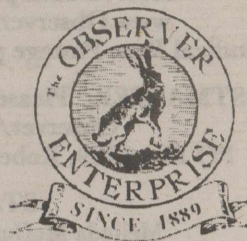


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Filing period continues for 2018 Primary Election

The filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election began November 11, 2017, and will continue through December 11, 2017. Offices up for election include County Judge, currently held by Roy Blair; County Treasurer, currently held by Hal Spain; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Jackie Walker; County/District Clerk, currently held by Mary Grim; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik.

As of Monday morning, only a few candidates had filed for a place on the ballot. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace, as well as Jackie Walker. Johnson is currently serving as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Monica Reyes has filed for County/District Clerk. Reyes is currently a

deputy in the Clerk's Office. Two men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm and Robert Feil. Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past.

Small Town Christmas slated for December 2

Small Town Christmas, hosted by Vision with a Purpose, is slated for Saturday, December 2 at the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Santa will arrive at 5:15 pm and gifts for small children will be handed out.

Beef stew and cornbread, chili, drinks and gingerbread men will also be available for purchase.

Two handmade quilts will be available for a silent auction.

Hay rides, music, good food, and good friends are part of our start for the Christmas season.



Drugs Seized! A traffic stop by a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Department resulted in the seizure of drugs and a rifle. While responding to a call of shots fired in the north part of Bronte recently, a deputy stopped a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of South Jefferson. The driver, a San Angelo resident, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended/Invalid. One passenger, a Bronte resident, was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Marijuana. The other passenger from San Angelo was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Hydrocodone, and Possession of Marijuana.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, December 2

Small Town Christmas, 5:15 pm,
Family Life Center, First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee

Sunday, December 3

Family Movie Night, 4:30 pm,
First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee

Monday, December 4

Junior High Basketball -
Bronte vs Sterling City, 6 pm
Blackwell at Water Valley, 6 pm

Bronte Evening Lions Club Meeting, 7 pm,
First United Methodist Church, Bronte

Tuesday, December 5

Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am,
Old Jail Annex, Robert Lee

High School Basketball -
Blackwell vs Sterling City, 5 pm, JV and Varsity Girls
Robert Lee vs Eden, 5 pm, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Bronte at Veribest, 6:15 pm, Varsity Girls
Bronte vs Sonora, 5 pm, JV and Varsity Boys

Thursday, December 7

Red Hat Society Meeting, 11 am,
Addona's Restaurant, Bronte

Please join them Saturday, December 2, starting at 5:15 pm at the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church.

Family Movie Night slated for December 3

The First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee will host a family movie night on Sunday, December 3. The movie to be screened will be *The Polar Express*. The event will be held at the Family Life Center of the church, with doors opening at 4:30 pm and the movie beginning at 5:30 pm.

Nachos, popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds will go to the Robert Lee Care Center Activity Department.

Everyone is encouraged to wear your jammies and bring chairs, blankets, pillows, etc. and make yourself comfortable (the room has a concrete floor).

Angel Tree begins December 1

It's that time of year when folks in Robert Lee are blessed with the opportunity to help fulfill Christmas wishes for children of our community.

Angels will be available beginning Friday, December 1 during the Open House at DJ's Merle Norman. Wrapped gifts should be returned no later than

Tuesday, December 12.

Don't miss out on a chance to bring a smile to a child's face as angels disappear from the tree quickly.

Red Hat Society to meet December 7

The Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 11 am at Addona's Restaurant in Bronte. It has been asked when the group has their business meeting. This is the meeting where the group will decide the locations for each month of 2018.

The group wears purple with a red hat and has loads of fun and laughter. Go have lunch with them.

Santa Letter Deadline set for December 7

Deadline for the Letters to Santa Claus to be printed in this year's Christmas edition has been set for Thursday, December 7, at 12 noon. As in the past, we will go by the

schools and pick up their Letters for Santa for inclusion in the Christmas paper on December 2. We will forward these letters straight to Santa after we get through typing them up for the paper. This is why we have to have them early. As in the case of Letters to Santa which are delivered to the post office, we will pick them up, type them for the paper and mail them on to Santa as fast as we can.

Christmas in Olde Bronte slated for December 16

Christmas in Olde Bronte will be held Saturday, December 16. There will be a parade, vendor fair, outdoor display, tree lighting, and much more. Santa and Mrs. Clause will also be making an appearance!

The parade will be held at 9:30 am and depart from the Bronte Health and Rehab Center and will end at the train depot. A trophy will be awarded to the best float.

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Death Notices

Scates

Tommy Wayne Scates, 60, of Bronte passed away Sunday, November 19, 2017. Visitation was held all day Friday, November 24, 2017 at the funeral home. Funeral services were held at 2 pm, Saturday, November 25, 2017, with burial following in Shep Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Landi Lou Scates and his niece, Jenna Young.

