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Saluting the Bronte High School Class of 2012

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-nine Bronte High School seniors will be held Friday evening, May 25, 2012, at 8 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Following the processional by Mrs. Maureen Youngblood, the National Anthem will be led by Lauren Burns and Leah Jones. Kimberly Lee will give the invocation. Secondary Schools Principal David Bedford will present the awards. The "Senior Memories," compiled by Mrs. Lisa Gibbs, will follow the award presentation. The Salutatory Address, given by Shelby Lovelace, will precede Katie Austin with her Valedictory Address. Creed Coalson will introduce the evening's speaker, Mr. Kevin Burns. Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Paul Williams, BISD Board of Trustees President, and Mr. Bedford will award the diplomas. Austin Mertz will lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Katie Lynne Austin, Randall Boyd Barnett, Jordan Taylor Baumann, Jimmy Austin Brackeen, Christopher Hayden Brown, Bailee Lauren Burns, Mitchell Lane Butler, William Conner Clark, Creed Isaac Coalson, John Henry Deller, Kassie Kaye Fillman, Maria Isabella Beatrice Fuentes, Beau Dakota Grigg, Leah Nicole Jones, Mackenzie Nicole Gibbs-Jones, Kimberly Michelle Lee, Shelby Alexis

Lovelace, Cody Garrett Martin, Austin William Mertz, Kaitlin Patricia Moore, Adrian Padilla, Kaleb Branham Parks, Leticia Pena, Brenda Perez, Madison Nicole Price, Jill Elizabeth Scott, Jaylon Kyle Seales, Vaughn Edward Stilley and Harley Rey Wallace.

Sixteen BJH graduates honored

Formal commencement exercises for sixteen Bronte Junior High School 8th Graders will be held Thursday evening, May 24, 2012, at 7 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Following the processional by Mrs. Maureen Youngblood, Jerica Davis will give the invocation. The National Anthem will be led by Kacelyn Follis. Rankin DeRonde will give the Salutatory Address, followed by Secondary Schools Principal David Bedford's presentation of the Honor Students. The "8th Grade Memories," compiled by Mrs. Lisa Gibbs, will precede Jerica Davis and her Valedictory Address. Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Bedford will award the certificates. Cambri Kelso will lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Benjamin Allen, Jayden Baumann, Kevin Charles, Logan Chumney, Jerica Davis, Nicholas Davis, Noah Davis, Rankin DeRonde, Cambri Kelso, Emmerly McCullough, Kyler



BHS Honor Graduates! Bronte High School honor graduates for 2012 have been announced. The Valedictorian (left), with a 3.96 grade point average, is Katie Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Austin. The Salutatorian (center) is Shelby Lovelace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovelace, had a grade point average of 3.94. John Deller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dael Lindsay, is the High Ranking Boy. He posted a 3.82 grade point average.

Richards, Sarah Sanchez, Brittany Sutton, Martha Tapia, Kellie Thorn and Ean Ward.

Local election results told

Voters in both the Bronte and Robert Lee Independent School Districts went to the polls Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Those in the Bronte Independent School District were electing three members to the Board of Trustees. Blake Braswell with 94 votes, David McWright with 91 votes and Jay Henderson with 80 votes were elected to the Board. Other totals included Bryan Swecker with 76, Andra Arrott with 76, Kerry Lee with 65 and Blain McGinnis with 22.

The Robert Lee ISD bond election was held to decide whether or not voters in the Robert Lee Independent School District are in favor or opposed to the proposed issuance of bonds to finance the \$1,500,000 for school improvements. There were 170 votes cast for the proposition and 86 votes against it.

Lions Club to host Pancake Supper

The Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club is hosting the Spring Pancake and Sausage Supper Saturday, May 19. The supper will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Cost per plate is \$5.

They are also holding a raffle for a \$100 Walmart gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or

six for \$5.

West Coke County EMS to host open house

West Coke County EMS will be hosting an open house Saturday, May 19, from 12 noon until 2 pm.

There will be hot dogs, all the fixings and drinks. Prizes will also be given away.

The event will be held at the EMS Barn and all are invited to come out and have a good time.

CCRTA meeting set for Monday

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 21, 2012, at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Bronte for the final meeting of the year, and for a session with Representative Drew Darby at 12 noon. Mr. Darby will be especially busy in the new district assignment, and CCRTA appreciates his taking time out to be with the group. All school personnel are invited to come hear Mr. Darby at 12 noon.

The teacher pension and health plans will be decided by the legislature this coming

year. It is important that TRS members and prospective members be aware of the elements that will affect these issues.

A short business meeting will follow Mr. Darby's question and answer session. A new year for the group will begin in September with Gary Smith as president.

Historical Commission meeting scheduled

The Coke County Historical Commission will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 24, at 3 pm at the Old Jail. Preservation work is almost complete on the 1904 jail. The restoration of the lock-up system is pending the arrival of Southern Folger Detention company engineers of San Antonio whose founder patented the lock-up system in the Old Jail.

The next stage of the preservation project will be the construction of a building on the back of the lot which will contain a bathroom, workroom, and a secure area for bequests to the historical commission.

Anyone is welcome to stop by the jail Thursday, May 24, at 3 pm to see the work in progress.



BJH Honor Graduates! Bronte Junior High School honor graduates for 2012 have been announced. The Valedictorian (left), with a 92.9 grade point average, is Jerica Davis, daughter of Jason and Angela Wilson and Timothy and Chandra Davis. The Salutatorian is Rankin DeRonde, Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike DeRonde, had a grade point average of 91.7.

Congratulations Graduates!

The May 25th issue will honor
the Robert Lee High School Class of 2012.