

Financial Aid Meeting for Senior Parents

There will be a financial aid meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the Bronte library. A representative from Angelo State University will be present to discuss the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Also, information regarding loans, scholarships, and the work study program for college will also be discussed.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online www.fafsa.ed.gov for students planning on applying financial aid to attend college after graduation. Students and one of their dependent parents must apply for a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov in order to sign off on the online application. Parents may go online and begin filling out the application but information from the 2015 tax return will be needed to complete the application.

Please be aware that certain universities and colleges may have priority deadlines for submitting the FAFSA. Typically, the earlier you are able to submit the FAFSA the better because schools tend to award grants on a first come first serve basis. Grants are those moneys that students do not have to pay back. If you have any questions about filling out the FAFSA, please call the financial aid office of the college your child is planning on attending, or the counselor's office at Bronte High School.

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A representative from Angelo University will providing senior students and their parents with information concerning the financial aid process on Thursday, January 21 in the school library beginning at 6:00 PM. The representative will help guide parents and students through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process; attendance is encouraged. Informational

handouts will also be provided.

For additional information or if you will be unable to attend, please contact Lynsey Coalson (325)282-2311 lcoalson@blackwellcisd.org.

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"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of rapid change and financial uncertainties. These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. Overall, they represent you and take their leadership roles seriously by attending lengthy meetings; broadening their knowledge at conferences and seminars; and talking about the schools with business leaders, parents, and neighbors," said Tim Siler, Bronte ISD superintendent.

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Board Members for Bronte ISD are Shane Kelton, Nick Arrott, David McWright, John Seales, Kay Styles, Blake Braswell, and Ashley Braswell.

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RLISD Board members are President Wes Washam, Vice President Tom Sawyer, Jr., Secretary Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Erin Oleksiuk, Irma Torres and George Grim Our children benefit every day from the hard work and long hours contributed by trustees. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board responsible for an annual budget of \$3.9 million, 283 students, 50 employees, and two campuses. Please take a moment and tell school board members "thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community." Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated.

Millican Makes a Difference

Marshall Millican is wearing the hat that works with the City of Robert Lee! In January 2007 Marshall, under a contract with the City of Robert Lee, started enforcing the City's Ordinances. In December of 2007 Marshall received his Code Enforcement Officers License. These Licenses are issued by the Texas State Department of Health which requires training in courses of Code Enforcement. After completing his training Marshall took the state test which resulted in a high score and soon received his license. This license must be kept current with annual State mandated courses which he has successfully completed. Some duties that Marshall performs within the City Limits of Robert Lee include completing the process for the removal of Junk Vehicles from private owned properties. This has resulted in the removal of ninety (90) Junk Vehicles from the City of Robert Lee.

Probably the most noticeable difference that has been made is the demolition and cleanup of substandard, nuisance structures on privately owned properties within the City of Robert Lee. Marshall identifies the property owners, notifies them of the violation, works with the owners to attempt compliance of the violation and schedules a public hearing with the Board of the Property Maintenance Code and Board of Appeals of The City of Robert Lee. Marshall presents his findings to the Board and makes his recommendations. After the Board makes their order, Marshall continues to follow due process through the demolition and cleanup and in most cases having a lien filed on the property. Sometimes this makes the owners of the property unhappy with the process and unwilling to comply with ordinance! Nevertheless, this has resulted in the demolition and cleanup of nineteen (19) different properties that consisted of fifteen (15) residential structures, four (4) mobile homes, twenty one (21) accessory structures, and two (2) Board ordered repairs of residential structures. Marshall is currently working on nine (9) additional properties that have substandard structures on them.

Marshall has also been responsible for the supervision and coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and a third party contractor of an environmental hazard cleanup that involved the excavation and removal of three (3) eight thousand (8,000) gallon underground fuel tanks. This highway frontage property had been awarded to the taxing entities after a delinquent tax suit and now it can be sold in a Sheriff's Sale.

On April 1, 2014 Marshall accepted the duties, under a contract, as the City of Robert Lee's Animal Control Officer (dog catcher). This position also requires training that requires testing and licensing by the State of Texas that mandates continuing education. This also involves setting live traps for wild animals that involves the handling of skunks that are in the top five (5) animals that carry rabies.

Marshall says "If I am elected Commissioner of Precinct 3, I will continue the great working relationship that I have had the past nine (9) years with the City of Robert Lee. I will continue to make a difference in our community and county!"

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