He is survived by his father, Al Scates of Winters; wife, Mona Scates of Bronte; sister, Terrie Young of Fort Worth; children, Mandy and husband Damian Saiz of Eden, Marshall Scates of Winters, Rebecca and husband Billy Ritson of Abilene, Justin and Brandi Lange of Aubrey, David and wife Ashley Scates of Sundown, Mark Scates of Levelland and Trayson Lange of Winters; two nieces, Ashley Turner of San Angelo and Crystal Todd of Austin; 15 grandchildren; his beloved dog, Skip and horse, Grace.

Christmas Greetings

Deadline is
December 11

It is time once again for Christmas Greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 22 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Monday, December 11 at 12 noon. For more information or to place your greeting, contact the O/E office at 453-2433 or Morgan at 277-9210 or Melinda at 473-8863.

The O/E office will be closed from December 21 through January 2 and the annual Year in Review issue will be published Friday, December 29, 2017.

Year in Review Issue

Deadline set for
December 18

The last issue of The Observer/Enterprise for 2017 will be published December 29, 2017. Deadline for this issue is Monday, December 18, 2017, at

12 noon.

We hope readers will enjoy looking back at a few of the stories making headlines this past year. It is impossible to include everything noteworthy from 2017.

The majority of this issue will be dedicated to 2017. However, current news will be listed near the back.

Project Fair and Livestock Show set for January 18-20

The Coke County Project Fair and Livestock Show will be held January 18 through January 20, 2018, in Robert Lee. There are several contests scheduled for the Project Fair, as well as new contests this year. The project categories include:

Photography - Photos must be 8x10 (mounted if desired but not required). Two entries per category allowed. Entry card must be filled out and attached to the back of each photo. All entries must be original photography of the person entering.

Art - Any size and categories will be determined by entries.

Re-Purpose Project (Trash to Treasure) - At least 50% should be from repurposed materials.

Lego/Model Crafts - Includes models made from Legos, model airplanes and the like.

Crafts - Includes paper crafts, wood crafts, and decorative items. The possibilities are



Treats! Residents at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center enjoyed handing out candy and treats to local children for Halloween.

endless!

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting - Includes quilts, knitted scarves, anything that was sewn, knitted, or crocheted.

Canning - Can include products such as jellies, jams, salsa, or canned vegetable or fruit.

Kids Korner - For exhibitors who are in pre-school through 2nd grade. Can include any of the categories or anything made by the exhibitor.

There is also a Pies, Cookies, and Cakes Contest. All pies must be in a disposable pie pan to attach to the entry form, along with the recipe. Exhibitors may also submit one dozen cookies on a disposable plate. The recipe must be attached to the entry form. Cakes must be in/on a disposable pan/plate. The pies and cakes will be used as desserts during the Buyer's BBQ.

Age divisions for the contests are as follows:

Kids Korner - Pre-school through 2nd Grade;

Junior - 3rd grade through 5th grade;

Intermediate - 6th grade through 8th grade;

Senior - 9th through 12th

grade;

Adults - 19 years old and up.

Entries will be taken at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee on Wednesday, January 17 between 12 pm and 6:30 pm. They will continue to be taken on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 8 am. All entries must be received by noon on January 18. Judging will take place Thursday

and Friday before the Stock Show. Entry forms will be available at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. If you would like to drop them off early, please make arrangements with the Extension Office.

For more information, contact Kandice Everitt or Morgan Runyan at the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461.

Area Churches

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PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
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Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331

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

Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281

Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor

Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte

Russ Frasier, Pastor

Sun. 10 am

Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sun. 5 pm

4C Cowboy Church

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Pastor James Brunson

Sunday, 10:30 am

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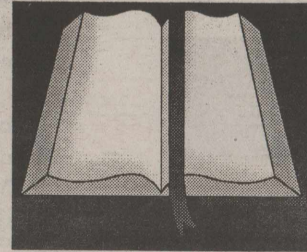
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship



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Sun. 10 am Sunday School,

11 am Worship,

Emmanuel Pentecostal

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Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360

Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

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Cyndi Weidner, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

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Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School

11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston

Robert Lee (325) 453-2176

Recardo Reyes, Preacher

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

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Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(325) 453-2724

Danny White, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638

6th & Houston, Robert Lee

Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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Tennyson Baptist Church

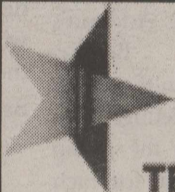
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Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



