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Early Voting for Primary Election ends March 2

Early voting for the March 6, 2018, Primary Election began Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and will run through Friday, March 2, 2018. Those wishing to vote early can do so by going to the County Clerk's office at the County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Offices up for election in Coke County 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.



Another Fire! For the second time in a two week span, a home in Coke County has burned. On February 17, 2018, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department responded to the above home in the Cedar Cove Addition of Lake Spence in the western part of the county. Family members were awakened by the smoke and were able to make their way out safely. It appears that this fire, as well as the previous fire in the Tennyson area, was caused by an electrical issue.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 26

High School Golf -
Blackwell Girls at Eden
Blackwell Boys at Iraan
Robert Lee Girls at Eden

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

Bronte Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting, 7 pm,
Bronte City Hall

Tuesday, February 27

County Commissioners Court Meeting, 9 am,
County Courthouse, Robert Lee

Bronte High School UIL Band Concert,
3:30 pm, Ballinger ISD

High School Tennis -
Robert Lee at Bronte

Junior High Track -
Blizzard Relays at Winters
(Robert Lee)

High School Golf -
Blackwell Boys at Iraan
Robert Lee Boys at Eden

Thursday, March 1

Junior High Track -
Eagle Relays at Sterling City
(Bronte, Blackwell)

High School Tennis -
Bronte at Grape Creek

Friday, March 2

High School Track -
Eagle Relays at Sterling City
(Bronte, Robert Lee, Blackwell)

Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past. Joe Sefcik has filed for re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4.

Ballot tentatively set for May 5 local election

The ballot is tentatively set for the May 5, 2018, local government entity elections. As of press time, candidates are still able to withdraw their applications.

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. Leroy Casey has filed for re-election as mayor and will be

joined on the ballot by Allyson Crenshaw and Shell Williams. Shaunna Grantham has filed to retain her seat on the council with Billy Williams, Nora Broadbent, Brandi Brosh, Ricky Green, and Casey Scruggs filing for seats as well.

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. Buzz Gohman has filed for the mayor's position, with Donna Hall, Lee Wommack, and Steve Hines filing for places on the council.

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. Blake Braswell, David McWright, and Ashley Braswell

have filed for re-election. Bill Torres, Chris Jernigan, TJ McCullough, and Walt Smith have also filed for a place on the board.

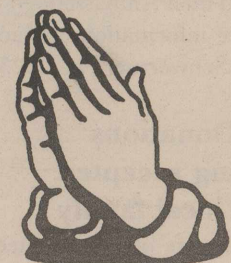
Robert Lee ISD will also hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam and all have filed for re-election.

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 and all have filed for re-election.

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. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

Please pray for Parkland,
Florida, and the many people
hurt by this tragedy.

Please continue to pray for
our military and first responders.



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Death Notices

Barnett

Sherry Kay Barnett, 55, of Bronte, passed away February 15, 2018. Viewing and visitation was held Sunday, February 18, 2018, from 5 pm until 9 pm, at Gutierrez Funeral Home in San Angelo. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 10 am at the funeral home.

She is survived by her husband, John; sons, Sean Barnett, Randall Barnett, and Grady Barnett; daughters, Giovanna Scott, Bridgette Speary, Nichole Hernandez, Amy Force, and Emily Menchaca; father, Alvin Tipps, mother, Joy Keele; sisters, Suzette Wofford and Sondra Kretschmar; and twelve grandchildren.

Red Hat Society to meet March 6

The glorious Red Hat ladies will hold their next meeting at 11 am on Tuesday, March 6, in Ballinger. The Ladies Club there is sponsoring a potato bake and salad luncheon to raise money for scholarships. The bake will be held at the Family Life Center next to the First Baptist Church at 410 N 8th Street.

The salads are always wonderful, as is the company. Please come and join a delightful group of ladies at an excellent lunch for a great cause!

