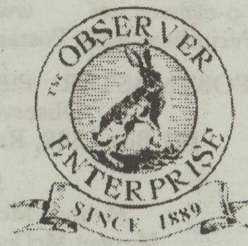


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Friday, September 8, 2017

First annual Randy Flanagan Tournament sells out

The 1st annual Randy Flanagan Four Person Extravaganza golf tournament scheduled for September 9 and 10, 2017, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee was filled weeks ahead of the event. Thirty-eight teams have signed up, along with numerous teams on a waiting list.

Three different hole in one prizes are being offered, including \$10,000, a set of Callaway Irons, and round trip airfare for two to anywhere in the continental United States. There will also be prizes for closest to the hole and long drives.

Saturday evening will feature a fish fry, players meeting and entertainment by Rough Creek and Krow Haven. Some of the top players signed up include Brody Dillard, Murray Carson, Joe Coronado, Cory Adams, Ryan Fioretti, Mason Varner, and B.J. Hall and his wife, Chandra. Chandra is destined to be on the LPGA tour. Robert Lee's own four time state champion Logan Phillely is also competing.

Tee times are 8 and 2 pm on

both days.

This tournament is honoring Randy Flanagan who passed away in February due to brain cancer.

Blackwell CISD Homecoming slated for September 9

Blackwell CISD Homecoming is slated for Saturday, September 9. The festivities begin with registration at 10 am, followed by lunch from 11 am until 1 pm. Both events will be held in the school cafeteria. The homecoming parade is set for 1:30 pm, with the pep rally to follow at 3 pm. Prior to the kickoff of the football game against Brookesmith at 7:30 pm, an introduction of players will be held at 7 pm.

Observer/Enterprise office announces new hours

The office of *The Observer/Enterprise* will be changing their hours beginning the week of September 11.

Due to the upcoming special sections, the office will be closed on Mondays to allow time for advertising sales. The office will remain open Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 am until 12 noon.

FOOTBALL FRIDAY NIGHT!



Robert Lee Steers vs. Grady Wildcats

Friday, September 8, 2017
7:30 pm Grady

Bronte Longhorns vs. TLCA Eagles

Friday, September 8, 2017
7:30 pm San Angelo - Lakeview



HOMECOMING!

Blackwell Hornets vs. Brookesmith Mustangs

Saturday, September 9
7:30 pm Blackwell

If you need to reach *The Observer/Enterprise* outside of business hours, please call Morgan at (325) 277-9210 or Melinda at (325) 473-8863. Any news can always be emailed to observerenterprise@gmail.com.

CCRTA to meet September 18

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association (CCRTA) will hold its first meeting of the school year on Monday, September 18, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. The meeting begins at 12:00 Noon with a pot luck lunch followed by an information session on the latest reports from Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA).

Any retired school personnel in Coke County, or surrounding communities without an RTA, are encouraged to attend the meetings held throughout the school year (except December). There are many concerns of retired personnel that are addressed by the Texas legislature. The TRTA is the link to legislators in Austin. TRTA membership keeps the lines open and the communication on-going. CCRTA and TRTA memberships are payable to Treasurer Charlotte Jackson at 402 CR 390, Wingate, Texas 79566, or at meetings.

Retired school personnel are encouraged to mark their calendars now. The third Monday of each month (except December) at the First Baptist

Church in Bronte, with pot luck lunch at 12 noon where information about concerns is shared. It is also noted that local attendance in CCRTA can make a difference in Austin.

Also any school personnel not yet retired are invited to CCRTA meetings to have lunch and to learn about the workings of TRTA and CCRTA.

On Monday, September 18, at 12 noon at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, the kick-off date for another information and social meeting of CCRTA, will be held. New members do not need to bring food.

Congressman Conaway to host town hall meeting September 19

Congressman Mike Conaway will be in Coke County on Tuesday, September 19, at the Coke County Courthouse from 3 pm until 4 pm for a town hall meeting. This will be a question and answer time. The Congressman will be giving an update on what's been going on in Washington.

