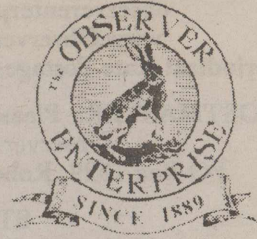


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Filing period continues for 2018 Primary Election

The filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election began November 11, 2017, and will continue through December 11, 2017. Offices up for election include County Judge, currently held by Roy Blair; County Treasurer, currently held by Hal Spain; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Jackie Walker; County/District Clerk, currently held by Mary Grim; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik. As of Monday morning, only a few candidates had filed for a place on the ballot. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace. Johnson is currently serving as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Monica Reyes has filed for County/District Clerk. Reyes is currently a deputy in the Clerk's Office. Two men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm and Robert Feil. Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past.

Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 9, 2018, for the purpose of electing two directors.

Directors Dennie Braswell and Bob Ragsdale have filed for re-election to the board.

The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact Clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5 pm on Friday, November 24, 2017.

Small Town Christmas slated for December 2

Small Town Christmas, hosted by Vision with a Purpose, is slated for Saturday, December 2



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, November 24

High School Football Playoffs -
Blackwell vs Balmorhea, 6 pm, Garden City

Monday, November 27

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

Junior High Basketball -
Blackwell at Robert Lee, 6 pm
Bronte at Veribest, 6 pm

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

Tuesday, November 28

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

High School Basketball -
Bronte vs Paint Rock, 5 pm,
JV Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Robert Lee at Cornerstone, 5 pm,
JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Blackwell at Brooksmith, 6 pm,

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at the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

Santa will arrive at 5:15 pm and gifts for small children will be handed out.

Beef stew and cornbread, chili, drinks and gingerbread men will also be available for purchase.

Two handmade quilts will be available for a silent auction.

Hay rides, music, good food, and good friends are part of our start for the Christmas season. Please join them Saturday, December 2, starting at 5:15 pm at the Family Life Center at the First United Methodist Church.

Family Movie Night slated for December 3

The First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee will host a family movie night on Sunday, December 3. The movie to be screened will be *The Polar Express*. The event will be held at the Family Life Center of the church, with doors opening at 4:30 pm and the movie beginning at 5:30 pm.

Nachos, popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds will go to

the Robert Lee Care Center Activity Department.

Everyone is encouraged to wear your jammies and bring chairs, blankets, pillows, etc. and make yourself comfortable (the room has a concrete floor).

Angel Tree begins December 1

It's that time of year when folks in Robert Lee are blessed with the opportunity to help

fulfill Christmas wishes for children of our community.

Angels will be available beginning Friday, December 1 during the Open House at DJ's Merle Norman. Wrapped gifts should be returned no later than Tuesday, December 12.

Don't miss out on a chance to bring a smile to a child's face as angels disappear from the tree quickly.

★
★ **CONGRATULATIONS** ★
★
★ **Bronte High School** ★
★ **Lady Longhorns!** ★
★ **Class 1A Volleyball** ★
★ **State Champions** ★

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Pancake Supper! The Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club held their annual Pancake Supper and Cake Auction Saturday, November 11, 2017, at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. This year, they were assisted by members of the Coke County 4-H program. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the '64 Study Club and the Coke County 4-H program. Photo courtesy of Leta Caston.

Death Notices

Magness

Hazel Irene Magness, 83, died Friday, November 17, 2017.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 3pm at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas. Burial followed at Hylton Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Hazel is survived by her brother, Buck James; daughters, Alanda Beatty of San Angelo, Texas, Vicky McCutchen of San Angelo, Texas, Betty Halstead of Allen, Texas, Jan Magness of Bronte, Gina Chaney of San Angelo, Texas; and son, Billy Magness of San Angelo, Texas.

School Tax Rate

Election results posted

The election Tuesday, November 7, 2017, to raise the Bronte Independent School District tax rate from 1.04 per \$100 valuation to 1.17 per \$100 valuation passed by a vote of 110 to 73.

The rate increase will provide for approximately an additional \$100,000 from district taxpayers, but will also qualify BISD to receive an additional \$100,000 in state funding previously withheld.

Although district officials have maintained a balanced budget in the last few years, infrastructure maintenance and upgrades were desperately needed for the safety of the students.

Commissioners Court minutes told

October 24, 2017

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session October 24, 2017, at 9 am in the county courthouse. 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 Clerk Mary Grim.

The meeting opened with pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Commissioner Williams. Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Robertson

moved to approve the minutes for October 10, 2017, as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

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

Commissioner Sefcik moved to pay the Quarterly State Fees. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Rec Hall and Park Facilities Rental Policies as presented, starting January 1, 2018. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved

to approve the bond for Roy Blair as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agreement with Cintas. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to renew the agreement with Concho Valley Rural Transit Services. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved

to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Coke County EMS, East Coke County Ambulance Service, and Coke County regarding fuel supply in the event of a disaster. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Robertson reported on the replacing of the skylights at the show barn.

Commissioner Sefcik reported on texting and driving by county employees.

Lorrie Martin reported that flu

shots will be Thursday, October 26, from 9 am to 12 noon.

Hal Spain, County Treasurer, will need to meet to get approval for longevity checks and outside auditors will be here the week of Thanksgiving.


There being no private roadwork requests, no action was taken.

