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Early Voting for Primary Election ends March 2

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

Polling locations for March 6 are as follows:

Precincts 1 and 3 - Coke County Courthouse, Commissioners' Courtroom, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee;

Precincts 2 and 4 - First Baptist Church of Bronte Fellowship Hall, 424 S. Washington, Bronte.

Offices up for election in Coke County include County Judge,

currently held by Roy Blair; County Treasurer, currently held by Hal Spain; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Jackie Walker; County/District Clerk, currently held by Mary Grim; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik.

As of the filing deadline, below are the candidates that have filed for a place on the ballot. Hal Spain, current County Treasurer and former owner/publisher of The Observer/Enterprise, has filed for County Judge and will be joined on the ballot for by Sherry Davidson. Therese Emert has filed for County Treasurer. Emert is a retired Verizon Sourcing Manager. Russell Johnson filed for Justice

Please Exercise Your Right to VOTE in the March 6 Primary Election

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 5

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

Bronte Evening Lions Club Meeting, 7 pm,
First United Methodist Church, Bronte

High School Golf -
Bronte Girls at Robert Lee
Blackwell Girls and Robert Lee

Tuesday, March 6

Primary Election Day

Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am,
Old Jail Annex, Robert Lee

Red Hat Society Meeting, 11 am,
First Baptist Church, Ballinger

District One Act Play Contest, Sterling City

Irion County JV Tennis Tournament, Mertzon

High School Golf -
Bronte Boys at Robert Lee
Blackwell Boys at Robert Lee

Thursday, March 8

Junior High Track -
Rasco Memorial Ribbon Relays, Robert Lee
(Bronte, Robert Lee, Blackwell)

Friday, March 9

High School Track -
Rasco Memorial Relays, Robert Lee
(Bronte, Robert Lee, Blackwell)

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of the Peace, as well as incumbent Jackie Walker. Johnson is currently serving as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Monica Reyes has filed for County/District Clerk. Reyes is currently a deputy in the Clerk's Office. Three men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm, Robert Feil, and incumbent Paul Williams. Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past. Joe Sefcik has filed for re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4.

Ballot set for May 5 local election

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

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for three council members. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and council member Shaunna Grantham. Also open are the council member

positions formerly held by Toni Rainwater and Joe Longoria. Leroy Casey has filed for re-election as mayor and will be joined on the ballot by Allyson Crenshaw and Shell Williams. Billy Williams, Nora Broadbent, Brandi Brosh, Ricky Green, and Casey Scruggs have all filed for seats on the Council.

The City of Bronte has terms expiring for mayor and two council positions. These are two year terms. The offices are currently held by Mayor Gerald Sandusky and council members Wade Stautzenberger and Paul Gohman. Buzz Gohman has filed for the mayor's position, with Donna Hall, Lee Wommack, and Steve Hines filing for places on the council.

Bronte ISD will hold an election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees. These are three year terms currently held by Ashley Braswell, David McWright, and Blake Braswell. Blake Braswell, David McWright, and Ashley Braswell have filed for re-election. Bill Torres, Chris Jernigan, TJ McCullough, and Walt Smith have also filed for a place on the board.

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

West Coke County Hospital District has three two year terms expiring for their Board of Trustees. The terms of Pat Stephens, Pat Carwile and Sarah Green are expiring and all have filed for re-election.

East Coke County Hospital District Board of Trustees has three two year terms expiring. These offices are currently held by Howard Baker, Lanette Fletcher, and Everett Bedford. All incumbents have filed for re-election.

Robert Lee 'Meet the Candidates' event slated for March 26

A 'Meet the Candidates' event will be held Monday, March 26, at 6:30 pm. It will be held at the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. This will be your chance to meet and speak with the candidates for Robert Lee Mayor and City Council.

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Red Hat Society to meet March 6

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

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

Ambassador Drill Team Tryouts set for March 18

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

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

Donations being accepted for local family

Donations are being accepted for Roger Graves and Kendra Graves, due to a house fire that was a total loss. Donations are being accepted at First National Bank in Bronte for "Roger Graves House Fire". Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

The Joys and Discomforts of Leadership

by James M. Decker

Recently, I've noticed a few high profile instances of so-called leaders in the country exhibiting a hallmark leadership failure: refusing to accept responsibility. Whether casting blame on subordinates or using the excuse of outside forces and the acts of other agencies, it's all the same: alleged leaders who are tasked with responsibility refuse to accept the responsibility when it becomes unpleasant.

President Harry S. Truman famously kept a sign on his desk in the White House's Oval Office that said "The Buck Stops Here." President Truman used

this sign to signal the reality of his leadership position: ultimately, when a decision rose to his level, there was no other person to make the decision or accept the responsibility. It was all on him, win, lose, or draw.

