

Bank Card scam detected

Recently, several customers of Robert Lee State Bank have received calls telling them that their check cards have been cancelled and requesting further information. These calls are not coming from Robert Lee State Bank.

Robert Lee State Bank reminds their customers not to give out any information about their banking business over the phone unless they are positive they are speaking with a local employee of Robert Lee State Bank.

Coke County Sheriff's Department is currently investigating this matter.

Coke County buildings for rent

The first day to rent the following Coke County buildings for 2012 will be on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 am in the Judge's Office in the Coke County Courthouse.

The buildings include the Robert Lee Large Recreation, Robert Lee Senior Citizen Building, Robert Lee Pavilion, Bronte Large Recreation Hall, Bronte Senior Citizen Building, and the Bronte Pavilion.

If you have any questions, please call the Judge's Office at 453-2641.

New ministry to assist with local needs

In His Name Ministries has been formed to minister to people in Bronte, Robert Lee, and Coke County by meeting their practical needs.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with necessary home repairs, past due utility bills, food shortage, etc., please drop a

note with the situation and contact information to In His Name Ministries, PO Box 279, Bronte, Texas 76933.

For urgent needs, please contact Tammy at Bronte City Hall or the Observer/Enterprise office in Robert Lee.

Mountain Creek Golf Course tournaments slated

The Sunday Skins Golf Tournaments will be held every Sunday from now until March, 4 2012, at Mountain Creek Golf Course.

Lunch will be held at 12 noon and Tee off is 1 pm.

Teams will be drawn based on handicap/known ability. Participants may play with their own groups. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call the golf course at 453-2317.

New law aimed at ag sales tax abuse

A new law aimed at reducing the misuse of agriculture sales tax exemptions is going into effect in January, said John Ross Copeland, president of the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau. "The law creates a new tax exemption number for Texas agriculture producers," John Ross Copeland noted. "Farmers and ranchers need to take note of the change."

John Ross Copeland said the registration number requirement does not change the agriculture/timber exemption that has been in place since 1961. Anyone engaged in the production of agriculture or timber products still qualifies.

"The new law is aimed at curbing abuse of those who falsely claim the exemption, costing sales tax dollars to the state, municipi-



Birthday Celebration! Shirley Lemley and James Ware were honored with a birthday celebration following the Blackwell Riding Club annual Community Christmas Hayride Saturday evening, December 17, 2011.

palities and local communities," John Ross Copeland said.

In the past, anyone who bought products for use in agriculture production had only to verbally state they were sales tax exempt, and fill out a form. Beginning Jan. 1, a person claiming an exemption from sales tax on the purchase of agricultural items must provide a registration number, which will be issued by the comptroller.

"This new procedure is an important tool to protect the integrity of the sales tax exemption," John Ross Copeland said. "In lean years like 2011, this

important exemption for farmers and ranchers can be the difference between staying in business or not."

Farmers and ranchers need to apply for the tax exemption number, which starting Jan. 1, 2012 will be presented to sellers to be exempt from sales and

use taxes when making agricultural purchases. The agriculture tax exemption number is received from the state comptroller, who can be reached by calling toll free 1-800-252-5555, or at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/agriculture>.

HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

Holiday Hours:

All facilities of this bank will close at 3 pm Friday, December 23.

All facilities of this bank will also be closed Monday, December 26

and Monday, January 2.

In Observance Of

Christmas Day

and

New Year's Day



Please plan your banking requirements during regular banking hours to avoid any inconvenience.

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We want to thank all of our customers and friends for your patronage and friendship and wish you a

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