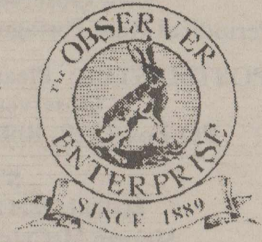


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Filing period for Local Entity May elections to close February 16

The filing period for the May 5, 2018, local government entity elections began Wednesday, January 17, 2018, and will end Friday, February 16, 2018.

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for three council members. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and council member Shaunna Grantham. Also open are the council member positions formerly held by Toni Rainwater and Joe Longoria.

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for mayor and two council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Gerald Sandusky and council members Wade Stautzenberger and Paul

Gohman.

Bronte ISD will hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Ashley Braswell, David McWright, and Blake Braswell.

Robert Lee ISD will also hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam.

West Coke County Hospital District has three two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Pat Stephens, Pat Carwile and Sarah Green are expiring.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has three two year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Howard Baker, Lanette Fletcher, and Everett Bedford.



Longhorn Band Honored! The Bronte Longhorn Band was recognized at the Bronte City Council meeting on January 18, 2018, for their performance at the state competition last year.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, February 2

High School Basketball -
Bronte vs Blackwell at Bronte, 4 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Robert Lee vs Water Valley at Robert Lee, 4 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

Saturday, February 3

Junior High Girls Basketball District Tournament, Sterling City

Vision with a Purpose Clean Up Day, Robert Lee

Monday, February 5

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Junior High Basketball -
Bronte at Garden City, 6 pm
Robert Lee vs San Angelo Cornerstone at Robert Lee, 5 pm
Blackwell vs Sterling City at Blackwell, 6 pm

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

Tuesday, February 6

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

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Water Valley, 4 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Robert Lee at Veribest, 5 pm,
JV Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Blackwell vs Garden City at Blackwell, 4 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

Thursday, February 8

Junior High Boys Basketball District Tournament, Veribest

Friday, February 9

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Veribest, 5 pm,
JV and Varsity Boys
Blackwell vs Sterling City at Blackwell, 5 pm,
JV and Varsity Boys

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Midessa Boat, RV, Sport, & Gun Show slated for Feb. 9 - 11

The 36th annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex, Odessa, Texas, February 9 - 11, 2018.

Those attending can see the new 2018 model RV's and Boats and receive the best buys of the season. Visit the new expanded gun show, and a variety of booths including resort areas, jewelry, ladies apparel, motorcycles, ATV's, veterans services, home décor, specialty foods, kayaks, African Safari Guides and used boats and RVs. Let the kids fish in the Army Bass Anglers Kids Fishing Tank sponsored by All American Chevrolet of Odessa.

Register for a \$500 vacation cash giveaway and a \$500 shopping spree.

A free tram will be provided to

transport people from building to building.

Ballot set for March 2018 Primary Election

With the end of the filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election on December 11, 2017, the ballot is now set. Local candidates only filed for the Republican Primary. No local candidates filed to run as a Democrat.

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 the filing deadline, below are the candidates that have filed for a place on the

ballot. Hal Spain, current County Treasurer and former owner/publisher of The Observer/Enterprise, has filed for County Judge and will be joined on the ballot for by Sherry Davidson. Therese Emert has filed for County Treasurer. Emert is a retired Verizon Sourcing Manager. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace, as well as incumbent 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. Three men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm, Robert Feil, and incumbent Paul Williams. Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past. Joe Sefcik has filed for reelection as Commissioner Precinct 4.