Ambassador Drill Team Tryouts set for March 18

The San Angelo Ambassador Drill Team will be hosting tryouts on Sunday, March 18, at 1 pm at the Spur Arena. Tryouts are open to all girls ages 13 - 24. Look at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo website at www.sanangelorodeo.com for specific paperwork that should be brought to tryouts (click on Rodeo and then Ambassadors).

For more information contact Carmen Schwertner at (325) 763-8175.

Donations being accepted for local family

Donations are being accepted for Roger Graves and Kendra Graves, due to a house fire that

was a total loss. Donations are being accepted at First National Bank in Bronte for "Roger Graves House Fire". Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Of Love and Warts

by James M. Decker

Let's start with an honest admission: our rural communities have warts. Our streets could be better. We don't pick up trash as well as we should. It's a challenge to attract stable new jobs that pay well. Our local history has unsavory blemishes. And yet, if we're in a

position of community leadership - business owner, elected official, leader of an organization, etc. - we love the place as well. If we didn't have any love for it, we wouldn't invest our time and/or money in the place and its people. But beyond that investment, how well do we show that love?

A favorite podcast of mine is one called "Mountain and Prairie." It focuses on life and culture in the American West, with extensive discussions on conservation, agriculture, and the outdoors. A recent episode interviewed Christian Beckwith, an outdoors advocate from Jackson Hole, Wyoming. On preserving the outdoors and Western lifestyles, Mr. Beckwith said something particularly moving: "any time we try to encourage more people to fall in love with these places, we are in a better position as a result to protect them."

He then dropped this line, which hit me like a ton of bricks in the context of rural communities: "you're not going to fight for anything you don't love."

This brings me back to the warts of our communities. We likely spend a lot of time talking



Valentines! Wanda Place and Ken Rosson were named the Valentine's Day Sweetie and Sweetheart at Bronte Health and Rehab Center recently.

about those warts, especially the warts that most impact our daily lives. But much time do we spend talking about our love of the place? Like I said above, if we didn't love it, we wouldn't commit in the ways that we do, but do we take for granted that other people see and recognize our love?

Are our complaints much more vocal and visible than our love? And if so, as an alleged community "leader," what does that say to other folks - newcomers who are still making up their mind about the place or the longtime residents who have struggled to find their place in town?

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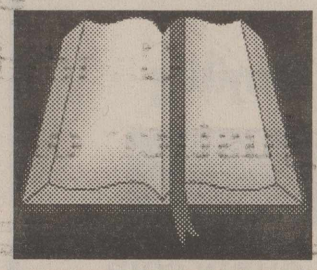
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Perhaps most importantly, what does it say to our young people who are trying to decide their future path, and whether their hometown will have a place in their life or not? If the leaders don't appear to love the place, why should anyone else love it?

If we care about our rural places, we surely want to see them survive and thrive into the future. We know that goal takes more than just us. It requires inspiring others to invest in that goal. But first, we have to inspire them to love our place. In the words of Christian Beckwith, people will not fight for something that they don't love.

I leave you with this: if you love your place, show it. Don't just assume that your role in that place expresses your love to others. If you use more words on the warts than your love, think about how to change that. As a thought exercise, spend a few minutes writing down all the reasons you love the place. You'll be surprised how much love you do have. After you do, don't be afraid to show that love to others. You might inspire some others to love it and fight for it just as much as you 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.

Commissioners Court meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session January 23, 2018, at 9 am in the County Courthouse. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Deputy Clerk Monica Reyes.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

The burn ban continues to remain in effect.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

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

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Accounts Payable for payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the quarterly state fees. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the amended personnel policy. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the resignation of Carlene Bounds as Robert Lee Park Caretaker. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

The new County Trapper, Billy Moore, was introduced.

The Interlocal Agreement with Veterans Services will be put back on the agenda at a later date. Judge Blair will be in communication with Veterans Services to get more information.

