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## Republican County Convention slated

The Convention for the Republican Party of Coke County has been set for this Saturday, March 24, 10 am, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. This will be a brief meeting to decide delegates and alternates for the upcoming state convention, and to adopt resolutions for the convention attendees to consider. All interested Republican party members in Coke County are invited to attend; so that your views will be heard at the state level.

For more information, please contact Hal Spain at (325) 473-0331.

## 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.

## Conway to hold Town Hall Meeting

US Representative Mike Conway will hold a Town Hall meeting at the Coke County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 27, from 9 am until 10 am. This event is open to the public and



**House Fire!** This home, located on Jefferson Street in Bronte, is the third to catch fire in Coke County in the past several weeks. Fortunately, a representative from the American Red Cross met with the family to address their immediate needs.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Friday, March 23

High School Track -  
Hornet Relays at Blackwell  
(Blackwell)  
Rolling Plains Relays at Jayton  
(Robert Lee)  
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Early Release, Blackwell CISD

### Saturday, March 24

Golf Tournament, 9 am,  
Bronte Longhorn Golf Club

### Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday Service, 7 pm,  
First United Methodist Church, Bronte

### Monday, March 26

High School Golf -  
First Round, District Tournament,  
Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo  
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Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm, First Baptist Church, Bronte  
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Robert Lee 'Meet the Candidate' Event, 6:30 pm,  
Family Life Center, First United Methodist Church, Robert Lee  
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Bronte Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting, 7 pm, Bronte City Hall

### Tuesday, March 27

Commissioners Court Meeting, 9 am,  
County Courthouse, Robert Lee  
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Junior High Track -  
Hilltop Relays at Highland  
(Bronte, Robert Lee, Blackwell)

### Wednesday, March 28

High School Tennis -  
Veribest Dual at Bronte

### Thursday, March 29

Early Release, Robert Lee ISD  
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High School Track -  
Hilltop Relays at Highland  
(Bronte, Robert Lee, Blackwell)  
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Walk Across Texas Team Challenge Kick-Off, 5:30 pm, Bronte Park  
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Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm,  
First United Methodist Church, Bronte

### Friday, March 30

School Holiday -  
Bronte ISD, Robert Lee ISD, Blackwell CISD  
\*\*\*\*

Good Friday Service, 7 pm,  
First United Methodist Church, Bronte

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everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Town Hall Meeting slated for Monday in Bronte

The City of Bronte will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, March 26, at 1 pm at the Housing Authority Community Center located at 116 N.E. Railroad Street. Senator Charles Perry's District Director, Laura L. Lewis, will be in attendance to meet and visit with local residents.

## FUMC-Bronte to host Holy Week Services

Holy Week is such an amazing time in our Christian faith. If you do not have a church family or your church is not having Holy Week, First United Methodist Church in Bronte would be so happy to have you in their church!

Holy Week services are listed below.

Palm Sunday Service will be held on March 25 at 7 pm. This day is believed in the Christian

faith as the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and is celebrated with palm fronds.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held March 29 at 7 pm. This day is believed in the Christian faith as the day Jesus celebrated His final Passover.

Good Friday Service will be held on March 30 at 7 pm. This day is celebrated by the Christian faith as the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

The Easter Sunrise Service will be held on April 1 at 7 am at the Gentry Ranch (located 5 miles west of Bronte on Highway 158). This is an annual event and is open to everyone. Following the service, there will be a free breakfast. As this is an outdoor event, plan to dress for the unpredictable West Texas weather! Also feel free to bring a blanket and make yourself comfortable.

The Easter Worship Service on April 1 will be at 11 am.

Holy Week is a great opportunity to learn more about the Christian Faith. Everyone is

always welcome. Dress is casual - come as you are and enjoy learning the Word.

## Longhorn Golf Club tournament set for March 24

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club will host a tournament on Saturday, March 24, beginning at 9 am. For more information, call (325) 262-5277.

## Easter Eggstravaganza slated for March 31

First Baptist Church of Bronte will host an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 31, at the pavilion and baseball fields in Bronte.

The event will kick off at 11 am with bounce houses, games, and snow cones. A hot dog lunch will follow at 12 noon. Beginning at 12:45, an egg hunt will be held for all children 6th grade and under.

All are encouraged to attend for some free, family fun!

For more information, contact First Baptist Church at (325) 473-2331.

