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Saluting the Bronte High School Class of 2013

Formal commencement exercises for eighteen Bronte High School seniors will be held Friday evening, May 25, 2013, at 8 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Following the processional by Mrs. Maureen Youngblood, the National Anthem will be led by Wes and Mica Henson. Rev. Everett Boyce will give the invocation. The Salutatory Address, given by Mikayla Fraune, will precede Secondary Schools Principal David Bedford's presentation of awards. The "Senior Memories," compiled by Mrs. Lisa Gibbs, will follow the award presentation. Jael Williams will then give her Valedictory Address. Kevin Burns will introduce the evening's speaker, Mr. Ronald Cooper. Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Paul Williams, BISD Board of Trustees President, and Mr. Bedford will award the diplomas. Bro. Corey Coraunt will lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Brooke Taylor Bedford, Kaitlyn Oleta Braswell, Brett Tyler Broadbent, Thoren Draven Charles, Nathan Ray Fillman, Mikayla Katrina Fraune, Mason Blaine Hoyt, Kyle Shane Kelton, Brayde Rayne Knight, Nathan Robert McGinnis, Erika Renee Puentez, Michelle Marie Rhodes, Beau Jarod Rousseau, Ethan Riley Sedden, Jared

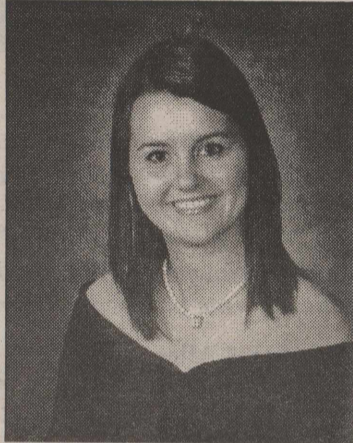
Colt Smith, Juan Gerardo Tapia, Zachary Brandon Taylor, and Jael Charlene Williams.

Thirty-one BJH graduates honored

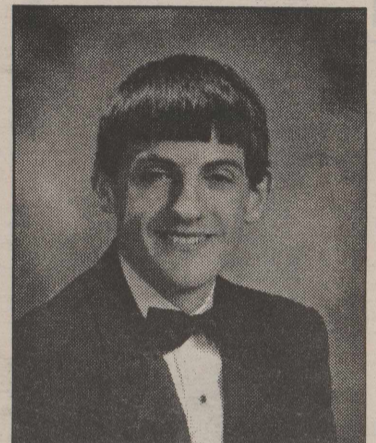
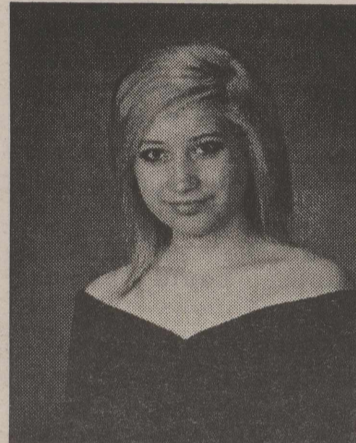
A promotion program for thirty-one Bronte Junior High School 8th Graders will be held Thursday evening, May 23, 2013, at 7 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Following the processional by Mrs. Maureen Youngblood, Chance Berryhill will give the invocation. The National Anthem will be led by Whitney Boyd. Secondary Schools Principal David Bedford will present the Honor Students. Emily Davidson will give the Salutatory Address, followed by the "8th Grade Memories," compiled by Mrs. Lisa Gibbs. Kacelyn Follis will give her Valedictory Address. Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Bedford will award the certificates. Ryan Jones will lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Billy Arthur, Kayla Arthur, Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Chance Berryhill, Jordayn Berryhill, Ashley Betts, Whitney Boyd, Hannah Brackeen, Ismael Cecilio, Emily Davidson, Karen Davis, Evan Ferguson, Kacelyn Follis, Joshua Huffman, Ryan Jones, Carson Kelso, Dennis McIntire, Tristin Minjarez, Darin Munsey, Isaiah



BHS Honor Graduates! Bronte High School honor graduates for 2013 have been announced. The Valedictorian (left) is Jael Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams. The Salutatorian (center) is Mikayla Fraune. Mikayla is the daughter of Yvonne Charles. Kyle Kelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shane Kelton, is the High Ranking Boy.



Ornelaz, Diego Perez, Justin Reed, Katlyn Reeves, Sarah Stevens-Smith, Tristan Sullivan, Kaitlyn Swecker, Kaleb Turner, Hanna Weatherly, Emily Whitehurst and Bryce Willis.

Results posted for May 11 elections Blackwell

Two local entities in Blackwell held elections last Saturday, the Blackwell Consolidated School District and the City of Blackwell.

Laura Rozzle, current Blackwell Mayor, was running unopposed on the ballot. There were five two-year terms on the ballot for the City Council. Incumbents Miller Walker 65 votes, Kay Kovach 60 votes, and Bryan Shipman 52 votes were re-elected to the council. They will be joined on the council by Christina Meffert 52 votes, and Lana Oden Goodman 47 votes. Incumbent Lucile Taylor received 28

votes, with Wayne Johnson receiving 14 votes and Walt Reiss 5 votes.

The Blackwell Consolidated School District Board of Trustees had three 3 year terms on the ballot. Incumbent James L. Sanderson received 83 votes and was returned to the board. He will be joined by Rick Stanford 67 votes, and Jody Bell 75 votes. Incumbent Jean Morrow received 56 votes and Tracy Jeter received 27 votes.

Bronte

The Bronte Independent School District returned incumbents Kay Styles 80 votes, and Shane Kelton 119 votes to the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees. Challenger Jeanna Lee received 75 votes.

Robert Lee

The Robert Lee Independent School District returned incumbent Beverly Sinclair 161 votes to the RLISD Board of Trustees. She will be joined on the board by Erin Oleksiuk 120 votes. Incumbent Tracy Allen received 29 votes and Crystal Stanford received 64 votes.

Robert Lee, Blackwell Graduation issues set for May 24 and 31

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special Senior Class editions for Robert Lee and Blackwell May 24 and 31. Each of these issues will focus primarily on the graduating class highlighted for that week. Bronte is graduating a week earlier than Blackwell and Robert Lee, so they are

being highlighted this week. Robert Lee will be featured on May 24, with Blackwell highlighted on May 31.

Representatives from The Observer/Enterprise have already begun contacting businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors in their special editions. If you would like to sponsor that special graduate, please contact our office at 453-2433.

Ranchers Workshop set for May 17

The 4th annual Ranchers Workshop focusing on "land management for today's Operator" will be held at the Community Center in Bronte today (Friday), May 17, 2013. Registration opens at 8 am and presentations begin at 9 am.

Topics will include dry-land termites, equipment demonstrations, prescribed burning, livestock supplementation, DPS Ag Laws/Regulations, and Seasonal Stocker Operations for Today's Landowner.

Please RSVP to James Jackson by calling (325) 453-2461 or email jamesr.jackson@ag.tamu.edu.

Genealogy Society to meet Monday

The Coke County Genealogical Society will meet Monday, May 20, at 6 pm in the Coke County Library.

The topic of the meeting will feature tips, including organizing research. A period of time will be devoted to assisting members in areas of genealogical problems.



BJH Honor Graduates! Bronte Junior High School honor graduates for 2013 have been announced. The Valedictorian (left) is Kacelyn Follis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Follis. The Salutatorian (center) is Emily Davidson. Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Davidson. Ismael Cecilio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodrigo Cecilio, is the High Ranking Boy.

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Ribbon Cutting! Members of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose assisted with the ribbon cutting celebration at G&T Place in Robert Lee Wednesday morning, May 8, 2013. Shown are (from left) Beverly Hawkins, Debbie Childers, Jessica Mata (managers' daughter), Terry Woodbury (owner), Juan and Cathy DeLaRosa (managers), Gracie Sosa (waitress), Gary Woodbury (owner), Todd Smith, Nancy Wilson, Kay and Gaylon Hurst, and Alexis Mendoza (waitress - not pictured). The restaurant was formerly Rangel's Restaurant.

Obituaries



Gartman

Mary Inez Gartman, long-time resident of Robert Lee, Texas, passed away May 3, 2013, in Springfield, Missouri, following a fatal one-car auto accident. Inez would have celebrated her 94th birthday on May 12.

Working alongside her father, sister Bettye, and brother-in-law Glen Thomason, Inez helped build trainer planes for North American in Grand Prairie, Texas, during World War II. Then for a number of years, Inez worked for the Coke County Hospital. Inez, for a time, served as dogcatcher of Robert Lee. More recently, she raised and sold Boer goats all the while serving as a staunch supporter of Future Farmers in America in Robert Lee.

Inez is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Bettye Jean and Robert Ramage of Colorado City, Texas, eight nieces and nephews, eleven great nieces and nephews, plus a host of good friends in addition to special friends Jean, Connie, Larisa and Sylest whom she considered extended family.

Daughter of Dewey Roby Gartman and Ethel Leah Martin, Inez was also predeceased by her brother, D.R. Gartman, and sister, Ethel Lucille Thomason.

Great stories of Inez and her life recently shared with the family touched their hearts to hear that everyone loved this pioneer character of Robert Lee. The family requests you to share your favorites with everyone at her memorial to express the mutual respect and love for Inez, her friends and her community. Inez's time with each member of

family and friends over her lifetime influenced all their lives.

The family asks you to join the celebration of the life on this earth of Mary Inez Gartman on Friday, May 17, 2013, at First Methodist Church, Robert Lee, 4:30 pm. Inez had expressed she wanted her funeral to be late in the day so the "working people" could be in attendance.

The family is comforted to know Inez now has her mansion with God and dances with her friends and family who greeted her there in Heaven.

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Allen

Marie (Wallace) Allen passed away April 10, 2013, in Denver, Colorado. Marie was born in Coke County, near Robert Lee, December 13, 1925, to Calvin and Leona Wallace.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Travis Allen, and three daughters and their husbands, Gloria and Rick Srijikarn, Margaret and Bob Rossow, and Myra and Dave Sprague, all of the Denver area.

Local survivors include her brother and his wife, Royce and Alice Wallace, sister-in-law, Jewell Wallace, and brother-in-law, Bob Reese, all of Robert Lee. Marie is also survived by a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by both of her parents, two sisters, Mildred (Bo Wallace) Reese, and Edna (Wallace) Havins, and one brother, J. C. Wallace, Jr., all of Robert Lee.

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Account opened to assist family

An account has been opened at Robert Lee State Bank for the family of Lee Dempsey to assist with expenses.

What is "Satan's Game Plan"?

Sunday Mornings • 10 am
Bible Study • Tuesday 7 pm
Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm

Recovery Meetings • Friday 7 pm

FORGIVEN MINISTRIES
Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
Russ Frasier, Preacher

Vacation Bible School
June 3 - 7
6 pm to 8 pm
Ages 4-12

First United Methodist Church
 Robert Lee, Texas

First United Methodist
 Church of Robert Lee
 presents

"God's Backyard Bible Camp"
 where kids have a blast
 serving Jesus!
 Music • Arts & Crafts • Story Time
 Snacks & More!!!

