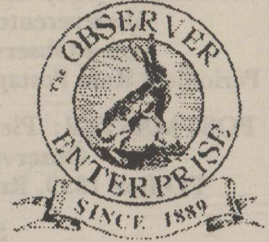


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Robert Lee woman indicted on murder charge

A Coke County Grand Jury indicted Jasmine Moreno Thursday, July 12, 2018, for the murder of her husband, Cisco Moreno. On Tuesday, June 26, 2018, Mrs. Moreno was taken into custody and booked into Rannels County Jail. She was released the following day after posting bond.

During an interview with Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and Texas Ranger Nick Hanna, Mrs. Moreno admitted to shooting Mr. Moreno multiple times in the kitchen of their home on Euel Street in Robert Lee early Sunday morning, June 24, 2018, during a domestic dispute.

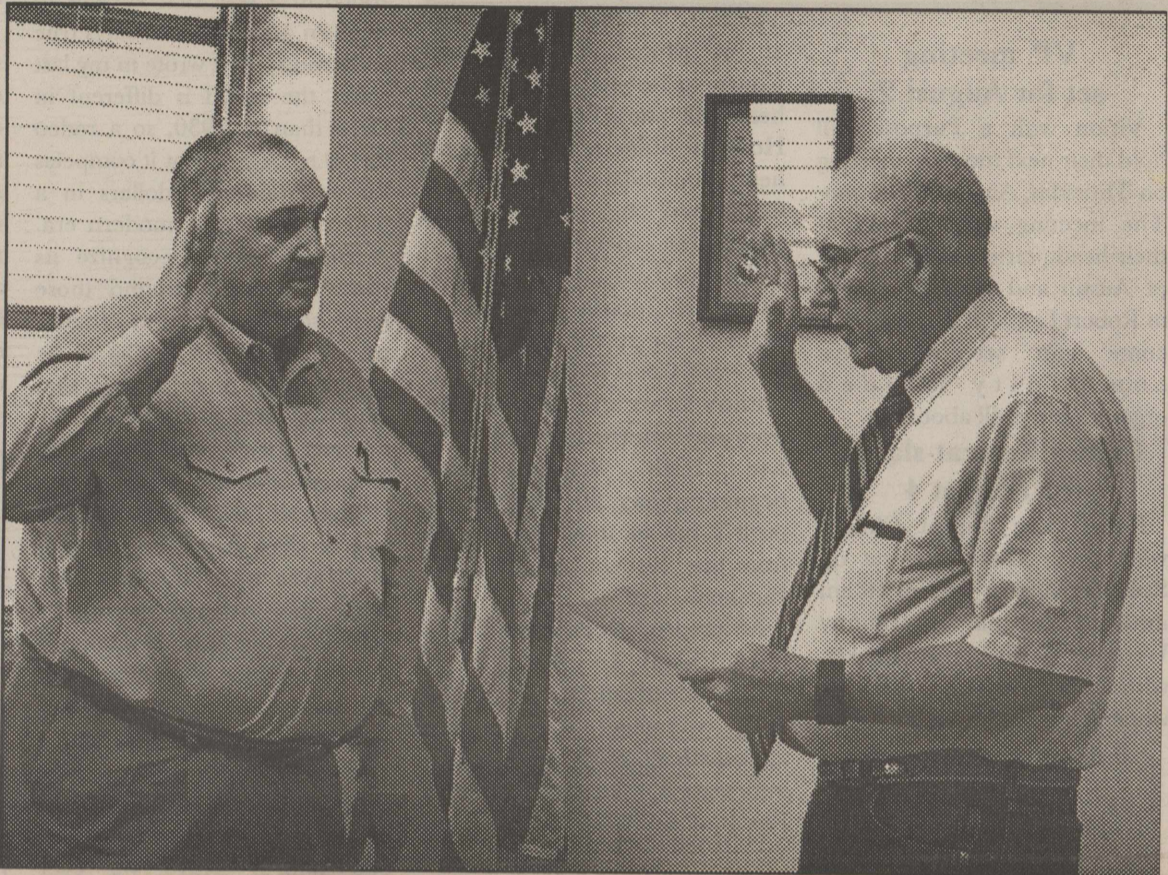
Festival to be held at St. James Catholic Church

St. James Catholic Church will hold their first annual festival on Saturday, July 21, from 9 am until 1 pm. Menudo and breakfast burritos will be available for breakfast, with pulled pork sandwiches on the menu for lunch. Bingo and kids games will be held, as well as a

raffle drawing for prizes. All are invited to the festival to be held at the church, located at 302 N. Washington in Bronte.

BHS Color Guard to host Car Wash Fundraiser

The Bronte High School Color Guard will be hosting a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, July 21, from 10 am until 2 pm, in the



Justice of the Peace! Coke County Judge Roy Blair (left) swears in Russell Johnson as the new Justice of the Peace on Monday, July 16, 2018. Johnson, a former Coke County Sheriff's Deputy, replaced longtime Justice of the Peace, Jackie Walker. Walker is now the Municipal Judge for the City of Robert Lee.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, July 21

Bronte High School Color Guard Car Wash Fundraiser, 10 am - 2 pm, First National Bank in Bronte Parking Lot

St. James Catholic Church Festival, 9 am - 1 pm, St. James Catholic Church, Bronte

Sunday, July 22

Vacation Bible School Registration, 1:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, Bronte

Vacation Bible School, 2 pm - 4 pm, First United Methodist Church, Bronte

Monday, July 23

Vacation Bible School, 10 am - 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Bronte

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm, Bronte Pool

Tuesday, July 24

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

Vacation Bible School, 10 am - 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Bronte

Wednesday, July 25

Junior Golf Clinic, 9:30 am - 11 am, Bronte Longhorn Golf Club

Thursday, July 26

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm, Bronte Pool

parking lot of the First National Bank in Bronte. The fundraiser will be by donation only and everyone is invited to enjoy a Coke float while their car is being washed. Funds raised will be used to purchase new uniforms.

Junior Golf Clinic slated for Bronte

A free junior golf clinic for children ages 6 and up will be held from 9:30 am until 11 am on Wednesday, July 25, and Wednesday, August 1, at the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club. Food and drinks will be provided.

For more information, contact the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at (325) 473-2156.

Bronteoberfest planning meeting set for July 26

The first planning meeting for the annual Bronteoberfest event will be held Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 6 pm at the Blue Goose in downtown Bronte. The fourth annual Bronteoberfest is

set for Saturday, October 20, 2018.

Anyone interested in volunteering during Bronteoberfest is encouraged to attend the planning meeting.

