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Saluting the Bronte High School Class of 2009

exercises for twenty-two Bronte High School seniors will be held Friday, May 29, 2009, at 8 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Following the processional

by Mrs. Leah Rosson, there will be the National Anthem by Ariel Marrs. The invocation will be given by Lahne Burns, followed by the presentation of awards by Mr. Michael Bohensky. will be the program "Senior Memories" by Mrs. Lisa Gibbs, followed by the Salutatory Address, given by Ariel Coalson. Jessi England will then present her Valedictory Address. Shannon Deller will introduce the evening's speaker, Rocky Rawls, who will address the class. Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Quinda Feil-Duncan, School Board President, and Mr. Michael Bohensky, Secondary School Principal, will present the diplomas. Samuel Rawlings will lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Sindy Denisse Barba, Amy Geneva Barnett, Boyd Lahne Burns, Israel Cecilio, Callan James Clark, Ariel Blythe Coalson, Shannon Marie Deller, Geoffrey Stephen Ehl, Jessi LaShae England, Cory Tyler Glover, Ty Mason Mackey, William dle of the dance, there will be Glenn Macon, Cortiney Taylor Daniel McMullan, Johnnye Dee



BJH Honor Graduates! Bronte Junior High School

honor graduates for 2009 have been announced. The Valedictorian, with a 96.36 average, is Jael Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams. The Salutatorian, with a 95.54 average, is Caleb Rosson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Rosson.

Formal commencement Michael, Krista Lynn Moore, Paola Enedina Perez, Samuel Robert Rawlings, Nicole Diane Reed, Larry Rodney Rosales and Reece McNiel Springer.

Twenty-four BJH graduates honored

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-four Bronte Junior High School eighth graders will be held Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 7 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Mrs. Leah Rosson will provide the processional, followed by Caleb Rosson with the invocation. Kelsey Sedden will sing the National Anthem, followed by Mr. David Bedford with honor student presentations. Caleb Rosson will then give his salutatory address. Mrs. Lisa Gibbs will present the program "8th Grade Memories", followed by Jael Williams with her valedictory address. Mr. Alan Richey and Mr. David Bedford will award the certificates. Erika Puentez will give the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

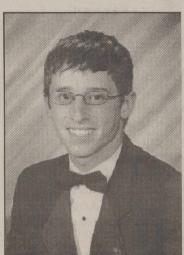
Coke County dance slated

The monthly Coke County dance will be from 7 -10 pm on Tuesday, June 2 at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

This is good exercise and lots of fun. In about the mida time out for the band to rest Dawn Martinez, Edward Lee and everybody to eat and I don't mean just little snacks, some bring all kinds of good-







BHS Honor Graduates! Bronte High School honor graduates for 2009 have been announced. The Valedictorian (far left), with a 4.0351 grade point average, is Jessi England, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry England. The Salutatorian, with a 3.9862 grade piont average, is Ariel Coalson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Coalson. The High Ranking Boy, with a 3.6548 grade point average is Lahne Burns, son of Mr. and

for June 6

Members of Bronte Chamber of Commerce are excited about their upcoming Craft Fair on Saturday, June 6, from 10 am - 5 pm. It will be held at the Bronte Community Center, near the golf course on Oliver Street. You can also visit the downtown stores while you are in town. Come enjoy spending some time in Bronte!

There are still booths available to interested crafters or quilters. For more information on renting a booth, call Peggy Kemp at 473-2604 or Don-Ann Wheeler at 473-

2nd Annual Joe Torres Memorial Golf Tourney set for June 6

The Second Annual Joe Torres Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, at the Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee.

This tourmament is in honor and memory of Joe Torres. Joe served the community for 18 years working for the City of Robert Lee. His legacy is carried on through his daughter Ashley Torres, and sons Garrett and Jayton Torres. Proceeds will benefit the Joe Torres Memorial Scholarship.

The Tournament will be a 4-man scramble, 18-hole shotgun start beginning at 9 am, featuring cash payouts Entry fee and prizes.

and entry fee is appreciated.

Jonathan Torres at 325-260-8814 or 325-453-5125 (home).

2nd Annual Clay Antilley Invitational Golf Tourney set

The second annual Clay Antilley Invitational Golf Tournament is scheduled for part of the tournament. Mountain Creek Golf Course

The tournament is to honor the memory of Clay Antilley, who was tragically killed in a vehicle accident almost 2 years ago. His involvement with golf along with all his great contributions to 4-H and FFA made Clay one of Coke County's favorite sons.

The tournament will be an 18 hole, 3-person scramble beginning with a 1 pm shotgun start. There will be a free lunch before play and free Bar-B-Que dinner and live entertainment after the tournament by the "Divots" -Stephen Myers, Jeff Brisbin, Randy Flanagan, Doug Roberts and friends. Additional entertainment will feature the "Crowhaven Band" - Cole Flanagan, Kagan Maxcey, Weston Maxcey and Michael Rodriquez.

All donations are appreci-

includes green fees and a ated which are tax deductible meal. Sponsorships are with written receipts given available with written out. Diamond sponsors are receipt. Early registration donations of \$500 and above. Gold sponsors are donations Tournament committee mem- of \$200-\$499. Silver sponbers include Jonathan Torres, sors are \$100-\$199 and Gilbert Torres, Eric Torres, Gina bronze sponsors under \$100. Williams, and Kay Torres. For Donations of any amount as more information contact well as those who would like to donate door prizes would be appreciated.

All proceeds will benefit the Clay Antilley Scholarship Fund. All checks should be made payable to "The Clay Antilley Invitational." Whether you play golf or not we would like for you to be a

Only 18 teams (54 players) in Robert Lee on Saturday, will be accepted; so sign up now. If you don't have a team, they'll find you a spot. Early entry fees and donations are appreciated. There will be free mulligans on every hole, closest to the hole prizes and beautiful hand carved mesquite plaques will be presented to the top 3 teams honoring Clay Antilley.

> Tournament committee members include Bill Ballew, Clay Allen, Jessie Flores, Randy Smith, J.D. McClelland, Ricky Ross, Randy Flanagan, Jeff Brisbin, Tim Philley, Thad Metcalf, Don Powell, Stephen Myers, Nancy Baty, Tom Sawyer, Doug Roberts, David Bautista, Jimmy Skinner, Dick and Dana Sims and the Tommy Antilley family. For more information, contact Dick Sims at 453-9977 or the Mountain Creek Golf Course at 453-2317.

