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Saluting the Bronte High School Class of 2014

Formal commencement exercises for sixteen Bronte High School seniors will be held Friday evening, May 30, 2014, at 8 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Following the processional by Mrs. Maureen Youngblood, the National Anthem will be played. Mizaël Perez will give the invocation. The Salutatory Address, given by Megan Yackley, will precede Secondary Schools Principal David Bedford's presentation of awards. The "Senior Memories," compiled by Mrs. Lisa Gibbs, will follow the awards presentation. Ty Lee will then give the Valedictory Address. Megan Yackley will introduce the evening's speaker, Carol Moore. Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent of Schools, Shane Kelton, BISD Board of Trustees President, and Mr. Bedford will award the diplomas. Rachel Everheart will lead the benediction to conclude the evenings ceremonies.

This year's class members include Taylor Brackeen, Stetsen Emfinger, Rachel Everheart, Tabatha Huffman, Ty Lee, Coby Malone, John "Bear" McDonald, Brittany Neagle, Mizaël Perez, Manuel Perez, Marisa Sanchez, Maria Tapia, River Wood, and Megan Yackley.

BJH Graduates to be honored on Thursday

A promotion program for Bronte Junior High School 8th Grades will be held Thursday evening, May 29, 2014, at 7 pm in the Bronte School Auditorium.

Following the processional by Mrs. Maureen Youngblood, Alyssa Sallee will give the

invocation. The National Anthem will be introduced by Tanner Bedford. Secondary Schools Principal David Bedford will introduce the Honor Graduates. Lisa Gilbert will give the Salutatory Address, followed by the "8th Grade Memories," compiled by Mrs. Lisa Gibbs. Elizabeth Galvan will give her Valedictory Address. Mr. Alan Richey, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Bedford will award the certificates. Hanna McKinney will lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Payton Arrott, Reighlyn Baken, Paul Vincent Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Emmanuel Casillas, Aaron Cervenka, Jaqueline Davila, Mercedes Delacerda, Darby Duncan, Joshua Fuentez, Elizabeth Galvan, Lisa Gilbert, Zachary Jackson, Coltan Martin, Hanna McKinney, Collin Moore, Dayana Perez, Melissa Perez, Shawn Puentez, Nathan Robinson, Alyssa Sallee and Diana Tapia.

Holiday Closings

The Coke County Courthouse and the City Halls in both Bronte and Robert Lee will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014, in observance of Memorial Day.

Sign-up begins for USDA disaster assistance programs

Much of the Lone Star State continues to experience drought - like conditions, but Texas farmers and ranchers can find relief through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs restored by the 2014 Farm Bill.

Sign-up is available at the

local Farm Service Agency (FSA) for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

"Depending on the size and type of the operations, eligible farmers and ranchers can enroll in one of the four programs administered by the FSA," said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. "They have three to nine months to apply, depending on the program and the year of the loss."

John Ross noted the programs are retroactive, allowing farmers and ranchers to receive payments for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance program 2011.

"Farmers and ranchers in Coke County have already been hit hard by this drought. Many have adjusted the way they operate just to stay afloat," John Ross Copeland said. "The disaster assistance programs will provide some much-needed relief as they evaluate their farming and ranching operations."

Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, June 7. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at



BHS Honor Graduates! Bronte High School honor graduates for 2014 have been announced. The Valedictorian (left) is Ty Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Lee. The Salutatorian is Megan Yackley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yackley.

325-473-2156, 325-473-3231 or 325-262-6617. After 5 pm call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session April 14, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Gene Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Deputy Clerk Kyla Garcia was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Lee was absent.

After discussion, Comm. Pitcock made a motion to approve the minutes for March 24, 2014 seconded by Commissioner Blaylock. Motion

carried.

Treasurer Hal Spain discussed treasurer's report. Made motion to approve treasurer's report by Comm. Blaylock. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery.

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Red Hat Society meeting slated

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am on Thursday, June 5 at Miss Allen's Family Meals, located at 1301 E. Broadway in Sweetwater. If you wish to carpool, be at the Bronte Bank parking lot by 10 am. We will leave at 10:15. Hope to see you there. For directions call Janet 473-5338.

Fire Department Donations needed

Both the Bronte and Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Departments are in need of Gatorade and bottled water donations. With the continued lack of moisture and hot temperatures, the possibility of wildfires is a clear and present danger to our county.



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**Regular Meeting
Commissioners Court
Tuesday, May 27
9 am
Commissioners
Courtroom
Coke County
Courthouse**