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## Longhorns finish basketball season at State Tournament

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The Bronte Longhorns finished their season at the State Tournament yet again!

The Longhorns earned the State Runner-up Title for Class 1A Division II. The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches honored Dakota and Kerwin Rawls by naming them to the Class 1A Division II All State Tournament Team.

The Longhorns played Roxton in the semi-final game Friday evening, March 11. Shooting at over 70%, they came away the big winner in this contest, 80-60.

As in the regional championship game against Ira, Kerwin Rawls stepped up to lead the team. He put in 30 points, and had 10 rebounds and seven assists. He wasn't alone on the floor though as the other starters added to the point total. Dakota Rawls put in 14 points, Creed Coalson had 12 points - all 3 point shots, Terron Charles shot for 10 points, and Heath Richey added 7 points. Caleb Rosson came off the bench to put in 5 points and Jordan Baumann topped it off with 2 points.

The Longhorns then faced Paducah for the State Championship. The 70+% shooting of the night before couldn't be tapped into for this game. The Horns shot only 20% in this game and fell 30-45 in the heartbreaking final. In this contest, they faced two defenders who towered at 6'5" each.

Also at 6'5", Dakota led the Bronte scoring with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Creed Coalson added three 3 pointers for a total of 9 points. Kerwin put in 6 points and Heath Richey fought to the net for 2 points.

This championship loss was the second time in two years that the Longhorns played in the State Final and fell just short of their ultimate goal. However, these young men fought their way through deeper benches with taller, quicker, and tougher teams. They played with "heart", overcoming what some would call disadvantages.

Being ranked first in the

ratings almost from the first of the season, put a target on their backs and raised expectations that can be hard to live up to. These players showed character and dignity throughout the season.

They gave the community of Bronte a team to cheer for, travel with and one in which to be proud. Let's hope they don't remember the last game of the season most, but that they remember the journey to that game.

You can't talk about the Longhorn basketball program without mentioning Rocky Rawls. As Bronte's head coach, he's taken the Longhorns to the state tournament's final game four times. He's done more than that for Bronte. He has taken what might be average athletes in someone else's program and moulded them into outstanding teams. He's taught them not only basketball, but also discipline, character, honor, and integrity.

Dakota, Kerwin, Heath and Terron are all seniors and will not play for Bronte next year. However, Creed Coalson and his 3-pointers and Caleb Rosson with his rebounding skills give Bronte a good foundation on which to build.

### Robert Lee City Council announces Mandatory Water Restrictions

The Robert Lee City Council discussed the implementation of mandatory outdoor water restrictions at the Council meeting on March 14.

Action will be taken at the April 11th council meeting. The City council welcomes recommendations and residents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Comments may also be submitted in writing. Name and address must be included with letter.

The following are considerations at this time: There will be no outdoor watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Outdoor watering will be restricted to trees and shrubs. Trees may be watered within the canopy



**Longhorns Make Bronte Proud!** *The Longhorns competed in the State Tournament Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12. They won their semi-final game against Roxton, but fell in the Championship game to Paducah. The Longhorns include (from left) Coach Richard Buchanan, Skyler York, Ty Lee, Jordan Baumann, Terron Charles, Creed Coalson, Heath Richey, Thoren Charles, Kerwin Rawls, John Deller, Dakota Rawls, Caleb Rosson, Newt McGinnis, Head Coach Rocky Rawls, and Coach Kyle Sanford.*

of the tree. Addresses may determine what day(s) a customer may be allowed to water. There will be no outdoor watering for irrigation, lawns, washing vehicles on private properties, commercial car wash, and filling swimming pools. The County will be allowed to fill the public swimming pool; however swimming pools for residential use will be prohibited.

During a time of drought, the entire state is facing new water restrictions. Water restrictions are happening all over West Texas. The Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) is requiring member cities that include Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Snyder, and Stanton to cut water use by 10 percent.

### Relay For Life Team to sell car wash tokens

The Robert Lee State Bank RFL team is selling car wash tokens to be used at Stripes (formerly Town & Country) Convenience Store at 4560 Sherwood Way in San Angelo. The discounted token is for an All-American car wash and does not include an interior cleaning.

Tokens can be purchased from any of the following team members: Valerie Howard, Brenda Skinner,

Stephanie Puentez, Lisa Service, D'Ann Eubanks, Brandi Sawyer, Krystal Raney, Teresa Millican, DeeAnna Harmon, Cookie Burns, Mollie Burns, Kayli Jo Dickey Rose, Becca Skinner McGuire, Sandy Sawyer or Jesse Puentez.

For more information, call the Robert Lee State Bank at 453-2545.

### Coke County Roping Club to hold practice and organization meeting Sunday

The Coke County Roping Club will meet Sunday afternoon at 3 pm at the arena in Bronte for practice and an organizational meeting.

For more information, call 650-1495 or 234-6258.

### Coke County Retired Teachers to meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, March 21. The noon luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

### Ballots set in local entities elections

Filing for places on the ballot in the upcoming local entities elections ended Monday, March 14, 2011. The election will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011.

### Bronte ISD

There are two three-year

Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Bronte Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Paul Williams and David McWright. Mr. Williams and Mr. McWright have filed for re-election. T. J. McCullough, Ray Barnett and Andra Arrott have also filed for places on the ballot. Due to spring break, anyone filing after last Tuesday's press deadline is not listed.

### Robert Lee ISD

There are two three-year Board of Trustee terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee Independent School District. Currently, these offices are held by Jeffie Roberts and Irma Torres. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Torres have filed for re-election. One unexpired two year term is also available, following the resignation of Tod Reed. Tracy Allen has filed for this office. Due to spring break, anyone filing after last Tuesday's press deadline is not listed.

### Bronte City Council

There are two two-year city council member terms on the ballot for the City of Bronte. Currently, these offices are held by Misty Bedford and Paula McWright. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

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