

THE OBSERVER/ ENTERPRISE

Single Copy 65¢



Beth Prather 3/1/00
PO Box 72
Robert Lee TX 76945

Serving Coke County

(USPS 467-480)
(ISSN 8750-197X)

Vol. 129, No. 20

Friday, November 25, 2016

Holiday Closings noted

The Coke County Courthouse, along with the City Halls in Bronte and Robert Lee, will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Angel Tree in Robert Lee

The angel tree will have angels ready for adoption at DJ's Merle Norman, 7 E. 6th Street in Robert Lee, on Friday, December 2.

All children must be referred to the Angel tree committee by an outside source. No applications will be taken.

December 1st is the deadline for angel tree nominations.

Red Hats to meet December 1

The Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, December 1, at 11 am at Addona's in Bronte.

It has been asked when the ladies have their business meetings. At the January meeting, they decide for the entire year were they want to go each month.

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

Small Town Christmas set for December 3

Vision With A Purpose held a Small Town Christmas Committee meeting November 1 at 6:30 pm at Victory Assembly of God. Members

present were Renee Smith, Nora Broadbent, Leta Caston, Debbie Childers, and Dianne Hefner.

Small Town Christmas is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, at Memorial Park in downtown Robert Lee. Santa will arrive around 5 pm to hear children through age 9 tell their Christmas wishes. Lighting of the Park will be at dusk. Refreshments will be available for purchase at VP headquarters. Hayrides will be routed through Robert Lee in order to view the lights for a small fee. This is a special time of year for Robert Lee and we hope all Robert Lee residents come out and participate.

Be sure to pick up your application for the Christmas Home and Business decorating contest. A special award will be presented this year for the most outlandish decorations-The Griswald Christmas Award. It will be a "roving" award, passed on from year to year. December 10 is the deadline for applications.

VP will open their doors for the Christmas Open House, December 2. Be sure and come by for "look see" at our progress and a little refreshment.

City Council changes meeting times

The City of Robert Lee has changed the time of council meetings. Council meetings will now be held at 6 pm at Robert



Oops! The driver pulling this tank made a huge miscalculation as he went through downtown Bronte just after lunch Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Utility crews were on scene and traffic was blocked until much later that night.

Lee City Hall on the 2nd Monday of each month and are open to the public. This month's meeting will be held November 14.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On April 14, 2016, a quorum of the Bronte City Council voted to lease two tracts of land overlooking Oak Creek Lake (totaling over 18 acres) to Ronnie Loyd aka Dylan Construction. The terms of the

lease were as follows: \$1 dollar per year for 99 years, renewing automatically at the end of 99 years for another 99 years and so on. Although it was discussed to have Mr. Loyd remove dilapidated houses in Bronte, this was not included in the final signed lease.

Voting for this lease were council members Martin Lee, Wade Stautzenberger and Paul "Buzz" Gohman. Mayor Gerald Sandusky was present at

the meeting. Two council members, Misti Bedford and Jodie Arrott, were absent and had strongly requested the lease be tabled until a meeting where all could be present.

Nick Arrott, attorney to the city council, did not draw up or review the lease prior to it being signed. The council failed to go through the bid process with this property.

The land was recently
(Continued on page 2)



Robert Lee Demo! The view in Robert Lee is changing as the buildings surrounding the old Baker Grocery are torn down and removed.



THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE

Published Weekly, except for Christmas
 707 Austin (325) 453-2433 (325) 453-4643 Fax
 o-e@wcc.net www.ObserverEnterprise.com
 Periodical Rate Postage paid at Robert Lee, Texas

POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to
 Observer/Enterprise
 PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, Texas 76945

STAFF

Melinda McCutchen, Publisher
 Morgan McCutchen Brigham, Editor
 Aja Chandler and Amber Sawyer

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Per Year in Coke County ... \$30.00
 Per Year Elsewhere in Texas ... \$35.00
 Per Year Outside of Texas ... \$37.00

Obituaries



Reyes

Jenny Jean Reyes, at the age of 29, went to be with the Lord on November 17, 2016. Visitation was held all day November 20, 2016, at the funeral home with family present 2 pm to 4 pm. Rosary was held at 6 pm, Sunday, November 20, 2016, at Coke County Cowboy Church. Funeral services were held at 10 am, Monday, November 21, 2016, at Coke County Cowboy Church with burial following in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte Texas. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Jenny was born April 2, 1987, in Brownwood, Texas. She is survived by her son, Isaac Kayne Gonzales; and one

daughter, Taylor Rose Penner both of Bronte; her parents, Jose and Linda Reyes of Bronte; three brothers, Felipe Reyes of Sweetwater, Johnny Lee Reyes of Mereta and Jose Reyes Jr. of Midland; one sister, Elizabeth Reyes of Sweetwater.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

20-1tc

... Letter to the Editor

(Continued from page 1)

purchased as part of a larger piece of property from the city of Sweetwater for \$1300 per acre with your tax dollars. With it being a smaller acreage now (just over 18 acres) with beautiful hilltop views of Oak Creek Lake, the market value on these acres is approximately double or even much more than the original \$1,300 per acre price. The city council has said it was legal to lease this land without going through the bid process. I have included below excerpts from the publication "Texas Municipal Procurement Laws Made Easy"

which will shed light on the legality of this action by the city council.

