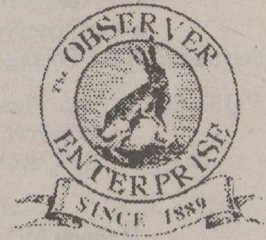


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### Street Affair Fundraiser set for April 15

The Robert Lee Street Affair will host a brisket plate fundraiser on Sunday, April 15, from 2 pm until 6 pm, at the Catholic Church Hall in Robert Lee. The plate will include brisket, beans, potato salad, sliced onions and pickles, bread, dessert, and tea. Dine in or take out will be available.

### CCRTA to meet April 16

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet for their noon luncheon on Monday, April 16, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

### Bronte VFD Fundraiser slated for April 21

A fundraiser to support the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be held Saturday, April 21, from 11 am until 3 pm at 413 W. Main (on Highway 158 next to the water tower). The event will include a brisket lunch, live and silent auctions, as well as an appearance by Apache Adams. Apache is a cowboy poet and winner of the Working Cowboy

Award and the Heritage Award from the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Jean Prescott, an award winning musician, will also provide entertainment for the event. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Rabies Clinic set for April 24

Coke County 4-H will be hosting a Rabies Clinic on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, from 3:30 pm until 6 pm. The event will be held at the south end of the show barn in Robert Lee. Dr. Travis Arledge with Pioneer Vet Clinic in Winters will be there.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461.

### West Texas Gas to hold first responder course

West Texas Gas will be conducting a free PipelineResponse and Mock Line Strike. The purpose of this course is to educate emergency responders about pipeline products in the local area, leak identification, and proper response procedures.

The event includes a PipelineResponse class, Facility



**Bluebonnets are Blooming!** Beautiful bluebonnets are blooming along many of Coke County's highways. Tourists and residents alike can enjoy the gorgeous flowers thanks to the efforts over the years of the Bluebonnet Brigade. Hal Spain, the group's organizer, relates that it was formed about twenty years ago to promote tourism within Coke County.

tour, lunch, and Mock Line Strike. The Mock Line Strike will feature an underground facility damage and illustrate the importance of emergency responders and pipeline operators working together to properly resolve the simulated natural gas release.

The event will be held April 17, 2018, at the James Gas Plant in Silver. Registration is from 9:30 am until 10 am, with the class following from 10 am until 11 am. Lunch will begin at 12 noon, following the Mock Line Strike from 11 am until 12 noon. The event will conclude with the facility tour from 12:30 pm until 1 pm.

Registration can be done online at [mocklinestrike.com/pipeline/meeting/21](http://mocklinestrike.com/pipeline/meeting/21).

For more information on the event, contact Jeannette Wood at (316) 858-8008 x 1022 or [jeannettew@enertech.com](mailto:jeannettew@enertech.com).

### Spring Chicken Affair slated for April 15

The 36th annual Spring Chicken Affair is set for Sunday, April 15, from 11 am until 2 pm. The fried chicken dinner with all of the fixins' benefitting the West Texas Rehab Center will be held at 3453 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo (behind First Financial Bank).

### City-Wide Garage Sale slated for May 5

The annual Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale will be held Saturday, May 5. Maps will be distributed beginning at 8 am on

May 5 in the parking lot of First National Bank. If you would like to have your garage sale location listed on the map, please contact City Hall at (325) 473-3501.

### VP to host

#### Trade Days May 5

Vision with a Purpose is sponsoring Trade Days in Robert Lee on Saturday, May 5. The deadline to have your location listed on the map is April 15. You may do so by contacting Nancy at (432) 413-4216 or sending an email to [vprobterlee@gmail.com](mailto:vprobterlee@gmail.com).

### Early Voting begins April 23 for

#### May 5 local election

Early voting will begin April 23, 2018, for the May 5, 2018, local government entity elections.

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. Billy Williams, Nora Broadbent, Brandi Brosh, Ricky Green, and Casey Scruggs have all filed for seats on the Council.

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 has canceled their election due to no opposed candidates. George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Jr., and Wes Washam have filed for re-election to their three-year terms.

West Coke County Hospital District has also canceled their election. 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 and the election has been canceled.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Friday, April 13

Regional UIL Academic Meet, San Angelo

### Saturday, April 14

Regional UIL Academic Meet, San Angelo

### Sunday, April 15

Robert Lee Street Affair Brisket Fundraiser, 2 pm - 6 pm, Catholic Church Hall, Robert Lee

### Monday, April 16

Coke County Retired Teachers Assoc. Meeting, 12 noon, First Baptist Church, Bronte

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

### Tuesday, April 17

West Texas Gas First Responder Course, 9:30 am - 1 pm, Jameson Gas Plant, Silver

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Bronte Health & Rehab Center Auxiliary Meeting, 1 pm, BHRC Dining Room

### Thursday, April 19

Bronte ISD Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration, 2:45 pm - 4 pm

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Bronte City Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Bronte City Hall

### Friday, April 20

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**VP holds April meeting**

Vision With A Purpose held their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 5, at 6 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Debbie Childers opened the meeting with prayer and then a meal was served. The meal was provided by Sheri and Marshall Millican.

Several new people joined us along with Abby Bounds who presented a program about the US Naval Sea Cadets Corp. VP presented a \$2000 check to the organization in order to help them on their journey to a competition to be held in Florida in May. We wish them the best.

The minutes were discussed and approved. Beverly Burdett presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

Dianne Hefner gave an update on the Beautification committee meeting that was held on Friday, March 30. Costs of benches, small flags and brackets to be displayed on Austin Street with the approval of the electric company, were on the agenda. New flag poles are finished and will be used on the next flag display. Sheri Millican has purchased plants to be placed in pots on Monday, April 9.

Crystal Stanford presented the latest progress on the meeting of the Restoration committee for the park playground. A meeting held on Friday, March 2 had good response and interest. Cody Bill park will be the first phase with new playsets, etc.

Robert Lee Trade Days, to be held May 5, has the community's interest. Flyers, Robert Lee Bulletin Board, Thrifty Nickel, and advertising in various papers are all giving information. Mark your calendars!

The meeting closed with prayer by Floyd Pettitt. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 3, with the location to be announced at a later date. Please join us to help Robert Lee with beautification and restoration.

