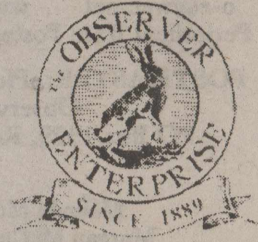


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Filing period continues for Local Entity May elections

The filing period for the May 6, 2017, local government entity elections began Wednesday, January 18, 2017, and will continue through February 17, 2017.

The City of Robert Lee will hold a combined election this year. A special election for a one year unexpired term currently held by Shaunna Grantham and a regular election to elect three council members. These are two years terms. The offices are currently held by council members Toni Rainwater, Roger Alexander and Janie Munoz. Toni Rainwater and Shaunna Grantham have filed to retain their seats on the council.

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for three council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by council members Martin

Lee, George Tomes and Misti Bedford. George Tomes has filed to retain his seat on the council. He will be joined on the ballot by Stormy Vaughn.

Bronte ISD will hold an election for two members of the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by John Seales and Jodie Arrott. Jodie Arrott has filed to retain her seat.

Robert Lee ISD will hold an election to elect two members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Jeffie Roberts and Irma Torres. Jeffie Roberts has filed to retain her seat.

West Coke County Hospital District has two 2-year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Noel Tinkler and Patsy Cason are expiring. Noel Tinkler has filed to retain her seat.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has two 2-year terms expiring.



Daddy-Daughter Date Night! The 8th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night, "Perfectly Paris", was held Saturday, February 4, 2017, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Seventy-five beautifully dressed girls and their handsome dates attended the dance.

The Robert Lee Rec Hall was decorated with mint tables topped with black and white table runners. Flashing Eiffel Towers adorned half the tables while the other half had fresh flower arrangements in the shape of purses or high heels. The flowers were donated by Ms T's Flower Shop. The photo backdrop featured stripes of mint green alternating with black netting and black gossamer with stars. Each couple had their picture taken in front of the beautiful backdrop and will be receiving a 5x7 photo. Above the dance floor were hanging lanterns in various patterns of mint and black. The food tables were overflowing with snacks and punch for the girls and their dates. The girls enjoyed dancing the night away to the music of our favorite DJ David Sheldon and his assistant Brandi Sheldon.

This event offers dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are. This evening was for girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. Tickets were sold at DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee and in Bronte at Hometown Hardware. Business sponsors this year were Another Place Café, Ivey Motors, Coke County Hardware, Floyd Petit Insurance, Robert Lee State Bank, DJ's Merle Norman, Rangel's, Pizza Barn, Adams Abstract, Vision with a Purpose, and Victory Assembly Church.

These offices are currently held by Gina McCutchen and Jerita Taylor. Taylor was appointed in 2016 to the ECCHD Board when Lee Wommack resigned. Both incumbents have filed to retain their seats.

Valentine Dinner Dance slated

Why drive to the "big city" to have a romantic Valentine's evening?

Restoring Bronte Foundation is hosting a night of dining and dancing on Saturday evening, February 11, 2017. The event will be held from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Blue Goose (Williams building) in downtown Bronte and will also include a silent auction and photo booth. Tickets are available in advance at Bronte Hardware. Tickets will not be sold at the door. All proceeds go to the Restoring Bronte Foundation.

Benefit Lunch and Raffle slated

The Blackwell United Methodist Women are hosting a Mexican Pile-on and Quilt Raffle to benefit Lucile Taylor and help with medical expenses from breast cancer.

The meal will be held on

Sunday, February 12, at the Blackwell Methodist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 12 noon.

Plates will include tea and desert. Raffle tickets can be purchased for the quilt from any UMW member. The quilt is currently on display at the Bank in Bronte and tickets are available there.

For more information or question you can contact Lana Goodman at 282-2054 or Karen Walls at 338-3578.

Lions to hold annual Chili Supper

The Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club has scheduled the 6th annual Chili Supper for Saturday, February 18, 2017. The event, featuring the best chili and fixings in Coke County, will be held from 5:30 pm to

7:30 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Following the meal, will be their "fan-dang-tabulous cake Auction".

