Louie Martinez 5 pts., 4 steals and Terron Charles 6 pts., 4 assists and 3 steals.

In the second game, the Longhorns defeated the Robert Lee Steers 54-29. Stats: Ernesto Casillas 4 assists, Dakota Rawls 24 pts., 9 rebounds, Heath Richey 6 pts., 8 rebounds, Kerwin Rawls 16 pts., 3 assists, Jason Horton 6 pts. and Louie Martinez 2 pts.

For the tournament championship, it was Bronte over Spur 55-36. Stats: Rob Rosson 4 pts, 7 rebounds, 3 steals, Ernesto Casillas 10 pts., 6 steals, Dakota Rawls 18 pts., 8 rebounds, Heath Richey 6 pts., Kerwin Rawls 8 pts., 4 assists, Jacob Scott 1 pt., KC Barber 3 pts., Jose Perez 2 pts., and Terron Charles 3 pts.

Lady Longhorns basketball news

The Bronte Lady Longhorns enjoyed a much-needed break to recover and recuperate after many grueling hours in the gym since August 3. But, the well-deserved break did not come before the Lady Longhorns promptly added two more wins to their win-loss record.

The first district win for Bronte came in Baird with the final score of 47-40 and then the next win was a home game as the Lady Longhorns defeated the 2009 state runner up, Roscoe, with a score of 52-46. Over the holidays, the Lady Longhorns won the Robert Lee tournament after a three-way tie was settled. Bronte defeated Trent 71-25; suffered an uncharacteristic and disappointing loss to Robert Lee 34-32; and then finished the tournament with a decisive win over basketball powerhouse, the Spur Lady Bulldogs 50-30. With a three way tie between Spur, Robert Lee, and Bronte; each with one loss, the tie breaker used to determine the winner was the team with fewest amount of points scored against them combined. That tie-breaker gave the Lady Longhorns the edge and the tournament trophy.

The Lady Longhorns have had a successful tournament and non-district season. They have won their own Bronte Tournament; won the Robert Lee tournament despite one loss; and won the Consolation bracket of the Water Valley tournament, losing only one game (by one point in overtime) to the eventual tournament champion, Sonora. The Lady Longhorns are currently 11-3 overall, 2-0 in district, and will play their next district game in Winters on Tuesday followed by Albany at home tonight (Friday, January 8).

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



UIL! These Bronte Elementary students received awards for participating in the UIL Academic Meet in Winters on December 10, 2009. They include (back row, from left to right) Isaiah Ornelaz, Ismael Cecilio, Alejandro Rosales, Rankin DeRonde, Carson Kelso, Jayden Baumann, Ean Ward, Jerica Davis, Chelsea Trussell, Hanna McKinney, (middle row, from left to right) Chrissy McClendon, Brittany Bedford, Emily Whitehurst, Whitney Boyd, Tanner Bedford, Logan Chumney, Tucker McMullan, Cambri Kelso, Kellie Thorn, Sarah Sanchez, Nicole Carnell, Kyla Marshall, (front row, from left to right) Emily Barnett, India Chumney, Karissa Cervenka, Jaqui Davila, Sarah Stevens - Smith, Ashley Betts, Evan Ferguson, Kacelyn Follis, Vincent Basquez, (not pictured) Justin Reed and Katelyn Reeves.

BHS Robotics teams compete at region and area

Several Bronte students competed in the Regional Robotics competition at the Region 15 Education Service Center on November 16. They also competed at the Area Robotics competition at Angelo State University on December 7. The team of Bill Miller, Crawford James and Carson James placed 9th out of 26 high school teams that competed. Jerita Taylor is their sponsor. Bronte students competing included:

Team #1 - The Robotechs - Austin Mertz, Jaylon Seales, Leah Jones, Katie Austin;

Team #2 - The Pozerz - Bill Miller, Crawford James, Carson James;

Team #3 - Bakalakadacas - Chase Harris, Heath Richey, Arlis McMullan;

Team #4 - The Bombinators - John Deller, Kimber Lee, Harley Wallace, Mackenzie Gibbs.