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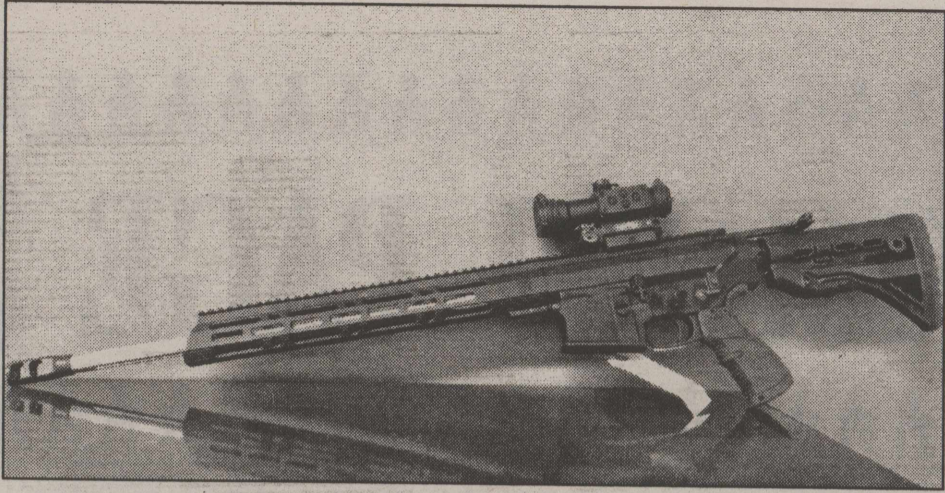


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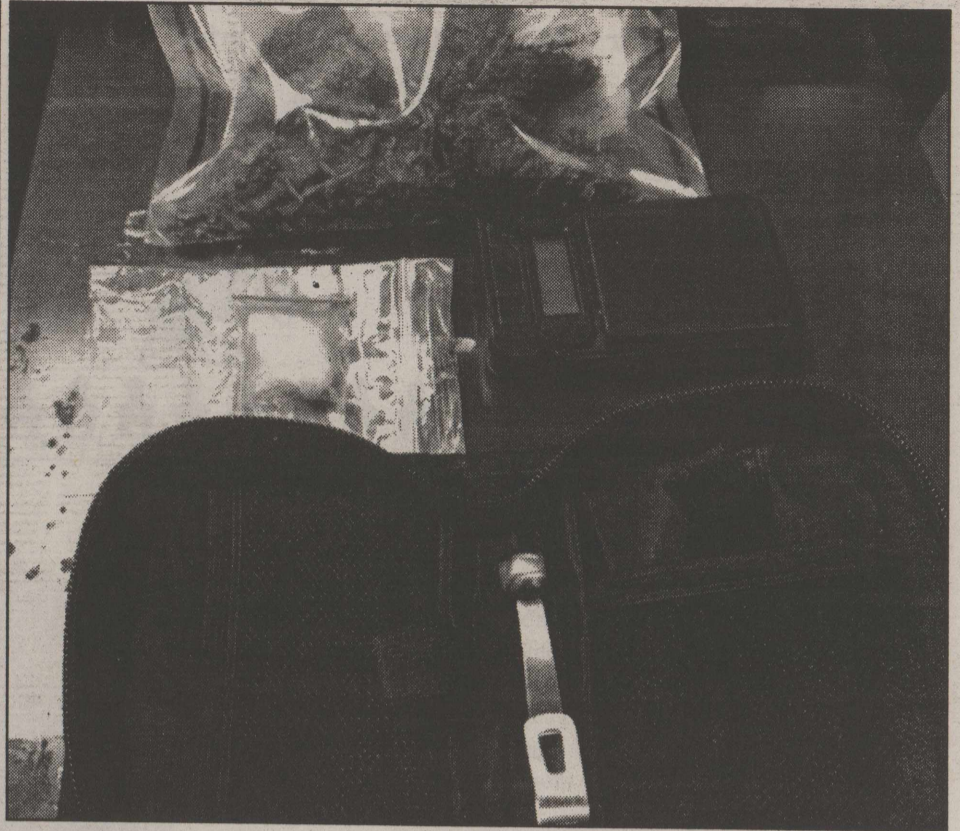
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Traffic Stop! Methamphetamines, marijuana, and a Dimanondback AR rifle was seized during a traffic stop by the Coke County Sheriff's Department recently in Bronte.



CCSWD hosting Tree Sale

The Coke County Soil and Water District is currently hosting a Tree Sale. Native seedlings include Afghan Pine, Cedar Elm, Bur Oak, Pecan and more. Containerized species are in plastic tubes with 6-12 inch tops. Bareroot species have 18-24 inch tops. Stop by the office at 214 E. 7th Street in Robert Lee to pick up an order form and see a complete listing on the trees. The order deadline is January 31, 2018.

Call (325) 453-2623 ext. 3 for more information.

Robert Lee City Council minutes posted

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session Monday evening, November 13, 2017. Mayor Leroy Casey presided and Council Members present included Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz, and Shaunna Grantham. There are two vacant council positions currently. These are due to the death of Toni Rainwater and the resignation of Joe Longoria. The meeting began at 6:02 pm with a quorum present. Deputy City Secretary Brandie Millican was also in attendance. The sign-in sheet is on file.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Open Forum

Joe Longoria spoke to the council regarding an open letter addressed to him. The letter was received after his resignation as a council member.