FUMC-Bronte to host VBS

First United Methodist Church of Bronte will host Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 22, from 2 pm until 4 pm, and Monday, July 23, and Tuesday, July 24, from 10 am until 12 pm. Registration for VBS will be held Sunday, July 22, at 1:30 pm. This event is open to all children in Pre-K through 6th grade.

For more information, call (325) 650-2122.

RLVFD to host fried chicken dinner

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will host a fried chicken dinner on Sunday, July 29, from 11 am until 1 pm at the fire station in Robert Lee. The fried chicken plate includes 2

pieces of chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, and a dessert.

Tickets for the meal are available in advance at Ivey Motor Company, USDA Service Center, and Coke County Feed.

A 16 piece bucket of chicken only will also be available for purchase. To place an order for a bucket, please call (325) 262-2529 or email robertleevfd@gmail.com.

RL Mini Cheer Camp slated for July 30 - August 3

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will host their annual Mini Cheer Camp July 30 through August 3. The camp will be held from 9 am until 11 am each day at the school tennis courts. Snacks will be available for sale and students will need to bring a water bottle each day of camp. Also new Steer shirts will be for sale that week.

For more information, contact Maranda Hood by email at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

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VP meeting set for August 2

Vision with a Purpose will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday, August 2, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held at their headquarters at the corner of Austin and West 7th streets in Robert Lee. All are invited to come and see what this community-minded organization is all about!

Ladies Retreat slated for August 4

Robert Lee Baptist Church will host a Ladies Retreat on Saturday, August 4, from 10 am until 2:15 pm. Tammy Whitehurst will be the speaker, with Tammy Aten as the worship leader.

Bronte Elementary School Supply Distribution set for August 4

Bronte Elementary School supplies will be distributed Sunday, August 4, from 2 pm until 4 pm at the Bronte Church of Christ.

If anyone would like to make a donation to this cause, you may do so at any of the Bronte churches.

RLBC summer lunch delivery available

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be delivering lunches to children ages 4 - 18 at home within the city limits of Robert Lee. The lunches are delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through August 10. There are no qualifications to be included, just forms for delivery. The forms may be picked up at the church, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

For more information, contact the church at (325) 453-2724 or Erin Oleksiuk at (325) 656-9884.

Golf tournament slated for August 12

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club will host a golf tournament on Sunday, August 12, beginning at 9 am. The 18 hole tournament will be 3 person, best drive, everyone plays their own ball.

For more information, call (325) 473-2156 or (325) 262-6617.

Color Run/Fun Walk set for August 25

The Robert Lee Junior High Cheerleaders will be hosting a 5K Color Run/1K Fun Walk on Saturday, August 25, 2018,

at the Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The first heat will start from the Club House at 8 am, with the second heat immediately following. Color will be provided and registration includes a Dogie Color Run t-shirt if registered by August 15. Extra color will be available for purchase, as well as any extra Color Run t-shirts.

Entry forms may be picked up from and returned to the Robert Lee High School office beginning July 30 from 9 am until 3 pm or may be printed from the "Robert Lee Athletics" Facebook page.

All proceeds benefit the 2018-2019 Robert Lee Junior High Dogie Cheerleaders. Donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated! For more information, contact Shanna Freeman at (325) 453-4555 or shanna.freeman@rlisd.net.

Please come out and make this a fun family event for the whole community!

Water Aerobics to be held

Ladies water aerobics will be held each Monday and Thursday at the Bronte Pool, beginning at 6:15 pm.



Traditions and Habits

by James M. Decker

I had a conversation late in the Texas Cowboy Reunion week that's been on my mind ever since. The TCR's announcer, West Huggins, has a great mind for presentation of a rodeo in a way that appeals to modern audiences but stays true to its roots. As I wrote in my last essay, the world is different in 2018 than in 1930, so a rodeo has to recognize that it competes for entertainment dollars in a different way in a modern era. A rodeo has to recognize its roots and build around those roots, so that the event remains true to itself, but it has to be presented in such a way that captures the attention of modern society and appeals to its target audience.

West and I were discussing how many rodeos struggle to adapt, or don't even try. He said that a rodeo has to build around its traditions, but then he dropped this line on me: it's important to tell the difference between "traditions" and "bad habits."

How often do our communities tell the difference between our traditions and our bad habits? Have we ever actually thought about the difference? A typical definition of "tradition" includes passing on a set of customs and/or beliefs. In our minds, we tend to view "tradition" as passing on of something good and positive to a future group of people. But are we actually doing that? Or

have we entrenched certain "traditions" into our communities without seriously examining those so-called traditions to determine whether they are actually a good thing?

The most fitting phrase for this topic is something we've all heard before: "that's the way we've always done it." It's a common objection to new, different, or unfamiliar ideas in our communities. As I've written before, "that's the way we've always done it" is only a good thing if "the way we've always done it" is successful and continues to be successful.

Sometimes, an idea is successful for a while, but after changes in populations, economies, or the world around us, that idea stops being successful. We can do one of two things: we can recognize that circumstances have changed and recalibrate our tradition to fit the new circumstances, or we can ignore the new circumstances and let our once-successful tradition slide into a

bad habit.

We in Stamford have learned in the last few years with the blossoming of the Texas Cowboy Reunion that the distinction between a tradition and a bad habit is critical. If you have positive traditions in your event or in your community, identify them. Figure out how to build on these traditions and build around them for the modern world, for the audience that you need to capture. But be objective and analyze your "traditions." Some traditions are outdated and have turned to bad habits. Others might never have been good traditions and have been bad habits for a long time.

Look critically, think boldly. You might be surprised just what opportunities exist in your community.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor 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.

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 PO Box 346

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 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

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 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor

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 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am
 Worship, Wed 5:30 pm Bible Study

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
 (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
 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

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 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



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Notes from... the Mayor of Robert Lee

by Allyson Crenshaw
We've had a lot of changes at City Hall in Robert Lee! Most of you already know we hired a City Secretary, Crystal Blevins. She has been with us several weeks and has been invaluable! There is no way I could have done this without her. We still have a long way to go but we're getting some traction. There's progress every day, mostly thanks to Crystal.

Irene Gamboa was hired as the front office billing clerk. Irene has great computer skills, is catching on to our system very quickly, and has a fantastic personality for the front office position. She speaks Spanish, which is important for some Robert Lee residents. Irene's husband is the new varsity boys basketball coach. She and her family are new in town but I'm sure we will get to know them quickly.