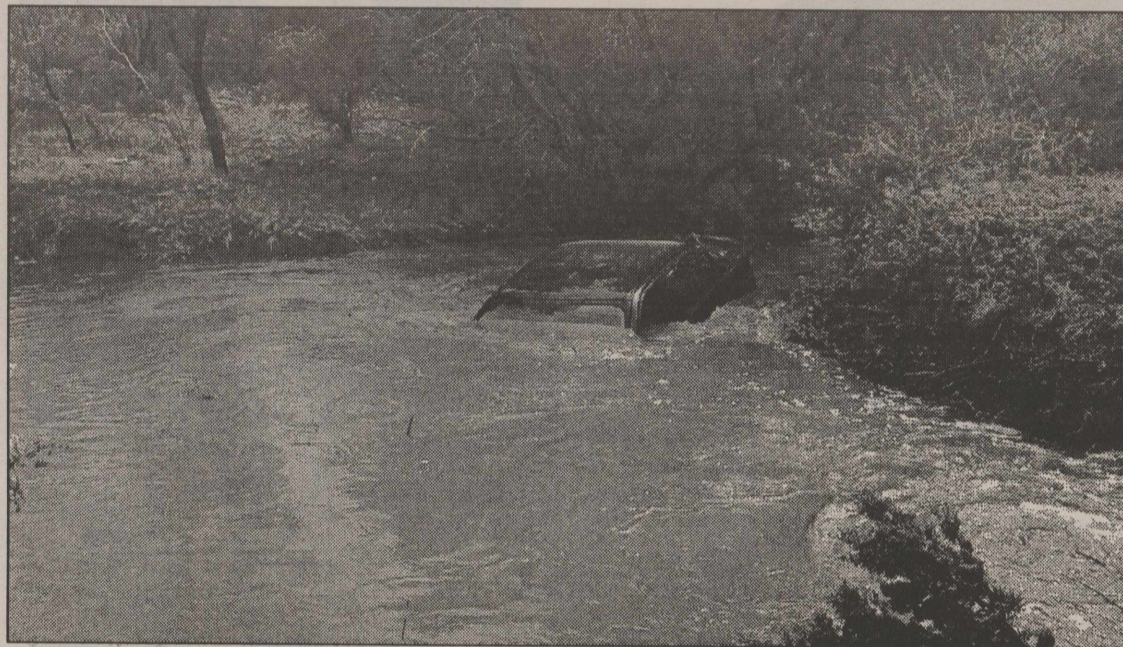
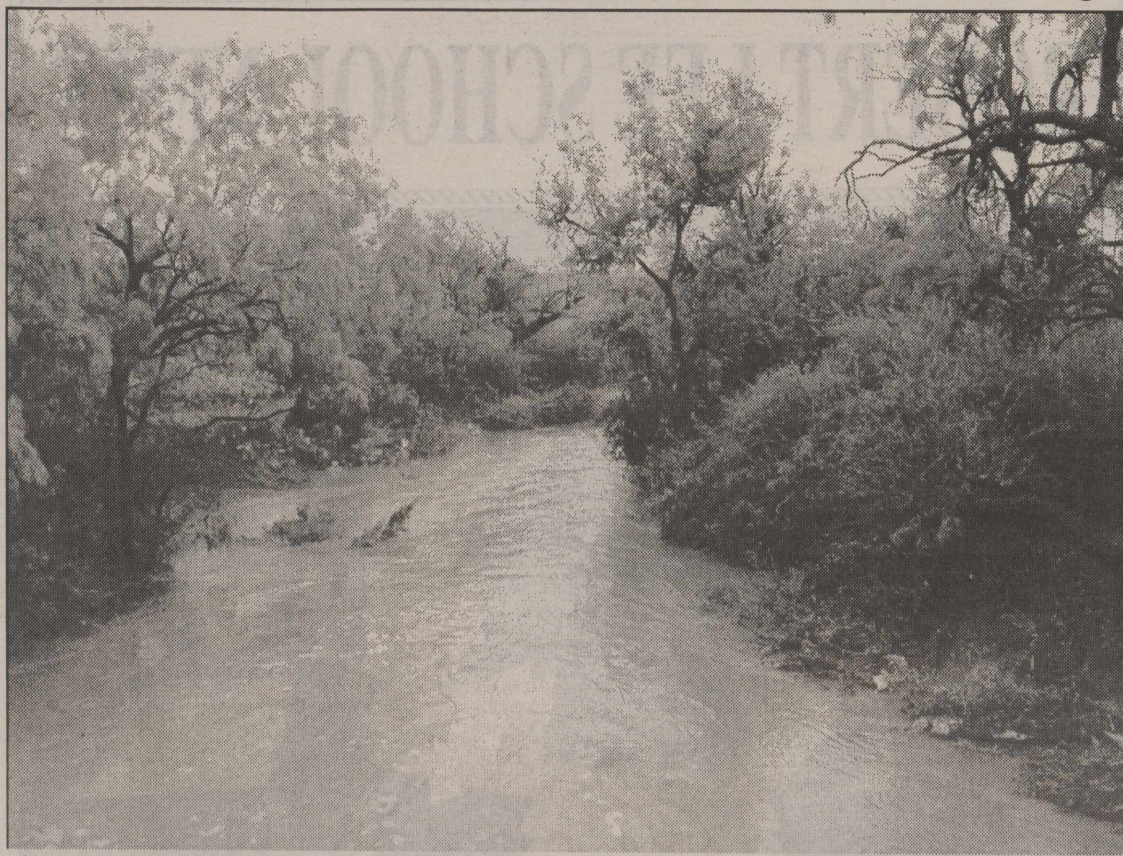
For more information, call
 (325) 453-2417.

Area Churches
Invite You to Worship

- Bronte**
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
- First Baptist Church**
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship,
 5 pm Worship
 6 pm Youth
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
- First United Methodist Church**
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
- Forgiven Ministries**
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
- St. James Catholic Church**
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm
- Coke County**
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
 www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
- United Christians Fellowship**
 Wildcat Marina • West of Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2468
 Ed Zimmerman, Leader
 Sunday 10 am, Worship
- Robert Lee**
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2360
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
- First United Methodist Church**
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 5:00 pm Choir Practice
- Iglesia Bautista Bethel**
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 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
 Jordan Arnold, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship
- Northside Church of Christ**
 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053
 Services: Sun. 10 am
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm
- Robert Lee Baptist Church**
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 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. 6 pm, Bible Study
- Tennyson**
Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



Storms Bring Good and Bad! Monday, May 6, 2013, began a week of rain and severe weather in Coke County. Small amounts of rain fell on Monday afternoon in spotty showers around the county. The first of the severe storms arrived Thursday afternoon dumping rain and small hail – pea to marble size – in both Bronte and Robert Lee with golf ball size hail reported on Highway 158 between the two towns. This storm went on southeast hammering Ballinger and other areas with much larger hail. Friday afternoon saw a storm hit west of Robert Lee near Pecan Creek. As it moved southeast, it dumped heavy rain and hail between Highway 158 and Highway 208. It then meandered along FM 2662 before heading toward Tennyson and moving out of the county. A car carrying two teenage young men (below, right) was washed into the creek on Green Mountain Road. Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and the Coke County Sheriff's Office responded to the emergency and no injuries were reported. Reports came of two feet of hail on Green Mountain. Melting hail along FM 2662 caused a fog late into the evening. Normally a dry creek bed, Live Oak Creek (above) where it crosses FM 2662 was rolling Friday evening, taking the new high fence with it. Jack Myles Creek (above right) on Highway 208 was just under the bridge. It appears that all parts of Coke County received some rain last week, with some areas receiving two inches and more.



Relay for Life set for May 17-18

The Relay for Life of Tom Green County will be held May 17-18 from 7pm until 7 am at the LeGrand Sports Complex in San Angelo. The theme this year is "A Century of Cures-Color Us Cancer Free." A team of Robert Lee ladies called 'The Golden Girls' will be participating in the relay. Anyone interested in donating, or participating in the relay as a survivor, caregiver or a participant, please let captains Robin Allen or Pam Millican know. Robin can be reached at 763-7305 and Pam at 473-1027.

Bronte Golf Tournney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 18 hole golf tournament on Saturday, May 18. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up, you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156 or 325-473-3231. After 5 pm call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

Coke County Retired Teachers Association meeting slated

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 20, 2013. The noon luncheon will be

held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. Reminder to members: dues are due.

Lawhon inducted into Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame

Dr. Lynn Lawhon, a native of Bronte, was inducted into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame at their Class of 2013 Dinner and Induction Ceremony Monday, May 6, 2013, at the Abilene Civic Center.

Dr. Lawhon received the Lifetime Achievement for Officiating. He called high school football for 21 years, all as a member of the Abilene chapter. He was an official in five Texas high school state championship games. He also officiated in the Southwest Conference from 1989 through 1993 and the Western Athletic Conference from 1995 through 1999.

He retired from officiating following the January 1, 2000 Cotton Bowl Classic between Arkansas and Texas before returning to work as an NFL replacement official in both 2001 and again in 2012. He was elected to the Texas Association of Sports Officials Hall of Honor by the Abilene Football Chapter in 2009.

Dr. Lawhon is the son of Jerry and Mary (Sug) Lawhon of Bronte. Many of Lynn's family and friends attended the cere-

mony including two of his Bronte High School coaches – James Raughton and Gerald Sandusky.

Warden reminds residents to leave baby fawns alone

Local game warden Jim Allen reminds residents to avoid coming into contact or adopting baby fawns. Does will soon be having fawns, and will be leaving them hidden for periods of time. In nearly all cases, the fawns have not been abandoned, and residents are urged to just leave them alone.

The warden reminds residents that it is a violation of state law to possess live whitetail fawns without departmental issued permits.

If an extreme situation develops, you may contact Allen at (325) 234-5626.

Bronte Longhorn Golf Club announces Summer Youth Golf Program

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club will be hosting a Summer Youth Golf Program that is open to all area youth. This summer, learn to play golf or just improve your game.

The program will take place weekly, starting July 3rd from 9-10:30 am. Lessons equipment and refreshments are provided. The program is free, so mark your calendar and

come have fun!

UCRA public meeting set for May 22

The Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA) has recently been tasked by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to update the


TMDL Implementation Plan for river segment 1426. Segment 1426 is the Colorado River between EV Spence and OH Ivie Reservoirs. The original TMDL and Plan were approved in 2007.

UCRA's goal is to support evaluation and revision (as

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Congratulations!

BHS Class of 2013!



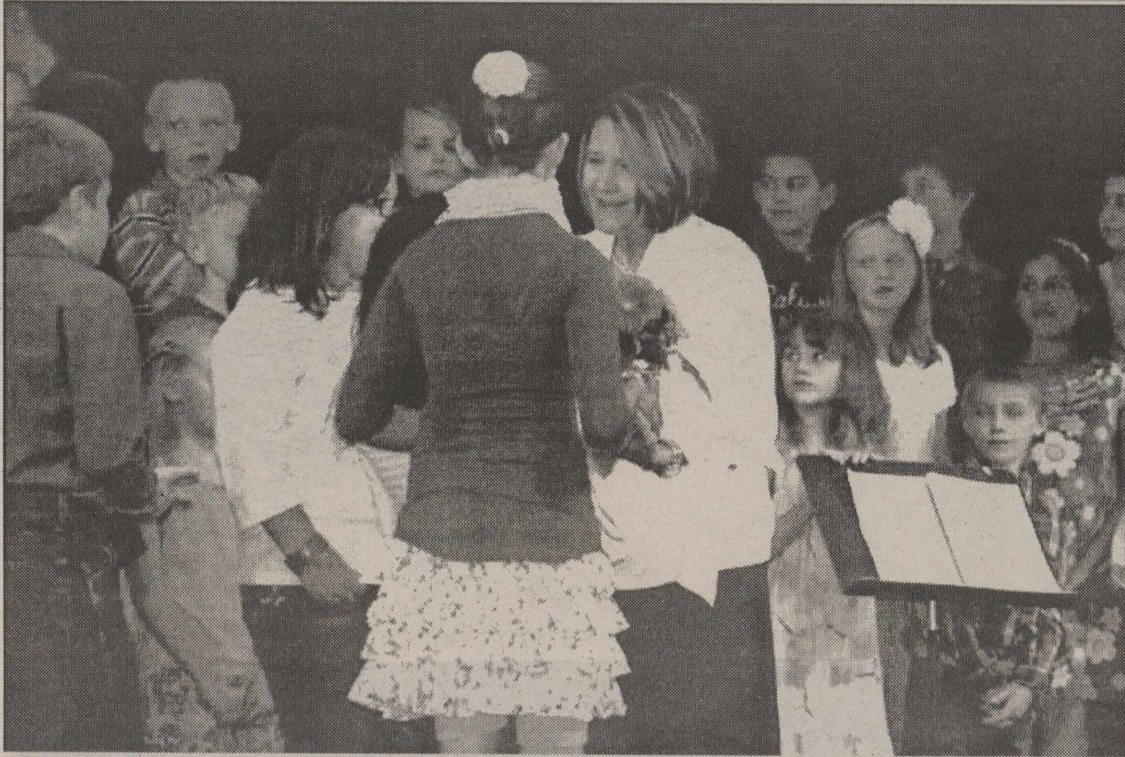
These graduates have made Jon Hart Luggage selections!

Brooke Bedford	Brayde Knight
Kaitlyn Braswell	Erika Puentez
Nathan Fillman	Michelle Rhodes
Mason Hoyt	Beau Rousseau
Kyle Kelton	Jael Williams

MAIN STREET MARKET

105 Main Street
Bronte, Texas • 473-6246

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Robert Lee Elementary Music Program! Mrs. Sterling Myers (above) receives flowers following the Robert Lee Elementary Music Program held Tuesday evening, May 7, 2013. Photos of participating students are also included on this page.



