



SCHOOL PAGE



State Qualifiers! Several Blackwell High School students recently competed at the UIL Academics regional meet, held last month in San Angelo. Kiley Cummings (top right photo, far left) competed in Feature Writing (state alternate). Samuel Ottaberry (top right photo, middle) was named the regional runner up in Number Sense (state qualifier). Cadi Powers (top right photo, far right) was the regional runner up in Informative Speaking (state qualifier) and also participated in Lincoln Douglas Debate (state alternate). The Number Sense team (above photo), comprised of (from left to right) Matthew Shipman, Nathaniel Shipman, Samuel Ottaberry, Landen Whitten, Jesus Gonzales, and Tyson Walls (not pictured), placed third in the region (state alternates).



(Caption for the second photo, partially overlapping the first one's caption)

honed and they also received second place at the district meet. A book fair was held that the students enjoyed. There was some flooding in the elementary classrooms but the amazing teachers haven't skipped a beat and just went right with the flow. Spring break is next week. The third through sixth grades will be putting on a play, Dorothy in Wonderland, soon. The preliminary Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up was held. There is a big push to get all of the skills in before May, instruction-wise, and staying on track for the STAAR tests. Ms. Englert again bragged on the awesome teachers at BISD.

Mr. Kuhlman gave an update on secondary activities. The number of students involved in Ag is increasing. The debate team hosted district at BISD.

The One Act Play students did a fantastic job. The boys golf team placed second at the Robert Lee tournament. Mr. Kuhlman said they are doing really well and only have district meets left. JV and varsity tennis is in full swing and track has had two meets. Mr. Kuhlman is really impressed with the students and said all of the student athletes are doing really well.

There are currently 250 students enrolled at BISD. Elementary has 161 students and secondary has 89 students. The ADA is 97.19% with a YTD ADA of 95%.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Siler advised the hold harmless agreement has been extended for the rest of the year. He is not sure what that means for the end of year financials.

He is just now receiving January's bank records as they were delayed a few months.

Frank Lippe with Intrepid Electric presented the proposals for new lighting for the new gym and auditorium. There is an AEP Incentive for updating the gym lighting (SCORE Program for schools). The gym proposal includes battery backup for exit signs. The new gym proposal was \$10,901.37. Mr. Lippe advised that he would prepare a new proposal, bundling the new and middle gyms together, with a new SCORE assessment incentive. The auditorium proposal was \$11,311.70. Mr. Lippe advised that the current lighting system is costly to operate and requires maintenance. The new LED lights would reduce maintenance, improve comfort, and provide all colors of light with increased

control functions. Mr. Siler told the board that a special meeting is going to be needed to discuss roof replacement.

David McWright made a motion, with Josh Schoenfield seconding, to submit a waiver to TEA for the missed days due to the winter storm. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0.

There were no budget amendments to discuss.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 school district calendar as presented. She was seconded by Jodie Arrott and the motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve, with Terry Queen seconding, to consider the engagement letter with Eckert & Company, CPA, for audit services for 2021-2022. The motion passed with a vote

of 7 - 0.

The board entered in to executive session at 8:17 pm and returned at 8:38 pm.

Mr. Siler recommended extending two-year contracts to both principals. Ashley Braswell made a motion to approve the recommendation for Ms. Englert and Josh Schoenfield seconded. David McWright made a motion to approve the recommendation for Mr. Kuhlman and Jodie Arrott seconded. Both motions passed with votes of 7 - 0.

The April board meeting will take place on April 15, 2021, at 7 pm.

David McWright made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Terry Queen. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Coke County Water Supply Corporation awarded grant

The Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) has awarded a grant to the Coke County Water Supply Corporation (CCWSC) for the development of a water conservation program. The grant will be used to fund a water audit program for the county's businesses and homes.

SPECIAL OIL & GAS SECTION

By Michele McCaslin, Publisher

Many Coke County citizens view the oil and gas industry as a source of economic growth. However, the industry has also been a source of controversy, particularly regarding environmental concerns and land use.

Special Government Section

Coke County covers 928 square miles in the Edwards Plateau in west central Texas. The county was founded in 1850 and named for Richard Coke, the 17th governor of Texas. As of the 2010 census, its population was 3,328.

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Saluting the Robert Lee High School Class of 2020

Recent graduates of Robert Lee High School are shown in the following photos. Congratulations to all the graduates of the Class of 2020!

Home Graduates: Robert Lee High School senior graduates for 2020 are shown in the following photos. Congratulations to all the graduates of the Class of 2020!

2019 Year in Review Issue

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View our exciting 2019 Year in Review issue, packed with photos and stories from the past year. It's a must-read for everyone who lives in Coke County!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, December 20	High School Graduation
Saturday, December 21	High School Graduation
Sunday, December 22	High School Graduation