

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Discover ASU set for March 23

Students in grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to attend Discover ASU on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Angelo State University. Discover ASU is a free event that provides high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and their families a firsthand look at the campus. The event includes information sessions about academic programs, a student organization fair, a campus tour and opportunities to take a look at dorm rooms in each of the residence halls that house freshman students, as well as a free lunch.

To register online for Discover ASU, please visit www.myfuture.angelo.edu or call 325-942-2041 or 1-800-946-8627.

ACT Test Info

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School on April 13, 2013. Registration is open to anyone, but high school juniors are especially encouraged to register. Applications are available in the BHS high school counselor's office or online at www.actstudent.org for the ACT test.

Fee waivers are also available for students who are

on free or reduced lunches. In order to avoid late fees, please register by March 8, 2013, for the ACT test and February 8, 2013, for the SAT test. For more information, please call the counselor's office at BHS at 473-2511. Free study guides are available in the BHS counselor's office.

Local Bronte Scholarships available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship is now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available online at www.bronteisd.net on the Counselor's Corner page under "Scholarships" or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 9, 2013.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor, on or before April 9th. For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2511.

BHS Scholarship Check List

- Due March 18**
Texas Telephone Scholarship www.tta.org
- Due March 29**
Slough Scholarship www.midland.edu/slough
- Due March 31**
Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship
- Due April 1**
Taylor Telephone Cooperative Scholarship
- Due April 2**
Community Foundation of Abilene Scholarship www.cfabilene.org
- Due April 9**
Bronte Community Scholarship www.bronteisd.net
- Due April 20**
C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship (Bronte HS and alumni) www.bronteisd.net
- Due April 20**
Concho Valley Electric Scholarship www.cvec.coop
- Due May 1**
San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship www.sanangelorodeo.com
- Due May 31**
Marie Hall Scholarship (ASU, Texas Tech, Howard

College, Midland College) www.pbaf.org. *Click on the Marie Hall Scholarship application, not the General Scholarship application.

Camp Arch 2013 to be held

The College of Architecture at Texas A & M will be hosting Camp Arch this summer from July 7th to the 12th. 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.

For more information on this camp or to apply, visit <http://camparch.tamu.edu> or see Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor, for an application.

Texas Brigades Youth camp slated

The Texas Brigades will add a new camp in the summer of 2013 appropriately named Ranch Brigade. The new camp will focus on an entirely new concept, livestock production and ranching.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. This will be the 21st year of the Brigades.

According to the camp coordinator, Chris Farley, Ranch Brigade will focus on the need for ranchers and agriculturalists to tell their story about land stewardship and livestock production.

"The camp will be about agriculture, food production, and feeding the world," Farley said. "I want the take-home message for the cadets to be 'ranchers have their consumer's best interest at heart'."

The founder of the Texas Brigades, Dr. Dale Rollins, says he is excited about

the new camp because "It's a nice complement to our existing camps subject wise. Any program that promotes conservation and sharpens critical thinking skills is a winner." He adds that "wildlife and livestock can coexist if managed correctly—the more we can advance that synergy, the better off Texas rural lands will be."

For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904, ext. 120 or email hholds_worth@texas-wildlife.org.

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.

FSA Conservation Loans available

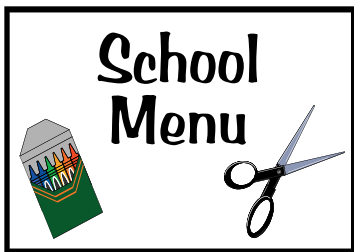
Nolan County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Manager Justin B. Holland, announced that funds are now available for Guaranteed Conservation Loans. Conservation loans allow farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices on their land that will help protect natural resources.

"Guaranteed Conservation Loans are a useful alternative to help operators implement any Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) approved conservation practice including, but not limited to, waste management systems, conservation structures or water conservation measures," said Holland.

Unlike other FSA guaranteed loan programs, Conservation Loans are not limited to family size farms. Operators who may not normally qualify for an FSA guaranteed farm operating or ownership loan could be eligible for a Guaranteed Conservation Loan.

According to Holland, the Guaranteed Conservation Loan limit is \$1,302,000 and interest rates and terms will vary.

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Breakfast

- Monday, March 18**
Sausage roll, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk
- Tuesday, March 19**
Breakfast pizza, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk
- Wednesday, March 20**
Pancake on a stick, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk
- Thursday, March 21**
Breakfast wrap, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk
- Friday, March 22**
Biscuit & sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday, March 18**
Toasted ham & cheese, potato tots, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk
- Tuesday, March 19**
Crispy tacos, garden salad, beans, salsa, rosy applesauce, milk
- Wednesday, March 20**
Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, carrots coins, fruit, hot roll, milk
- Thursday, March 21**
Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, green beans, sliced peaches, pudding, milk
- Friday, March 22**
Turkey & cheese wrap, sweet potato tots, cucumber, dippers, fruity gelatin, oatmeal cookie, milk

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