Fire Marshall Tom Fletcher was asked if there was anything he wished to report regarding the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department. He stated that all was good with the fire department.

A. Consent Agenda

Council Member Alexander made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Munoz seconded the motion. Council Member Munoz amended the motion to remove the minutes of October 9, 2017. The amendment was seconded by Council Member Alexander. The Mayor removed the financial report from the consent agenda due to not having a report. The Consent Agenda passed with the October 9, 2017, minutes and financial report removed. Corrections made to the October 9, 2017, minutes. A

motion was made by Council Member Munoz and seconded by Alexander to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017, meeting with corrections. The motion passed.

B. Regular Business

A motion was made by Munoz, seconded by Alexander, to pass a resolution allowing the City Council to meet twice a month in regular session on the second and fourth Mondays. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Munoz to elect Aaron Hood and Roger Alexander to the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Following a second by Council Member Grantham, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Alexander and seconded by Munoz to add Roger Alexander and Shaunna Grantham to the signature cards at the bank. The signature card will have Leroy Casey, Mayor, and Council Members Alexander, Munoz and Grantham. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Alexander to adjourn the regular session to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the internal investigation, utility billing and collections in relations to city hall staff. This motion was seconded by Grantham and was passed.

The regular session adjourned at 6:19 pm and reconvened at 7:15 pm. Audio tape of the executive session is on file.

Alexander moved a vote of No Confidence in the City Secretary. The motion was seconded by Grantham and passed.

Grantham moved to terminate Kay Torres as City Secretary per personnel policy, Section 2, page 19, letter 'c' for dishonesty,

letter 'e' for flagrant or persistent insubordination, letter 'k' for repeated failure to meet credit obligations, and letter 'n' for violation of city rules, regulations, policies or procedures. The motion, seconded by Munoz, passed. The Mayor advised the council that Torres must be paid from the date of the suspension to the date of termination due to her position as a city official.

Alexander moved that research be done to find a collection firm for past due accounts. Grantham seconded the motion. A discussion followed on whether to grant the mayor final authority to hire a firm. Casey stated since the amount, in excess of \$50,000, is so large, he would feel more comfortable with the council making final determination on the firm to be hired. The motion passed to research and report back to council.

A motion was made by Alexander and seconded by Grantham to continue research into finding a credit card machine for City Hall and relaying results of the search back to the council. The motion passed.

Munoz moved to remove Kay Torres from all signature cards and as person of contact for the City of Robert Lee. The motion passed following a second by Grantham.

C. Reports Mayor and Public Works Report

There was no report on the CCWSC contract. The search continues for a Public Works Director and temporary office

assistant.

Deputy City Secretary Report

Collections of past due utility bills are up.

D. Request for Future Agenda Items

Reports on collection firm and credit card machine. Discussions on CCWSC contract and postage machine.

E. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alexander and seconded by Munoz. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Commissioners Court Meeting held November 14, 2017

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on November 14, 2017, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those present included Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe

Sefcik and County/District Clerk Mary Grim.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Commissioner Williams.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams announced the presence of a quorum. Judge Blair was absent.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the minutes for October 24 and November 6, 2017, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve Accounts Payable for payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried.

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RE-ELECT

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BISD Christmas Concert slated

The Bronte ISD Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 14, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend!

Dogies Basketball Update

The Robert Lee Junior High Dogies basketball team took on Bronte, Monday, November 20. They won 38-11. Scoring for the Dogies were Zane Avants - 9, Dylan Thomas - 4, Caleb Smith - 2, Michael Munoz - 17, Kobe Smith - 2, Gavin Freeman - 2, and Wayne Riley - 2.

The Dogies also defeated Blackwell 26 - 20 on November 27. Scoring for the Dogies were Zane Avants - 4, Michael Munoz - 14, and Wayne Riley - 8.



Bronte ISD Breakfast

Monday, December 4
Breakfast pizza or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 5
Donut holes or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 6
PB&J or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 7
BK Tornadoes or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 8
Sausage and biscuit or cereal with toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 4
Salisbury steak, roasted potatoes, biscuit, brown gravy, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk

Tuesday, December 5
Nachos grande, refried beans, tomato cup, cucumber dippers, salsa, pears, sherbet cup, milk

Wednesday, December 6
Chicken sandwich, oven tots,

veggie cup, mandarin orange, milk

Thursday, December 7
Asian chicken, egg roll, rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple, milk

Friday, December 8
Ham and cheese melt, chips, fresh fruit, pinto beans, tiny tomato cup, cookie, milk

Robert Lee ISD Breakfast

Monday, December 4
Pancakes and sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 5
Burrito, hash browns, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 6
Biscuit, eggs, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 7
Kolache, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 8
Egg and cheese sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 4
Corn dog, tater tots, baked beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk

Head Start - corn dog, tater tots, baked beans, sliced fruit, milk

Tuesday, December 5
Nachos grande, refried beans, tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, sherbet, milk