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**Youth Varmint Contest slated for March 24-25**

A youth varmint contest will be held in Miles, beginning at 11 am on Saturday, March 24, at the Young Farmers Building. The contest will begin at 4 pm on Saturday and end at 2 am, Sunday, March 25.

Teams must consist of no more than four people, with at least one team member being an adult. Any child enrolled in school is eligible to participate (excluding college students).

There will be 100% payout on at least first and second places. Additional places will be determined by the number of teams entered.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Bobcat - 10;
- Coyote - 5;
- Fox - 3;
- Raccoon - 2 (limit 10);
- Rabbits - 1 (limit 10);
- Headshots - 1.

In the event of a tie, the tiebreaker will be determined by the heaviest raccoon.

There will also be individual youth prizes for the heaviest fox and most headshots.

Trapping, baiting, and pooling of animals is prohibited. This is a state wide contest and all hunting laws must be followed. To keep the contest focused on the youth, adults may run the call and lights but will be allowed to shoot on every 5th set. Each team is responsible for properly disposing of their animals.

For more information, contact Jon Medina at (325) 212-3367.

**Walk Across Texas to kick off March 29**

The Walk Across Texas program will kick off Thursday, March 29, at 5:30 pm, at the Bronte Park. At this time, those interested can get information on the program and team registration. BMI checks will also be done for those who wish to compare at the end of the program.

Walk Across Texas is a free 8 week program for teams of 8 that will have a friendly competition to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or biking. Miles can also be logged by dancing, doing aerobics, or riding a stationary bike. Everyone's miles are recorded on the Texas map, which is posted in a public place so everyone can see your progress. The team that walks

the farthest "across Texas" will win, but everyone who participates will take home a healthy habit - walking for fitness!

A mid-program meeting will be held on April 26 at the Bronte Park for teams to check in and update everyone on their progress. There will also be a guest speaker who will talk to the group about low-impact physical activity options.

The program will wrap up on May 31 to tally up the final miles walked. Prizes will be awarded to the top team and the top walker on each team.

For questions or more information, please contact Kandice Everitt at (325) 453-2461 or kandice.everitt@ag.tamu.edu.

**Cooking Well classes set to begin April 9**

Cooking Well, a four-part, hands on cooking school will begin on Monday, April 9, at 6 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. The classes are for those with diabetes, those who prepare foods for someone who does, or just for someone who wants to learn how to cook healthier meals.

The dates for the course and their topic are listed below.

April 9 - Recognizing carbohydrates in recipes and using sweeteners effectively;

April 16 - How to make recipes with fat better for you (healthy fats and fat substitutions);

April 23 - Reducing sodium and increasing fiber;

April 30 - Special event recipes that are healthy and delicious.

The deadline to RSVP for the classes is Wednesday, April 4, and can be done by calling the Coke County Extension Office at (325) 453-2461.

For questions or additional information, contact Kandice Everitt at (325) 453-2461 or kandice.everitt@ag.tamu.edu.

**Early Voting begins April 23 for May 5 local election**

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

The City of Robert Lee will hold an election for the position of mayor and for three council members. The offices are currently held by Mayor Leroy Casey and council member Shaunna Grantham. Also open are the council member positions formerly held by Toni Rainwater and Joe Longoria. Leroy Casey has filed for re-election as mayor and will be joined on the ballot by Allyson Crenshaw and Shell Williams. Billy Williams, Nora Broadbent, Brandi Brosh, Ricky Green, and Casey Scruggs have all filed for seats on the Council.

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

filing for places on the council.

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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.

**CCRTA meeting held**

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met

Monday, March 19, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte for their monthly pot luck lunch and business meeting, with Janet Wommack presiding.

It was reported that three members would attend the state TRTA convention in San Antonio in April. Membership dues are being received from now through May. Payroll deduction is available.

Some TRTA members in the area join the organization direct and they are welcome to attend any meetings.

Texas Retired Teachers Association is the voice in Austin for all retired school personnel. It is also the organization from which a reliable source of information regarding retirement funds and health care is received. All school personnel, whether retired or active, should be aware of the political environment in Austin regarding retirement and health care functioning and also the well-being of public education.

The group was interested to hear from administrators from Robert Lee and Bronte regarding activities on their campuses, as well as the political maneuvering in Austin regarding property tax payments from local sources to the state coffers. It was emphasized that seeking out reliable sources of non-political information was important for public school personnel as well as voters.