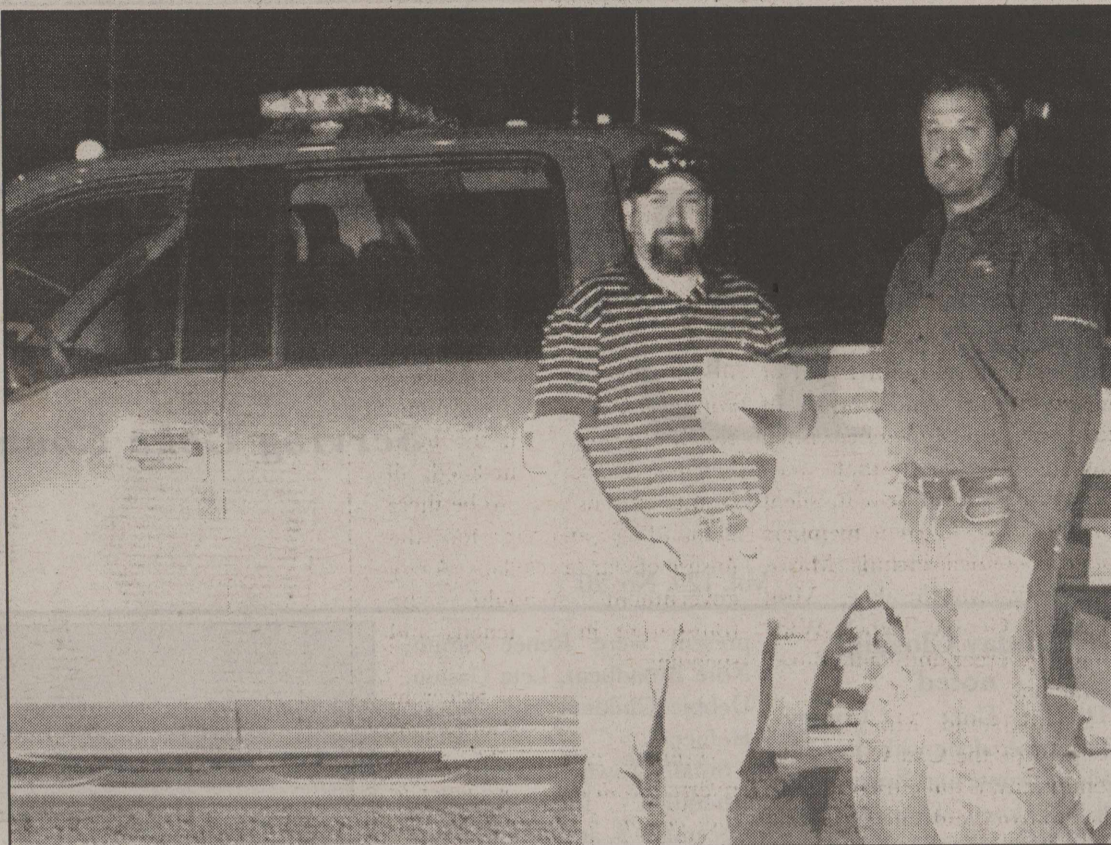
{I-5 -Competitive bidding or proposal requirements under Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code do not apply to the lease of real property. Cities typically enter into leases of city real property through lease agreements with entities as would any other lease. Additionally, the requirements under Chapter 272 of the Local Government Code that a city advertise the sale of real property do not apply to a normal term lease of a property.

At least one court has held that a city's temporary lease of

property is not subject to the notice and bidding requirements in Chapter 272. A recent attorney general opinion suggests that all of the following have a bearing upon the "temporary" status of a lease agreement: (1) the duration of the lease; (2) the city's right to control the land during the lease term; and (3) the city's right to make improvements upon termination of the agreement". An older opinion

suggests that the lessee's option to purchase the leased property upon expiration of the lease may be indicative of a sale.

Essentially, if the facts of the situation determine that a lease of the real property is for such an extended period that it would almost amount to a sale, the lease may be subject to the requirements for advertising the sale of real property under Chapter 272 of the Local Government Code.}



Donation Received! Larry Smith (right) presents Ryan Stanford with a \$1,000 donation for the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

Stocks. Bonds. CDs. IRAs. Mutual funds.



Larry M Gilbert, AAMS®
 Financial Advisor
 122 N 8th St
 Ballinger, TX 76821
 325-365-2505
www.edwardjones.com

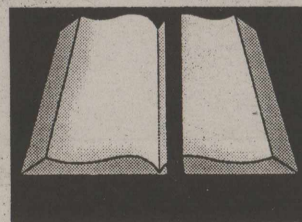
Edward Jones
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Member SIPC

Area Churches
 Invite You to Worship

Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 (325) 473-3291
 Preacher John V. Driggers
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship
First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm
4C Cowboy Church
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
 Pastor James Brunson
 Sunday, 10:30 am

Coke County
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, Joe Hodges, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
 11 am & 6 pm Worship,
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice
Iglesia Bautista Betel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm
Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
 Jordan Arnold, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053
 Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
Tennyson
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Everything

COKE
COUNTY

Coming January 1, 2017!!!

seriously doubt the council's actions were legal. However even if their actions were legal, it appears unethical and not in the best interest of the city and the taxpayers.

During a city council meeting last month, the mayor and certain council members were openly hostile when asked why this land was not either sold or leased through a bid process. In fact, one council member visited my business later that week pressuring me to remain silent on this issue. Current members of the council include Mayor Sandusky, Martin Lee, Misti Bedford, George Tomes, Wade Stautzenberger and Paul "Buzz" Gohman.

I understand Mr. Loyd, a resident of the Oak Creek Lake community, is quite friendly with the mayor and at least one council member. However, that friendship or business relationship should have no bearing upon city business.

Although city government is covered under the Freedom of Information Act, I have been unsuccessful in acquiring the requested documents from City Secretary Crystal Blevins.

I, along with several other interested citizens, attended the city council meeting earlier this month. We were allowed to speak during the public comment section, but our questions went unanswered. One man asked why his offer to pay \$1,000 per year for 99 years for the same land was not accepted or even considered.

Since this issue, was first brought to my attention, I have contacted several oversight agencies, such as the FBI, Texas Rangers, Attorney General, District Attorney and state comptroller (misuse of sales tax). I encourage every Bronte citizen to make these same calls until this issue is fully investigated.

Those numbers include:
Drew Darby 512-473-0331
FBI 1-972-559-5000
Texas Auditors 800-892-8348
Texas Rangers 325-223-6515
Texas Comptroller 800-892-8348

The city receives revenue from the sale of utilities, trash disposal, sales taxes and property taxes. Other properties

the city has purchased in the Oak Creek area were resold with the city retaining water rights to the properties. Why was this property handled so differently?

It is time to hold these city council members responsible for their actions and resolve this issue. The contract should be rescinded if at all possible. The mayor and council members voting for this lease should resign. If and when the town hall meeting is rescheduled, all Bronte citizens need to be there demanding answers for the misuse of our tax dollars. A city government should be transparent in its actions and spending.

Sincerely,
Paul Knight

[Editor's Note: The lease referred to in the above letter to the editor is located in the Contracts section of ObserverEnterprise.com.]

