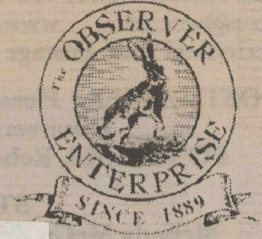


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## Resolution approved by Commissioners requesting changes on US Highway 277

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Coke County Commissioners voted Tuesday, February 24, 2015, on a resolution to lower the speed limit on US Highway 277 for the three mile stretch from Bronte in each direction (both north toward Abilene and south toward San Angelo). The resolution also addresses the safety signage, or lack thereof, on the curves on this section of roadway.

Coke County Commissioners, along with the City of Bronte, have no power to make any changes along this federal roadway. However, they may send this resolution as a request to Texas Department of Transportation. The process begins with the TxDOT District Engineer in San Angelo and will make its way to TxDOT's governing board in Austin. It will be this board's decision to make any changes to safety features or speed limits.

Several East Coke County

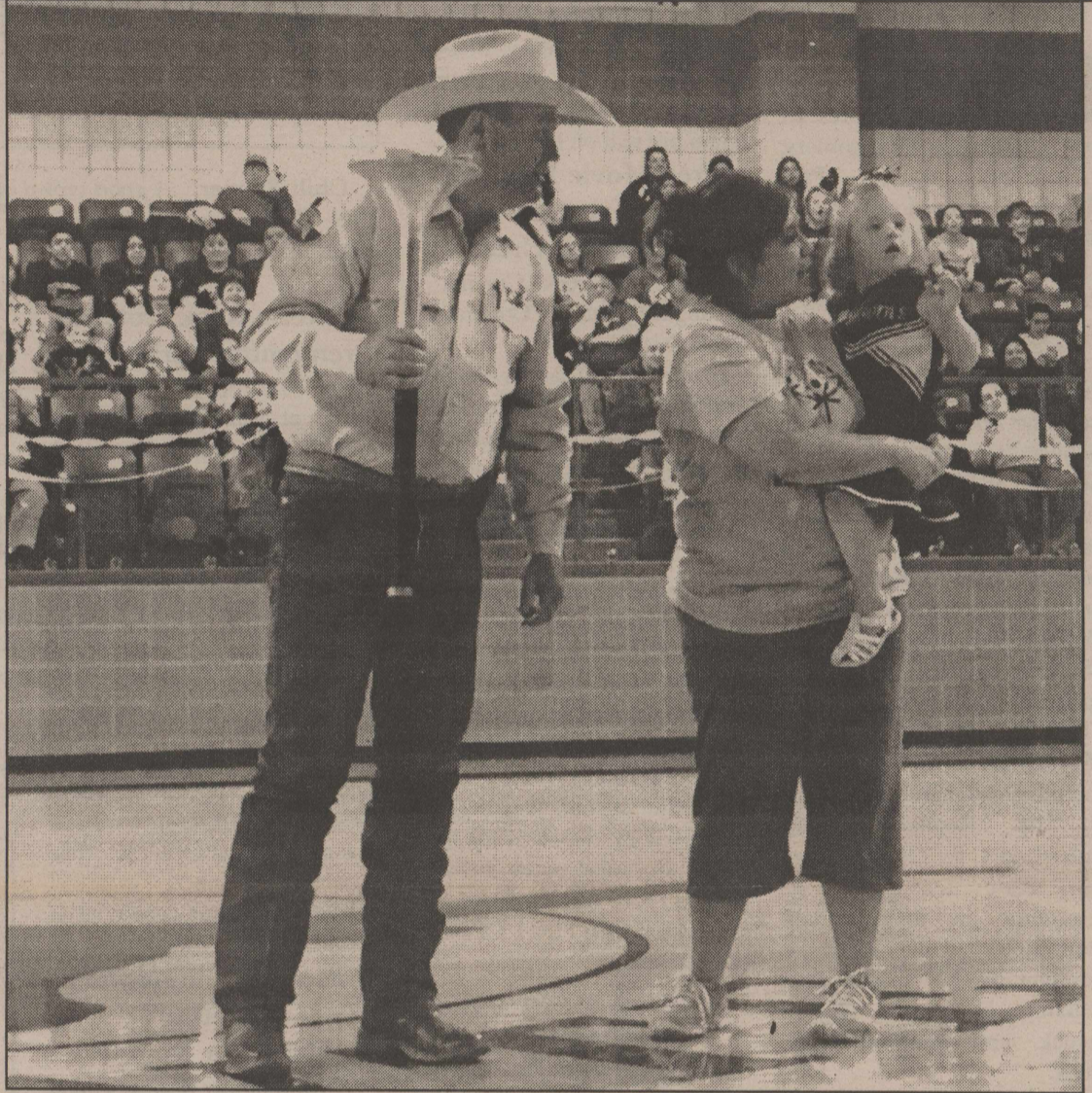
citizens were in attendance for the Commissioners meeting due to this resolution. In their discussion with the Court, it was noted that an increased law enforcement presence was needed in this area. They agreed that the Sheriff's Office and the Precinct 2 Constable were very active, but noted the absence of a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper for extended periods. Coke County Judge Roy Blair explained that Coke County only had a Trooper for a couple of weeks each month and that soon she will be transferring. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen reported that there has not been a time set for a replacement Trooper to be stationed in Coke County.