Human nature encourages us to accept our position of leadership when things are good (read: take the credit) but look for ways to minimize our leadership when things are bad (read: avoid the blame), but true leadership requires acceptance of responsibility for both good and bad. So it goes in rural leadership roles as well. Our decisions in rural leadership roles may not carry the worldwide gravity of President Truman's decisions, but our decisions still have consequences.

Whether you're a national, statewide, county, or local elected official, being entrusted with the decision to spend taxpayers' money is a weighty matter that should not be taken lightly. When the decisions work, accepting responsibility is a fairly easy thing

to do. When the decisions don't work, and the taxpayers' money has been spent on a dud, or has not been used efficiently, accepting responsibility is not quite as easy and certainly not as fun.

But over the years, I've learned that people appreciate and respect honesty, even in failure. People see through excuses. When you blame others, refuse to accept the reality of failure, or avoid the conversation entirely, it rings hollow and fools no one but yourself. When you swallow the bitter pill and accept responsibility, people respect and support you more than when you attempted to fool them. A little bit of honest conversation in failure - "this didn't work, and here's why, but here's what we've learned and we're going to keep trying - will go farther than you can imagine.

This all makes a community leadership role sound like a burden, and it is. If you're not willing to accept the burdens of responsibility, then leadership is a tough task. With that burden, though, comes opportunity. Those who are willing to shoulder the burden of responsibility also shoulder the ability to present and implement new ideas, to lead the way in reorganizing things for the better, and to create the greatest chances for success. Anyone can present a new idea, but without a leadership role, you can merely stand by and watch as others implement the idea to failure or success. When you accept the role of leadership, it's within your control to give the idea the best possible chance for success.

Leadership comes with a burden of responsibility. If



Valentines! Gary Holloway and Jennie Marie Dowling were named the Valentine's Day King and Queen at Robert Lee Care Center recently.

you're a leader, there is a buck that will stop with you. However, it also comes with a burden of opportunity. If you are strong enough to accept the responsibility, oh what opportunities you can bring to your community!

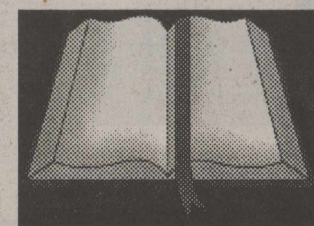
James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and city councilman in Stamford, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of 98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at facebook.com/james.decker.

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346
118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
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 • Pastor Lee Bevlv
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
Study & Worship
Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
6:30 pm Youth & Adults
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Everett Boyce, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Forgiven Ministries
117 W. Main, Bronte
Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am
Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
4C Cowboy Church
Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Pastor James Brunson
Sunday, 10:30 am

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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



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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 Kevin Millstid 453-2360
Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 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
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(325) 473-1053
Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
Tennyson
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(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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Abundant Life

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

Unity

Do people know that you are a Christian? Or do you blend in? Will we back down from the devil and deny our maker? We fight amongst ourselves, ready to separate ourselves over any differences. Music, no music? Tongues, no tongues? Food, no food? Suits, street clothes? It only makes us all ineffective while there is a lost and dying world going to hell around us. It is time to get out of the fox holes and stand on the front line.

Matthew 10:28 - "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"

1 Corinthians 12:27 - "Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it."

Calling all Christians. We need to agree on Jesus!! There is no separation, only different parts of the body of Christ. We need to stand together, and pray, and worship, and maybe we can reach that one soul who is crying out for help and can't be heard over Christians arguing among themselves.

Titus 3:9 - "But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, arguments, and quarrels about the Law, because these things are pointless and worthless."

Are you tired of the same thing? Are you ready to see the power of God in your town? Are you ready to see Satan pack up and leave your children alone? The time is now, your voice must be heard. It is time to put feet to faith and to step out and say no more. We love the lord and the spirit of God becomes noticeable. Have you ever driven in a part of a city you knew was just bad? Isn't it the opposite when you drive through and you know that something good is there? Darkness will flee from the light.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - "and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Reach people for Jesus, bringing them to the door. We can do a better job as loving, caring, hopeful Christians that agree on the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for us. I pray that every church fills up. I want to see your church grow just as much as ours. I pray that if you're not going to church that you would find one and experience the joy of having a Church family. It's not what you have to give up its what you gain. Wherever you go you will be loved and accepted. Let's open our hearts and tell everyone about Jesus. If you want to see lives changed become a disciple and began to evangelize. I know there are also a lot of good strong Christians out there and I thank

God for you.

I love y'all. Tell someone what Jesus did in your life.