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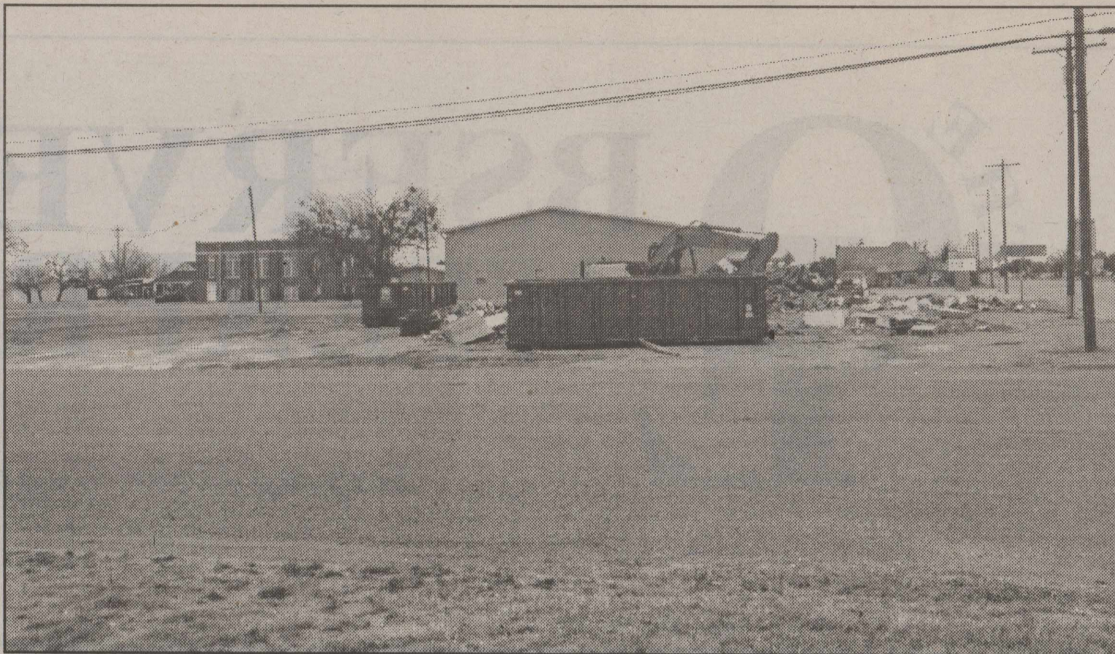
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Time Moves On! Robert Lee lost a landmark recently when the old Baker's Grocery building was finally torn down. The property will now provide additional parking for a new Robert Lee landmark - First United Methodist Church's Family Life Center.

Sorosis Study Club meeting held

The Sorosis Study Club met Thursday, January 6, 2018, at the home of Pat Lee. Sixteen members and one guest were present.

The program was given by author, Dana Glossbrenner, from San Angelo, Texas. She presented a most interesting book review about her book, The Lark. This book is about two main characters, a woman named Charley, and a man named Lou. They go through trials and tribulations, but do learn, there can be redemption. Dana's review certainly made everyone curious and wanting to read this literary-fiction book. She has also written another book entitled Women Behind Stained Glass: West Texas Pioneers. This non-fiction book highlights the lives of three pioneer women who were honored and memorialized by placing three stained glass windows at the First Christian Church in San Angelo. Dana is writing a third book that will be published in a few months.

Mary Percifull, president, conducted the business meeting. The club was very happy to welcome Linda Scott as a new member. A committee composed of Lanette Fletcher, Janet Wommack, Marilyn Bivins, and Mary Percifull will select nominations of new club officers for the years 2018 - 2020. These will be voted on later and then installed at the April meeting. A one hundred dollar donation to the Coke County Livestock Association was voted on by the club. Members signed up to assist with the Bronte School Book Fair, which will be held February 19 - 23. Different ideas and projects to support the community financially for this year were discussed and will be voted on at a later meeting. Teresa Swecker and Angel Cervenka provided refreshments of pineapple angel food cake, pumpkin bread, peach tea punch, and wassail.

Attending the meeting were Lanette Fletcher, Cynthia Robinson, Mary Percifull, Fran Crumpler, Janet Wommack, Linda Scott, Becky Boyce, Denise Galloway, Merle Kelso, Doris Sims, Marilyn Bivins, Pat Martindale, Jane Cumbie, Teresa Swecker, Martha Ratliff, and Pat Lee.

The next meeting will be

Thursday, February 15, 2018, at the home of Merle Kelso.

A New Series

[Editor's Note: The following is the fifth in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

Gentleness

Gentleness - The quality of being kind, tender or mild-mannered. That is the dictionary's definition of gentleness. The truth is that most of the world sees someone possessing gentleness as a big, soft pushover. Christ was gentle. He showed compassion for the people and loved them. Jesus, the son of God, could do anything. Legions of angels were at His beck and call. He rebuked a storm and it had no choice but to obey Him. Jesus took the scourging from the Roman soldiers, was mocked, and crucified. Knowing His own physical death was at hand, He asked, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

Not much of a pushover; but of power restrained, and true love for us.

Philippians 4:5 "Let your gentleness be obvious to everyone. The Lord is near."

As we walk with Christ we must realize that we are powerful, but we must show restraint. That is the example given to us. We should be building others up not pulling them down.

1 Thessalonians 5: 11 "Therefore encourage and build one another up, just as you are already doing."

If you are feeling hopeless or you feel that you are not being encouraged, you need to find a home church and go. There are people at every one of these churches praying for people just like you to join them. We are meant to be a family and to care

for one another. If you are attending a church, begin to pray that revival will start in you. Be the one that God uses to start

a stirring of love and gentleness that draws others to Jesus.