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Obituaries

Streng

Mary Catherine Streng left this world on May 25, 2009. Visitation was Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at the funeral home in San Angelo, with the family greeting visitors from 6 pm to 8 pm. Graveside services were held Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 10 am at the McKenzieville Cemetery in Coke County. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mary Catherine was born on March 3, 1933, to Baylor and Christene Walker in Silver, Texas, in Coke County. She attended schools in Silver, Wildcat and Robert Lee. Mary later worked many years at West Coke Nursing Home in Robert Lee and St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Mary and Virgil Streng were married December 4, 1954, and two daughters were born to this union. Mary is survived by daughters, Melissa Archipolo and Virgilla Streng, both of San Angelo; one brother, Ronnie Walker and his wife Linda of Rankin; four grandchildren, Matthew Streng, Kevin and Andrew Archipolo and Kelly Patterson, all of San Angelo; and two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Emma Patterson. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by both of her parents, one brother, Gorman Walker and a sister, Naomi Walker.

The family requests memorials be made to Vista Care.

45-1tc Red Hat meeting set for June 4

The Red Hatters are leaving.

They're going away. To a place where travelers and others could stay.

It's not far from here. It's really a short way. And we won't be staying for the entire day.

But while we are there, we'll dwell on the history

Of the wonderful place that's so full of mystery.

The hardships were many and the neighbors were few But the pioneer families were sure it was true

That if they worked hard,

loved their friends and their

family Then things would be good and life would be dandy.

Thursday, June 4, will be the next meeting of the Coke County Red Hat Club. Join the group at old Fort Chadbourne at 11 am. Lease bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be furnished.

Call Janet at 473-5388 or Betty at 453-933 if you need a ride or want to carpool.

There will be no Red Hat meeting in July. Watch for the time and date of the August meeting.

Do You Have A Plan For Your Loved Ones?

Give the loving gift of preparedness to those you love. If you have not considered inheritance planning, it's not too late.

Linda Murdock, a representative of the Texas Methodist Foundation, will present "Putting Your House in Order", a seminar for adults young and old. Included in the seminar is a 32-page workbook to guide you in making important decisions. Linda will discuss requirements for a valid will and other estate planning tools. The workbook provides helpful information about needed paperwork including samples of appointment of guardian, power of attorney, and a living will.

The presentation will be on Wednesday, June 17, at 6 pm at the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church.

The seminar is free but there is a small fee for the workbook.

To ensure enough workbooks are prepared, please contact Misty McGlothlin, RN, at 473-2069 by Friday, June 12, if you wish to attend.

18th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo set for June 13

The 18th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo has been set for Saturday, June 13, 2009, at the Coke County Roping Arena in Bronte. This year's edition will begin at 5 pm, with approximately twenty area ranches vying for cash awards and buckles. Donations will be accepted for admission.

In addition, the Bronte Evening Lions Club will be manning the concession stand, with an array of barbecue plates, sandwiches, and all the trimmings.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 13, and plan to come out and enjoy the rodeo action and concessions, which benefit the youth of Coke County with college scholarship funding.

BHRC Auxiliary meeting held

The Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary met in the Bronte Health and Rehab Center Living Room at 1 pm on Thursday, May 21, for a delicious meal. Ed Cumbie led the prayer to open the meeting and bless the food. Minutes of the April 16, 2009, meeting and the treasurer's report were approved.

Kendal Johnston announced that the Spring Ball will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, June 11. The theme for this year is Casino Show. Ronnie Merriman will provide the music. Members are invited to help with decorations and finger foods for the ball.

Plans were finalized for the July 4 celebration. Supper will be served at 6:30 pm, the auction will begin at approximately 7:30 pm and fireworks will begin at dusk.

Bessent-Atwood engagement announced! Craig and Lisa Bessent of Abilene are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shaye Anne Bessent, to John Ross Atwood, son of Robert and Jill Atwood of Abilene. The bride's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bessent of Robert Lee.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Wylie High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She is currently employed by Mansfield Independent School District as a fourth grade

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Wylie High School, and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science. He is currently employed by Eco Lab as Chemical Account Manager.

The couple is planning a wedding for June 20, 2009, at Horseshoe Bay Resort, in Horshoe Bay, Texas. After the wedding, the newlyweds are honeymooning with a cruise to the Bahamas. They will reside in Mansfield once they return.

and ice cream sandwiches bers will assist with serving.

Paula Hensley announced will be served. Bronte Health that hot dogs, chips, drinks, and Rehab Center board mem-

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte (325) 473-3291 Preacher John V. Driggers Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm **Central Baptist Church** 324 S. Franklin • Bronte (325) 473-4811 Dale Patterson, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm **Emmanuel Pentecostal** PO Box 683 •1019 Colorado City Hwy Robert Lee (325) 453-2360 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor

Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm First Baptist Church 424 S. Washington • Bronte (325) 473-2331 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worship,

6 pm Youth and Worship Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting First United Methodist Church Corner of Washington & Holmes Bronte

(325) 473-3281 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 Youth

First United Methodist Church PO Box 144 •9th & Chadbourne Robert Lee (325) 453-2417 Steve Peyton, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship 5:30 pm Choir Practice Iglesia Bautista Bethel 101 Houston • Robert Lee (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354 Sun. 10 am • Worship 11 am & 6 pm • Service Wed. 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Worship Northside Church of Christ PO Box 508 •9th & Chadbourne Robert Lee (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685

Portis Ribble, Minister Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm; Wed. 6 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic

Church 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor Sat. 6 pm **Pecan Baptist** PO Box 542 •12 miles West of Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy (325) 453-2482 Jim Dominey, Pastor Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship Robert Lee Baptist Church PO Box 493 •22 W. 11th (325) 453-2724 Jason Martin, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 11 am & 7 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting **Tennyson Baptist Church** Hwy 277 • Tennyson Joe Hodges, Pastor (325) 473-2040 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting Victory Assembly of God PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston Robert Lee (325) 453-2208 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

St. James Catholic Church 215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

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Ed Cumbie agreed to act as auctioneer. He will also contact Stripes about a contribution for the celebration. Lanette Fletcher will contact Wal-Mart for a donation for the auction. Janet Wommack will send notices about the celebration to members and supporters.

Paul Hensley announced that there are currently 39 residents. Lee Wommack announced that the new BHRC Board officers are Doris Sims, President; Beverly Sims, Vice-President, and Alonzo Robbins, Secretary.

Those attending were Andra Arrott, Marilyn Bivins, Nina Bivins, Jane and Ed Cumbie, Lanette Fletcher, Paula Hensley, Kendal Johnston, Doris and Jesse Sims, and Janet and Lee Wommack.

Sorosis Study Club meeting held

The Sorosis Study Club met on Friday, May 15, 2009, at Nell Richard's "Doll House". Mrs. Richards has an extensive collection of dolls and those attending enjoyed looking at the many different kinds of dolls. Then they went to lunch at City Cafe in Blackwell. Members attending were Jane Cumbie, Lanette Fletcher, Jean Fancher, Mary Glenn, Pat Lee, Jane Wheat, Kay Styles and guest, Nell Richards.