The complete resolution is listed below.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Coke County Commissioners Court met in open session this 24th day of February, 2015 in the Coke County Courthouse in

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**Happy Birthday!** It was a double celebration for little Morgan Holland as the spectators and competitors at last Saturday's Special Olympics event in Bronte sang "Happy Birthday" to her in honor of her 5th birthday. Morgan, accompanied by Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Becky Puentez, was the final torch bearer to conclude this year's Opening Ceremonies.

### East Side Burn Pile addressed at Commissioners Court

Coke County Precinct 2 Commissioner Paul Williams requested approval from Commissioners Court Tuesday to spend up to \$5,000 to clean up the burn pile at the back of the County Park in Bronte.

He explained to the Court that the burn pile was a violation of Texas state law (Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 365). Not only were the people who used the site breaking the law, but also the Court for allowing the dumping.

In order to come into compliance with state law and avoid the large fines associated with violations, the site has been closed and will be cleaned up.

Commissioner Williams explained further that the gate blocking access to the site is temporary. Public access for recreation on the south side of Lake Kneirim will not be permanently restricted.

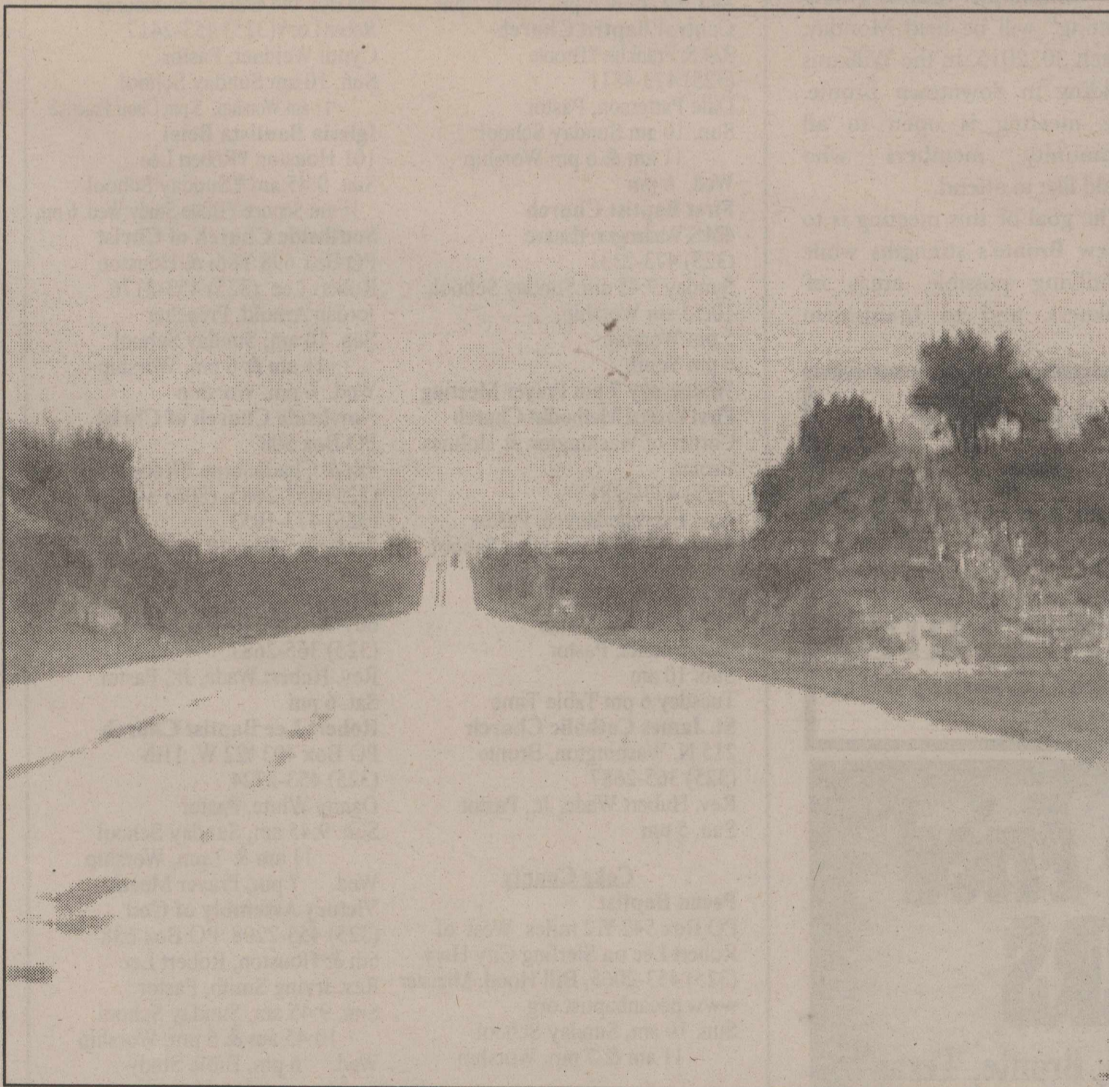
### Local Government Entity election filing period ends today

Filing for a place on the ballot in the May 9, 2015, local government entity election ends today Friday, February 27, 2015. Potential candidates may pick up and return an application at the entity for which they are filing.

The City of Robert Lee has three 2 year terms to fill. The terms of council members Janie Munoz, Leroy Casey and Susan McCormick are expiring. Also, Mayor John Jacobs has announced that he will resign in May. The remainder of his term will be on the ballot. As of presstime, Leroy Casey has filed for the unexpired term for mayor. Janie Munoz has filed for re-election to the council and will be joined on the ballot by Roger Alexander and Toni Rainwater.