**On Landscapes and Expectations**

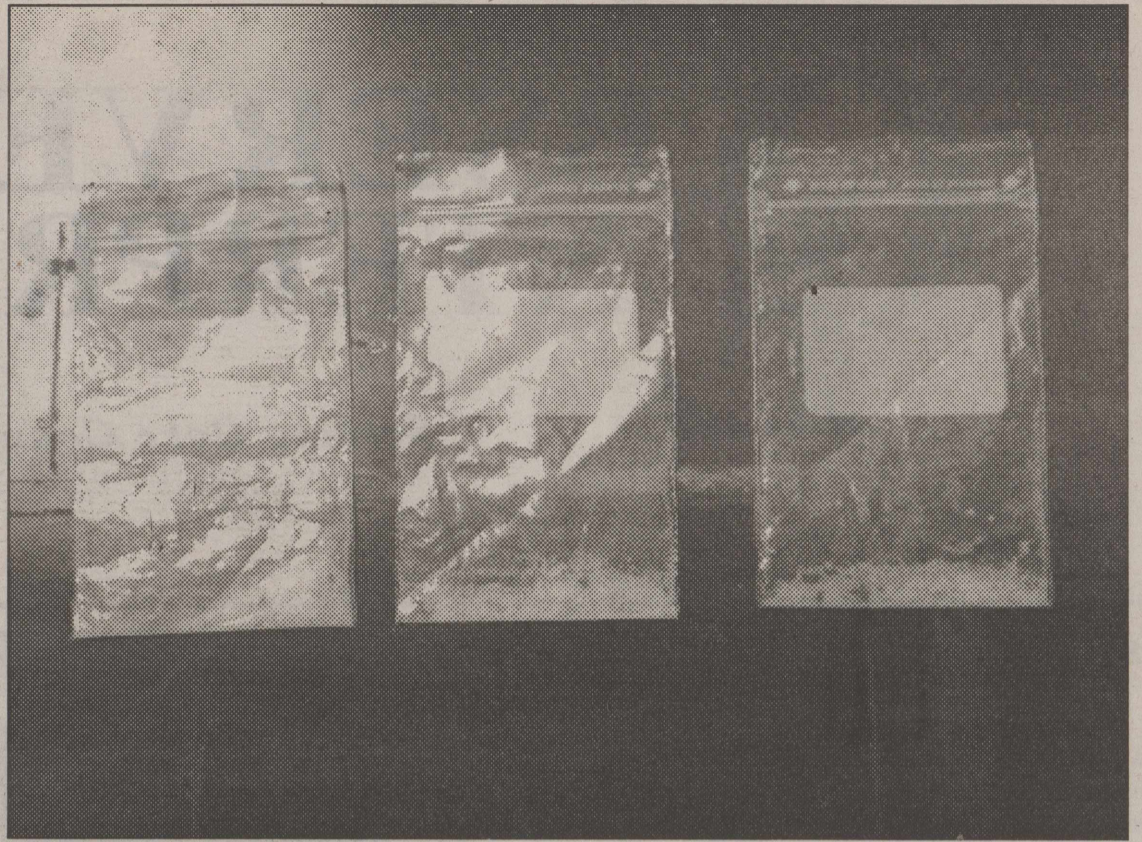
by James M. Decker

In the 1980s, New York City adopted a concept called the "broken windows" theory of policing. This theory held that tolerating minor crimes like vandalism and subway turnstile jumping created an atmosphere

of disorder and lawlessness than larger, more serious crimes and issues of community disorder. Broken Windows was implemented as part of New York City's revitalization in the 1990s. There are criticisms to the theory, and certain aspects of it were applied in overly zealous fashion, but the results in New York City and elsewhere suggest the underlying theory is one worthy of discussion.

The research behind Broken Windows holds that individuals look for signals in a community as to the community's social norms. If people do not provide the signals, or if other people are not around, then the environment provides the signals through its general appearance. A disorderly landscape - litter, broken windows, and such - signals a lack of monitoring in the area and that such behavior, and even larger misbehaviors, will not be stopped. A more orderly landscape signals that disorderly behavior would be noticed and not tolerated.

Setting aside the policing and criminal aspects of this theory, this theory is instructive for improving our rural communities. High weeds in yards and vacant lots send a signal. Junk vehicles abandoned in front of houses send a signal. Litter in the streets



**Drugs!** On Sunday, April 8, 2018, Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Russell Johnson was dispatched east of Bronte on Highway 158 in reference to a hitchhiker acting strangely. Deputy Johnson made contact with the subject and observed a clear plastic bag in his hand. The subject was taken into custody for Possession of a Controlled Substance to wit Methamphetamine. The subject also had an outstanding warrant out of Tom Green County.

sends a signal. These issues may send a signal about the person who created them through their own personal action or inaction, but they also send a signal about the community at large - if you'll tolerate these issues, what else will you tolerate? And if you can't or won't do anything about these issues, do you have the means to stop bigger issues in town?

Many communities have these issues. It's not isolated to one place or another and these issues didn't pop up overnight. They tend to be the product of a long, slow deterioration in community standards and expectations. Perhaps it started out with just a little tolerance, but as resources diminished, more tolerance was given when bigger priorities needed addressing. In the moment, high weeds, junk vehicles, and litter don't seem like the highest priority, and

when there's a major water leak or a devastating loss of revenue to the city, they aren't. But in the grand scheme of things, they ARE a high priority.

Whether we realize it or not, our tolerance of these issues illustrates our community's norms and expectations. A disorderly landscape indicates that community expectations are minimal. Perceptions and attitudes flow accordingly. If a community has minimal expectations, how hard will it work to ensure its own survival, or to encourage the success of its

children? A community that sets high expectations for its weeds, junk vehicles, and trash probably has high expectations elsewhere in life.

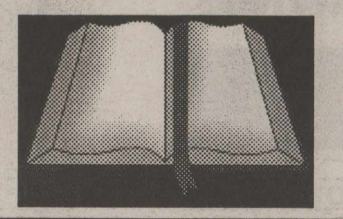
What are your community's expectations for its landscape? Are you satisfied with them? And if not, what will you do to change them?

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.