**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 Bevil  
 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. Everette Boyce, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship

**Forgiven Ministries**

117 W. Main, Bronte  
 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am  
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

**St. James Catholic Church**

215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor  
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

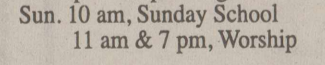
**4C Cowboy Church**

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 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

**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. 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

**Tennyson**

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
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 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor  
 www.pecanbaptist.org  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**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

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Rural community voters are encouraged to find out information regarding their property taxation, public education, and distribution of their taxes.

Members attending were Ann Hamilton, Gerald Sandusky, Pat and Martin Lee, Sheri Millican, Lana Goodman, Leva Self, Wanda Brewer, Aaron Hood, Mary Lawhon, Donna Stinnett, Kay and Paul Gothard, Jerita Taylor, and John Phillips. Special guests were Brother Lee and Cyndi Bevely of the First Baptist Church.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 16 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas. All public school personnel are especially invited for food and fellowship.

**Bronte ISD Board meeting/hearing minutes told**

**January 24, 2018 Board Meeting**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled board meeting on January 24, 2018.

Those in attendance included:  
 Board Members - Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell, Josh Schoenfield, Shane Kelton, Jodie Arrott;  
 Administration - Tim Siler, John Phillips, Jenny Baker;  
 Guests - Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton

The meeting was opened at 6:45 pm with a prayer by Blake Braswell.

A quorum was established at 6:46 pm with five members present. David McWright arrived at 6:48 pm and Jodie Arrott departed at 9:15 pm.

The minutes were presented and read and a motion to approve the December minutes as presented was made by Josh Schoenfield. The motion was seconded by Jodie Arrott. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed.

There were no audience items.

A motion to approve the bill listing for December as presented was made by Ashley Braswell and seconded by Josh Schoenfield. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

January is School Board Recognition Month. Many students and classes at Bronte ISD made different crafts or treats for the board members and all were greatly appreciated. A break was taken from 7:15 pm until 7:42 pm to enjoy the food, decorations, and treats prepared by the students.

**Update on Student Activities**

Mr. Phillips gave an update on school activities. He advised progress reports will be going out next week and Bronte ISD is getting ready for state testing. The Boys Varsity Basketball is currently 23-1 and Junior High Boys will have their first basketball tournament. The Coke County Stock Show will be held January 19-20 and Friday, January 19 will be a school holiday. There are 16 students showing animals at the Stock Show.

**Student Counts**

Mr. Phillips presented the Bronte ISD student counts and it is 234 total students. ADA is at 96.11% for the school year and 94.94% for January.

**Superintendent's Report Financial Report**

Mr. Siler gave an update on Bronte ISD's financial information. Mr. Siler advised finances are where they should be, but there is a budget amendment needed. January starts projection templates for next year. Current finances as of the meeting are looking close to the same as last year end. He also advised Marty Percy will replace four HVAC units in February, but has not made any decisions on the phone upgrade.

