

Letters to the Editor

The Homestead Exemption Debate

There is a movement to eliminate a portion or all of the homestead tax exemption. The reason for this is to help make up a deficit of around \$200,000.00 needed by our school. It has been brought to public attention that we may even have to eliminate a couple of teacher positions.

We have been lucky the last few years, increasing the quality of our school. Since the closing of the prison our tax income has declined.

Some people feel it would be devastating if we had to cut some extra curricular and sports activities. (i.e. less road trips and tournaments)

In my opinion it would not be such a bad thing to demonstrate to our students that in lean times we must reduce some activities or put them off until finances are better. For one thing, school is primarily for academic purposes

The United States has fallen to "average" in international education rankings released by the Organisation (sic) for Economic Co-operation and development, according to the AFP. America has received scores around 500 on a scale the goes up to

1000: 487 in math, 500 in reading, and 502 in science. (Source: The Huffington Post 12/07/10 updated 5/25/11).

In the next few years many of our students will be parents and hoping to buy a home of their own. A homestead tax break will become important to them. Eliminating this tax break at this time (or anytime) is a serious matter. We all know that once a tax break is eliminated, it is rarely reinstated.

My vote would be against this. I don't even receive a homestead exemption due to the senior tax break; therefore it doesn't affect me either way. But the future destination of our community is at stake here.

Jacque Caperton

Academy Day set for March 24

Congressman Mike Conaway is hosting an Academy Day on Saturday, March 24, at Angelo State University in the MCS building from 1:30-4:30 pm to provide information about the United States Military Academies, including West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy.

Congressional nominations are required for appointments to the Department of Defense academies. This event is free and parents are also welcome to attend.

For more information, please see the bulletin board in the hallway at BHS or

contact Joanne Powell, Service Academy Liaison, at (325) 659-4010.

ACT and SAT Test Info

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 14, and the SAT test will be offered on May 5, at other locations in the surrounding area.

Registration is open to anyone but juniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the Bronte High School counselor's office or online at www.actstudent.org for the ACT test and www.collegeboard.com for the SAT test. Fee waivers are also available for students who are on free or reduced lunches.

In order to avoid late fees, please register by March 9, for the ACT test and April 6, for the SAT test. For more information, please call the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2511.

Free study guides are available in the counselor's office and all high school students at BHS have a password that allows them access to the web site ACT Online Prep to help prepare for the test. Another ACT test will be given at BHS on June 9.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte High School Scholarship Check List

Due April 1
Slough Scholarship (Texas)

Due April 10
Bronte Community Scholarship

C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship (Bronte HS and alumni)

Due April 20
Concho Valley Electric Scholarship

Due May 1
San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship

Due May 31
Marie Hall Scholarship (ASU, Texas Tech, Howard College, Midland College)

Scholarship Opportunities

Bronte High School seniors may now apply for the C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship.

The applications are available on the counselor's page on the BHS web site at www.bronteisd.net. Please note that Bronte HS Alumni may apply for a C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship. Applications must be turned

into the counselor's office on or by April 10, 2012.

If your family is a member of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative and you are a senior, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Applications are available in the counselor's office at Bronte HS or you may call the cooperative office at (325) 846-4111 to ask for an application to be mailed to you. Applications must be in to the Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. business office by April 1, 2012.

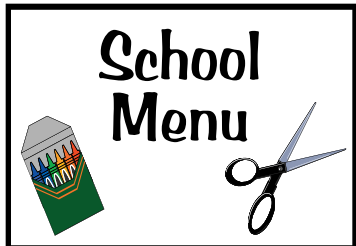
Financial Aid for College

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for students planning on applying for financial aid to attend college after graduation.

Students and one of their dependent parents must apply for a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov in order to sign off on the online application.

Parents may go online and begin filling out the application but the

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Breakfast

Monday, March 26

Sausage roll or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, March 27

Breakfast pizza or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, March 28

Pancake on stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, March 29

Breakfast wrap or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, March 30

Sausage pattie with biscuit or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, March 26

Pizza, seasoned corn, garden salad, cookies, milk

Tuesday, March 27

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, hot rolls, milk

Wednesday, March 28

Cheese burgers, salad cup, pinto beans, tater tots, fruit, milk

Thursday, March 29

Lasagna, garden salad, seasoned corn, garlic bread, fruit, milk

Friday, March 30

Fish sticks, mac & cheese, garden salad, hot rolls, cookies, milk

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Name of Nomination: _____

Why is this person being nominated?

Completed ballots can be dropped off to Tammy Thorn at Bronte City Hall or mailed to Bronte Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 516, Bronte, Texas 76933