RLISD Board Meeting minutes

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 22, 2018, at 11 am.

Members present included Wes Washam, Beverly Sinclair, George Grim, Jeffie Roberts, Irma Torres, and Tom Sawyer.

Member absent was Erin Oleksiuk,

The meeting was called to order by President Washam and a quorum of members was present.

Invocation was given and the pledge was led by Beverly Sinclair.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Robin Allen and to approve the bills, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

David O'Dell gave the principals report. Enrollment for grades 7-12 was at 98 students and the attendance rate was 95.2% for the month of January. Supt. Hood gave the principals report for elementary. Enrollment was at 167 students, with a 92.3% attendance rate.

Supt. Hood recommended signing engagement letter/agreement to secure Eckert & Company, LLP CPA for the district audit year ending August 31, 2018. George Grim made the motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood conducted a Public Hearing on 2016-2017 School First Rating.

Supt. Hood conducted a Public Hearing on 2016-2017 TAPR and Accountability Rating.



Area Champions! The Bronte High School Longhorns were named Area Champions after defeating Cross Plains, 62 - 46, on February 22, 2018, in Merkel.

Supt. Hood recommended entering into Shared Service Arrangement with Fairview Alternative School Coop for the 2018-2019 school year. Tom Sawyer made the motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Irma Torres. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended signing Interlocal Agreement with Region 8 ESC for TIPS Program. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Items # 12 will be on the March 2018 agenda.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on facilities, enrollment numbers, budget update, thank you notes and track meets.

Supt. Hood read the resignation letter from Jeff Brisbin, effective May 31, 2018. Tom Sawyer made a motion,

seconded by Jeffie Roberts, to approve resignation with regrets. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended extending David O'Dell's contract one year to make a full two year contract with a 3% raise. George Grim made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended offering Lee McCown a two year contract with a 3% raise. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the recommendation,

seconded by Irma Torres. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended a one year extension to make a full two year contract for Shay Avants, Athletic Director. Beverly Sinclair made the motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 5 pm.

Irma Torres made a motion, seconded by Jeffie Roberts, to be adjourned at 11:50 am.

To the folks in Precinct 2

I would love to tell you that we will rebuild all the roads in the precinct, but I promised three years ago to not lie to you. The roads did not get in a state of disrepair overnight. We have continued to repair, patch and rebuild as many miles of roads in the precinct as possible. We have been blading and 'crowning' roads for the last 3 years (as weather permits), which allows the water to drain off quicker.

What I will tell you is that I will do my best to continue to utilize your tax dollars as wisely as possible. I will tell you that I do not like paying taxes any more than you do. But, when my local taxes are utilized efficiently, they are singly the easiest taxes that I pay.

The Coke County Commissioners Court is responsible for more than the roads. Its responsibilities include funding all the functions of the courthouse, the Sheriff's office, parks, and numerous other services too long to list. As I said 3 years ago when I ran for this office: I promise you I will know the county's budget, I promise you I will use the budget wisely and efficiently, and I promise I will not lie to you.

God knows I love Texas and God knows I love this place I have called home, Coke County.

It has been an honor to serve you. I would appreciate your vote.

Paul Williams
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Jackie Walker
Coke County

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1

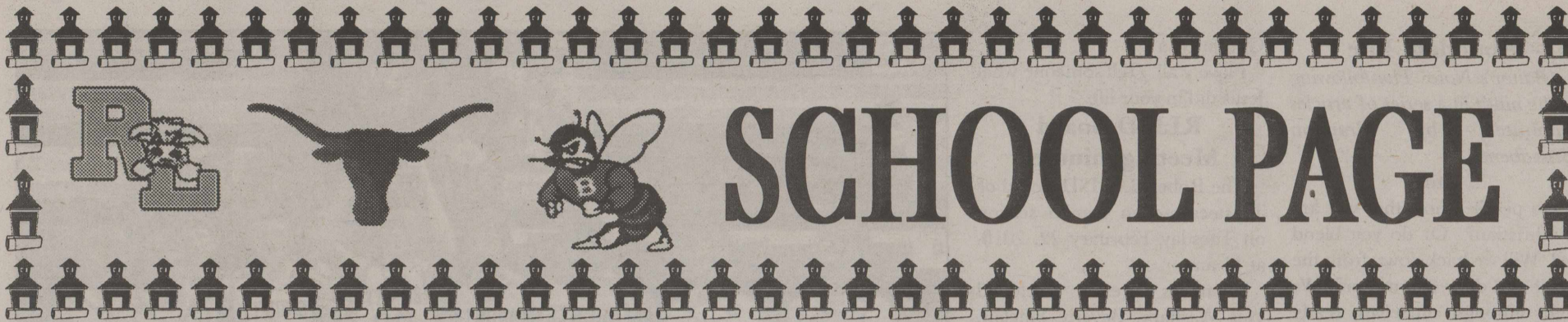
I have served as Municipal Judge, County Judge, and Justice of the Peace.