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit to meet

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting Monday, February 13, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held at the Gus Pruser agriculture exhibit located at 219 W. Dale in Winters.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of Runnels County. The group works on tractors and other displays in the museum. For additional information contact 325-754-5389.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, February 10

High School Basketball -
Bronte at home against Veribest, beginning at 5 pm,
JV Boys, Varsity Boys

Blackwell at Sterling City, beginning at 6:15 pm,
JV Boys, Varsity Boys

Saturday, February 11

Richard Bryan Benefit BBQ Lunch
12 noon, Catholic Church Fellowship Hall in Robert Lee

Restoring Bronte Foundation Valentine Dinner and Dance
6:30 to 10:30 pm, Blue Goose in Downtown Bronte

Junior High Boys District Basketball Tournament, Water Valley

Sunday, February 12

Lucile Taylor Benefit Mexican Pile-On and Quilt Raffle,
12 noon, Blackwell Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Blackwell

Monday, February 13

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm, First Baptist Church Bronte

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Meeting
7 pm, City Hall in Downtown Bronte

Tuesday, February 14

Commissioners Court
9 am, Commissioners Courtroom, Courthouse in Robert Lee

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Robert Lee, beginning at 5 pm,
JV Boys, Varsity Boys

Blackwell at Water Valley, beginning at 6:15 pm
JV Boys, Varsity Boys

Wednesday, February 15

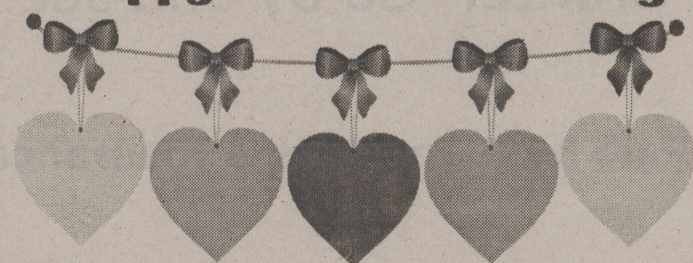
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**West Coke County
 Hospital Board
 meeting held**

By Pat Stephens
 The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session January 31, 2017. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:48 am and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Sarah Green, Patsy Cason, Pat Carwile and Noel Tinkler. John Rainbolt, Administrator, and Janie Munoz, BOM, and Nora Broadbent, HR, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by John Rainbolt. There were no visitors. There were no absent Board members from the previous regular meeting on 11/29, and two absent Board members were excused from the called meeting on 12/15. Board minutes were approved.

The census count shows there are currently 30 residents in the facility, with 2 in the hospital, as of the meeting date.

In the staffing update, it was reported that the facility needs one nurse, 2 cna's, and a med-aid.

Accounts receivable were discussed, as were the financial statements, which were accepted as presented.

Nora Broadbent gave her report. Nora is a recent hire, and the Board welcomes her to the facility.

Open meeting/Open records was discussed, and 3 employees currently need to take the training, which is available online.

The Board voted to update the Bank Signature card as well as the Trust Fund.

The Administrator gave his report, and updated the Board on several issues: building maintenance, employee

insurance, telephone system, and some room changes that were made due to compliance with the fire code. John informed the Board there will be a future need for some computers and copiers to be replaced.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next meeting will be February 27, 2017. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Taking a look at the calendar for February, the Headstart Kids will be doing some crafting with the residents at 1:45 pm on the 8th, and on the 10th, there will be a movie at 3:30 pm, complete with popcorn. There will be a Valentine Party at 2:30 pm, on the 15th, and none other than Elvis, in person, will be entertaining!! The Valentine King and Queen will be announced at the party. The monthly Sing-Along will be held at 3:30 on the 17th, and everyone is invited to come join the fun. Jewell Wallace, Betty Taft, and Emma South will be the honorees at the monthly birthday celebration at 6:00 pm on the 20th, given by AON. Happy birthday, ladies! Everyone is invited to attend church services on Sundays, at 3:30 at the facility, sponsored by the local churches in town. These are a few of the special events to



Quilt Winner! Dedra Morris of Bronte was the lucky winner of the drawing for the quilt made by the Coke County Quilters.

enjoy for February, in addition to all the other many daily activities. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

**Business Owner
 begins treatment**

Cindy Brown, owner of Cindy's Grocery, is currently in the metroplex for treatment of a recent diagnosis. Cindy can be reached at 10304 Frio River Trail, McKinney, Texas 75070. Cindy's friends are keeping the business open during the week.

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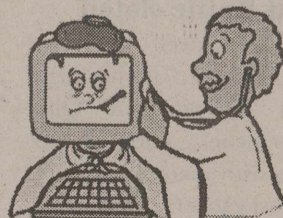


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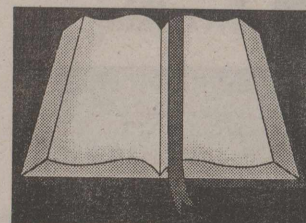
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Vision with a Purpose meeting discussed

Vision With A Purpose met Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Victory Assembly of God. President Marshall Millican called the meeting to order. Pastor Irving Smith opened with prayer.