The City of Bronte will need to fill three seats currently held by Misti Bedford, Paula McWright and Jodie Arrott. As of presstime, Paula McWright

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**Winter Weather!** Coke County received another dose of winter weather earlier this week in the form of ice. The 80 degree days of last week abruptly gave way to much colder temperatures on Sunday when temperatures dropped into the twenties on Sunday evening. Temperatures remained in the twenties until mid-morning on Tuesday. The above scene was approximately 4 miles north of Bronte on US Highway 277. Photo Courtesy of Susan Williams

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**... Resolution**

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 Robert Lee, Texas, with the following members present: Troy Eugene Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. 1, Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2, Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. 3, Joe Sefcik, Commissioner, Pct. 4

WHEREAS, The Court finds it in the best interest of the Citizens of Coke County to lower the Speed Limit on U.S. Highway 277 three miles north and south of Bronte

WHEREAS, The Court wishes to readdress the safety warning signs effecting the curves on the roadway

WHEREAS, The traffic on U.S. Highway 277 has had a significant increase of traffic

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following Commissioners are in support of the Resolution and Authorized Coke County Judge Roy Blair to sign said Resolution, on their behalf: Honorable Troy Eugene Montgomery, Honorable Paul Williams, Honorable Gaylon Pitcock, and Honorable Joe Sefcik.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2015.

Roy Blair, Coke County Judge

**... Filing Deadline**

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 has filed for re-election and Jodie Arrott has filed for the unexpired term for council.

East Coke County Hospital District will have to fill two 2 year terms currently held by Gina McCutchen and Lee Wommack. As of presstime, both incumbents have filed for re-election.

West Coke County Hospital District will have to fill two 2 year terms currently held by Mary Bessent and Dessie Kendall. Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

There are three 3 year terms on the ballot for the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees. The terms of George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam are expiring. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

There are three 3 year terms on the ballot for the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees. The terms

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of Blake Braswell, David McWright and Ashley Braswell are expiring. As of presstime, Ashley Braswell has filed to retain her seat on the board.

**Free Movie Night set for Saturday at Mountain Creek**

Mountain Creek Cinema is hosting the February Community Movie Night

Featuring "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day". The movie will be shown Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 7 pm at the Coke County Park Pavilion in Robert Lee.

A concession stand, sponsored by Vision with a Purpose, will be available.

Debbie and Gaylon Childers have graciously sponsored this month's movie and therefore, it is free to the public.

In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown in the large Rec Hall, adjacent to the Park Pavilion. For more information, go to Mountain Creek Cinema's Facebook page.

**Red Hat Society meeting slated**

Ladies the Red Hat meeting will be in Ballinger, Tuesday, March 3, for the Ladies Club Luncheon. It will be in the Family Life Center next to First Baptist Church, located 400 N. 8th St. They will begin serving at 11:30 am and continue until 1 pm. This is their annual fund raiser for scholarships. The cost per person is \$7.00. Hope to see you there.



**Chili Supper!** A good crowd enjoyed the delicious food and fun at the Robert Lee-Silver Lion's Club Chili Supper held at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee Saturday evening, February 7, 2015. Photo Courtesy of Leta Caston.

**Winter's Rock Hotel to remember our fallen**

The War on Terror, Fallen Heroes of Texas Memorial Wall will be displayed in the Rock Hotel Museum in Winters February 28 through March 9, 2015. A grand opening ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, March 1, at 2 pm. The museum will be open from 10 am to 4 pm Mondays through Saturdays and from 1 pm to 4 pm on Sundays.

This wall of photographs, memorabilia and stories spans 100 feet and is dedicated to those Texans who have fallen while fighting the War on Terror.

The Rock Hotel is located at 300 W. Dale in Winters.

**Bronte Community Meeting slated for March**

A "Community Brainstorming Meeting" will be held Monday, March 30, 2015, in the Williams Building in downtown Bronte. The meeting is open to all community members who would like to attend.

The goal of this meeting is to review Bronte's strengths while identifying possible areas of weakness, and to brainstorm

ideas which will culminate into a cohesive strategy for future planning. In other words - where do you want Bronte to be in 5 years, and what steps need to be taken to get there?

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas of what they hope Bronte will look like in 2020. They will also have the opportunity to share their answers to the following questions.

What is unique about Bronte? What needs does our community need to meet which aren't being met currently?

What is your one wish for Bronte?

Representatives of the local Chamber, Bronte Economic Development Council, city, county, and school will be among those attending. Ideally, local business property owners will also benefit from this exchange of information and ideas, as there are a number of new Bronte business owners who are heavily invested in the future of Bronte.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with refreshments. The meeting is set for 6:30 pm.

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Dale Patterson, Pastor  
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Wed. 6 pm  
**First Baptist Church**  
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Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship,  
 5 pm Worship  
 6 pm Youth

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
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(325) 473-3281  
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 11:00 am Worship

**Forgiven Ministries**  
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 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am

Tuesday 6 pm Table Time  
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# Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session January 27, 2015, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner Pct. #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Comm. Williams and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Comm. Williams made a motion to accept the petition and order a special election to be held to legalize the sale of beer and wine in the Justice of the Peace Pct. 2. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the intergovernmental contract between Coke County and the City of Bronte.

No action was taken on an agreement between Coke County and the City of Bronte for reimbursement of jail expenses for ordinance violations in the City of Bronte.

Commissioners visited about lowering the speed limit on US Highway 277 in and around Bronte..