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

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Due to overwhelming request...
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(325) 473-3291
Preacher David Lewis
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, John Fiore, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
11 am 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
Recardo Reyes, 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

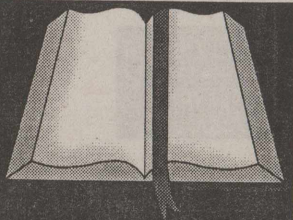
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

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



RL City Council Meeting minutes told October 9, 2017

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on October 9, 2017, with Mayor Leroy Casey presiding.

Council members present included Roger Alexander, Shaunna Grantham, Joe Longoria, and Janie Munoz. No members were absent. There is a vacant council position due to the death of member, Toni Rainwater. City Secretary Kay Torres was also present.

The meeting began at 6 pm with a quorum present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the invocation was given.

Tom Fletcher, City Fire Marshall, reported that he must go to and pass an Inspector Certification class. They include Inspector 1, Inspector 2, and Codes and Plans. The classes are \$485 each. He also states that he would like to find a class that is before August and at A&M.

Tina Prentice, owner of Ms. T's Flower Shop, notified the council that she is moving her business to downtown building. She states that she will fill out any business permits, as needed.

A motion was made by council member Grantham for approval of the consent agenda items 1 - 5. The motion, seconded by council member Munoz, carried.

Tommy Williams discussed a new business venture and had a question about the "grandfather clause". A business was to close on May 1, 2015. The RV park was closed and the washeteria remained open. When the RV park was reopened after being closed for 4 years, the RV park application was accompanied by an application fee of \$50. The business permit fee paid prior to publication of the ordinance was to be refunded. Mr. Williams elected to apply that fee rather than receive a refund. Permission was requested and approved to trim the tree in the alley behind the RV Park. Mr. Williams advised the council that he was looking to expand his RV park to the area of Austin and 5th Street. He discussed additional business that was possibly coming to Robert Lee. Mr. Williams was advised that his park was not in compliance with the existing ordinance. Upon closing of the RV park, the total water/sewer bill was reduced and reopening of the RV park has caused the utility cost to rise. This item was for discussion only and Mr. Williams was asked to return with his plan and a request to be placed on the November agenda.

Speakers from Critter Shack were on hand to enlighten the council on the benefits of a spay and neuter clinic. Ms. Sharon Halfmann was the principal speaker. She gave examples of the benefits of a spay and neuter clinic and the cost of a clinic versus euthanizing. Education is the key to success.

The meeting was adjourned

for convenience reasons at 7:40 pm and reconvened at 7:46 pm.

The postmaster has shown interest in the vacant council position, however after checking with her superiors, she was unable to apply. The position opening was advertised in the local paper. We have received 0 inquiries at this time.

After brief discussion, five individuals were nominated to the Coke County Appraisal District Board of Directors. They included Roger Alexander, Jerrod Pitcock, Tom Sawyer, Jeremy Burns, and Aaron Hood. The motion to nominate was made by council member Longoria. The motion, seconded by council member Grantham, passed.

Council member Grantham made the motion to accept the resignation of Yvonne Devoll and appoint Farrell Jean Washam to the Housing Authority Board, with a term to expire October 1, 2018. The motion, seconded by council member Munoz, passed.

Mayor and Public Works Reports

1) CCWSC has had the contract for over a month and there has been no response.

2) TCEQ inspection better than expected. Main problems were with record keeping and housekeeping. There were fencing problems around the tanks and water tower. These have all been repaired.

3) Meeting with a prospective Public Works Director who is knowledgeable and very capable. There will be a future meeting and negotiation.

City Secretary Report

1) The secretary reported on a meeting with a city secretary in Abilene. Among other subjects she inquired how other cities handled their animal control and code enforcement. Some of the cities had full time animal control, and the police department took care of code enforcement.

The possible B&W RV expansion was requested for a future agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned at



Robert Lee City Council Meeting! Robert Lee City Council were joined by a group of concerned citizens at the Robert Lee City Council meeting Monday evening, November 13, 2017. All members of the council were present.

Council Member Roger Alexander moved for a vote of no confidence in the City Secretary. The motion, seconded by Council Member Shaunna Grantham, passed.

Grantham then made a motion to terminate the employment of City Secretary Kay Torres. She cited personnel policy, Section 2, page 19, letter c for dishonesty, letter e for flagrant or persistent insubordination, letter k for repeated failure to meet credit obligations, and letter n for violation of city rules, regulations, policies and procedures. The motion was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. Mayor Leroy Casey advised the council that as a city official, Torres must be paid from the date of the suspension to the date of termination. The motion passed. Torres was suspended last month pending an investigation. Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen has completed the investigation and is submitting his findings to the District Attorney for prosecution.

Council Member Alexander made a motion to research and find a collection firm for the city's past due accounts. Grantham seconded the motion and it passed. During discussion, the council concluded that due to the large amount of current collections of more than \$50,000, the council should have final decision on any firm to be hired.

The city council also voted to schedule meetings at 6 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The meetings are held at Robert Lee City Hall. The next meeting will be Monday, November 27, 2017.

8:23 pm.

October 16, 2017

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on October 16, 2017, with Mayor Leroy Casey presiding.

Council members present included Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz, Joe Longoria, and Shaunna Grantham. No members were absent. City Secretary Kay Torres was also present.