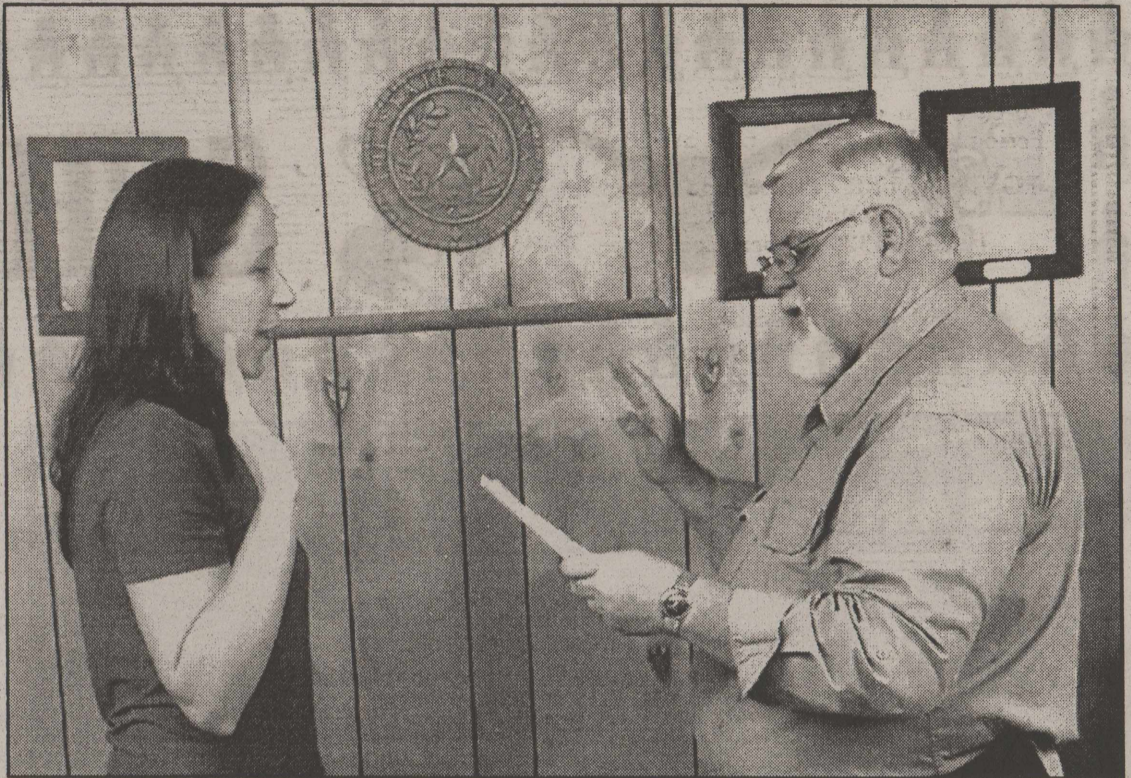
Bronte ISD Board posts minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, September 8, 2016. Those in attendance were: Board Members David McWright, Nick Arrott, Blake Braswell, John Seales, Ashley Braswell, and Josh Schoenfeld; Administration members Tim Siler, Josh Barton, and Susan Henderson and guests Amy Chumney, Heather Middleton, and Danny Barrett with Texas Communities Group, LLC.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm with a prayer by Blake Braswell.

A quorum was established at 7:31 pm with six members present. Shane Kelton arrived at 7:39 pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and read. A motion to approve the August 24 minutes as presented



Grantham Takes Office! Shaunna Grantham takes the oath of office and is sworn in to the Robert Lee City Council by Mayor Leroy Casey at the November 14, 2016, council meeting. Mrs. Grantham has been appointed to fill the seat left vacant by Jeanette Meeks.

was made by David McWright and seconded by John Seales. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the bill listing for June as presented was made by Nick Arrott and seconded by Ashley Braswell. Motion carried.

There were no audience items. Principal's Report:

A. Update on Student Activities:

Mr. Barton went over the various sporting activities for the week including volleyball games, football games and a cross country meet. Some of the upcoming student activities include a field trip to Ft. Chadbourne, a Lincoln Technical representative who will be meeting with Juniors and Seniors about technical trades, and Fire Prevention week that will take place in October. He also advised homecoming

activities will be taking place next week and 3rd week progress reports will also be going out next week.

B. Student Counts:

Mr. Barton went over current BISD student counts of 263 total students including 133 in elementary, 32 in junior high, and 98 in high school.

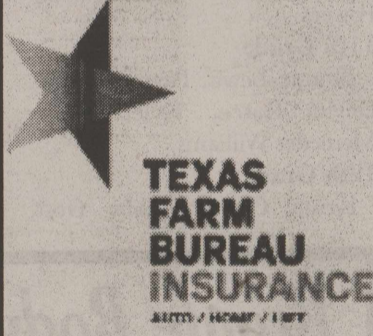
Danny Barrett presented information about Texas Communities Group, LLC. He advised they work with municipalities to, market trust properties, get information to the tax office, and work with cities on cleanup and

demolishing of delapidated homes. Board President Shane Kelton advised that he had sent the agreement to the school's lawyers to look over and will have them contact Mr. Barrett with further questions.

No action was taken on the Interlocal Agreement between Bronte ISD and the City of Bronte regarding Texas Communities Group LLC.

The Bronte Elementary School will involve parents in the joint development of the Title I plan and the process of school review and improvement. David

(Continued on Page 7)




Russell Davis
Agent

611 Austin Street
PO Box 1079
Robert Lee, Texas 76945
(325) 453-4505 office
(325) 453-4524 fax
(325) 650-1904 mobile
TXFB-INS.COM

Ho! Ho! Ho!


Next Christmas you can make the holidays more enjoyable by opening a Christmas Savings Account now. Save for next year's Christmas bills early and have peace of mind! Come see us. *You'll feel good!*



Robert Lee State Bank

621 Austin Street Robert Lee, Texas

453-2545




MEMBER FDIC

EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY TO US!

POINSETTIAS

Available December 1st!

Wednesday - Saturday,
8 am to 12 noon



Crazy T

Greenhouse



SCHOOL PAGE



4-H Food Show! Five Coke County 4-Hers participated at the District 7 4-H Food Show Contest in Abilene recently. This is the first year in several years that Coke County was represented at this Contest. Eli Bradshaw placed 3rd in the Junior Dairy category. Brittany Axt received a participant ribbon in the Junior Fruits & Vegetables category. Tiffany Axt received a participant ribbon in the Junior Grains category. Juan Orlando De La Garza placed 6th in the Intermediate Fruits & Vegetables category. Kailey Bradshaw received a participant ribbon in the Intermediate Protein category. Congratulations to all of these hard working 4-Hers!