Luke Sheldon was hired as a water and grounds worker and we look forward to him starting on Monday. Luke is a volunteer firefighter and has previously worked at Super H and The Pie. I asked numerous people about him and they all said he's very smart, professional, and a hard worker. We have also hired Kyle Breznak part-time as we try to catch up on some things like routine maintenance and countless repairs to our water and sewer facilities. Kyle is also a volunteer firefighter and currently works for

TXDOT full-time. He works for us evenings and weekends so don't be surprised when you see him out during odd hours.

Most of you are aware of the transition with our animal control officer. We have contracted with Scott Henson. He completed training last week and is officially on the job! Animal control is an issue many people care about very deeply and I want to reassure everyone that Scott is dedicated to taking care of the animal problems we have in a humane way. He is planning to work with rescue groups as much as possible and has already reached out to several people involved in rescues. He has many good ideas about education and awareness about rabies. There are many animal issues in Robert Lee that people do not think about such as bees, bats, and snakes and, of course, all the things we do think about like skunks, raccoons, cats, and dogs.

We really appreciate Scotty Jackson for helping us get the flag pole in front of City Hall fixed.

The water bills are back on the regular schedule and water shut-offs due to non-payment were done in June for the first time in over 6 months. Past billing errors are being corrected as we hear about the problems. Crystal, Irene, and I want to earn your confidence in City Hall and we are working hard to achieve that goal.

Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved for the Coke County Annex to be used for the Coke County Justice of the Peace. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and carried. Opposed were Commissioners Millican and Robertson.

Commissioner Millican moved to discontinue the electricity service with CVEC at the Robert Lee Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik.

The Court discussed the establishment of a bank account at the First National Bank in Bronte or the Robert Lee State Bank for the new Justice of the Peace, Russell Johnson, with the following signatories - Hal Spain, Vallery Johnson, and Mary Grim. Commissioner Williams moved to approve as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Line Item Transfers were presented by Auditor Vallery Johnson. Commissioner Williams moved to approve as presented and the motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that he would be gone June 28 - July 9. He also reported on the autopsy bill, Joyce Roach falling at the Senior Building in Robert Lee, and the retirement party for Justice of the Peace, Jackie Walker.

Treasurer Hal Spain reported that he would be attending CIO School.

Commissioner Robertson moved to pay the bills. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:44 am.

Bronte ISD Board Meeting minutes told March 20, 2018

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled board meeting on March 20, 2018, at 7 pm. Those in attendance were Board Members Blake Braswell, Josh Schoenfield, Shane Kelton, Ashley Braswell, Jodie Arrott, David McWright, and John Seales. Bronte ISD Superintendent Tim Siler and Accounts Payable Manager Jenny Baker were also in attendance.

The meeting was opened at 7:15 pm with a prayer by Blake Braswell.

Quorum was established at 7:15 pm with seven members present.

A motion was made by David McWright to approve the February minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Jodie Arrott, passed 7 - 0.

There were no audience items.

A motion was made by Ashley Braswell to approve the bill listing as presented. The motion, seconded by Josh Schoenfield, passed 7 - 0.

Mr. Siler gave an update on

school activities. BISD is in the middle of spring sports with the high school girls winning the Eden Golf Tournament. District Golf will take place next week. District UIL will be held on Saturday, March 24. One Act play performed and FFA is done with stock show season. There are approximately 39 school days left and everyone is getting ready for testing. Mr. Siler also presented the BISD student count of 231 total students.

Board training (Team of 8 and Senate Bill 1566) will take place after the school board election in May.

Mr. Siler advised the Site-Based Retreat will take place on Thursday, April 19, at 6 pm, possibly at the Williams Building.

Mr. Siler presented the financial update on the current budget. BISD is approximately 50% of the way through, but is looking okay so far. Function 13 is sitting higher than normal due to training and conferences. Breakfast/lunch is pulling in less revenue than in the past, which may cause some of the supplemental to be used. The template revenue is down due to loss of enrollment and low ADA. There is a possibility of ending the year down approximately \$13,564.

Mr. Siler gave an update on the Property Value Study. This situation has been ongoing after an appeal was made to keep values at local levels. Bronte ISD is looking at a possible loss of \$180,000 due to property values being raised to state levels.

Based off of current year taxes and ADA, payroll is the biggest expenditure and needs to be lowered to under \$2 million but Mr. Siler is continuing to work on a plan for the future of Bronte ISD.

Mr. Siler presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed changes to the FIRST ratings effective in 2021, including changes to Financial Accountability and Ceiling Indicators.

No amendments were made to the 2017-2018 budget.

A break was taken from 9:19 pm until 9:30 pm.

The board entered into Executive Session at 9:30 pm

and returned at 10:33 pm.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Blake Braswell seconded. The motion passed 7 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

April 16, 2018

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled board meeting on April 16, 2018, at 7 pm. Those in attendance were Board Members Blake Braswell, Josh Schoenfield, Shane Kelton, Ashley Braswell, Jodie Arrott, David McWright, and John Seales. Superintendent Tim Siler, Principal John Phillips, and Accounts Payable Manager Jenny Baker were also in attendance.

The meeting was opened at 7:04 pm with a prayer by David McWright.

A quorum was established at 7:04 pm with seven members present.

A motion was made by David McWright to approve the March minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Josh Schoenfield, passed 7 - 0.

Audience Items

Angel Cervenka showed her support for the band, including giving an update on the band's performance and how the band boosters are helping with fundraising to offset the costs associated with the band. She also praised Bryan Swecker for driving the bus for the band.

Melissa Pittman spoke regarding the Special Education department from the perspective of a teacher and a parent to a Special Education student. She praised the teachers for being creative and adapting to provide for each student, including the use of a "black room" for stimulation and new techniques in band to help with participation. She showed concern for the path down to the track not meeting ADA requirements.

Dustin Holland voiced his opinion on the Special Education department and how he has not been happy with his child's education at BISD, but showed concern over changes recently made that don't seem to be working as well as they have previously. He expressed displeasure of the significant change made at the end of the year without any explanation to the parents and feels parents need more say in their child's education.

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County Commissioners Court Meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session on June 26, 2018, at 9 am at the County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the payroll as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved

to approve accounts payable for payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.


Commissioner Williams moved to accept the donation of decorative rocks for the Bronte Park from Mark Moore. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agreements between the Cities of Robert Lee and Bronte, Coke County, and the Coke County Sheriff's Office for Coke County deputies to serve as Ordinance Officers within the city limits as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.


No action was taken on salary funding for MHMR.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the bond for Assistant Auditor Olivia Trejo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and carried.