I have also worked through the combining of the two Justice of the Peace offices.

Combining the offices has saved Coke County over \$30,000 per year.

I would appreciate your vote so I could serve you another 4 years.

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SCHOOL PAGE

Girls All-District Team named for 2017-2018

The 2017-2018 District 14-1A Girls Basketball team was named. Local players named to the team are listed below.

Offensive MVP - Mariah Munoz, Senior, Robert Lee

Newcomer of the Year - Kylee Cummings, Freshman, Blackwell

First Team - Kelby Clawson, Junior, Robert Lee; Megan Grantham, Junior Robert Lee; Kaylee Puentez, Junior Robert Lee; Madison Solis, Sophomore, Blackwell; Emilee Sanderson, Sophomore, Blackwell

Second Team - Kiara Burns, Senior, Robert Lee; Cirstyn Gober, Freshman, Blackwell; Vickie Davis, Junior, Blackwell; Jayden Speary, Junior, Bronte; Kristen Stillely, Junior, Bronte.

Honorable Mentions - E'lexia Davis, Sophomore, Bronte; Shelby Panzer, Senior, Blackwell; Jadyne Feitshans, Freshman, Blackwell; Carli Powers, Junior, Blackwell; Julissa Ureno, Freshman, Robert Lee; Margo Mendoza, Senior, Robert Lee.

Bronte Elementary Award

4th Six Weeks 2nd Grade

A Honor Roll

Blessyn Beck, Rhyann Dobbs, Karter Follis, Tomas Galvan, Mason Pritchard, Kenzie Schoenfield, Emma Siler, Gauge Withrow

A/B Honor Roll

Morgan Holland, Carter Reeves, Zandrey Sanchez

Perfect Attendance

Billy Joe Bannert

Met Reading Goal

Blessyn Beck, Karter Follis,

Mason Pritchard, Kenzie Schoenfield, Maricella Velasquez, Bryson Ruth, Rhyann Dobbs, Renesmee Jacques, Zandrey Sanchez, Emma Siler, Gauge Withrow

Super Longhorn Citizens

Paloma Jimenez, Mason Pritchard, Gauge Withrow

3rd Grade

A Honor Roll

Emma Hopkins, Braylie Morris, Colton Bilyeu, Holden Davis

A/B Honor Roll

Razaiah Jacquez, Brylee Torres, Morgan Sullivan, Julian DeLaGarza, JJ Pena, Zoey Neal

Perfect Attendance

Alouis Bannert, Julian DeLaGarza, Jadan Martinez, Blakely Pritchard, Andrew Rico, Morgan Sullivan, Brylee Torres

Met Reading Goal

Emma Hopkins, Holden Davis, Braylie Morris

4th Grade

A Honor Roll

Hailey Beal, Lawsynn Sanchez, Maddie Schoenfield

A/B Honor Roll

Grace Jernigan, Treyton McCullough, Joel Pena Cecilio, Raymond Williams

Perfect Attendance

Shaylee Bilbrey, Treyton McCullough, Maddie Schoenfield, Raymond Williams

Met Reading Goal

Lawsynn Sanchez, Maddie Schoenfield, Grace Jernigan, Hailey Beal, Raymond Williams, Joel Pena Cecilio, Shaylee Bilbrey

5th Grade

A Honor Roll

Anna Henson, Cole Knight, Jaxon Morris

A/B Honor Roll

Jorja Harendt, November Wilson

Perfect Attendance

Roy Flores, Jaxon Morris

Met Reading Goal

Anna Henson, Jaxon Morris, Ellie Stevens, Caleb McIntire, Roy Flores, Jose Heredia, November Wilson

6th Grade

A Honor Roll

Daysiah Flores, Jayton Galvan, Emily Jackson

Perfect Attendance

Halie Gibson, Maelynn Williams, Nathaniel Martinez

Met Reading Goal

Matthew Ashby, Daysiah Flores, Emily Jackson, Jayton Galvan, Ryan Aguirri, Nathaniel Martinez

Robert Lee Elementary Awards

4th Six Weeks

A Honor Roll

1st Grade

Logan Arens, Allisyn Bohannon, Avery Bosworth, Amanda Burns, Bailey Flanagan, Mylee Lonogria, Cisco Moreno, Jewel Pitcock, Bracken Robertson, Brooklyn Roe, Kaleb Samaniego

