## ...More Classifieds

follows:

1. Replacement of a portion of the Owner's existing water distribution system including 8" and 6" PVC water line, valves, connections, and incidentals.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Jacob & Martin, LLC., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. for **Bid/Contract** Orders Documents may include hard copies for pick up, mail out, or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, LLC., located at 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606. Cost for hard copies of the Bid/Contract Documents will be \$100.00 for 11x17 Half Size Plans or \$20.00 for Digital Download. Contractors must purchase a set of Bid/Contract Documents from Jacob & Martin, LLC. to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts thatexceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Bronte or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for all contracts and subcontracts.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. The City of Bronte reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Bronte for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and bidder's investigating the prior to the qualifications contract award.

## ...Sheriff's Report

(Continued from page 3) MHMR Interactions - 2 Civil Process - 1 Prisoner Transport (includes arrest, and to and from court) - 9 Warrants Served - 4 Livestock Calls - 21 Accidents - 3 Blue Forms Issued - 4 Accident Assist - 4 Traffic Stops - 167 Traffic Stops Resulting in Citations - 112 Total inmates in jail as of Friday, December 10, 2021:



One Bite At A Time

By James M. Decker How do you eat an elephant? Have you ever thought about the answer to that question? You do it one bite at a time.

When I first ran for mayor almost four years ago, I fielded many questions about the task of revitalizing Stamford. How would we go about that big goal? How would we improve all the things that needed to be improved? I regularly answered those questions with this old saying about eating an elephant. No matter the size of the task, the best way to tackle it is one bite at a time, one step at a time.

Over the last several years, I have learned the importance of that strategy. Progress happens one step at a time. It is vital to take forward steps on a constant, continuous basis. Not every step

**Donation!** Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center members Roma McCarley (far right) and Della Alexander (far left) presented RLCC Administrator Houston McGuire (second from right) and RLCC Activities Director Mary Rodriquez with 12 bluetooth speakers to be used in the Music Memory program. Additional speakers will be purchased for use while showering. Members of Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center will be volunteering to help with the program by setting up the music equipment in the resident rooms.

is the same size, but each step draws you closer towards your ultimate goals. This is why I started "Good News Friday" last year. It is easy to get dragged down by the constant barrage of negativity in the world (especially on social media) or all the stresses and anxieties that weigh on us. But if you look hard enough, you \*can\* find something good happening. Whether it's a big deal or a small one, each bit of good news is something to appreciate and build from.

I have never been bashful about the scope of work before us in Stamford in terms of infrastructure that needs improving. I have found it vital to just keep hammering away at progress, big and small. It is not always easy. You may be surprised to learn that I go through bouts of feeling overwhelmed. Each citizen deserves the same level of highquality government services. One side of town or one group of people is no more deserving than any other group within our community. I will not be satisfied until each and every citizen in Stamford has the highest and best level of government services. That is why I focus on forward progress When I feel each day. overwhelmed, I think of all the steps we have made. I look at how far we have come. I know that we are still on the right path, even if the path remains long and winding.

Recently, I was thinking about the overall impact of positive momentum in a community. A few weeks ago, I saw an interesting tweet from Becky McCray. Becky is the creator of the "Small Biz Survival" website and is a wellregard speaker on entrepreneurship in rural communities. She observed that she was tired of people overthinking rural development. Instead of overthinking and overcomplicating it, sometimes it's important to take small actions and learn from the results.

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