School Menu

- Breakfast**
- Monday, May 20**
Pancake on stick or cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, May 21**
Biscuit & sausage or cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, May 22**
Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, May 23**
Cinnamon roll or cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, May 24**
Holiday
- Lunch**
- Monday, May 20**
Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, apple slices, breadstick, milk
- Tuesday, May 21**
Baked chicken, rice, carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk
- Wednesday, May 22**
Bean chalupas, salad, applesauce, salsa, sherbet cup, milk
- Thursday, May 23**
Hamburger, salad, tator tots, western beans, pears, milk
- Friday, May 24**
Holiday



Robert Lee Sports Banquet slated
The Robert Lee Sports Banquet will be held May 21st at 7 pm. Catering will be by Kenny Blanket. Make reservations and get your tickets at RLHS office from Pam Millican. Athletes are FREE. Tickets must be bought and paid for by May 14th.

Vacation Bible School set
First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee would like to invite all children—ages 4-12—to attend Vacation Bible School from 6 pm to 8 pm June 3-7. The program's theme is God's Backyard Bible Camp: Where Kids Have a Blast Serving Jesus! Activities will

include music, arts and crafts, story time, snacks, and more.
Registration forms will be sent home with students during the last week of school, and will also be available in the church office, 22 W. Ninth St., or during the registration process on June 3.
For more information, call the church office at 453-2417. Bring a friend and come join the fun!

Robert Lee AON accepting donations
The AON would like to announce they DO accept memorials and donations year round and donations may be sent to PO Box 24 Robert Lee, TX 76945.



The Grads have made their "Jon Hart" gift selections!

JON HART DESIGN GRADUATION

RLHS Class of 2013

Josh Barnes	Sara Lara
Beeanca Bower	Lubbock Roe
Dawson Brisbin	Paige Royall
Drew Davis	Zachary Sanchez
Jordan Gartman	Zach Skinner
Justin Gartman	Bailey Smith
Kelsey Hewitt	Blake Smith
Sean Hildebrand	Ashlie Wheat
Hazel Howard	

DJ's Merle Norman
7 E. 6th St. • Robert Lee • 453-4642

YOU'RE INVITED!

Robert Lee All Sports Banquet

Robert Lee School Cafetorium
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 • 7 pm
Catered by Kenny Blaneck

Tickets Prices
Members \$12 • Non-Members \$13
Call RLHS Office at 453-4555 for tickets

BHS TRACK RESULTS

Longhorns, Lady Horns compete at Regional Track Meet

The Bronte Longhorns and Lady Longhorns participated in the Region II-A Division II Regional Track meet in San Angelo on April 26-27. The boys and girls were doing their best to place in the top two and advance to the state meet in Austin. Both teams did a good job qualifying for their events on Friday for the finals. In the field events, on Friday, Jared Scott qualified for the State meet when he placed 2nd in the Long Jump. Jared jumped a personal best 21'11" to advance to the State meet.

In the running events for the Lady Horns, Kaitlyn Braswell placed 5th in the 400 meter dash. Crystal Bilbrey placed 8th in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. The 4 X 400 meter relay team of Amber Betts, Crystal Bilbrey, Marley Braswell, and Kaitlyn Braswell placed 6th.

The Longhorns 4 X 100 meter relay team placed 6th. The 4 X 400 meter relay team placed 2nd. Both teams are made up of Jared Scott, Joshua Puentez, Mizaël Perez, and Ty Lee.

Longhorns travel to Austin for State Track

The Bronte Longhorns participated in the Class A Division II State Track Meet this past weekend in Austin. On Friday morning, Jared Scott took home the silver medal as he placed 2nd in the boys Long Jump. Jared jumped 21' 10 1/2 " on his last jump to go from 3rd place to 2nd. Jared was in third and was an inch and a half behind the jumper from Grady and improved his position by 4 inches on his final attempt. Jared was by far the most consistent jumper in the group as all six jumps were clean and all of them were over 21 feet. Credit his jump coach and (mom) Carol Moore for her time and diligence in getting him ready all year long.

The 4X400 meter relay team of Mizaël Perez, Jared Scott, Joshua Puentez, and Ty Lee had to wait until midnight to get their run in as weather delayed the running on Friday night for a few hours. Their race started on Friday, right at midnight, and ended on Saturday. They said it was worth the wait. The boys finished in third place behind Grady and Rocksprings. They ran their fastest time of the year, 3:32.6, and were able to get on the podium for a medal.

Congratulations to these boys and their accomplishments this season and for reaching the State Track Meet.

Chamber meeting detailed

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting Monday, May 6, 2013, in the Williams building.

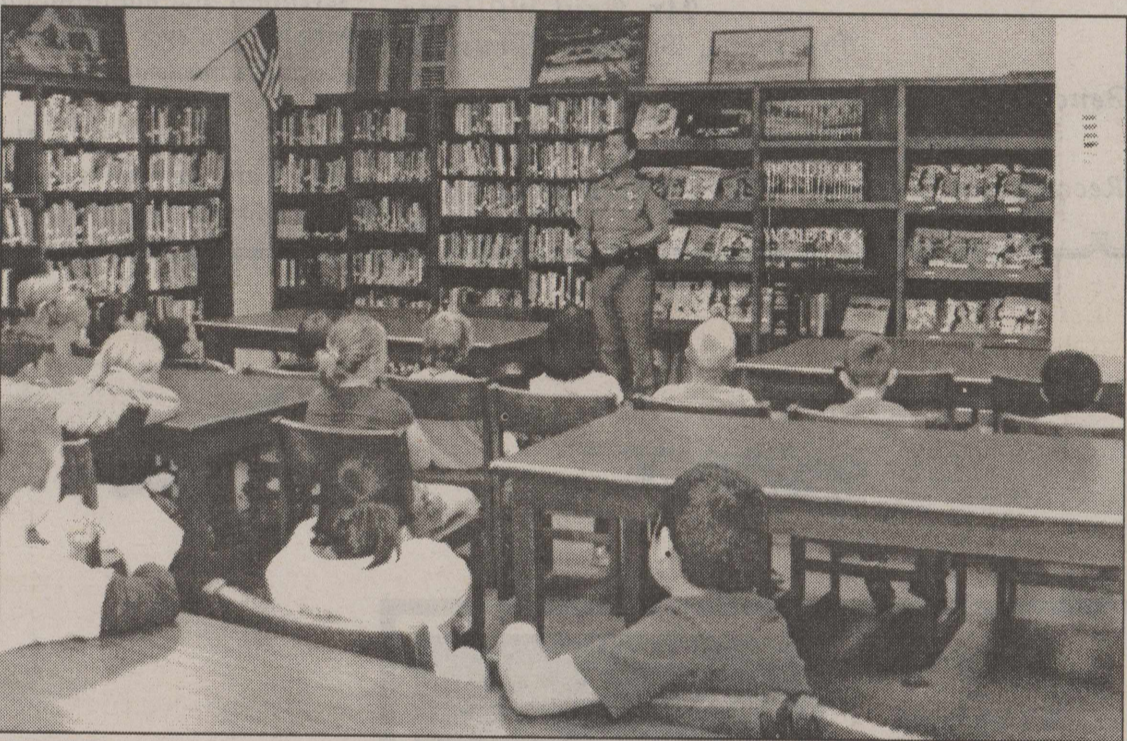
The chamber welcomes Ashley Braswell as a new chamber member. Mrs. Braswell shared her thoughts and ideas of ways the Chamber could involve the younger generation more.

The Chamber banquet positives and negatives were discussed. Members gave their ideas on what worked well this year and what will work better for next year.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Longhorns Bring Back the Bronze! The Bronte Longhorn's Mile Relay team placed third at state this past weekend. The team was (from left to right) Josh Puentez, Ty Lee, Mizaël Perez, and Jared Scott; who also placed second in the long jump at state. Congratulations Bronte Longhorns for a successful track season!



Safety Presentation! DPS Trooper Shawn Baxter recently spoke to Bronte Elementary School students in grades PK - 6 about various safety topics. He spoke to students about stranger danger, bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, and water safety. The students had the opportunity to ask questions and each student received a booklet that contained activities and information about some of the topics discussed.

The members of the Bronte Chamber are looking for folks to join the chamber and for business owners to let them know what the Chamber can do to promote the businesses. Suggestions may be sent to chamber@brontetexas.org. All suggestions will be appreciated.

Plans were discussed for

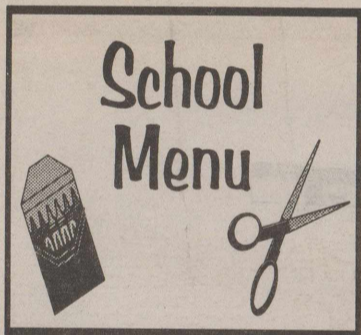
the 5th Annual OLDIES BUT GOODIES CAR SHOW coming August 17, 2013, at The Depot. Come show off your classic ride, enjoy good food and help support the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Annual fundraiser.

Ideas were also tossed around to try to get the

local Junior High and High School kids involved in DOING GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Scholarship app due 5/30

Marie Hall Scholarship (ASU, Texas Tech, Howard College, Midland College) www.pbaf.org. Click on the Marie Hall Scholarship application.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, May 20

Sausage roll, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, May 21

Breakfast pizza, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 22

Pancake on a stick, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, May 23

Breakfast wrap, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, May 24

Biscuit & sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 20

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, fruit, salsa, milk

Tuesday, May 21

Manager choice

Wednesday, May 22

Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, corn, fruit, milk

Thursday, May 23

Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli bites, green beans, gravy, fruit, hot roll, milk

Friday, May 24

Corn dogs, beans, garden salad, fruit, carrot sticks, milk

Congratulations, graduates.



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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Bronte ISD Auditorium

Friday, May 24, 2013 ♦ 8 pm

Processional Mrs. Maureen Youngblood
"Pomp and Circumstance"

National Anthem Wes & Mica Henson
Youth Ministers, First Baptist Church Bronte

Invocation Rev Everett Boyce
Minister, First United Methodist Bronte

Salutatory Miss Mikayla Fraune

Presentation of Awards Mr. David Bedford
Secondary School Principal

Senior Memories Mrs. Lisa Gibbs

Valedictory Miss Jael Williams

Introduction of Speaker Mr. Kevin Burns

Speaker Mr. Ronald Cooper

Presentation of Diplomas ... Mr. Alan Richey
Superintendent of Bronte ISD
Mr. David Bedford
Secondary School Principal
Mr. Paul Williams
President, Board of Trustees

Benediction Bro. Corey Cornutt
Minister, First Baptist Church Bronte

Recessional "Don't Stop Believing"
- Journey

Class of 2013

* Brooke Taylor Bedford	Nathan Robert McGinnis
* Kaitlyn Oleta Braswell	Erika Renee Puentez
Brett Tyler Broadbent	Michelle Marie Rhodes
Thoren Draven Charles	Beau Jarod Rousseau
Nathan Ray Fillman	Ethan Riley Sedden
* Mikayla Katrina Fraune	Jared Colt Smith
Mason Blaine Hoyt	Juan Gerardo Tapia
* Kyle Shane Kelton	Zachary Brandon Taylor
Brayde Rayne Knight	* Jael Charlene Williams

* National Honor Society

Valedictorian Miss Jael Williams

Salutatorian Miss Mikayla Fraune

High Ranking Boy Mr. Kyle Kelton

President Mr. Zachary Taylor

Vice President Miss Michelle Rhodes

Secretary Miss Jael Williams

Treasurer Mr. Kyle Kelton

Class Sponsors Mr. Kevin Burns,
Mrs. Melissa Burns & Mrs. Maureen Youngblood

Class Flower Peonies

Class Colors Turquoise & Silver

Class Motto

"It's the oldest story in the world. One day you're
seventeen and planning for someday and then quietly,
without you ever really noticing, someday is today and
that someday is yesterday and this is your life."