2nd Grade

Autumn Camarillo, Fallon Raney, Taylor Rose, Malachi Wauqua

3rd Grade

McKayla Bachmann, Zachary Cerritos, Maddison Coger, Jayla Corley, Joshua Garcez, Sarah Garcez, Addison Grantham, Joshua Hinderliter, Micah Smith, Eduardo Ureno, Brody Wilson

4th Grade

Eli Bradshaw, Carter Fluhmann, Alec Henson, Brennen Hood, Maci Lee, Nathaniel Samaniego, Brenner Sherwood, Antonio Sigala

5th Grade

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

6th Grade

Matthew Adams, Kailey Freeman, Brayden Sherwood

A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade

Jacob Garcez, Yuritzy Guzman, Kyle Manis, Bentley Pope, Mark Reyes, Jaxon South, Ronald Waggonner

2nd Grade

Jaedyn Ayers, Cali Ingram, Sebastian Jackson, Eva McMurtrey, Justin Rodriguez, Avery Roe, Mandie Wheeler

3rd Grade

Alyssa Landeros, Chris Lofton, Braylen Pogue, K'Dence, Prieto, Sebastian Reyna

4th Grade

Dalton Abalos, Austin Ashlock, Wyatt Bosworth,

Brittany Crisp, Max Garcia, Olivia Gregton, Elsi Munoz, Kylen Pitcock, Karmen Radloff, Hanna Riley

5th Grade

Monica Brazil, Brewer Hood, Lucas Martinez, Carlos Olguin, Jesse Reese, Trentin Williams

6th Grade

Abigail Arthur, Caitlyn Cerritos, Mackenzie Galicia, Tristan Grantham, Heaven Jasso-Burgess, Jason Jowers, Jimma Richardson, Judah Smith, Koltun Williams

Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten

Baylee Corley, Emily Hopson, Bryson Munoz

1st Grade

Avery Bosworth, Kaleb Samaniego

2nd Grade

Pyrce Mnoz, Jessica Navarro, Taylor Rose

3rd Grade

Maddison Coger, Joshua Garcez, Sarah Garcez, Addison Grantham, Joshua Hinderliter, Alyssa Landeros, Sebastian Reyna, Eduardo Ureno

4th Grade

Dalton Abalos, Austin Ashlock, Wyatt Bosworth, Eli Bradshaw, Brittany Crisp, Triniti Dahlberg, Jaxon Estes, Noah Gonzales, Olivia Gregston, Elsi Munoz, Ava Pogue, Karment Radloff, Nathaniel Samaniego, Jaquelyn Saxton

CVEC Scholarship

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

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

2018 Guidelines

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

Recipients

Recipients must obtain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. One half of scholarship is awarded at the beginning of the Fall Semester and the remaining one half is awarded at the beginning of the Spring semester.

Note: If recipient's cumulative GPA falls below 2.5 or if the recipient fails to register as a full-time student for the spring semester, recipient will be placed on probation for one semester. If probationary issues are not corrected within the following semester, the remaining scholarship funds allotted to that student (\$1,000) will be revoked. If the recipient fails to enroll or register for any course work during the spring semester the remaining scholarship funds allotted to that student (\$1,000) will be revoked.

Applications

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

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5th Grade

Zachary Avants, Tiffany Crisp, Brewer Hood, Anthony Landeros, Lucas Martinez, Carlos Olguin, Rhett Rangel, Jasmin Reyna, Ryen White, Trentin Williams, Braxton Wright

6th Grade

Matthew Adams, Jaclyn Broadbent, Kailey Freeman, Tristan Grantham, Jason Jowers, Jimma Richardson, Trenton Smith, Koltun Williams

RLJH/HS Awards

4th Six Weeks

A Honor Roll

7th Grade

Cambreigh Fluhmann, Ryan Mendoza

8th Grade

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Kaden Austin, Kelby Clawson, Megan Grantham, Kaylee Puentez, Autumn Ramon, Chelsea Wyatt, Aimee Zimmermann

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9th Grade

Mason Fowler, Trenton Galvan, Jasmine Hunter, Jade Laxton, Harlee Richardson, Dayden Thomas, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno

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McKenzie Bachmann, Jaycee Crisp, Lane Fowler

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Corbin Drennen

12th Grade

Kelsey Benson, Peyton Dooley, Joshua Gregston, Ronald Peraza, Isaiah Smith, Julian Torres

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Autumn Ramon, Nathan Scates, Aimee Zimmermann

12th Grade

Ronald Peraza, Jessica Wheat

School Menu

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, March 5

Catch the Oatmeal Wave, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Tuesday, March 6