**May Board Election Update**

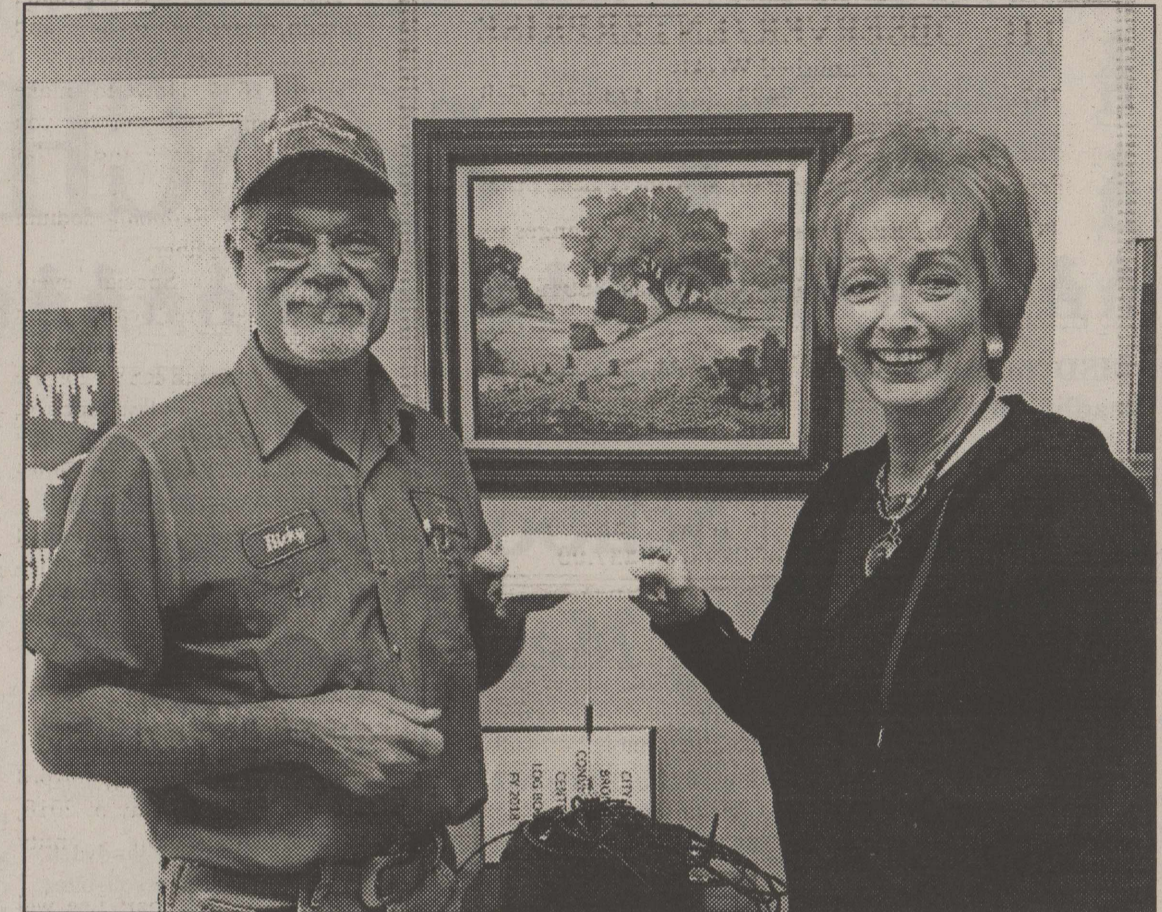
The Board Election will take place May 5. The first day to file will be January 17 and the last day will be February 16. Information has been posted in the newspaper, online, and at the school. The paperwork to file is located in the superintendent's office.

Mr. Siler requested \$50,000 be moved to the Capital Outlay line for the auditorium lighting upgrade. David McWright made a motion to amend the budget as requested with Jodie Arrott seconding. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Blake Braswell made a motion to order the school board election and Josh Schoenfield seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve Jenny Baker as Early Voting Clerk. Blake Braswell seconded. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion Passed.

Executive Session items require a closed meeting as authorized by Section 551.001 through 551.146 of the Texas Government Code. The Board entered into executive session at 7:43 pm and came out at 10:01



**Donation!** Denise Galloway, representing the Sorosis Study Club, presents Ricky Royall, Utilities Director for the City of Bronte, with a donation to the City of Bronte for feeding the inmates who mow Fairview Cemetery.

pm. There was discussion on the Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract, however no action was taken.

The February Board meeting will take place on Thursday, February 8 at 7 pm.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Blake Braswell seconded. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.

**School First Public Hearing**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a School First Public Hearing on January 24, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the Bronte ISD Board room.

Those in attendance included: Board Members - Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell, Josh

Schoenfield, Shane Kelton; Administration - Tim Siler, John Phillips, Jenny Baker; Guests - Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood

The call to order was made at 6:32 pm.

School First, Financial Accountability Rating System, determines the fiscal responsibility of the district.

Bronte ISD's rating was a 100, which is a Superior rating. Mr. Siler went over the different criteria and also advised that his contract with Bronte ISD is

public for anyone to view.

There were no public comments. The hearing was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

**Texas Academic Performance Rating System Public Hearing**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Texas Academic Performance Rating System Public Hearing on January 24, 2018, at 6:15 pm in the Bronte ISD Board room.