Commissioner Williams moved to appoint Russell Johnson as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, to fill the unexpired term. The motion, seconded by



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...BISD Board Minutes

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Wendy Hall also spoke regarding the Special Education Department. She stated that as a former Bronte student, BISD has a great tradition of bringing out the best in kids. She has a child in Special Education and has been pleased with the teachers at BISD who help and push the kids. Her child is very unhappy with the change in teacher and said many parents were unhappy as well, especially that there was no explanation given. She thinks a re-evaluation is needed and to do what is best for the kids.

A motion was made by Ashley Braswell to approve the bill listing as presented. The motion, seconded by Jodie Arrott, passed 7 - 0.

Mr. Siler advised on the current finances. Due to the decrease in enrollment, BISD is running below the budgeted estimate for the year. Mr. Siler is hoping the TRE will help with this. The budget was built on an ADA of 219, however the current ADA is 216. He also advised that we will be funded at state levels next year and is concerned with the loss of revenue and will possible have to shut off spending. There is a possibility we will end the year with a deficit budget.

Mr. Phillips gave an update on school activities. It has been a great year so far. BISD has regional qualifiers for both golf and tennis and area qualifiers in track. The first round of STAAR testing took place last week and Mr. Phillips praised the teachers and administration office for all of their hard work. There is one month and four days left in school and the library will be closing May 4. Mr. Philips also presented the BISD student count of 233 total students and a current ADA of 94.74%.

No action as taken on approving instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification.

Discussion and approval of summer school dates was tabled until the May meeting.

Mr. Siler presented the 2018-2019 school calendar the teachers voted for. The only major difference is the week off at Thanksgiving. A motion was made by Jodie Arrott to approve the school calendar as presented and was seconded by Blake Braswell. The motion passed 7 - 0.

The Site-Based Retreat will take place Thursday, April 19, at 6 pm at the Williams Building. Dinner will be provided and a discussion will be held with guest speakers, including past BHS graduates.

No amendments to the 2017-2018 budget were made.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to remove Gina McCutchen from the FNB signature card and was seconded by David McWright. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Josh Schoenfield made a motion to remove Gina McCutchen from the safe

deposit authorized access and was seconded by John Seales. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Blake Braswell made a motion to add Leigh Jernigan to the safe deposit authorized access and was seconded by Ashley Braswell. The motion passed 7 - 0.

The regular May meeting is set for May 17 at 7 pm. TASB Region 15 is having a workshop and Board Members can see if Mr. Siler is interested in attending.

The Board entered in to Executive Session at 7:38 pm and returned at 9:04 pm.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve the Auxiliary Personnel List as presented and was seconded by Blake Braswell. The motion passed 5 - 0. David McWright and Josh Schoenfield abstained.

David McWright made a motion to approve Probationary Contracts and was seconded by Ashley Braswell. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Blake Braswell made a motion to approve Term Contracts and Dual Assignment Term Contracts as presented and was seconded by Josh Schoenfield. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Mr. Siler recommended the non-renewal of Tammy Hortenstine for the following reasons: failure to perform services in compliance, insubordination, failure to meet the District's Code of Conduct, failure to maintain certification during the summer break, misrepresentation of facts/misleading comments, and failure to maintain CE certification. David McWright moved that the Board propose the non-renewal of Tammy Hortenstine's 2017-2018 term contract and authorize the Superintendent to provide the timely written notice of the board decision. The motion, seconded by Jodie Arrott, passed 5 - 2.

Jodie Arrott made a motion to approve the Term Contract for Certified Counselors as presented and was seconded by Blake Braswell. The motion passed 7 - 0.

David McWright made a motion to approve the offer of \$6000 from Alexander Green on Tax Deed R6498 and was seconded by Ashley Braswell. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Jodie Arrott made a motion to approve the offer of \$200 from Chanel and Walter Smith on



Scholarship! Kelsey Benson, a 2018 Robert Lee High School graduate, was recently presented with a \$500 scholarship from West Central Wireless. Kelsey was presented the scholarship by Kebo Ligon.

Tax Deed R6604 and was seconded by Josh Schoenfield. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by David McWright. The motion passed 7 - 0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

May 17, 2018

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled board meeting on May 17, 2018, at 7 pm. Those in attendance were Board Members Shane Kelton, Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell, Jodie Arrott, Terry Queen, and Josh Schoenfield. Superintendent Tim Siler, Principal John Phillips, and Accounts Payable Manager Jenny Baker were also in attendance. Guests present were Maureen Youngblood, Heather Middleton, Kinley Pritchard, Bethany Pritchard, and Cynthia Robinson.

The meeting was opened at 7:06 pm with prayer by Blake Braswell.

A quorum was established with six members present. John Seales arrived at 7:22 pm.

Kinley Pritchard addressed the Board with concerns regarding

the current administration and the direction of the school. He felt administration did not handle issues his family has had this year to satisfaction. He also felt the lack of concern by the administration made problems bigger than they should have been. He advised that he will be transferring his children out of school due to these issues and is concerned that other families will also make the same decision due to administration issues.

Certificate of Election was issued to newly re-elected board member, Ashley Braswell.

Jenny Baker administered the Oath of Office as a Notary Public to Ashley Braswell.

After every Trustee election, the Board must realign officers. Jodie Arrott made a motion, seconded by Ashley Braswell, to

elect Shane Kelton as President. The motion passed 6 - 0 with Shane Kelton abstaining. Jodie Arrott made a motion, seconded by Josh Schoenfield, to elect Blake Braswell as Vice-President. The motion passed 6 - 0 with Blake Braswell abstaining. A motion was made by Josh Schoenfield and seconded by Blake Braswell to elect Ashley Braswell as Secretary. The motion passed 6 - 0 with Ashley Braswell abstaining.

A motion was made by Josh Schoenfield to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Jodie Arrott. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve the bill listing for April as presented and was seconded by Josh Schoenfield. The motion passed 7 - 0.