- Nathan Scott

Ushers

Miss Tabitha Huffman	Mr. Ty Lee
Miss Marisa Sanchez	Mr. Mizaël Perez

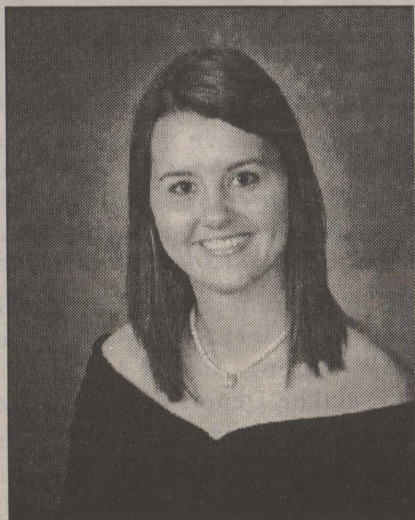


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**JAE
L
CHARLENE
WILLIAMS**

*Daughter of
Mr. and Mrs.
Paul Williams*



4H - 2003 - 2013; FFA - 2011 - 2013, FFA
President 2012 - 2013; Bronte Teen Chamber -
2007 - 2013, Secretary 2010 - 2012; Longhorns for
Christ - 2007 - 2013; UIL Cross Examination
Debate - 2010 - 2012; San Angelo Stock Show &
Rodeo Ambassador - 2010 - 2013; National Honor
Society - 2011 - 2013, Historian 2012 - 2013;
Yearbook Staff - 2010 - 2013; Student Council -
2010 - 2013, Historian 2010 - 2011, Vice-President
2011 - 2012, President 2012 - 2013; Valedictorian;
Ivey Ford FFA Scholarship Recipient.

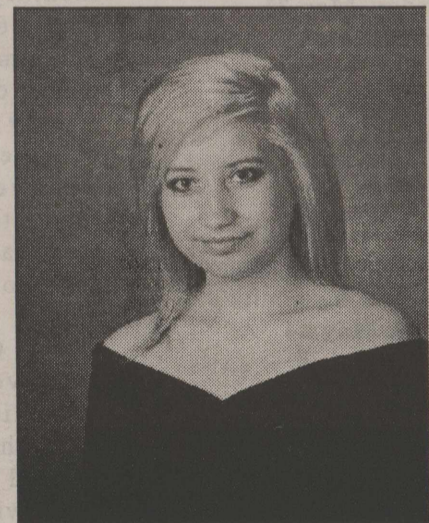
WAYS CO.
Paul & Susan Williams

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**MIKAYLA
KATRINA
FRAUNE**

*Daughter of
Yvonne Charles*



National Honor Society - 2012 - 2013, Vice
President in 2013; Student Council - 2012 - 2013,
reporter 2012 - 2013; UIL - 2009 - 2013: Spelling
2009 - 2011, Headline Writing 2010 - 2013, Science
2011 - 2012, Calculators 2012 - 2013 and Number
Sense 2013; Rotarian Youth Leadership Association
- 2012 - 2013, Member 2012, Team Leader 2013;
One Act Play - 2011 - 2013, cast; Band - 2009 -
2011; Salutatorian.

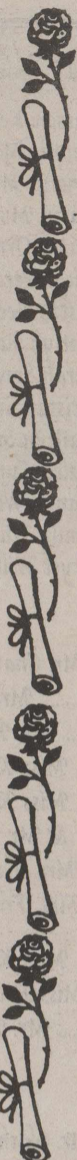
COUNTRY INN



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

First Baptist Church in Bronte
 Sunday, May 19, 2013 ♦ 7 pm

Processional Mrs. Maureen Youngblood
 Invocation Rev Everett Boyce
 Congregational Music ... Wes & Mica Henson
 Scripture Miss Jael Williams
 Philippians 3:12-14
 Baccalaureate Address Pastor Russ Frasier
 Appreciation Address Mr. Kyle Kelton
 Benediction Mr. Zachary Taylor
 Recessional Mrs. Maureen Youngblood
 "I'm off and running and
 I'm not turning back."
 Philippians 3:13

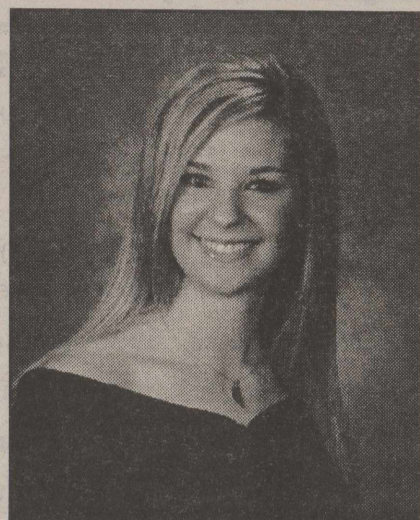


Our Respect

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 To Sponsor
 Our Granddaughter

**BROOKE
 TAYLOR
 BEDFORD**

*Daughter of
 Mr. and Mrs.
 David Bedford*



4 years of volleyball – Second team All District in 2011, team captain, 2nd team All district & All West Texas Team in 2012; 4 years of basketball – Academic All District 2011 – 2012, team captain & 2nd team All District 2012 – 2013; 3 years of track – Regional finalist 2010 – 2012; 2 years of National Honor Society – secretary 2012 – 2013; 4 years of Student Council – class representative 2009 – 2011, secretary 2012 – 2013; 4 years of Teens in Action – member; Homecoming Queen in 2012; Prom Queen in 2013; Miss BHS 2012 – 2013; and Outstanding Student – Howard College 2012 – 2013.

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CONGRATULATIONS

2013 GRADUATES!



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**ERIKA
 RENEE
 PUENTEZ**

*Daughter of
 Mr. & Mrs.
 Pete Puentez*



4 years of Volleyball – District Champs, Regional Finalist 2010, Regional Quarterfinalist 2011, 2nd Team Volleyball, 2011 – 2012, Albany All Tournament, All West Texas Team 2012, Academic All District 2011 – 2013; 3 years of Cheerleading – All American Uca Cheerleader 2012 – 2013; 4 years of Basketball – Bi-district Champs 2010, Regional Quarterfinals, Academic All District 2011, Regional Finalist 2012, 1st Team 2013; 3 years of Golf – Regional Qualifier 2012 – 2013; 3 years of Track – Regional Qualifier 2010; 1 year of Tennis – 2013; 4 years of Student Council – Class Representative 2009 – 2012, Treasurer 2012 – 2013; 4 years of Junior Chamber of Commerce – 2009 – 2013; 1 year of Yearbook Staff – 2013; 2 years of Uil Academics – Accounting 2010, Spelling 2011.

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 SAVE GROCERY**

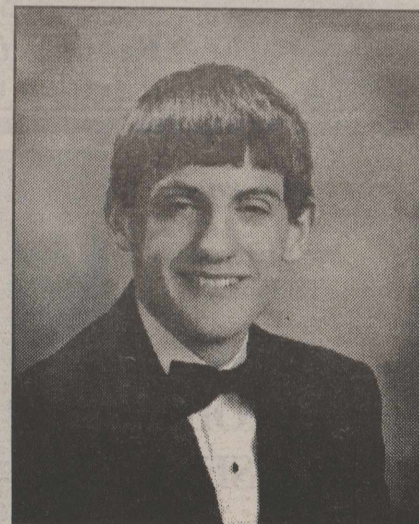


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 Of You!

**KYLE
 SHANE
 KELTON**

*Son of
 Mr. and Mrs.
 Shane Kelton*



Academic UIL – 2010 – 2013, Top Physics at District 2012, Regional Qualifier 2012; Band – 2009 – 2013, 1st Division at Marching Contest 2010, Outstanding Marching 2012, Outstanding Band Student 2009 – 2012; 4H – 2009 – 2013, President 2009, Vice President 2010; High Ranking Boy.

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8TH GRADE PROGRAM

Bronte ISD Auditorium
Thursday, May 23, 2013 ♦ 7 pm

Class of 2017

Processional Mrs. Maureen Youngblood
"Pomp and Circumstance"
Invocation Mr. Chance Berryhill
National Anthem Miss Whitney Boyd
Honor Student Presentation ... Mr. David Bedford
Salutatory Miss Emily Davidson
8th Grade Memories Mrs. Lisa Gibbs
Valedictory Miss Kacelyn Follis
Presentation of Diplomas ... Mr. Alan Richey
Superintendent of Bronte ISD
Mr. David Bedford
Secondary School Principal
Introduction of Speaker Mr. Kevin Burns
Benediction Mr. Ryan Jones
Recessional "Tattoos on This Town"
- Jason Aldean

Billy Arthur	Carson Kelso
Kayla Arthur	Dennis McIntire
Emily Barnett	Tristin Minjarez
Brittany Bedford	Darin Munsey
David Chance Berryhill	Isaiah Ornelaz
Jordayn Berryhill	Diego Perez
Ashley Betts	Justin Reed
Whitney Boyd	Katlyn Reeves
Hannah Brackeen	Sarah Stevens-Smith
Ismael Cecilio	Tristan Sullivan
Emily Davidson	Kaitlyn Swecker
Karen Davis	Kaleb Turner
Evan Ferguson	Hanna Weatherly
Kacelyn Follis	Emily Whitehurst
Joshua Huffman	Bryce Willis
Garrett Jones	

President Mr. Chance Berryhill
Vice President Mr. Justin Reed
Secretary Mr. Kaleb Turner
Treasurer Miss Kacelyn Follis
Class Representatives Miss Kacelyn Follis
& Mr. Carson Kelso
Class Sponsors Mrs. Tami Richards,
& Mrs. Francine Sallse
Valedictorian Miss Kacelyn Follis
Salutarian Miss Emily Davidson
High Ranking Boy Mr. Ismael Cecilio

Class Motto
"We do what we want!"

- Unknown

Class Flower Pink Carnation
Class Colors Hot Pink & Silver Sparkle

Ushers

Miss Mercedes DeLaCerde Mr. Nathan Robinson
Miss Dayana Perez Mr. Zach Jackson



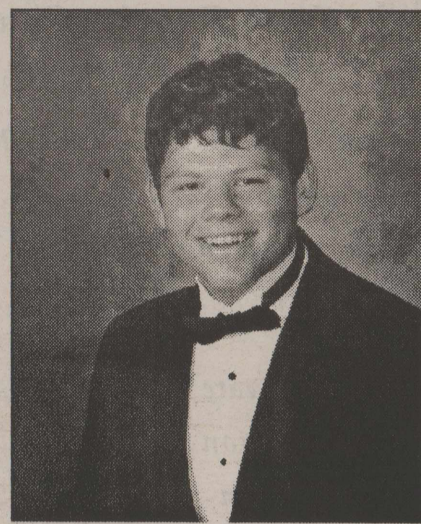
Bronte 2013
8th Grade Class

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**BRETT
TYLER
BROADBENT**

*Son of
Mr. & Mrs.
Brandon
Broadbent*



Football – 2009 – 2012;
Junior class vice president – 2012

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& REHAB CENTER**

Our Respect

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To Sponsor
Our Daughter

**BRAYDE
RAYNE
KNIGHT**

*Daughter of
Paul Knight
& Ericka Knight*



2 years of Volleyball – freshman and sophomore; 2 years Varsity Track – freshman, sophomore ran in the mile-relay team as alternate at Regionals; 1 year Varsity Cheerleader – senior; 4 years of Bronte Teen Chamber – freshman - senior; 1 year Yearbook – senior; 1 year Student Council – Senior Representative.

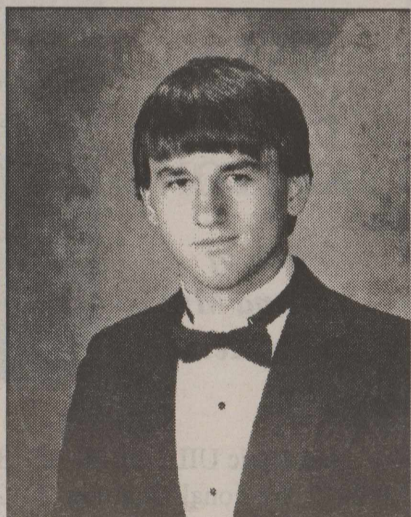
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BODY SHOP**

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To Sponsor

**BEAU
JAROD
ROUSSEAU**

*Son of
Scott Rousseau
& Jamye
Huffman*



Football – 2011 – 2012, District champs, Area champs, all district 2nd team offense 2011, Plays first round, all district 2nd team offense and defense 2012; All West Texas Right Offensive Tackle, All West Texas Middle Linebacker.

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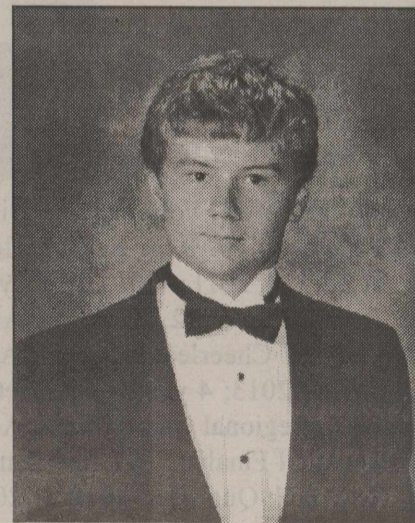


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**ZACHARY
BRANDON
TAYLOR**

*Son of
Trent & Tammy
Taylor*



Football – 2011 – 2012, Area champs 2011; Student Council - 2011 – 2012, student council committee chairman 2012; Class President – 2011 – 2012; FFA – 2011 – 2012.