The meeting began at 6 pm with a quorum present.

The pledge of allegiance was

recited and the invocation was given by council member Alexander.

Council member Alexander made a motion to discuss the utility billing, seconded by council member Munoz, and the floor was opened for discussion. At this time council member Grantham moved the council to go into executive session to discuss a personnel problem with the utility billing.

The motion, seconded by council member Alexander, passed. The regular session of the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm. The public was asked to leave the council room. The council had to request the city secretary to leave the council room.

The council began executive session at 6:05 pm and ended at 7:08 pm.

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Vision with a Purpose

Small Town Christmas

 Saturday, December 2

 First United Methodist Church

 Family Life Center

 State Highway 208 • Robert Lee

 5:15 pm ~ Santa Arrives,

 Portraits by Erin Oleksiuk Photography

 6:30 pm ~ Hayrides, \$1/person

 Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult

 8 pm ~ Silent Auction Ends

 (Two Handmade Quilts)

 Chili, Stew, & Cornbread ~ \$5/bowl

 Gingerbread Man Cookies by Bev ~ \$1/each

 Lighting Contest Deadline ~ November 30 at 5 pm

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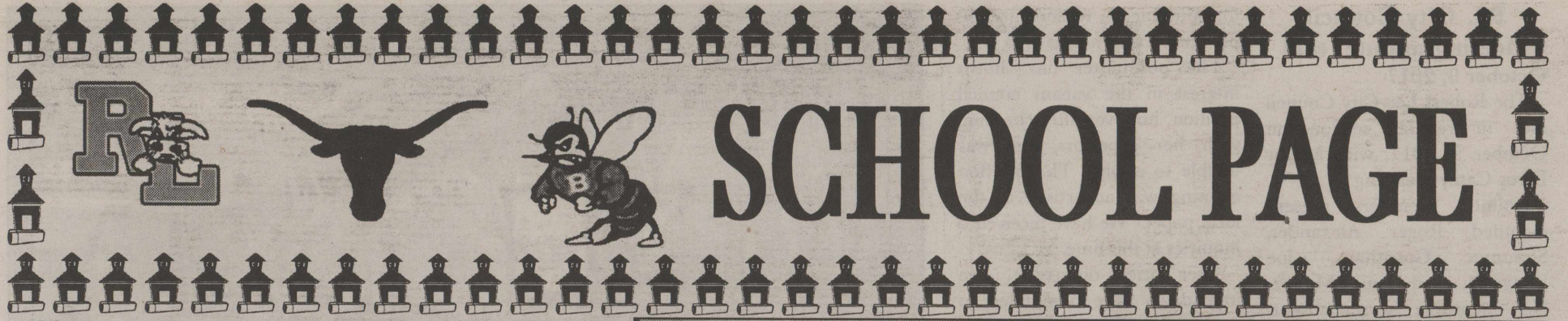
 Saturday, November 25, 2017,

 from 2 pm - 4 pm

 Pecan Baptist Church

 14081 W. Highway 158 • Robert Lee, Texas

No gifts please, your presence is enough



SCHOOL PAGE

Hornets advance to area round

Behind the performance of Hunter Clark's six touchdowns, the Blackwell Hornets cruised to a 61-14 Bi-District Championship over the Guthrie Jaguars.

Clark either caught or ran for Blackwell's first three touchdowns as the Hornets raced to a 19-0 lead.

The Hornets ended the game on the six man mercy rule when Kyler Walls bulldozed over the Guthrie defense for a 30 yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Blackwell advances to the area round where they will face defending state finalist, Balmorhea. The Hornets will take on the Bears Friday, November 24, at 6 pm in Garden City.

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

8:30 - Brandon Brinkman to Hunter Clark 39 yards, PAT Kyler Walls, no good.

Blackwell - 6
Guthrie - 0

6:02 - Hunter Clark 35 yards, PAT Kyler Walls, no good.

Blackwell - 12
Guthrie - 0

2nd Quarter

8:38 - Brandon Brinkman to Hunter Clark 46 yards, PAT Michael Lowry to Cade McKee. Blackwell - 19

Guthrie - 0

8:26 - Guthrie TD, PAT good.

Blackwell - 19
Guthrie - 8

7:39 - Brandon Brinkman to Orrin Sirmons 40 yards, PAT Kyler Walls, no good.

Blackwell - 25
Guthrie - 8

5:15 - Michael Lowry to Hunter Clark 9 yards, PAT Kyler Walls, no good.

Blackwell - 31
Guthrie - 8

2:42 - Guthrie TD, PAT, no good.

Blackwell - 31
Guthrie - 14

:24 - Michael Lowry to Hunter Clark 8 yards, PAT Kyler Walls, good.