Love y'all. Tell someone what Jesus has done in your life.



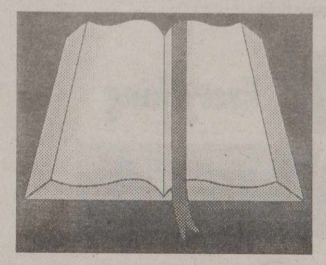
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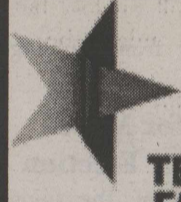
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 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
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 11:00 am Worship
Forgiven Ministries
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**Monday Musing:
Rural Life and
Civic Responsibility**

by James M. Decker

Over the weekend, my friend Erica Grieder, columnist for the Houston Chronicle and one of Texas' best political commentators, opined on Twitter about the importance of reasonable-minded folks running for office. This applies to all levels of government, but her thoughts were primarily directed at the local level. This got me to thinking about involvement in local communities, not just as an important task, but as a responsibility.

It's no secret that Theodore Roosevelt is an all-time favorite of mine. His unabashed curiosity, passion, leadership, and sense of duty to country and fellow man are qualities that we desperately need in America and are qualities that we should all strive to emulate. In a speech entitled "The Duties of American Citizenship," given in Buffalo, New York in 1883, Roosevelt spoke pointedly about the importance of involvement in local affairs:

"It ought to be axiomatic in this country that every man must devote a reasonable share of his time to doing his duty in the Political life of the community. No man has a right to shirk his political duties under whatever plea of pleasure or business." He concludes this thought with a pointed flourish, stating that anyone who shirks his duty to the state in time of peace shall be regarded as "only one degree worse than the man who thus shirks it in time of war."

As a society, we rarely think of local community involvement as a "duty," particularly not on par with wartime duty. We tend to view community involvement as a volunteer opportunity that we might participate in later, if it is convenient, and if we don't have anything else going on. It's high-time we stop that attitude.

As I've written in the past, we stand at a particularly crucial time for rural America. State, national, and global economic forces are not particularly friendly to us. Our local budgets are tighter, as revenues decline and expenses go up. We continue to have less and less representation on the state and national political levels. New vision, new direction, and

innovative ideas are necessary to ensure that our rural communities survive, and even more necessary if we want our communities to truly THRIVE for current and future generations. Not since our forefathers tamed and settled these rural lands has it been so critical for strong voices to step up and lead in rural communities.

I know you're busy in life. I am too. We're all busy. But in our local community, SOMEONE is going to get involved, whether you like it or not, whether you have time or not. Whether it's an elected office, taking leadership in a community organization, or devoting your resources or voice to impact the community's direction, what will you do? Will you heed the call of Roosevelt and devote a reasonable share of your time to do your duty? Or will you simply leave your community's fate to the whims of those who didn't have anything else to do?

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and city councilman in Stamford, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of '98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at facebook.com/james.decker.

**Bronte ISD
School Board
Meeting minutes told
November 14, 2017**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2017. Those in attendance were:

Board Members: Shane Kelton, David McWright, Blake Braswell, Jodie Arrott, Ashley Braswell, Josh Schoenfield, John Seales;

Administration: Tim Siler, John Phillips, Jenny Baker;

Guests: Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton.

Prayer: The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm with prayer by David McWright.

Roll Call and Establish Quorum: Quorum was established at 7:03 pm with seven members present.

Canvas Results of the November 7, 2017, Tax Ratification Election: The Tax Ratification Election passed with 110 votes for and 77 votes against for a total of 187 votes. Ashley Braswell made the motion to accept the results of the election. Blake Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.



Officer Installation! Debbie Childers installs the 2018 Vision with a Purpose officers during the group's January meeting. They include (from left) Leta Caston, Jeffie Roberts, Sheri Millican, Beverly Burdett, Dianne Hefner, Crystal Stanford, and Floyd Pettit.

Motion passed.

Reading and Approve Bill Listing: Jodie Arrott made a motion to approve the bill listing. David McWright seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the Regular October Meeting were presented and read. The motion to approve as corrected was made by Blake Braswell and seconded by Josh Schoenfield. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Discuss/Approve 2016-2017 Audit by Burl Lowery, CPA: Mr. Lowery presented the 2016-2017 audit. He advised there were no questionable costs or findings and there was an excess in revenue over expenditures. David McWright made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Ashley Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Audience Items: No audience items.

Principals Reports

Update on Student Activities: Mr. Phillips presented a quick update on activities. BISD has finished the second 6 weeks and both the Band and Volleyball advanced to State.

