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Blackwell woman killed in oilfield accident near Bronte on Monday

Janet Roland, 52, of Blackwell, died at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo Monday, July 23, 2012, following an oilfield accident in Coke County that morning.

The accident occurred on the Rawling Lease on Sand Road approximately 2 miles north of Bronte. Bill H Pearl Productions is the owner of the Butner Battery. It initially appears to investigators that the catwalk gave way.

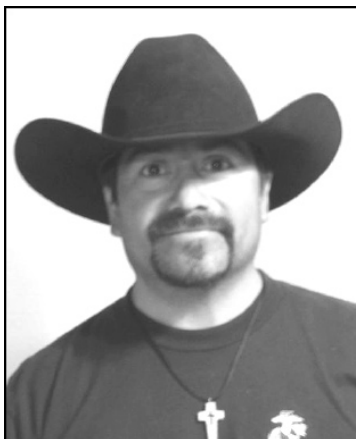
Following a 911 call, Coke County Deputy Sheriff Billy Williams responded, along with local EMS. Shannon

AirMed transported Mrs. Roland to San Angelo.

Janet, a longtime resident of Blackwell, was married to Charlie Roland, Jr. The couple were very active in the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department and other Blackwell community activities. Charlie and Janet have two sons, Chayne and wife, Beverly, of San Angelo, and Justin and fiancé, Jessica Rivers. Justin is currently stationed at Fort Hood.

Following an autopsy, McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater will be in charge of arrangements.

5th Annual Joe Torres Memorial Golf Tournament set for July 28



The 5th Annual Joe Torres Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 28, 2012, at the Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee.

This tournament is in honor of Joe Torres. Joe served the community for 18 years working for the City of Robert Lee. His legacy is

carried on through his daughter, Ashley Torres, and sons; Garrett & Jayton Torres. All proceeds will benefit Garrett and Jayton so that they may have a brighter education and future.

The tournament format will be a 3-person scramble, 18 hole shotgun start featuring cash payouts and prizes beginning Saturday, July 28 at 10 am. Registration is between 8 am and 9 am. Entry fee includes green fee and a meal. To sign up and reserve a cart (limited carts), contact Mountain Creek Golf Course at (325) 453-2317. For more information, please contact Jonathan Torres (325) 262-0399, Lewis Samaniego (325) 260-8818, or Gina Williams (325) 763-8034.

Early voting in next Tuesday's Primary Election run-off ends today

Early voting in the Democratic and Republican Primary Election began last Monday, July 23, and ends today, Friday, July 27, 2012, at the County Courthouse.

Consolidated polling places for the Tuesday, July 31, run-off election are the Recreation Hall at the County Park in Robert Lee for Precincts One and Three, and the Senior Citizens Center in Bronte for Precincts Two and Four. Voting hours are 7 am to 7 pm.

In Coke County, both the Democrats and Republicans will have a Primary Election run-off to determine the can-

didates to be placed on the November General Election ballot in five statewide political races.

The most widely publicized race is for retiring senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson's United States Senate seat. On the Democratic side, Paul Sadler is facing Grady Yarbrough. For the Republicans, current Texas Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst is battling Ted Cruz, a Tea Party favorite who has served as Texas Solicitor General.

Republican candidates for Railroad Commissioner (full

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School Supplies!

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& Robert Lee Elementary
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School Starts

Blackwell,
Bronte & Robert Lee
August 27

City Of Robert Lee Landfill Closing

The City of Robert Lee Landfill is full and will close permanently on October 27, 2012. The current landfill pit has reached a capacity that in accordance with TCEQ requirements should be closed. There will no longer be waste received at the landfill following this date.

Due to the current fill capacity of the pit area and until the closing date of October 27th, the landfill will open on the 1st Saturday of each month during the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Items that will be accepted are limited to brush, shrubs, tree limbs, and wood material.

Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery Association to meet Monday

The Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery Association will hold a meeting on Monday, July 30, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held at City Hall in Robert Lee.

New quilting/sewing group forming in Coke County

A new group is forming for all who are interested in quilting, sewing and any type of handwork are welcome to come and join us.

This is also a community

service group, that in hopes that we can provide some of our projects to people of the community and provide fundraiser projects. The next meeting will be Monday afternoon from 3 to 8 pm. It will be a come and go affair at the city park caretakers/boy scout hut.

If anyone has any material that they don't want and don't know what to do with, we will love to have it.

Contact Jo Ann 473-1306 or Iris 453-2493

Vision With a Purpose to meet August 2

By Joan Davis
Robert Lee Vision With a Purpose will hold its monthly meeting on the first Thursday, August 2. Members will convene at 7 pm in the fellowship hall in the Victory Assembly of God, at 6th and Houston St. Please show your support of our community by your attendance. We need your support on two upcoming projects.

Bronte High School Band to begin practice August 6

All students planning to participate in the Bronte High School Band will need to attend practice beginning Monday, August 6, from 10 am to 2 pm. Students need to report to the band hall.

For more information, contact BISSD Band Director Wayne Dannheim at (325) 514-7775.

Free Athletic Physicals slated for Bronte Students

Athletic Physicals for Bronte students in grades 7, 9, and 11 are set for Saturday, August 4, at 9 am.

The bus will leave Bronte High School at 8 am. Please be at the school with medical history and physical form completed and signed by parents at 7:45 am. Physicals are free only at this time.

Robert Lee-Silver Lions slate fundraiser

The Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club is raising money to put up an electronic sign. The fundraiser is set for Robert Lee Community Center on Saturday, August 4, at 5:30 pm.

Watermelon and sandwiches are going to be served with a pie, cake or dessert auction afterwards.

For more information, contact any Lion member, or call 453-2380.

Next Coke County Tea Party meeting set for August 7

The next Coke County Tea Party meeting is set for Tuesday, August 7.