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 Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 5 pm Worship  
**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee Bevely  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible  
 Study & Worship  
 Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,  
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
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 (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. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor  
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am  
**4C Cowboy Church**  
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 Pastor James Brunson  
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 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
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 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or  
 (325) 473-1053  
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**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor  
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 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  
**Tennyson**  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
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 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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**Tell 'em about Jesus**

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

Every week I close by saying "tell someone what Jesus has done in your life." It's not a catch phrase, I am praying that you will step out a little further on faith and do the work of an evangelist. If you have not had the opportunity to lead someone to Jesus, you should make every effort to. It will change your life and I feel it is one of the biggest blessings that the Lord lets us share in.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 "18 all this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

We, as Christians, are all called to the ministry. Do you remember the day you gave your life to Jesus? This could be the very moment that God is calling you to not just be a Christian but a disciple of Christ. It's no longer ok to just think "I am not too bad a person", but go full out following Jesus close enough that you get to know him.

John 15:15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything I have learned from My Father I have made known to you."

Are you a friend of Jesus? It is time to introduce your friend to others. If it was someone

famous or popular you would want people to see you with them. There is none more wonderful than Jesus!

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

**Commissioners Court meeting minutes told March 13, 2018**

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on March 13, 2018, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, 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 Judge Blair.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes for February 27, 2018. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

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

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Williams, carried.

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

Judge Blair presented Agent Kandice Everitt's report. Agent Morgan Runyon presented her January and February reports.

Chief Deputy Brandon Neal presented the Sheriff's report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Tax A/C Josie Dean.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report. She



**Donation!** Abby Bounds, representing the US Naval Sea Cadets Corp, was presented with a donation of \$2000 by Vision with a Purpose on Thursday, April 7, 2018. Presenting Abby with the check was Vision with a Purpose members Beverly Burdett (left) and Debbie Childers. The donation was made to the US Naval Sea Cadets Corp to assist with their May competition in Florida. The US Naval Sea Cadets Corp is an organization sponsored by the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines and includes young people ages 10 through 12th grade, teaching responsibility, discipline, and structure. Vision with a Purpose wishes this group well in their exciting journey!

also presented the court a Precinct by Precinct Report from the Primary Election.

Judge Blair presented Constable Precinct 1 Marty Boyd's report.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Jackie Walker's report was presented by Judge Blair.

The DR Report was not available.

The Trapper's Report was not available.

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

Wayne Barr with Eckert and Company reported to the court that Coke County had a clean audit. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the audit report as presented. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Robertson and carried.

A group of ladies met with the court to voice their views on renting the Robert Lee Senior Building and the problems they have had. Commissioner Robertson moved to make the Robert Lee Senior Citizen Building for the seniors and not the general public. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to accept the request from County Librarian Rayla Holland to go to a conference hosted by the Texas State Library Association. The

motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to pay for the Robert Lee park caretakers lifeguard certifications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to allow Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 to purchase a flat steel wheeled roller. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Line Item Transfers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and carried.

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**Important Election Dates**

**Local Entity Elections**

**Early Voting**

**April 23, 2018 through May 1, 2018**

**Election Day**

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

**Primary Run-Off Election**

*(Commissioner, Precinct 2)*

**Early Voting**

**May 14, 2018 through May 18, 2018**

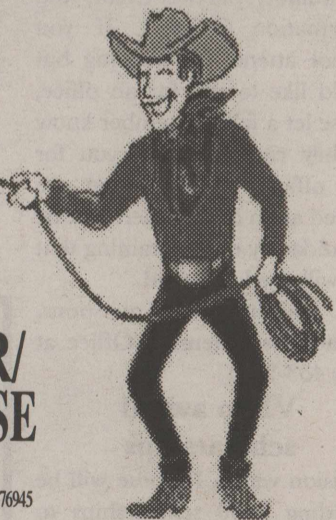
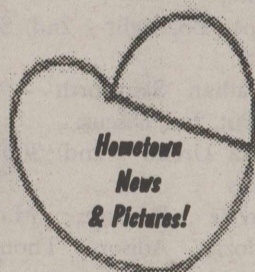
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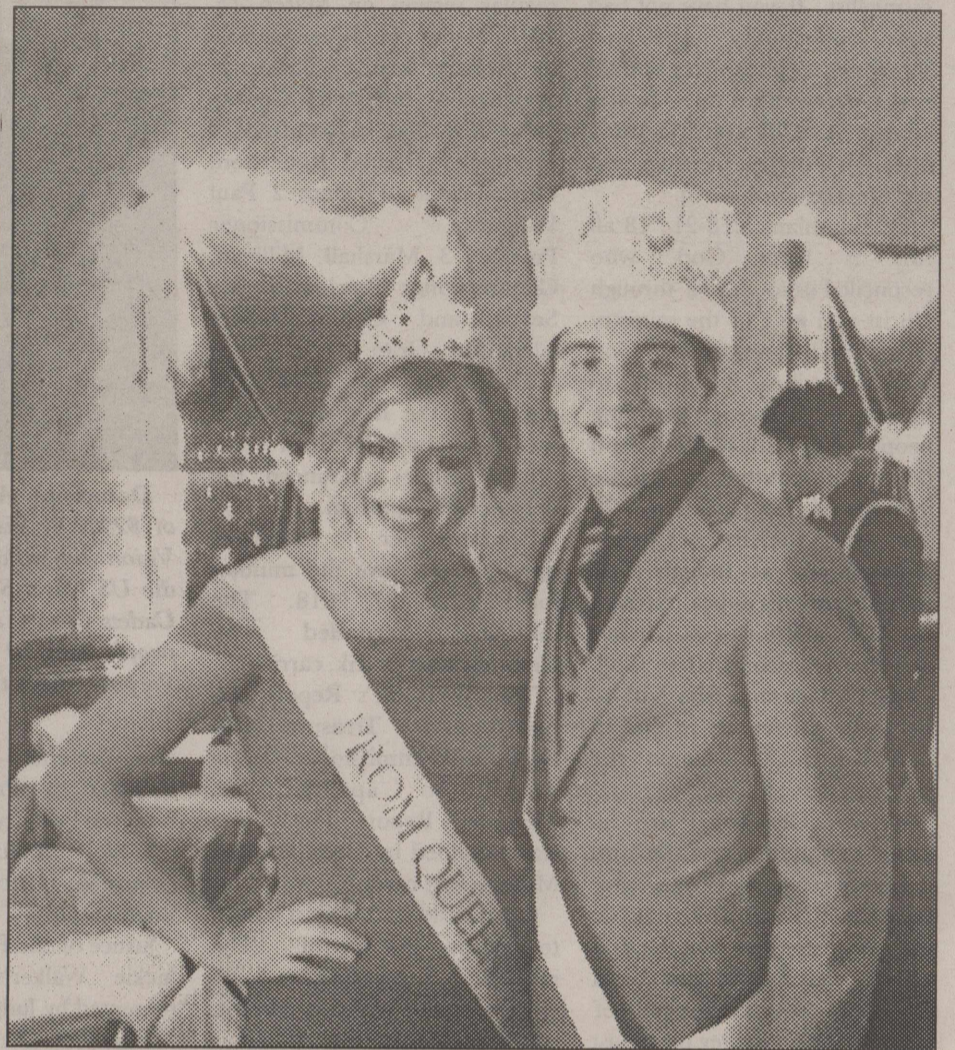
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# SCHOOL PAGE