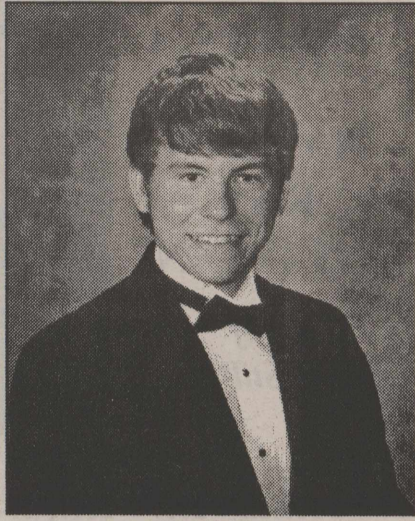
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INSURANCE**

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**ETHAN
RILEY
SEDDEN**

*Son of
Mr. and Mrs.
Marty Sedden*



4 years of Football – Bi-district Champs 2009, District Champs 2010, District Champs, Area Champs, All District 2nd Team Offense 2011, Play-offs First Round, All District 2nd Team Offense And Defense 2012; 4 years of Academic Awards – AB Honor Roll 2009 – 2013, English III student of the year 2011 – 2012.

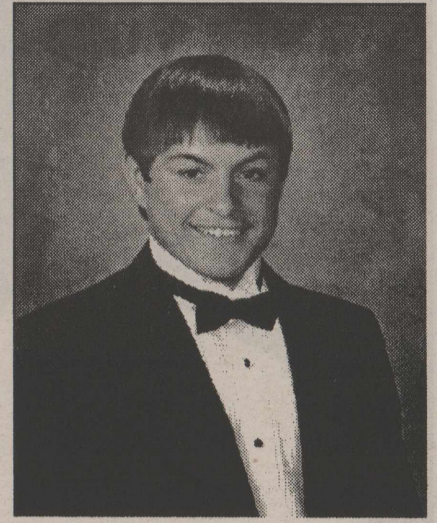
LARRY SAUTO
Gwen & Larry Dyess

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**MASON
BLAINE
HOYT**

*Son of
Danny Hoyt
& Micah Arrott*



Football – 2009 – 2012, Bi-district Champs 2009, District Champs 2010 – 2011, Area Champs 2011, All West Texas 2012, All District 1st Team Offense And All District 1st Team Defense 2012; Academics – 2009 – 2013, AB Honor roll 2009 – 2013; FFA – 2009 – 2011.

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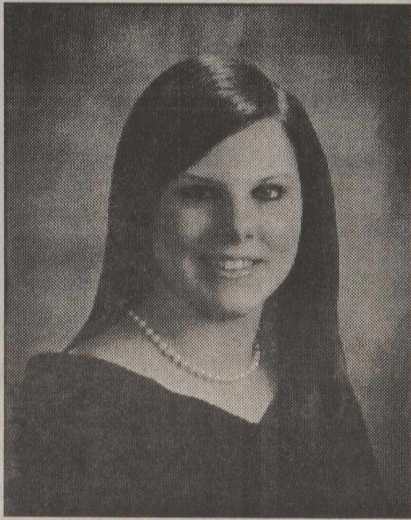


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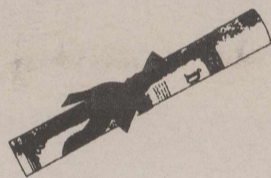
**MICHELLE
MARIE
RHODES**

*Daughter of
Wayne, Janet
& Dawn Rhodes*



Class Officer – Vice President 2012 – 2013; One Act Play – 2010 – 2013; Yearbook staff – 2012; UIL – 2011; Prom Committee – 2011.

SHIRLEY'S PLACE



CONGRATULATIONS!



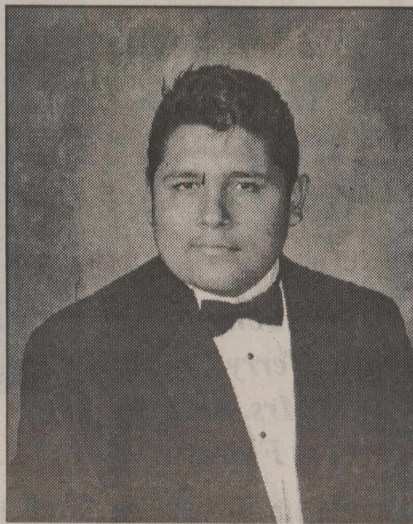
CLASS OF 2013!

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**JUAN
GERARDO
TAPIA**

*Son of
Gerardo & Maria
Tapia*



Football – 2009 – 2012, Bi-District Champs, Area Qualifiers 2009-2010, Area Champs, Regional Qualifiers 2011, First Team All District Defense 2012, First Team All District Offense 2012.

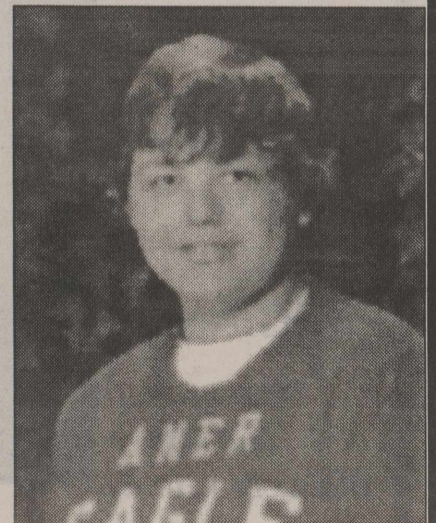
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**JARED
COLT
SMITH**

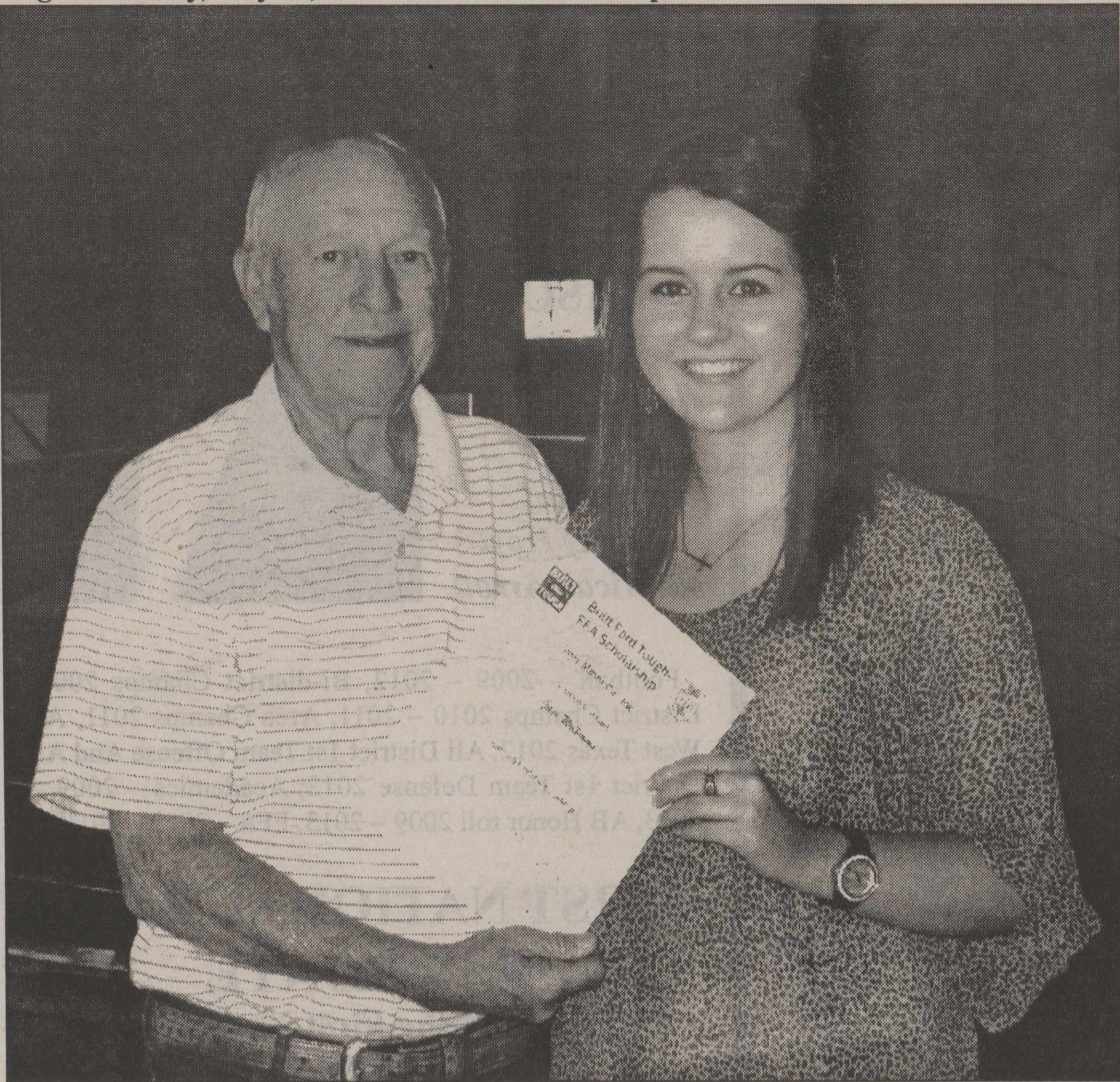
*Son of
Jay Smith*



Football – 2009 – 2012, honorable mention offensive line 2010, 1st team all district offensive live, 2nd team defensive line 2011, 1st team all district offensive and defensive line 2012; Baseball – 2010 – 2012, Newcomer of the year 2010, 1st team all district third base 2011 – 2012.

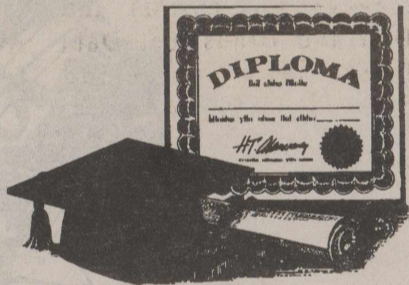
**TOM'S TIRE,
LUBE & DETAIL**
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Built Ford Tough FFA Scholarship Awarded! Jael Williams, a 2013 graduate of Bronte High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Ivey Motor Co., Inc. and Ford Motor Company. Billy Wayne Roe, owner of Ivey Motor Co. Inc., presents Jael with her certificate. Jael is the daughter of Paul and Susan Williams of Bronte. Already accepted at Texas A&M University in College Station, Jael will be studying Biological Sciences. Ford Trucks is the largest corporate sponsor of the National FFA Scholarship program. Students' applications are judged by the National FFA Organization in Indianapolis, Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS



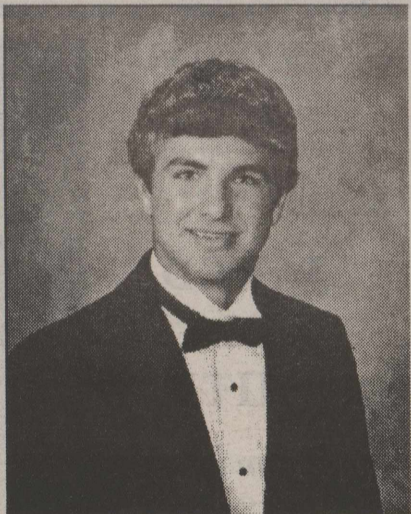
GRADUATES!

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**NATHAN
"NEWT"
ROBERT
MCGINNIS**

*Son of
Mr. and Mrs.
Blaine McGinnis*



Football – 2009 – 2012, Area Qualifier in 2009, District Champs, Area Qualifiers 2010, District Champs, Area Champs 2011, 2012 Bi-district Qualifier, All West Texas Running Back, Offensive MVP – 2012; Basketball 2010 – 2013, District, Area, Regional Champs, State Semifinalist 2010 – 2011, Bi – District Champs, Area Qualifiers 2012.

