

water supply and requesting emergency assistance for Robert Lee. Contact will also be made to Senator Duncan and Representative Darby.

Mayor Jacobs reported that the well field is progressing as previously reported; however, projected for the late fall of 2012.

A water line from Bronte to Robert Lee was discussed whereby Bronte will sell treated water to Robert Lee on an emergency need. Bronte city council will schedule a meeting to discuss this issue. Proposal is for Bronte to allocate approximately 200,000 gallons of treated water per day. Bronte is not capable at this time to provide raw water. Estimated cost of this project is \$800,000.00.

Possible funding options to fund the transmission line was discussed. An application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a STEP grant that may allow a maximum of \$350,000 and an Urgent Need program that may allow a maximum of \$200,000 was discussed. It was suggested to contact the Governor's office and request an emergency declaration.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned.

Check Out Coke County Library

Two more readers are winners in the Coke County Library weekly drawing. Khadi Kahutek and Jade Mitchell will get a free shaved ice treat at Rhonda and Judy's. All names of readers who return books during the summer will be placed in a drawing for a supreme pizza from the Pizza Barn at the end of July and those readers will also be eligible for the Friday drawings.

Students who read in the summer don't lose any ground in reading proficiency before school starts in September. It's not too late to get the gray cells active. Studies show that television and games are good for "popcorn" thinking, but long-range thinking is most important for decision making and reading trains the brain for that life skill.

Several boxes of really good books have been donated lately. The books are ready for browsing. Crafts, cooking, healing, are some of the subjects.

The heat and television get worse every day. Reading is a good alternative. Reading is one of the cheapest and

most efficient means of escape. Readers don't even have to leave the couch to escape into a book.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

What is a Good Citizen?

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by Trent McKnight

What is a good citizen? Is it someone who recycles? Votes? Gives to the needy? Is it a dutiful employee who does more than is required? Is it a businessman who builds a factory, a service or a company that improves the quality of life for countless others? Is it a housewife who lovingly cares for her children and her home? Is it a well-informed person who attends rallies and symposiums for justice and equality?

In a word, a good citizen is responsible. Unfortunately, this concept has eroded from the American landscape. This is quite evident in our foreign policy, federal deficit budgets, personal credit card debt, and yes, even our rural communities. Responsibility is the duty that accompanies a position, gift or privilege. Some responsibilities are clearly defined: a mother is responsible for her child. But what are the responsibilities of a good citizen? Who is responsible for helping the stranded traveler with a flat tire? Who is responsible for picking up litter in the bar-ditch? Who is responsible for recruiting young entrepreneurs to town?

We all catch ourselves deferring responsibility to someone else—usually to the vague and elusive: they. "I wish they would fix our school." "I wish they would do something about that problem over there." "I wish they would cleanup our town." But really, it's not their problem, it is our problem—my problem; and I must assume the burden of leadership to make a change.

Our small towns need face-lifts; but nothing will change unless we—unless I recognize that it is my responsibility to elicit change. Community change comes in small increments not colossal revolutions. It begins with one person picking up trash on the side of a road. It begins with one person



Depot's 100th Anniversary! Arlie Lammers, Jimmy and James Coalson were the only descendents of James C. Lammers who were able to attend the 100th anniversary celebration of the Bronte depot June 18, 2011. James C. Lammers was the stone mason responsible for its construction.

organizing a group of concerned citizens. It begins with one person giving a few dollars to a worthy cause in town. Slowly, the fetters of apathy will begin to fall and what began with one good citizen will evolve into a revitalized, responsible community of good citizens.

Are you a good citizen?

Bronte ISD posts board minutes

The Bronte ISD School Board met on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 7 pm in the library. Present at the meeting were Paul Williams, President, Ericka Knight, Shane Kelton, Ray Barnett, Wayne Coalson, Kay Styles, Doug Tounget, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present at the meeting were David Bedford, Donna Poehls, Nancy Cooper, Gina McCutchen, Sujane Schoenfield, and several visitors.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, and David Bedford, Secondary Principal, gave preliminary TAKS test results. The Board approved changes in the dress code. Tattoos must be covered. Five voted in favor; Paul Williams voted against; and Ericka Knight abstained. Females may wear earrings in any part of the ear and the maximum of 2 per ear has been eliminated. All were in favor. Athletic or gym shorts may

be worn in Elementary. All were in favor. The Board approved to keep the current graduation plans. All were in favor.

The Board approved waiver applications for low attendance days and missed instructional days for the 2010-2011 school year. All were in favor. Approval was given for the Burl Lowery CPA engagement letter. All were in favor.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a financial update and the budgets for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 were reviewed.

The Board approved selling a water storage tank to Robert Lee ISD. Six voted in favor. Doug Tounget abstained.

The Board accepted pro-

posals on carpet, exterior painting, and repairing/replacing gutters. All were in favor.

Student accident insurance was approved with a 4-3 vote. Paul Williams, Ericka Knight, and Doug Tounget voted against.

Approval was given for CAS/Workers' compensation renewal and the Board approved an Energy contract with GLO for 48 months starting January 1, 2012. All were in favor.

A discussion was held on the reduction or elimination of the optional 20% local homestead exemption. This matter was tabled.

A discussion was held on the TASB/TASA fall conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

WHO IS JESUS !

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the dead: • *Romans 1:4*

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; • *1 Timothy 2:5*

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. • *John 14:6*

In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God. • *John 1:1*

All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. • *John 1:3*

Who His ownself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to our sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed. • *1 Peter 2:24*

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