Dinner was prepared and served by Noel and Clark Tinkler. New faces and some past members were special guests.

Minutes presented by Grace Todachenny were read and approved. Crystal Stanford gave the treasurer's report and it was approved.

Members approved a donation to Victory Assembly of God for the use of their facility while VP's building is under construction.

It was reported that at a special meeting called January 23 members decided to cancel our involvement with a circus in March.

VP is sponsoring a golf tournament at Mountain Creek Golf Club in May with the help of Mountain Creek.

Grace Todachenny reported that she has completed her EMT tests and clinicals and will be certified.

The Beautification and Restoration committee met prior to the dinner meeting to discuss lighting fixtures for Memorial Park, the LED sign, ordering and placing of Memorial Bricks. They are holding another meeting Monday November 6, at 5:30 at the Court House. It has been approved to hard wire the LED sign to the courthouse so it will be more accurate.

President Marshall Millican gave guests a brief background of VP, which was founded in November of 2011. Leta Caston, Debbie Childers, and Janie Munoz were the instigators in setting up this community-oriented organization.

John Rainboldt of the Robert Lee Care Center agreed to help pursue grants for VP for improvement to Robert Lee. Noel Tinkler agreed to assist him.

Natalie Clawson informed the group that the Sports Boosters from Robert Lee High School is sponsoring a Test Drive day at Ivey Motors. A donation to Sports Boosters will be given for each test drive. The event will be held March 10, same day as Rascal Relays.

Kassies Kreations, a new hair salon in Robert Lee will have a ribbon cutting by VP later this month. The date has not yet been determined.

VP held a clean-up day,

Saturday, February 4. Workers cleaned in and around their headquarters.

The group encourages anyone interested in bettering and improving Robert Lee to please join this fine organization. The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 4.

Ricardo Reyes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Bronte ISD posts December board minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Those in attendance were: Board Members: Nick Arrott, Blake Braswell, John Seales, Ashley Braswell, Josh Schoenfield, and Shane Kelton; Administration: Tim Siler, Josh Barton, and Susan Henderson and guests Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood, and Marty Pearcy.

The meeting was opened at 6:37 pm with a prayer by Nick Arrott.

A quorum was established at 6:38 pm with six members present. David McWright arrived at 6:39 pm.

The minutes were presented and read. A motion was made Blake Braswell to approve the November minutes as presented. It was seconded by John Seales. The motion passed.

A motion to approve the bill listing for November and beginning of December as presented was made by Ashley Braswell and seconded by Nick Arrott. The motion passed.

There were no audience items. Nick Arrott submitted his resignation as he will take office as Coke County Attorney on January 1, 2017. David McWright made a motion to accept the resignation. Josh Schoenfield seconded. The motion passed.

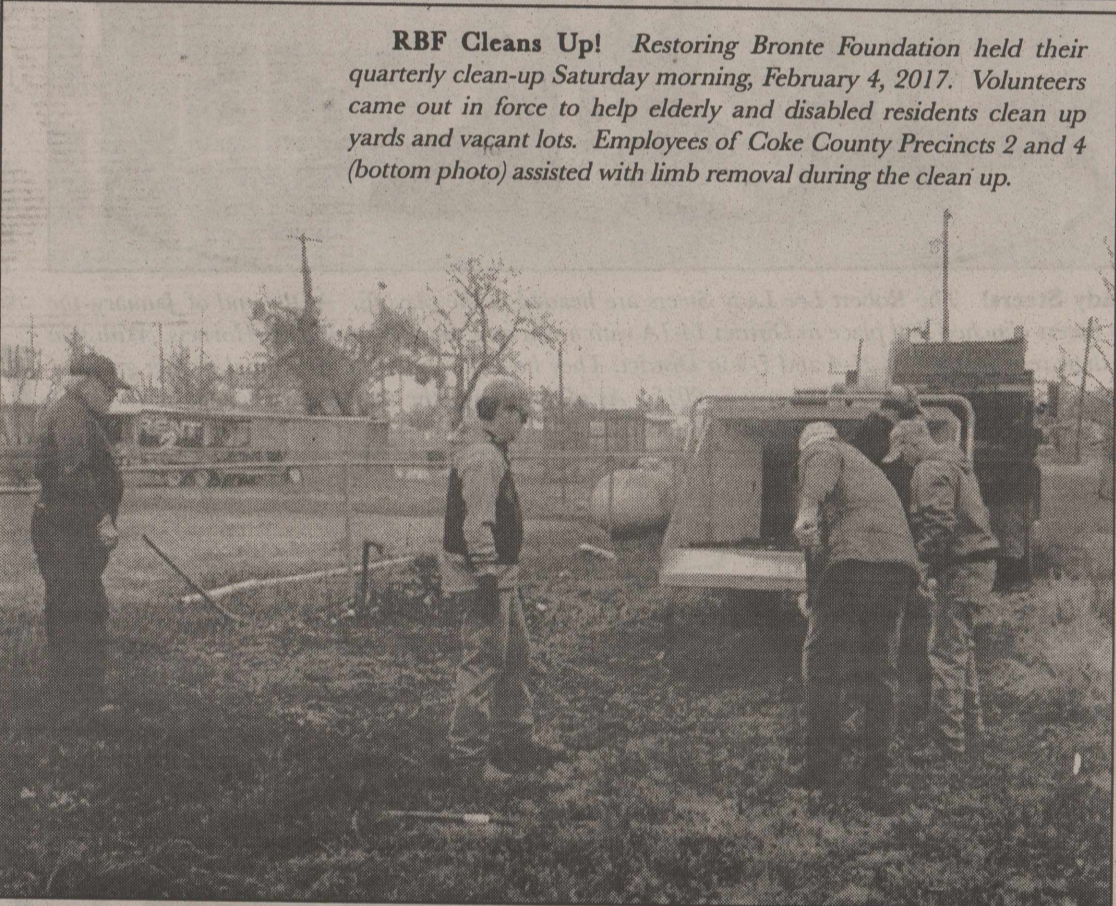
David McWright made a motion to appoint Jodie Arrott as trustee to fill vacated position by Nick Arrott. Blake Braswell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Burl Lowery, CPA, gave a brief presentation of the 2015-2016 audit. He advised Bronte ISD operated within budget in all major operations. David McWright made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 audit. Blake Braswell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A. Update on Student Activities:

