

**Lawn Care in the fall**

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As we move into fall and we have had some rain this year that has allowed us to have somewhat of a lawn this summer. I would like to use this week's column to discuss some points that are beneficial in maintaining your lawn through the fall and will help in preparation for the coming spring.

To begin with for those who have a St. Augustine lawn and have a means of watering it should continue to water their lawn at least once a month. Lawns that consist of Bermuda grass and buffalo grass have the ability to go dormant through the fall and winter, however; St. Augustine does not have the ability to go dormant, which requires it to need moisture throughout the year.

If you have a lawn that is thin with lots of bare ground in between grass plants you are opening yourself up for an invasion of weeds in the event of a fall or a spring rain. This can be prevented by applying a pre-emergent herbicide that will prevent the infestation of annual weeds. The best time to apply a pre-emergent is around September 1, prior to the weeds taking over the lawn.

As we continue into the fall around the beginning of October it is recommended that you fertilize the lawn. Fertilizer at this time of year does little to help the top grow, but instead aids the roots and the crown of the plant and will be beneficial in the green up for the coming spring. The recommended fertilizers for this time of year are 15-5-10 and 18-6-12 are two of common fertilizers that are beneficial in the fall.

**Coke County Youth awarded college scholarship**

Trace Justiss of Robert Lee has been awarded a college scholarship through his commitment to Texas Brigades. He returned to camp this summer to participate in the 22nd Battalion of Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade. Trace received a \$750 scholarship funded by Stan Graff. He was selected for this scholarship based on the educational activities he completed, his interest in wildlife and natural resources, and his leadership accomplishments.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. This was the 22nd year of the Brigades.

There are seven Brigade camps scheduled for 2015; Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, North Texas Buckskin Brigade, South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Bass Brigade, Ranch Brigade, and Waterfowl Brigade. Applications will be available later this fall. To learn more about Texas Brigades, log onto

<http://www.texas-brigades.org>  
For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391, or via email at [hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org).

**Bronte ISD Public Hearing and meeting minutes posted**

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing to discuss the 2014-2015 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate, August 28, 2014, at 6:30 pm in the Bronte ISD Board Room. Those in attendance were: Shane Kelton, Board President, Blake Braswell, Nick Arrot, John Seales, David McWright and Dr. Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent.

Also present were Gina McCutchen and Nancy Cooper and guests, Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood and Wes Hayes.

Following the public hearing, the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Special Board Meeting on August 28, 2014 at 6:35 pm. Those in attendance were Shane Kelton, Board President, Blake Braswell, Nick Arrott, John Seales, David McWright, Dr. Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent, Gina McCutchen and Nancy Cooper. Kay Styles was absent. Guests present were Heather Middleton, Maureen Youngblood and Wes Hayes.

A quorum was established and the meeting opened in prayer by Nick Arrott.

There were no audience items.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Principal's report was given by Dr. Skip Casey, Interim Superintendent: Secondary enrollment - 144, Elementary enrollment - 122.

Superintendent's report: Dr. Skip Casey informed the Board of the 2014-2015 proposed budget's deficit and informed the Board that he would propose a



**Engagement Announced!** *Rory J. (RJ) Service and Sierra N. Carlisle are pleased to announce their engagement. Rory, son of Jay Lyn and Celeste Service of Robert Lee, and Sierra, daughter of WJ and Spring Carlisle of Midland, will be wed in the presence of family and friends at the Robert Lee Baptist Church on October 13, 2014.*

solution to this issue in order to maintain a balanced budget for the future.

The board discussed and adopted the 2014-2015 Budget  
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