RLISD Homecoming set for September 29

Robert Lee ISD will host their homecoming Friday, September 29, 2017, facing off against the Highland Hornets at 7:30 pm. The theme for this year is "Send the Hornets Home". The school will have the following dress up days for the week of homecoming: Monday, September 25 - Home Run

(Sports Attire), Tuesday, September 26 - Home Grown (Farmer Attire), Wednesday, September 27 - Homies Day (Match with Yo Friend), Thursday, September 28 - Home Away from Home (Tourist Attire), Friday, September 29 - Home Sweet Home (Steer Shirts).

The schedule of homecoming festivities for the week includes the Lighting of the Letters on Wednesday, September 27, at 8 am. The event will be held in the back parking lot of the high school. The junior high and JV football teams will play in Highland at 5:30 pm and 7 pm respectively. The rest of the homecoming activities will take place on Friday, September 29, beginning with the parade at 2 pm, starting at the courthouse and ending at the high school. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. There will be prizes for 1st - 4th place and will be judged by members of the community. This will be followed by the pep rally at 2:40 pm in the old gym, with the "Exes Tea" hosted by the Beta Club immediately after. The FCCLA Fajita Dinner is set for 5 pm - 7 pm and tickets can be purchased from any FCCLA member or at the door. The football pre-game event will take place at 7 pm, with the homecoming ceremony to be held during halftime of the football game.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, September 8

High School Football -
Bronte Longhorns at TLCA, 7:30 pm
Robert Lee Steers at Grady, 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 9

High School Volleyball -
Bronte at Early, 10 am, 9th, JV, Varsity

Blackwell CISD Homecoming
High School Football -
Blackwell Hornets vs Brookesmith, 7:30 pm

Monday, September 11

Junior High Volleyball -
Bronte vs Veribest, 5:30 pm

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

Robert Lee City Council Meeting, 6 pm, Robert Lee City Hall

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Meeting, 7 pm, Bronte City Hall

Tuesday, September 12

Commissioners Court, 9 am, County Courthouse, Robert Lee

High School Volleyball - Bronte vs Bangs, 5 pm, 9th, JV, Varsity

Thursday, September 14

High School Cross Country - Blackwell at Miles, 9:30 am

Junior High Football -
Bronte at Munday, 5 pm
Robert Lee vs Santa Anna, 5:30 pm

JV Football - Robert Lee vs Santa Anna, 7 pm

Friday, September 15

Junior High Football -
Blackwell at Woodson, 5:30 pm

High School Football -
Bronte vs Munday, 7:30 pm
Robert Lee at Santa Anna - 7:30 pm
Blackwell vs Woodson, 7:30 pm

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Goat Roping set for Saturday in Miles

A Goat Roping will be held Saturday, September 9, during the Miles Cotton Festival. The roping will be held at 103 North Robinson (behind Bonnie and Clyde Saloon and Cafe) with books opening at noon and roping to begin at 1 pm. This event will be cash only.

For more information, contact Shelly Granzin at (512) 298-9993 or Bartley Murray at (325) 234-6258.

RLISD to hold Open House

The Robert Lee Independent School District will hold the annual district wide Open House Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 6 pm. Planned activities will include the Fall Title 1 Parent Meeting in the school cafeteria.

"Meet the Steers" night will follow immediately in the cafeteria with the introduction of the Robert Lee High School and Junior High School football and cross country teams. The Varsity and Junior High cheerleaders will also be recognized.

The Open House activities will then conclude as the parents and guests will be allowed to visit the individual classrooms and teachers.

All parents are urged to attend. For more information, call (325) 453-4555.

Bronte ISD Homecoming scheduled for September 29

Bronte ISD Homecoming will be held Friday, September 29. The Bronte Longhorns will face the Irion County Hornets at 7:30 pm. Watch future issues of *The Observer/Enterprise* for further information.

Street Affair set for September 30

The Robert Lee Street Affair will host a BBQ Cook Off, Car Show, and Street Dance on Saturday, September 30 in downtown Robert Lee. The proceeds will go to Toni Rainwater, longtime trail boss and dedicated supporter of the Street Affair to aid with her battle with cancer.