Sunshine Breakfast Burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Wednesday, March 7

Waffles on Sandbar, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Thursday, March 8

Waves of Berries Parfait, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Friday, March 9

Beach Breakfast Bagel, fruit, juice, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Lunch

Monday, March 5

Oven roasted chicken, tater tots, baked beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk

Head Start - Oven roasted chicken, tater tots, baked beans, sliced fruit, milk

Tuesday, March 6

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

Head Start - Nachos Grande, salsa, refried beans, sliced tomatoes, cucumber slices, peaches, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Chicken sandwich, oven fries, veggie cup, Mandarin oranges, milk

Head Start - Same as above

Thursday, March 8

Asian bowl, egg roll, salad, fruity gelatin, milk

Head Start - Asian bowl, egg roll, fruity gelatin, milk

Friday, March 9

Pizza, broccoli salad, baby carrots, seasonal fruit, brownie, milk

Head Start - Pizza, broccoli salad, sliced fruit, milk

Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, March 5

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Donut holes, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 7

PB&J, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, March 8

BK Tornos, fruit, juice,



Daddy-Daughter Date Night! The 9th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night, "Blooming Beauties" was held Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 5 pm until 8 pm at the Robert Lee Methodist Church Family Life Center. Seventy-eight beautifully dressed girls and their handsome dates attended the dance.

The Family Life Center was decorated with hot pink, purple, turquoise, and lime green tables topped with tall tissue paper flowers in galvanized buckets. The photo backdrop featured stripes of mint green and lavender adorned with tissue paper flowers of mint, hot pink, light pink, and orange in the corners. Each couple had their picture taken in front of the beautiful backdrop and will be receiving a 5x7 photo. The dance floor was highlighted with dancing white lights. The food tables were overflowing with snacks and punch for the girls and their dates. The girls enjoyed dancing the night away to the music of our favorite DJ, David Sheldon, and his assistant, Brandi Sheldon.

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Friday, March 9

Sausage, biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 5

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, rolls, gravy, peaches, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Crispy tacos, fresh veggie cup, charro beans, salsa, apple/pineapple, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Breaded drumstick, Texas toast, carrot coins, seasoned corn, fruit, cookie, milk

Thursday, March 8

Hamburger, oven tots, baby carrots, orange smiles, milk

Friday, March 9

Chicken Parmesan, green beans, garden salad, breadstick, apple slices, milk

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Breakfast

Monday, March 5

Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice,

milk

Thursday, March 8

Biscuit-n-bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 9

Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 5

Boneless wing chunks, fries, mac-n-cheese, fruit, milk

Tuesday, March 6

Homemade meatloaf,

mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, hot roll, fruit, milk

Wednesday, March 7

Chicken spaghetti, corn, salad, breadsticks, fruit, milk

Thursday, March 8

Fancy burrito (burrito, chili, cheese, lettuce, tomato), tator tots, fruit, milk

Friday, March 9

Philly Cheesesteak Sub, grilled onions, grilled peppers, chips, fruit, milk

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

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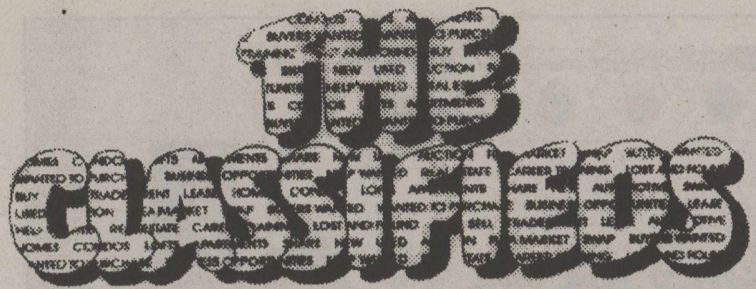
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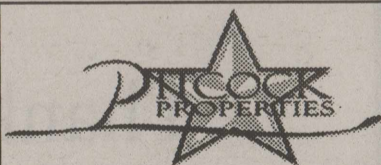
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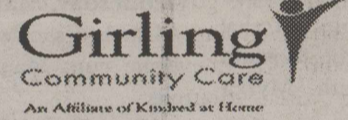
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Spring Break Reservations Filling Fast at Texas State Parks

With spring break quickly approaching, Texans are finalizing their travel plans for the week long vacation from routine. Texas State Parks campsite reservations are filling fast, but many hidden gems still have sites available.

Well-known favorites such as Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, Garner State Park, and Inks Lake State Park are almost completely booked for the week of spring break.