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 of the Permian Basin. Applications are available at www.pbaf.org. Applications for this scholarship are due May 31, 2010.

Deadline: Tuesdays at 2 pm

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, January 11

Cereal, fruit, toast, jelly

Tuesday, January 12

Sausage rolls, assorted juice, milk

Wednesday, January 13

Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, milk

Thursday, January 14

Blueberry muffin, toast, jelly, assorted juice, milk

Friday, January 15

Breakfast burrito, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 11

Hof dogs, potato rounds, orange smiles, buns, cookies, milk

Tuesday, January 12

Frito pie, cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit, corn chips, milk

Wednesday, January 13

Chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, peas, fruit, rolls, milk

Thursday, January 14

Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruit, taco chips, milk

Friday, January 15

Burrito, pinto beans, fruit, Spanish rice, banana pudding, milk

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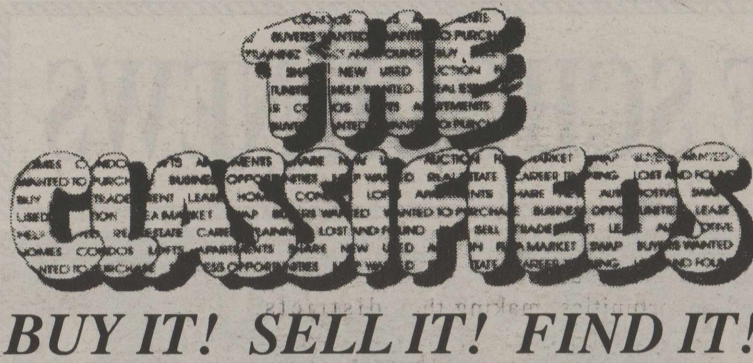
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The Observer/Enterprise
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NOTICES
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
 Bronte ISD Request For Qualifications for procurement of a registered Architect and Engineer for the Bronte ISD stadium lights, parking and concession. For more information, contact the superintendent's office 325-473-2511. The RFQ is due by 10am on January 13, 2010.
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FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS NOTICE OF EXPLANATION
 January 7, 2010
 The City of Robert Lee, Texas intends to undertake a water system improvements project as a Community Development Fund project under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) for non-entitlement cities and counties (TDRA Contract #729671). This project will address Texas Commission on Environmental Quality violations by making improvements to the City's existing municipal water treatment plant and improve the water supply to the existing water distribution system. The project will benefit all residents in Robert Lee, Texas.
 The construction activities will include replacement of two (2) filter media and granular activated carbon, sandblasting and painting seven (7) clarifier discharge troughs at the water treatment plant (located on State Highway 158) and installation of a new water line from the existing elevated storage tank

(located on 15th Street) to the existing connection with the water distribution system, and related appurtenances. Both the water treatment plant site and the elevated storage tank site (less than two acres combined) are located in the 100-floodplain. The City of Robert Lee participates in the National Flood Insurance Program through FEMA. The design/scope of the proposed project is the most practical and cost-effective means of making the improvements to the water treatment plant and water supply line. Practicable alternatives considered were: (1) Relocating both the water treatment plant and elevated storage tank to another site. Relocating the water treatment plant and elevated tank are not feasible options. The costs associated with re-location would greatly exceed the amount of funds available for this project. Additionally, relocation of a water treatment plant is not a viable option. (2) Opting to not complete the proposed water system improvements. Failure to not make the necessary improvements could result in Texas Commission on Environmental Quality violations and impact the water supply to the residents of Robert Lee.
 It is the City's judgment that the water system improvements outweigh consideration for Executive Order 11088/11990. The proposed water system improvements will be designed by a registered engineer. The construction activities will be constructed in such a way as to minimize any adverse impacts upon the environment. Please send written comments to: Mayor Joe White, City of Robert Lee, P.O. Box 26, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. Comments will be received until January 20, 2010.
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25-2tc

