

## Ag leases to be covered in workshops

By Kay Ledbetter

After such a positive response last year, four new Rancher Leasing Workshops covering grazing, hunting and livestock leases are scheduled across the state by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The free programs are funded by the Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center, said Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist in Amarillo.

"Last year, 100 percent of participants said they would recommend these programs to a friend, so we decided to offer them in more locations," Lashmet said.

The schedule will be:

– Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hildebrand Equine Complex, 3240 F&B Road, College Station.

– Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., AgriLife Extension office for Frio County, 400 S. Pecan St., Pearsall.

– Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Tom Green 4-H Center, 3168 N. U.S. Highway 67, San Angelo.

Lashmet said lunch will be provided by two sponsors: Ag Workers Insurance for the Lubbock, College Station and San Angelo programs, and Security State Bank for the Pearsall program.

Participants will need to RSVP at least one week before the meeting they will attend to Kim Garcia, 806-677-5626 or kim.garcia@ag.tamu.edu.

Each workshop will address the legal risks associated with agricultural leases, Lashmet said. The goal is to educate landowners and producers on the importance of utilizing written leases as a risk management tool.

Joining Lashmet on the program will be AgriLife Extension economists from around the state.

"We will discuss the potential legal implications of failing to have a sufficient written lease and the potential legal issues and litigation that the development of written leases can help avoid," she said. "The workshops will also familiarize participants with key terms and provisions that should be considered in lease negotiations."

Participants will receive a leasing handbook that covers legal issues, designing lease payment structures and calculating payments, landowner liability, as well as checklists and sample lease forms for negotiating lease agreements.

### RLISD Board Meeting minutes told

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a special called meeting Wednesday, August 30, 2017. The meeting was held in Conference Room 119 at Robert Lee ISD beginning at 5 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Washam, with a quorum of members present.

Members present included Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts,

George Grim, Tom Sawyer, Beverly Sinclair and Erin Oleksiuk

Irma Torres was absent.

The invocation and pledge led by Beverly Sinclair.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2017, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk. All were for.

Erin Oleksiuk made a motion to approve the financial reports, bills, budget amendments for year end 2017 along with the purchase of a 2017 Ford Transit Wagon as presented by Robin Allen; motion seconded by George Grim. All were for.

A public hearing was held on the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget.

Supt. Hood recommended to approve the 2017-2018 Official Estimated Budget by Fund and Function. Beverly Sinclair made the motion to approve 2017-2018 Budget as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

A public hearing was held on the 2017-2018 Proposed Tax Rate.

Supt. Hood presented the 2017-2018 Tax Rate by Ordinance; \$1.04 for the purpose of Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and .42 for the purpose of payment of Principal and Interest (I&S) on debts for a total tax rate of \$1.46. Jeffie Roberts made the motion to approve Tax Rate, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended approving the Resolution for Setting Minimum Fund Balance for Year Ending August 31, 2018. George Grim made the motion, seconded by Erin Oleksiuk, to approve Resolution



**Appreciation Lunch!** First Baptist Church in Bronte hosted an Appreciation Lunch on August 15, 2017, for all teachers and employees of Bronte ISD.

as presented. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended approving the Resolution on Committed Fund Balance. The district commits \$50,000 for sick leave, \$200,000 for capital expenditures, \$100,000 for technology and \$50,000 for land. Beverly Sinclair made the motion to approve Resolution as presented, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood gave his report on enrollment numbers and calendar items.

The next regular board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 5 pm.

George Grim made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by

Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.

### Blackwell JV defeats Highland

Scoring 52 unanswered points, the Blackwell Hornets JV football team throttled the Roscoe Highland JV 52-6, September 7. After spotting

Highland a 6-0 lead, Grant Gott scored Blackwell's first touchdown on a 30-yard run. With Jayden Taylor's extra point, the hornets wearing green lead the blue hornets, 8-6. As the first quarter was ending, Peyton Hinckley tore through the Highland defense for a 31 yard touchdown.

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