Judge Blair reported on the Stock Show. Entries were down but it seems as though the Bar-B-Que went really well.

Commissioner Robertson reported that the Rec Hall had problems with the heater, but it had been fixed.

Judge Blair stated that he has an appointment with an attorney who is representing Texas Wind Energy. Judge Blair will be filled in on some of the planning.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:38 am.

Bronte City Council Meeting minutes told

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 6:30 pm at Bronte City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Gerald Sandusky, Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford, Council Member Paul Gohman, Council Member Santiago Rodriguez, Council Member Wade Stautzenberger, Council Member Stormy Vaughn, City Secretary Crystal Blevins, City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman, and Utilities Director Ricky Royall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and prayer was given by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

The Bronte ISD Lady Longhorn volleyball team was recognized for competing at the

2017 UIL State Volleyball Championship Tournament.

Citizen Comments were then heard, with Lee Wommack giving his resignation from the Economic Development Corporation.

The minutes from the November 16, 2017, meeting were discussed. Changes from the minutes are as follows:

3.2 - Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford abstained, not Council Member Paul Gohman;

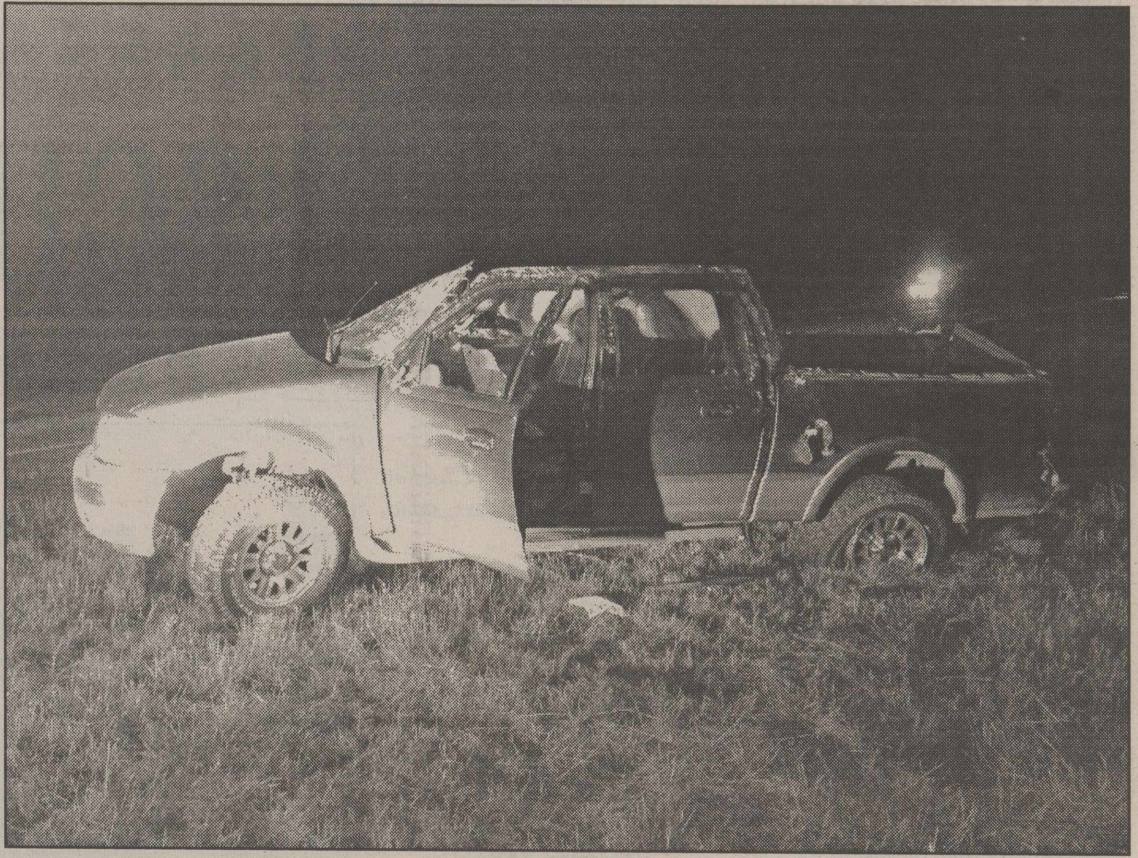
4.3 - Crystal Blevins presented the Code Enforcement Report, not the Sheriff's Department Report;