The Sorosis Study Club met for a business meeting at the home of Jane Wheat on May 21, 2009. Lanette reported that the garage sale netted \$309.09. Sponsorship of next year's garage sale will be turned over to the The Scholarship Committee reported that Callan Clark, nephew of Marian Gohman, and Cory Glover, grandson of Doris Sims, are the recipients of a \$500.00 scholarship each.

A summer BBQ dinner will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 16, at the home of Jane and Bill Wheat. The club will provide the meat to be cooked by Kay and Rick Styles and members will bring side dishes and desserts. Spouses will be invited to this meeting.

Members were asked to write a letter to City Hall supporting Telemedicine in Bronte. It was decided to participate in the West Texas Rehab Telethon on Saturday, January 16, 2010. It was also decided that the club would sell Bronte key rings. We will purchase 50 keychains with Bronte Longhorns and 50 Bronte keychains that can be personalized. We hope to have the key-chains to sell by "Meet the Longhorns" at the beginning of school.

Delicious refreshments were served by hostess Jane Wheat and co-hostess Jane Cumbie. Members present were Marilyn Bivins, Jane



Gymnastics! Jessica Wheat and Mariah Munoz competed in the Concho Valley Gymnastics Mini-Meet on May 16. Both girls competed in the floor routine, balance beam, vault and the uneven bars. Jessica and Mariah received ribbons and medals for their efforts,

Cumbie, Lanette Fletcher, lar education teachers. Marian Gohman, Pat Lee, Fredna Moore, Leah Rosson, Doris Sims, Jennifer Stango, Kay Styles, Jane Wheat and Janet Wommack. Leah Rosson won the Chinese Auction.

Austin College names graduates

Austin College in Sherman, Texas, celebrated the Commencement of the 160th academic year of the college Sunday, May 17, for approximately 320 Bachelor of Arts candidates from the Class of 2009 and 23 Master of Arts in Teaching candidates.

Graduates from the Coke County area included Rebecca Ann Rawlings (Psychology, Biology). She is a 2006 graduate of Bronte High School and is the daughter of Kary Rawlings and the late David Rawlings.

Cassidy nominated for Support Staff of the Year

Kim Carver Cassidy was nominated by her peers at Norwood Elementary School in Burleson, Texas, for Support Staff of the Year on Thursday, May 14. Kevin Cassidy, Kim's husband, was nominated for the same Elementary. Support staff cookies? Was it the enjoyincludes certified employees ment of us kids hanging out that are not considered regu- together on a school night?

Burleson ISD currently has 12 campuses where support personnel serve students with specific needs. Kim is a dyslexia teacher, while Kevin is a speech pathologist.

In her required essay for the honor, Kim credits a high school teacher for much of her success. In her own words, "Growing up in a very small West Texas town, it was easy to have access to our teachers much of the time. I had fabulous teachers throughout my education, many of whom I still consider friends and love to "catch up" with on different occasions. But one specific teacher had a significant influence on my life and career. I can remember having some difficulty in math. Mr. Horn, my math teacher, invited several students from my class to his house several nights a week until the final exam. When we showed up, his wife (an elementary teacher) always had a plate of chocolate chunk cookies and some milk for us during our study time. I remember those nights so vividly. Did I remember his beautiful house? Did I remember this award at his school, Frazier because of the fresh baked



Support Staff of the Year! Kim Carver Cassidy, along with her husband Kevin Cassidy, were nominated by their peers at their respective schools in Burleson, Texas, for Support Staff of the Year.

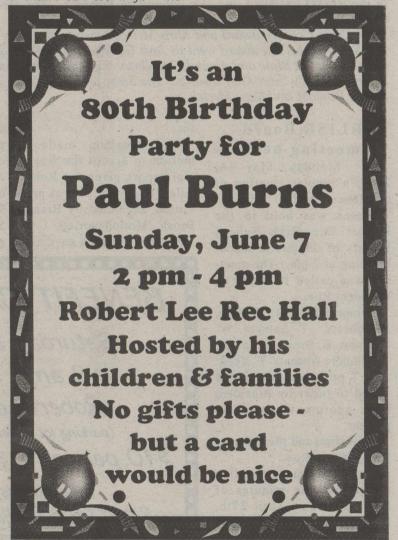
that X can always have a dif- everyday!" ferent value). I believe He had a much larger plan for me, teaching. And even more intriguing, teaching struggling students to read! I get to teach, facilitate and encourage a love for one of my favorite hobbies personally...reading! I have been fortunate enough to be able to thank Mr. Horn for his

Absolutely not! His children selflessness, support and perhad previously graduated. sistence with a group of teenag-He had many more things to ers many years ago! Over the do during his "off" time than last 10 years in public educato spend even more time with tion, I believe that one of the teenagers. I remember and most important things I have value that he willingly chose noticed is that students are the to sacrifice his personal time best judges of character. They to help it "stick" in our thick can see through to your inner skulls. I think back on those core. They can decipher nights so often knowing that whether your actions are sinhe was instrumental in my cere or not. They know whether decision to make teaching a coming to school on Monday is lifelong profession. I am a "have to" or a "get to". My completely convinced that "goal" is to teach the desig-God used Mr. Horn to plant a nated curriculum to students, seed, not for the love of while my "desire" is to encour-Algebra II, which still doesn't age, love, support, and inspire quite make sense (why is it them to believe in themselves

Kim is the daughter of John and Sheila Carver of Robert









RLHS Cheerleaders! Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders for the 2009-2010 school year are (from left to right) Kimberly Roach (sophomore), Lubbock Roe (freshman), Bri Brisbin (senior), Becka Saucedo (senior), Libby Trejo (senior) and Emilee Yanez (senior). Kacee Roberts (junior) will serve as "Stomper" for the year.



Steer/Lady Steer Awards! Robert Lee High School has presented Steer and Lady Steer awards to several RLHS athletes at the Sports Banquet held on May 21. The event was held in the RLISD cafeteria and was catered by Rangel's. The Steer Award was given to Josh Gallegos, while Arrin Minjarez received the Lady Steer Award. Jimmy Womack received the Steer Cross Country award and Mira Myrice received the Lady Steer Cross Country award. The Steer Basketball award went to Josh Gallegos. The Steer and Lady Steer Track awards went to Garrett Blair and Amanda Mendoza. Logan Philley and Briana Brisbin received the Steer and Lady Steer Golf awards. The Steer and Lady Steer Tennis awards were given to Jimmy Womack and Mira Myrice.

RLISD Board meeting held

On Monday, May 18, 2009, a regular meeting of the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees was held in the Robert Lee High School Library of the public school building at 7 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Roe.

Members Present: K. Roe, J. Roberts, T. Sawyer, W. Washam, B. Brosh, I. Torres

Members Absent: T. Reed At 7 pm the meeting was called to order by President Roe, quorum of members present.

Invocation and pledge were led by Kevin Roe.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20th and April 27th, 2009, meetings, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted

Brosh. Motion carried.