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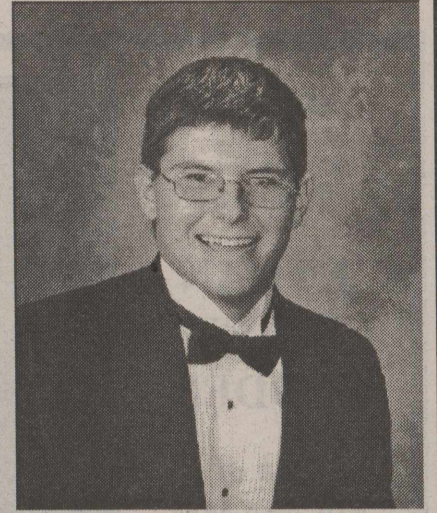


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**NATHAN
RAY
FILLMAN**

*Son of
Zane Stillely*



Football – 2009 – 2011, Bi-district Champs 2009, District Champs 2010, District & Area Champs 2011; Bronte Chamber of Commerce 2013 Student of the Year.

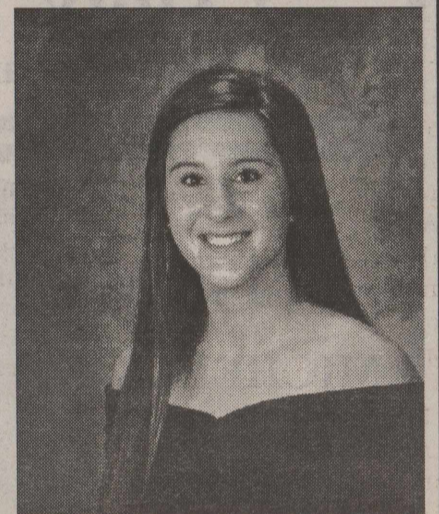
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**KAITLYN
OLETA
BRASWELL**

*Daughter of
Mr. & Mrs.
Blake Braswell*



Track – 2009 – 2013; Volleyball – 2009 – 2013; Basketball – 2009 – 2013; UIL Debate – 2010 – 2012; UIL One Act Play – 2009 – 2013; Teens in Action – 2009 – 2013; Student Council – 2009 – 2013; Cheerleading – 2012 – 2013; 4H – 2009 – 2011; FFA – 2012 – 2013; National Honor Society 2012-2013; Teens in the Driver Seat 2012-2013 Bronte Chamber of Commerce 2013 Student of the Year.

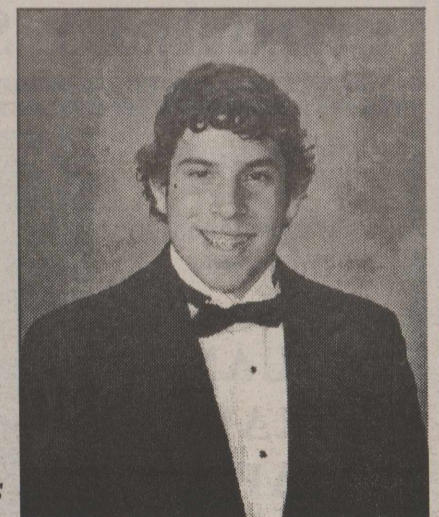
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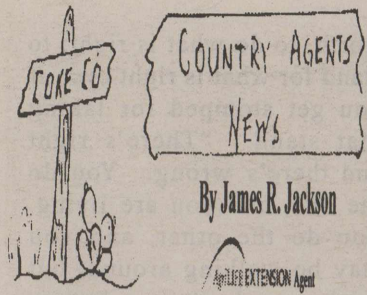
**THOREN
DRAVEN
CHARLES**

*Son of
Mr. Terry Charles
& Mrs. Sharon
Flores*



Football – 2009 – 2012, Bi-district Champs 2009, District Champs 2010, District & Area Champs 2011, First Round Playoffs 2012; Track – 2010 and 2012, District Champs Sprint Relays 2012, Area Qualifier 2012, Regional Qualifier 2012; Basketball – 2009 – 2010, District Champs 2010, State runner 2010.

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**Save it for a day
Non-Raining Day**

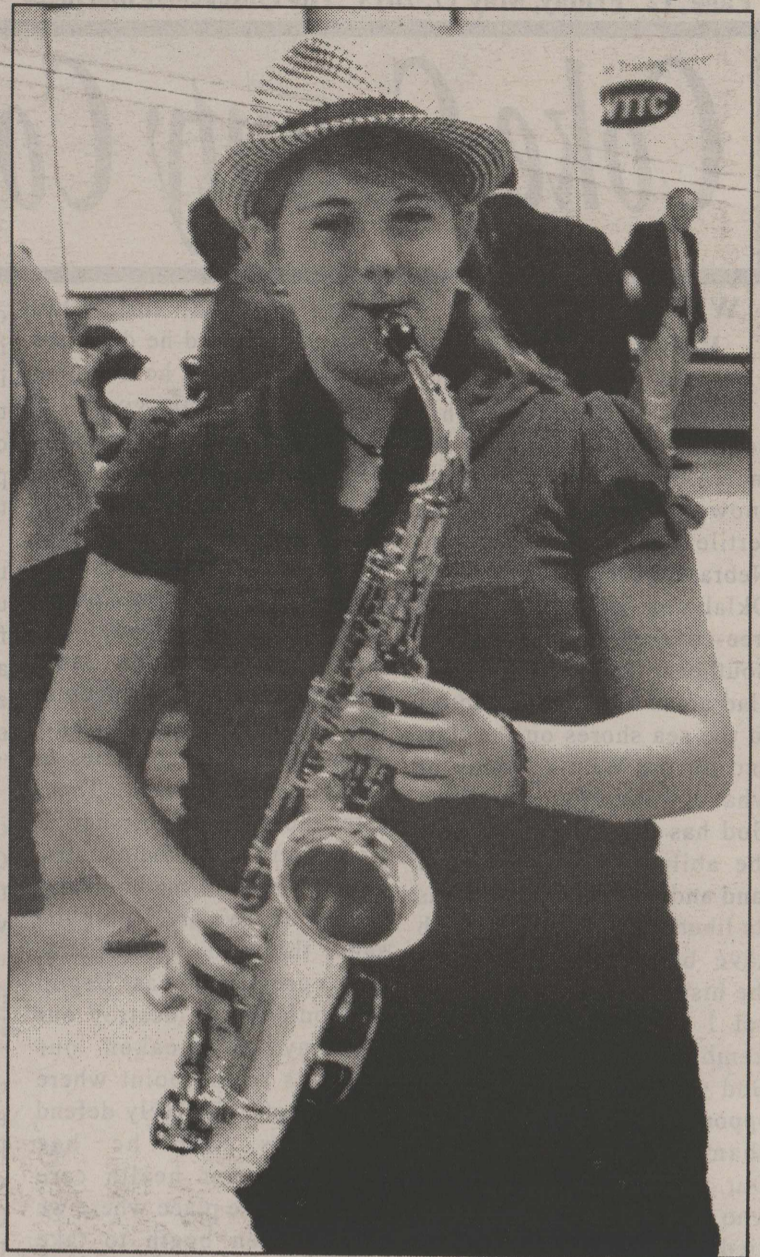
In the past few weeks, Coke County has been blessed with some rains and let's hope and pray that we will continue to receive some. This brings to mind the ever-present need to capture and store all the water we can. By utilizing the old technique of rainwater harvesting, you can hold the water for a day when it is needed.

The take home message of rainwater harvesting is that you can collect 0.6 gallons of water per every square foot of surface. For example, you take the Coke County Courthouse with a roof area of 9600 square feet. In a two inch rainfall event, you could collect around 11,500 gallons of water. In a year that Coke County would receive their normal rainfall around (21inches) the runoff off of the courthouse would be 121,000 gallons in one year of average rainfall.

The cost of constructing a rainwater catchment system varies on the size of the surface area you would be collecting from. For the cost of the tank, it will



Coke County 4-H'ers Participate in District 7 4-H Round-Up! On Saturday May 4, 2013, two Coke County 4-H members participated in the District 7 4-H Round-Up in San Angelo, Texas. The 4-H'ers representing Coke County were Sarah Wade and Hunter Hamrick of Robert Lee. Sarah Wade competed in the 4-H Fashion Show where she was awarded 1st place and will be advancing to the State 4-H Round-up in June at Texas A&M University. Hunter Hamrick competed in the 4-H Share-the-Fun talent contest where she placed 3rd in the musical category playing her saxophone. Congratulations to both young ladies and best of luck to Sarah Wade as she competes in the State 4-H fashion show.



be \$0.50 per gallon for a larger tank and the cost per gallons will increase as you decrease the size of the tank. The rest of the system will vary depending on if the building is guttered and the amount of pipe that is needed to complete the plumbing of the system.

For more information on rainwater harvesting come by the extension office or go to <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu>

Deadline for Rural Energy for America Program applications extended

USDA Rural Development has announced that an amendment to the Notice of

Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program was published May 8, 2013, in the Federal Register. The Notice extends the application period from April 30, 2013, to May 31, 2013, for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement projects grants and grant and loan combination applications, and for renewable energy system feasibility study applications. The Guaranteed Loan only application deadline is not being modified and will remain as July 15, 2013.

The notice also clarifies the regulatory requirement that an applicant is not

eligible for an award if the System for Award Management (SAM) and Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) requirements are not met. All applications wishing to compete for funding consideration must have a DUNS number which is registered and current in

the SAM system as of the deadline noted above.

The Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program published May 8, 2013 in the Federal Register can be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-08/pdf/2013-10941.pdf>. As indi-

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School Menu

Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, May 20

Pancakes or cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, May 21

Breakfast burrito, salsa or cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 22

Breakfast pizza or cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, May 23

Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy or cereal, juice, milk

Friday, May 24

Holiday

Lunch

Monday, May 20

Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk

Tuesday, May 21

Manager choice

Wednesday, May 22

Tex-mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Thursday, May 23

BBQ sandwich, baby carrots, baked chips, fresh fruit bowl, milk

Friday, May 24

Holiday

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Coke County Comment

WHEN WILL BE A BETTER TIME?

By James B. Pentecost

When I consider this country of my birth-- the matchless beauty from the snow-capped Rockies to the fertile plains of Kansas and Nebraska, the rolling hills of Oklahoma and Texas to the tree-covered expanses of the Southeast, and the mountain-clad areas of the Shenandoah to the sea shores on the East and on the West-- I think of what a wonderful, great land God has given us. We have the ability to enjoy such a land and its beauty, as well as its liberty and freedom which have been unparalleled in the history of the world. But yet I sit in deep fear and trembling, realizing that the God who gave us such great opportunity, has been abandoned and forgotten. Our fathers and forefathers, who paid, worked, fought and died to keep our freedom and all its privileges, have long since been forgotten. We have sat here in our wealth and our nice homes and our nice cars and our entertainment and our comfort, until we have convinced ourselves that we have gotten all this by ourselves and our own effort and that we don't owe the Creator anything.

It is a sad situation, especially when we understand that, "The God who gave us life gave us liberty, and can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis: a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and His justice cannot sleep forever." (Thomas Jefferson). Apparently God's justice is no longer sleeping. In the last several years we have experienced earthquakes in places where we have never before had earthquakes, storms where there haven't been storms for many years, floods, hurricanes, extreme drouth, tornadoes, and fires that, when viewed, look like the gates of Hell opened wide. These are just a few of the things that I think we are beginning to see.

We have just put back into office (through unconcerned ignorance of a large portion of our population, by manipulation or fraud, or by whatever means it happened) a man who is a non-citizen, a national socialist, communist, and worst of all, an enemy of Christianity. He has no regard for anything

except what will further his own agenda, and he does not care who or what he tramples on to achieve his goals. I don't think there are any limits or boundaries to what he and his cohorts will go to accomplish what they want. We saw the same things happen in 1933 when Adolph Hitler came to power. He committed crimes and blamed them on other people. He killed people and committed other atrocities in order to gain power. Then, after he had established a firm control over the country, he proceeded to methodically destroy it. We are seeing the same thing in our country. This president has begun methodically to destroy our economy, to weaken our defenses to the point where we cannot effectively defend ourselves, and he has decimated our health care system to the place where we cannot even begin to take care of our sick and infirm. He has sent our young men to fight in unwinnable foreign wars which drain us of our money, our supplies, and the very best of our young people, wars where our youth are being wasted on foreign shores in battles that there is no plan to win. And now, he and his cohorts are trying to take away the last vestige of our freedom: the right to defend ourselves. He hasn't yet been able to completely disarm us, but once that is done, he will have us in the death-grip of a tyrant. He and his cronies can always manage to turn a tragedy into an opportunity to further their agenda; "Never waste a good crisis," as they say. I have wondered if some of these shootings are planned-- why are they instituted by some maniac who commits suicide immediately following in order to not be questioned? You may think I am radical to hold such an

opinion. But each such incident conveniently and invariably serves to further their agenda of more gun control. Or, more accurately, people control; that is what they ultimately want.