Lady Longhorns kick off volleyball season

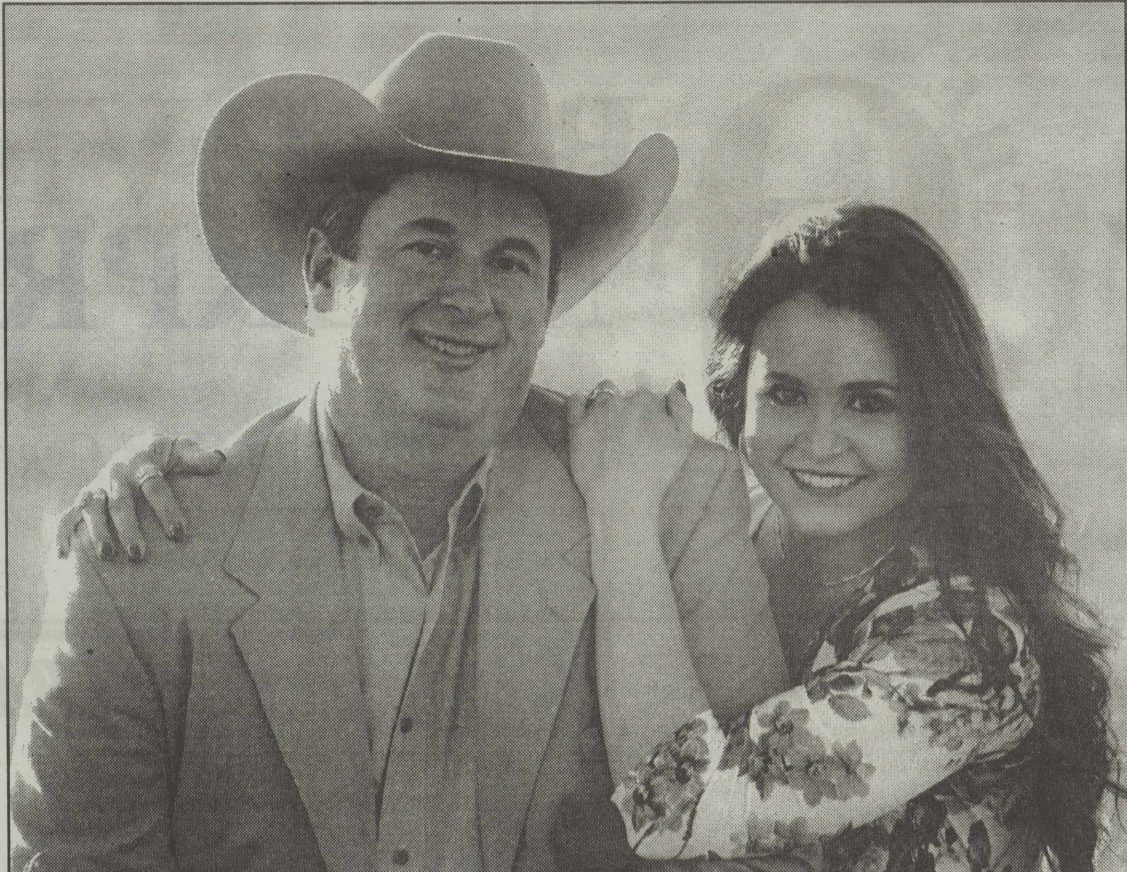
The Bronte Lady Longhorn Volleyball teams have been in fast and furious action. Beginning on August 1st with two-a-days, 26 girls have worked to improve and fine-tune their skills. Since that beginning day,

each team (JV and Varsity) has participated in scrimmages, games, and tournaments.

After the most recent game on August 29, the Lady Longhorns have played 19 total games. The Varsity team has played in the Albany Tournament in which they placed second; the Nita Vannoy Memorial Tournament in San Angelo in which they won consolation in the Bronze bracket; and then won the silver medal in their own tournament, The "A" Showdown in Bronte.

The Bronte JV team has participated in the Albany Tournament, the Miles Tournament, and also in the Bronte "A" Showdown.


Varsity team members are: Alyssa Sallee, Sadie Delacerda, Jayden Speary, Bryton Percy,



Drennan - Bates Engagement! Brittini Helen Drennan and Jason David Bates have announced their recent engagement. The couple will be married October 28, 2017, at Eagle Dancer Ranch in Boerne, Texas, with Kalith Brown of Welch will officiating.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mindi Drennan and the late Louie Grant Drennan of Welch and the granddaughter of Joyce and Louie Drennan of Welch, and Dolores McCabe-Seal and the late Fred "Twister" McCabe, Jr. of Robert Lee. Brittini graduated from Dawson ISD and holds two Agricultural Communications degrees from Texas Tech University, Bachelor's in 2009 and Master's in 2011. She now resides in Mount Vernon, Missouri, and works as a sales representative for an online livestock auction company and owns her own graphic design business.