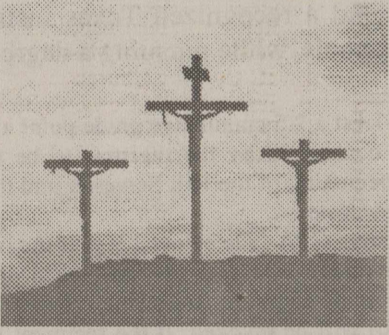
Those in attendance included: Board Members - Blake Braswell, Shane Kelton, Ashley Braswell, Josh Schoenfield;

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**HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE**

*All facilities of this bank will close at 1:00 pm Friday, March 30*

In Observance Of



Good Friday

Please plan your banking requirements during regular banking hours to avoid any inconvenience.

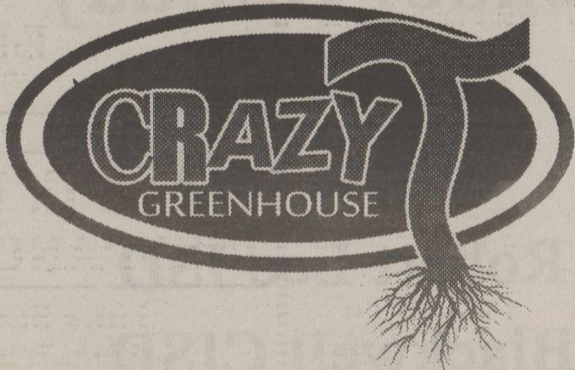
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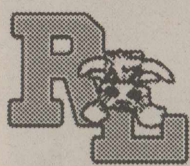
**When: Friday, March 30**  
**Where: Robert Lee State Bank**  
**Time: 9:00 am**

*All proceeds will go towards the Kirk Bagwell Memorial Scholarship benefitting the RLHS 2018 Seniors.*



**Thursday & Friday 8 am to 10 am**  
**Saturday 8 am - 2 pm**  
**Good Friday 8 am - 2 pm**

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# SCHOOL PAGE

## BISD Yearbook Order deadline set for May 10

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

## RLHS, RLJH announce cheerleaders

Cheering for the 2018-2019 Robert Lee High School Steers will be Kinsey Anderson, McKenzie Bachmann, Kelby Clawson, Jaycee Crisp, Jade Laxton, and Zoe Tijerina.

Kailey Bradshaw, Cambreigh Fluhmann, Kailey Freeman, Kristen Moreno, Zoey Nichols, and Myrka Sosa will be cheering for the Robert Lee Junior High Dogies next year.

## Coke County 4-H Rifle Team information

The Coke County 4-H Rifle Team will be competing at the 11th Annual Charlie Greenway Silhouette Match in Baird on April 7, followed by the Brownwood Extravaganza on April 20-21. The District 7 Match will be held on April 28 in Brady.

Practices will be held on the following dates at 1:30 pm: April 15, April 22, April 29.



## Robert Lee ISD

### Breakfast

#### Monday, March 26

Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

*Head Start - Same as above*

#### Tuesday, March 27

Burrito, hash browns, fruit, juice, milk

*Head Start - Same as above*

#### Wednesday, March 28

Chicken-n-waffles, fruit, juice, milk

*Head Start - Same as above*

#### Thursday, March 29

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

*Head Start - Same as above*

#### Friday, March 30

School Holiday

### Lunch

#### Monday, March 26

Texas basket, veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

*Head Start - Same as above*

## Tuesday, March 27

Tex-Mex stack, salsa, charro beans, tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk

*Head Start - Tex-Mex stack, charro beans, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk*

## Wednesday, March 28

Chicken Alfredo, breadstick, Tuscan vegetables, salad, peaches, cookie, milk

*Head Start - Chicken Alfredo, breadstick, Tuscan vegetables, salad, peaches, milk*

## Thursday, March 29

Grilled cheese sandwich, multigrain chips, broccoli bites, veggie cup, snowball salad, milk

*Head Start - Grilled cheese sandwich, sliced veggies, snowball salad, milk*

## Friday, March 30

School Holiday

## Bronte ISD

### Breakfast

#### Monday, March 26

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, March 27

Donut holes, fruit, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, March 28

PB&J, fruit, juice, milk

#### Thursday, March 29

BK Tornados, fruit, juice, milk

#### Friday, March 30

School Holiday

### Lunch

## Monday, March 26

Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, breaded okra, roll, strawberry cup, milk

## Tuesday, March 27

Chicken tenders, Texas toast, gravy, sweet potato fries or tots, broccoli, mixed fruit, milk