Blackwell CISD
2nd Six Weeks Awards
A Honor Roll

- 1st Grade**
Hegan Burton, Dameon Rivera, Slade Wilkinson
- 2nd Grade**
Brayden Claborn, Ellie Scott, Brynlea Wojtek
- 3rd Grade**
Avery Glenn, Jaxon Shipman
- 4th Grade**
None Listed
- 5th Grade**
None Listed
- 6th Grade**
Matthew Shipman
- 7th Grade**
Cadi Powers
- 8th Grade**
Darrian Kenney, Nathaniel Shipman
- 9th Grade**
Haylee Cason, Grant Gott, Jordan Jones, Katelyn Robertson, Emilee Sanderson, Madison Solis
- 10th Grade**
Vickie Davis, Tori Scott
- 11th Grade**
Payton Mckee
- 12th Grade**
Krista Clower, Halee Sanderson

A/B Honor Roll

- 1st Grade**
Memphis Boyd, Bella Clark, Sydnie Pate, Tatum Pate, Isabella Pico, Emerie Schomber
- 2nd Grade**
Ashlynn McKinney, Brodi

- Pierce, Haleigh Robertson, Lilee Sanderson, Emmie Scott
- 3rd Grade**
Ryder Antilley, Hondo Burton, Lydia Pico, Morgan Rasco
- 4th Grade**
Cooper Claborn, Brionna Sommerfeld, Emma Williams
- 5th Grade**
Zachary Pierce
- 6th Grade**
None Listed
- 7th Grade**
Chloe Mckinney, Samuel Ottaberry, Donovan Perry, Stockton Solis
- 8th Grade**
Samuel Brinkman, Devan Clower, Cameron Coldiron, Jady Feitshans, Cirstyn Gober,

- Caitlin Lange, Allison Panzer, Zachary Panzer
- 9th Grade**
Brandon Brinkman, Emily Rasco, Brendan Scott
- 10th Grade**
Elizabeth Meyer, Carli Powers, Jose Sanchez
- 11th Grade**
Cambrey Coulter, Shelby Panzer, Devin Rasco, Mercedes Williams
- 12th Grade**
Krista Angst, Crystal Chavez, Case Gober, Abby Gott, Sarah Ottaberry, Abbigail Sorrells
- Perfect Attendance
Pre-Kindergarten
Paislie Gunn, Jonathan Lee,

- Bryce Senegal, Maddilyn Sloan
- Kindergarten**
Lawson Hambright, Weston May
- 1st Grade**
Memphis Boyd, Bella Clark, Makayla Mcmurtrey, Sydnie Pate, Tatum Pate, Isabella Pico, Emerie Schomber, Slade Wilkinson, Gabriel Williams
- 2nd Grade**
Brayden Claborn, Emmie Scott, Brynlea Wojtek
- 3rd Grade**
Ryder Antilley, Kassie Flowers, Avery Glenn, Morgan Rasco, Jaxon Shipman
- 4th Grade**
Cooper Claborn
- 5th Grade**
Jesus Gonzalez, Shelby Rasco
- 6th Grade**
Dusty Boyd, Luz Cano, Blane Crosson, Ethan Morris, Matthew Shipman, Dylan Taylor
- 7th Grade**
Reid Hoyle, Ryder Hoyle, Stockton Solis, Tyson Walls
- 8th Grade**
Madeline Bell, Devan Clower, Cameron Coldiron, Cody Golding, Darrian Kenney, Caitlin Lange, Jaydon Taylor
- 9th Grade**
Haylee Cason, Jacie Fields, Jordan Jones, Jared Julian, Emily Rasco, Madison Solis
- 10th Grade**
Vickie Davis, Peyton Hinckley, Christian Mcelroy, Elizabeth Meyer, Hunter Perry, Carli Powers
- 11th Grade**
Jimmie Lewis, Payton Mckee, Devin Rasco, Kyler Walls, Mercedes Williams
- 12th Grade**
Krista Clower, Abby Gott,

- Chase Wynne
- Robert Lee High School**
2nd Six Weeks Awards
A Honor Roll
- 7th Grade**
Zane Avants, Gavin Freeman, Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood, Dylan Thomas
- 8th Grade**
Mason Fowler, Ethan Fullen, Hemma Rangel, Harlee Richardson, Adison Thomas
- 9th Grade**
McKenzie Bachmann, Kaleb Gregston, Kole Leal, Kari O'Dell
- 10th Grade**
Kaden Austin, Kelby Clawson, Megan Grantham, Kaylee Puentez, Chelsea Wyatt, Aimee Zimmermann
- 11th Grade**
Mariah Munoz, Tavo Rangel, Braden Richardson, Julian Torres
- 12th Grade**
Gabriel Abalos, Thomas Boatright, Matthew Curry, Bailey Grimes, Kaden Hayes, Anna Huapilla, Nicole Jones, Kyla O'Dell, Serena Reese, Casey Scruggs, Kandace Skipworth, Erin Smith, James Wyatt
- A/B Honor Roll
- 7th Grade**
Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzee Puentez, Caleb Smith, Brisely Ureno
- 8th Grade**
Kaleb Ellingburg, Trenton Galvan, Jasmine Hunter, Mikayla Rodriguez, Casey Skipworth, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno, Jasmine Williams
- 9th Grade**
Dianne Austin, Lane Fowler, Jaycee Crisp, Steve Oleksiuk,

Glenn-Bivins Insurance

325-473-6791

GlennBivinsUsa@aim.com

Locally and Family Owned Since 1922

We'll Be Here When You Need Us!

Home - Auto - Life - Commercial - RV

"Insure your home and auto with Germania and save 15% on both; and receive an additional 10% with a Life policy."