Blackwell - 39
Guthrie - 14

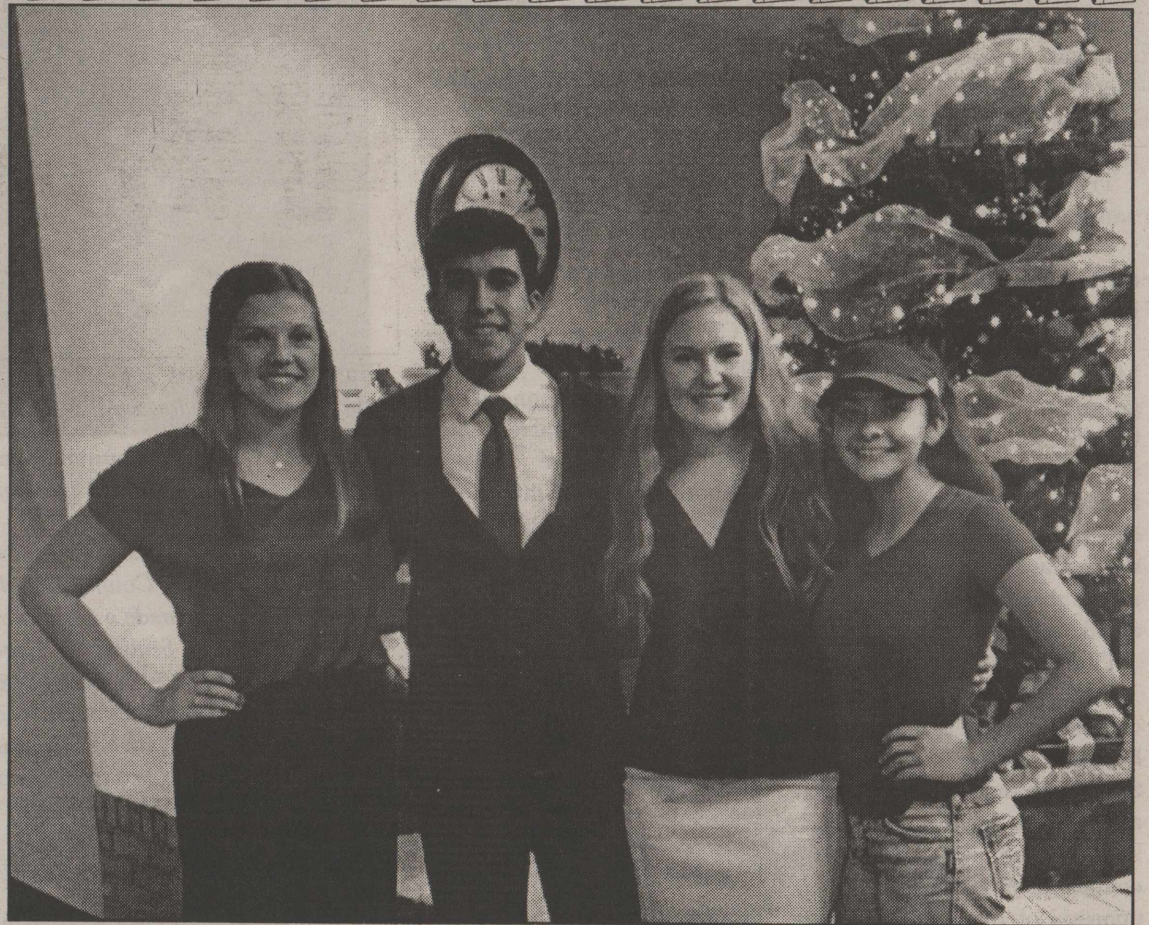
3rd Quarter

7:50 - Hunter Clark 12 yards, PAT Kyler Walls, good.

Blackwell - 47
Guthrie - 14

5:59 - Brandon Brinkman to Cameron Coldiron 38 yards, PAT Kyler Walls, good.

Blackwell - 55
Guthrie - 14



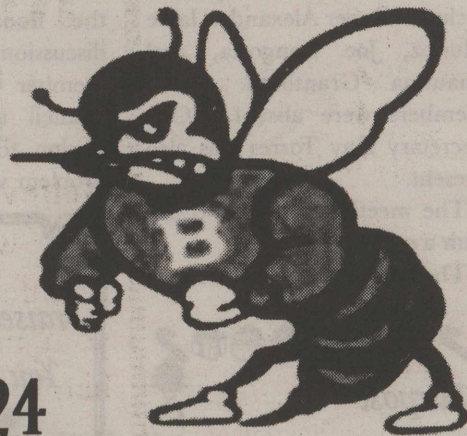
UIL! Blackwell CISD students (from left to right) Emilee Sanderson, Dillon Solis, Shelby Panzer, and Madison Solis competed at the regional Student Congress in Abilene on November 15. Shelby and Emilee finished first and second and will compete at the state event in Austin on January 9.

<p>Guthrie - 14</p> <p>5:45 - Brandon Brinkman to Kyler Walls 30 yards.</p>	<p>Final Score</p> <p>Blackwell - 61</p> <p>Guthrie - 14</p>	<p>Offensive Stats</p> <p>Passing</p> <p>Michael Lowry - 2 of 5, 17 yards, 2 TDs:</p>
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BLACKWELL HORNETS FOOTBALL

BLACKWELL HORNETS vs. Balmorhea Bears

Friday, November 24
6 pm
Garden City



PLAYOFFS!

We Support the Hornets!



