Bronte Chamber of Commerce meeting held

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting Monday, February 11, 2013, at Bronte's General Store.

Plans were discussed for the Bronte Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at the Bronte Community Center.

The organization will be taking nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the year. More information on the nomination process will be announced at a later date.

The Banquet, a fish fry, will be catered by the Burns family of Robert Lee.

Coke County Retired Teachers meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, February 18, 2013. The noon luncheon was held at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Bill Hood, Vice President, presided at the meeting for President Gary Smith. Ann Hamilton, Secretary, read the minutes of the January 21, 2013, meeting. Paul Gothard, Legislative Chairman, gave his report. He urged members to continue to keep in touch with legislators concerning school and RTA issues.

Members are reminded that the TRTA Rally Day in Austin will be held Wednesday, March 20, 2013. A bus will be leaving from Brownwood at 6:45 am. The return bus trip will be at 2 pm. Make reservations before Friday, March 15, 2013. Contact Nancy Byler at (325) 646-0445.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2013.

In attendance were Wanda Barbee, Jamie Boren, Wanda Brewer, Kay Gothard, Paul Gothard, Ann Hamilton, Bill Hood, Merle Kelso, Sug Lawhon, Beth Prather, Gerald Sandusky, Leva Self, Lee

Donna Poehls.

... CRP Sign-up

(Continued from page 1) 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.

Sen. Cornyn **Introduces Bill To** to Medicare

Last Thursday, February 14, 2013, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) introduced the Protecting Seniors' Access and doctors in charge of perto Medicare Act of 2013, sonal health care decisions, cosponsored by Senator Orrin the IPAB empowers govern-Hatch (R-UT) and 30 ment and leaves the tough Senators, which would protect the rights of patients, unelected families, and doctors to make bureaucrats. We can correct medical decisions by repeal- this fundamental flaw in the ing the Independent Payment President's health law by Advisory Board (IPAB).

President Obama has made clear, it's that he wants the that will shore up programs, government to play an like Medicare, for future genincreasing role in the lives of erations," Sen. Hatch said. everyday Americans. But time and again, we've seen that more government intrusion means less freedom and the IPAB, an unelected, unacless individual choices. The countable board of bureau-President's IPAB does exactly crats to make additional cuts that, taking personal health to the Medicare program



Bro. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell, the new pastor of Pecan Baptist Church. Presenting the basket to Mrs. Powell (center) are Grace Todacheeny and Beverly Hawkins (right).

seniors and their families and putting greater power in the hands of unaccountable bureaucrats. I'm glad to have the support of many of my Protect Seniors' Access colleagues on this important measure to help put a stop to government encroachment," Sen. Cornyn said.

"Instead of putting patients medical choices up to Washington simply repealing it and "If there's one thing replacing it with concrete, structural entitlement reforms

Background

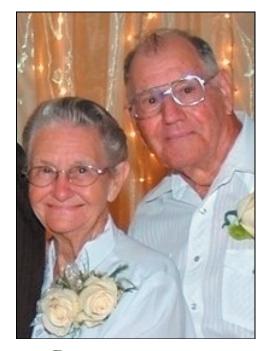
The Patient Protection and Affordable CareAct created Wommack, and one guest, care decisions away from based on arbitrary global budget targets. The IPAB consists of 15 individuals appointed by the President who are tasked with making substantial changes to Medicare-without full transparency and accountability to America's seniors and their elected officials. Senator Cornyn and co-sponsors of the bill have noted several additional concerns

with the IPAB, including: The IPAB takes decisionmaking authority from elected officials and gives it to the President's political appointees. If the President fails to appoint members to the IPAB, the Secretary of Health and Human Services is required to put forward a plan that would automatically go into effect unless Congress acts.

The IPAB is prohibited from making any meaningful structural reforms to Medicare that would help preserve the program. Instead, its recommendations are essentially limited to provider cuts, which will further exacerbate problems of beneficiary access.

During Congress' debate over health reform, 75 diverse provider groups raised serious concerns about the IPAB. Their letter stated: "The IPAB reductions would be in addition to the ... savings in provider payments already included in health care reform legislation, which could jeopardize both access for Medicare beneficiaries and even infrastructure for the entire health care system."





on January 1, 2013. Sid celebrated his 90th Birthday on Tebruary 21, 2013. Please come to the Bronte Community Center February 23rd from 3 pm to 5 pm to help us celebrate these milestones in their life.

Please bring cards, memories and photos, but no gifts please.



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