4.4 - Bill Torres has not resigned as Fire Chief;

4.23 - Remove Gerald Sandusky and add Paul Gohman as voted against.

A motion was made by Mayor

Accident! The Coke County Sheriff's Department, West Coke County EMS, and Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department responded to a one vehicle crash on February 17, 2018. The rollover occurred one mile south of FM 2262 on State Highway 208. The driver was ejected and transported to Shannon Medical Center. The accident is being investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety.



Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the November 16, 2017, City Council meeting minutes with changes and was seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman. The motion carried, 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the monthly report and seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn. The motion carried, 5 - 0.

Council Member Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to approve of the bills paid and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

A motion was made by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the revenue and expenditures report and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford. The motion carried, 5 - 0.

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Citizens of Coke County

The exchange of services between County and City is governed by law in the Texas Constitution, Article III Section 52, which prohibits one governmental entity from making a gift to another entity. From time to time, it is important for our elected officials to review exchanges to ensure all entities are within the law. It's my opinion that in the past, County Commissioners violated this law by maintaining the streets in the City of Bronte without "fair compensation" as required by our Constitution.

However, in the past three years, the Bronte City Council and the Coke County Commissioners Court have agreed upon a new Interlocal Agreement and set policies that have been adopted by both to address how Coke County can help Bronte with its municipal streets. I believe this new agreement helps ensure that Bronte and Coke County are now in legal compliance. Neighboring counties are also going through similar challenges, and are adapting new ways and in some cases, new fees to generate revenue for city street repairs.

For Bronte property owners, the portion of your property taxes that goes to Coke County covers a variety of services mandated by State law, including all the functions of the Courthouse (Judge, Clerk, Auditor, Tax Assessor, Treasurer, et al.) and the Sheriff's office. Additionally, part of your taxes covers the cost of non-mandated services like your park, Senior Citizens Center, and rural transportation. What they do not cover (legally) is the municipal streets in the City of Bronte.

Please be assured of our desire to continue to work together for the finest, most efficient services possible within the framework of the law. Contact me if you would like more information on this topic. It has been an honor to serve you, and I would appreciate your vote!

Paul Williams
Commissioner, Precinct 2

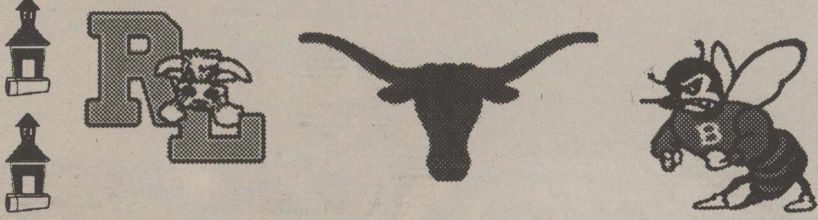
See also: Article XI, Section 2; Title 6 of the Transportation Code, 251.012

Paid Political Advertisement by Paul Williams

I would sincerely appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming Republican Primary election on March 6, 2018.

