

Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association initiates improvements

The Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association which oversees the care of the Robert Lee Cemetery is in the process of constructing a small, covered structure near the flagpole at the front entrance of the cemetery. This structure will house a cemetery directory and an aerial map showing the different sections of the cemetery. The directory will assist friends, relatives and out of the area visitors in locating individual graves.

The association members are increasingly concerned that there are a growing number of graves which are not identified by permanent markers. Permanent headstones or other markers are required by association bylaws. Some of the locations are recent, and other locations are much older. Families are encouraged to place permanent markers on these graves before identity is lost. Markers can be purchased, starting at \$150. Each marker should include the name of the person and dates.

For more information, please contact George Grim at (325) 453-9902.

Angelo State University awards degrees to local students

Angelo State University conferred 448 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 448 graduates during 2012 fall commencement exercises December 15, in San Angelo.

Among the graduates were Estephanie J. Flores of Bronte, Associate of Applied Science, and Robert L. Raney of Robert Lee, Bachelor of Science.

Daddy-Daughter Date Night set for February 9

The 4th annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night, “Wild About You”, will be held Saturday, February 9, 2013, from 5 to 8 pm at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

This event offers dads, step-dads, granddads, big brothers, uncles, cousins, or that special friend the opportunity to let their little girl know how special they are.

This evening is for girls in Pre-K through 6th grade. There will be light appetizers, music and a complimentary 5x7 photo of the couple. Austin Crawley Photography will be there to take pictures. A group photo and other photo packages will be available for purchase. The girls may bring their own camera to capture special moments of the evening. B’s Blossoms ‘n’ Bloom will be offering a special on corsages and boutonniere in conjunction with the dance. Details

County Rainfall Totals				
July		August	September	Total/Year
Dee & Dessie Kendall • Edith Area				
2011	0.00	2.05	1.35	4.09
2012	4.30	0.50	12.40	30.20
Bobby and Jeffie Roberts • Valley View Area				
2011	0.02	4.33	0.45	6.90
2012	1.39	1.07	8.90	24.19
Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2011	0.00	1.47	0.54	3.70
2012	0.54	1.96	7.85	23.81
Paul Sheffler • 7 Mile Hill				
2011	0.00	2.36	0.36	4.81
2012	2.44	2.06	6.42	24.79
Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg • Bronte Area				
2011	0.00	1.48	0.74	4.42
2012	0.69	1.75	8.53	25.08
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2011	0.00	1.15	0.78	3.79
2012	1.36	2.03	8.73	23.40
Wellborn Ranch • 12 miles W. of Robert Lee				
2011	0.00	1.00	1.40	3.45
2012	1.50	1.40	10.40	25.00

will be sent home on the photo packages and flower special being offered.

Tickets go on sale January 21 and may be purchased in advance until February 7. Tickets will be available at DJ’s Merle Norman in Robert Lee and in Bronte at Hometown Hardware and the General Store. Tickets purchased at the door will cost more. For more information, call or text Katie Drennan (473-0112) or Angel Cervenka (456-3966).

Applications for Conservation Programs being accepted

Applications for funding opportunities with the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at all NRCS offices across Texas.

NRCS in Texas has

received its initial allocation of EQIP funding for 2013 and will begin ranking and obligating EQIP contracts after February 15. All agriculture producers interested in submitting an EQIP contract application for 2013 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP is a voluntary, continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2013 funding is February 15, 2013. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide

County Rainfall Totals				
October		November	December	Total for Year
Dee & Dessie Kendall • Edith Area				
2011	4.30	0.30	0.90	9.59
2012	0.70	0.00	0.00	30.90
Bobby and Jeffie Roberts • Valley View Area				
2011	3.67	0.37	1.45	12.39
2012	0.13	0.01	0.00	24.33
Fran Sonnenberg • 3 miles E. of Bronte				
2011	3.00	0.35	1.30	8.35
2012	0.00	0.00	0.05	23.86
Paul Sheffler • 7 Mile Hill				
2011	3.28	0.39	1.54	10.02
2012	0.07	0.00	0.12	24.98
Charles & Dorris Sonnenberg • Bronte Area				
2011	3.25	0.64	1.47	9.78
2012	0.05	0.00	0.18	25.31
Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 miles N. of Bronte				
2011	2.56	0.36	1.20	7.91
2012	0.05	0.00	0.06	23.51
Wellborn Ranch • 12 miles W. of Robert Lee				
2011	3.15	0.20	1.75	8.55
2012	0.40	0.20	0.15	25.75

higher cost efficiency.

NRCS encourages any person interested in participating in their programs to contact their local field office, usually located at the county seat.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 4,000 EQIP contracts with \$76 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum

tillage, brush management and more on 2.1 million acres across the entire state. In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office serving the county where your land is located. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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