**Tennis!** Bronte High School Tennis players Karissa Cervenka and Hunter Hortenstine placed third in mixed doubles at the district tennis meet held in Sterling City April 3-4, 2018. The Bronte girls and boys tennis teams were both awarded District Runner-Up and Karissa and Hunter accepted the plaques on behalf of their teams.



**Prom!** Bronte High School held their Junior/Senior Prom on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Jaxon Chantrill and Alyssa Sallee were named the 2018 Prom King and Queen.

### BISD Pre-K/ Kindergarten registration set for April 19

Bronte ISD Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be held Thursday, April 19, from 2:45 pm until 4 pm.

For more information, please contact Bronte ISD at (325) 473-2511.

### 4-H meeting slated for May 7

The last 4-H meeting of the 2017-2018 school year will be held Monday, May 7 at 6 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend as officer elections will be held for the 2018-2019 school year. The offices up for election include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Reporter, Community Service Chair, and Information Officer. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to run for an office, please let a fellow member know so they can nominate you for that office. Also, if you are elected as an officer, there will be a mandatory officer training that you will need to attend.

If you have any questions, contact the Extension Office at (325) 453-2461.

### VP to award scholarships

Vision with a Purpose will be awarding \$500 scholarships to two graduating Robert Lee High School seniors. Applications can be picked up at Robert Lee High School and are due Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

### BISD Yearbook Order deadline set for May 10

Bronte ISD yearbooks are available for order through May 10, 2018. Online ordering is available and parents can choose from different package options, customize the order, and pay online. The website to order from is [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and enter the yearbook ID code 13115118.

### RL athletes advance to Area Track Meet

Several Robert Lee ISD students placed at the district track meet and earned their way to the Area track meet that will be held in Blackwell on Friday, April 20.

Individual results are as follows:

- Braden Richardson - 3rd) 3200 M;
- Lane Fowler - 4th) 300 M Hurdles;
- James Boatright - 2nd) Shot Put;
- Jonathan Skipworth - 4th) Shot Put, 2nd) Discus;
- Julisa Ureno - 2nd) 300 M Hurdles
- Kaylee Puentez, Margo Mendoza, Adison Thomas,

- Julisa Ureno - 4th) 4x100 Relay;
- Kiara Burns - 1st) Shot Put; 3rd) Discus;
- Margo Mendoza - 1st) Discus; 2nd) Shot Put.



### Robert Lee ISD

#### Breakfast

#### Monday, April 16

Kolache, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

#### Tuesday, April 17

Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

#### Wednesday, April 18

Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

#### Thursday, April 19

French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

#### Friday, April 20

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

#### Lunch

#### Monday, April 16

Pizza, baby carrots, seasoned corn, grapes, cookie, milk

Head Start - Pizza, carrots, seasoned corn, grapes, milk

#### Tuesday, April 17

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

Head Start - Frito pie, veggie cup, charro beans, sliced fruit, milk

#### Wednesday, April 18

Chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, roll, Tuscan veggies, pears, milk

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

#### Thursday, April 19

Chicken Parmesan, salad, breadstick, green beans, chilled pineapple, milk

Head Start - Same as above

#### Friday, April 20

Hot dog, oven fries, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk

Head Start - Same as above

### Bronte ISD

#### Breakfast

#### Monday, April 16

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, April 17

Donut holes, fruit, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, April 18

