

# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Special Olympics!** Some of Bronte ISD's Special Olympic participants Nathan Robinson, Benny Fuentez, and Jessica Fuentez carry the torch at the opening ceremony with the help from our Coke County Sheriff, Mr. Wayne McCutchen. The annual event was held Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Bronte ISD.



**Special Olympics!** The Bronte Community, Students and Faculty gave their support by volunteering to help with the tournament, some as referees, clock keepers, or center organizers. The tournament, whose main organizer is Tammy Hortenstine, was held Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Bronte ISD.

## BHS Local Scholarships available

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship and the Bronte Community Scholarship applications are now available to graduating seniors at Bronte High School. Applications are available

online at [www.bronteisd.net](http://www.bronteisd.net) on the Counselor's Corner page under Scholarship Information, or may be picked up in the counselor's office. The deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 14th, 2015.

The C.J. Macon Memorial Scholarship is also open to past BHS graduates. Please turn in applications to Mrs. Timmerman, counselor.

For more information, please call the counselor's office at 473-2511.

### ... Conservation Deadline

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off date for applications to be considered during a particular fiscal year. Once the cut-off date is past, producers may continue to apply for the program, but they will not be considered for entry until the spring of the following year, in this case spring of 2016. In order to enroll in 2015 applications must be filed by March 13.

"We hope more farmers and ranchers will take advantage of this extension for the CSP application deadline. To meet this deadline, they just need to submit the basic application form to their local NRCS

office," said Traci Bruckner, Assistant Director of Rural Policy at the Center for Rural Affairs.

According to Bruckner, the Conservation Stewardship Program is a voluntary stewardship incentives program, administered by NRCS, designed to reward farmers, ranchers, and foresters for maintaining existing conservation, as well as for the adoption of additional conservation measures that provide multiple environmental benefits that run beyond the farm or ranch. This program pays producers for clean water, better soil management, improved habitat, energy efficiency, and other natural resource benefits. Since the program began in 2009, nearly 70 million acres of farm and ranch land have been enrolled in the program.

To sign up, producers should visit their NRCS local service center (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>).

Bruckner is encouraging farmers, ranchers and others to call the Center for Rural Affairs' Farm Bill Helpline to share their experiences, both positive and negative. "We know the previous sign-ups have yielded some great success stories for farmers and ranchers, but also some disappointments and

frustrations."

"We want this program to work for all farmers and ranchers employing conservation-based farming systems, and firmly believe the CSP is a step in the right direction for policy to financially reward historical commitments to conservation, as well as encourage further adoption," Bruckner continued. "This is a far better approach than paying to clean-up problems."

"One of the main goals for our Farm Bill Helpline is to identify the strengths and weaknesses of

programs such as the CSP," said Bruckner. "It is only with that information that we are able to push for any needed changes and improvements."

Producers can also receive guidance for applying for other conservation programs. "Through our helpline you will speak to someone who is knowledgeable about the program rules to help you understand how to participate in the program," Bruckner added.

Producers can call (402) 687-2100 and ask for the Farm Bill Helpline or send an email to [tracib@cfra.org](mailto:tracib@cfra.org)



## School Menu

### Breakfast

**Monday, March 9**  
Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, March 10**  
Pancake on stick or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, March 11**  
Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, March 12**  
Biscuit & sausage or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, March 13**  
Cherry strudel or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

### Lunch

**Monday, March 9**  
Chicken fajitas, seasoned corn, baby carrots, salsa, fruit bowl, milk

**Tuesday, March 10**  
Asian chicken, brown rice, carrot coins, steamed broccoli, pineapple, sugar cookie, milk

**Wednesday, March 11**  
Tex-mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, cucumber cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk

**Thursday, March 12**  
Hamburger, potato rounds, western beans, diced pears, milk

**Friday, March 13**  
Chicken parmesan, green beans, garden salad, breadsticks, apple slices, milk

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