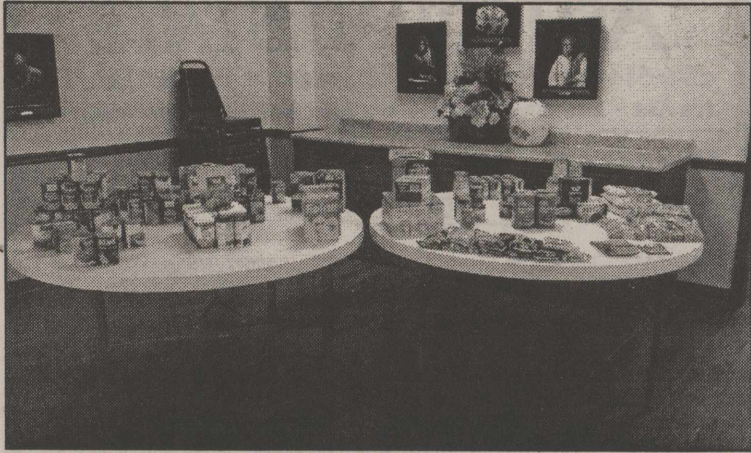
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September 1	Paint Rock	There	58 0
September 9	Brooksmith**	Here	54 0
September 15	Woodson	Here	66 6
September 22	Rotan	Here	50 26
September 29	Moran	There	40 21
October 6	Veribest	Here	77 38
October 13	Santa Anna	There	52 0
October 20	OPEN		
October 27	Loraine *	Here	58 18
November 2	Trent *	Here	59 0
November 9	Highland *	There	35 34
November 16	Guthrie ***	Hermleigh	61 14

* District Games
*** Playoff Games

** Homecoming Game
All games begin at 7:30 pm

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Coke County



Food Drive! Members of the National Honor Society at Bronte High School collected over 200 pounds of food to benefit the Salt of the Earth Food Ministry.

Brandon Brinkman - 7 of 9, 242 yards, 5 TDs.

Receiving

Hunter Clark - 4 receptions, 102 yards, 4 TDs;

Cameron Coldiron - 2 receptions, 61 yards, 1 TD;

Orrin Sirmons - 2 receptions, 66 yards, 1 TD;

Kyler Walls - 1 reception, 30 yards, 1 TD.

Rushing

Brandon Brinkman - 3 rushes, 20 yards;

Hunter Clark - 3 rushes, 75 yards, 2 TDs;

Nathaniel Shipman - 1 rush, 2 yards;

Cameron Coldiron - 5 rushes, 41 yards.

PATs

Kyler Walls - 3 of 7; Michael Lowry to Cade McKee

Defensive Stats

Michael Lowry - 6 tackles; Joe Sanchez - 8 tackles;

Hunter Clark - 8 tackles, 1 INT;

Devin Clower - 2 tackles; Nathaniel Shipman - 8 tackles;

Cameron Coldiron - 3 tackles; Cade McKee - 8 tackles.

RLJH kick off basketball season.

The Robert Lee Junior High Dogies basketball team played Veribest on Monday, November 13, and won 32 - 6. Scoring for the Dogies were Zane Avants - 2, Dylan Thomas - 4, Michael Munoz - 12, Gavin Freeman - 10, and Wayne Riley - 4.

The Dogies played Santa Anna on November 18 and defeated them 29 - 1. Scoring were Zane Avants - 14, Michael Munoz - 8, Gavin Freeman - 2, Wayne Riley - 2, and Vincent Alfaro - 3.

The Dogies also played Eula on November 18, however lost 13 - 44. Scoring were Michael Munoz - 11 and Wayne Riley - 2.

RLJH/HS Perfect Attendance Awards

7th Grade
Kailey Bradshaw, Ryan Mendoza, Alex Munoz, Roxie Rangel, Alexis Rodriguez, Jocilyn Saxton

8th Grade
Zane Avants, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Michael Munoz, Aubrey Nichols, Dylan Thomas, Brisely Ureno

9th Grade
Lacey Jones, Hemma Rangel, Harlee Richardson, Adison Thomas, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno, McKenzie Bachmann

10th Grade
Lane Fowler, Kaleb Gregston,

Kari O'Dell, Veronica Ureno

11th Grade

Corbin Drennan, Megan Grantham, Chelsea Wyatt, Aimee Zimmermann

12th Grade

Kiara Burns, Joshua Gregston, Mariah Munoz, Kourtney Roach, Jasmine Williams.

RL Elementary Awards

2nd Six Weeks

'A' Honor Roll

1st Grade

Logan Arens, Allisyn Bohannon, Avery Bohannon, Amanda Burns, Bailey Flanagan, Yuritzzy Guzman, Mylee Longoria, Cisco Moreno, Jewel Pitcock, Bracken Robertson

2nd Grade

Jaedyn Avery, Fallon Rancy, Avary Roe, Taylor Rose, Malachi Wauqua

3rd Grade

McKayla Bachmann, Zachary Cerritos, Rylee Davi, Joshua Garcez, Sarah Garcez, Addison Grantham, Brody Wilson

4th Grade

Eli Bradshaw, Carter Fluhmann, Max Garcia, Alec Henson, Brennen Hood, Maci Lee, Karmen Radloff, Nathaniel Samaniego, Brenner Sherwood

5th Grade

Zachary Avants, Tiffany Crisp, Brewer Hood, Denver O'Dell, Rhett Rangel

6th Grade

Abigail Arthur, Brayden Sherwood, Judah Smith

'A/B' Honor Roll

1st Grade

Alexandria Balderas, Jacob Garcez, Tinley Hefner, Mark Reyes, Jaxson South, Ronald Waggonner

2nd Grade

Violet Castaneda, Cali Ingram, Sebastian Jackson, Eva McMurtrey, Pyrc Munoz, Justin Rodriguez, Mandie Wheeler