No action was taken on the Coke County updated personnel policy. Judge Blair will set for the last meeting in February. Judge Blair reported that they are working on adding job descriptions to the policy and urged the elected officials and department heads to get their descriptions in.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to accept the bid from Ivey Motor Company for \$32,733.24. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams reported that he and Comm. Sefcik received their training in Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act.

There being no private road work request no action was taken.

Comm. Sefcik made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 am.

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The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 10, 2015, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Gene Montgomery, Commissioner Pct. #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner,

Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Judge Blair welcomed Comm. Williams and Comm. Joe Sefcik.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hal Spain presented his report. Comm. Montgomery made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

County Agent Morgan Runyan presented her extension report for January. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his January report.

Tax Collector's report for January was presented by Judge Roy Blair.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report for January.

Constable Pct. 1 Marshall Millican's report was presented by Judge Blair.

Constable Pct. 2 Marty Boyd presented his January report. He also reported that he would be attending a civil process school.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Jackie Walker presented her January report.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Grady Coulter presented his report for January.

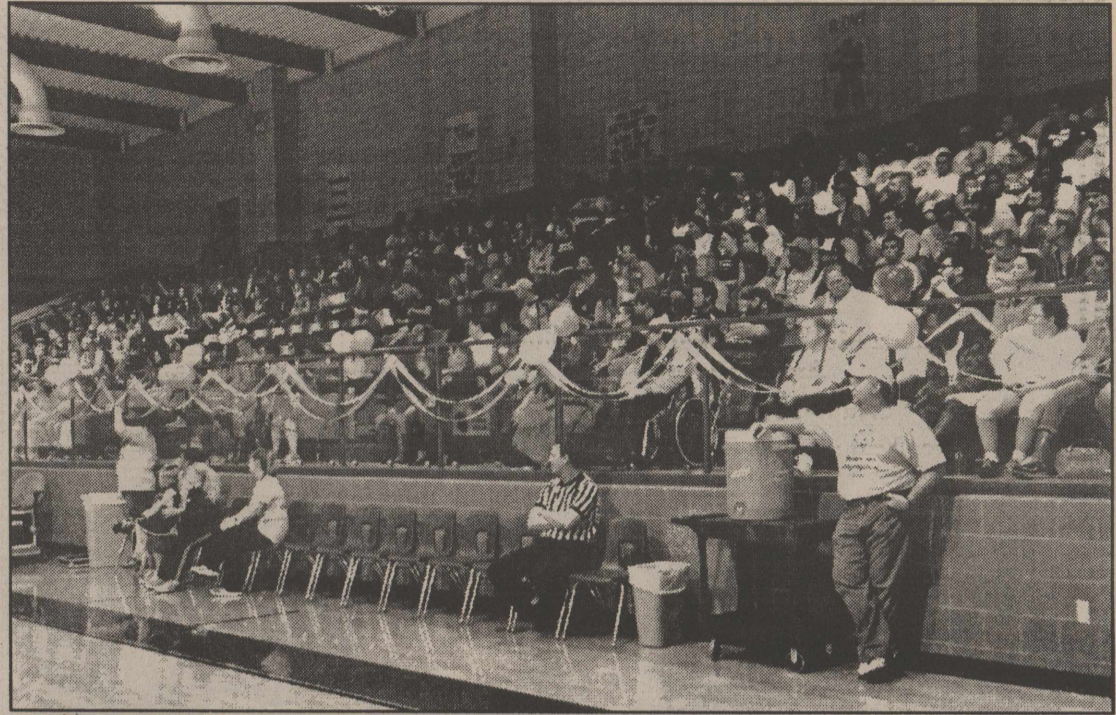
Judge Blair presented the D.R. Reports for January. There was no activity.

The Trapper's Report was presented by Judge Blair for October through December.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the Caliche Contracts with Wayne McCutchen, Fran Crumpler, Gene Mays and Mr. Barker.

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**Special Olympics!** The number of competitors at the Special Olympics has grown over the last 7 years to the extent that only competitors filled the home side stands for Opening Ceremonies Saturday morning, February 21, 2015. Teams came from as far away as Amarillo and Fort Stockton. The Bronte Varsity Cheerleaders cheered for all teams during the Opening Ceremonies.

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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**NHS Induction!** The National Honor Society of Bronte High School held its induction ceremony on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 7 pm. Current members are Lance Burns, Stacia Emfinger, and Marley Braswell. New inductees are Jensen Reed, Jessica Arthur, and Hunter Hamrick. The speaker for the event was Nick Arrott. NHS sponsor is Misty Davis.

## Longhorns post wins

The Bronte Longhorns faced off against the Blackwell Hornets on the basketball court and came out with a win, 53-21.

Statistics include: Josh Puentez 11 points, 4 steals, and 4 assists;

Diego Perez 8 points and 8 rebounds; Tanner Bedford 8 points; Jared Scott and Shawn Puentez both with 7 points; Ryan Jones 5 points; Ean Ward 2 points and 6 rebounds; Lance Burns and Kahd Walton 2 points; and Carson Kelso 1 point and 4 steals.

The Longhorns next faced the Highland Hornets in a practice game and won again, 55-42.

Statistics include: Josh Puentez 17 points, 4 steals and 5 assists; Lance Burns 11 points; Ryan Jones 10 points; Ean Ward 7 points and 3 steals; Shawn Puentez 6 points; Jared Scott 2 points and 4 assists; Diego Perez 2 points and 3 assists.