Mr. Barton gave an update on school activities. The end of the semester and Christmas

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RBF Cleans Up! Restoring Bronte Foundation held their quarterly clean-up Saturday morning, February 4, 2017. Volunteers came out in force to help elderly and disabled residents clean up yards and vacant lots. Employees of Coke County Precincts 2 and 4 (bottom photo) assisted with limb removal during the clean up.

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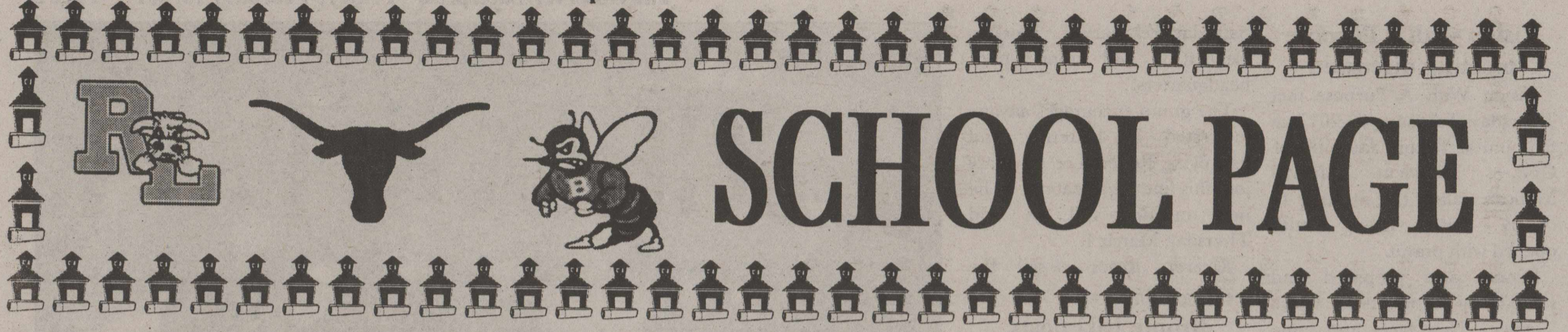
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Lady Steers! The Robert Lee Lady Steers are headed to the playoffs. At the end of January, the Lady Steers clinched 2nd place in District 14-1A with a win over the Blackwell Lady Hornets. With that win, their record stood at 21-4 and 7-3 in District. They hosted Veribest for their final district game of the season Tuesday evening, February 7, 2017. As of presstime, the time and opponent of the Lady Steers' first playoff game had not been announced.



Undefeated! The Robert Lee Lady Dogies "A" team completed their season undefeated with a record of 15-0. Members of the team include Jullisa Ureno, Braylee Hood, Mia Galvan, McKenzie Puentez, Adison Thomas, Hemma Rangel, Harlee Richardson, Aubrey Nichols, and Zoe Tijerina.