## Wednesday, March 28

Hamburger, ranch beans, carrot coins, hot cinnamon apples, milk

## Thursday, March 29

Chicken spaghetti, breadsticks, garden salad, vegetable medley, applesauce, milk

## Friday, March 30

School Holiday

## Blackwell CISD

### Breakfast

#### Monday, March 26

Assorted bagels, cream cheese, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, March 27

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

#### Wednesday, March 28

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

#### Thursday, March 29

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

#### Friday, March 30

School Holiday

### Lunch

#### Monday, March 26

Steak fingers, mashed

potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk

## Tuesday, March 27

Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, fruit, milk

## Wednesday, March 28

Lasagna, corn on the cob, garlic bread, salad, fruit, milk

## Thursday, March 29

Tangerine chicken or General Tso chicken, fried rice, chow mein noodles, fruit, milk

## Friday, March 30

School Holiday

## Editorial & Advertising

Deadline is 5 pm on Monday preceding publication.



## Early Release

March 23

Blackwell CISD

March 29

Robert Lee ISD

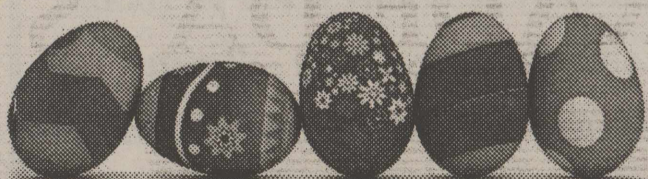
## School Holiday

March 30

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Robert Lee ISD

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## 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.

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

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

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

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

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

To apply for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship, visit [dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org). Applications must be received by online submission or postmarked by 5 pm (CST) April 20, 2018.

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at [MediaRelations@txdot.gov](mailto:MediaRelations@txdot.gov) or (512) 463-8700.

**...BISD Board Minutes**

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Administration - Tim Siler, John Phillips, Jenny Baker;

Guests - Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton

The call to order was made at 6:17 pm.

The Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR), formerly known as the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) reports, pull together a wide range of information annually on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas. The reports also provide extensive information on staff, programs, and demographics for each school and district.

Bronte ISD met the standard rating.

There were no public comments.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

**Barking Dogs and Progress**

by James M. Decker

Positivity in leadership and influence is a necessity in improving our communities. It's a necessity for several reasons (among other things):

- 1) to think beyond present circumstances;
- 2) to encourage others to see the big picture of a better future, and;

3) to push past the pessimists and complainers.

It's that third point that comes to my mind today, with a quote I ran across recently from Winston Churchill: "You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks."

It's inevitable that progress in our communities will face challenges. As I've talked about before, a lack of change in a community can turn to stagnation and decline, and the stagnation and decline becomes hardened into the community culture with a view of "that's the way we've always done it." Doing things differently is a necessity if a community is to advance forward, but different ideas can seem like an affront to some who are deeply tied to old ideas and old ways.

And so I come to Churchill's barking dogs. It is neither practical nor good manners to simply ignore anyone and everyone who might disagree with you. If you are in a position of elected leadership, the folks who disagree are also your constituents, and you are as accountable to them as much as you are to the folks who support your ideas. Respectful disagreement, competing ideas, and sincere questions should be engaged and discussed. This is something that's been on my mind for a while - good communication by elected officials is enormously productive to relations with, and support from, citizens. Simply giving a "what" and a "why" goes a long way towards citizen support. Even if citizens don't fully understand or agree with the decision-making, they're more likely to be on board with something that's been communicated to them than being kept in the dark and told to stay out of it by the people serving them.

It takes wisdom to discern the sincere questions and respectful disagreement from the barking dogs, but it's a necessity of good leadership. Engage the fruitful conversations and realize that some barking dogs are simply that. If your idea was not front and center, they'd probably be



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barking at someone else's idea, and they probably will next week or next month. It can sap your time, energy, and enthusiasm to fight un-winnable battles with folks who simply want to bark more than discuss, and it distracts you from the fruitful conversations and your actual goals.

On the flip side of this topic: are you simply a barking dog? Whether we care to admit it or not, all of us have been that barking dog on at least one topic in our life. If you're simply barking at the folks trying to improve the topic, you're neither helping them improve it nor are you actually contributing to the improvement yourself. If you're not willing to improve it or help

those who are, at least stay out of the way and don't sap the energy of the folks who ARE trying.