## ACT Prep Workshop set for March 3

There will be an ACT prep workshop at Anson High School on Tuesday, March 3rd from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM for any interested Bronte High School students to attend. Transportation will be provided by BHS. The cost of the workshop is \$30.00 and cash or a check made out to Bronte ISD must be turned into the high school office on or by Friday, February 27th.

This workshop covers general ideas about the ACT test as a whole and the individual sections of English (including

what the test-makers are looking for and the relevant English rules needed for the test), Math (including exactly what formulas and rules you will need to answer virtually every question), Reading (including three strategies on how to best take the reading comprehension section), and Science (including common question types and strategies to understand and beat the science reasoning section). For more information on the workshop, please visit [www.chadcargill.com](http://www.chadcargill.com).

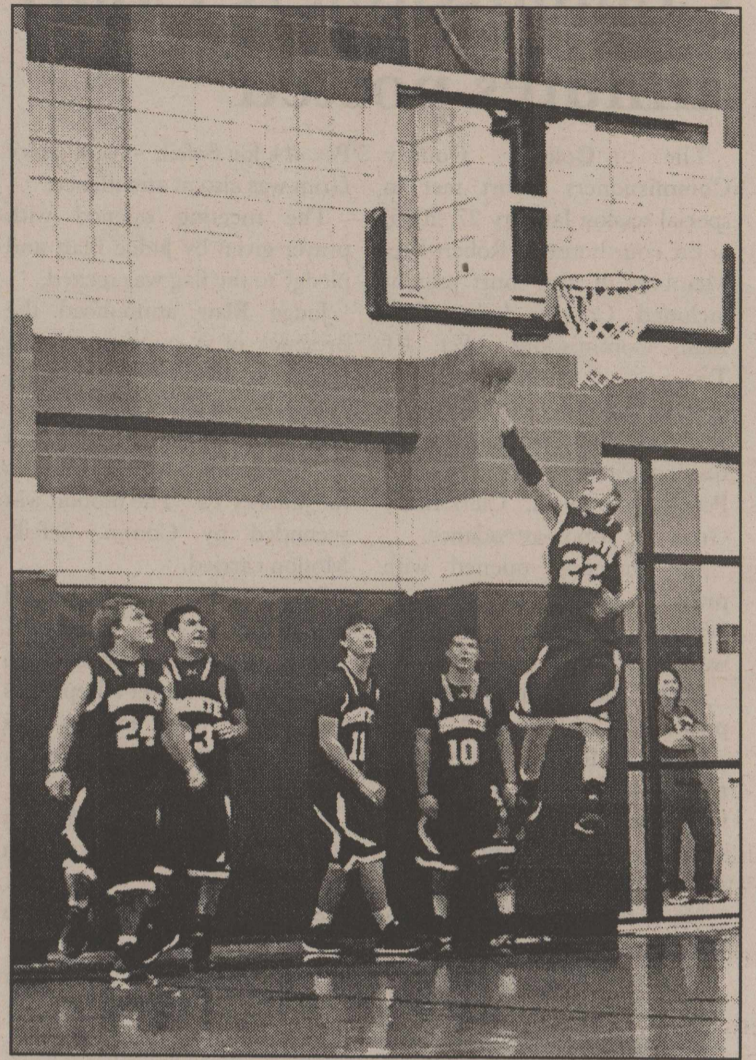
## Bronte JV Longhorns finish season with a win

The Bronte JV Longhorns faced off against the Blackwell Hornets on the basketball court and brought home the win, 57-18. This win ended their season with a 17-5 record and 13-0 district record.

Points scored were: Justin Reed, 12; Jaxon Chantrill, 11; Samuel Dominguez, 9; Kaleb Turner, Tristan Minjarez and Emmanuel Casillas, 6; Isaiah Ornelaz, 4; Josh Huffman, 2; and Ismail Cecilio, 1.

## BHS Local Scholarships available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship applications are now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High



**Varsity Longhorns!** The Longhorns performed skill drills for the crowd during the opening ceremonies of last Saturday's Special Olympics.

School. Applications are available online at [www.bronteisd.net](http://www.bronteisd.net) on the Counselor's Corner page under Scholarship Information, or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 14th, 2015.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor.

For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2511.

## Scholarship opportunities available to high school, college students

Need extra money for college? Several scholarship opportunities are available for both high school and college students who are part of a Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) member family, Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland said.

"Texas Farm Bureau offers these scholarships to help the next generation as they continue their education," John Ross said. "We know college can be expensive, and this is our way to help our member families and future leaders."

John Ross noted TFB and county Farm Bureaus across the state collectively give more than \$180,000 in scholarships each year.

In memory of former TFB President S.M. True Jr., a \$20,000 scholarship was established for college students who have declared agriculture as their major and have at least 60 hours of college credit.

The Dick Mitchell Scholarship awards \$1,000 to one high school junior or senior who attended TFB's Youth Leadership Conference in Stephenville during the summer. Collegiate and high school students who would like to pursue a career in agriculture are encouraged to apply for TFB's Young Farmer and Rancher scholarship. Memorial and district scholarships are also available.

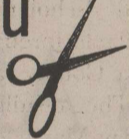
"We encourage all high school and college students in Coke County to check out the scholarships and apply," John Ross said.

Application requirements are detailed on the scholarship page under the "Youth and Education" section of [texasfarmbureau.org](http://texasfarmbureau.org).

For more information on local scholarships that are available through TFB, visit the Coke County Farm Bureau.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 20.