Jason is the son of Becky Bates of Java Center, New York, and Jon Bates of Honeoye Falls, New York. He graduated from Pioneer High School in Yorkshire, New York, and attended North Eastern Oklahoma in Miami, Oklahoma, and Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, majoring in Animal Science. Jason is the ranch manager for Vaughn Family Farms in Mount Vernon, Missouri, and the couple together own Elephant Walk Ranch, a Red Angus seed stock cattle operation.



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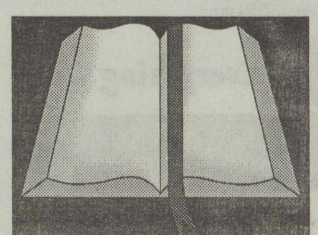
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Cassidy McWright, Skyleigh Minjarez, Makaylah Delacerda, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Kristen Stille, Lexie Davis, Karissa Cervenka, and Searra Powell.

JV team members are: Zoe Watkins, Kyalyn Seales, Dree Davis, McKenna Parker, Mia Minjarez, Saige Busby, and India Chumney. Ninth grade team members are: Hallie Michulka, Mariah Delacerda, Keeley Queen, Michaela Basquez, Cami Davidson, and Katelyn Powell.

WCCHD Board

Meeting minutes told

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session August 29, 2017. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Sarah Green, Patsy Cason, Pat Carwile and Noel Tinkler. Roger Alexander, acting Administrator and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Roger Alexander. There were no visitors. There were no absent members from the previous meetings, and the Board minutes from those meetings were approved.

On August 25, 2017, John Rainbolt resigned his position as administrator of the facility. The Board wishes to thank John for his time of service and wish him well in future endeavors. Roger Alexander was placed in

the position of acting Administrator until an interim can be secured.

There are 30 residents in the Care Center currently, with 2 admissions pending as of the meeting date. The facility is currently fully staffed.

Accounts receivable were discussed in depth, as were the financial statements, and accepted as presented.

Under building maintenance, a new seal was ordered and installed for the big freezer, and a new refrigerator was purchased which would keep medications requiring refrigeration at a constant temperature. A new dryer was ordered because the old one is no longer functional.

Policies were discussed and tabled until Roger has a chance to look at what is currently in place, and visit with Dick Baggett, the HR Consultant. Longevity bonus for the employees was also discussed and tabled until next month. Other items on the agenda were discussed in which updates were given, and no vote was required.

The Board voted to hire an MDS Consultant because of the many upcoming changes on the horizon in that department.

The Board set the date for a budget workshop, which occurred on September 1.

Future agenda items were discussed and the next regular meeting will be September 27. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Looking at the September calendar, there are no residents

celebrating a birthday this month. Maybe there should just be a very merry un-birthday party for all! The residents watched a movie, complete with popcorn, to celebrate Labor Day, September 4. Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. The following Monday, September 11, Patriot Day, the Methodist Church will be providing entertainment in the dining room. On September 15, at 3:30 pm, there will be a Dieciseis de Septiembre Fiesta at

the facility! Some members of the San Angelo Symphony will be entertaining at 3:30 pm on September 18, and the following Friday, September 22, is the monthly Sing-Along, featuring the one and only Roger Alexander! So come on to the dining room about 3:30 pm and join in the fun! On September 29, at 2 pm, is the Steer Homecoming Parade, and the residents and employees alike will be working to achieve 'the winning float'. Go git 'em,

RLCC! Cheer those Steers on to victory!