Bronte Body Shop, LLC

Complete Auto Body Repairs & Paint
Insurance Claims Welcome

Formerly Paul's Body Shop
PAUL KNIGHT

123 N. State
(325) 473-2425

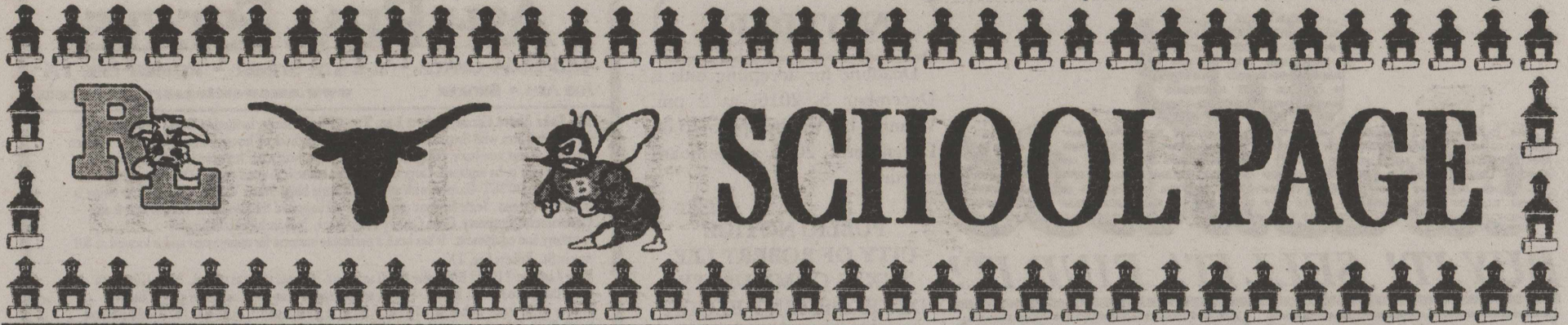
Bronte, Texas
(325) 450-2281

Finding Solutions for Your Financial Needs

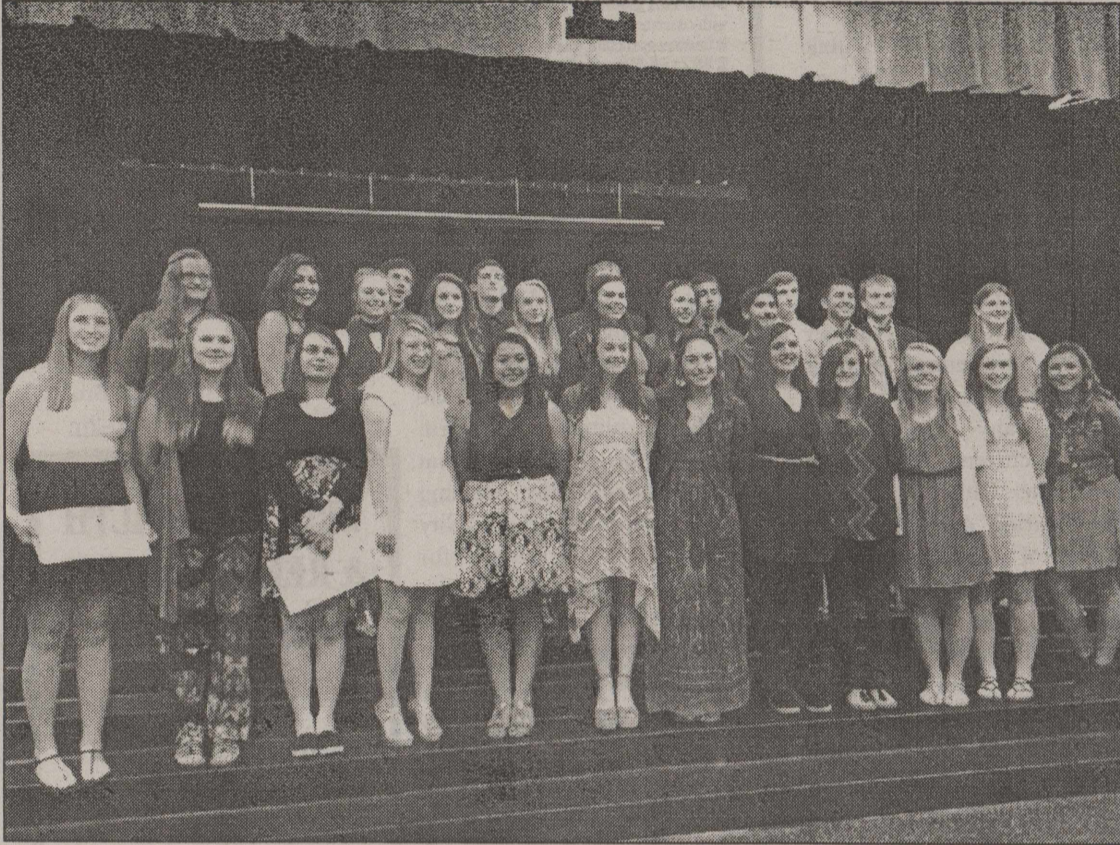


Tommy E Neal, AAMS®
Financial Advisor
2412 College Hills Boulevard
Suite 102
San Angelo, TX 76904
325-223-8244
www.edwardjones.com

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



SCHOOL PAGE



Robert Lee High School Beta Club

Crystal Salinas
10th Grade
 Corbin Drennan, Hunter Jowers, Panitan Kanyalard "Kim", Daniel Mendoza, Autumn Ramon
11th Grade
 Kiara Burns, Bethany Coppedge, Peyton Dooley, Chris Gonzales, Josh Gregston, Jorge Mendoza, Margo Mendoza, Kourtney Roach, Jasmine Rojas, Jesse Wheat
12th Grade
 Sean Dooley, Trace Oleksiuk, Donovan Thomas, Natasha Warren
Perfect Attendance
7th Grade
 Zane Avants, Reagan Bohannon, Mia Galvan, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzie Puentez, Caleb Smith, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno
8th Grade
 Mason Fowler, Lacey Jones, Adison Thomas, Jullisa Ureno, Jasmine Williams
9th Grade
 McKenzie Bachmann, Jaycee Crisp, Kole Leal, Crystal Salinas
10th Grade
 James Boatright, Kelby Clawson, Megan Grantham, Kaylee Puentez, Autumn Ramon, Chelsea Wyatt, Aimee Zimmermann
11th Grade
 Kelsey Benson, Bethany Coppedge, Josh Gregston, Mariah Munoz, Ronald Peraza, Kourtney Roach, Jasmine Rojas
12th Grade
 Thomas Boatright, Anna Huapilla, Cole Raynor, Serena Reese, James Wyatt
Blackwell Menu
Breakfast
Monday, November 28
 Cereal bars, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 29
 Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, November 30
 Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, December 1
 Cinnamon Roll, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, December 2
 Yogurt and fruit parfait, granola, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Monday, November 28
 Soft or crunchy tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk
Tuesday, November 29
 Chicken sandwich, fries, baked beans, fruit, milk
Wednesday, November 30
 Meatball sub, chips, fruit, milk
Thursday, December 1
 Cheeseburger macaroni, corn, green beans, roll, fruit, milk
Friday, December 2
 Soup, sandwich, crackers, fruit, milk
Bronte Menu
Breakfast
Monday, November 28
 Chicken-n-biscuit or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday, November 29
 Breakfast pizza or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, November 30
 Stuffed Bagel & sausage or choice of cereal, toast/jelly,

fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, December 1
 Egg & Cheese sandwich or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, December 2
 Sausage & biscuit or choice of cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Monday, November 28
 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, peaches, rolls, gravy, milk
Tuesday, November 29
 Asian Chicken, eggroll & rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple, sugar cookie, milk
Wednesday, November 30
 Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa, tomato cup, milk
Thursday, December 1
 Hamburger, oven fries, fresh vegetable cup, orange smiles, milk
Friday, December 2
 Chicken parmesan, green beans, garden salad, apple slices, breadstick, milk
Robert Lee Menu
Breakfast
Monday, November 28
 Pancake wrap, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday, November 29
 Chicken-n-biscuit, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, November 30



Halloween Happenings! This cutie pie was just one of the adorable children who came out to trick or treat in downtown Robert Lee Wednesday morning, October 26.