3rd Grade

Maddison Coger, Jayla Corley, Charlee Hefner, Joshua Hinderliter, Alyssa Landeros, Chris Lofton, K'Dence Prieto, Sebastian Reyna, Micah Smith, Elizabeth Taton, Eduardo Ureno

4th Grade

Dalton Abalos, Austin Ashlock, Dennis Bagby, Wyatt Bosworth, Brittany Crisp, Olivia Gregston, Garrett Laxton, Elsi Munoz, Kylan Pitcock, Ava Pogue

5th Grade

Monica Brazil, Allison Fullen, Lucas Martinez, Chasity Parker, Jasmin Reyna, Jaidyn Saxton, Ryen White, Trentin Williams, Braxton Wright



State Champions! The Bronte Lady Longhorns brought the Championship trophy back to Bronte for the sixth time following the state tournament in Garland last week. Two Lady Longhorns, Senior Alyssa Sallee and Junior Kristen Stilley, were named to the All Tournament Team. Congratulations Ladies!

6th Grade

Aden Burns, Caitlyn Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Tristan Grantham, Payden Hunter, Quentin Immel, Canyon Moran, Jimma Richardson, Reegyn Wall, Koltun Williams

Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten

Gabriel Cerritos, Baylee Corley, Emily Hopson, Fernanda Landeros, Jacquelyn Madrid, Zaylee Mares, Bryson Munoz, Milo Rackley, Grayson Raynor

1st Grade

Logan Arens, Avery Bosworth, Amanda Burns, Bailey Flanagan, Tinley Hefner, Angel Jasso-Burgess, Wyatt Jowers, Mylee Longoria, Cisco Moreno, Jewel Pitcock, Bentley Pope, Damian Reyna, Brooklyn Roe, Kaleb Samaniego, Jaxson South, Ronald Waggonner

2nd Grade

Jaedyn Ayers, Sebastian Jackson, Pyrc Munoz, Jessica Navarro, Kambri Prieto, Fallon Raney, Avary Roe, Malachi Wauqua

3rd Grade

McKayla Bachmann, Zachary Cerritos, Maddison Coger, Jayla Corley, Rylee Davi, Joshua Garcez, Sarah Garcez, Addison Grantham, Joshua Hinderliter, Alyssa Landeros, Chris Lofton, Sebastian Reyna, Micah Smith, Eduardo Ureno

4th Grade

Dalton Abalos, Austin Ashlock, Wyatt Bosworth, Eli Bradshaw, Brittany Crisp, Trinity Dahlberg, Noah Gonzales, Brennen Hood, Garrett Laxton, Aubrey Lofton, Elsi Munoz, Karmen Radloff, Savannah Reyes, Edward Samaniego, Nathaniel Samaniego, Jaquelyn Saxton, Brenner Sherwood

5th Grade

Zachary Avants, Monica Brazil, Tiffany Crisp, Brewer Hood, Anthony Landeros, Lucas Martinez, Denver O'Dell, Carlos Olguin, Jasmin Reyna, Jaidyn Saxton, Trentin Williams, Braxton Wright

6th Grade

Aden Burns, Caitlyn Cerritos, Kailey Freeman, Mackenzie Galicia, Tristan Grantham,

Quentin Immel, Jason Jowers, Canyon Moran, Zoey Nichols, Brody Pitcock, Brayden Sherwood, Judah Smith, Trenton Smith, Koltun Williams

Bronte Elementary Awards

2nd Six Weeks

2nd Grade

Super Longhorn Citizens

Karter Follis, Dakota Harrell, Mason Pritchard

A Honor Roll

Blessyn Beck, Rhyan Dobbs, Karter Follis, Tomas Galvan, Carter Reeves, Emma Siler, Gauge Withrow

A/B Honor Roll

Morigan Holland, Mason Pritchard, Zandrey Sanchez, Kenzie Schoenfield

Perfect Attendance

Blessyn Beck, Karter Follis, Tomas Galvan, Dakota Harrell, Morigan Holland, Renesmee Jacques, Paloma Jimenez, Carter Reeves, Kenzie Schoenfield, Gauge Withrow

Met Reading Goal

Blessyn Beck, Rhyan Dobbs, Karter Follis, Tomas Galvan, Dakota Harrell Carter Reeves, Renesmee Jacques, Paloma Jimenez, Mason Pritchard, Kenzie Schoenfield, Zandrey Sanchez, Emma Siler

3rd Grade

A Honor Roll

Colton Bilyeu, Holden Davis, Emma Hopkins, Braylie Morris, Zoey Neal

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FOR SALE - 201 acres, close to Robert Lee, Texas. Good hunting with highway frontage and a creek running through the property.

NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BID ON PROPERTY FOR SALE

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NOTICE TO BUYERS:

Do not bid on items that you are not prepared to purchase.

Return your bid in an envelope, sealed and clearly marked on outside with "Blackwell Lot Bid" and date.

Bids will be accepted until 9 AM, Monday, November 27, 2017.

Bids will be opened at 9 AM, Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

Bids will be awarded at the regular school board meeting, Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 7:30 PM.

Winners will be notified by phone, so it is necessary to include a phone number with your bid.

District has set a minimum bid

amount of \$1,200. Any bid below \$1,200 will not be considered.

