

BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Basketball

The Blackwell varsity Hornets and Lady Hornets will travel to Veribest to take on the Falcons tonight (Friday), February 10, beginning at 6:30 pm.

The Blackwell Hornets and Lady Hornets will play at home Tuesday, February 14, against the Bronte Longhorns and Lady Longhorns. The varsity basketball games begin at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming BCISD activities

One Act Play will compete Saturday, February 11.

State TAFE convention will be held Monday and Tuesday, February 13 and 14.

Balfour will be at BCISD Monday, February 13, from 8 am to 10 am to measure seniors for caps and gowns. They will also be available to discuss all graduation options.

Abstinence education will be held for students in the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades from 8 am to 12 noon on Thursday, February 16.

Blackwell Junior High Basketball

Blackwell Junior High Hornets basketball team had a successful year finishing out their season with a 10-3 record. They took home the title of Zone 1 Champions and finished 2nd runners-up in their district.

The Hornets took home 2nd place in the Blackwell Junior High Tournament. They defeated Westbrook and Olfen and lost to Bronte during the tournament.

During their impressive season the Hornets defeated Paint Rock 35-21, Bronte 33-20, Robert Lee 35-10, Veribest 42-18, Bronte 27-13, Paint Rock 37-17, Sterling City 40-37, and Veribest 33-6. The Hornets fell to Water Valley 22-46 and Garden City 42-44.

Is your community worth saving?

On January 18, 2012, in *Rural Development, Rural Politics*, by Trent McKnight

What is the future of rural America? Can it move from surviving to thriving? Is it even worth saving? Why? At what

cost?

Should the government invest in rural infrastructure - roads, schools, postal service, historic buildings, main streets, sidewalks, telecommunications, broadband, utilities - even as the exodus continues?

Should the government stimulate rural economies by investing in small,

rural businesses? If rural communities disappeared into ghost towns, what would be lost? How would society as a whole be affected without a vibrant rural landscape? Would they even miss us? Do we really matter?

These are all questions that rural Americans should begin to ask. They are tough questions without easy answers. But in these austere times of program cuts and budget slashes, we need to examine who we are, what we want to be, and why we matter. If we don't define

ourselves, someone else will.

In *The End of Nowhere - What Ghost Towns can teach us about saving small communities*, Karl Rhodes explores these tough questions. He looks at Thurmond, West Virginia, a virtual ghost town with a population of 7. Is Thurmond worth saving? Was it worth a \$3 million investment from the US Park Service?

There are good arguments on both sides of the debate.

How would you answer an outsider when asked, "Is your community worth saving?"

School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, February 13

Poptart or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Pancake on a stick or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, February 16

Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, February 17

Assorted muffins and gogurt or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, February 13

Grilled chicken patty, chicken flavored rice, broccoli Normandy, fruit, milk

Tuesday, February 14

Hot dog, chili, cheese, fresh veggies, ranch dressing, baked chips, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 15

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk

Thursday, February 16

Bean and cheese burrito, chili, cheese, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk

Friday, February 17

Hamburgers with or without cheese, baked chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk

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