Roger Henderson gave ele-

mentary and high school

Wes Washam made a principal's reports... 134 motion to accept the finan- enrolled in elementary; 97% cial report given by Robin ADA for April. 110 enrolled Allen, to pay the bills as pre- on the secondary campus; sented, seconded by Brandi 97% ADA for April. Wayne grams report for both

Simpson gave a special pro-



athletes competed in the district tennis meet held in Garden City on May 19. Results include: (back row) Jordan and Justin Gartman - 1st) Mixed Doubles, 8th Grade Division; Everett Wilson and Taylor Sheldon - 1st) Mixed Doubles - 7th Grade Division; Michael Curry and Ashlie Tennison - 3rd) Mixed Doubles - 7th Grade Division.

Robin Allen administered Oath of Office to Board Members Wes Washam, Sawyer, Jr.

Irma Torres made a motion to keep Officers of the Board Kevin Roe, President; Wes Washam, Vice President; Jeffie Roberts, Secretary. Motion was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Jeffie Roberts made a to accept motion Superintendent's recommendation to enter into Service Agreements with ESC XV Contracts/Shared Service Agreements for the 2009-2010 school year as presented. Motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Wes Washam made a motion to approve extra duty pay for staff as presented, seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All voted for.

Superintendent recommended going with third party plan review for construction project. Motion made by Tom Sawyer to accept recommendation, seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Brandi Brosh made a motion to approve SKG Engineering to do the materials testing for construction project, seconded by Wes Washam. All voted for.

The board took a break at 8:08 pm and resumed the regular meeting at 8:13 pm. Superintendent's report

included summer hours, update on construction project and ground breaking, legislative issues, wind turbine update, Brandi Brosh and Tom summer maintenance projects, current budget update, and board conventions.

The Board recessed from as they are for 2009-2010; open session at 8:28 pm, entered into closed session at 8:30 pm and reconvened into open session at 8:41 pm.

> Brandi Brosh made a motion to accept resignation from Stephanie Brady and Dan Huck, seconded by Irma Torres. Motion carried.

> The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be held on June 15, 2009, at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Rawlings awarded Ford FFA Scholarship

Sam Rawlings, a 2009 graduate of Bronte High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Ivey Motor Company and Ford Motor Company. Sam the is the son of Kary Rawlings of Bronte and the late David Rawlings. He plans to study Wildlife Management.

The Built Ford Tough Trucks FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

The scholarship is one of 452 scholarships awarded this year by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and Ivey Motor Company to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2009, as well as current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five \$1,000 national scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Motor Company. Ford Trucks sponsors these five scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ivey Motor Company is proud to support FFA and the Built Ford Tough Trucks FFA Scholarship Program. Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. To date, the program has awarded \$5,556,000 in scholarships to 5,566 FFA members throughout the country. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

National The FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members-all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture-as part of 7,439 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.



Built Ford Tough! Sam Rawlings, a graduating senior at Bronte High School has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Ivey Motor Company and Ford Motor Company. Presenting Sam with his scholarship is Billy Wayne Roe, owner of Ivey Motor Company.

Longhorns compete at regional track meet

The Bronte Longhorn track team participated in the UIL Region II-A Track and Field meet recently in Abilene at Abilene Christian University. The top 4 places at the Area meet at McMurry 3 weeks ago qualified for the Regional Meet. Longhorns qualified 5 events to Regional and performed very well. The Longhorns placed in all 5 events and had personal best in most. The following are the results

High Jump - Dakota Rawls cleared 6'4" for 4th place;

Long Jump - Jacob Scott jumped 19'10" for 8th place; 400 Dash - Dakota Rawls ran 51.86 in the prelims and 52.33 in the finals for 4th place;

110 HH - Rob Rosson ran 15.28 in the prelims and 14.98 in the finals for 1st place;

1600 Relay - Ernesto Cassillas, Lahne Burns, Kerwin Rawls, and Dakota Rawls ran 3:33.34 in the prelims and 3:34.62 in the finals for 7th place.

Rob Rosson advances to State in the 110 High Hurdles as the Champion of Region II-A. Chelsea Cook will also advance to the State Track Meet to be held in Austin on June 5-6 at The University of Texas.

Swimming Safety Part I

By Jan Yanez

full swing and while you are enjoying the pleasures of the warm weather, it is important to be prepared to keep yourself and your loved ones out of harm's way. American Red Cross has several simple tips that could save your life if you are swimming at the beach, the lake or a neighborhood

General Swimming Safety Tips

· Learn to swim and swim well. One of the best things anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is learn to swim.

· Never swim alone. Always swim with a buddy.

 Always choose a supervised area in which to swim, whether at a pool, the beach, the ocean, a lake or a river. a trained lifeguard is the best safety factor. Even good swimmers can have an unexpected medical emergency in the water.

· Never drink alcohol and swim. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance and coordination and reduces your body's ability to stay

· Never chew gum or eat while you swim - you could easily choke.

· Know your swimming limits and stay within them. Don't try to keep up with a stronger swimmer or encourage others to keep up with you. Keep an eye on children and weaker swimmers - if they appear tired, encourage them to rest out of the water.

· Use common sense about Summer is about to be in swimming after eating. It may not be necessary to wait an entire hour after eating to swim safely. But after a

· Watch out for the dangerous "too's" - too

swimming.

tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.

large meal, let digestion get

started before doing any

strenuous activity such as

· Stay out of the water when overheated - you could easily tire. Let your body cool itself down first. Drink lots of liquids before jumping into the water.

· Watch the weather. Stop swimming or boating as soon as you see lightning or hear thunder. Wait at least 20 minutes after the last sound of thunder and flash of lightening before reentering the water.

· Pack a "safety" bag for a day at the beach or lake. Include water-proof sunscreen, SPF 15 or higher, water shoes to keep feet safe from the heat and objects on land and in the water. Pack plenty of water. All containers should be plastic to prevent injuries from breaking glass. The properly packed safety bag will help ensure that everyone comes home safe and sound.

Ocean Swimming Safety

See if a warning flag is up or ask a lifeguard about water conditions, beach conditions or any potential

hazards. If there is rough surf, stay out of the water.

· Keep within the flags that designate where you can swim. Swim only where there is a lifeguard on duty.

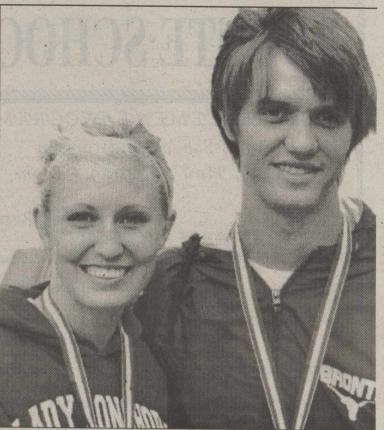
· Know local weather conditions and prepare for electrical storms. Water is a conductor of electricity, so stop swimming as soon as you see lightning or hear thunder.