French toast, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, December 1
 Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, December 2
 Dutch waffles, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch
Monday, November 28
 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, salad, roll, Tuscan vegetables, fresh seasonal fruit, milk
Tuesday, November 29

Pizza, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple, sugar cookie, milk
Wednesday, November 30
 Tex-Mex stack, garnish, salsa, refried beans, tiny tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk
Thursday, December 1
 Pig in a blanket, oven fries, veggie cup, orange smiles, milk
Friday, December 2
 Pulled pork slider, chips, coleslaw, green beans, apple slices, milk

FLOYD C. PETITT INSURANCE

LIFE • HEALTH • GROUP HEALTH
 LONG TERM CARE • ANNUITIES
 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS
 AUTO • HOME • COMMERCIAL

WE PUT YOU FIRST!

YOU'RE NOT A NUMBER TO US, BUT A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY!

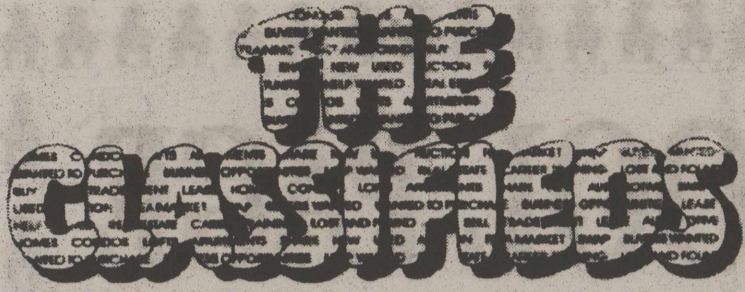
(325) 453-4551 (325) 223-1563
 PO Box 184 • 715 AUSTIN 5002 KNICKERBOCKER
 ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945 SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76904
 floyd@floydpetittinsurance.com

Wayne N. Counts

Residential Painting, Repairs, Remodeling & Wallpaper



Cell: (325) 763-6074 Home: (325) 484-2470
 wcounts223@gmail.com



BUY IT! SELL IT! FIND IT!

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

Rates when paid in advance.

35¢ Per Word
\$7.50 Minimum
Legal Notices:
50¢ Per Word

A service charge will be added to all ads which must be billed.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

FOR RENT

BRONTE MINI STORAGE
Has storage buildings for rent.
473-2221, 473-0409.

45-tnc

TWO ACRES FOR RENT
Fenced, water, barn and stalls.
420 W. Jackson, Bronte. (325)
473-0115.

16-tnc

Fish Fridays!
Catfish or Shrimp
All the Fixin's
\$8.99
per plate

CINDY'S

409 W. 10th
Robert Lee
453-9200

NOTICES

Deadline for accepting bids is December 5, 2016, at 2 pm. Winning bid will be approved on December 7, 2016, at the board meeting.

20-2tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROBERT LEE
TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM**

Robert Lee will hold a Public Hearing at 5:00 PM on November 30, 2016 at the Robert Lee City Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for final public comments regarding the completion of the Texas Community Development Block Grant project (Contract Number 7214379). The general public is invited to attend and participate.

Should any non-English speaking citizens desire to address the City during the public hearing and needs the assistance of an interpreter, the City will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Mayor
City of Robert Lee
20-2tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BRONTE
TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM**

Bronte will hold a Public Hearing at 5:00 PM on November 30, 2016 at the Bronte City Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for final public comments regarding the completion of the Texas Community Development Block Grant project (Contract Number 7214059). The general public is invited to attend and participate.

Should any non-English

HELP WANTED

CNA'S NEEDED

for Sterling County Nursing Home. Starting wages \$12.00/hour plus shift differentials and mileage allowance. Excellent retirement and insurance. Call Ashley Porter or Amanda Arispe at 325-378-2134.

49-tnc

ROBERT LEE ISD

Is accepting applications for a bus aide for the Wall/Fairview bus route.

You may pick up an application in the Administration office or print from our website at www.rlisd.net

For more information contact Aaron Hood, 325/453-4555

20-2tc

MISCELLANEOUS

KASSIE'S KREATIONS

Will be opened December 1st! Kassie does hair for the family, manicures, shellac, and acrylic nails. She is located at 617 Houston Street where Frankie's Salon used to be. You can contact her on her cell 325-428-8831 or by email at kassiecarrera@yahoo.com. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-6:00 and Saturday 12:00-5:00.

20-1tc

NOTICES

BLACKWELL CISD

Is accepting bids for security cameras for the 2016-2017 school year. Blackwell CISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

For more information, contact Abe Gott, Superintendent, PO Box 505, Blackwell, Texas 79506, Phone: 325-282-2311.

Bob Frazee's 944-0010
473-6603

Texas Best
Deflooding &
Carpet Cleaning



24 hr. Emergency
Water Damage Service

**CHAIN SAW
CHAINS & KNIVES
SHARPENED
Wendell Lee
420 Jackson, Bronte
(325) 473-0115**

30 YEARS
EXPERIENCE



REPAIR
SALES
TRANSFERS

GUN REPAIR
325.234.3061

DON SHARP LONWOLFGUNREPAIR@GOC.NET

ASH REAL ESTATE

453-5144 OFFICE • 21 E 6TH STREET • ROBERT LEE, TX
JOB ASH • BROKER www.amcwesttexasranches.com

