

Kolache, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday, November 14
 Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, November 15
 Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, November 16
 French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, November 17
 Funnel cake, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch

Monday, November 13
 Nacho supreme, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk
Tuesday, November 14
 Corn dog, baked beans, mac-n-cheese, fruit, milk
Wednesday, November 15
 Homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, hot roll, fruit, milk
Thursday, November 16

Baked BBQ chicken, mac-n-cheese, corn, bread, fruit, milk
Friday, November 17
 Beef tips with rice or noodles, carrots, green peas, fruit, milk

VP hosts successful Hunter's BBQ

Another successful Hunter's Bar-B-Que, hosted by Vision With A Purpose, was held Saturday, November 4, at the Robert Lee Rec Hall. Brisket and all the fixins were served to happy hunters and townfolk!

Raffle tickets were sold for two guns and a new UTV. Winners were UTV - Don Sharp, guns - Melva Winkler Lee and Jeannie Bonner.

Organizations that helped make this a most successful event included the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Dept., 4-H of Robert Lee, AON, 64 Study Club, and lots of community involvement.

Our hunters contribute a lot to the Robert Lee economy and this is our way of showing our appreciation.

All proceeds from this event will go to our county park improvement.

Bronte City Council minutes told

The Bronte City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Thursday, August 24, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

Those present included Mayor Gerald Sandusky, council member Paul Gohman, council member Jim Rodriguez, council member Wade Stautzenberger, council member Stormy Vaughn, city secretary Crystal L. Blevins, and utilities director Ricky Royall. Council member pro tem David Bedford was absent.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by those in council chambers and prayer was given by council member Paul Gohman.

A finance public hearing was held regarding a tax rate of \$0.436351 per \$100 valuation that has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the City of Bronte. This rate exceeds the effective rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

discuss proposed 2017 Tax Rate at the public hearing.

The council discussed considering an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bronte for 2017; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Council member Stormy Vaughn requests the proposed tax rate to be reduced from \$0.436351 to \$0.43130096 per \$100.00 valuation of property. A motion was made by council member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the property tax rate of \$0.43130096 per \$100.00 valuation; seconded by council member Paul Gohman. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

A public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget. No citizens were present to discuss Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget.

The board discussed considering an ordinance approving and adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2018; approving summary of estimated and forecasted revenues, providing for filing of adopted budget; and approving all permit license fees and charges for services recommended to be adjusted finding that proper notice of meeting provided by law and ratifying such, and providing for publication. A motion by council member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of the adoption of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018; seconded by council member Paul Gohman. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

The board discussed considering an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-18 passed by the City Council on October 1, 2015, providing for



Fire Safety! The Bronte Elementary School Kindergarten students learned about fire safety from the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department firefighters on Friday, October 13, 2017. The firefighters brought the fire trucks, as well as some of their special equipment, to the school parking lot. They demonstrated how they use their equipment to help the community. The firefighters also set up an activity course for the young students. The students were able to use hammers, carry water hoses, and drag a very heavy set of turnout gear. They learned so much while having a lot of fun!

the collection and disposal of garbage and trash within the City of Bronte, Texas, by revising Section I by the increase of Convenience Center rates. A motion by council member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of amending Ordinance No. 14-18 to change rates at the Convenience Center; seconded by council member Wade Stautzenberger. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business, council member Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm, seconded by council member Stormy Vaughn. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Fall into Good Planting Habits

by Erin Oleksiuk, District Technician, CCSWD

Fall is the time for planting in West Texas! Tree roots and shrubs grow whenever the temperature is roughly 40 degrees. Planting in the fall and winter months give trees time to establish and ready themselves

for the harsh summer months. If cared for properly, your trees will be bursting with life in the spring!

It is very important to plant and care for your new trees properly. Trees can easily become damaged during transportation from the nursery to the home. If moving a tree by truck or trailer, make sure the limbs and leaves are wrapped with burlap or a bed sheet to protect them from the wind. An uncovered ride home can break limbs and cause leaves to drop after planting. During the first growing season it is crucial to make sure the tree has received proper watering; a new tree will need to be slightly watered every day for the first week after planting, every other day the second week, every third day the third week, and once a month thereafter. Trees do not need fertilizer after planting, spring is the time to fertilize but even then it is recommended to go light on the fertilizer to avoid burning the roots. Staking or tying down a tree should be a last resort; ropes can damage tree bark and will weaken a tree by not allowing it to strengthen itself against the elements.

It is very disheartening to have a tree die; these are the top 10 reasons trees don't survive:

10. Tree is not suitable to live in West Texas heat. Do some research to find the best trees for your area.
9. Not adapted to the local, clay soil. Clay soil can form a slick surface on the sides of the hole that will prevent root growth if not broken up properly.
8. Trunk was damaged during transport or planting. The vascular system of a tree is just below the bark. Young trees have thin bark and can be easily damaged.
7. Wire stake and tags were not removed from tree. Remove all tags from tree and avoid staking.
6. Tree was planted too deeply. The top of the root ball should be even with the surrounding soil.
5. Tree was not healthy when purchased. Check tree for splits, broken branches, insects or disease, and the root system. Do not purchase a tree with encircling roots because the root system will strangle the tree. If already purchased, spread out the roots and cut through them (new roots will grow where you cut the circling roots).

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 raised a family, and built a beautiful marriage.*

*You are most warmly invited
 by the children of*

William and Rhonda Hood

*to participate in the joyous celebration
 of their parents'*

50th Wedding Anniversary

*A reception will be held on
 Saturday, November 25, 2017,
 from 2 pm - 4 pm*

*Pecan Baptist Church
 14081 W. Highway 158
 Robert Lee, Texas*

No gifts please, your presence is enough

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