· Know how to handle ocean currents. Be aware of undertows, drift and rip currents. As deadly as rip currents are, its not that hard to survive one - if you stay calm and know exactly what to

To get out, just tread water and allow the rip current to carry you out -- they tend to dissipate outside the breaking surf. Then you can wait for help, or swim around the rip current and back to shore. But few people have the calm to do this. Most drown because they swim against it and tire out.

So for most people, it is recommended swimming parallel to the shore (alongside the shore). One doesn't have to be a strong swimmer to do this. Rip currents aren't exactly narrow, but they are · Check surf conditions concentrated in one place. In before you enter the water. a short while, most swimmers should be outside the current and able to make it back to shore.

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AddressMr. Rocky Rawls

Presentation of Diplomas.. Mr. Alan Richey Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Quinda Feil-Duncan President, Board of Trustees Mr. Michael Bohensky

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> "Blinded By The Light" by Manfred Mann's Earth Band

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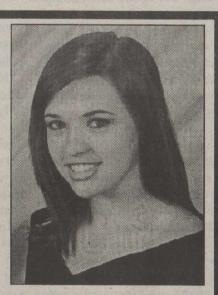


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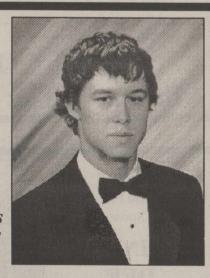


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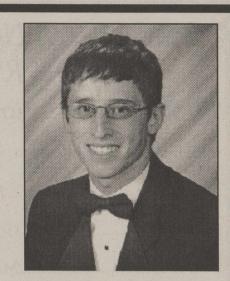
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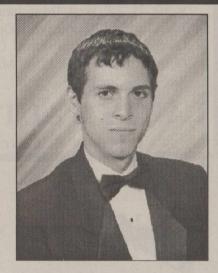
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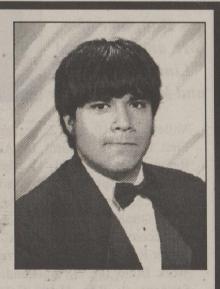
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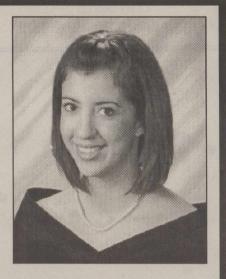
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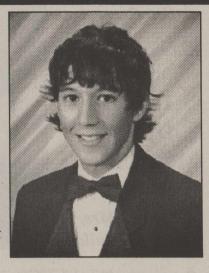


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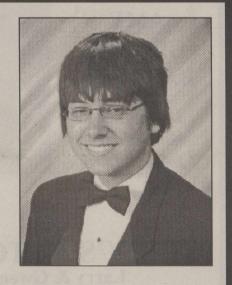
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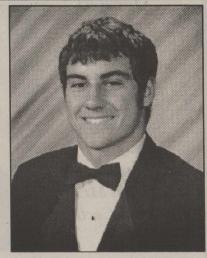
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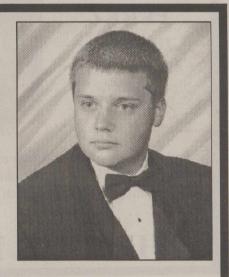
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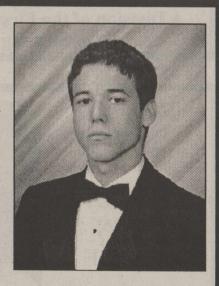


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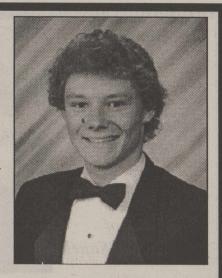
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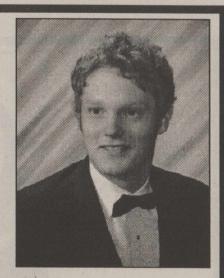
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... Swimming Safety

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Sometimes the rip current is diagonal to shore. If you try to swim parallel to shore but aren't making any progress, turn around and swim parallel to shore in the other direction. That will do the trick.

· Use caution with surf boards, boogie boards, tubes, etc. When using these items, stay in designated areas and be aware of other swimmers.

· Stay away from piers, pilings and diving platforms.

· Look out for marine life you may get stung. If you do get stung by a jellyfish or a sea anemone, soak the injured part in salt water and apply a baking soda paste as soon as possible. Do not rub the wound or apply ammonia or fresh water. If an allergic reaction occurs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

· Wear foot protection. Your feet can get burned from the sand or cut from glass in the sand.

· Stay out of the water when overheated - you could easily tire.

JET Airmen keep communication flowing

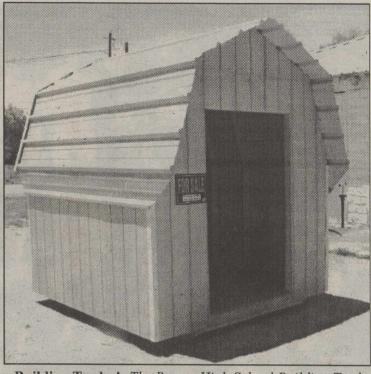
by Staff Sgt. Dilia Ayala 332nd AEW Public Affairs is often said communication consists of three parts: the sender, the message, and the receiver of the particular message. It is also said that if there is a glitch with any of the three parts, the communication cycle is broken.

A team of Joint Expeditionary Tasking or JET Airmen here work to make sure the vital cycle is not broken, thus contributing overall mission accomplishment.

"Our job as computersystem administrators is to issue, maintain and get (computer) accounts open," said Staff Sgt. Juan Gallegos, 518th Tactical Installation and Networking system administrator and 732nd Air Expeditionary Group JET Airman. "We manage the network and keep information available to all the users, as well as keep the network secure. Essentially, we keep the communication flowing."

Sergeant Gallegos said he is one of a handful of JET Airmen assigned to the Army charged maintaining and managing the base's computer network. All are responsible for keeping their customers happy by ensuring all their computer-system needs are taken care of in a timely matter.

