



Safe Driving Presentation! DPS State Trooper Shawn Baxter recently spoke to high school students at Blackwell High School about safe driving practices. Some of the topics he talked about included the dangers of distracted driving, including using your cell phone while driving and the importance of wearing seat belts.

meeting was led by the vice-president Sue Crain. Bobbie Varnadore brought the new plaques for the members to see and Heather Sanderson will take them back to Blackwell High School Library. She also had been bringing the club scrapbooks up to date and brought them to be seen. She made a list of the programs over the years to be used for ideas for future ones. Laura Barnes was a guest and joined the club. Attending the meeting were Sue Crain, Sheila Kovak, Jan Hall, Bonnie McCloud, Rosie Ten Eyck, Nelda Lee, Pat Clark, Laura Barnes and Bobbie Varnadore.

Quilt Raffle Winner announced

The winner of the quilt made by the United Methodist Women's Quilting Club is Barbara Hajl of Blackwell. The club wishes to express their appreciation to all those who participated including the First National Bank of Bronte, for allowing us to display it in their lobby. Money derived from ticket sales is used for different charities in our community.

Members of the UMW Club are Betty Cole, Lana Goodman,

Bobbie Varnadore, Jane Battle, Betty Jordan, Nelda Lee, Melani Wilkerson, Shelia Kovack, Rosemary Ten Eyck and the late Ruthie Sparks.

Health Matters Summer Camps set for June

The West Texas Area Health Education Center is hosting two Nursing Day Camps and a Health Careers Day Camp in June. Students currently in grades 9-12 may apply. Health Matters Summer Camps offer a great opportunity for high school students interested in learning more about health professions. The camps allow the students to gain experience through hands-on learning, interaction with healthcare professionals, and tours of medical facilities. Students are also given the opportunity to participate in teaching simulations and visit with university pre-health departments. The deadline to apply is April 30th.

For more information, please contact the West Texas AHCEC-Big Country at 325-672-0495 or visit the counselor's office at your local high school for more information or to pick up an application.

Blackwell Euterpean Club update

The Blackwell Euterpean Club met Thursday, February 20, in the Methodist Fellowship Hall with Pat Clark as hostess. The members brought snacks and she furnished prizes for the door prize and a new game called LCR (left, right, center) she taught us to play which was a lot of fun. The business

Blackwell Menu

School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, March 3**
French toast sticks or cereal with toast, juice, milk
- Tuesday, March 4**
Scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy or cereal with toast, juice, milk
- Wednesday, March 5**
Breakfast club or cereal with toast, juice, milk
- Thursday, March 6**
Chicken-n-waffles or cereal with toast, juice, milk
- Friday, March 7**
Breakfast burrito or cereal with toast, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, March 3**
Corn dog, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk
- Tuesday, March 4**
Beefy queso, tortilla chips, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles, lime sherbet cup (9-12), milk
- Wednesday, March 5**
Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk
- Thursday, March 6**
Meaty macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, breadstick, chocolate chip cookie (9-12), milk
- Friday, March 7**
Pizza choice, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk

PETITION TO LEGALIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN BRONTE

by Jennifer Addona

If you agree that Bronte should legalize the sale of alcohol for off-site consumption (i.e., liquor store), and/or would like to see Bronte residents *vote* on this issue in the November election, then you may want to sign the Petition. In order to sign the Petition however, you must live within Bronte city limits and be a registered voter.

Currently residents that live in Bronte and Coke County have to drive to another city and county to purchase alcohol. Those who do not favor this proposal maintain that Bronte doesn't need a liquor store. Why not? Why wouldn't we want the convenience of having a liquor store in the city and county? Why wouldn't we want a new business to open? Why wouldn't we want to keep the tax revenues from the sales in the city and county?

Every person should have an open mind when a matter of this importance and sensitivity arises. Here is a quote to reflect on: "Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in."
—Isaac Asimov

The legalization to sell beer and wine was voted on and approved several years ago in Coke County. Did the sale of beer and wine cause people to suddenly start drinking, or drink more excessively? Did it cause more accidents and crimes?
The answer is no.

If a liquor store opened in Bronte, there would be many benefits. There would be a new business opening in town and there would be the additional tax revenue for the city and county. Those who stopped by the store may also discover and shop the other stores in Bronte, or they may decide to eat at one of the local restaurants, or tell their friends about the city. AND, I know from talking to them that many HUNTERS, who visit Bronte and Coke County year round, would patronize a liquor store and appreciate having one in Bronte!

Seventy-seven (77) signatures are required in order for this proposal to be put on a ballot in the **November** election. Currently about a dozen signatures are still needed and I would like to submit the Petition to City Hall within the next two weeks.

PLEASE COME DOWN TO BRONTE HOMETOWN HARDWARE RIGHT AWAY TO SIGN THIS PETITION AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

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