PB&J, fruit, juice, milk

#### Thursday, April 19

BK Tornados, fruit, juice, milk

#### Friday, April 20

Sausage, biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

#### Monday, April 16

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

#### Tuesday, April 17

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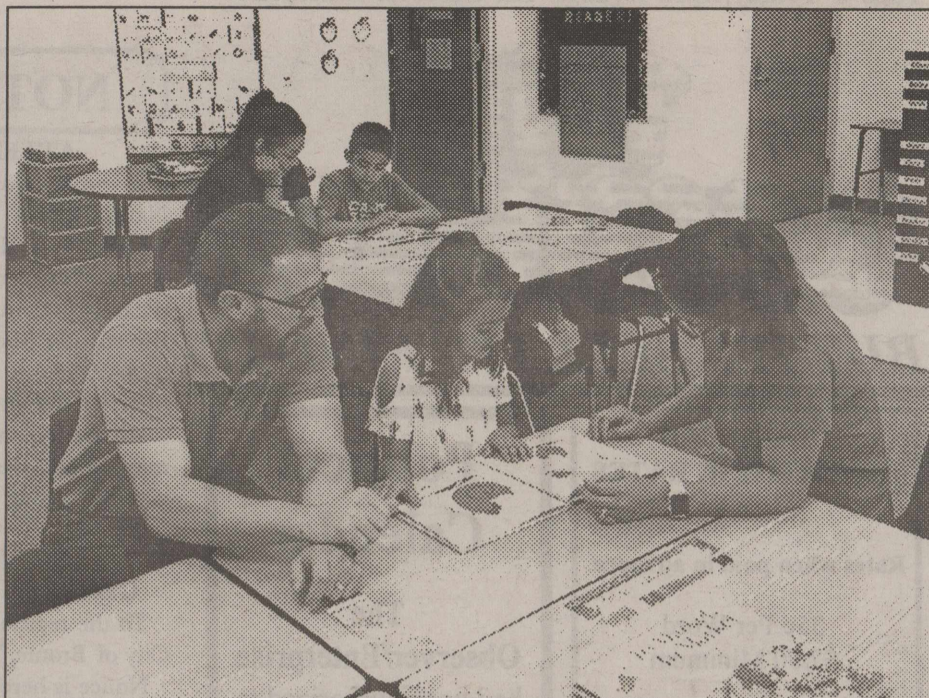
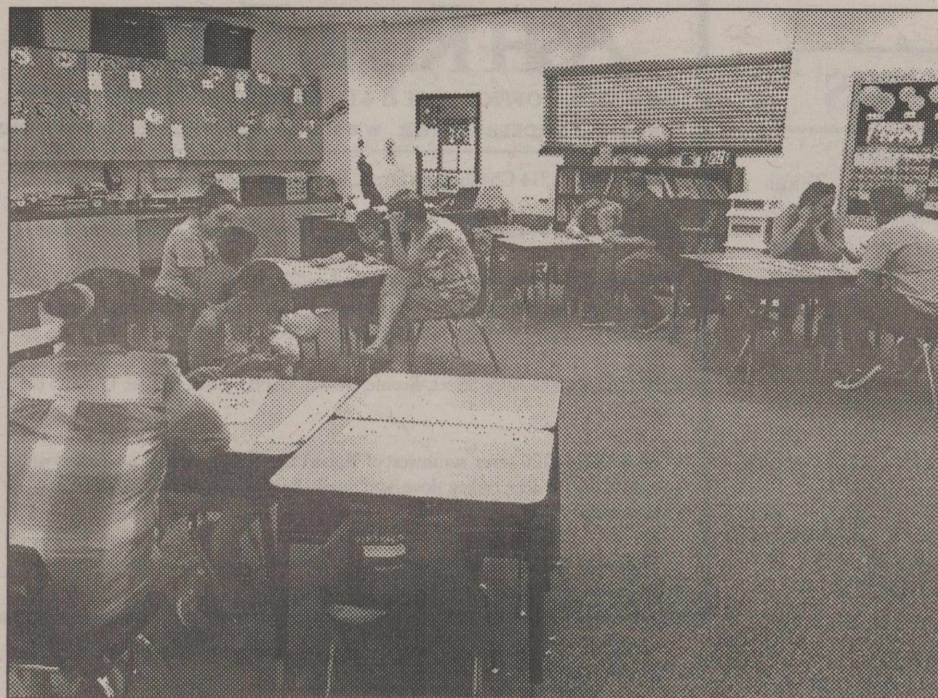
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**Reading Night!** Robert Lee Elementary hosted a Reading Night on Thursday, March 22, 2018. Families enjoyed listening to students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade read to them. The event was held in conjunction with a STAAR information meeting for students in third through sixth grades.

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

**Wednesday, April 18**

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

**Thursday, April 19**

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

**Friday, April 20**

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

**Blackwell CISD**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, April 16**

Kolache, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, April 17**

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

**Wednesday, April 18**

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, April 19**

French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, April 20**

Funnel cake, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**

**Monday, April 16**

Sloppy Joe, chips, baby carrots, fruit, milk

**Tuesday, April 17**

Hamburger or cheeseburger, garnish, fries, fruit, milk

**Wednesday, April 18**

Meatball sub, black olives, onions, chips, carrots with ranch, fruit, milk

**Thursday, April 19**

Corndog, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, fruit, milk

**Friday, April 20**

Sack lunch (PBJ), fruit, milk

**Youth conference helps build leaders**

To help the next generation become leaders and a foundation of the community, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau invites local high school students to apply for the annual Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference (YLC).

YLC is a unique opportunity for young people to engage in patriotism, free enterprise, and leadership opportunities.

"We encourage our youth to take advantage of these opportunities to learn how our American constitution works and engage with other students across Texas," John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling Farm

Bureau president said. "It's a great chance to develop strong leadership skills."

YLC is set for June 11-15 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Students entering their junior or senior year of high school as of August 2018 are eligible to attend.

Students will participate in breakout sessions on professionalism, public speaking, goal-setting advice, and money management. They will also hear from career professionals regarding the basics of the free enterprise system and government.

"At YLC our youth will establish lifelong friendships with other high school students across Texas," John Ross Copeland said. "Each year Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau sponsors students to attend YLC, because we believe in the future of our community and our state. We believe in helping our students better themselves with activities that help build character, confidence, and more.

If selected, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau will cover the expenses and registration. A student does not have to be a Farm Bureau member to attend.

Students who are Farm Bureau members and participate in YLC are eligible to apply for a college scholarship

and able to participate in the Free Enterprise Speech contest the following fall.

Additional details and registration forms can be found online at <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>.

Applications will be accepted through May 4, 2018.

**Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Contest open**

Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest are now being accepted. Eligible applicants include any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited Texas college or university in the coming year.

Presented in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest will award one \$6,000 scholarship and two \$2,000 scholarships in June. The scholarships recognize the achievements of high school seniors who take a leadership role in preventing litter in their schools and communities while working to build awareness for the Don't mess with Texas initiative.

"We're proud to offer the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship to support higher

education in Texas and recognize outstanding students who are using their creativity to beautify their communities," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas campaign.

TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas program has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful as well as spring "Trash-Off" community outreach events, all in an effort to keep Texas roadways litter free.

To apply for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship, visit [dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org). Applications must be received by online submission or postmarked by 5 pm (CST)

April 20, 2018.

**Farm Bureau shares learning opportunity with local teachers**

Coke County and Sterling County teachers who are looking to get their hands dirty, have, and earn professional development credit this summer are urged to apply today for Texas Farm Bureau's Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI).

"The Summer Agriculture Institute isn't like other continuing education courses," John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau president said. "It's an excellent opportunity for teachers to see firsthand what agriculture means to everyone, so they can share that information with their students."