## School Menu



### Breakfast

#### Monday, March 2

Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, March 3

Pancake on stick or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, March 4

Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

#### Thursday, March 5

Biscuit & sausage or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

#### Friday, March 6

Cherry strudel or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, March 2

Corn dog, baked beans, broccoli salad, apple-pineapple, milk

#### Tuesday, March 3

Beefy queso nachos, baby carrots, pears, lime sherbet, milk

#### Wednesday, March 4

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, breadstick, fruit, chocolate chip cookie, milk

#### Thursday, March 5

Soft beef taco, salsa, Mexicali corn, baby carrots, fruity gelatin, milk

#### Friday, March 6

Pizza, corn, vegetable cup, mandarin orange, milk

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# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Lady Steers capture Bi-District Title!** The Robert Lee Lady Steers defeated Jayton 37-35 to win their Bi-District playoff game at Hermleigh last week. Leading 11-9 after the 1st quarter, the Lady Steers trailed at halftime 15-22, and were still behind 26-30 after the 3rd quarter. However, by outscoring Jayton 11-5 in the final quarter, they were able to bring home the Bi-District trophy. Scoring for the Lady Steers were Brady Clawson 18, Mariah Munoz 9, Pammy Meeks 7, and Justice Saucedo 3. Rebounds included Brady Clawson 10, Pammy Meeks 8, Justice Saucedo 3, Mariah Munoz 3, Anna Huapilla 3, and Kiara Burns 2. Brady Clawson had 5 assists, followed by Pammy Meeks with 4, Justice Saucedo 2, Anna Huapilla 2, and Mariah Munoz 1. Recording steals for the Lady Steers were Brady Clawson 5, Justice Saucedo 3, Karlee Roach 1, and Pammy Meeks 1. The Lady Steers were defeated Friday evening, February 20, by Cross Plains in the Area round.

detailed on the scholarship page under the "Youth and Education" section of [texasfarmbureau.org](http://texasfarmbureau.org). local 'scholarships that are available through TFB, visit the section of Coke County Farm Bureau. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 20,

**Robert Lee High School 4th 6 week awards A Honor Roll**

**7th Grade**  
Cali Lee, Kari O'Dell

**8th Grade**  
Kelby Clawson, Megan Grantham, Chelsea Wyatt, Aimee Zimmerman

**9th Grade**  
Kiara Burns, Bethany Coppedge

**10th Grade**  
Matthew Curry, James Wyatt

**11th Grade**  
Wade Allen, Brady Clawson, Rani Coppedge, Kodi Drennan, Karlee Roach

**12th Grade**  
Tristen Hildebrand, Mason Hill, Kalena Pinard, James Roberts, Mychael Tijerina

**A/B Honor Roll**

**7th Grade**  
Kaleb Gregston

**8th Grade**  
Corbin Drennan, Kaylee Puentez, Autumn Ramon, Bryce Raynor

**9th Grade**  
Margo Mendoza, Mariah Munoz, Tavo Rangel, Kourtney Roach

**10th Grade**  
Gabriel Abalos, Jeen Daoruang, Sean Dooley, Bailey Grimes, Kaden Hayes, Anna Huapilla, Nicole Jones, Erin Smith, Donovan Thomas, Katelynn Tijerina

**11th Grade**  
Sandra Flores, Julia Madrid, Pammy Meeks, Yulissa Peraza, Myrka

Rangel, Justice Saucedo, Madison Wright, Blaine Yanez

**12th Grade**  
JR Aldridge, Daria Tinkler, Jerry Wofford

**Perfect Attendance**

**7th Grade**  
Lane Fowler, Cole Leal, Steve Oleksiuk, Haleigh Soto

**8th Grade**  
Bubba Bohannon, Mark Garces, Daniel Mendoza, Kaylee Puentez, Autumn Ramon, Desirree Roe

**9th Grade**  
Kelsey Benson, Kiara Burns, Bethany Coppedge, Mariah Munoz, Tavo Rangel

**10th Grade**  
Bailey Grimes, Anna Huapilla, Chesney Minjarez, Trace Oleksiuk, Mauricio Ureno

**11th Grade**  
Kodi Drennan, Sandra Flores, Julia Madrid, Pammy Meeks, Myrka Rangel, Karlee Roach, Justice Saucedo, Blaine Yanez

**12th Grade**  
Destinae Burris-Gore, Mason Hill, James Roberts, Mychael Tijerina, Daria Tinkler

**Scholarship opportunities available to high school, college students**

Need extra money for college? Several scholarship opportunities are available for both high school and college students who are part of a Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) member family, Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland said.

"Texas Farm Bureau offers these scholarships to help the next generation as they continue their education," John Ross said. "We know college can be expensive, and this is our way to help our member families and future leaders."

John Ross noted TFB and county Farm Bureaus across the state collectively give more than \$180,000 in scholarships each year.

In memory of former TFB President S.M. True Jr., a \$20,000 scholarship was established for college students who have declared agriculture as their major and have at least 60 hours of college credit.

The Dick Mitchell Scholarship awards \$1,000 to one high school junior or senior who attended TFB's Youth Leadership Conference in Stephenville during the summer. Collegiate and high school students who would like to pursue a career in agriculture are encouraged to apply for TFB's Young Farmer and Rancher scholarship. Memorial and district scholarships are also available.

"We encourage all high school and college students in Coke County to check out the scholarships and apply," John Ross said.

