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## Local schools receive state rating

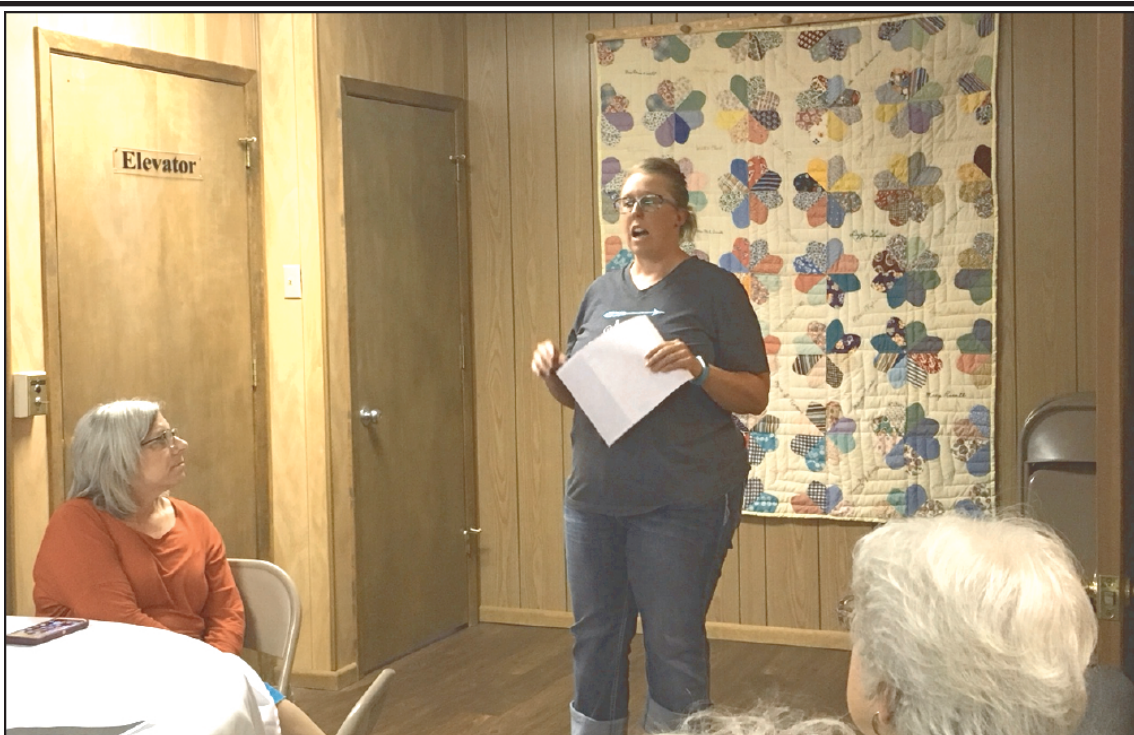
Due to the passage of Texas House Bill 22 by the 85th Texas Legislature, school districts in Texas received new A-F ratings earlier this month. HB22 provides a framework to measure academic performance through student achievement, school progress and in an area called "closing the gaps". Beginning in August 2019, individual campuses will receive these letter ratings. Bronte and Blackwell were among 103 districts that received a rating of "Met Standard". These districts could not be rated. They did not meet minimum size requirements because of insufficient assessment results. Each of our local school districts will be highlighted later in this article.

Student achievement and school progress provide the basis for 70% of a school's rating. The other 30% is derived from the closing the gaps area. Readiness for advanced education or careers is combined

with standardized test scores to determine student achievement. School progress is a little more complicated. It has two subcategories and only the highest scoring subcategory is used to determine the rating. The first subcategory is based upon student improvement on the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) test. The other subcategory is calculated by looking at how a school compares with other districts with a similar number of low income students. "Closing the Gaps" uses race and socioeconomic differences in its calculations.

**BRONTE ISD**  
Total enrollment in 2017-18: 248  
Grade – Met Standard - 91  
Bronte ISD received Academic Achievement Distinction in 5 out of 7 categories. These include Reading/ELA, Math, Social Studies, Gap and Post Secondary.

**ROBERT LEE ISD**  
Total enrollment in 2017-18: 283



**RL4Restoration!** Crystal Stanford introduced RL4Restoration to the members of Robert Lee Community Watch at their meeting Tuesday evening, August 21, 2018. She outlined how the organization had originated, their goals for the community, and who was on the board. For more information, you can go to the RL4Restoration Facebook page.

High School Grade – Met Standard – 90	157	Eldorado – B – 84
Elementary Grade – Improvement Required – 57	High School Grade – Met Standard - 88	Garden City – A - 95
RLHS received Academic Achievement Distinction in 6 of 7 categories. These include Reading/ELA, Math, Science, Academic Growth, Gap and Post Secondary. Robert Lee Elementary received Academic Achievement Distinction in 0 of 7 categories.	Blackwell CISD received Academic Achievement Distinction in 2 of 7 categories. These include Reading/ELA and Post Secondary.	Grape Creek – D – 69
<b>BLACKWELL CISD</b> Total enrollment in 2017-18:	Other small schools in our area received the following grades. Ballinger – C – 77 Big Lake – C – 74 Christoval – B – 82 Eden – Met Standard – 83	Menard – C – 72
		Mertzon A – 93
		Miles – A – 94
		Paint Rock – C – 75
		Panther Creek – Met Standard – 85
		Sterling City – B – 80
		TLCA – C – 78
		Veribest – B – 83
		Wall – A - 97
		Water Valley – B – 84
		Winters – C - 79

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, August 28

Commissioners Court Meeting, 9 am,  
County Courthouse, Robert Lee  
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High School Volleyball -  
Bronte vs Jim Ned at Bronte, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 29

High School Cross Country -  
Blackwell at Christoval

Friday, August 31

High School Football -  
Bronte at Rising Star, 7:30 pm  
Robert Lee vs Water Valley at Robert Lee, 7:30 pm

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## FOOTBALL NIGHTS!

**Robert Lee Steers  
vs. Garden City Bearkats**  
Thursday, August 23, 2018  
7 pm Robert Lee



**Bronte Longhorns  
vs. Water Valley Wildcats**  
Thursday, August 23, 2018  
7 pm Water Valley



**Blackwell Hornets  
vs. Aspermont Hornets**  
Friday, August 24, 2018  
10 am Blackwell