Thank you,
Russell Johnson
Candidate for
Justice of the Peace

Paid Political Advertisement by Russell Johnson



SCHOOL PAGE

School Menu

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, February 26

Kolache, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Tuesday, February 27

Breakfast taquito, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Wednesday, February 28

Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Thursday, March 1

French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Friday, March 2

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Lunch

Monday, February 26

Breaded drumstick, baby carrots, seasoned corn, grapes, cookie, milk

Head Start - Breaded drumstick, carrots, seasoned corn, sliced grapes, milk

Tuesday, February 27

Frito pie, salsa, veggie cup, charro beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk

Head Start - Frito pie, sliced veggies, charro beans, sliced fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 28

Chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, salad, Tuscan veggies,

pears, milk

Head Start - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, salad, pears, milk

Thursday, March 1

Pulled pork sliders, coleslaw, green beans, chilled pineapple, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Friday, March 2

Hamburger, garnish, fries, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, February 26

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 27

Donut holes, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 28

PB&J, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, March 1

BK Tornados, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 2

Sausage, biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 26

Chicken quesadilla, Mexicali corn, refried beans, salsa, fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 27

Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fruit, rolls, milk

Wednesday, February 28

Boneless chicken wings, chips, green beans, tiny tomato cup, brownie, fruit, milk

Thursday, March 1

Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, garden salad, California vegetable blend, sliced peaches, milk

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Celebration! Students at Bronte Elementary enjoyed the festivities as they celebrated Valentine's Day last week.

CVEC Scholarship

Established to provide financial assistance for qualified individuals seeking a college, trade school or university education.

Concho Valley Electric Cooperative offers four \$2,000 scholarships. Two scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors and two are awarded to other students of higher learning.

2018 Guidelines

- The applicant must be an active CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC, OR be the dependent of a CVEC member whose primary residence is served by CVEC.
- The applicant will be chosen based on the following criteria: grades, leadership, community, school activities and essay.
- Permissible use of funds include payment of tuition, fees required for books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses of instruction.
- The recipient must attend a recognized Texas institution of higher education, including certified trade schools, while pursuing a degree at any level.

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.

Applications

To obtain an application you may come by the CVEC office at 2530 Pulliam St., San Angelo, TX 76905, call the Member Service Department at (325) 655-6957 or visit our website at <http://www.cvec.coop>

To Our Customers, Community and Friends

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that The Pie Pizzeria will be closing its doors. As a team, we took on this business with great excitement for the potential it held for the growth of the community, its staff, and as a business. It has been an honor carrying The Pie Pizzeria name and traditions, while trying to run a quality operation.

With three and a half years into the company, we were faced with a difficult decision. This restaurant will forever hold a special place in our hearts. However, the margins are simply too thin to continue operating at the highest level of quality and maintaining the commitment to our staff and customers. As of March 4, 2018, we will be closing our doors. Being part of the Robert Lee community has been an honor, and we will miss it deeply.

Lastly, we wanted to thank the wonderful people we got to know who worked with us in order to serve you. Running a restaurant is a 24 hour a day experience, and we could not have picked a more dedicated group of people to spend our time with.

We would like to sincerely thank you ALL for the support and great times.

David and Brandi Sheldon

P.S. The Pie Pizzeria and its associated real estate is officially for sale.

...Bronte City Council meeting minutes

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City Secretary Crystal Blevins presented the Animal Services Report:

- Dog - 3;
- Cats - 8;
- Raccoons - 2;
- Opossums - 4;
- Skunks - 5

City Secretary Crystal Blevins announced that annual livestock permit requests will be mailed to citizens and they will also be notified by social media.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn presented the Fire Department Report. Fire Chief Bill Torres will continue to remain on the fire department. Building materials have been delivered and there were reports of small fires along 277.

Council Member Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to approve of the second reading of the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford. The motion carried, 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to accept the resignation of Economic Development Corporation Board Directors Lee Wommack and Martha Ratliff. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger and carried, 5 - 0.

The Council requests that an amendment be made to the Economic Development Corporation's 4A and 4B budget with more transparency.

A motion was made by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the budget for the Bronte Economic Development Corporation for 4A and 4B upon the request of an amendment made showing transparency. The motion was

seconded by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez and carried, 5 - 0.