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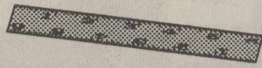
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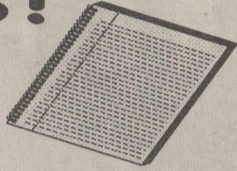
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Pre-K

- 2 boxes 8 count Crayons
- 2 packages glue sticks
- 1 package assorted construction paper
- 4 pencils
- 1 box quart size Ziploc bags
- 4 boxes Kleenex
- 1 set watercolors
- 1 package index cards
- 3 large disinfectant wipes
- 1 set of extra clothes
- 1 old large shirt to use for painting

Kindergarten

- 3 boxes 24 count Crayola brand crayons
- 3 glue sticks
- 6 regular yellow #2 pencils
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 small plastic school box
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 2 sturdy, slick plastic pocket folders (no brads)
- 1 sturdy, slick plastic pocket folder (with brads)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 package 3x5 index cards
- 1 towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- 1 backpack
- 1 set of extra clothes
- *initial each eraser and crayon
- *leave crayons in the original box
- *do not initial pencils or glue sticks

1st Grade

- 1 package Ticonderoga yellow pencils, 24 count
- 2 composition notebooks (100 sheets, wide ruled)
- 2 red plastic folders with brads and pockets
- 2 orange plastic folders with brads and pockets
- 2 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons
- 3 glue sticks
- Scissors
- 1 plastic box
- 2 pink erasers
- Watercolors
- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - gallon, boys - quart)
- Disinfectant wipes

2nd Grade

- 1 package Ticonderoga #2 yellow pencils (24 count)
- 2 composition notebooks (100 sheets, wide ruled)
- 4 plastic folders with pockets and brads (2 red and 2 blue)
- 2 boxes 24 count Crayola brand crayons
- Markers
- 3 glue sticks
- Scissors
- 1 plastic school box
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - gallon, boys - quart)

2 red pens

Disinfecting wipes

3rd Grade

- 1" Three ring binder with pockets
- 1 package yellow #2 pencils (at least 24 count)
- Pink erasers (at least 3)
- Crayons
- Markers
- Scissors
- 1 glue stick
- 2 highlighters
- Supply box for desk
- Backpack
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand Sanitizer (12 oz bottle)
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 2 packages wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - gallon, boys - quart)
- 1 box black expo markers
- 2 composition notebooks (100 sheets, wide ruled)
- 3 folders with 3 holes and pockets (any color, no brads)

4th Grade

- 1 school box (no bags)
- 1 package Expo markers for white board
- 1 box crayons (24 count)
- 1 box map pencils or colored pencils

Markers or sharpies

1 pair scissors

- 1 small package colored copy paper
- 1 bottle liquid glue or 3 glue sticks

24 pencils

2 composition notebooks

3 packages wide ruled notebook paper

1 plastic folder with brads and pockets (any color)

2 folders with 3 holes, pockets, and brads (any color)

2 one inch 3 ring binders

2 large tubs disinfectant wipes

3 boxes tissues

2 red pens

2 boxes pencil top erasers

1 pink eraser

5th Grade

1 school box or bag

2 packages wide ruled notebook paper

3 composition notebooks

1 package glue sticks

1 plastic folder with brads and pockets

4 folders with 3 holes and pockets (no brads)

24 pencils

2 red pens

Map pencils

Markers

2 black sharpies

1 package Expo markers

4 packages 3x5 index cards

1 small package colored construction paper

2 packages manila paper (12x18)

2 tubs disinfectant wipes

3 boxes Kleenex

- 1 small package zippered Ziploc bags
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 2 boxes pencil top erasers

6th Grade

- Pencils
- Pens
- Map pencils
- Markers
- Sharpies
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- 2 bottles liquid glue or 3 glue sticks

2 packages notebook paper

2 tubs disinfectant wipes

3 boxes Kleenex

School supply box or bag

1 package Expo markers

3 composition notebooks

2 one inch 3 ring binders

2 packages 3x5 white index cards

1 package dividers

Small ziploc bags

3 folders with 3 holes and pockets

Pencil top erasers

1 small package colored copy paper

Spanish Classes

- Colored markers - 1
- Thick, black Sharpie - 1
- Regular sized black Sharpie - 1
- Scissors - 1
- Bottled Glue - 1
- Glue Sticks - 2
- White poster board - 2
- Spiral notebook or composition book - 1
- Kleenex - 1

- Colored Pencils - 1
- Construction Paper - 1
- Bronte ISD**
- Pre-K/PPCD**
- Elmer's Glue - 2
- Elmer's Glue Sticks - 2
- Kleenex Facial Tissues - 2 boxes
- Clorox Wipes - 2
- Folder with pockets and brads - 1
- Germ X - 1
- Gallon Size Baggies - 1 box
- Scissors - 1
- Crayola Crayons - 2 boxes
- Markers - 1 box
- Watercolor Paint Set - 1
- School Box - 1
- *Large zippered top backpack
- *Blanket and pillow or nap mat
- *Set of extra clothing (weather appropriate)
- *Water Bottle
- *indicates items to be labeled with the child's name

Kindergarten

- Crayola crayons (primary colors only, 8 count only, no jumbo, no glitter) - 6 boxes
- Facial tissues (100 count) - 2 boxes
- No. 2 pencils - 12
- Crayola thick markers (10 count) - 1 box
- 4.0 oz Elmer's Glue (no Rose Art) - 2
- Dry erase markers (set of 4) - 1 set
- Color folders with bottom pockets only (no plastic, get various colors) - 10

- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors - 1
- Canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes - 1
- Pink bevel eraser - 2
- Small plastic school box (no zipper bags please) - 1
- School bag or backpack (large enough to hold folders) - 1
- 1/2" transparent tape - 1 roll
- Please label everything your child brings to school.

