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Saluting the Robert Lee High School Class of 2011

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-one Robert Lee High School seniors will be held Friday evening, May 27, 2011, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Cafetorium.

Following the processional by Mrs. Gayle Bolding, the invocation will be given by Haden Dillard. The Salutatory Address, given by Kacee Roberts, will precede Heidi Austin with her Valedictory Address. Mr. Aaron Hood, Superintendent of Schools, will present this year's speakers. Mr. Jeff Brisbin and Mrs. Denise Roberts, senior class sponsor, will give the commencement address. Following the speakers, Mr. Austin Crawley, High School Principal, will present the class. Mrs. Jeffie Roberts and Mr. Wes Washam, RLISD Trustees, will award the diplomas. The class will then have their Rose Ceremony, followed by a slide show. Logan Philley will lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Terry Foster Allen, Angela Josefa Anderson, Heidi Michelle Austin, Clayton Tanner Brickey, Dustin Michael Brown, Matthew Lane Daniell, Haden Troy Dillard, Herzon Jose Estrada, James Blake Hewitt, Amanda Georgina Mendoza, Daniel Lee Nowlin, Samuel David Peyton, Logan Paul Philley, Paul Andre Garcia Pineda, Skyler Lacole Rainwater, Kacee Donise Roberts, Jorge Manuel Rostro, Connie Anita Saucedo, Luke Vaughn

Sheldon, Joshua Dulon Tennison, and Sarah Jo Walker.

Baccalaureate set for Robert Lee seniors

Robert Lee Seniors will have a time for prayer and praise at this year's Baccalaureate service. On Sunday evening, May 22 at 8 p.m. in the High School Cafetorium, the community will have a special worship service to celebrate the graduation of these students. Pastors from area churches will lead prayer and Rev. Jordan Arnold, Southside Church of Christ, will give the message. Music will be provided by Gayle Bolding and other music will be lead by Youth Pastor Ryan Matlock, Robert Lee Baptist Church. The whole community is invited to attend.

Immediately following the Baccalaureate, there will be a reception at the First United Methodist Church fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

Estate planning seminar slated for May 24 in Robert Lee

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct an estate planning seminar from 6-9 p.m. May 24 at the Robert Lee Recreation Center in Robert Lee.

Garrett Gilliam, AgriLife Extension agent in Coke County, said the seminar should be of interest for anyone with an estate of any size.

"Our featured speaker for this program is Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an attorney and economist with AgriLife Extension at College



RLHS Honor Graduates! Robert Lee High School honor graduates for 2011 have been announced. The Valedictorian (left), with a 96.72 grade point average, is Heidi Michelle Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monty Austin. The Salutatorian (center) is Kacee Donise Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Roberts. Kacee's grade point average is 94.54. Jorge Manuel Rostro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Olguin, is the High Ranking Boy. He posted a 94.25 grade point average.

Station," Gilliam said. "If you've ever heard him speak, you'll know this rare event in our area is one you won't want to miss. Dr. Hayenga is an excellent teacher. He has almost 40 years of experience teaching tax and financial topics with our agency."

Hayenga is scheduled to discuss laws associated with estate planning, various types of trusts, and estate and gift taxes.

Barnett, Williams elected to Bronte ISD Board of Trustees

Voters in the Bronte Independent School District went to the polls Saturday, May 14, 2011, to choose two members of the Bronte ISD Board of Trustees.

Incumbent and current board president Paul Williams received 119 votes while Ray Barnett received the most votes with 120.

Other totals included Andra Arrott with 106, Incumbent David McWright with 85, and T. J. McCullough with 28.

2nd Annual Blue Agave Chili Cook-off set for June 4

The 2nd Annual Blue Agave Chili Cook-off has been set for Saturday, June 4, at the AMA/TechTel Pavilion. The Pavilion is located at the Blackwell Roping Arena in Blackwell, Texas.

The Chili Cook-off is "CASI" sanctioned, qualifying teams for the Terlingua International Chili Cook-off.

Additional cooking competitions will include pinto beans, jalapeno poppers, brisket, and ribs. Pour-off competitions will be held for bloody marys and margaritas. Prizes will be awarded in each category.

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Depot 100th anniversary celebration planned

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the building of the railroad depot in Bronte!

The year was 1911 - and the railroad connected Bronte to all points north and south. It

was a place where eager family members awaited the arrival of visitors and where businesses received goods, and it was an anxious departure point for men headed to war.

How should we celebrate this milestone? Contact City Hall in Bronte at 473-3501 with your thoughts and ideas.

Butterfield Trail Day set for June 18 in Downtown Bronte

The first ever Butterfield Trail Day is slated for Saturday, June 18, in downtown Bronte. Among the activities to be held this day are arts and crafts booths, music venues, and the 20th Annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo. If the state burn ban requirements are met, a brisket, ribs and chicken cook-off will be held.

To sign up for an event or for more information, contact Tammy Thorn at Bronte City Hall, 473-3501, or go to www.brontetexas.org Look for more details on this fun day to come.



Robert Lee Junior High Top 5! The Top 5 students in the Robert Lee Junior High 8th Grade Class for 2011 are being recognized with a celebration Thursday evening, May 26, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Cafetorium. They include James Roberts, 96.03 GPA and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Roberts; Mason Hill, 95.00 GPA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hill; Tristen Hildebrand, 90.96, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hildebrand; Jerry Wofford, 90.07, grandson of Mrs. Helen Earwood; and Mychael Tijerina, 87.69, son of C.R. Tijerina and Maria Gallegos.