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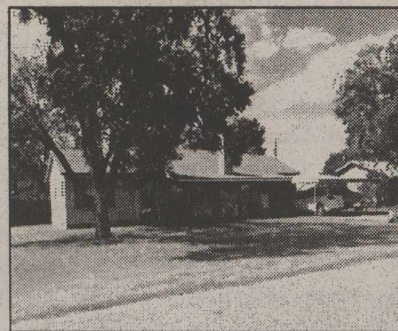
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400 +/- ac, Located in Schleicher County, between Mertzon and Eldorado, Texas. The property is in native pasture land with moderate brush cover. Property would serve well to run cattle, sheep or be used for hunting.
530 +/- ac, This 530 acre show place 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Your Robert Lee water bill will be coming in a regular envelope this month and enclosed with your bill is an application for water services. Please fill the application out and return with your water payment this month. These applications are due by January 1, 2018. We are updating our billing system and need this information to do so. If you have any questions, please call or come by City Hall.

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HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE

is taking applications for a Public Works Director.

Description: This is a professional and managerial position with responsibilities to direct, manage and oversee the activities and operations of the Water and Waste Water Utilities and other aspects of Public Works, including water production/distribution, waste water treatment/collecion and street department. This is a very responsible management position that also requires the technical expertise and to be On-Call and available at any time. Duties include knowledge of regulatory compliance, system operations, storage systems, construction, pumps, equipment, facilities, budgeting and management of personnel.

Required skills: Position requires a minimum of a Texas Class "B" Water Distribution and Class "C" Waste Water license. High school diploma or equivalent and valid Texas drivers license with a clean driving record. Must have computer skills with knowledge of various computer programs and be able to navigate the internet. The ability to work with hands and work in mechanically oriented situations. Experience in water/waste water treatment and other public works activities.

Salary is negotiable depending on experience, qualifications and education.

If you are interested in this position, please apply at City Hall, 6 W 7th St. Robert Lee, TX 76945-5078

Only qualified applicants will be considered and called for an interview.

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THE CITY OF ROBERT LEE

is accepting applications for a full-time City Secretary for the smooth running operation of our office where your professionalism, initiative, accounting skills, and people management will be welcomed. Duties include accounts management, payroll, production of financial statements, taking minutes, and other duties as requested.

Qualifications: High school diploma, GED or certification or equivalent required; graduate from an accredited college or university with a degree in accounting or related field preferred. Five years experience in a similar position required. A valid driver's license is required.

Must demonstrate a knowledge of Microsoft Word for Windows; Excel or other spreadsheet or accounting software. Two or more years of supervisory experience. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication.

Responsibilities and Duties: Preparation of financial statements for monthly review. Fully reconciling all accounts. Preparation of budget versus actual for monthly review. Payroll processing and recording. Accounts Payable - fully reviewing all invoices. Accounts Receivable - recording payments.

If you are interested in this position, please apply at City Hall, 6 W 7th Stt Robert Lee, TX 76945-5078. Only qualified applicants will be considered and called for an interview.

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Sorosis Study Club monthly meeting held

The Sorosis Study Club met at The Rusty Bell for their monthly meeting and to have a "painting party", instructed by Teri Ervin.

President Mary Percifull opened the meeting with the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag, followed by the club collect.

Mary thanked our guest, Linda Scott, for coming to our meeting. Everyone was tickled to have her at the meeting for her "first meeting."

It was followed up with the minutes and treasurer's report. Denise, treasurer, had everyone write down the amount they thought the potato bake netted last week. After she gave her report everyone was shocked and pleased at how well the potato bake did (with the help of this fantastic community). Denise asked who guessed the closest to the actual net amount. Pat Martindale guessed within a few dollars! Everyone thinks she had the inside scoop. Pat won a precious handmade quilted doily made by Denise.

The club dispensed with the rest of the business so that Teri Ervin could present her

program, which included painting a Christmas tree on a black canvas. I was quite nervous about painting on my canvas, I don't know about the rest of the club. But Teri did such a great job explaining how to do it and that my tree wasn't supposed to look just like the instructor's perfect painting.

Everyone present had a fantastic time painting, laughing, sharing stories, and helping each other. If someone has not taken a painting class from Teri, you really need to talk to her and find out when her next class is. It is well worth it!

We all know people who are always saying they can't do this or can't do this with lots of excuses. Well, there is one lady in Bronte who is not that way! Mrs. Jane Cumbie got right in there with the rest of the ladies. Jane did a great job! She is such an inspiration to everyone who meets her! We are blessed to have her in our club.

After the painting, club ladies discussed the Christmas party next month to be held at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. All of the ladies carefully carried their masterpieces to their vehicles to take home and show their families what great artists they are!

Members present were Mary Percifull, Fran Crumpler, Teresa Swecker, Marilyn Bivins, Lanette Fletcher, Janet Wommack, Jane Cumbie, Denise Gallaway, Pat Martindale, Pat Bedford, Doris Sims, Merle Kelso, Teri Ervin and guest Linda Scott.

...RL City Council Minutes

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The city council reconvened at 7:10 pm. All of the council members were present.

A motion was made by council member Grantham to place the city secretary on unpaid suspension, pending the completion of an investigation by the Texas Rangers and the state auditors regarding discrepancies with the utility billing and collection. The motion, seconded by council



Painting Party! Teri Ervin instructs members of the Sorosis Study Club during a painting party at the monthly meeting held at The Rusty Bell in Bronte.

member Alexander, passed.