...RLISD Minutes

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Robin Allen gave a report on Board Members Continuing Education Hours: Kevin Roe 61.85 hours, Wes Washam 198.60 hours, Jeffie Roberts 53.30 hours, Irma Torres 80.80 hours, Tom Sawyer 58.60 hours, Tod Reed 76.60 hours, and Brandi Brosh 53.00 hours.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to distribute 2,444 votes evenly amongst Fredda McCabe, Troy Wimberly, Gaylon Pitcock, and Ray Aldridge for the 2010-2011 Appraisal District Directors. The motion was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Wes Washam made a motion to accept changes to Update 86 with exceptions as noted. Motion seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his report on enrollment numbers, school vehicle replacement, bus update, Thanksgiving meal numbers and the health department visit.

The board entered into closed session at 8:45 pm. and reconvened into open session at 9:16 pm.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Donate a Texas Sage

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

If you are interested in donating to buy a sage, please contact Jeffie Roberts at 453-2957; 130 Buffalo 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 received from December 9 through January 5 include the following.

Memorials

Bill Tom and Christine Roach

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Cristie Roach Bagwell

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Jessie Harmon
Foy and Lawana Askins
John and Dorene Bearfield
Bobby and Jeffie Roberts
Jerry and Janie Harmon

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Jessie Harmon
Foy and Lawana Askins
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Bobby and Jeffie Roberts
Jerry and Janie Harmon

Billy Glenn Carwile

Garland and Rosie Davis

Jerry Floyd Harmon

Bobby and Joyce Walker

January is School Board

Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2010 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenge of education is also one of its greatest strengths. During a time when state and national mandates rightly place more

emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Governor Perry said.

"Balancing the need for local control with directives coming down from larger governmental bodies is neither an easy nor oftentimes appreciated task, but for over two centuries, school boards have risen to such challenges. Complicating matters further are issues such as the rapidly expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both educated and physically active, and—as always—the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

"The people who make up these boards are uncompensated and, all too often, unsung for their efforts. These people volunteer their time because they care; they care about their communities, they care about their schools and, most importantly, they care about the children. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize to all of us the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the

schools and children of Texas. At this time I urge all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions realized through the work of our school boards," he said.

"Today's public schools face tremendous challenges and opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "Local trustees diligently work with community leaders, parents, and educators to develop sound education policies. They help set high standards in the education system, encouraging us to strive to reach those goals and better prepare the next generation of leaders in our state and nation," Crow said.

"We encourage every community to acknowledge the commitment that board service requires of more than 7,000 locally elected school board members in Texas and support them as they tackle the enormous task of

governing school districts. We applaud their dedication as they offer vision and leadership and work to empower every child to succeed," Crow said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.7 million public school students.

Hammerton graduates from Texas State

Lauren Michelle Hammerton, daughter of Jim and Sheila (Roberts-Hammerton) Farrar and Bob Hammerton, graduated from Texas State University in San Marcos December 18, 2009. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance Degree.

Lauren's grandparents, Bobby and Jeffie Roberts, and uncle, Douglas Roberts, all of Robert Lee attended the graduation.

Precinct #2 Coke County

I am announcing my candidacy for re-election as **Commissioner of Precinct #2.** Your support and vote will be greatly appreciated.

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Kathi Cox

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Doris Sims, Treasurer, PO Box G, Bronte, Texas 76933

What God Requires

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good? • *Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. • *1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. • *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

He has shown you, O man, what is good: and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? • *Micah 6:8*

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WTRC Telethon slated for January 16

The Robert Lee 64 Study Club and the Bronte Sorosis Club are starting the New Year by helping West Texas Rehabilitation Center raise funds to support its outpatient rehabilitation programs for Coke County.

Currently, the groups are seeking advance donations to WTRC's annual telethon slated for January 16, and on the night of the show, they'll be staffing the Robert Lee and Bronte phone banks.

"Rehab makes a huge difference in the lives of Coke County-area residents, so we hope that everyone who is able to donate will do so through our phone bank," said Ava Lou Davis and Lanette Fletcher, project chairmen. "We especially hope that people who know they won't be home on telethon night will send in their gift now. The address for Robert Lee contributions is PO Box 54, Robert Lee, TX 76945 and Bronte citizens can mail their gift to PO Box 26, Bronte, TX 76933.