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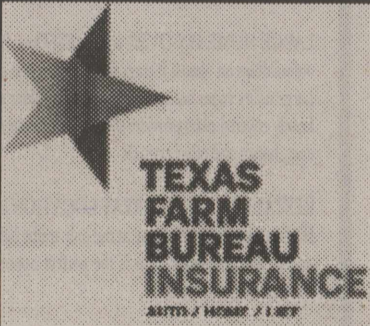
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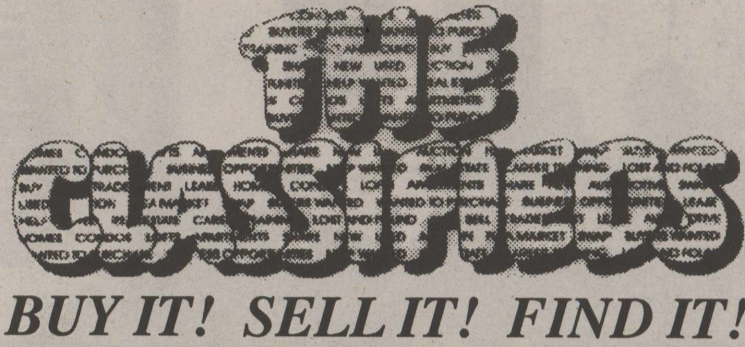
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**NOTICES**

**ATTENTION**

If you worked at Texas Natural Gas Company and worked in and around Bronte, Texas, between 1978 - 1990, please contact Asbestos Investigator Sherry Day at (734) 878-5236 or Sherry@SLDinvestigations.com. We are looking for people that may have worked with our client.

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

To the registered voters of the City of Bronte, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday May 5th, 2018, for voting in a general election to elect one (1) mayor and two (2) council members at:

Bronte Senior Citizens Center  
613 East Oliver Avenue  
Bronte, Texas 76933

EARLY VOTING by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

Bronte City Hall  
114 South Washington Street  
Bronte, Texas 76933

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on April 23rd, 25th, 27th, 30th and May 1st; between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on April 24th and 26th.

APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOT BY MAIL shall be mailed to:

District and County Clerk  
Mary Grim  
13 East 7th Street  
Robert Lee, Texas 76945

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:

April 24, 2018  
Issued this the 5th day of April, 2018.

**AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL**

A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Bronte, Texas:

**Political Calendar**

The Observer/Enterprise had been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement.

**Justice of the Peace Precinct 1**  
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**County Judge**  
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2353 +/- ac, This ranch is just over 3 sections and is located between Eldorado, TX and Mertzon, TX. This ranch is fenced and cross fenced and is well suited for a running livestock or a recreational hunting ranch. There is approximately 95 acres in cultivation and the remaining portion of the ranch is in native pasture. Give us a call to schedule your showing.  
400 +/- ac, Located in Schleicher County, between Mertzon and Eldorado, Texas. The property is in native pasture land with moderate brush cover. Property would serve well to run cattle, sheep or be used for hunting.  
530 +/- ac, This 530 acre show place in Hamilton County, Texas, has unlimited potential. There is a lot of surface water with 7 lakes/ponds. There is a good combination of open pasture and brush cover for wildlife habitat. This is a great property within an 1.5 hour drive to the Metroplex.

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Por la presente se da aviso de que los centros de votación listados a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., el sábado 5 de mayo de 2018, para votar en una elección general para elegir a un (1) alcalde y dos (2) concejales miembros en:

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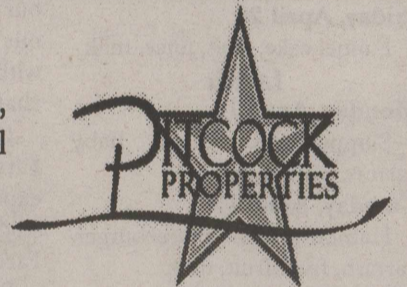
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**Easter Egg Hunting!** Local children enjoyed themselves at Bronte Health and Rehab Center's Easter Egg Hunt (right photo) and the Easter Eggstravaganza hosted by First Baptist Church of Bronte. Above photo courtesy of Calli Eubanks.



**...Commissioners Court minutes**

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Commissioner Robertson reported on painting in the large rec hall. Commissioner Sefcik reported on the wood chipper.

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

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

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:03 am.

**March 27, 2018**

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session on March 27, 2018, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, 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 Judge Blair.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to take the burn ban off. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and carried. Commissioners Robertson and Millican opposed.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the payroll as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

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

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the bond for Paul Pineda, deputy in the Tax A/C office. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

The Rental Agreement for Coke County RV spaces dies for lack of motion.

Commissioner Williams reported on the Community Center in Bronte.

Judge Blair reported on property that has tax lien.

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

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

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:31 am.

**...Summer Agriculture Institute**

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Teachers who attend SAI will receive new curriculum-aligned lesson plans on water, plants, careers, and Texas regions. They'll also receive engaging handouts on beef, corn, cotton, dairy, and other products grown or raised by Texas farmers and ranchers.

"We want to make agriculture fun for students in our community," John Ross said. "We help teachers find ways to incorporate information about our crops and livestock into their lesson plans in a way that really engages students."

The four-day professional development seminar is scheduled for June 4-7 at the Texas Farm Bureau Conference and Training Center in Waco.

The event will showcase Central Texas agriculture and will include hands-on activities, field trips and tours, presentations by experts in their fields and lesson plans correlated

to TEKS and STAAR.

Teachers will be eligible for up to 36 continuing professional education hours upon completion of SAI.

Interested teachers are encouraged to contact Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau at (325) 453-4505. Applications are also available online at <https://txfb.us/SAI-18>.

Scholarships for lodging, meals, curriculum, resources, field trips, and other associated costs are available.

Applications are due May 10, 2018.

Additional information about SAI can be found online at <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/ag-in-the-classroom>.

**Texans Reminded to Stay Vigilant, Report Suspicious Activity to Authorities**

In the wake of the recent bomb explosions in Texas that have killed two and injured several other victims, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging all Texans to remain vigilant and to immediately report any suspicious activity to authorities. If a situation requires an emergency response, call 911.

Do NOT approach any unknown or suspicious packages

or items – keep a safe distance and notify the authorities immediately.

For information about the ongoing investigation and reward money being offered, visit the FBI website.

Here are some examples of behaviors/activities that Texans anywhere in the state should always report to authorities:


- Package, briefcase, suitcase or backpack is left unattended.
- Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures.
- Cars or trucks are left in no-parking zones at important buildings.
- Chemical smells or fumes that are unusual for the location.