I have seen in my lifetime the erosion of the principles upon which our country was founded, and the utter abandonment of God and everything He holds dear, in our attempts to be "politically correct."

And yet who would I blame this on? I blame it on the Christians, and I blame it on the pastors-- the Christians who go to churches that are more like social clubs than places of worship, and the pastors who preach only a "social gospel." We all go to church on Sunday and listen to a nice little sermon on the love of God, and on how wonderful everything is (oops, he forgot to mention the fact that we are all sinners and need to repent and turn from our sin), we feel good about everything, then we socialize, we discuss our latest business venture or our accomplishments, then we all go home and forget to think about God again until next Sunday. We start to think that if we inconvenience ourselves to give Him a little bit of our time and an offering of a little bit of our money, that should pacify Him. After all, He is a merciful God, good and gracious.

But we forget that He is also a just God. I think of II Chronicles 7:13 and 14. God says, "If I shut up Heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if MY people," (He's not talking about the average unsaved person who is not following Him-- He means US, folks) "which are called

by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

I am not seeing people who are willing to do that. I speak not only to everyone else in this country; I speak to myself as well. It is easy to grow lax, and we all have the tendency to not give God the credit He is due for all that we have. But when I think of what is happening, it is disturbing; it is more than I can contemplate. People are too busy accumulating wealth, nice homes, possessions, and prestige. Our whole way of life is devoted to self, to the point where we have made ourselves the gods. We have convinced ourselves that we got our freedoms, rights, and privileges all by ourselves without any help from Almighty God, so we don't need Him any more. I am not seeing pastors calling people to repentance. Pastors have the opportunity to speak plainly to us, to tell us when we have sinned and gone astray, to tell us the truth, no matter how hard that truth may be. But, no, in the name of political correctness they are too afraid that they might lose their tax exemption, or they might offend someone in their congregation who might be contributing toward their salary. They preach something that feels good and sounds good and soothes or pacifies the people who come to hear it.

What will it take? The men who, with God's guidance and help, built this country, all pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. Nobody even understands what honor is anymore. Honor is the respect you have for yourself, and that others have for you, when you know you have tried, for all that you are

worth, to do what is right; to stand for what is right even if you get stomped for taking that stand. "There's right and there's wrong. You do the one, and you are living. You do the other, and you may be walking around, but you're as dead as a beaver hat." I heard a famous man once say that we become a part of what we condone. By not speaking out, we have condoned the slow confiscation of our wealth by the government, the obliteration of our liberties by people in government-- not just federal, but state and local as well. We don't say anything; we're afraid to speak out because we might be labeled "politically incorrect" or thought of as some kind of extremist or radical. When does it get to the point where we decide that it is worth fighting for? When does it get to the point where we decide it's worth praying for? What will it take? When will we decide that, first, we must bow in repentance to Almighty God, and, that, second, we need to take a stand in defense of what is right? I wonder, is America too fat, too complacent, or maybe too cowardly, or just too busy enjoying all our wealth, that it's just not worth the effort of fighting to keep it? Could we really lose it? Those politicians can't really mean to do anything that bad to us, can they? That's what the people of Germany thought in the 1930's. And Adolph Hitler came to power, took them into the worst conflict of our time; possibly the worst in history; and absolutely devastated Germany, Europe, and half of the world. Are we facing the same thing? For years we have had in this country a form of government that has been second to none. No one else has ever been given so many privileges and freedoms. From those who

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are given much, much is to be expected. We have not fulfilled the obligation. Unless we return immediately, this country is doomed to fall. I don't know about the rest of you. But my wealth, my home, and my peace are not so dear that I am willing to keep them at the price of living under someone else's tyranny, especially a communist who is espoused by a "religion" whose ultimate goal is to destroy all Christians.

What will it take? Is there anybody left to take the challenge? I wonder: do we have so much to lose that we are willing to accept a form of slavery, and eventual complete bondage and subjection to the "powers that be" in every move we make? Where will it end? Is there ever a place where we will say, "Stop! Enough!"? I wonder, is anybody left? I don't know about the rest of you, but I would rather be dead than to live under such tyranny. As Patrick Henry said many years ago, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" The question is up to you. When will we be stronger, when will we be better able to resist than right now? When is a better time to humble ourselves, to confess, to repent, and to seek and pray to the God of our forefathers; to pray like it all depends on Him, and to work like it all depends on us? When will be a better time than now?

Texas Farm Bureau creates fund to help rebuild West

Recognizing the need for financial assistance as the people of West work to rebuild their lives, homes and businesses, the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) is extending a helping hand to the small farming community. Through TFB's Education and Research Foundation, the West Relief Fund is designed to facilitate the delivery of funds to those in need.

"One of the great things about Farm Bureau families is their willingness to help one another in their time of need," John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president, said. "When we heard about the events in West and their impact on the community, we knew we needed to do something to help out. West is a small rural community, and we're hoping that through this fund we can help them rebuild their lives."

One hundred percent of donations made to the fund will benefit those in the West community affected by the fertilizer plant explosion.

"County Farm Bureaus and

people from across the state have been looking for ways to help the people of West," John Ross Copeland said. "Right now, we're being told that the collection of monetary donations is the best way to help out. We want to help them during this difficult time."

Tax-deductible monetary donations may be made to: Texas Farm Bureau Education and Research Foundation - West Relief and mailed to P.O. Box 2689, Waco, Texas, 76702-2689, Attn: Cyndi Gerik.

Coke County Farm Bureau leaders address issues on Capitol Hill

With issues like immigration reform and the pending farm bill on their minds, Texas farmers and ranchers traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with their U.S. senators and representatives.

More than 150 state and county Farm Bureau leaders, led by Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) President Kenneth Dierschke, reconnected with their nationally-elected officials during the TFB National Affairs Awards Trip, April 8-11. John Ross Copeland and Dain Copeland attended from Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau.

"It is very important that we have an ongoing conversation with our national leaders to explain what we need to survive and preserve jobs," said Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau leader John Ross Copeland. "We are running out of time to develop a farm bill safety net, so we reminded them that the farm bill is a safety

net that ensures we can continue to grow food and fiber for all Americans and grow it in America."

In addition to the farm bill, TFB members discussed immigration reform. With a serious shortage of agricultural labor, Texas farmers are looking to the immigration reform bill for relief. This legislation would provide a legal guestworker program.

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting minutes posted

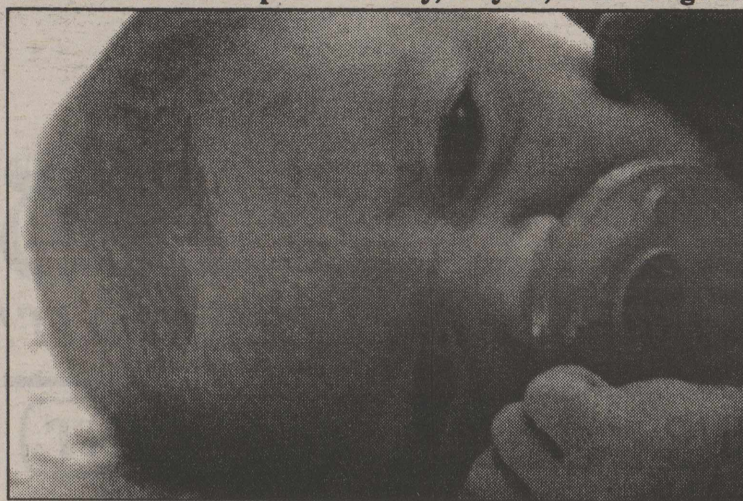
By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session April 30, 2013. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM, and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, and Dessie Kendall, and Pat Carwile. Janie Munoz, BOM, was also present at the meeting. Roger Alexander was absent from the meeting due to the death of his mother. The Board extends sincere sympathy to Roger and his family for their loss.

Mary Bessent gave the invocation. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:24 AM to discuss Personnel. The Board returned to regular session at 10:53. After returning to regular session, the Board took action on some of the employee benefits.

In the census count, there are currently 35 residents in



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the facility as of the meeting date.

In the Administrator's report staffing update, included in the Board packet, an LVN has been hired, and CNA staffing is sufficient at this time. In Accounts Receivable, the report stated that Janie continues to have challenges with insurance companies, but she is working diligently to resolve them.

Under the Capital Improvement umbrella, the report stated that the renovated unit is complete, and awaiting the final approval from the inspector,

who came to the facility April 16 & 17th. The unit cannot be put into use until that time. The work on the east side shower is complete.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:15.

After lunch, the Board accepted the financial statements, and tabled discussion on the current web page until next month. The Board also voted to cancel the WCCCH Board election due to the fact the candidates for re-election were uncontested. Future agenda items were discussed, and the next Board meeting will be May 23, 2013.

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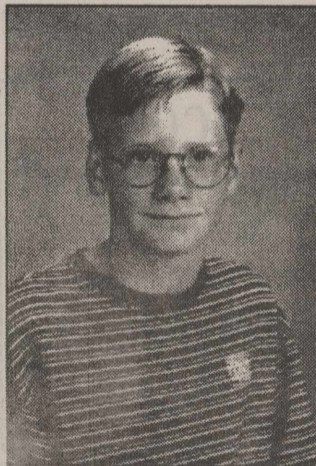
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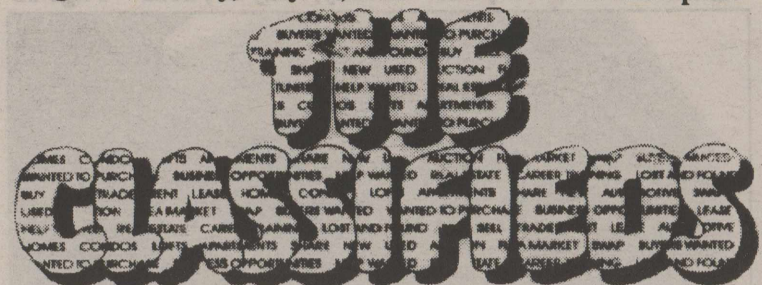
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROBERT JERRY LARGE, SR. were issued on May 7, 2013, in Cause No. 1301783 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to: NANCY PAULINE LARGE. The residence of such Executor is Coke County, Texas. The mailing address for the Executor is:
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appropriate) of the TMDL I-Plan for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and chloride in the Colorado River Below E.V. Spence. The goal is to coordinate and facilitate public participation in the I-Plan review and revision process. UCRA is seeking local community members to help decide the makeup of the committee for this process.
An initial public meeting will be held at Ballinger City Hall, 700 Railroad Avenue in Ballinger on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 10 am.
For more information, contact Chuck Brown, UCRA 325.655.0565 or chuckb@ucratx.org.

application has already been submitted for funding consideration, the extension affords an opportunity to enhance or modify the proposal up to the newly published deadline. Please note however, that the application date will be changed accordingly based on the new submission date.
Please visit the website for additional program information and for application templates at: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX_Energy.html or call the Texas State Office Business and Cooperative Programs staff at 254-742-9780.