Student Counts and ADA: BISD's current enrollment is 248 students total; ADA is at 96%.

Superintendent's Report

Finance Update: Mr. Siler

gave an update on school finances. He advised BISD is approximately 40% through the school year and went over the most realized functions to date and the least realized. Some functions are more realized than normal due to conference travel and bus problems.

Facilities Update: Mr. Siler gave an update on the facilities. He is continuing to monitor the HVAC and have budgeted for 4 units to be replaced this year. BISD has also entered into an agreement with Patriot Mechanical on preventative HVAC maintenance. Mr. Siler is also looking into a possible telephone and intercom replacement. The current intercoms are still analog, but Voice Over IP might be a possibility and he is going to get some quotes on this.

Transportation Update: BISD has had many issues in regards to busses and Mr. Siler advised this is something that will need to be addressed in the near future.

Discuss/Amend 2017-2018 Budget: Mr. Siler advised the budget will need to be amended \$198,854 on both the revenue and expenditures sides due to the passing of the TRE. David McWright made a motion to amend as presented. Josh Schoenfield seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Discuss/Approve by Resolution to Cast Ballot for Board Director for the Coke

County Appraisal District: Bronte ISD has 830 total votes to allocate. David McWright made the motion to allocate by resolution 427 votes to Michael Cervenka and 403 votes to Orlando DeLaGarza. Blake Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Executive Session: These items require a closed meeting a authorized by Section 551.001 through 551.146 of the Texas Government Code. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:11 pm and came out at 8:43 pm.

- Discuss Personnel Matters with Superintendent, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

- Consult with attorney regarding legal issues related to bus transportation - Texas Government Code, sections 551.071 and 551.129.

Consider Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session, If Needed: No action needed.

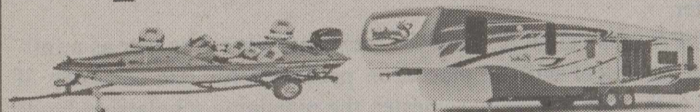
Set Date and Time of First Rating Hearing and December Board Meeting: First Rate Hearing will take place December 14, 2017, at 6:30 pm with board meeting immediately following.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Blake Braswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Josh Schoenfield seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

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**2018 Midessa Boat, RV
Sport & Gun Show**



Ladies Night Friday 9th • 5 pm - 8 pm "Ladies Free"
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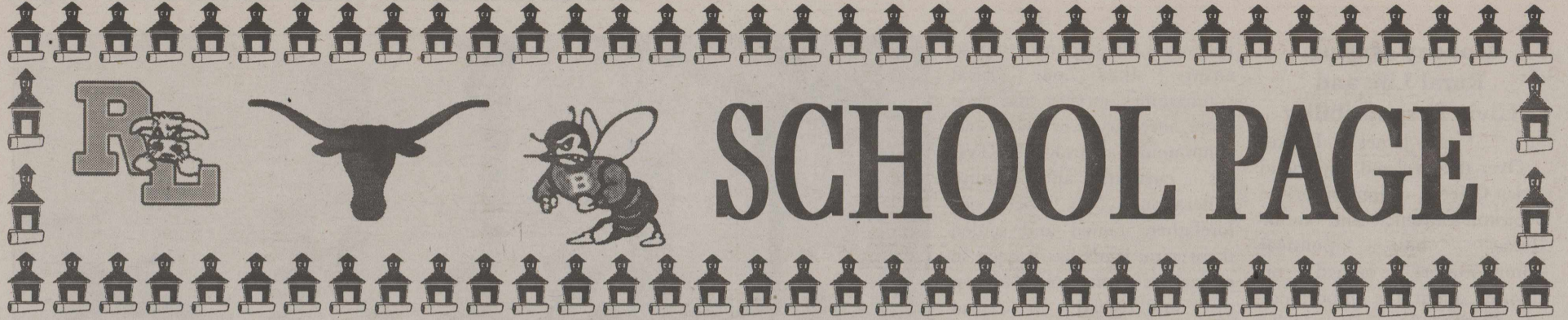
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Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women has announced that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans' were long time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation was established by their family.

The scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older and applications are available from Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance (123 W Main Street in Bronte).

Applications must be returned to Lanette by February 16, 2018, with the scholarship recipient announced by March 15, 2018.

BCISD students compete at Nolan County Livestock Show

Several Blackwell CISD students competed at the Nolan County Livestock Show January 14 - 16, 2018, in Sweetwater. Results for the students are as follows.