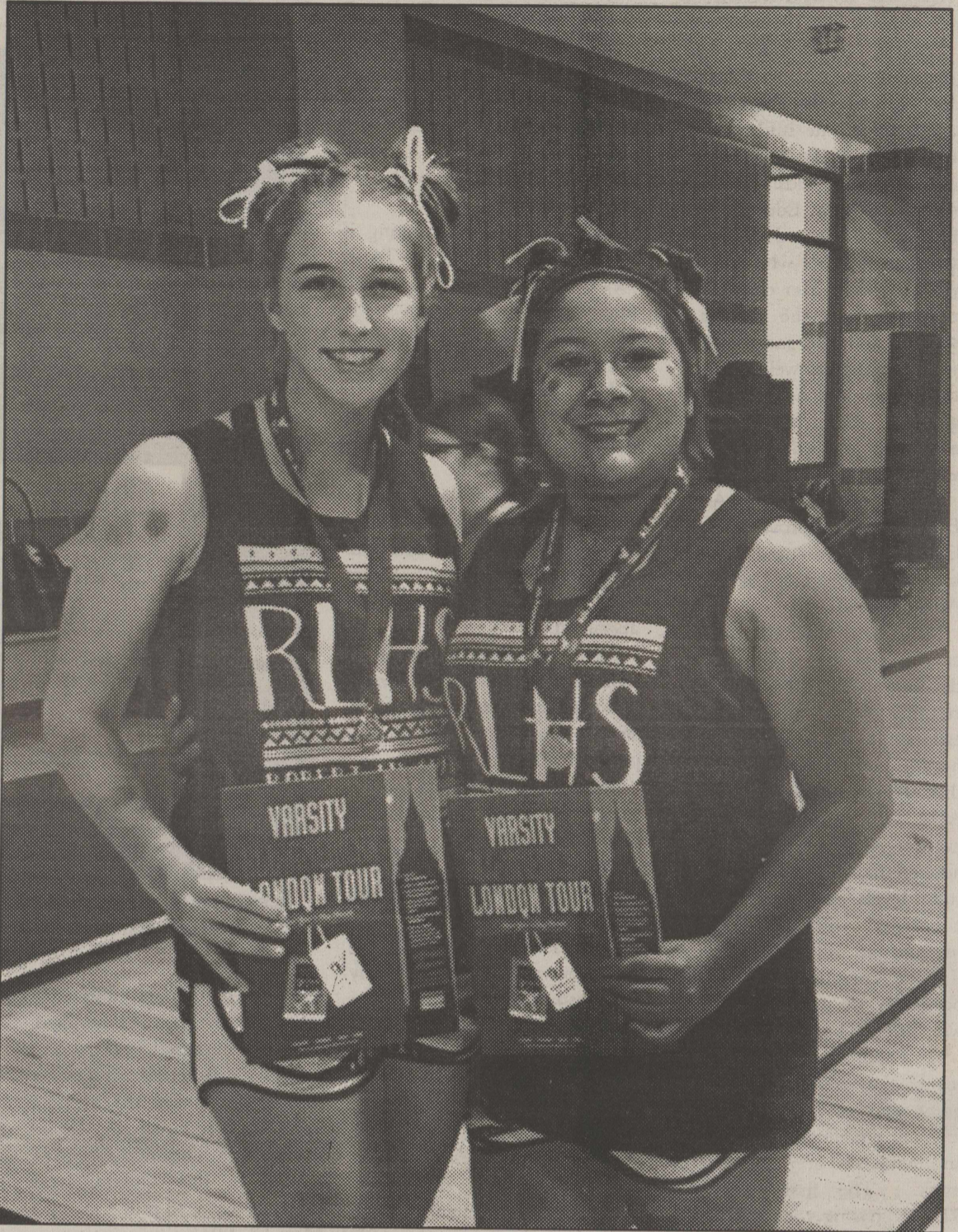
1st Grade

- Crayola crayons (16 count) - 2 boxes
- Facial tissues (100 count) - 2 boxes
- No. 2 pencils - 10
- Assorted plastic folders (pockets only) - 5
- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors - 1
- Glue sticks - 4
- Disinfectant wipes - 1
- Small pink erasers - 2
- Dry erase markers - 2 packages
- Plastic School Box - 1
- School Bag or Backpack - 1

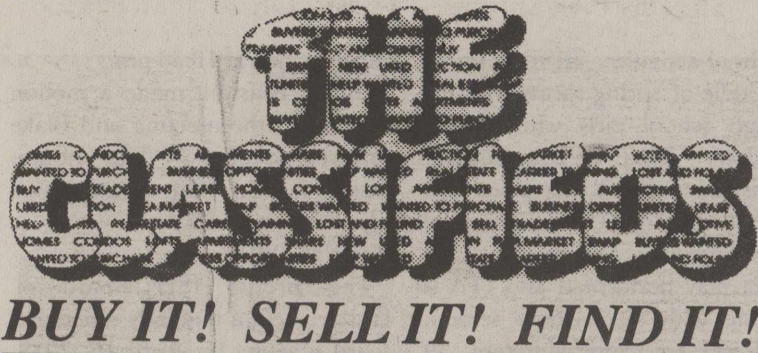
2nd Grade

- Crayons (24 count) - 1 box
- Kleenex - 2 boxes
- No. 2 pencils - 12
- Scissors - 1
- Pink erasers - 2
- School box - 1
- School bag or backpack - 1
- Folders with pockets - 8
- Ruler - 1
- Dry erase markers - 2
- Glue sticks - 5
- Large cloth book cover - 1
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - sandwich size, boys - gallon)

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All-American! Kelby Clawson (left) and Zoe Tijerina, cheerleaders at Robert Lee High School, both received the honor of All-American Cheerleader at UCA Cheer Camp. This honor qualifies them for a future trip to London, England.



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3rd Grade

- Crayons - 1 box
- Facial tissues - 1 box
- Permanent markers - 1
- Folders (pockets only) - 12
- Glue sticks - (1 package of at least 2)
- Notebook paper (wide ruled) - 1
- Ruler - 1
- Supply box/bag - 1

4th Grade

- Facial tissues (100 count) - 2 boxes
- No. 2 pencils (Ticonderoga) - 24
- School bag or backpack - 1
- Pocket folders - 2 paper and 4 plastic
- Jumbo cloth book covers - 2
- Notebook paper (wide ruled) - 1 package
- 1" 3 ring binder - 1
- Glue sticks - 2
- Highlighters - 2 yellow and 2 pink
- Crayola map pencils (12 count) - 1

5th Grade

- Facial tissues - 3 boxes
- Pocket folders (various colors/designs) - 3
- Plastic pocket folders - 2
- Index cards (4x6) - 1 package
- Pencil sharpener (hand held) - 1
- No. 2 pencils - 24
- Highlighters - 2 yellow and 2 pink
- Wide ruled notebook paper - 1 package
- Quart size Ziploc bags - 1 box
- 1" 3 ring binder - 1

6th Grade

- No. 2 pencils (Ticonderoga) - 12
- Facial tissues - 2 boxes
- Cloth book covers (jumbo size) - 2
- Plastic pocket folders - 3
- 1" 3 ring binder - 1
- Colored pencils (12 count, Crayola brand) - 1
- Highlighters - 2 yellow and 2 pink
- Paper pocket folders - 2
- Glue sticks - 4

Mrs. Taylor's Science Classes

- Notebook Paper

- Highlighters - 2 yellow
- Glue sticks - 12
- Zippered pencil/pen bag for 3-ring binder
- 1" 3 ring binder for Science notes and other work, separate from other classes)

- 1 set of dividers (titles for 5 sections)
- #2 pencils - 12
- Box of Kleenex
- 100 page composition notebook - 2
- Black or blue pens (no fluorescent or metallic colors)

Mrs. Middleton's Classes

- 3 ring binder
- 100 page composition book - 2
- Notebook paper (no spiral paper)
- Pencils/lead instruments
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- *Map Colors
- *1 box of Kleenex
- *Red pen

*indicates optional items

...Bronte ISD Board Meeting minutes

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Mr. Phillips gave an update on school activities. The end of the year is in full swing with many different activities taking place. The 8th grade promotion took place last week and high school graduation will be May 18. Kindergarten graduation, Wacky Water Days, and Elementary Awards have been held. The band scored 1's at contest recently, receiving "Best Class 1A Concert Band in Competition". The band will also be adding color guard next year. The Ag department had their banquet two weeks ago and elected officers. Karissa Cervenka was elected District FFA President. Bryton Percy and Jayden Speary have advanced to state in tennis and girls golf has advanced to state as well. Due to the high number of passing students, there is no need for summer school this year. Mr. Phillips also presented the BISD student count of 227 total students with an ADA of 95.28%.