Longhorns post scores

The Bronte Longhorns posted two recent scores in the win column. They took on the Sterling City Eagles and came away with a 65-32 victory.

Scoring for the Longhorns were Jaxon Chantrill 24 points, Ryan Jones and Tanner Bedford with 10 points each, Shawn Puentez 6 points, Zach Jackson and Diego Perez with 4 points each, Samuel Dominguez 3 points, and Justin Reed and Carson Kelso with 2 points each.

The Longhorns also played the Blackwell Hornets and won 52-34.

Scoring for the Longhorns were Zach Jackson 11 points, Diego Perez and Jaxon Chantrill with 10 points each, Ryan Jones and Tanner Bedford with 8 points each, and Shawn Puentez with 5 points.

The Junior Varsity Longhorns also posted wins. They defeated Sterling City 30-15.

Scoring for the JV Longhorns were Garrett Knight 9 points, Aaron Cervenka 6 points, Cade Chumney 5 points, Hunter Hortenstine 4 points, and Gabriel Basquez, Tanner Braswell and Hunner Powell with 2 points each.

The JV Horns also played the JV Hornets from Blackwell and won 32-27.

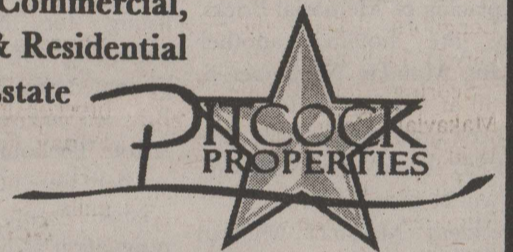
Scoring for the JV Horns were Aaron Cervenka 11 points, Garrett Knight 10 points, Hunter Hortenstine 6 points, Tanner Braswell 3 points and Cade Chumney 2 points.

Clower, Sanderson named Academic All State

Krista Clower and Halee Sanderson were named to the Academic All State team for cheerleading. The girls are students and cheerleaders at Blackwell High School. The girls were nominated by their sponsor Carrie Powers.

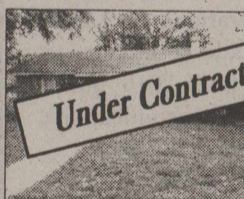
The Texas Girls Coaches Association selects Academic All-State teams in conferences 1A-6A in cheerleading. Cheerleaders and support staff must be a senior, must have a grade point average of 94 or above for grades 9-11 and must be a team member in good standing to qualify for Academic All-State honors. Cheerleaders and support staff are nominated by their member coaches. The head varsity cheer coach must be a member of TGCA before November 1st of each successive

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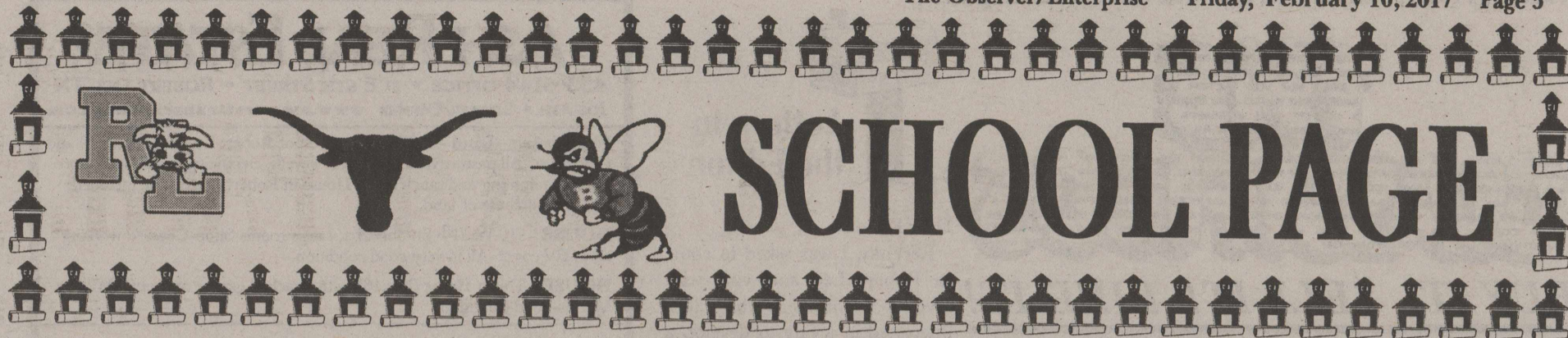
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year to be eligible to nominate cheerleaders for Academic All-State honors.