Application requirements are

## School Menu

**Breakfast**

- Monday, March 2**  
Biscuit, gravy, eggs, juice, milk
- Tuesday, March 3**  
Breakfast burrito, juice, milk
- Wednesday, March 4**  
Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk
- Thursday, March 5**  
Sunrise sandwich, juice, milk
- Friday, March 6**  
Pancakes, bacon, juice, milk

**Lunch**

- Monday, March 2**  
Corndog, baked beans, broccoli, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk
- Tuesday, March 3**  
Beefy queso, nachos, salad, pears, lime sherbet, milk
- Wednesday, March 4**  
Chicken sandwich, French fries, veggie cup, fruity jello, milk
- Thursday, March 5**  
Chicken nuggets, gravy, cream potatoes, salad, grapes, breadstick, cookie, milk
- Friday, March 6**  
Pizza, tomato/cucumber cup, carrots, mandarin oranges, milk

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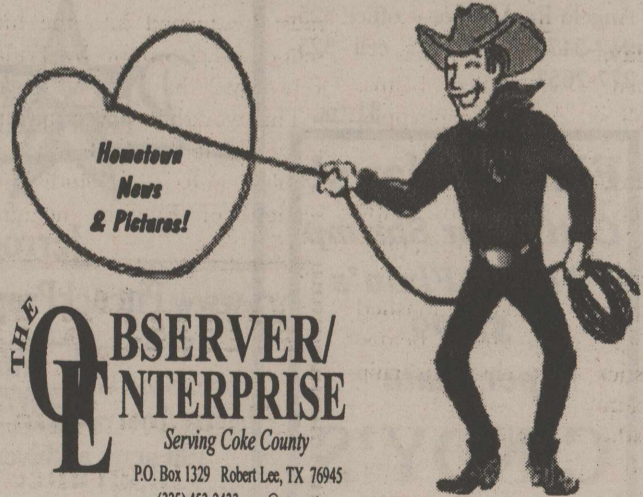
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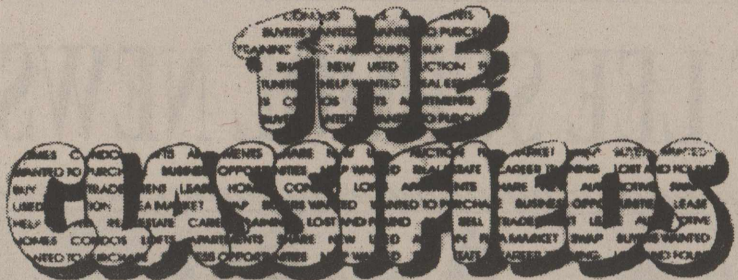
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Applications can be picked up at the Judge's Office in the Coke County Courthouse, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

Applications need to be received by Monday, March 2, 2015, at the Judge's Office in Robert Lee, Texas.

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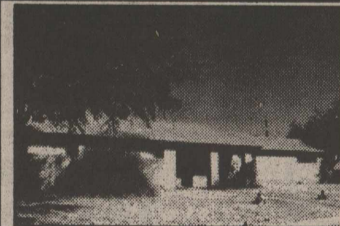
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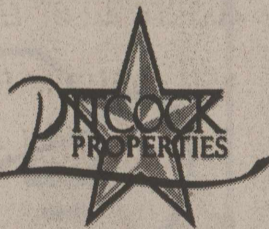
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**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINES**

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**... Commissioners Court Minutes**

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The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried. Judge Blair reported the County received a good clean audit.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to accept the Coke County Financial Report-Year ended September 30, 2014 from Eckert & Company. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried.

Comm. Sefcik made a motion to use Masonic Cemetery in Robert Lee and to purchase a marker for abandoned cremated individual. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion seconded by Comm. Pitcock to approve the continuation bond on Martha Ratliff, Deputy Clerk in County/District Clerk's Office. Motion carried.

Comm. Pitcock made a motion to approve the purchase of a scanner for the Clerk's Office. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams reported on his visit with TAC about training on heavy equipment.

Comm. Pitcock asked for help with the airport runway.

There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

Comm. Williams made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am.

**Solution available for unwanted items**

The Bronte and Robert Lee Convenience Centers are the solution when local residents need to dispose of old mattresses, furniture and appliances.