"As network administrator, responsible for operating and maintaining the switches and routers on the strategic networks," said Senior Airman Jerry Sanchez, also a JET Airman. "I'm part of a



Building Trades! The Bronte High School Building Trades Class has just completed their last project of the year. The project is an 8'x 8' portable building built on skids. The building was designed by the trades class and built at BHS. The frame is built with 2" x 4" studs and the roof is metal. The building is for sale to the highest bidder. The bidding is open bidding on a bid sheet inside the building. Money from the building will go into the class building fund for projects next year. Anyone can bid on the building as many times as you wish and the bid will be awarded some time after school is out. For more information, call Mr. Cooper at 473-5038 or see the building at the art dept. in Bronte. Building Trades class members include Ernesto Casillas, Ginny Caston, Corv Glover, Kasey Glover, Ty Mackey, Eddie May, Chelsea McGinnis, Taylor McMullan, Jose Perez, and Larry Rosales. The class is taught by Ron Cooper.

team that is responsible for As part of his weekly

missions," added the Allen, resolved. Texas, native deployed from Lackland Air Force Base, management

ensuring that the lines of duties, Sergeant Gallegos, communications on the who is deployed here from network are up and running. Hill Air Force Base, Utah, "Without us, the units on teaches a class that decreases the camp would have a the amount of time severe setback while trying servicemembers have to wait accomplish their for a computer issue to be

"I conduct information training," said the sergeant, a

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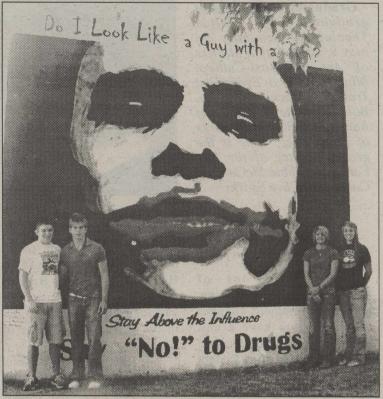
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Anti-Drug Mural! The Bronte High School Art II Class has just completed their last project of the year. The project is a mural on the old Scott building across from the Texas Theater in Bronte. The mural is meant to be an anti-drug message for Coke County. Students pictured with the mural are (from left to right) Louie Martinez, Earnesto Casillas, Shelbi Waller, and Chelsea Meek.

native of Robert Lee, Texas. unit, computers can be "We train these IMOs so they will know the basic techniques to troubleshoot the computer system. That way it will make our job easier, and it keeps the customer satisfied.

"If it was just us, we'd have a bunch of computers lined up (waiting to be fixed)," he continued. "By training individuals at every

troubleshot instantly for certain issues and can be back up in minutes instead of a couple of days."

One of Sergeant Gallegos' newest IMO students, Chief Petty Officer Edward Brunner, Scan Eagle Sentinel Site 2 officer-incharge here, is thankful for the training.

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Everyone is invited to see all the improvements and enjoy a refreshing dip in the pool!

Graduate! Bobbie Sparks graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary on May 9, 2009, with a Masters of Art in Cross-Cultural Ministry and a Evangelist Training Teaching Degree. Bobbie is the daughter of Bucky and Barbara Sparks of Robert Lee. She is the granddaughter of the late Earl and Bobbie McCoy and Calvin and Cova Sparks.

...JET Airman (Continued from previous page)

"We have a lot of personnel coming and going, a lot of equipment changes so we have to have a unit administrator, otherwise we'd be asking the (system administrators) to be coming over all the time," said the Woodbridge, Va., native. "So by taking this course, I am able to take a lot of the workload off of them and fix it right there on-site. It's a

Sergeant Gallegos said IMO training is available to every unit here and encourages units to have members within their units trained as IMOs.

lot faster and more efficient

that way."

"This training is available to every unit out there that has a need for an IMO, someone who can serve as a direct point of contact for computer issues," said the JET Airman. "The main reason for this class is to keep the network up and running; to keep it available for the customer, for everyone on base. We need it to be up and running."

Maintaining communications across base and throughout the area of responsibility is vital to mission' accomplishment, said Sergeant Gallegos.

"If the network is down, the communication cycle is broken," he said. "We keep the communication flow open, and it helps keep the mission going. We ensure the communication system is available 24/7 and decrease the amount of downtime as much as possible."

Overall, 1,500 JET Airmen with the 732nd AEG serve at more than 60 locations throughout Iraq.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Gallegos of Robert Lee. He is married to Kimberly Gloria Gallegos and they have two children. Kailan and Kaleb. His inlaws are Ray and Sally Gloria of Robert Lee.

(Editors note: The following article is from the November 26, 1976, edition of the Observer/Enterprise)

Swine Flu shots set for Coke County

Coke County residents will have the opportunity to take advantage of the Swine Flu innoculation clinic to be held here Saturday, December 4, with Dr. Thuy Danh Do in charge of the clinic, which was a series



The clinic in Robert Lee is scheduled from 9 am to 12 noon at the Robert Lee Hospital, while Bronte residents will receive the vaccine from 2 pm until 5 pm in the Community Center in Bronte.

The clinic urges all persons 18 years and above to take advantage of this free service.

Mrs. Joy Bagwell of Robert Lee and Mrs. Jane Cumbie of Bronte are in charge of coordinating the program with the State Health Resources along with Dr. Do.

Mrs. Bagwell stated that each person, prior to receiving the vaccine, will be required to read an information sheet concerning the vaccine and must sign a registeration form which states in part the person has read the statement about the swine flu, the vaccine, and the special precautions. Also there would be a bi-lingual person present to help with anyne needing assistance.

The Alpha Kappa Pi and '64 Study Club have chosen this project in community service, and members will be there to assist in any way possible. Those helping from the Alphi Kappa Pi are Mmes. Jeffie Roberts,



Abilene Zoo! On Thursday, May 14, the Robert Lee Kindergarten class traveled to the Abilene Zoo. Following the trip to the zoo the kids ate at Cici's Pizza.

Prather and Jo Runnion. Members from the '64 Study Club include Mmes. Gay Sawyer, Alice Beaty, Reba Roberts, Pauline Vaughan, Margaret Epperson and Melba Vernor.

The Swine flu vaccine, specially prepared and field tested should protect most people who receive it.



The Texas Two-Step Method

With persistence, patience and the right plan, fire ants can be controlled. The Two-Step Method gives excellent Dorene Mashburn, Betty control of red imported fire Mathews, Beverly Bell, Beth ants, especially in larger

entire neighborhoods.

necessary ingredients can be underground nests. found at most nursery supply or garden centers.

lawn. When collected by themselves.

lawns and where applied to foraging ants, fire ant bait particles are carried to all When applied properly this colonies in the yard and method poses little risk to shared with queens and people or pets. And the other fire ants in their

Baits consists of a food combined with a slow-acting 1) Let them eat bait! The insecticide. Baits make first step in the two-step efficient use of very small method is to broadcast one amounts of pesticides of the many excellent fire because they are delivered ant baits over your entire into the colony by the ants

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Now this is say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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MVPs! Bronte High School recently presented several BHS athletes with MVP awards. They included Chelsea Meek - Volleyball; Sam Rawlings - Boys Tennis; Mackenzie Gibbs -Girls Golf; Chelsea Cook - Volleyball; Rob Rosson - Track; Jessi England - Girls Track and Tennis; Chelsea McGinnis - Girls Basketball; Dakota Rawls - Boys Basketball; Lahne Burns -Boys Golf; and Reece Springer - Football.