Barking dogs are inevitable. Realize that, keep an eye out for them, and then keep them in their place. And please don't be one yourself. Focus your time and energy on engaging the fruitful conversations that make you, your ideas, and your

community stronger, and keep your eye on the bigger goals that will be there long after the dog starts barking at something else.

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](https://www.facebook.com/james.decker).

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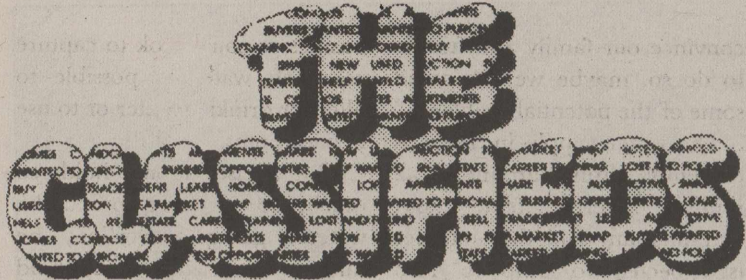
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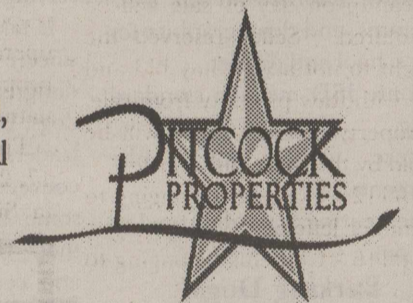
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

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The sale will begin at 10 am on Saturday, March 31st, 2018, at the corner of Highway 208 and Bishop.

All property (contents of storage units) generally described below will be sold at the public sale to the highest bidder for cash, check, or money order. Removal and cleanup on day of sale will be required. Seller reserved the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space will be sold by the space only.

#112 - Contents belonging to Jennifer Jefferson;

#116 - Contents belonging to Ray Mecher;

#143 - Contents belonging to Shawn Cason;

#157 - Contents belonging to Antonio Gonzales.

**SALE DATE: Saturday, March 31st, 2018, 10 am.**

**SALE LOCATIONS:**  
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**Annual Trash-Off cleanup day set for Saturday, April 7**

Mark your calendars for the Don't mess with Texas® Trash-Off annual cleanup on Saturday, April 7. The Trash-Off encourages Texans across the state to join forces and clear Texas roadsides of trash. Millions of pieces of litter accumulate on our roadways each year, which means we need your help.

Everyone can participate! Volunteers come from all walks

of life: students, business leaders, civic and non-profit organizations, individuals, families, community groups, sororities, fraternities, sports teams, military, etc. If you have some free time, please volunteer and make a difference.

The Don't mess with Texas® Trash-Off is the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state and serves as Texas' signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program.

The Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off is part of TxDOT's litter prevention program, which includes Don't mess with Texas, Adopt-a-Highway, and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful.

Be a part of this great event. Your participation sends a clear message to Texans everywhere: The smallest efforts really do make the biggest difference. Take pride in the fact that you are part of making our great state beautiful.

Join this event and help make a difference! Sign up online at [www.ktb.org/don-t-mess-with-texas-trash-off](http://www.ktb.org/don-t-mess-with-texas-trash-off) or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

**West Texas Gas to hold first responder course**

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

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

The event will be held April 17, 2018, at the James Gas Plant in Silver. Registration is from

9:30 am until 10 am, with the class following from 10 am until 11 am. Lunch will begin at 12 noon, following the Mock Line Strike from 11 am until 12 noon. The event will conclude with the facility tour from 12:30 pm until 1 pm.

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

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

**Find more water through landscaping**

By Justin Walker

Widespread drought conditions impact the Lone Star State, but a Texas A&M AgriLife Research environmental horticulturist says more water can be found through conservation.

Daniel Cunningham, the horticulturist working with AgriLife's Urban Water program, Water University, said it is possible to gather additional rainfall for both indoor and outdoor use. Cunningham referenced Amarillo as an example, where the city receives twice as much water from rainfall as the residents' demand. "Can we capture all that water? Certainly not," he said. "But it's something to think about. If we are getting twice as much as we need, it does make you wonder how much more you can capture on your property to use as an alternative water source."