Wednesday, December 6
Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggies, mandarin oranges, milk

Thursday, December 7
Salisbury steak, biscuit, brown gravy, salad, roasted potatoes, fruity gelatin, milk

Head Start - salisbury steak, biscuit, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, fruity gelatin, milk

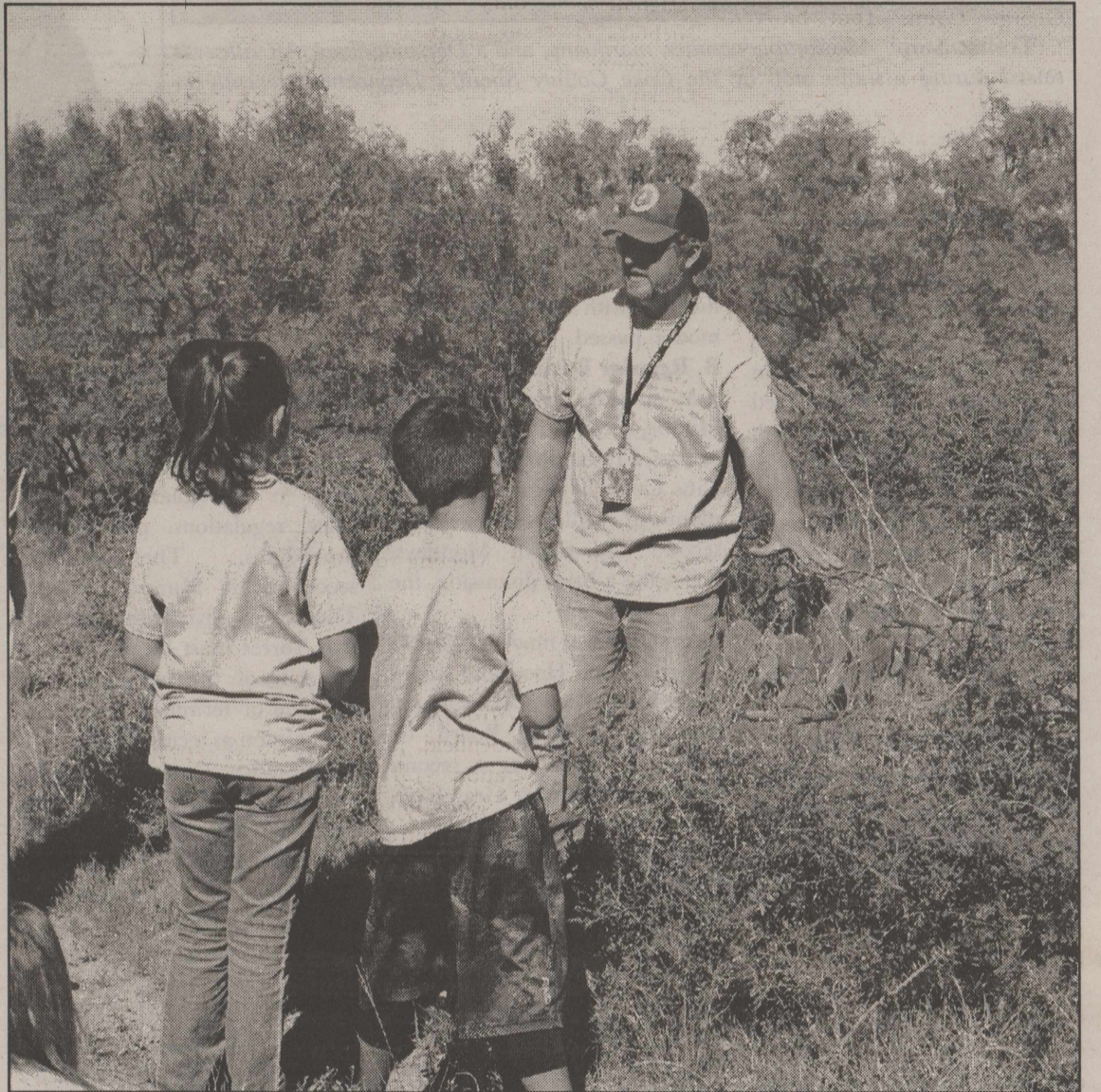
Friday, December 8
Pizza, broccoli salad, baby carrots, seasonal fruit, brownie, milk

Head Start - pizza, broccoli salad, seasonal fruit, milk

Blackwell CISD Breakfast

Monday, December 4
Waffles-n-sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 5



Conservation Field Day! Preston Irwin with NRCS discusses plant identification with Bronte and Robert Lee students at the 2017 Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District Field Day.