Baits CAN be applied directly to a fire ant mound, but they usually work best when scattered lightly over the entire yard or area to be treated. This controls visible as well as hidden fire ant nests.

Two types of spreaders can be used to broadcast baits. The type you use depends on the kind of bait chosen. Baits designed to be applied at rates of 1 to 1 1/2 pounds per acre can be put out using a handheld seed spreader. Set the spreader to the smallest setting. One pass over the area to be treated is generally sufficient, as the amounts to be applied are very low.

Some products are specially formulated to be put out at higher rates using a standard, push-type fertilizer spreader. Read the label for the product you choose to determine the best type of spreader to use.

Baits do not kill fire ants overnight, so be patient. Products containing indoxacarb, hydramethylnon and spinosas work the fastest. They will control fire ants within 2 to 4 weeks.

Baits that contain an insect

fenoxycarb, pyriproxifen of control of most of the fire ants if you treat more than 1 or 2 fast control. acres.

ants will take the baits to their options include: underground nests within a few hours.

searching for food? Fire ants water is applied. Sprinkle the forage when soil surface recommended amount of temperatures are between 70 insecticide on top and around and 90 Degrees F. For most of the mound. Most products Texas, the best time to bait is should then be watered into the between May and September. In mound with at least 1 to 2 the winter, when soil gallons of water. A sprinkling temperatures are cooler, fire can is best for gently washing ants may build mounds but they chemicals into the nest without forage little.

The second step is to directly this purpose. treat any ant colony that needs immediate control. which are mixed with water Applying an insecticide or and applied to a mound. As other treatment directly to a with granules, always use 1 fire ant mound is the fastest to 2 gallons of water per way to get rid of most fire mound to get enough ant colonies.

Because broadcast bait where the queen lives. growth regulator (such as treatments provide slower

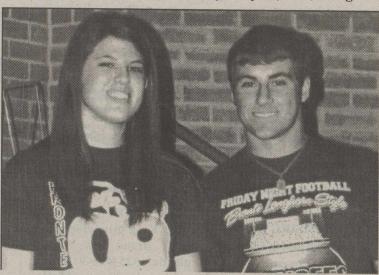
methoprene) usually require in your yard, limit Step 2 2 to 6 months for control, treatments to mounds located but they generally do not next to house foundation, in need to be reapplied more high-traffic areas or in other than once every 1 or 2 years sensitive spots where you want

Treating individual mounds Apply baits at the right time, takes more time than does Baits work only when applied broadcasting baits; however while the fire ants are actively it may be all you need if searching for food. When your yard has only a few applied during this time, the mounds. Step 2 treatment

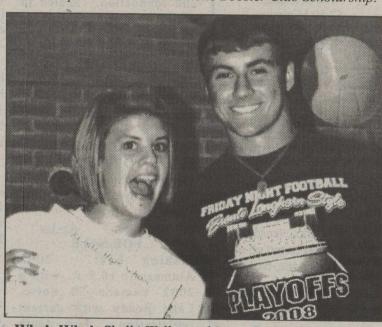
* Granular products, which contain an insecticide that So when are ants actively releases into the soil when washing the granules off the 2) Treat Problem mounds. mound. Do not use a hose for

> * Liquid concentrates, solution deep into the nest

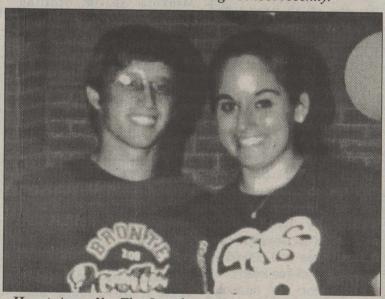
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Ariel Coalson and Reece Springer Athletic Scholarships! were recently awarded the Martin and Pat Lee Athletic Scholarship and the Bronte Athletic Booster Club Scholarship.



Who's Who! Shelbi Waller and Reece Springer were named Who's Who in Athletics at Bronte High School recently.



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more or less, out of Abstract 34, Section 18, George H. Bringhurst Survey, situated in Coke County, Texas. Said 3.13 acres of land being out of an original 1164.630 and 1046.75 acres of land, more or less, described by metes and bounds in exhibits A, B, C, D and E attached to a deed in favor of Kevin Love and wife, Kara Love, dated December 21, 2006, and recorded in volume 200, page 308, in the Official Public Records of Coke County, Texas, incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Said 1164.630 acres of land being out of the J.W. Johnson Survey, 1, Abstract 474; the John Stewart 12, Abstract 614; the George Bringhurst 614, Abstract 614; and the M.W. Matthews Survey No. 12 1/2, Abstract 526, Coke County, Texas. Said 1046.75 acres of land being out of and a part of the George H. Bringhurst Survey 18, the J.W. Johnson Survey 1, the John Stewart Survey 12, the M.W. Matthews Survey 12 1/2 and the Joseph Young Survey 11, Coke County, Texas, and also being a part of a certain 1310.4 acre tract of land as described in Field Notes prepared by M.M. Anderson, Licensed State Land Surveyor, recorded in volume 77, page 550, Deed Records of Coke County,

Texas. AND LEVIED UPON AS THE PROPERTY OF Kevin Love and Kara Love and that on the first Tuesday on June 2009, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Courthouse door, of Coke County, in the City of Robert Lee, Texas between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said property.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Observer/Enterprise, a newspaper published in Coke County

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* Insecticide dust, which is designed to be sprinkled lightly over the entire mound. Avoid disturbing the mound during the application, as this can disturb and disperse the ants. It's best to keep children and pets away from treated mounds until the dust is gone.

* Baits can be used as direct-mound treatments, although they are generally slow to work. When applying directly to a mound, use one of the fast-acting baits. This type of treatment is especially good for colonies next to side walks or curbs, where the nest often extends under the concrete.

* Naturally derived insecticides, which are available in a number of different formulations and using different natural ingredients. As with other treatments, be sure to apply enough water when using liquids of granules.

* Shoveling, which can be used to move fire ants from gardens, compost piles or other sensitive sites. Wear rubber gloves and liberally dust the gloves, shovel and bucket with talcum powder to keep the ants from scattering and to reduce the risk of stings. Once captured, the colonies can be dispatched by carefully dousing them with soapy water. Do not attempt this method if you are allergic to fire ant stings.

Don't skip vacation; just watch the costs

By Jason Alderman
One of the first things
many people trim from their
budget during economic
downturns is vacation. That's
unfortunate because stressful
times are when we most need
to recharge our batteries.
Taking on additional debt to
finance a vacation is itself
stressful, however.

With summer vacation just around the corner, here are a few tips for taking a welldeserved break that won't break the bank:

Staycations. Last summer's astronomical gas and airfare price hikes popularized "staycations," where people vacation close to home and explore their own backyard – sometimes literally. A few ideas:

* If gardening relaxes you, dedicate time to sprucing up your yard. If you hate it, splurge on a gardener.