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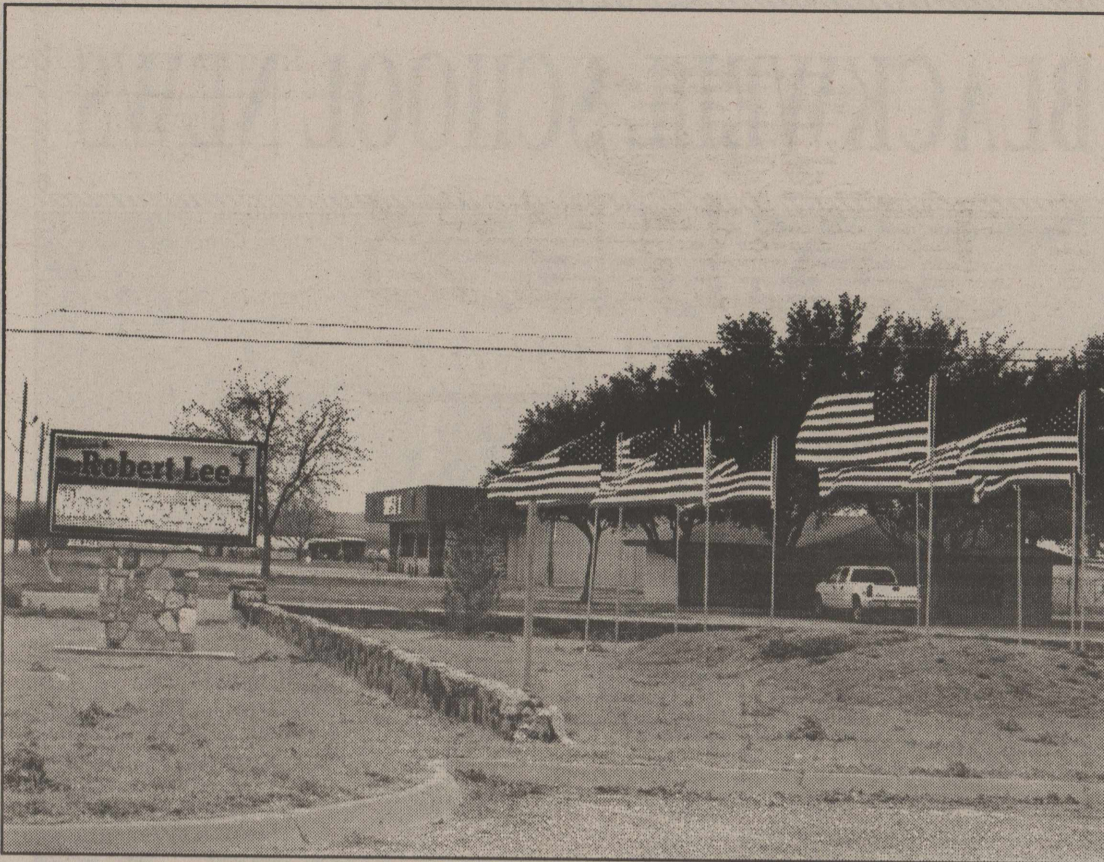
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The Bronte Convenience Center is located at the corner of North Washington and West Jackson and is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8 am until 12 noon. For more information, contact Bronte City Hall at 473-3501.

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**Study Wildlife & Livestock - Earn A College Scholarship**

Interested in wildlife and/or livestock? Are you interested in earning a college scholarship? By participating in a Texas Brigade program, and sharing what you learn with your community, you are well on your way to one!



**Patriotic Display!** Flags fly at Coke County's Memorial Garden on the Courthouse lawn in Robert Lee thanks to Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose. Photo Courtesy of Leta Caston.

The Brigade mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. Cadet graduate, Sean Skweres says, "This is a very interactive and hands-on camp. Texas Brigades taught me numerous life lessons and helped me develop remarkable public speaking and excellent problem solving skills."

This will be the 23rd year of the Brigades. The Texas Brigades program is seeking 170 first-class youth leaders. The application deadline is March 16, 2015 and may be found at <http://www.texasbrigades.org/>

Applications/applications.html.

Participants are selected through a competitive application process. Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, says they are looking for youth ages 13-17 years of age. Texas Brigades is also accepting applications for adult volunteers. No experience is necessary, but applicants should have a strong interest in learning about wildlife, natural resources, livestock, and/or the environment. "We are looking for those with an interest in learning and then sharing what they have learned with their communities," reports Holdsworth.

The 4.5 days camps are held on private ranches across the

state. "These landowners open their gates to us for five days, allowing us to utilize the land as a living laboratory. Natural resource professionals give of their time to mentor the youth. This is a valuable networking opportunity," she said.

The cost of the camp for youth applicants accepted into the program is \$400, but scholarships and financial assistance are available. "We do not want the fee to be a barrier to anyone. We have donors who are willing to support the youths' educational experience," says Holdsworth.

For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391 or email [hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org)

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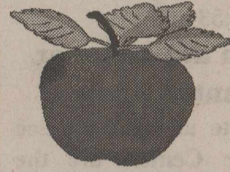
**Healthy Relationships Presentation!** Lori Bunton, the primary prevention education coordinator of Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center in Abilene, recently spoke to junior high and high school students at Blackwell CISD. Lori described to the students what to expect in a healthy dating relationship. She also spoke to the students about warning signs in a relationship and what one can do when encountering violence while dating. Pictured are Blackwell students participating in the presentation.

### ACT Prep Workshop set for March 2

There will be an ACT prep workshop at Hamilton High School on Monday, March 2 from 8:30 to 11:30 for any interested Blackwell High School

students to attend. Transportation, cost of admission, and lunch will be provided for students who have not previously attended a Chad Cargill ACT prep workshop. Students planning to attend should be at the school, ready to depart by 5:45 AM. This workshop covers general ideas about the ACT test as well as specific information for each section of the test: English, Math, Reading, and Science.

## Blackwell School



## Menu

### Breakfast

Not available

### Lunch

#### Monday, March 2

Chicken sandwich, garnish, potato rounds, western beans, diced pears, milk

#### Tuesday, March 3

Asian chicken, brown rice, baby carrots w/ranch, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, sugar cookie, milk

#### Wednesday, March 4

Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk

#### Thursday, March 5

Steak fingers, roll, gravy, crinkle-cut fries, seasoned corn, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit bowl, milk

#### Friday, March 6

Pizza choice, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, milk

For more information about the workshop, please visit [www.chadcargill.com](http://www.chadcargill.com).

### Scholarship Opportunities

It's that time of year to be busy at work on scholarship applications! There are numerous local and national scholarships available. To see an updated listing of local

scholarships, please visit the Counseling/ Guidance section on the school website: [www.blackwellhornets.org](http://www.blackwellhornets.org). Here you will find both scholarship requirements and due dates. For additional information or questions concerning scholarships and/ or scholarship essays, please see Mrs. Coalson in the counselor's office.

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