With capacities at parks leading to gate closures, visitors are encouraged to venture to alternative sites near their favorite Texas State Parks. Many state parks around Texas still have multiple sites available over spring break including campsites, screened shelters, limited-use cabins and full-service cabins.

Anyone planning to visit popular parks should expect lines to enter, and possibly even park closures. Updates to the status of the parks and park closures can be found on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's park pages or on park social media pages.

On the coast, two parks still have campsites available for spring break adventures.

Goose Island State Park in Rockport has wooded sites available for reservation during spring break. Visitors will be able to launch their boat from the ramp and fish the bay, go birding from a bird viewing platform, picnic and visit the centuries-old Big Tree that survived Hurricane Harvey generally unscathed.

About 30 minutes south of Port Arthur, Sea Rim State Park has 5.2 miles of Gulf shoreline and 4,000 acres of marshlands for families to enjoy. Sea Rim offers visitors a chance to swim, kayak and fish. Kayaks are available at the park for rental. Families can stroll along the Gambusia Nature Trail during their stay. This boardwalk trail leads through the marshes giving visitors a chance to see native wildlife.

Three parks within two hours of the DFW Metroplex have campsites still open for spring break.

Located about 20 minutes from central Dallas, Cedar Hill State Park has primitive or developed sites available for reservation during spring break. The park offers several trails for visitors to hike and bike. Families can also try geocaching and nature watching. Along the shores of the 7,500-acre Joe Pool Lake, families can fish for largemouth black bass, crappie and catfish from one of two lighted fishing jetties.

Eisenhower State Park, situated about an hour away from Dallas, has sites still available the week of spring break for families to enjoy the shores of Lake Texoma. Bring a rod and reel, or borrow one from the park, and fish for striped bass, crappie and catfish

from the lake. With more than 4 miles of trails, park goes can find places to swim, boulder, geocache and picnic along the shoreline. Wildflowers may be in bloom, as well.

Just south of the DFW Metroplex on IH-45, Fort Boggy State Park has sites available for reservation. Located just off the highway halfway between Dallas and Houston, Fort Boggy offers visitors hiking and mountain biking along park trails. The park's 15-acre lake is open to visitors to swim, fish and paddle. Fort Boggy has rods and reels available to borrow for anyone who wants to try fishing.

Several parks around San Antonio still have openings for spring break.

In Bandera, an hour and a half from downtown San Antonio, Hill Country State Natural Area offers visitors a chance to have a spring break

closer to nature. As a state natural area, the site is less developed than a park, allowing for a unique vacation experience. With sites still available, Hill Country SNA has about 40 miles of multiuse trails for hikers, equestrians, backpackers and mountain bikers to explore.

Just north of Garner, Lost Maples State Natural Area has sites still available for spring break adventuring. With plenty to offer to the whole family, visitors can hike through the unique Uvalde bigtooth maples, view native wildlife, hunt for geocaches hidden throughout the park, and stargaze. Sink a line in the Sabinal River or Can Creek and try to catch some fish during spring break.

Other parks around the state with openings for spring break include Big Bend Ranch State Park, Falcon State Park, Lake

Casa Blanca International State Park, Lake Colorado City State Park and San Angelo State Park, just to name a few.

To reserve a spring break adventure in a Texas State Park, make an online reservation on the TPWD reservation page or reserve by phone by calling 512-389-8900.

Hay scam strikes again

By Jennifer Dorsett

Farmers and ranchers are urged to be cautious of scams, especially hay scams during this time of year.

A recent scam regarding a hay sale in Gillespie County was reported.

The buyer attempted to use an overpayment method to scam a rancher under the guise of a hay sale.

In situations like this,

scammers will send a check for more than the amount of hay, alleging the overage will be used to cover costs associated with shipping the hay. But the check is likely from a fake account. Once the excess amount is wired, it is lost. At that point, the depositor is responsible for any funds withdrawn from the check.

Officials urge farmers and ranchers to be cautious of the scams and to follow up with the financial institutions to ensure out-of-town or out-of-state checks are legitimate.

If you suspect fraud in a transaction, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately. Scammers usually switch these fraudulent accounts quite frequently, so any delay in reporting or investigation may lead to a dead end.

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...Hay Scam

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The Better Business Bureau (BBB) says scams come in different guises, but the premises are usually the same. Overpaying for an item—equipment, hay, feed and others—is not a common practice.

Reports can also be made to the BBB at www.BBB.org.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) urges people to be suspicious of overpayments and offers the following tips to help be aware of scams:

Don't send money to someone you've never met.

Don't click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails.

Don't believe everything you see.

Don't buy online unless the transaction is secure.

Be extremely cautious when dealing with anyone you've met online.

Never share personally identifiable information.

Don't be pressured to act immediately.

