

Locally) were innovative for their time in a rural community. This innovation renders all the more maddening Stamford's subpar streets in the 21st century, but that's a topic for another day. Stamford surely was the Railroad Center of West Texas. The important Texas Central and Wichita Valley lines crossed here. Local investors organized their own regional line, the Stamford and Northwestern. These railroads were major employers and spawned both a gorgeous depot and a unique roundhouse, both of which are sadly long gone, along with all the other rail infrastructure.

What about The City of Roses? I'll be honest. I have no idea where this came from. I know more than my share of Stamford history and, until I found this pamphlet, I had never heard Stamford claiming a unique position as to roses. Perhaps this was a bit of unrealized idealism.

Then there's The Metropolis of the West. What an aspiration! This honestly made me emotional the first time that I read it. I felt it. I believed it. In fact, I still do! This slogan might even be inspiring another writing project. In 1910, The Metropolis of the West was an ideal but also a legitimate goal. Today, an outsized part of the West Texas population resides in Lubbock, Abilene, and Midland-Odessa and they influence culture and economy accordingly. In 1910, Stamford's population of 3,902



Grand Opening! A ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony was held on Saturday morning, April 6, to celebrate El Rancho, a new shopping destination in downtown Bronte. The shop is home to many one of a kind furniture and household items, as well as clothing and accessories to fit that western eclectic style.

was significantly larger than any of those cities except Abilene. Stamford College existed. Texas Tech University did not. There was no reason to believe that Stamford was NOT destined to be The Metropolis of the West. Back in 2021, my friend Sarah

Self-Warbrick (then with Texas Tech Public Media) featured Stamford in a story on the struggle to bring high-speed internet to rural communities. It

was an important, impactful story and I am proud that Stamford now has exponentially more access to high-speed internet today than it did three

years ago. As we drove around Stamford, I casually referred to myself as a 'Shameless Frontier Mayor and Booster.'

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The Event Center

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BINGO NIGHT

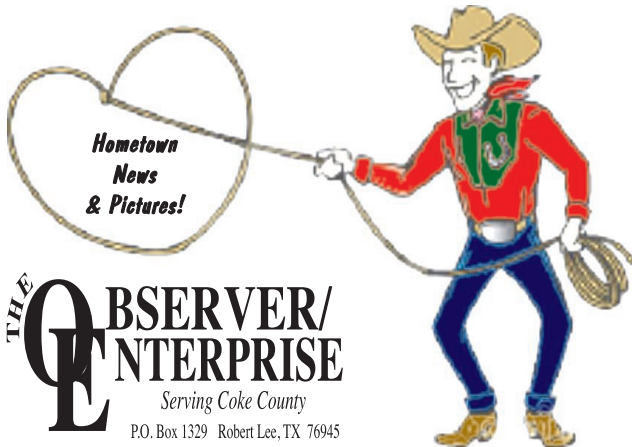
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The Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el Mayo 4, 2024 de conformidad, con la Seccion 2.053(a) delCodigo de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificado como candidatos unicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuacion:

Candidate (Candidato)	Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)
Shirley Lemley	School Board Trustee
Ray Walls	School Board Trustee

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibira una copia de esta orden en toda las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la eleccion.


President (Presidente)


Secretary (Secretario)

2/21/24
Date of adoption (Fecha de adopcion)