This year's 40th annual production--which is slated for 7 p.m. to midnight on January 16--features young country music star Jimmy Wayne, whose recently-released album "Sara Smile" caps what had been an extraordinary year for the young man. His song "Do You Believe Me Now," soared to the top of the country charts, becoming one of the biggest hits of 2008-2009.

Also stepping into the telethon spotlight will be Texas legend Red Steagall and Rehab regulars Brad Maule, Bill and Susan Hayes and Anacani. Charlie Chase, host of Tennessee Mornings on Fox in Nashville, will return for the 10th year as host for the show.

Ten television stations across Texas--including KSAN-TV in San Angelo and KRBC-TV in Abilene --will carry the telethon live from the Abilene Civic Center. And, for the first time ever, the show will also be on the World Wide Web with a live video link at www.WestTexasRehab.org. Suddenlink Communications continues its longtime support of Rehab by assuming the important role as Rehab 2010's official sponsor. Additional financial support is being provided by Area-Wide Phone Books.

Roberts receive out of town visitors

Out of town visitors in the home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee were former Robert Lee Band Director, George "Buddy" Strickland of Liberty Hill, Jeremy Strickland of Springtown and Rick White from East Texas. Buddy and

Melinda Strickland have both retired from teaching school. Buddy is employed by UIL in Austin and Melinda works for a travel agent. Their son, Jeremy, is assistant Band Director at TCU in Ft. Worth. The men bagged 4 deer while hunting on the Roberts' Ranch.

ACT and SAT Test Information

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 10 and the SAT test will be offered on March 13 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 for the ACT test and February 4 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.

Lion's Club Scholarships

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.

WTRC Auction in full swing

Though West Texas Rehab Center's annual telethon on January 16 is still several days away, its auction of merchandise is up and running on the internet and bidding is underway at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

With more than 400 items in 20 categories, the auction is expected to contribute significantly to total revenues

raised by Rehab 2010.

Valued at approximately \$450,000, the auction list includes a truck, a boat, a variety of agriculture-related items, electronic devices, home furnishings, quilts and afghans, and artwork, to name just a few.

"The success of the telethon, including the auction, is so critical to Rehab's ability to provide outpatient rehabilitation services to more than 25,000 children and adults regardless of their financial status," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

"As we start a new year with new challenges and more new patients entering our doors each day, all of us at Rehab are deeply grateful for the consistent support we receive from friends throughout Texas," Gilliland added, "and we pledge to continue to work hard every day to deserve the confidence donors place in our programs."

New Year Means New Regulation for Texas Cattle

Thinking about selling, leasing, bartering or even giving away a breeding bull? On January 1, Texas bulls that undergo a change of ownership (except to slaughter) must be either certified as a virgin bull or be tested first for cattle trichomoniasis, a protozoal disease that can cause cows to abort very early in pregnancy. Infected bulls carry the microscopic 'bug' that causes trichomoniasis without any signs and can transmit the single-celled protozoa to cows during breeding.

"There is no effective treatment for bulls, and once infected, they can continue to spread trichomoniasis when they breed," said Dr. Dee Ellis, who, on January 1, will be Texas' new state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Infected cows may clear the infection, but only if they are given rest from breeding for 120-150 days, an expensive option, as a calf crop will be missed. A vaccine also is available to help in the management of infected cows, but it will not prevent infection."

The country's western states have long-standing cattle trichomoniasis regulations. About two years ago, the Texas ranching industry requested similar regulations, to protect against the introduction and the spread of cattle trichomoniasis, or 'trich'. For months, representatives from the state's ranching, marketing and veterinary industries worked with the TAHC to develop effective regulations to control the disease, which affects herd productivity and an

operations bottom line. In April 2009, the TAHC enacted requirements for bulls entering Texas. In-state regulations were delayed until January 1, 2010.