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

2017 Property Tax Rates in WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns the 2017 property tax rates for WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 657,770
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 657,770
Last year's tax base	\$ 263,189,062
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.249923/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 657,584
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$236,569,820
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.277966/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for an transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$ 657,584
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$236,569,820
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.277966/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.300203/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.300203/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If WEST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2017 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.277966 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2016 taxes by \$5,261.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED FUNDS	0

Schedule B - 2017 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Interest to be Paid			Total Payment
	Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2017 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2017				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2017				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 13 E. 7TH STREET, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

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SCHOOL PAGE

Blackwell Hornets shut out Paint Rock Indians

Seven different players scored as the Blackwell Hornets blanked the Paint Rock Indians, 58-0 Friday night in Paint Rock, with the game ending at the half on the six-man mercy rule. Blackwell started off the scoring with Michael Lowry's return of the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Seventeen seconds later, after a Paint Rock turnover, quarterback Brandon Brinkman connected with Hunter Clark for a 32-yard touchdown pass. Kyler Walls went 2 for 2 on extra points, and the Hornets were up, 16-0. The scoring continued often after that.

Defensively, the Hornets stayed in Paint Rock's backfield all night long, allowing only one first down that came in the last minute of the game. Joe Sanchez led the Hornet defense with 9 tackles with Cade McKee right behind with 8. Paint Rock's offense tried up tempo, screen passes and downhill throws, but the Hornet defense would not allow the Indians to get on track.

Next up for Blackwell are the

Brookesmith Mustangs in Blackwell on Saturday, September 9, for homecoming.

Score by quarters

Blackwell - 1st) 50, 2nd) 8, 3rd) X, 4th) X - Final Score - 58

Paint Rock - 1st) 0, 2nd) 0, 3rd) X, 4th) X - Final Score - 0

Offensive Stats

Passing

Brandon Brinkman - 3 of 3, 59 yards, 2 TDs

Rushing

Jimmie Lewis - 4 rushes, 1 yard; Joe Sanchez - 2 rushes, 18 yards, 1 TD; Hunter Clark - 1 rush, 24 yards, 1 TD; Nathaniel Shipman - 1 rush, 13 yards; Junior Guia - 2 rushes, 14 yards, 1 TD; Cameron Coldiron - 4 rushes, 18 yards, 1 TD; Caden Reed - 3 rushes, 15 yards; Kyler Walls - 1 rush, 1 yard, 1 TD

Receiving

Hunter Clark - 1 reception, 32 yards, 1 TD; Nathaniel Shipman - 1 reception, 9 yards; Cameron Coldiron - 1 reception, 18 yards, 1 TD

Special Teams

Michael Lowry - 1 Kick Off Return TD; Kyle Walls - 3 of 5 PATs; Junior Guia - 2 of 3 PATs

Defensive Stats

Michael Lowry - 4 tackles; Joe Sanchez - 9 tackles; Hunter Clark - 2 tackles; Devon Clower - 3 tackles; Nathaniel Shipman - 6 tackles; Junior Guia - 3 tackles, 1 fumble recovery; Cameron Coldiron - 5 tackles; Caden Reed - 1 tackle; Cade McKee - 8 tackles; Kyler Walls - 2 tackles.

Longhorns defeated by Roby Lions

by Coach Aaron Long

The Bronte Longhorns kicked off their 2017 football season against the Roby Lions.

The Longhorns came up short, 20-7. The Longhorns started off the game quickly with a short touchdown pass from Tanner Bedford to Hunter Lake. For the rest of the game, the Longhorns drove the ball down the field well, but made mistakes in the red zone causing them to come up short of the end zone.

The defense started off the game stifling the Roby offense, but gave up a touchdown in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.

Overall, the Longhorns played well, but a few crucial mistakes caused them to come up short. There were many positive things

from the game that the Longhorns will be able to build off of for the remainder of the season.

The Longhorns travel to San Angelo on Friday to take on the TLCA Eagles at 7:30. Work Hard, Stay Humble.

Steers open football season

by Tom Sawyer

The Steers opened the football season against the Panther Creek Panthers. It was an exciting game with the Steers coming out on the losing end of a very long game with the first overtime game that this Steer fan can remember since going to six man football.

WE BLEED ORANGE - STEER PRIDE

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

Panthers - 37 yard pass with 9:03 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 20 yard run by Smith with 7:14 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 9 yard run by Mendoza with 6:22 left, PAT failed;

Panthers - 38 yard pass with 6:00 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 20 yard run by Mendoza with 4:59 left, PAT kick by Scates;

Panthers - 10 yard pass with 4:11 left, PAT failed.