The Council discussed street maintenance within Bronte City limits and requests staff look into:

- negotiate with nearby towns for use of equipment;
- quote equipment;
- quote Ken pickup repair;
- USDA grants;
- bids to blade streets on hourly rate basis with the removal of dirt;
- quote on sweeper.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve the requests listed above and was seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger. The motion carried, 5 - 0.

The Council discussed the purchase of city vehicle/equipment. The Council requests staff look into:

- quote for repair expenses on pickup;
- quotes for skid steer; broom attachment;
- contact United States Department of Agriculture and request information on grant/loan for the purchase of equipment.

A motion was made by council Member Santiago Rodriguez for staff to look into purchase equipment for the infrastructure and to look into repairs on old pickup. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford and carried, 5 - 0.

The Council exited for Executive Session at 6:39 pm and returned at 7:58 pm. They may take action regarding resolution of issues related to the Land Lease Agreement dated April 14, 2016, between the City of Bronte, as landlord, and Ronny Loyd, as tenant, for a 6.846 acre tract and an 11.523

acre tract near Oak Creek Lake. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford that the City not agree to pay any amount to Ronny Loyd unless and until a lawsuit is filed and that Council Member Stormy Vaughn be appointed as the contact person with the City Attorney on this matter. Council Member Santiago Rodriguez seconded the motion and the motion carried, 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm and was seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger. The motion carried, 5 - 0.



Donation! Hochheim Prairie Branch 95 met Monday, February 12, 2018, at First United Methodist Church in Bronte. For providing a great meal for their meeting, Hochheim Prairie Branch 95 donated \$1,000 to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. Keith Fletcher (right), president of the branch, is shown with Martin DeLaGarza, Bronte Volunteer Fire Department representative.

Early Voting February 20 - March 2

Notice to Citizens of Coke County, Precinct 2

Just in case I don't get around to all people before the election, here is a little history about myself.

I was born in Tom Green County on Ranch Road 853. The house is still there. I started my education in San Angelo, Texas, at Stephen F. Austin School in 1946. Between Christmas of '46 and New Year's of '47, we moved to Tennyson, Coke County, Texas. In the fourth grade we transferred to the Bronte School System, from which I graduated in 1958.

After high school, I started my work life at Rich Plan, a freezer and frozen food plant. From there I went to Angelo Pellets, a livestock feed operation. Then in 1964 I went to work at Lone Star Gasoline Plant at Fort Chadbourne. When the plant was closing, I moved to Fort Stockton and went to work at the Firestone Test Center. After 18 years, Firestone was downsizing and moving to Mexico. I moved back to Tennyson and went to work as a Coke County road hand, first in Precinct 4, then in Precinct 2. I was also Commissioner of Precinct 2 from 2007 through 2010.

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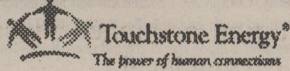
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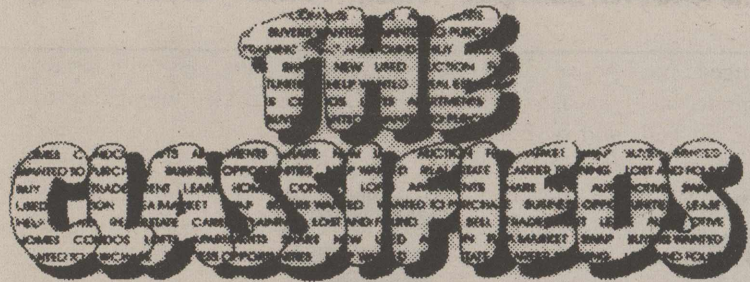
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...School Menu

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Popcorn chicken, oven fries, cucumber dippers, roll, pudding fruit, milk

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Breakfast

Monday, February 26

Kolache, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, March 1

French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 2

Funnel cake, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

Homemade beef enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 28

Chicken Parmesan, peas, bread stick, fruit, milk

Thursday, March 1

Nacho Supreme, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk

Friday, March 2

Fish sticks, fries, coleslaw, pinto beans, fruit, milk

Abundant Life

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

Who are you? We often buy into the lie that we are nothing beyond one more cog in a long line of wheels; soon to be replaced and tossed in the dump. You are told where you fit, where you belong, and for how long you will be there. When Christ came and set you free from sin and death, you became empowered by what He did for you. Set your face toward Jesus, you are no longer that insignificant cog, you were set free. Never forget Jesus lost His life on Calvary, but He did not lose the fight!