Biscuit-n-sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 6
Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 7
Biscuit-n-gravy, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 8
Oatmeal, cinnamon toast,

fruit, juice, milk

Lunch
Monday, December 4
Pizza, bread sticks, marinara sauce, salad, fruit, milk

Tuesday, December 5
Hot dog with chili and cheese, tator tots, fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 6
Spaghetti, corn on the cob,

salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk

Thursday, December 7
Chicken fried steak, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot roll, gravy, fruit, milk

Friday, December 8
Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, corn, salsa, fruit, milk

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RLISD Board Meeting Minutes

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. The meeting was held at 5 pm in Conference Room 119 at Robert Lee ISD.

The meeting was called to order by President Wes Washam and a quorum was established.

Members present included Wes Washam, Beverly Sinclair, George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jeffie Roberts, and Erin Oleksiuk. Irma Torres was absent.

The invocation and pledge were led by Erin Oleksiuk.

Cathy Pitcock with Eckert & Company CPA presented the 2016-2017 Audit.

George Grim made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2017. The motion was seconded by Tom Sawyer and all were for.

Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Robin Allen and to approve the bills. The motion was seconded by Jeffie Roberts and all were for.

Superintendent Aaron Hood gave the principals report. Enrollment for grades 7-12 was 104 and attendance rate was 94.8% for the month of October and elementary enrollment was 169 students with a 96.5% attendance rate.

Superintendent Hood read a letter to SHAC regarding Texas Summer Mandate from Wes Washam. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the letter, which was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

The ballot for Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors was considered with RLISD getting 2045 votes. Superintendent Hood recommended placing 682 votes for Tom Sawyer, 682 votes for Jeremy Burns and 681 votes for Jerrod Pitcock. Erin Olesiuk made a motion to approve recommendation, which was seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Superintenenent Hood read a Resolution to Encourage and Promote a Culture of Voting. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the resolution as read, which was seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All were for.

Superintendent Hood recommended approving TASB Update 109 as presented with the exception of a CO Local change from three days to Unlimited. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the Update as presented. The motion was seconded by George Grim and all were for.

Supt. Hood gave his report on budget update, superintendent evaluation packets, read thank you notes and staff Christmas Party.

The Board left open session at 5:50 pm and entered into closed session at 5:52 pm. The Board reconvened at 6:21 pm.

Superintendent Hood recommended accepting the resignation from Kevin Meek effective December 15, 2017. A motion was made by George

Grim and seconded by Erin Oleksiuk to accept the resignation. All were for.

Superintendent Hood recommended accepting the resignation from Brandi Sheldon effective December 15, 2017. A motion was made by Beverly Sinclair and seconded by Tom Sawyer to accept the resignation. All were for.

Superintendent Hood recommended accepting the resignation from Macayla Nicholas effective immediately. A motion was made by Erin Oleksiuk and seconded by Jeffie Roberts to accept the resignation. All were for.

The next regular board meeting will be Friday, December 15, 2017, at 10 am.

Beverly Sinclair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. The meeting was adjourned 6:25 pm.

Bronte ISD Board Meeting Minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on October 16, 2017.

Those in attendance included board members - Shane Kelton, David McWright, Blake Braswell, Jodie Arrott, Ashley Braswell, Josh Schoenfield, John Seales; administration - Tim Siler, John Phillips, Jenny Baker, and guests - Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton

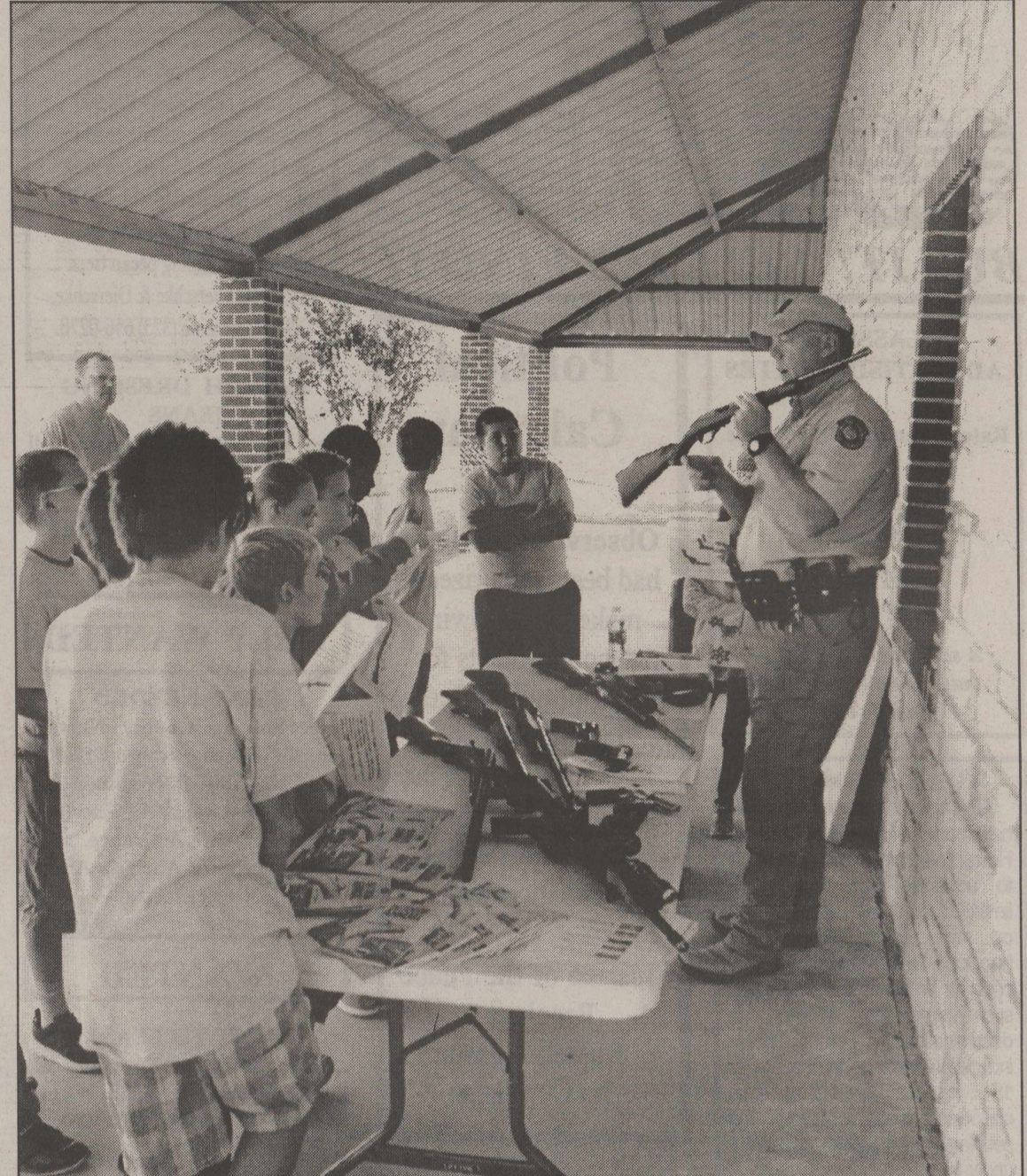
The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm with a prayer by Blake Braswell.

A quorum was established at 7:06 pm with seven members present.

The minutes for the regular August meeting on August 17 and the special meeting on August 31 were presented and read. A motion to approve as presented for both meetings was made by David McWright and seconded by Josh Schoenfield. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve the bill listing and Blake Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

There were no audience items. Principal John Phillips gave the Principal's Report and presented a quick update on student activities. This is the 9th week of the school year. Athletics are in full swing. UIL Band Marching Contest will take place Saturday, October 21. The Fall Festival is coming up on October 30. The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department met



Gun Safety! Game Warden David Hopkins demonstrates gun safety to Bronte and Robert Lee students during the 2017 Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District Field Day recently.

with Pre-K through 2nd graders during Fire Prevention Week. The 2nd through 6th graders were able to meet with an author for a presentation.

Elementary enrollment is at 129 students, junior high/high school enrollment is at 119, with a total BIRD enrollment of 248. ADA is 97.4%.

Superintendent Tim Siler gave the Superintendent's Report and gave an update on school finances. He advised that Bronte ISD is at approximately 26% through the school year. He ran a new budget template after the 1st 6 week period and advised finances are doing okay. Mr. Burl Lowery will be coming for the audit on Wednesday and will have a clearer picture in the coming months.

Mr. Siler advised a new floor cleaner was bought recently. There has been some preventative maintenance done on the HVAC systems and some buses have been having issues that have been addressed. He also advised on the

Accountability Rating. Our District Met Standard, but there are some areas that need to be improved upon.

David McWright made a motion to amend the 2017-2018 budget for payroll distribution as corrected and Jodie Arrott seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Blake Braswell made the resolution to nominate Michael Cervenka and Orlando DeLaGarza to serve as members

of the Board of Directors of the Coke County Appraisal District and Ashley Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Ashley Braswell made the resolution to delegate all 63 votes to Kerwin Denton for the election of the Board of Directors for the Runnels County Appraisal District for the 2018-2019 term and David McWright seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

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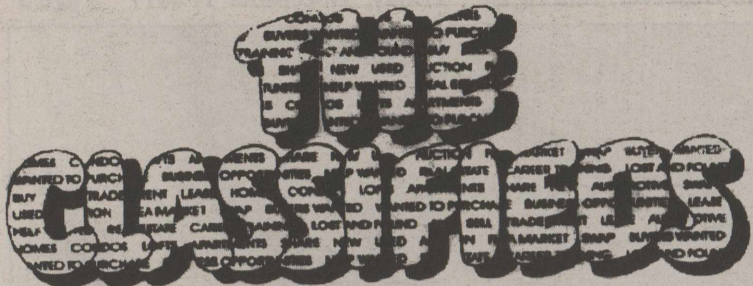
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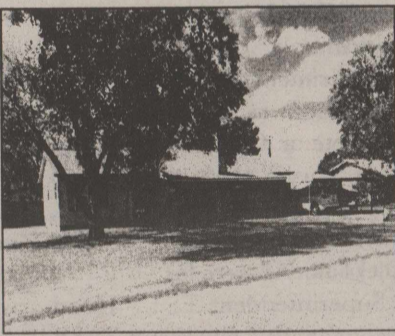
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Mary Grim, Clerk
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By: Monica Reyes, Deputy
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...BISD Board Meeting Minutes