STEERS - 20

PANTHERS - 18

2nd Quarter

Panthers - 56 yard pass with 9:11 left, PAT kick good;

Steers - 40 yard run by Smith with 7:13 left, PAT pass from Scates to Mendoza;

Panthers - 14 yard run with 4:26 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 15 yard run by Smith with 3:20 left, PAT failed;

Panthers - 10 yard run with :41 left, PAT pass good;

Steers - 20 yard run by Smith with :22 left, PAT pass from Mendoza to Raynor.

STEERS - 40

PANTHERS - 39

3rd Quarter

Steers - 6 yard run by Mendoza with 7:08 left, PAT pass from Mendoza to Scates;

Panthers - 5 yard run with 6:18 left, PAT pass good;

Steers - 6 yard run by Mendoza with 4:47 left, PAT failed;

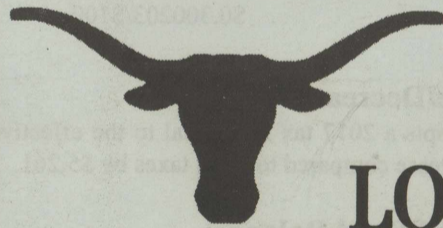
Panthers - 21 yard run with :51 left, PAT good.

STEERS - 53

PANTHERS - 53

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BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL



BRONTE LONGHORNS

vs. TLCA Eagles

Friday, September 8

7:30 pm

San Angelo

Lakeview



BHS

September 1	Roby	Here	7:30	7	20
September 8	TLCA	There	7:30		
September 15	Munday	Here	7:00		
September 22	McGamey	There	7:30		
September 29	Irion County**	Here	7:30		
October 6	OPEN				
October 13	Miles *	There	7:30		
October 20	Cross Plains *	There	7:30		
October 27	Winters *	Here	7:30		
November 3	Baird *	There	7:30		
November 10	Albany *	Here	7:30		

* District Games

** Homecoming Game

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ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL



ROBERT LEE STEERS
vs. Grady Wildcats

We Support the Steers!

Friday, September 8

7:30 pm

Grady



			RLHS	
September 1	Panther Creek	Here	73	79
September 8	Grady	There		
September 15	Santa Anna	There		
September 22	Ira	There		
September 29	Highland**	Here		
October 6	Rankin	Here		
October 13	OPEN			
October 20	Eden	There		
October 27	Sterling City *	Here		
November 3	Westbrook *	There		
November 9	Garden City *	Here		

* District Games ** Homecoming Game
All games begin at 7:30 pm.

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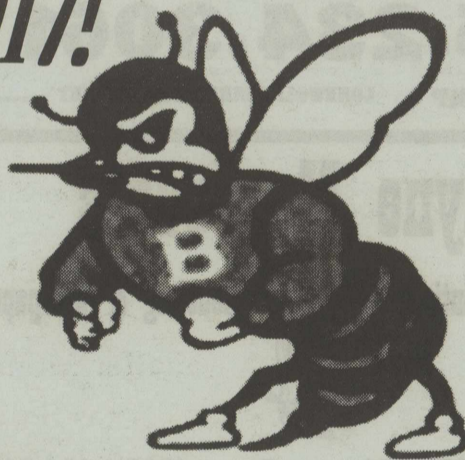
BLACKWELL HORNETS

vs. Brookesmith Mustangs

Saturday, September 9

7:30 pm

Blackwell



We Support the Hornets!

			BHS	
September 1	Paint Rock	There	58	0
September 9	Brookesmith**	Here		
September 15	Woodson	Here		
September 22	Rotan	Here		
September 29	Moran	There		
October 6	Veribest	Here		
October 13	Santa Anna	There		
October 20	OPEN			
October 27	Lorraine *	Here		
November 3	Trent *	Here		
November 9	Highland *	There		