- People requesting sensitive information, such as blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know.

- Purchasing supplies that could be used to make bombs or weapons, or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

- Taking photographs or videos of security features, such as cameras or checkpoints.

Texans throughout the state can report suspicious activity to their local law enforcement or through iWATCH (Texas' suspicious activity reporting program) – either online or by calling in an anonymous report at 1-844-643-2251.



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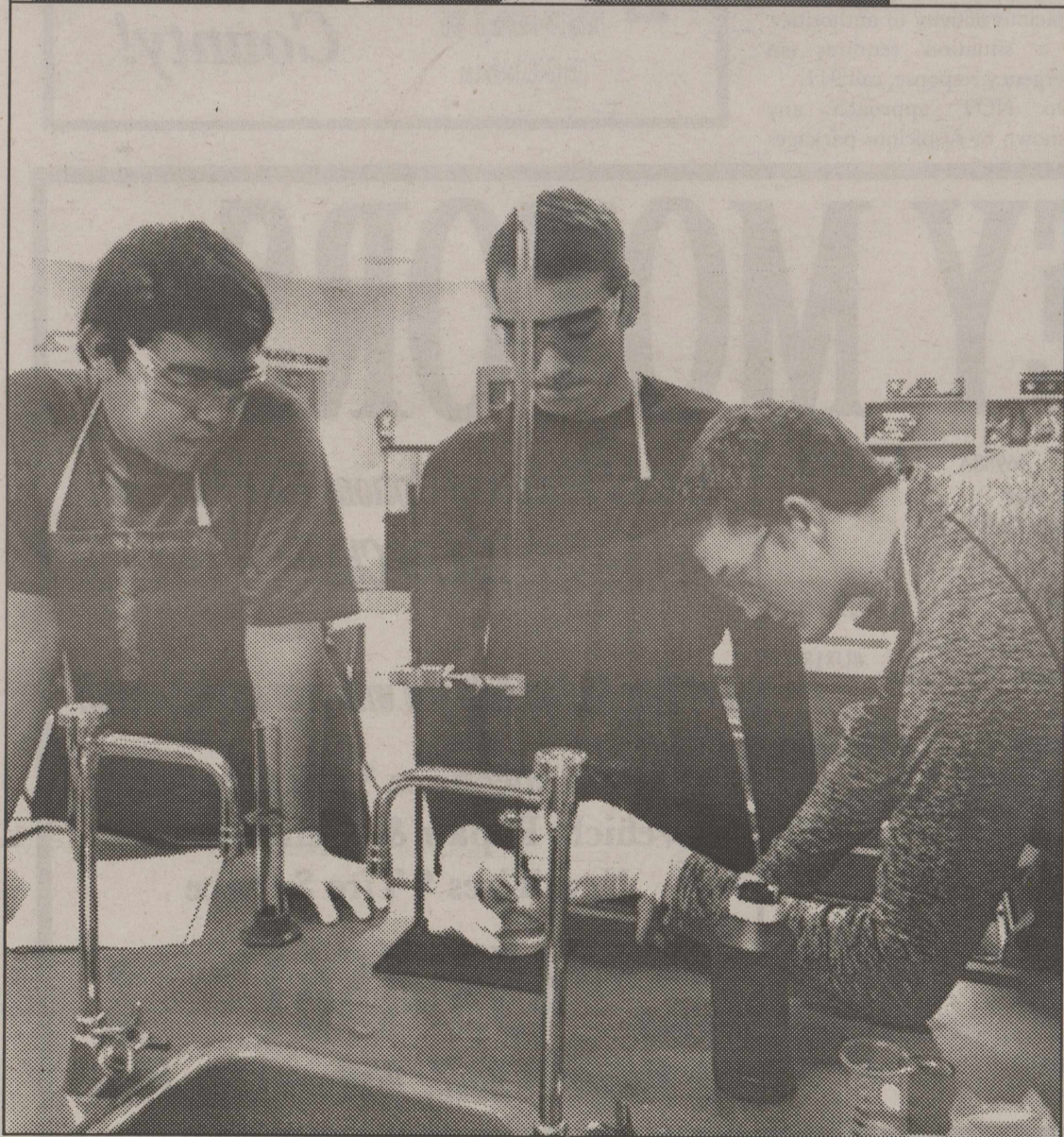
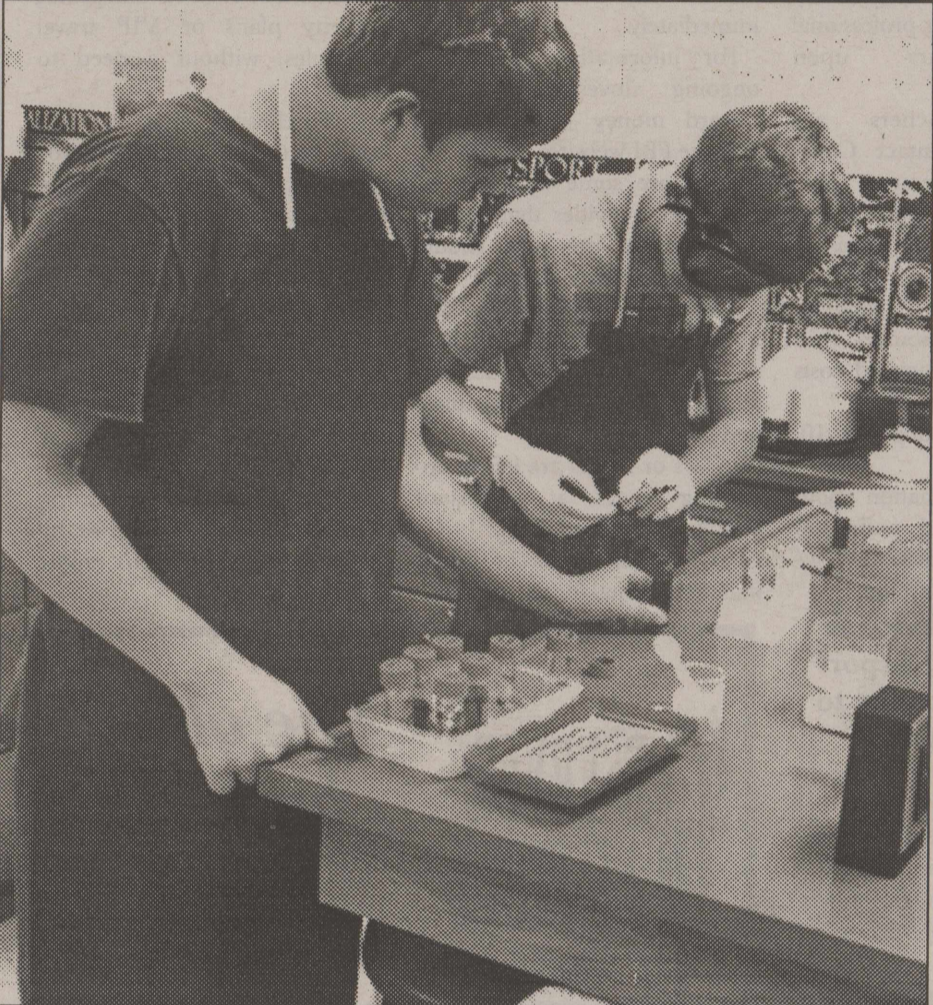
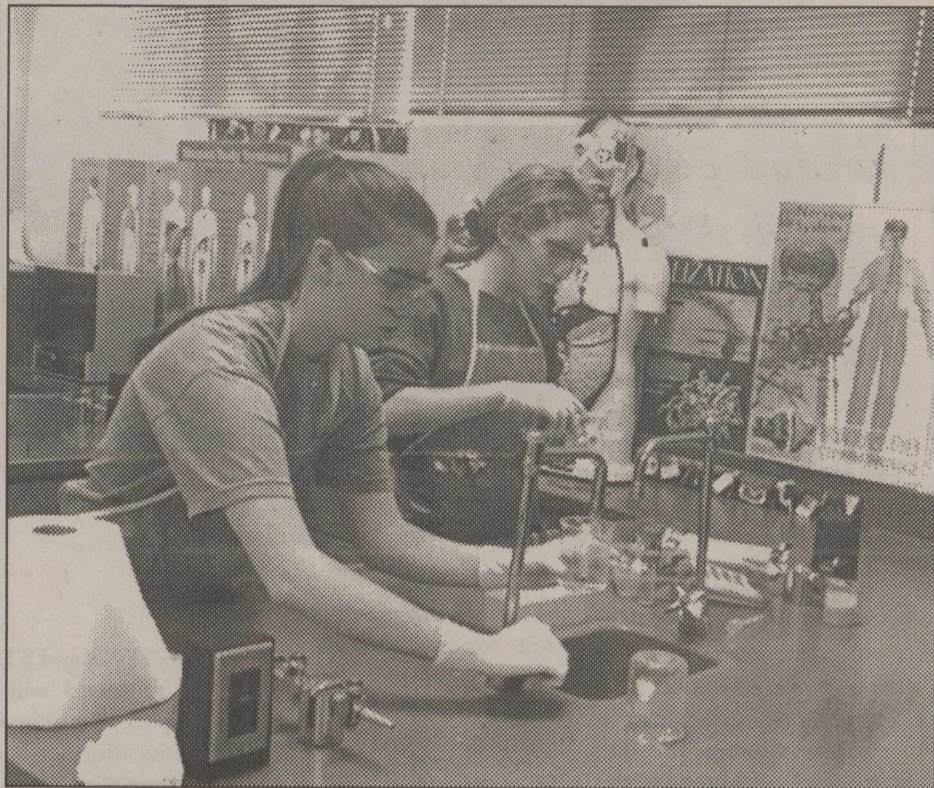
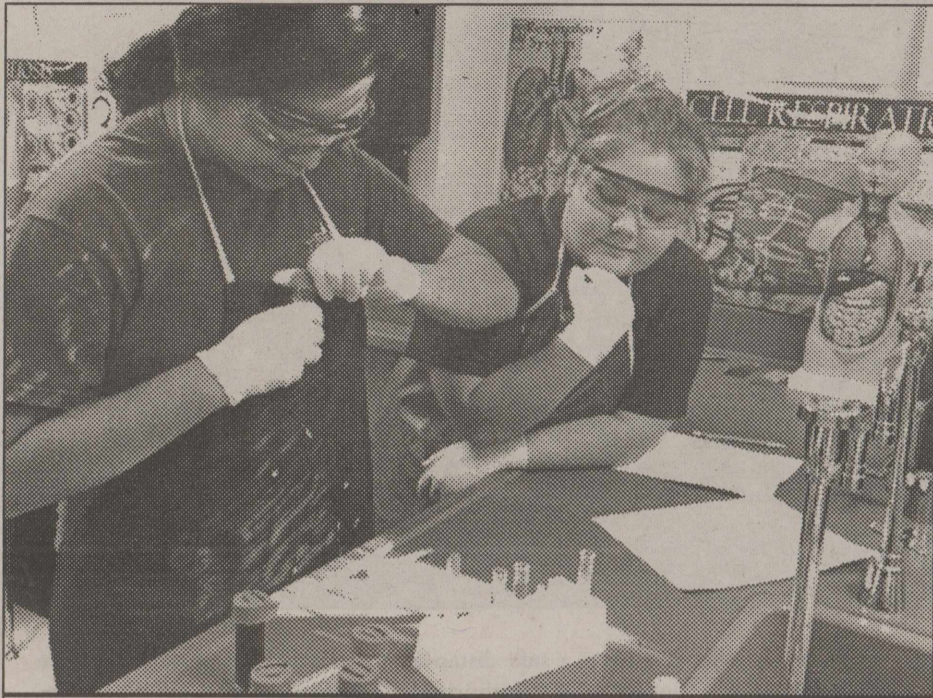
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**Science!** Students in Mrs. Taylor's science classes at Bronte High School put what they have learned to practical application. Cami, Michaela, Keeley, and Katelyn (clockwise from top left) work on identifying organic molecules in biology lab. Payton and Darby work on dissection in their Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) class. Vincent, Jaxon, and Tanner use  $KMnO_4$  to titrate the amount of  $H_2O_2$  substrate remaining in the mixture, which is inversely proportionate to the activity of the enzyme catalyst during their A&P class. Johnny and Rance discover organic molecules during biology lab.

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