Lady Dogies post results

The Robert Lee Lady Dogies competed in the District Tournament recently. The Lady Dogies "A" Team won First Place and the Lady Dogies "B" Team won Second Place.

The Lady Dogies "B" team finished the season out last Friday with a winning season record of 4-2. The Lady Dogies "A" Team finished the season out Tuesday night beating Cornerstone 26-20, with a winning season of 15-0.

Scoring in the last game were Jullisa Ureno 10 points, Mckenzee Puentez 3 points, Hemma Rangel 2 points, Braylee Hood 10 points, and Harlee Richardson 1 point. Adison Thomas, Mia Galvan, Aubrey Nichols, Zoe Tijerina played great defense.

JV Lady Horns defeat Sterling City

The Bronte JV Lady Longhorns defeated the Sterling City JV Lady Eagles 40-8.

Scoring for Bronte were Makaylah Delacerda - 9, Zoe Watkins - 6, India Chumney - 1, Melissa Perez - 2, Skyleigh Minjarez - 6, Kaily Torres - 4, Bryton Percy - 4, Kristen

Stilley - 4 and Baily Torres - 4. Their record is 6-7.

Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 13

Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Biscuits/gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 16

Muffins, yogurt cup, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 17

Funnel Cake, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 13

Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Chicken quesadilla, corn, charro beans, salsa, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Meat & cheese tostadas, Spanish rice, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, fruit, milk

Thursday, February 16

Chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic toast, fruit, milk

Friday, February 17

Hamburger/fixins, fries, fruit, milk

School Menus continue on Page 7.



Lady Dogies! The Lady Dogies A and B teams have completed their season. The "A" team won the District Tournament and the "B" team came in second. A team members include (back row, from left) Jullisa Ureno, Braylee Hood, Mia Galvan, Mckenzee Puentez, Adison Thomas, Hemma Rangel, Harlee Richardson, Aubrey Nichols, and Zoe Tijerina. B team members are (front row, from left) Lacey Jones, Reagan Bohannon, Erika Tisdale, Mikayla Rodriguez, Jacey Brashear, Brisely Ureno, Heather Huapilla, and Angie Saldivar (not pictured).

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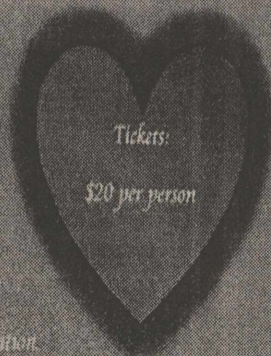
Saturday, February 11th, 2017

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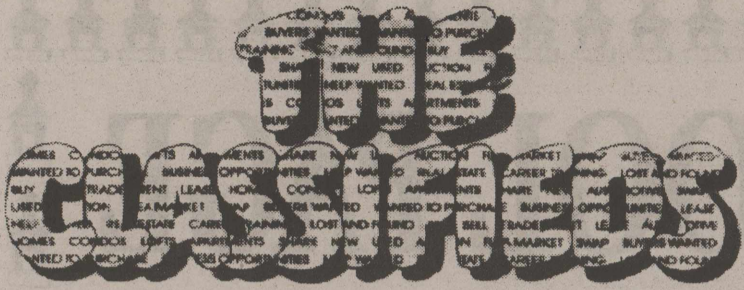


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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Recently, I was asked to come to Robert Lee and visit with several citizens who are interested in trying to develop a plan to address the problem of feral, or community cats. Community cats are cats that were pets that have been abandoned or lost, the numerous offspring of those once-tame pets, and the term also applies to pet cats that are allowed to roam.

These cats are a problem in all of our towns and cities in this part of the world and I wanted to share with you some of the successful steps in helping to reduce these numbers. For years, the way people dealt with community cats was to kill many of them; they were often shot, poisoned, or taken to a shelter to be put down. These control methods are often inhumane and/or illegal, and, very importantly, do not offer any long-lasting solution. The number of cats may temporarily be reduced, but soon more are born or more are dumped in these colonies and these numbers quickly begin to increase. When cats are removed from a colony, the "vacuum effect" allows for the entrance of new cats to the area and the survival of more of the

adopted into good homes. The breeding stops. Populations are gradually reduced. The annoying behaviors of breeding cats, like yowling, fighting, spraying, stop or are greatly reduced. The cats are vaccinated against disease and actually serve as a barrier against wildlife that might be infected with rabies.

This program takes volunteers who believe in its implementation; it takes time; it takes money. The program I work with, Critter Shack, offers a

offspring of the remaining cats, quickly filling the vacuum created by the removal. A stable colony of cats repels newcomer cats, protecting the colony and its food source.