Graduation will be held at 7 pm, May 18, in the new gym.

Terry Queen has registered for New Board Training.

Since today is the last day of the school year, Mr. Siler ran another template. There is a decrease in state money due to decline in enrollment. BISD is 71% of the way through the calendar year to date and advised there is three months of salary left. BISD also auctioned off 3 vehicles recently. The District appears to be on track financially for this year's budget and will be close to finishing positively.

Mr. Siler advised that legislative sessions begin in January and encouraged members to do their homework and vote.

Bronte ISD has been with Claims Administrative Services previously for Worker's Comp. They have advised if BISD signs a five year plan the fixed cost will continue. Blake Braswell made a motion to sign the five year plan and was seconded by Josh Schoenfield. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Mr. Siler advised the Ag Department needs \$80 moved from supplies to travel to cover the cost of judging season. Ashley Braswell made a motion to amend the budget as presented and was seconded by Terry Queen. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Stetson & Associates Inc., a nationally recognized firm from Houston, Texas, recently came and did a review of BISD's Special Education department. Mr. Siler presented their recommendation. The common theme was that BISD needs to provide more professional development and increase the use of technology in the department. They also noted a lack of collaboration between the special education teachers and non-special education teachers.

The Board entered in to Executive Session at 7:22 pm and returned at 9:04 pm.

Josh Schoenfield made a motion to offer the position of Boys Coach/Teacher to David



Fire! Local emergency units responded to this truck fire on Friday, July 13, 2018, at approximately 10:20 pm on Highway 277 north of the Coke/Tom Green County line. It is believe that either the tires or the axle were the cause of the fire on the truck that was hauling crude oil. The firefighters in attendance kept the tanker from exploding and the driver was able to get out without any injuries. The truck caused a small grass fire that the firefighters contained before it could get out of control. Highway 277 was shut down for close to 5 hours while the responders kept this potentially dangerous situation out of control. Emergency units responding included the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, Quail Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Coke County Sheriff's Office, and Coke County Constable's Office.

Jourmain Matta and was 7 - 0. seconded by Blake Braswell. The motion passed 7 - 0.

The June Board Meeting will be held June 6, 2018, at 5:55 pm.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to offer the position of secondary math teacher to Rikki Turner and was seconded by Jodie Arrott. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Jodie Arrott made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry Queen seconded. The motion passed 7 - 0.

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Mid-June showers brought some hope to farmers, but it remains uncertain how much they will aid local crops and livestock.

"Recent rains have been nice, but not receiving much in May really hurt," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said.

About half of the state is in some level of drought, compared to just two percent a year ago, according to the Drought Monitor. Precipitation numbers for the year are well behind the average, resulting in lost crops and shrinking livestock herds across Texas.

"Without adequate moisture, hay will be in short supply this year and our tanks and ponds will be low or completely dry," said.

Farmers and ranchers in the area have faced drought conditions in previous years. Lack of rain decreases crop yields and forces ranchers to cull their cattle herds.

John Ross said that while many are impacted by the current situation, farmers and ranchers will continue to be positive.

"We have to remain optimistic," John Ross said. "The rain will come—hopefully soon. But each day brings us a little closer to rain."

Applications Now Accepted for TPWD Drawn Hunt Permits

Hunters can start making plans for the upcoming seasons now by applying for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Drawn Hunts. The online system is currently accepting applications and the first hunt category deadline is coming up soon.

This year about 9,500 permits in 49 hunt categories are up for grabs for drawn hunts on public and private lands. Among the offerings available through the online system are hunts for white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn, turkey, alligator, exotic gemsbok, and scimitar-horned oryx.

New for this season, hunters will have an opportunity to draw special permit hunts for exotic Sambar deer, as well as for white-tailed deer, on the new Powderhorn Wildlife Management Area. Youth deer hunt permits on this unique coastal area will also be available. Also new this year, Palmetto State Park will be offering a youth archery deer hunt through an e-Postcard drawing.

In addition to drawn hunts managed by TPWD, the system includes applications for hunts administered by other entities, including almost 2,200 deer and exotic hunt positions on four U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges in Texas and 2,500 antlerless deer

permits for U.S. Forest Service properties in East Texas.

The program's highly-popular private lands dove hunt permit category will feature almost 150 hunt slots at seven prime locations around the state, including dove rich Uvalde, south of San Antonio near Pleasanton, north of Dallas/Ft. Worth in Young County, and newly acquired opportunities in Bell and Ellis counties. These permits are for dedicated hunt positions with quality dove hunting outfitters. Application fee is \$10 with no additional hunt permit fees for this category.

Among the program changes this year, all drawn hunts associated with the \$48 Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit will not be available for application until Aug. 15, when APH Permits go on sale. Applicants for e-Postcard hunts and USFS Antlerless Deer

Permits must have a current APH to apply. This change is intended bring the postcard hunts back to the way they functioned before the draw system went on-line.

"The second big change is limiting the number of youth applications per hunt category to three," said Kelly Edmiston, TPWD public hunts coordinator. "When the new online drawn system launched, you could apply to as many different areas as you wanted within a hunt category. Because of this, we have been experiencing a number of 'no shows' in cases where youth hunters were selected for multiple hunts within a youth hunt category. To ensure more youth have an opportunity to participate and increase attendance, this year applicants will only be allowed to select up to three hunt areas in the same youth hunt category."

Drawn hunt opportunities can be viewed online by category or by area via an interactive map and all applications, fee payments and permit issuance is handled electronically. To participate, applicants will need internet access, an email address and a credit or debit card. The Customer ID number from the applicant's hunting or fishing license is one of the easy ways to access the system.

Last year, the department received 155,000 applications for drawn hunts.

The first application deadlines are in August. August 1 is the deadline for the alligator hunt categories, pronghorn, youth deer, and the new private lands dove hunts, and August 15 is the deadline for archery deer, exotic, and javelina. Application deadlines are on the 1st and 15th of each month. A full list of category deadlines can be found online. Hunters can apply

up to 11:59 pm Central Time on the application deadline, and after the application is submitted, they can check their drawing status online at any time.