... REAP Deadline extended
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cated in the notice, the Agency intends to publish a separate notice to amend the funding available under REAP.
Rural small businesses and agriculture producers who have interest in renewable energy or energy efficiency projects are encouraged to take this opportunity to submit applications for Fiscal Year 2013 if they have not already done so. If an

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Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.
An overview of the May calendar shows a Mother's Day Tea Party was held at the facility May 8, to honor all the mothers in residence. In addition to all the regular activities, the monthly birthday party will be held May 21, at 3:30. The honorees this month are Joyce Dodson, Martha Brown, and Antonio Martinez. Happy birthday, Joyce, Martha, and Antonio!! May you have many happy



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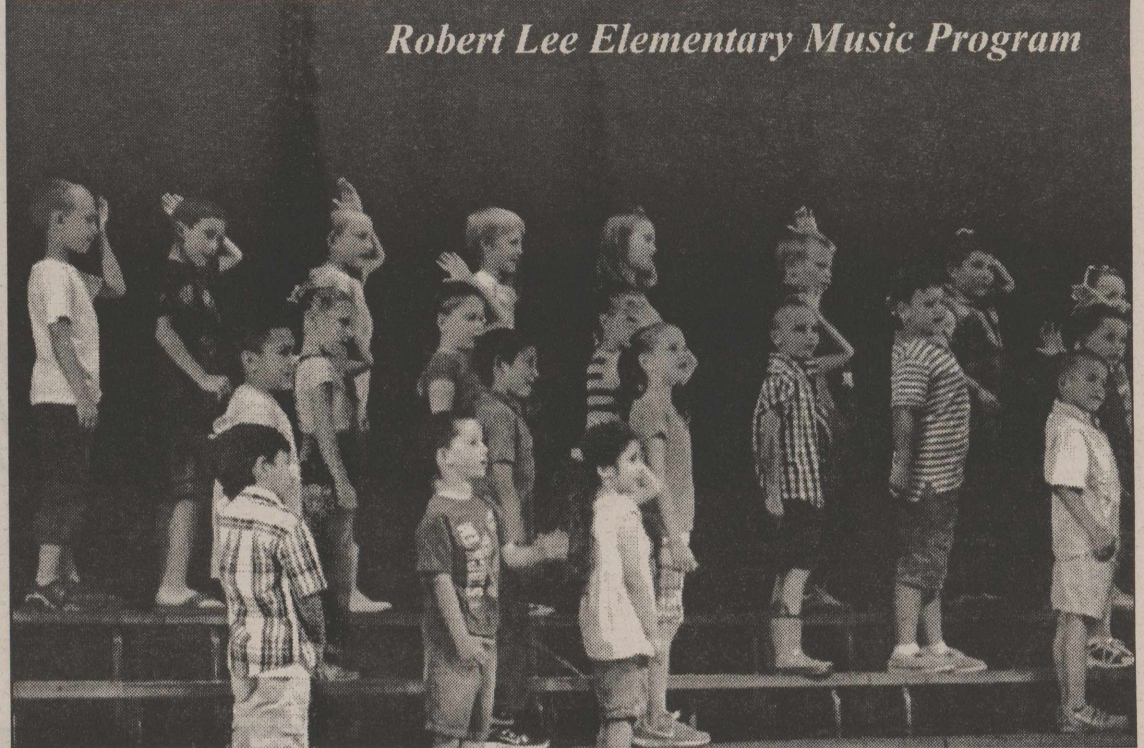
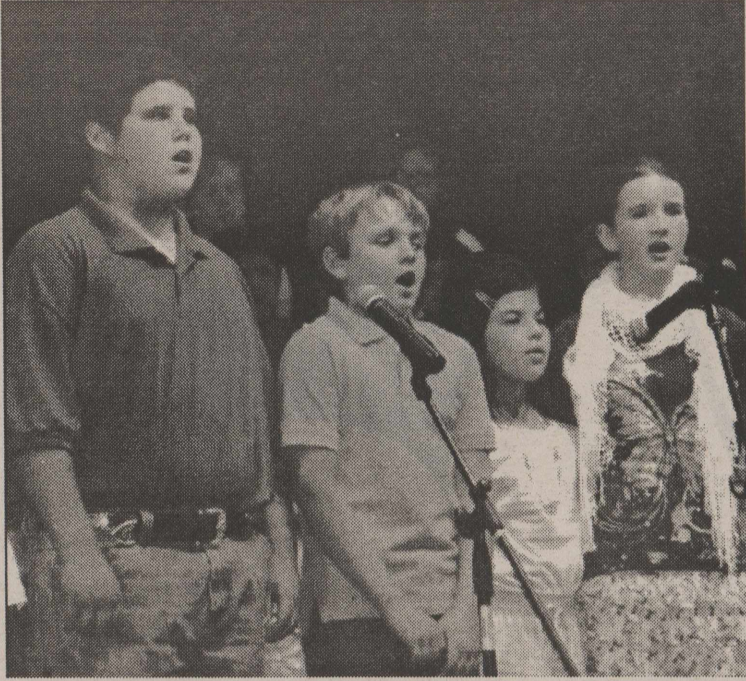
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Hope you have a blessed and safe Memorial Day, honoring and paying tribute to all who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

Don't Overlook These Seasonal Kitchen Tasks

While regular kitchen chores like doing the dishes and taking out the trash are almost impossible to ignore, it can be easy to forget certain maintenance tasks that keep your ship smoothly sailing.

Spring cleaning season is the perfect chance to take care of those often overlooked items that deserve your semi-annual attention. So between dusting the cobwebs and organizing your pantry, be sure to do the following:

Freshen the Fridge

A refrigerator can get icky quickly if you aren't careful. Don't neglect to give it your thorough attention.

Unplug your fridge to dust below it safely with a coil brush.

Then remove everything in there, discarding any out-of-date items. Clean every surface with soap and water, including the door seals, which are prone to collect crumbs and food debris. For tough gunk and odors, use baking soda.

Drawers can be removed and cleaned in the sink.

Before putting the food back in the fridge, ensure everything is wiped down and clean - especially potentially sticky items like jelly jars.

Sharpen Knives

The old adage "work smarter, not harder" holds true when it comes to keeping your kitchen knives razor sharp. Not only are sharp knives safer to use, but they

will also make you a more efficient cook, saving you loads of chopping, slicing and dicing time.

You should already be honing and polishing knife edges after each use. But take the spring cleaning season to sharpen your knives with a high-quality sharpener.

Look for a sharpener that offers diversity. For example, Edgeware's adjustable electric knife sharpeners and manual knife sharpeners include coarse and fine sharpening slots for dull and damaged knives and regular maintenance respectively. Such sharpeners are ideal for sharpening a variety of knives, from straight edge blades to serrated. For how-to videos and other tips on restoring your knives to their original factory angle, visit www.edgewareproducts.com.

Clean the Oven

Accidents in the oven are inevitable. And because you can't wipe down the oven while it's still piping hot, spills have a long time to set, making the cleaning process later a tough one.

If you don't have a self-cleaning oven, and want to avoid caustic products such as ammonia, baking soda and diluted vinegar can work wonders. Apply to spills and splatters and let it sit for a few minutes before wiping down.

Remember, a little prevention goes a long way. For future cakes, casseroles and other baked treats and meals, use aluminum foil to catch spills and drips.

Spring cleaning is more than just an annual liaison with your mops and brooms. Use the time to maintain the tools and components of your home that you take for granted.

CRP sign-up slated

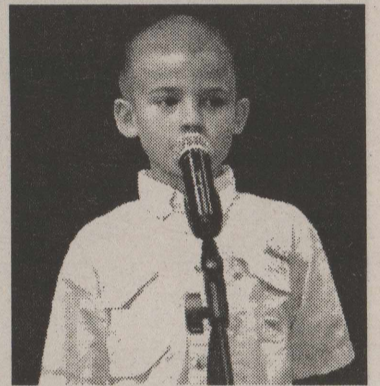
The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

Additional sign-ups for continuous CRP programs will be announced in spring 2013.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP, which is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on September 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term, resource-conserving covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years). Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis and that often provide additional financial assistance.

For more information on



CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Camp Arch 2013 to be held

The College of Architecture at Texas A & M will be hosting Camp Arch this summer July 7-12. The resident summer camp is designed to give students who have competed the 9th grade or higher and incoming freshmen college students an opportunity to experience the professions of architect, construction science, landscape architecture and urban planning.

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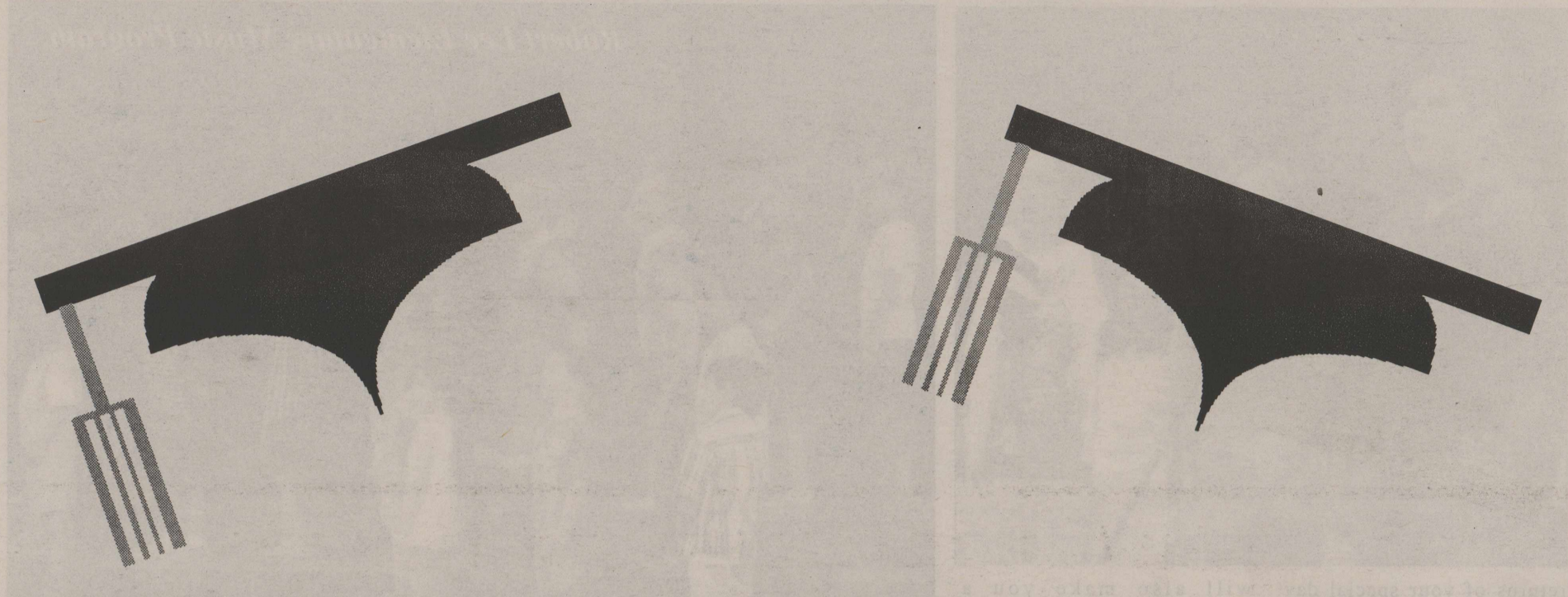
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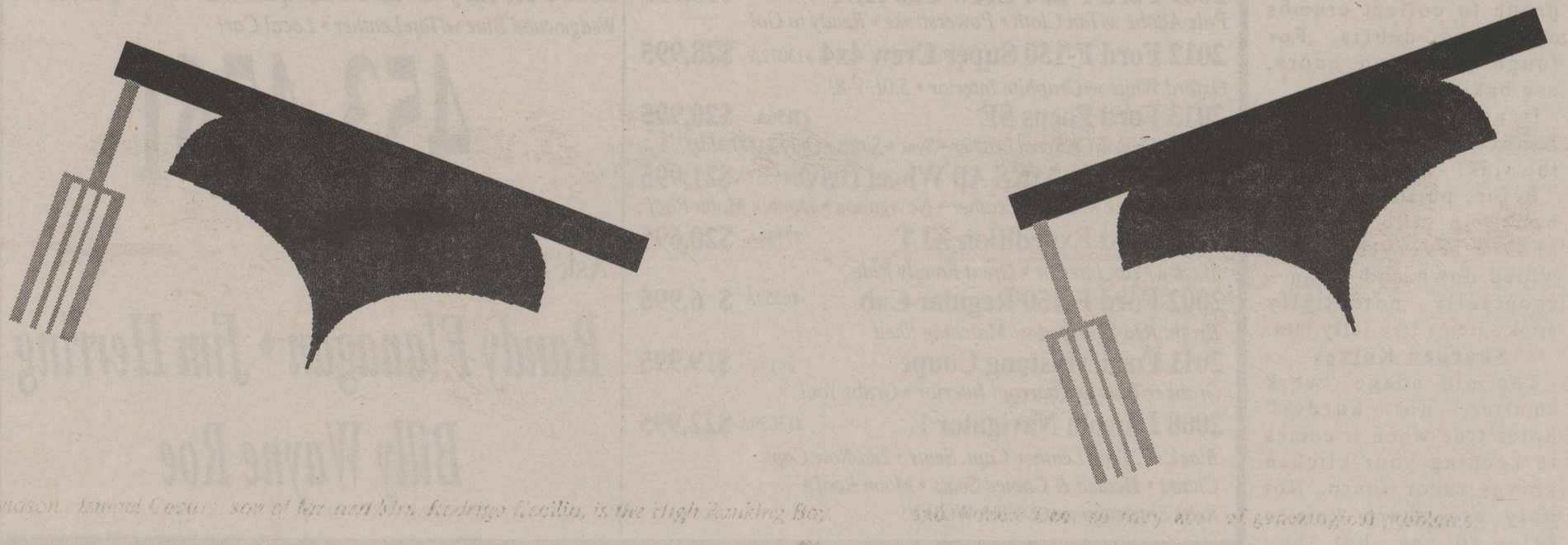
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