* Use money you save by not traveling to hire a housecleaner after your staycation so you won't have to think about cleaning.

* Become a local tourist.
Research what online travel
sites and the Chamber of
Commerce recommend for
visitor activities. Many
businesses provide localresident discounts to

encourage return visits.

* For a minor splurge, visit a local resort and take advantage of its amenities. Most offer off-days where rates are lower.

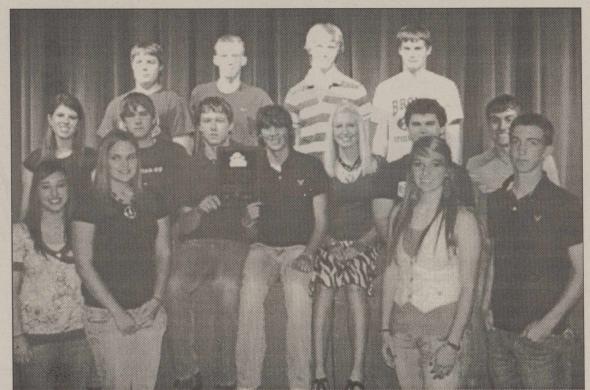
* Enjoy crowd-free shopping and errands while everyone else is at work.

Uncover hidden vacation costs. If you do travel, make sure to budget beyond normal airfare, hotel, rental car and meal expenses. Consider such items as surcharges for extra or overweight luggage, sales and hotel taxes, babysitters, tips, taxis, rail and transit passes, event admission costs and ticket-ordering charges, new luggage, sporting equipment rental, and special clothing or accessory requirements.

Don't have a vacation budget? Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.c om/travel), features a summer travel budgeting center filled with tools to help you create a vacation budget, including a webbased calculator that suggests various travel options and then automatically tallies the results.

Double-check prices. You can find great deals on airfares, hotels and rental cars by comparison shopping online. But beware: Before clicking "confirm" to finalize your purchase, make sure the final price matches the initial quote. I've seen fares jump \$50 or more in just minutes or had the seat I thought I was booking suddenly become unavailable.

Try haggling. With so many people cutting back on travel, many hotels, airlines, restaurants and other tourist-oriented businesses are hurting. Don't be afraid request incentives like an extra night's lodging, free parking or shuttle service, meal vouchers or spa treatment discounts. At worst they'll just say no or perhaps



BHS Student Council! Bronte High School's Student Council joined Teens in the Driver Seat (a program sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation) this year. It is a fact that teen driving kills 6,000 teens a year, 500 in Texas, and we know Coke County has had too many unfortunate deaths and injuries of youth in car crashes. As a result, Bronte's Student Council wanted to make teens aware of driving risks and help save a life. For all of their activities promoting safe driving, the Bronte Student Council received an award as an Outstanding High School in the State of Texas (with Teens in the Driver Seat this year). They were recognized at the state capitol in May. Bronte High School Student Council members include (back row, left to right) Beau Grigg, Kaleb Parks, Rob Rosson, Kerwin Rawls, (middle row, left to right) Ariel Coalson, Heath Richey, Sam Rawlings, Eddie May, Chelsea Cook, Crawford James, Reece Springer, (front row, left to right) Mackenzie Gibbs, Johnnye Michael, Chelsea Meek and Chase Harris.

offer some other perk. And always ask for member discounts if you belong to organizations like AAA or AARP - 10 or 15 percent here and there can add up.

Be flexible. Unless you're tied to your kids' school calendar, try to avoid peak travel times and routes. Flying mid-week or from more remote airports can save a bundle. And with so many flights overbooked, airlines frequently offer cash rewards or free tickets to those willing to be bumped to a later flight. Just make sure you won't lose any deposits at your destination.

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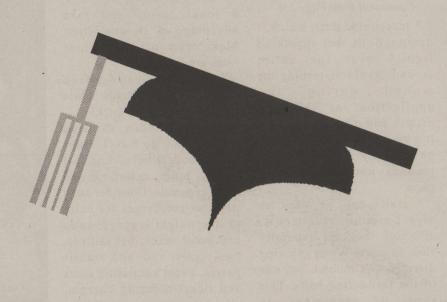
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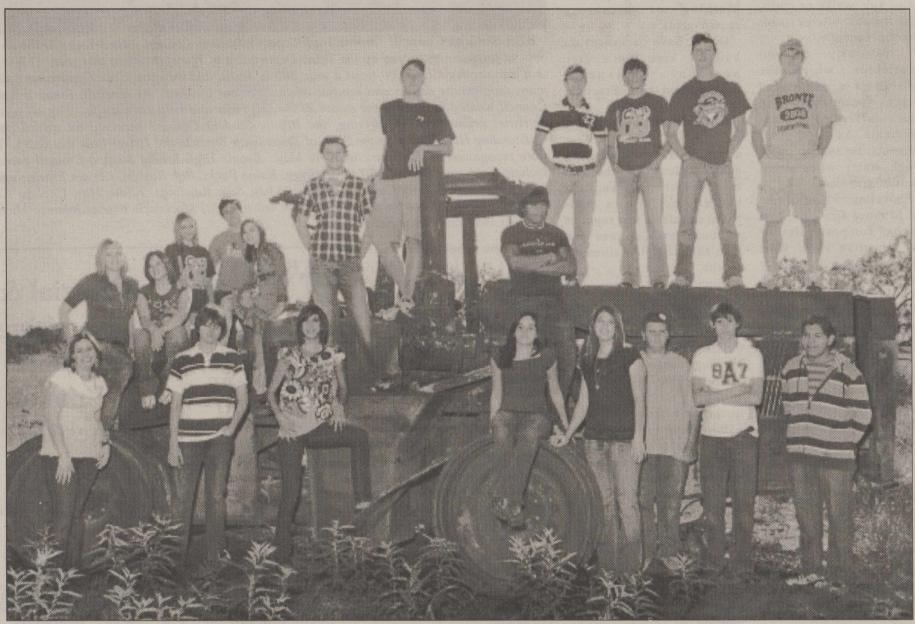
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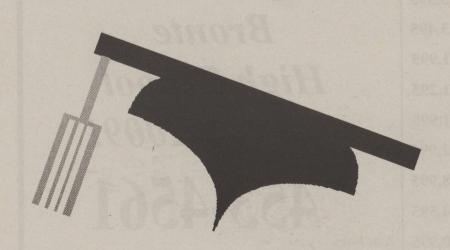
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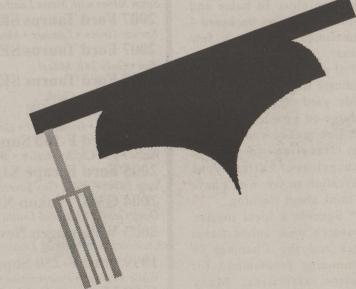






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