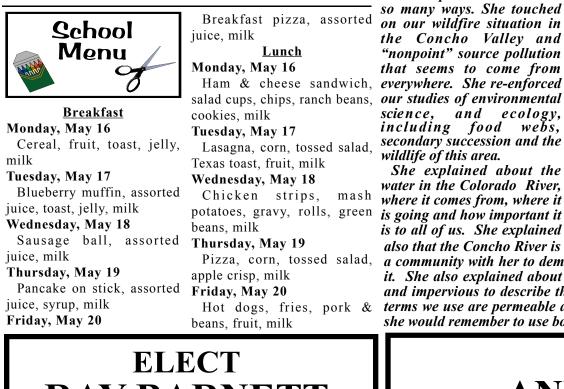
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TAKS Reviews! On April 13, the 8th grade class (above photo and top right photo) had a visit from Miss Julie Phillips, Meteorologist for KTXS Television station in Abilene. She came to Texas from Florida and enjoys Big Country weather forecasting. Julie explained the science behind her choice of a career in Meteorology. She presented a program over weather that covered some of the TAKS *Objectives for the 8th grade.*

She made practical applications of Climatic Interactions our water should be managed which included extreme weather and the recent wildfire problems, convection/radiation/conduction of energy, global forces such as El Nino and La Nina caused by the changes in the ocean currents, atmospheric circulation with the Jet



Stream and wind currents. She also reviewed the weather instruments and how they are used including our own KTXS weather station at the school, how to read a weather map with high and low pressures, wind gradients, weather symbols, cold, warm and stationary fronts. It was an interesting day for all of us and another method of studying for the TAKS testing.

Christy Youker from the UCRA (Upper Colorado River Authority) in San Angelo (bottom right two photos) presented a program for the 8th grade class to help them with their TAKS review.

She talked about the cycles of nature, the aquifers, how much water we need and how much water we have in the world much less here in the Concho Valley. She made practical applications of how and taken care of out here in the "desert" that we call West Texas. She explained how much we pollute our water in so many ways. She touched on our wildfire situation in the Concho Valley and "nonpoint" source pollution that seems to come from science, and ecology, including food webs, wildlife of this area.

She explained about the water in the Colorado River, is to all of us. She explained

also that the Concho River is a tributary of the Colorado River. Christy brought her model of a community with her to demonstrate how much we pollute the water without even knowing it. She also explained about our underground water systems using terms such as pervious and impervious to describe the rock below the ground to allow water to seep through. The Hot dogs, fries, pork & terms we use are permeable and impermeable. She explained that it was the same and that she would remember to use both terms when she presents to other students.

ELECT **ANDRA ARROTT** To the **Board of Directors Bronte ISD**



RAY BARNETT to the **Board of Directors**

Bronte ISD

9 years experience.

If elected to your School Board, I promise to listen to your concerns as well as your compliments about the Bronte ISD. I guarantee that your voice will be added to mine and the administration will be informed. promise to do my best to work with the members of the Board along with school administration to resolve any issues and continue to ensure that our students have the best possible education.

Thank you for your support! Pd. Pol. Adv. by Ray Barnett, PO Box 392, Bronte, TX 76933

I have a longstanding history with Bronte ISD. Mike and I graduated from here, as did our four children. Our three daughters became educators, as well as many other family members, and I understand the time and energy required to meet the ever changing mandates handed down by the state and federal government, with promises of more. It is an often thankless and frustrating task, as teaching is only a fraction of the job, with many extra hours spent in preparation and paperwork.

I believe that our school is very fortunate to have so many dedicated teachers, administrators and personnel, and that they deserve the credit for the outstanding reputation and quality of education and services we provide our students. I am the business office/financial manager of Bronte Health and Rehab Center, and am aware of the cuts that are being implemented for our schools and nursing homes. I believe our school administrator has the financial knowledge and expertise to prepare for these changes.

I previously had the opportunity to serve on the board for approximately 18 years, and would consider it an honor to again be a part of the school in this capacity and serve accordingly, should you cast your vote for me.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Andra Arrott, PO Box 687, Bronte, TX 76933