564 Lake Shore Circle, Robert Lee, Tx. 2BR/2B home, located in Cedar Cove Addition. Large living area with fireplace, sun room (12x30) on back of house, ceramic tile floor. Kitchen contains almost new stove, refrigerator & microwave, with a bar between kitchen & dining area. Carpet needs to be replaced. Large closets. The house is in good repair. Out Door Amenities. Large Shop (30'x36'). Carport with attached storage bldg. Water Well. Large lot. The house is ready to move into. Some furniture in the house will be part of the sales price. Central heat & air.
Commercial Property, Coke County Hdq Store. Sale includes building, all inventory and equipment. It has been a profitable business for many years and is located at 801 Austin St., Robert Lee, TX
New Listing: 3 BR/2 BA Home (2000 sq. ft. +/-) located close to school. 3 lots (100x140) being the entire N/2 of Blk 27. 2 living areas, central heat & air, carpeted except kitchen, privacy metal fence with covered patio. House in good repair. Located at 1521 Bishop Street.
3 BR/2BA Home close to school, 1800 sq. ft. +/-, living area, large bedrooms, large backyard with concrete patio, shingle siding with composition roof, hardwood floors, large living area, pier & beam construction, garage attached. House needs some repairs.
2 BR/1BA House in Bronte. House needs repairs, but could be a starter home. Fenced backyard. Close to school. Located at 224 W. Riley Avenue.
Large House, 390.801 ac. SOLD Robert Lee, with Great Hunting
1,120 acres - 1/4 of minerals sold with property, good hunting \$1,350/acre
1,122 acres - High Fenced, Exotics sold with property, excellent water
Other Tracts Available
Price Reduced! Robert Lee - 2 BR/2 BA - updated inside & out, many amenities

speaking citizens desire to address the City during the public hearing and needs the assistance of an interpreter, the City will attempt to provide one if sufficient notice is provided. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Secretary at least two

days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Mayor
City of Bronte
20-2tc

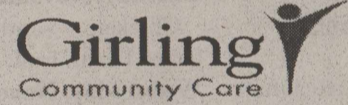
BRONTE HEALTH & REHAB CENTER

Is currently accepting applications for:

Two
Full Time
CNAs
6 am to 6 pm

Apply in person at
900 S. State
Street
Bronte, Texas,
EOE

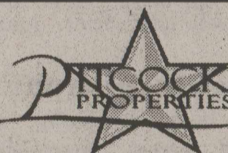
Get your
Hunting, Fishing &
Lease licenses at
CINDY'S
409 W. 10th
Robert Lee
453-9200



An Affiliate of Kindred at Home

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS

Girling Community Care is seeking caring and dependable people to work in the homes of elderly and disabled clients. Will assist with preparing meals, shopping, personal care, errands, light housekeeping, and other assigned duties. We offer flexible day, evening, and weekend shifts. Must be at least 18 yrs of age with a clean criminal background. MUST have reliable transportation. No certifications or prior experience required. Fax Resume referencing Ad # 17974 to 325-646-2278. For an application, call 1-800-665-4471 Apply online at www.gentiva.com/careers or apply in person at 1423 Coggin Ave. Brownwood, TX 76801 E.O.E./M.F.D.V.



Farm & Ranch,
Commercial & Residential Real
Estate
Texas General
Certified Appraiser

Jerrold Pitcock, Broker

www.PitcockProperties.com • (325) 650-4079

NEW LISTING 100 acres on Hurley Road north of Robert Lee. Seller will drill new well for water. Property has good cover for wildlife and will make good hunting track or rural home site. \$1,595/Acre.
1103 Acres in Crockett County, fully furnished 2400 SF ranch house, 60x40 shop, 3 water wells, mountainous terrain and paved frontage. \$1,083/Acre
PRICE REDUCED 300 Acres -North of San Angelo, on FM 2662 new water well, paved frontage, Surface pond stocked with fish. Great hunting property \$1,125/acre. Partial Minerals
PRICE REDUCED 324 Acres -East of San Angelo on FM 765 near Eola, rural water, barns and pens, all new fences, some acreage was previously in farmland. \$1,850/Acre
NEW LISTING -Glasscock Lodges with a total of 12 rooms remaining in pasture. \$2.95 million.
• **REDUCED!** 314 house and barn, 36x
• **PRICE REDUCED!** 190 wells, good hunting, electric
SOLD Under Contract
SOLD 250 acres. Junty, Texas Near Silver.



Slaving Over a Hot Fire! Members of the Bronte Evening Lions Club helped prepare the food once again for the annual Hunters' Barbecue held at lunch on the opening day of deer season each year. The event, sponsored by B&K Deer Processing, is enjoyed by hundreds of area hunters. Prior to this year, the lunch was held behind the bank next to B&K. This year, the lunch was moved to the Rusty Bell, the former Highway Garage building on Highway 277 across from Stripes.

... BISD Minutes

(Continued from page 3)

McWright made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Parent Involvement Policy. Blake Braswell seconded. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Nick Arrott and seconded by David McWright to approve the annual resolution making Coke County Agents adjunct faculty members allowing them to supervise BISD 4-H students attending stock shows. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

A. Financial Report

Mr. Siler advised that there might possibly be a surplus in the budget, but will need to have CPA confirm. CTE Budget needs to be increased. Mr. Siler is also looking into different marketing avenues. The HVAC has been replaced in the Pre-K classroom; the HVAC has been worked on in cafeteria and girl's locker room, but are now having issues in one of the high school classrooms. HVAC is still needing an overhaul and will be addressed after CPA reviews the budget.

B. School First Hearing October Meeting

School First Hearing is set to take place before the October board meeting.

Since Bronte ISD is replacing their Localized Policy Manual in its entirety, the board will need to affirm changes to these policies resulting from the Policy Review Session held November 12, 2015. These changes include policies to be repealed, added, or replaced. Blake Braswell made a motion to approve this, seconded by Ashley Braswell. The motion carried.

Should the Board adopt the Resolution to Initiate the Process of Designation as a District of Innovation as defined by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, the Board shall hold a public hearing promptly after adopting the Resolution to consider whether the District should develop a Local

Innovation Plan to designate the District as a District of Innovation. Mr. Siler presented a list of District of Innovation Committee members. Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve the District of Innovation District Advisory Committee for the purpose of creating a Local Innovation Plan as named. David McWright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Tidwell sent a Thank You card for the newly installed hand rails in the gymnasium.

The October board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7 pm.

Nick Arrott made a motion, seconded by Blake Braswell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Farm-Ranch, Commercial, Recreational & Residential Real Estate



GORGEOUS FAMILY HOME! Beautiful updated 4 bedroom home on corner lot in established neighborhood with gorgeous large windows throughout. Privacy fence, lots of storage and extras! Large trees highlight landscaped yard and covered patio is perfect for entertaining! Near park and golf course!

W O N D E R F U L CRAFTSMANSHIP! Beautiful older home with lots of extras - built-ins, hardwood floors, cedar closet, decorative ceilings, stained glass inserts, antique chandeliers and more! Lovely porches and trees! New tile in kitchen! Updated with modern convenience while keeping old world charm!