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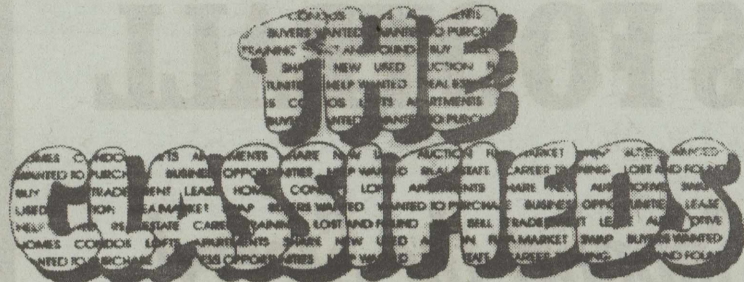
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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

On August 17th, 2017, the Bronte City Council voted to demolish the property located at 211 East Howard Avenue, Bronte, Texas and described as E/2 of Lots 7 and 8, Blk 27, Original Town, Bronte, Coke County Texas, pursuant to Ordinance No 368. If you have any interest in this property and want to oppose this demolition please contact City Hall at (325) 473-3501. The demolition will begin on September 17th, 2017 (30 days from date of Council action).

07-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Robert Lee will hold a budget hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. at City Hall, 6 E 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. The proposed budget includes a 5% sewer rate increase to residential and commercial customers. The public is invited to attend and participate in these proceedings.

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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.
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FOR SALE - Located at 122 W. 11th St., Robert Lee, 2 BR/1 BA, All floors covered with laminated wood, Metal Windows, Central Heat and Air, Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, wash [redacted] **SOLD** with the house. Carport and storage building. Water well is sufficient to water the yard. Fenced back yard. The house is in good repair and close to school.

HOUSE AND LOTS [redacted] **SOLD** have been reduced in price from \$75,000 to \$69,000. This house is across one street from the school.

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Hardware Store - 801 Austin St., Robert Lee, Texas, buildings, lots and inventory

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Call for information on other Tracts of land for sale.

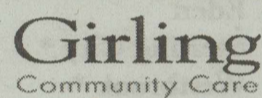
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District is seeking proposals from firms interested in renovation of two bathrooms in a school house. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the superintendent and schedule a time to walk through the house. Proposals will be accepted until 2 PM, Monday, September 18, 2017. Proposals will be presented to the board of trustees for possible approval at the regular school board meeting, September 19, 2017. For more information, please

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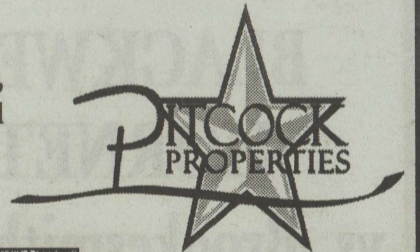
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TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Blackwell will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall, 121 E. Main, Blackwell, TX on September 18, 2017 at 11:30 A.M. to consider adopting the proposed Tax Rate for tax year 2017. The proposed tax rate is .165489 per \$100 of value.

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**PUBLIC HEARING
2017-2018 BUDGET**

The City of Blackwell will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall, 121 E. Main, Blackwell, Texas on September 18, 2017 at 11:30 A.M. to present the proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 tax year.

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...RLHS Football

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4th Quarter

Steers - 20 yard pass from Fowler to Scates with 8:39 left, PAT failed;

Panthers - 24 yard run with 7:00 left, PAT pass good;

Steers - 12 yard run by Mendoza with 3:54 left, PAT kick good by Minjarez;

Panthers - 23 yard pass with 3:22 left, PAT pass good;

Steers - 14 yard run by Smith with 1:00 left, PAT failed;

Panthers - 45 yard run with :45 left, PAT failed

STEERS - 73

PANTHERS - 73

Overtime Final

Panthers - 2 yard pass in OT

STEERS - 73

PANTHERS - 79

Player Statistics

Lane Fowler - 2 carries, 5 of 10 passing for 95 yards and 1 TD, 8 tackles, 1 fumble recover; Hunter Jowers - 3 tackles; Daniel Mendoza - 19 carries for 187 yards and 5 TD's, 7 tackles; Nathan Scates - 3 receptions for 54 yards and 1 TD and 4 tackles; Bubba Bohannon - 1 reception for 33 yards and 4 tackles; Isaiah Smith - 26 carries for 246 yds. and 5 TD's, 1 reception for 8 yards, 3 tackles and 1 fumble recovery; Adam Minjarez - PAT kick; Jorge Mendoza - PAT pass reception; Bryce Raynor - 4 tackles.