Lambs

Emilee Sanderson - 3rd place Finewool, 2nd place Finewool Cross, 2nd place Medium Wool, Reserve Champion Cross, Senior Showmanship;

Lilee Sanderson - 1st place Southdown, 2nd place Medium Wool, 3rd place Finewool Cross;

Morgan Dove - 3rd place Medium Wool;

Jacob Rivera - 5th place Medium Wool;

Kyler Walls - 6th place Medium Wool, Nolan County Livestock Association

Scholarship.

Goats

Vickie Davis - 6th place Heavy

Weight Goats, 8th place Heavy Weight Goats;

Elizabeth Meyer - 5th place Light Weight Goats, 7th place Heavy Weight Goats.

Swine

Vickie Davis - 2nd place Cross;

Brendan Scott - 3rd place Cross, 7th place Cross;

Tori Scott - 6th place Cross;

Jordan Jones - 1st place Cross, 5th place Cross, 7th place Cross, 1st place Hampshire, Champion Hampshire, Reserve Champion Overall;

Avery Glenn - 2nd place Black OPB;

Zachary Panzer - 9th place Cross;

Drew Hardy - 6th place Duroc, 6th place Hampshire, 4th Place Cross, Senior Showmanship.

Weight Goats, 8th place Heavy Weight Goats;

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, February 5
Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 6
Burrito, hash browns, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 7
Chicken-n-waffles, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 8
Stuffed bagel, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 9
Dutch waffle, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, February 5
Hamburger, garnish, oven fries, veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 6
Tex-Mex stack, salsa, charro beans, tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday, February 7
Calzone, marinara sauce, Tuscan veggies, salad, peaches, cookie, milk

Thursday, February 8
Veggies, salad, peaches, milk

Friday, February 9
Veggie cup, snowball salad, milk

All Star Game! Shelby Panzer, a senior at Blackwell High School, has been selected to cheer at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All Star Game in Abilene in June. She is pictured here at the Texas Girls Coaches Association All Star Game in Austin this past July.

sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 9
Dutch waffle, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - French toast, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 5
Hamburger, garnish, oven fries, veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Tuesday, February 6
Tex-Mex stack, salsa, charro beans, tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Head Start - Tex-Mex stack, charro beans, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday, February 7
Calzone, marinara sauce, Tuscan veggies, salad, peaches, cookie, milk

Head Start - Calzone, Tuscan



Thursday, February 8
Grilled cheese sandwich, multigrain chips, broccoli bites, veggie cup, snowball salad, milk

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Recipients

Recipients must obtain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. One half of scholarship is awarded at the beginning of the Fall Semester and the remaining one half is awarded at the beginning of the Spring semester.

Note: If recipient's cumulative GPA falls below 2.5 or if the recipient fails to register as a full-time student for the spring semester, recipient will be placed on probation for one semester. If probationary issues are not corrected within the following semester, the remaining scholarship funds allotted to that student (\$1,000) will be revoked. If the recipient fails to enroll or register for any course work during the spring semester the remaining scholarship funds allotted to that student (\$1,000) will be revoked.