Through Water University, Cunningham works to have people change their behavior in regard to water conservation by turning faucet and irrigation controls off, especially in times of insufficient rainfall conditions.

"There are certain parts of Texas where we are blessed with good rainfall, but then there are other parts like West Texas and the Panhandle that don't see as much rainfall," he said. "It's not if, but when, we will see a drought. If we can make conservation efforts now and

convince our family and friends to do so, maybe we can avoid some of the potential problems."

The water supply in Texas is currently sitting around 15.2 million acre feet, but Cunningham said that number is expected to drop to 13.6 million acre feet. At the same time, population levels in the state are expected to skyrocket from 29.5 million to 51 million.

"It is imperative we look at conservation as a source of more water," he said. "One of the best ways to achieve conservation is through education and outreach."

Cunningham suggested rainwater harvesting barrels or cisterns for homeowners, while

businesses could look to capture as much water as possible to filter for drinking water or to use in bathrooms.

"But a cistern only holds so much, so at some point the water is going to overflow," he said. "We can actually hold more water in a landscape itself than we could ever capture in tanks. Landscapes designed to shunt the water off as quickly as possible don't make sense. Landscapes that have rain gardens or depressions to slow down the water and allow them to fill up first before they overflow down the storm drains are much better."

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### ...Water and Landscaping

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Cunningham outlined landscaping aspects homeowners should use in order to decrease the need for water. They include rainwater harvesting or greywater harvesting, native or adapted plants, pervious paving, edible landscaping, rain gardens, drip/efficient irrigation and reduced lawn area.

"Build landscapes as resilient as possible to drought, and we will be better off when those droughts do come," Cunningham said.

Some other tips he offered includes:

Create healthy vibrant water-efficient landscapes without sacrificing aesthetics.

Water only when needed.

Water deeply to promote deep and healthy roots. Frequent watering does not encourage deep root growth.

Water slowly for better absorption. Use drip wherever possible and the "cycle and soak" method.

Maintain 2-4 inches of mulch in flower, ground cover, garden and shrub areas to hold the water for a longer period of time.

Design for efficiency.

Install irrigation systems for efficient use per state and local specifications.

Water without creating runoff. "The concrete is growing fast enough already. It doesn't need to be watered."

Check irrigation systems monthly and make repairs and adjustments when needed.

For more information, including tips and ideas for landscaping conservation, visit [Wateruniversity.tamu.edu](http://Wateruniversity.tamu.edu).

### Finish the Race

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

Imagine if you were injured bad, the bleeding out kind of bad. You get into the truck, you're feeling faint. You have pressure on the wound and are heading to the emergency room. You know if you stop or give up you're going to die. Would you be concerned about the people standing on the side of the road? Maybe they don't like you. Maybe they talk about you all the time. Would it matter? There could be someone trying to block the road. Would that stop you? What if they were telling you all you need is an aspirin? Would you listen? No, you wouldn't. There would be nothing that

would slow you down or stop you!

Jesus is the only thing that will save you from hell. Jesus is the only thing that can bring you the thing you need most. That is Himself. In our walk there are always distractions. Jesus says to forgive and go on. Just like the people beside the road if you are truly focused on Jesus it is not that hard to realize they are not the end goal. Things other than Jesus get offered to us all the

time but it won't work. Jesus is the only cure.

Now what if it was someone else bleeding out? Would you help? Or be that someone on the side offering aspirin? Would you drive them and ignore everyone else telling you don't worry about them? Who are you today?

Hebrews 12:2 "looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the

cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

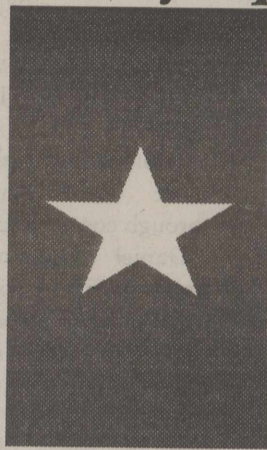
Keep your eyes on Jesus. Do not lose yourself in the distractions.

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

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## Local Entity Elections

### Early Voting

## April 23, 2018 through May 1, 2018

### Election Day

## Saturday, May 5, 2018

## Primary Run-Off Election

(Commissioner, Precinct 2)

### Early Voting

## May 14, 2018 through May 18, 2018

### Election Day

## Tuesday, May 22, 2018