The Drawn Hunts program offers affordable hunting experiences throughout the state, including several Youth-Only hunt categories. Application fees vary depending on the hunt category. Adult hunters that are selected may also need to pay a Special Permit fee for regular hunts and extended hunts. Some categories, such as the Youth-Only hunts, require no application fees or permit fees. Permits are open to resident and non-resident hunters alike. Last year, about 4 percent of applicants were non-resident.

For more information or to get started in the application process visit the TPWD drawn hunts webpage. For questions, contact hunt@tpwd.texas.gov or call 512-389-4505 between 8 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday.

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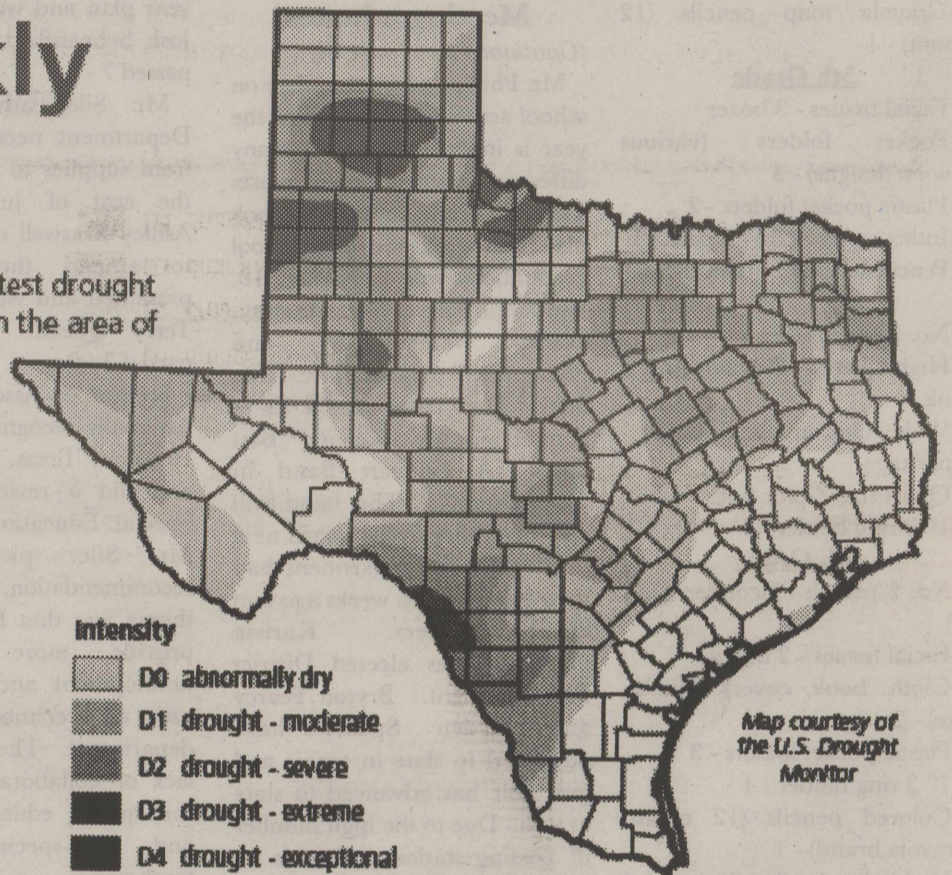
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Water conditions

Thanks to scattered rains since July 4, the latest drought map shows a 6 percentage point decrease in the area of the state impacted by drought. Exceptional drought was eliminated from the state as drought weakened near Del Rio. Drought intensified, however, west of Wichita Falls.

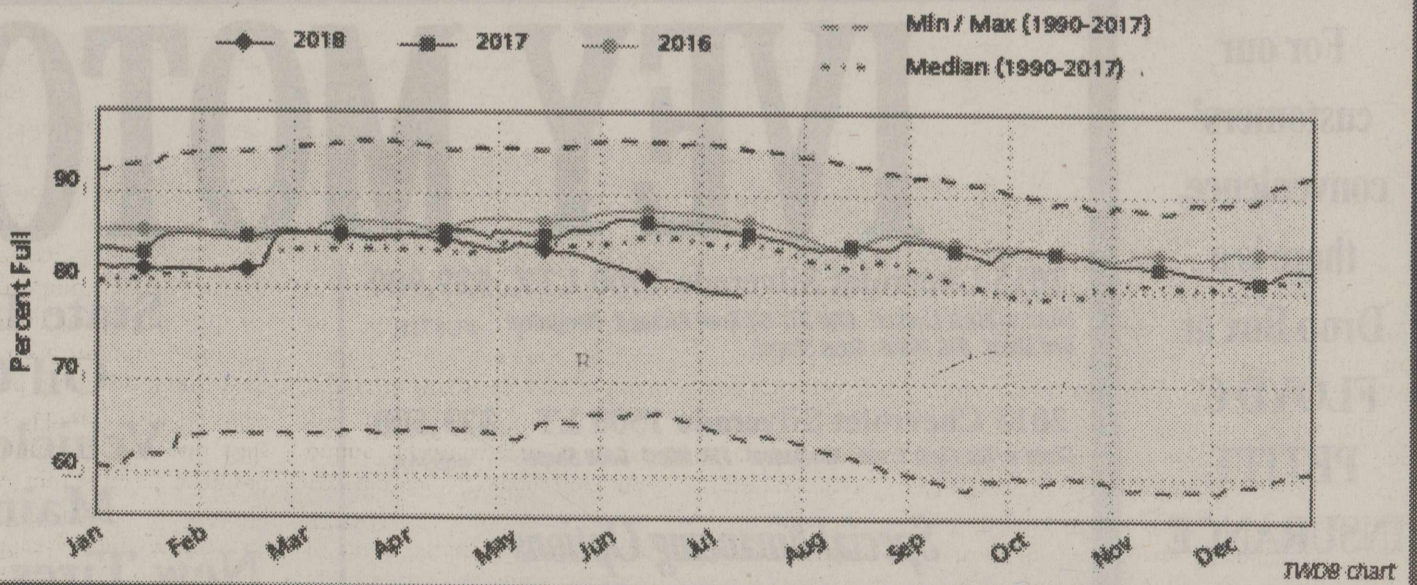
Drought conditions

- ▲ 49% now
- ▲ 55% a week ago
- ▲ 49% three months ago
- ▲ 7% a year ago



Statewide reservoir storage

During the month of June 2018, statewide conservation storage decreased by almost 3 percentage points but has dropped less than 1 percentage point since the start of July. Statewide water supply storage is currently 79 percent of capacity, about 4 percentage points lower than normal for this time of year.



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