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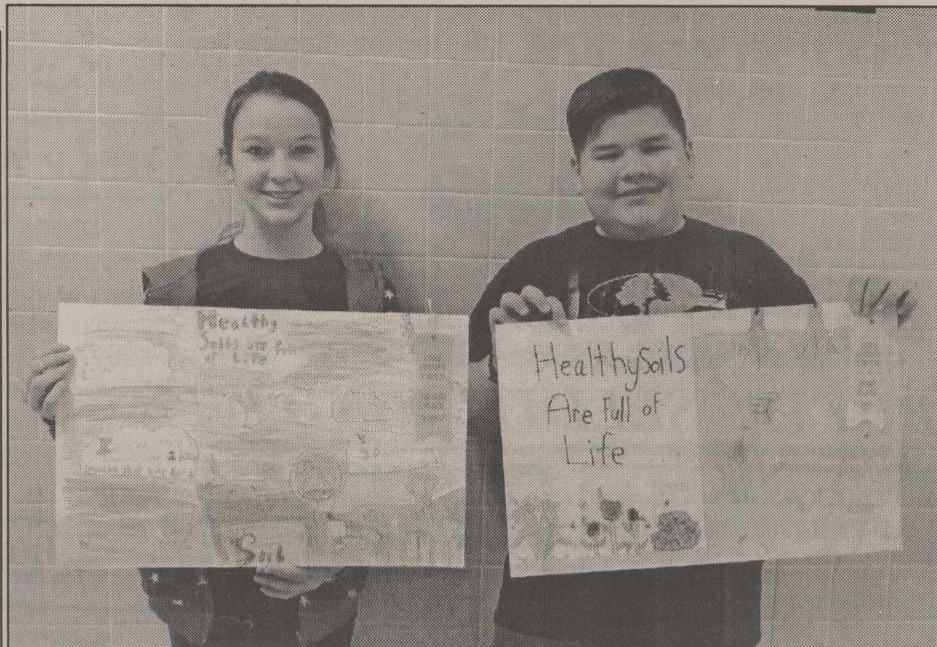
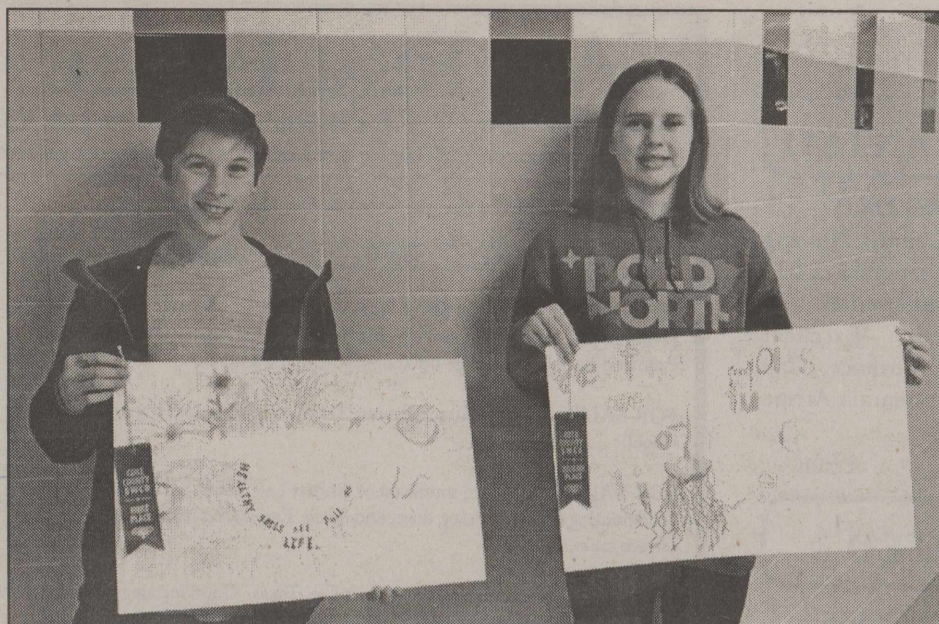
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Conservation Poster Contest! The sixth grade classes at Bronte Elementary and Robert Lee Elementary recently participated in the annual poster contest. The contest is sponsored by the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. All of the students who turned in a poster showed off their creativity and art skills. Local judges had a difficult task in choosing the top four posters. Tristan Grantham (above photo, left to right), of Robert Lee ISD, was awarded first place, and Jimma Richardson, also a student at Robert Lee ISD came in second. Bronte ISD students Maelynn Williams placed fourth and Joey Goddard took third place. The top two posters will go on to compete at the next level and Tristan Grantham will be recognized at the Area Awards Banquet in March.

Friday, February 9

Chicken bowl, green beans, roll, apple slices, milk
 Head Start - Popcorn chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, apple slices, milk

Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, February 5

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 6

Donut holes, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 7

PB&J, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 8

BK Tornados, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 9

Sausage, biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 5

Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, breaded okra, roll, strawberry cup, milk

Tuesday, February 6

Chicken tenders, Texas toast, gravy, sweet potato fries or tots, broccoli, mixed fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 7

Hamburger, ranch beans, carrot coins, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday, February 8

Chicken spaghetti, breadsticks, garden salad, vegetable medley, applesauce, milk

Friday, February 9

BBQ on a bun, pinto beans, coleslaw, orange smiles, milk

Blackwell CISD

Breakfast

Monday, February 5

Assorted bagels, cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 6

Yogurt and fruit parfait,

granola, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 7

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, February 8

Toast with jelly, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, February 9

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 5

Pizza, bread sticks, marinara sauce, salad, fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 6

Hot dog with chili and cheese, tator tots, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 7

Spaghetti, corn on the cob, salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk

Thursday, February 8

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, gravy, fruit, milk

Friday, February 9

Frito pie, chili, cheese, chili beans, fruit, milk

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December 20 2017

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on December 20, 2017. Those in attendance were:

Board Members: Shane Kelton, Ashley Braswell, David McWright, Blake Braswell, Jodie Arrott, Josh Schoenfield, John Seales;

Administration: Tim Siler, John Phillips, Jenny Baker;

Guests: None.