John 14:12 - "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father."

This single scripture should empower you and take you further in all directions! If you believe. We often give up on dreams and things that are calling us because we feel that to be a good little Christian you need to fit into a group. A group that the world has sadly mis-labeled as quiet, weak, and plain and vanilla as the next person. There is power in the blood of Jesus!

John 10:10 - "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

If you are a follower of Jesus, it is time to live those dreams. It is time to stretch out and accomplish great and mighty things. You are given those dreams by God! You feel that nudge, that pull. If you are a Christian, give God the glory and get going. It is no longer the time to whisper. It is the time to

shout, to show the world that you are a true child of the king, and you are limitless and full of power.

Acts 2:17 - "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."

Look around you. We are living in the days that John the

Revelator wrote about. In the bible every time an angel appeared to someone, he said "Fear not" before he delivered a word from the Lord. If you are a Christian, His word is now written on your heart. Listen to the Holy Spirt inside you, **FEAR NOT!** It is time to step out in faith. It is time to be released from oppression and depression of the devil. He no

longer has power over you. Create, build, speak, sing, write, live on faith and by faith! You are made in the very image of God. Read Genesis, our God is the creator of everything. So, it's not strange to have the traits of your Father in you. Be bold, be a Christian. You have a call upon your life. You have a goal, an assignment from the one and only mighty God. Let no one

stop you. They are going to talk about you. They are going to laugh. Don't you dare give up. You will be the victor not the victim! God is in your heart. Go, go, go!

Mark 9:23 - "Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, **all things are possible** to him who believes."

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What Should You Do With Your Tax Refund?

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The answer depends somewhat on the size of the refund. For the 2017 tax year, the average refund was about \$2,760 – not a fortune, but big enough to make an impact in your life. Suppose, for example, that you invested this amount in a tax-deferred vehicle, such as a traditional IRA, and then did not add another penny to it for 30 years. At the end of that time, assuming a hypothetical 7 percent annual rate of return, you'd have slightly more than \$21,000 – not enough, by itself, to allow you to move to a Caribbean island, but still a nice addition to your retirement income. (You will need to pay taxes on your withdrawals eventually, unless the money was invested in a Roth IRA, in which

case withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.)

Of course, you don't have to wait 30 years before you see any benefits from your tax refund. If you did decide to put a \$2,760 tax refund toward your IRA for 2018, you'd already have reached just over half the allowable contribution limit of \$5,500. (If you're 50 or older, the limit is \$6,500.) By getting such a strong head start on funding your IRA for the year, you'll give your money more time to grow. Also, if you're going to "max out" on your IRA, your large initial payment will enable you to put in smaller monthly amounts than you might need to contribute otherwise.

While using your refund to help fund your IRA is a good move, it's not the only one you can make. Here are a few other possibilities:

Pay down some debt. At some time or another, most of us probably feel we're carrying too much debt. If you can use

your tax refund to help reduce your monthly debt payments, you'll improve your cash flow and possibly have more money available to invest for the future.

Build an emergency fund. If you needed a new furnace or major car repair, or faced any other large, unexpected expense, how would you pay for it? If you did not have the cash readily available, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. To help avoid this problem, you could create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your tax refund could help build your emergency fund.