MANY UPDATES! Large older home is just perfect for family. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms. Numerous built-ins throughout home, huge closets, woodburning stove in den, 2 car attached carport. Potential efficiency apartment or guest house on property includes full basement and 2 car attached carport. Loads of character in this home on 1.91 acres.

PRICE REDUCED! Cute home on two lots in rural community with many updates and metal roof only a couple of blocks from the school! A large fenced-in backyard with pecan trees and reasonable price make this an excellent option for first-time home-buyers or rental property investment! Many extras including a storm shelter!



QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD! Brick home in quiet Bronte neighborhood, just blocks from school! Open Floor Plan! Storage Building! Workshop! Fireplace! Wood Floors! Carport! Fenced Back Yard! Large Trees! Perfect home for family!

More residential and land listings available!

Melinda McCutchen
(325) 473-8863

Ashley Braswell
(325) 650-0615

PitcockProperties.com
ashley@pitcockproperties.com
melinda@pitcockproperties.com
Jerrod Pitcock, Broker



IVEY MOTORS

For our Bronte customers' convenience, there is a Drop Box at SHIRLEY'S PLACE in Downtown Bronte

2010 Lincoln MKZ Sedan \$12,995

Dark Side w/Ebony Leather! Only 47K Miles! #T675B
Ultra Nice Condition!

2014 Ford Explorer XLT #T690A \$23,495

White w/Ceramic Leather, 67K Miles! Super Nice Condition!

2002 Ford Explorer #6768C \$ 3,495

Black w/Gray Cloth!

2013 Ford Taurus Limited \$13,995

Gray w/Camel Leather! Great School Car or Family Ride! #5500A

Let Ivey Motors help you with your service needs!!

State Inspections * Oil Changes * Tires
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance

Our qualified service staff is here to assist you!

Ask For: **453-4561**

Randy Flanagan • Buddy Wallace • Buck Duncan



Show your support for local businesses on Small Business Saturday November 26

From U.S. News Instead of pitching tents, elbowing people in the face and yanking a toy out of another shopper's hands on Black Friday, those on the hunt for holiday gifts this week might have a more serene shopping experience on Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday falls on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving – or as some know it – the recovery day after Black Friday. But as Black Friday has crept into Turkey Day, Small Business Saturday offers more mindful shoppers a way to enjoy Thanksgiving and then support the local community two days later.

History of Small Business Saturday

American Express launched Small Business Saturday in November 2010 to help bring attention to smaller stores in communities and encourage shoppers to support local business instead of just megastores on Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

By the next year, the day had become nationally supported and endorsed by local governments and the White House. In 2014, an estimated \$14.3 billion was spent on Small Business Saturday, according to American Express.

Why Focus on Small Business Saturday?

Small Business Saturday is nestled in between the major shopping days of Black Friday and Cyber Monday – so it makes sense people (and their wallets) may want to take a break. Plus, it's hard to believe local businesses can compete

with deals from mega-sellers like Wal-Mart, Macy's and Amazon. So why should a person embrace the shop small mentality?

The shop small movement is less about getting the best possible deal and more about supporting the local community. It helps keep cute cafes and mom-and-pop delis from turning into Starbucks and Quiznos. It also keeps money in the community.

In fact, according to the American Independent Business Alliance, 48 percent of the money spent on purchases at a local independent businesses is re-circulated locally, but less than 14 percent of purchases at chain stores stay within the community.

How to Find Deals and Small Businesses to Support

American Express has created an interactive map to help shoppers locate small businesses.

The nationwide map can be used to search by business name or ZIP code. Shoppers can also filter the search based on dining, shopping, entertainment, travel or services.

Unlike the Black Friday advertising madness, Small Business Saturday deals aren't necessarily widely distributed ahead of time. Some deals may get shared on social media, through circulars in the mailbox, on websites or just by signage when you shop in stores. Some small businesses will also advertise via online ads or by using marketing materials for #ShopSmall sponsored by American Express.

Just keep in mind Small Business Saturday focuses less on generating massive buzz to draw customers like on Black Friday.

Small shop owners aren't going to release store maps, like Wal-Mart, or open doors at 6 p.m.

on Thursday – thus motivating people to skip Thanksgiving dinner entirely in hopes of nabbing a 32-inch Smart TV for \$125.

Shopping Small Online

Those who don't live near local businesses or don't want to leave the comfort of their homes can still shop small online. Plenty of small business owners have online stores and ship their products around the country.

Deals are also already being shared on the Shop Small Facebook page. Shoppers can use the Facebook page to find a variety of wares from coffee beans and skin care to jewelry and clothing.

Don't Be Afraid to Ask

Those who already have favorite local businesses should check out store websites and social media pages to look for sales. Or just go the old-school route and call to inquire about any Small Business Saturday deals.

\$15 a Month*
 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 Taxes and fees included!

That's only 50¢ a day!

Unlimited Talk or Text

It's the best talk or text deal around!
 Right now, Right Wireless has the best offer for unlimited talk or text around. At only \$15 a month, you decide whether you want unlimited talk only or unlimited text only. It's a great solution for those who primarily use one or the other and you get it for an incredibly low price.

You'll get a lot more for your money!
 At Right Wireless, you'll get excellent service and we offer a great selection of phones, or you can bring in your own. There's never any contract to sign, no credit check, and no deposit. So, make the right decision and stop by any Right Wireless location today for the best deal available on unlimited talk or text.

Right Wireless

- Unlimited Talk or Text • No Contract
- No Credit Check • No Deposit
- Pay by the Day, Week, or Month

San Angelo: 3389 Knickerbocker Road • 2609 N. Bryant Blvd. • Sunset Mall • HEB • Lowe's Grocery Ballinger: 610 Hutchins Ave. • 103 N. 8th Street Brady: 1200 S. Bridge Brownwood: 300 W. Commerce Comanche: 217 N. Houston DeLeon: Totelcom Communications Early: 5050 Hwy. 377 S. Eldorado: 17 S. Divide Fredericksburg: 1425 E. Main St. #800A Goldthwaite: Central Texas Communications Junction: 801 Main St. Kerrville: 1448 Junction Hwy. Mason: Mason Gas Menard: B&N Artwear Ozona: 1002 Ave. E Robert Lee: 803 Austin San Saba: Central Texas Communications Sonora: 205 a Hwy 277 N. Stephenville: Totelcom Communications Stonewall: Fred Burg Communications

A member of the West Central Wireless family of companies. www.rightwireless.net
 *30 day billing cycle. See store for details.