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2017 Year in Review Issue

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We are entering a new year. As we say goodbye to 2017, I hope readers enjoy this look back at a few of the stories making headlines this past year.

While combing through all of the 2017 issues, I quickly realized that there was no possible way to include everything. I'll apologize in advance if a story important to you was omitted. Also, we have not included any of the school

activities. Our area students are extremely talented, earning honors in academics, sports, UIL, and other extra curricular activities. There would be no way to include all of the honors earned in 2017 by these students.

The majority of this issue is dedicated to 2017. Current news is included on pages 6 and 7. I sincerely want to thank our readers, contributors and advertisers for your support this last year.

City Council Controversy! Controversy in the Bronte and Robert Lee City Councils continued throughout this year. The trouble that began in late 2016 for the Bronte City Council over a \$1 per year land lease continued through the last meeting of 2017 with the attorney for the city present at the meeting. Elections in May replaced three members of the council. Shown in the bottom photo are attorney for the city, Paul "Buzz" Gohman, Jim Rodriguez, David Bedford, Gerald Sandusky, city secretary Crystal Blevins, Stormy Vaughn and Wade Stautzenberger.

Robert Lee City Council issues began later in the year with a city business license ordinance that was found not to be in effect due to the failure to publish the ordinance. In the fall, numerous discrepancies were discovered leading to the suspension and later termination of the city secretary. Shown in the top photo are Leroy Casey, city secretary Kay Torres, Shaunna Grantham, Roger Alexander and Joe Longoria. Janie Munoz was present at the meeting, but is not pictured. Longoria has since resigned.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, December 29

High School Basketball -
Varsity Tournament at Eden

Monday, January 1

Holiday Closures -
Coke County Courthouse
Bronte City Hall
Robert Lee City Hall

Tuesday, January 2

High School Basketball -
Bronte at Garden City, 4 pm, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Robert Lee at Sterling City, 5 pm, JV Girls, Varsity Girls and Boys
Blackwell vs Veribest, 5 pm, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

Thursday, January 4

Bronte High School NHS Induction Ceremony, 7 pm, BHS Library

Friday, January 5

High School Basketball -
Bronte vs Sterling City, 5 pm, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys
Robert Lee vs Blackwell, 4 pm, JV Girls and Boys, Varsity Girls and Boys

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