In the last several years, a program called TNR has shown to be the most effective way of reducing the number of community cats and ensuring that the cats in the colony are neutered and healthy. TNR stands for TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN - a non-lethal method of population control that is more effective than trap-and-kill. TNR advocates humanely trap community cats and kittens and have them neutered and vaccinated by a veterinarian. Extremely sick cats are humanely euthanized. Healthy, adult unsocialized cats are released back to their colonies, while adoptable cats and kittens are socialized and

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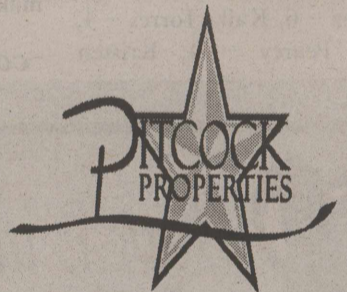
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low-cost community cat program at our clinic that many people are beginning to take advantage of — many of the caretakers of the colonies we work with have seen a remarkable reduction in their now-healthier colonies. We help them adopt out the socialized cats and kittens and we try our best to educate people about TNR.

We always say, "if you like cats, TNR makes sense; if you don't like cats, TNR really makes sense because it is the only effective, long-term method of reducing the numbers of community cats." Smaller numbers of ferals, healthier colonies, humane treatment of community cats — these are attainable goals that we can work for in Robert Lee and everywhere.

If you are interested in getting involved in this program or would like to ask any questions, please call any of the following numbers.

Connie Weant
325-650-5862
Beverly Hawkins
817-312-6149
Renee Smith
325-473-1512

Thank you,
Sharon Halfmann

... BISD Minutes

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break are coming up soon and basketball is in full swing. Chromebooks for the 9-12th grade students have arrived. Santa letters are going out. Mr. Barton was proud to announce that Bronte was extremely successful at the UIL meet. The band concert will be December 15 at 7 pm.

B. Student Counts:

— Mr. Barton presented the BISD student counts. 260 total students including 135 in elementary, 32 in junior high, and 93 in high school.

10. Superintendent Report:

A. Financial Report

— Mr. Siler advised he is closing watching the revenue. Bronte ISD has fluctuated recently regarding attendance. Bronte ISD has received approximately \$13,750 from the student store and the Ag department donations.

Mr. Siler has contacted Southwest Outdoor Advertising regarding billboards/digital billboards to market Bronte ISD. He received a proposal for January-May outdoor

advertising that will run approximately \$5,000. The City of Bronte has also expressed interest in marketing Bronte along with Bronte ISD. Mr. Siler wants to raise awareness of Bronte ISD and its accomplishments. He said the marketing class might make a trip to Southwest, and they are thinking of taking a survey from the students about what they like most about BISD to use in the marketing materials.

Nick Arrott made the motion to cast all 84 votes to Deanna Reed as a Director on the Board for the Runnels County Appraisal District. Josh Schoenfield seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bronte ISD is currently and has in the past used the law firm of Walsh Gallegos. The fees and attorney remain the same if the retainer is approved. Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve the retainer with Walsh Gallegos. David McWright seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Josh Schoenfield made a motion to approve the Internet Safety Policy as presented, seconded by John Seales. The motion passed.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:35 pm and came out at 8:06 pm with Nick Arrott exiting the meeting at 7:47 pm due to a time conflict with the City Council meeting.

Coach Rider is resigning as of December 16. Mr. Siler

recommended hiring Kaci Follis on a probationary contract for the remainder of the 16-17 school year. Blake Braswell made the motion to hire Kaci Follis on the probationary contract and Ashley Braswell seconded. The motion passed.

— TAPR Hearing will take place prior to the January Board meeting on January 12 at 7 pm with the board meeting immediately following.

Blake Braswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Josh Schoenfield seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Bronte Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 13

Chicken-n-biscuit or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

Stuffed Bagel & sausage or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 16

PBJ sandwich or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 17

Sausage & biscuit or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 13

Taquitos & queso, charro

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beans, garden salad, hot milk

Tuesday, February 14

Meatball sub sandwich, potato rounds, fresh vegetable cup, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Pizza, tomato cup, steamed broccoli, fruit, pudding cups, milk

Thursday, February 16

Mac & Cheese, green beans, chicken nuggets, garden salad, apple slices, milk

Friday, February 17

Hamburger, oven fries, baby carrots, peaches, cookie, milk

Robert Lee Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 13

Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Cheese omelet wrap, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 16

Waffles, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 17

Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 13

Frito pie, garnish, salsa, baby carrots, Mexicali corn, peaches, cookie, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Meat & cheese tostada, garnish, salsa, zesty cucumbers, refried beans, rosy applesauce,

Wednesday, February 15

Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk

Thursday, February 16

Pizza, salad, vegetable medley, orange smiles, milk

Friday, February 17

Chicken strips, TX toast, gravy, coleslaw, sweet potato fries, apple slices, milk

Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show

set for this weekend

The 35th annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex in Odessa, Texas, next weekend, February 10-12, 2017.