A motion was made by council member Alexander to request the assistance of Sheriff Wayne McCutchen to assist with the facilitation of the investigation by the Texas Rangers and state auditors. Council member Munoz seconded the motion and it passed.

Council member Munoz made a motion to send letters to all delinquent accounts demanding payment in full by November 15, 2017, and informing them if account was not brought current, it would be disconnected. The motion, seconded by council member Longoria, passed.

Council member Munoz made a motion to void all current payment arrangements. The motion, seconded by council member Grantham, passed.

Council member Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed following a second by council member Munoz. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

...Commissioners Court Minutes

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November 6, 2017

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session November 6,

2017, at 9 am in the county courthouse.

Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, and Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe Sefcik.

Commissioner Williams opened with prayer and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Williams moved to pass letter to Judge Walther as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to put the burn ban back on. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Commissioner would like to get RV Park rental on the agenda and reported on his grinder pump.

The county clerk reported on the election.

The next meeting will be November 20, 2017.

Judge Blair reported that he will be at school next week and then surgery.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

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Hunters Barbecues! Both Bronte and Robert Lee welcomed hunters to Coke County with appreciation meals on opening day of deer season Saturday, November 4, 2017. B&K Processing, assisted by the Bronte Evening Lions Club and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, held an annual lunch at Rusty Bell in downtown Bronte (above left photo). Vision with a Purpose sponsored the 28th Annual Bob Wrinkle Memorial Hunters Barbecue that evening. Photos courtesy of Leta Caston.

Open Letter to Courteous Drivers

I have had to replace my windshield for the second time in 18 months thanks to you. This need to move to the shoulder just because you are driving slower than the speed limit is ridiculous. All you do is kick up rocks and trash causing damage behind you. Worse than that, you always seem to do it on a hill or a curve. Have you considered what is over the crest of that hill? Dead animal on the shoulder. Law enforcement officer on a traffic stop. Maybe my daughter and grandkids with a flat tire. If you want to drive 65, great. You have the right of way. Stay in the traffic lane. I will pass you when it is safe for all of us and I will be courteous when I do it.

Thanks,
Don Sharp

RLHS Seniors help VP

Members of the Robert Lee High School Senior class assisted Vision with a Purpose on November 15 putting up Christmas decorations in Memorial Park. These special students helped VP load, erect and string lights. Their hard work and dedication helps make this year's decorations feasible. Thanks again to the senior class and Mrs. Denise Roberts, you are "classy".

...Bronte Elementary Awards

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A/B Honor Roll
Julian De La Garza, Brylee Torres, JJ Pena, Morgan

Sullivan, Razaiah Jacques, Jadan Martinez, Jewel Williams, Blakely Pritchard, Bubba Bannert

Perfect Attendance
Braylie Morris, Colton Bilyeu, Emma Hopkins, Jewel Williams, Morgan Sullivan, Julian De La Garza, Brylee Torres, Blakely Pritchard, Razaiah Jacques, Slayton Carpenter, JJ Pena, Bubba Bannert, Andrew Rico, Zoey Neal

Met Reading Goal
Holden Davis, Emma Hopkins, Morgan Sullivan, Zoey Neal, Blakely Pritchard, Braylie Morris

4th Grade Met Reading Goal
Joel Pena, Raymond Williams,

Bernica Hancock, Lawsynn Sanchez, Parker Holland, Maddie Schoenfield, Shaylee Bilbrey

A Honor Roll
Hailey Beal, Grace Jernigan, Lawsynn Sanchez, Maddie Schoenfield

A/B Honor Roll
Shaylee Bilbrey, Bernica Hancock, Parker Holland, Joel Cecilio Pena, Raymond Williams

Perfect Attendance
Tripp Baughman, Waylon Carpenter, Bernica Hancock, Treyton McCullough, Miles Mohler, Joel Cecilio Pena, Maddie Schoenfield, Raymond Williams

5th Grade

A Honor Roll
Anna Henson, Jaxon Morris, November Wilson

A/B Honor Roll
Cole Knight, Warren Middleton, Tatum Sanchez, Ellie Stevens

Perfect Attendance
Brooke Davis, Roy Flores, Jorja Harendt, Jose Heredia, Cole Knight, Warren Middleton, Jaxon Morris, Tatum Sanchez

Met Reading Goal
Anna Henson, Jaxon Morris, Jorja Harendt, Ellie Stevens,

Warren Middleton, Cole Knight
6th Grade

A Honor Roll
Daysiah Flores, Jayton Galvan, Emily Jackson

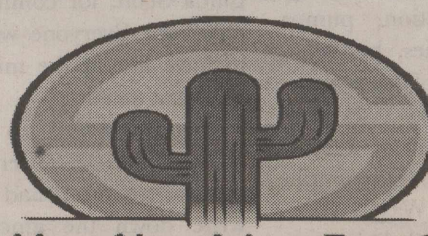
A/B Honor Roll
Maelynn Williams

Perfect Attendance
Matthew Ashby, Daysiah Flores, Halie Gibson, Joey Goddard, Emily Jackson, Nathaniel Martinez, Maelynn Williams

Met Reading Goal
Matthew Ashby, Daysiah Flores, Emily Jackson




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