Look for other investment opportunities. If you have some gaps in your portfolio, or some opportunities to improve your overall diversification, you might want to use your tax refund to add some new investments. The more diversified your portfolio,

the stronger your defense against market volatility that might primarily affect one particular asset class. (However, diversification, by itself, can't protect against all losses or guarantee profits.)

Clearly, a tax refund gives you a chance to improve your overall financial picture. So take your time, evaluate your options and use the money wisely.

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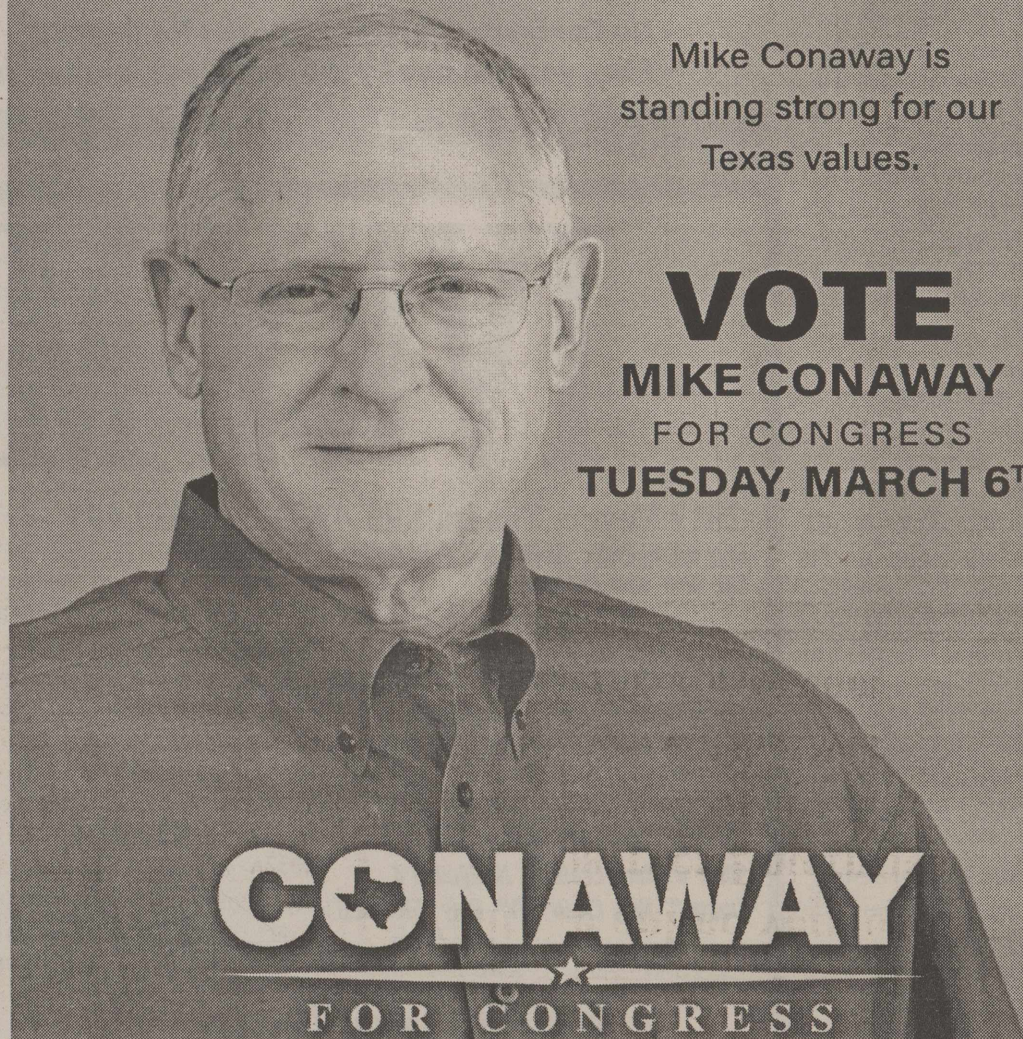
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