Use secure, traceable transactions when making payments for goods and services.

Whenever possible, work with

local businesses that have proper identification, licensing and insurance.

Be cautious about what you share on social media and consider only connecting with people you already know.

The BBB offers a scam tracker to allow people to investigate illegal schemes or fraud.

The Texas Department of Agriculture offers a hay hotline for Texans looking to buy or sell hay.

AFBF launches book publishing effort for children

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has launched Feeding Minds Press, a new publishing company focused on books for children about agriculture. Foundation education outreach director Julia Recko says the goal is to provide an accurate portrayal of agriculture.

"Feeding Minds Press is a new publishing company that the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has created with the goal of creating accurate and engaging books about agriculture," Recko said. "The press will really focus on picture books ages 1-8, for now, but we will expand as we see the

need."

Recko said it's becoming tougher to find books that meet the Foundation's criteria to be considered an accurate agricultural book.

"We know that there was a need for these books in schools, and we really understand the value of children's books and the powerful tools stories are to help students understand where their food comes from," Recko said. "So, we decided to take the plunge ourselves and to publish our own books that fit into our own criteria, that met our guidelines and that we knew are going to be great stories to help students learn."

The first book, called Right This Very Minute, will be published in January 2019.

"It's going to be a 32-page picture book, which will be geared to grades K-3rd, and it will follow children through an entire day of meals and snacks,

and each one will emphasize how critical farmers and agriculture are to our society," she said. "We hope that through these snapshots of a variety of types of farming readers can gain an understanding and appreciation for the unique challenges that going into feeding the world."

Feeding Minds Press is searching for manuscripts for accurate agricultural children's books. Open submissions will be accepted from March 1, 2018, until March 31, 2018.

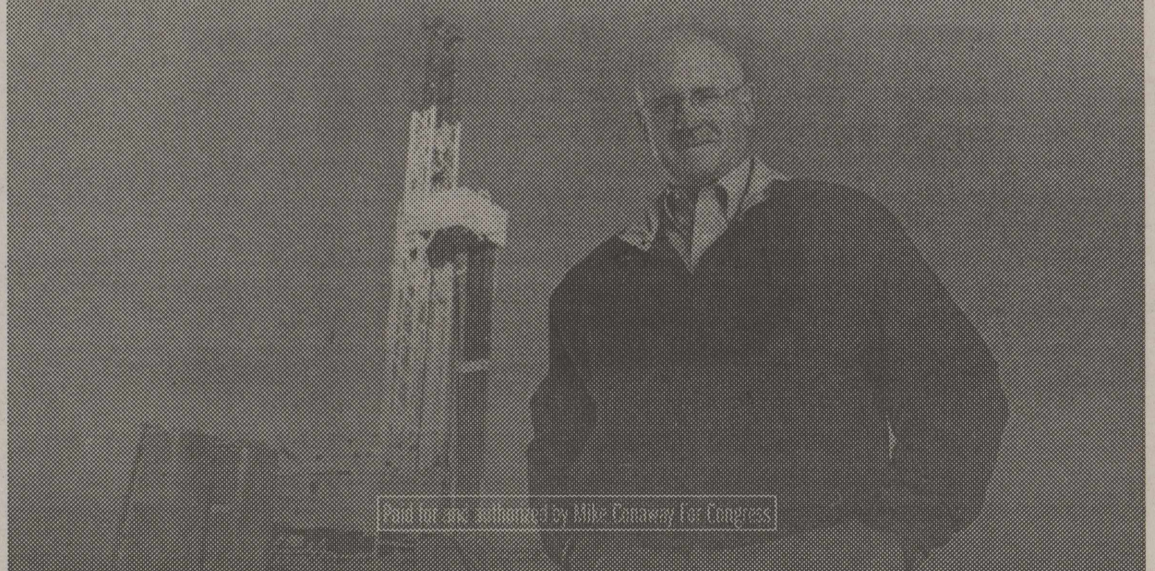
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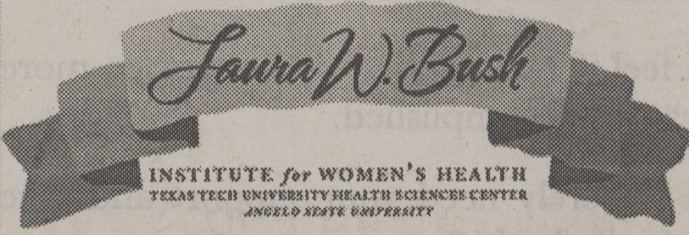
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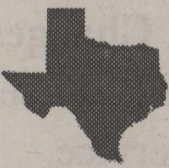
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