Prayer: The meeting was opened at 7:04 pm with a prayer by Josh Schoenfield.

Roll Call and Establish Quorum: Quorum was established at 7:05 pm with

seven members present. Jodie Arrott departed at 8:34 pm.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Minutes for Regular November Meeting were presented and read. Motion to approve as presented made by Josh Schoenfield and seconded by Blake Braswell. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Audience Items: No audience items.

Reading and Approve Bill Listing: Jodie Arrott made a motion to approve the bill listing. David McWright seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstained: 1. Motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Auditorium Lighting Renovation: Mr. Siler advised he met with representatives from Texas Scenic and Tarpleys to discuss replacing lighting system with a new LED wireless system. The estimates he received ranged from \$45,000 to \$50,000. The board discussed allocating \$50,000 toward new lighting in the auditorium. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve Telephone/Intercom System Upgrade: Mr. Siler has also been in contact with three communication

companies to have new telephones with VOIP in each classroom. The estimates range from \$11,000 to \$30,000. The board discussed allocating \$20,000 towards a new telephone/intercom system. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve Bus/Vehicle Replacement Plan: Mr. Siler gave an update on BISD's current vehicle situation. He is looking into possibly auctioning off some of the vehicles that are not used as frequently through a possible agreement with the Region Service Center. He is also doing research on possibly purchasing a new passenger bus. The board discussed allocating \$85,000 towards a vehicle/bus replacement plan. No action was taken.

Discuss/Approve HVAC Replacement Plan: Mr. Siler has already budgeted \$25,000 this year for the replacement of four HVAC units. He would like to look into replacing four more. The board discussed allocating an additional \$25,000 to go towards HVAC equipment. No action taken.

Discuss/Approve by Resolution Adjunct Faculty:

David McWright made the resolution to approve adjunct faculty. Blake Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Discuss/Approve by Resolution Extracurricular Status of Coke County 4-H Organization: Jodie Arrott made the resolution to approve the extracurricular status of the Coke County 4-H Organization. Ashley Braswell seconded. Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

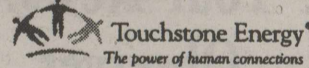
Principal's Report

Update on Student Activities: Mr. Phillips presented quick update on activities. Elementary UIL placed second overall in Garden City. Christmas activities are in full swing including the Elementary Christmas Lunch with parents and grandparents, the Band Christmas concert, and Pre-K and Kindergarten downtown caroling. Mr. Phillips also went over the 2016-2017 STAAR and High School EOC Results, noting areas of improvement and potential.

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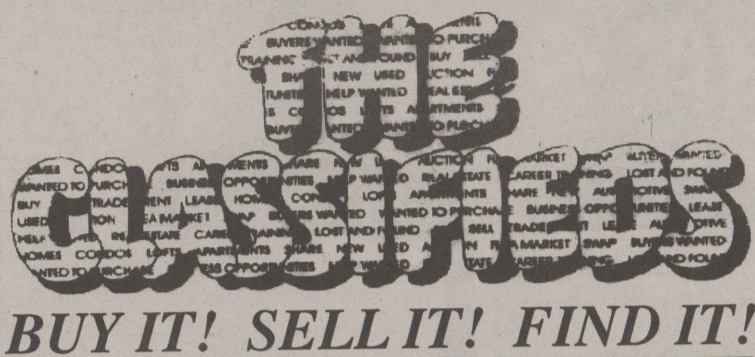
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and Turner Families

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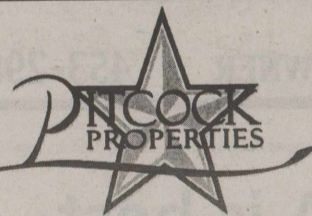
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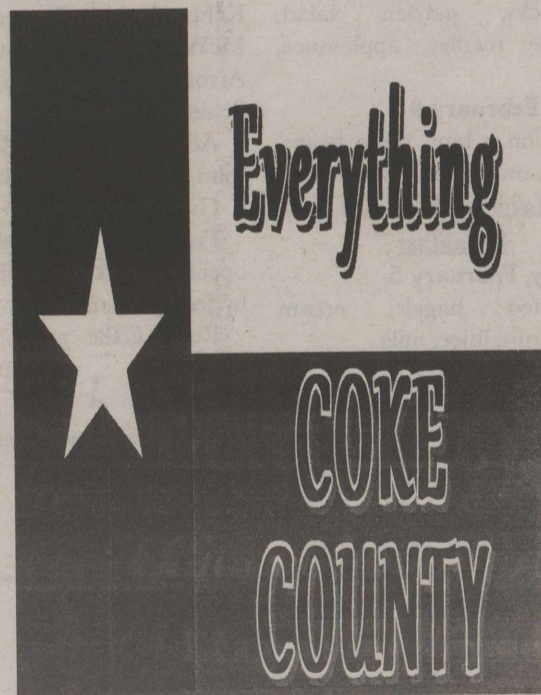
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Student Counts and ADA: Total BISD enrollment of 235. ADA is 96.28%

