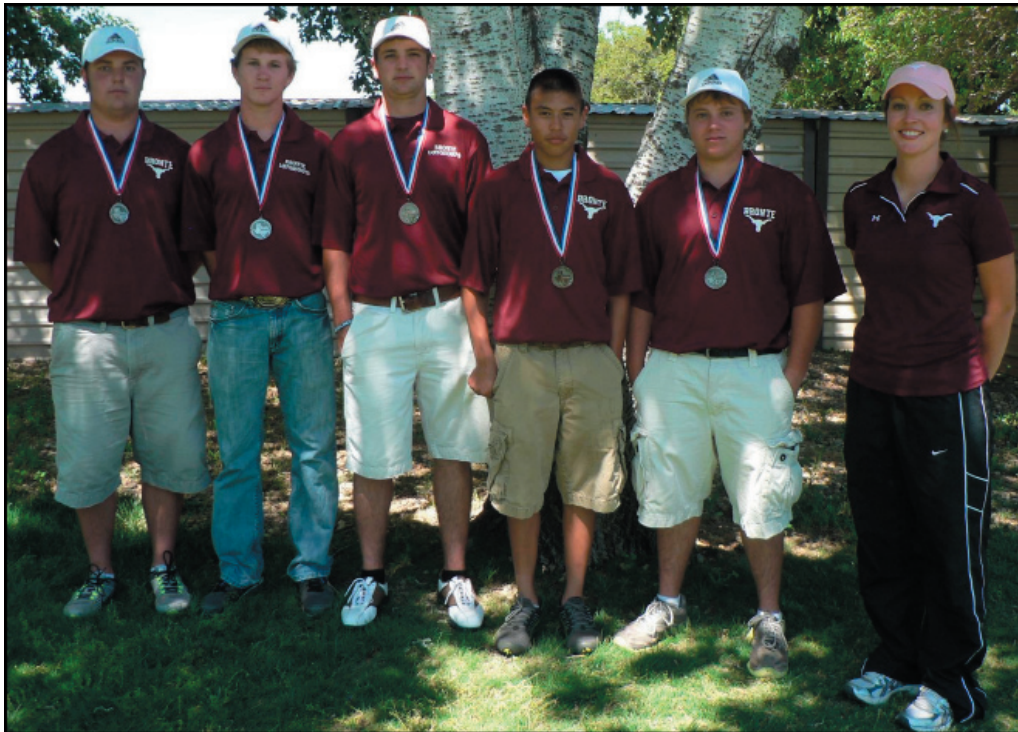


BHS Longhorn Golf! *The Bronte Longhorns finished their golfing season with a 4th place at the State Golf Tournament. The Tourney was played in Austin at the Lion's Golf Course, a Par 71, 6,001 yards. Bronte's team total for day 1 was 372. They shot better the second day, putting up a 362 for a total of 734 for the two day. Individual scores were Ty Lee 87, 87 - 169; Creed Coalson 93, 87 - 180; Josh Puentez 90, 93 - 183; Lance Burns 102, 100 - 202; and Beau Grigg 103, 101 - 204. The Horns are coached by Brooke McCutchen Sanford.*



RLISD Minutes posted

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, April 23, 2012, in the Robert Lee ISD Conference Room 119 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Washam. Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, Beverly Sinclair, Tom Sawyer, Irma Torres, Tracy Allen, and Brandi Brosh were present.

The Invocation and pledge were led by Irma Torres.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012, seconded by Tom Sawyer. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to accept the financial report presented by Robin Allen and to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Wayne Simpson, Elementary Principal gave his report; enrollment for March was 130 students and 96.2% ADA. Austin Crawley, High School Principal, gave his report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 90 and ADA was 96.5% for the month of March.

Supt. Hood recommended that the Board adopt Local Update 93 as presented except for FFH Local and FFI Local to adopt the version from Eichelbaum, Wardel, Hansen, Powell & Mehl, P.C. A motion was made by Jeffie Roberts and seconded by Tracy Allen to approve the recommendation as presented. All voted for.

Irma Torres made a motion to accept a recommendation from Supt. Hood to change the number of days in contract effective for the 2012-13 school year; 10 month as 220 days, 11 month as 242 days and 12 month as 264 days. Tom Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted for.

Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve the Resolutions Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property, seconded by Beverly Sinclair. All voted for.

Supt Hood made a recommendation to defer the 15% rule for STAAR for the 2011-2012 school year. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Irma Torres. All voted for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on enrollment numbers, update on budget process, facilities update and staffing.

Supt. Hood read a resignation letter from Ofelia "Cookie" Torres effective May 25, 2012.

The next meeting for the RLISD School Board will be

Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau calls for 'death tax' burial

Most landowners in Coke County who want to leave property to heirs could face big challenges next January unless tax laws change this year.

Under current law, there is a \$5 million exemption at a 35 percent tax rate for heirs on property left to them from deceased relatives. According to John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president, that number is manageable. What concerns John Ross Copeland is that at the end of this year, the exemption reverts to \$1 million taxed at a 55 percent rate.

"What folks don't realize is that with input costs, land and equipment, it doesn't take long to hit the million dollar mark," he said. "Many lawmakers don't understand everything it takes to run a successful farming and ranching operation."

Legislation is in the works now to repeal the estate tax many are calling the "death tax." U.S. Representative Kevin Brady (R-Texas) sponsored HR 1259, which calls for total repeal of the death tax. Although the bill is gaining ground, Brady says it's still an uphill battle to get a floor vote on the legislation before the end of the year.

"This legislation needs to move," John Ross Copeland said. "Reverting back to the old exemption and tax rate could devastate the ability of future generations to remain on the land and provide food and fiber for all Americans."

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