



**Certified!** Bronte Guns and Tackle is now a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department certified weigh station for the ShareLunker program. Fish caught locally that fit the criteria for the ShareLunker program can now be brought to Bronte Guns and Tackle for weighing, recording, and certifying. The fish can also be held at the holding facility at Bronte Guns and Tackle once their certification process is complete. Previously there wasn't a certified weigh station locally and fisherman who had catches that they wished to be certified had to travel a distance in order to do so.

sounds absurd, like so many other hopeful ideas, but it is only absurd to those who lack the hope and who lack the vision.

Hope in localism is the way. Be hopeful, friends.

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**January 2024**

Calls for service (criminal matters, civil matters, livestock, reckless driver, suspicious vehicle, suspicious person, welfare check, stranded motorist, funeral escorts, alarm call, assist fire/EMS, etc) - 248

- Citations Issued - 44
- Warnings Issued - 40
- MHMR Interactions - 2
- Felony Arrests - 1
- Misdemeanor Arrests - 3
- Warrants Served - 2
- Prisoner Transports - 5
- Accidents Worked by County - 2
- Assist DPS w/Accident - 6
- Civil Process - 0
- Total Number of Public Services - 352
- Number of Inmates in Jail as of Last Day of Reporting Month:
  - Males - 5
  - Females - 0

**For our Bronte customers' convenience, there is a Drop Box at SHIRLEY'S PLACE.**



**Valentine's!** Austin Street Coffee House in downtown Robert Lee hosted a Valentine's Dinner on Saturday evening, February 10.

**Farmers, ranchers concerned with property rights this legislative session**

The Texas Legislature is back in session, and Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) members from across the state are working with their lawmakers to ensure agriculture's needs are addressed.

The session kicked off with new protocols in place due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"Although the legislative session looks differently this year with COVID-19, we are still working with our elected leaders to address the needs of farmers, ranchers and rural communities," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said.

Although thousands of bills will be filed during the 140-day regular session, TFB will focus

on 11 legislative priorities regarding agriculture. They include:

- Eminent Domain: Ensure property owners' rights are protected under eminent domain law.
- Water: Protect the rights of landowners and agricultural producers to surface water and groundwater. Oppose legislation that attempts to take any constitutionally-protected rights to water.
- Taxes: Ensure state tax policy does not adversely impact or burden agricultural producers or the agricultural industry. Protect the current state tax provisions that limit the burden on producing food, fiber and other agricultural products for consumers.
- Land Use Regulation: Protect the rights of agricultural

producers to engage in normally-accepted agricultural practices on their land. Oppose unnecessary regulatory authority over rural land, including involuntary or coerced annexation.

• Transportation: Ensure vehicle, trailer and driver license regulations do not adversely impact or burden agricultural producers or the agricultural industry.

• Animal Care: Protect the ability of agricultural producers to utilize generally-accepted, scientifically-proven production practices for livestock, poultry, and other animals present on

agricultural operations.

• Feral Hog Control: Support legalizing reasonable chemical controls for feral hogs. Support maintaining all current legal methods of controlling feral hogs.

• Farm Animal Liability: Support modifications to the current Farm Animal Liability Act that recognizes the inherent risk in working with farm animals for both the ag producer and their employees.

• Truth in Labeling: Support making it illegal to use deceptive labeling of food products to influence consumers to purchase the product.

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# VOTE

## Ticha Jo Lindsey

### FOR Tax Assessor-Collector

Paid for by candidate Ticha Lindsey

**I am asking for your VOTE for Coke County Tax/Assessor Collector.**

**I worked as management in a corporate setting for 25+ years. I have ran operations that did 6 to 36 million dollars a year.**

**I won several awards including Best Operations and Presidential Awards multiple times. I also have ran successful teams from 10 to 150 employees.**

**I am married to Ed Lindsey. We raised three children. Sterling and Francis Lindsey raised Ed and his sisters in Robert Lee. I was raised on a farm.**

**I would love the opportunity to serve you the citizens of Coke County.**

This message is approved and paid for by Ticha Jo Lindsey the candidate.

# VOTE

# RUSSELL ASH

## Coke County Attorney

My family has been involved in this wonderful area of West Texas for over 100 years. I was raised in Coke County and want to continue to make it my final home. I would greatly appreciate your vote on March 5.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Russell Ash