Superintendent's Report

Finance Update: Mr. Siler gave an update on school finances. He advised BISD is approximately 50% through the school year. He pointed out that 9.8% local revenue has been realized. It is usually higher at this point in time, but this could possibly be due to taxes coming in slower. He also advised that Function 13 is showing 101% realized due to a coding error.

Quarterly Investment Report to the Board: Mr. Siler presented the Quarterly Investment Report to the board which included Bank Deposits, Pools, and Certificates of Deposit.

Discuss/Amend 2017-2018 Budget: No action needed.

Discuss/Approve Update 109: David McWright made the motion to approve Update 109 as presented. Ashley Braswell seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Retainer with Law Firm Walsh Anderson: Ashley Braswell made the motion to approve the retainer with Walsh Anderson. Blake Braswell seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Internet Safety Policy: Josh Schoenfield made the motion to approve the Internet Safety Policy as presented. Ashley Braswell seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Executive Session: These items require a closed meeting as authorized by Section 551.001 through 551.146 of the Texas Government Code. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:39 pm and came out at 8:57 pm.

Discuss Personnel Matters with Superintendent.

To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Consider Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session, If Needed: No action taken.

Correspondence: TAPR and FIRST Hearings, along with the Regular January Board meeting, will take place on January 24, 2018. TAPR Hearing set for 6:15 pm, FIRST Hearing at 6:30 pm, and regular January Board meeting to immediately follow.

Adjournment: Blake Braswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Josh Schoenfield seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Prevention, mitigation key to preventing wildfires

by Jessica Domel

The Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is urging Texans to be mindful of an increased outdoor fire risk this time of year.

Over the past seven days,

more than 100 wildfires have burned about 9,391 acres across Texas.

"Right now looking at Texas, you get in that area around DFW, west over to Midland, over Abilene as well, and north up in the Panhandle, Amarillo and Lubbock, it's really dry, it's really windy, and we have a lot of dormant grass on the ground," Phillip Truitt, TFS communications specialist, said. "We had some good rain last year, and we had a good growing season, but all that grass now is sitting there. It's dormant, and it's ready to burn."

Everyone is encouraged to look around their home for places that might increase a fire risk.

"I think one of the biggest things in mitigating your risk is creating what we call a defensible space around your structures—whether it be a barn or a home—and that's that a zero to 30 foot space around that building," Truitt said. "What you do there is you keep that grass mowed pretty short. You have your trees trimmed up six to nine feet above the ground. You even move wood piles and other debris away from the structures. That allows firemen to get in there and protect those structures."

Smokers are encouraged to keep their cigarette butts inside the vehicle to prevent wildfires on the side of the roadway.

"Make sure your tires are properly inflated, and they're high quality—that they're not ready to blow out, rotting or anything like that because that will cause a fire," Truitt said. "The other thing is your safety chains for your trailers. Every trailer has those safety chains. Make sure those chains aren't hitting the ground. A lot of our fire starts are from safety chains that are too long. They're dragging on the ground and creating those sparks on the side

of the road."

As of Friday morning, 98 Texas counties have already implemented burn bans due to dry weather conditions and an increased risk of wildfires.

"Be aware of your conditions. Follow the local (weather) and National Weather Service. See what the forecast is saying," Truitt said. "On a day with red flag conditions with high winds and low humidity, maybe hold off on the welding for one more day if you can. If you have to weld during these dry conditions or do other work like that, if you have the ability, have a spotter.

Have somebody with you that could spot the fire if one appears, and help you out. The other thing is to have water there to be able to put a fire out if one starts."

Landowners are also encouraged to get to know their local paid and volunteer fire personnel.

"Go talk to them. Tell them what you have on your property. Let them know if you've done some mitigation work around your property, or you have tanks that they can draft from to get water, or if you want to show them around," Truitt said. "If

you've got several thousand acres of land, you may want to show them where you have fire breaks at. Start that contact so if there is a big fire, they know who you are, and they know what's on your property and know how to help you."

Increased fire risk will continue for most of Texas throughout the winter and early spring—especially on days with low humidity and high wind.

TFS has additional fire tips as well as information on local resources and the current fire situation at <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/>.

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