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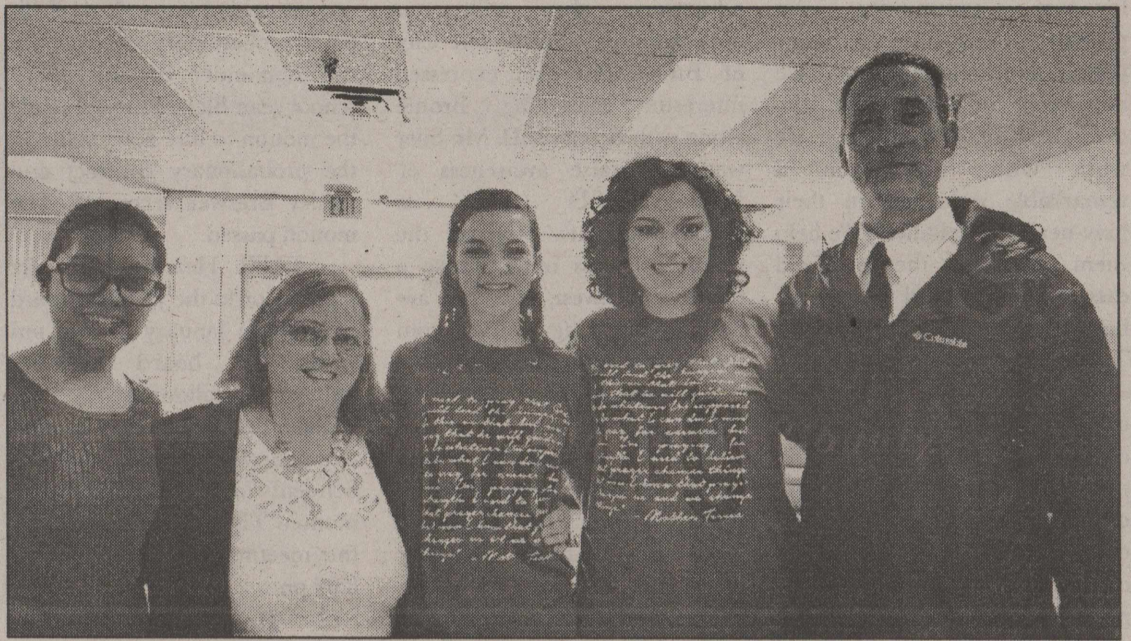
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Progress Report! Jane Jeschke came to Robert Lee Tuesday morning, February 7, 2017, to view several building and renovation projects in Robert Lee for the annual San Angelo Standard Times Progress issue. During the morning, Jeschke met with Robert Lee Mayor Leroy Casey, Beth Prather, Vision with a Purpose President Marshall Millican and Melinda McCutchen, owner of The Observer/Enterprise. She viewed the VP building, the office of The Observer/Enterprise and the Coke County Jail and Museum.



Blackwell FCCLA Students Bridge the Gap! Cambrey Coulter and Caitlin Lange are shown with Salvation Army Corp officers who were appreciate of their FCCLA project "Bridge the Gap". Bridge the Gap is an ongoing project and event organized by Cambrey and Caitlin that provides multiple services to those in need. The girls were able to get involved with the Bronte United Methodist Church youth group, the community, and BCISD to collect an abundance of clothing, shoes, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, backpacks, and medical supplies. Cambrey, Caitlin, and a few FCCLA members got involved with the entire elementary by sharing their experiences and helped students pack baggies of non-perishable foods and drink items to keep in their parents' car to give out to someone in need. Also, the girls sent a letter to the parents explaining the intentions of the baggies. Bridge the Gap met at San Angelo Salvation Army Headquarters Sunday, January 29, 2017. The FCCLA provided a warm Frito Pie dinner along with donated cookies and drinks. Bags were handed out so that people could take what they need. Two hair stylists provided their services to give free haircuts to any one who requested the service. Bridge the Gap served 80 people that day.

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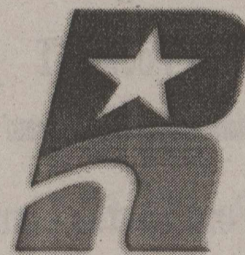
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