GO STEERS -

STEER PRIDE

Robert Lee will be traveling to Grady at 7:30 pm.



Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

PBJ or cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Thursday, September 14

Breakfast taquito or cereal with toast and jelly, juice, fruit, milk

Friday, September 15

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

Lunch

Monday, September 11

Salisbury steak, roasted

potatoes, biscuit, brown gravy, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk
Tuesday, September 12

Nachos Grande, refried beans, tomato cup, cucumber dippers, salsa, pears, lime sherbet, milk

Wednesday, September 13

Chicken sandwich, oven tots, veggie cup, mandarin orange, milk

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

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

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, September 11

Pancakes, sausage, juice, fruit, milk

Tuesday, September 12

Burrito, hash browns, juice, fruit, milk

Wednesday, September 13

Biscuit, eggs, bacon, juice, fruit, milk

Thursday, September 14

Kolache, yogurt, juice, fruit, milk

Friday, September 15

Egg and cheese sandwich, juice, fruit, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 11

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

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

Tuesday, September 12

Nachos Grande, salsa, refried beans, tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, sherbert, milk

Head Start - nachos grande, salsa, refried beans, sliced tomatoes, cucumber slices, peaches, milk

Wednesday, September 13

Chicken sandwich, fries, fresh veggie cup, mandarin oranges, milk

Head Start - Chicken Sandwich, fries, sliced fresh veggies, mandarin oranges, milk

Thursday, September 14

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

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

Friday, September 15

Pizza, broccoli salad, baby carrots, sliced seasonal fruit,

brownies, milk

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

**PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF BRONTE NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE**

A tax rate of \$0.431301 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the City of Bronte. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearing be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of the City of Bronte proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of meeting the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.431301 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.420109 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.404029 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.436351 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Bronte from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year. The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Bronte may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

City of Bronte
114 S. Washington Street, Bronte, TX 76933
(325) 473-3501
brontetx@wcc.net

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First public hearing will be August 24th, 2017 at 6:30 PM and the second public hearing will be September 21st, 2017 at 6:30 PM at City Hall, 114 S. Washington Street, Bronte, TX 76933.

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...School Menus

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Blackwell CISD

Breakfast

Monday, September 11

Assorted bagels, cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 12

Yogurt and fruit parfait, granola, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 13

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

Chicken Parmesan, peas, breadstick, fruit, milk

Wednesday, September 13

Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, corn, salsa, fruit, milk

Thursday, September 14

Corn dogs, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, fruit, milk

Friday, September 15

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

Blackwell JV defeats Paint Rock

Debuting camouflaged jerseys, the Blackwell Hornet JV made it difficult for the Paint Rock Indians to find and stop the Hornet offense. Behind junior running back Peyton Hinckley's 5 touchdowns, Blackwell defeated the Paint Rock JV, 76-31 Thursday night in Blackwell in a game ended in the third quarter under the six-man mercy rule. The Hornets already led 20-0 behind three of Hinckley's touchdowns, when sophomore Grant Gott hit sophomore Drew Hardy for a 23-yard touchdown on a flea flicker to increase the score to 26-0. Freshman Jayden Taylor added a touchdown and three extra points while Caleb Sirmons and Brenden Scott also contributed touchdowns of their own. Freshman quarterback

Sam Brinkman was 9 of 13 passing for 147 yards and four TD in his first high school outing.

Defensively the Hornets were led by Hinckley with 8 tackles and Sophomore Jared McMurtrey with 5. The Hornets next game will be September 7 in Blackwell when the Hornets host Roscoe Highland.



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Constitutional Amendments
Special Election,
November 7, 2017

**Proposition Number 1
(HJR 21)**

HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

**Proposition Number 2
(SJR 60)**

SJR 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: redefine what is excluded in the calcu-

lation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

**Proposition Number 3
(SJR 34)**

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain office-holders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

**Proposition Number 4
(SJR 6)**

SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to

the constitutionality of a state statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such statute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

**Proposition Number 5
(HJR 100)**

HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more detailed definition of "professional sports team" for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

**Proposition Number 6
(SJR 1)**

SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies

and receives the exemption and then qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

**Proposition Number 7
(HJR 37)**

HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently, the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to authorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union's or financial institution's customers.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."

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