"For months, we have worked with the Texas cattle industry to inform producers and have participated in many meetings about cattle trichomoniasis and the regulations. More than 600 accredited private veterinarians in Texas have been certified to collect samples for trichomoniasis testing, and we are ready to implement the intrastate regulations for bulls undergoing a change of ownership in Texas," said Dr. Ellis.

Dr. Ellis said the regulations will apply to bulls being sold, traded, leased or undergoing any change of ownership (except for slaughter). The regulations include three basic steps:

1) **Identify the bull.** Identification is essential for matching animals with virgin bull certificates or test documents. One form of identification is needed, and it may be an official USDA ear tag, breed registry brand or tattoo, an 840 flap, bangle or an 840 radio frequency identification device. If the bull originated from another state, it may have that state's official state of origin trichomoniasis ear tag (Texas does not have an official trich ear tag). An accredited veterinarian can apply an official USDA ear tag.

2) **Certify virgin bulls.** A breeder can certify the bull as a virgin, if the animal was raised away from cows after weaning, and the bull is 24 months of age or younger. A Texas-origin bull's virgin status may be extended to 30 months, if the virgin certificate is signed also by the breeder's accredited veterinarian. Virgin bulls are not required to have a trichomoniasis test prior to change of ownership. Virgin bull certificates are available at no cost on the TAHC web page at www.tahc.state.tx.us.

3) **Test older or non-virgin bulls.** Bulls older than 30 months or bulls that were maintained with cows after weaning must have a negative trichomoniasis test within 30 days prior to change of ownership. A certified, accredited veterinarian must collect the sample for testing at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. While awaiting test results, which usually takes about a week, the bulls must be kept away from cows. Upon receipt of the negative test results, the animal is ready for change of ownership.

"Breeding bulls that haven't been certified as virgins or tested are considered to be slaughter-only bulls," said Dr. Ellis. "In some cases,

however, buyers may want an untested bull, although they may be buying trouble. We have provisions under the regulations for untested bulls to be identified and moved under a TAHC-issued hold order and movement permit. The animal must be isolated from female cattle, and cannot be moved until it is tested within 30 days of purchase at the owners expense."

"In Texas, two tests are accepted. One is the Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction test, or PCR, which looks for the DNA of the protozoa. Because only one PCR test is needed to detect infection, this may become the preferred method for producers who want to move cattle more quickly. The second acceptable test is the culture test, and it involves looking for the protozoa under a microscope. A series of three culture tests is needed, each conducted at least seven days apart," said Dr. Ellis.

"Because cattle trichomoniasis is a reportable disease, we will be notified regarding test-positive animals," explained Dr. Ellis. "Test-positive bulls may undergo a confirmation test, provided the owner or the accredited, certified veterinarian makes the request within five days of the positive results."

Because there is no effective treatment, infected bulls must go to slaughter within 30 days of confirmation. The remaining bulls in the herd will be held, isolated from female cattle, until they undergo two consecutive negative RT-PCR tests, each conducted at least seven days apart, or three consecutive negative culture tests, with each of the tests conducted at least seven days apart. When they are confirmed negative for trichomoniasis, the bulls remaining in the herd are free to be moved or to be commingled with cows.

"The cattle trichomoniasis regulations can save cattle producers a lot of money in the long run, because this disease greatly affects calf production. If you are obtaining a breeding bull, make sure the animal has been certified as a virgin or was tested for your herd's sake," said Dr. Ellis. "We will be reviewing the regulations on a yearly basis with an industry working group, to ensure that the rules remain timely and effective."

Texas' trichomoniasis entry requirements for breeding bulls is similar to the intrastate regulations, but allows out-of-state bulls to be certified as virgins only until 24 months of age. Exhibition or competition bulls may enter Texas without a trichomoniasis test, but must be kept away from female cattle. The TAHC must be contacted in advance of entry for a waiver of the test requirement to be issued on exhibition bulls.

The TAHC's cattle trichomoniasis regulations and additional information are available on the TAHC web site at www.tahc.state.tx.us.