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Ashley Braswell made the resolution to participate in the Texas SmartBuy Membership Program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and named Tim Siler and Jenny Baker as primary and secondary contacts for the program. David McWright seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

Mr. Siler made the recommendation to enter into an 84 month energy contract with MP2 at \$.03850 per kWh for the length of the contract. Jodie Arrott made the motion to approve as recommended and Blake Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

There will be a class at the Region 15 Service Center regarding Legal Issues on November 14, 2017.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Josh Schoenfield seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0, Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

...Commissioners Court Meeting Minutes

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Extension Agent Morgan Runyon presented her report. Judge Pro-Tem Williams presented Agent Kandice Everitt's report.

Judge Pro-Tem presented Sheriff Wayne McCutchen's report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Judge Pro-Tem Williams.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Constable Precinct #1 Marty Boyd's report was presented by Judge Pro-Tem Williams.

Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 Jackie Walker's report was presented by Judge Pro-Tem Williams.

The DR Report was not available. Judge Pro-Tem



Candy! Residents of the Robert Lee Care Center were visited by the children of Robert Lee Head Start and had a wonderful time passing out candy and treats for Halloween.

Williams reported that he went up on a helicopter and 297 hogs and 2 coyotes were seen on his place.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved Coke County to purchase meat for the employees and their families for the Employee Appreciation Dinner on December 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to accept the list of organizations who may use the Coke County Recreation Halls at no charge or at a reduced fee with the additions of VP, '64 Study Club, AON, Restoring Bronte Foundation, an Coke County Extension Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to accept cleanup on the recreation hall and park facilities rental policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved

to make changes to the Coke County Personnel Policy regarding Smoke Free Workplace. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the Coke County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the county holidays as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to apply 1001 votes to Paul Williams and 524 votes to Michael Cervenka for the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Commissioner Millican seconded the vote and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the agreement between Wildlife Services and Coke County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

The 2016 Tax Assessor

Annual Report was tabled until the November 28 meeting.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams moved to approve the donation from the Coke County Pageant Association of a sea container and 250 ft. 10 inch c-perlins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams reported that Judge Blair was at school and will have surgery on November 21. He also reported that a new roadhand has been hired.

Commissioner Robertson reported that the 4-H kids did a good job at the Pancake Supper and Hunters Bar-B-Que dinner.

Commissioner Millican reported on the airport.

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

Commissioner Sefcik moved to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

Judge Pro-Tem Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

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...Commissioners Court Meeting Minutes

(Continued from previous page) November 20, 2017

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session on November 20, 2017, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe Sefcik, and County/District Clerk Mary Grim.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Williams was absent.

Commissioner Millican moved to reinstate the burn ban. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve Accounts Payable for payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

The votes for the November 7, 2017, Amendment Election

were canvassed.

Judge Blair reported that he will be out for a while and has to spend 4 - 6 days in the hospital.

Commissioner Millican reported on the airport.

Auditor Vallery Johnson reported on the audit.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:21 am.

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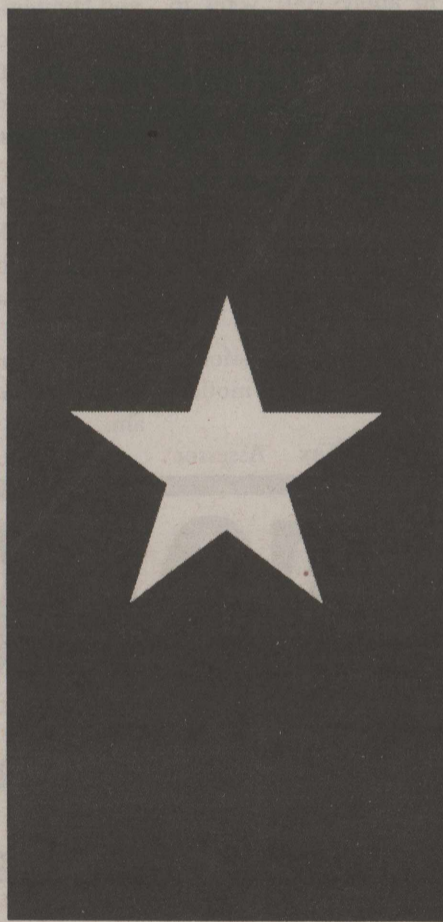
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