



Regionals! Nathan Scates, a student at Robert Lee High School, qualified for the Regional Golf Tournament recently. He only missed qualifying for the state tournament as a medalist by a few strokes.

They will also hear from career professionals regarding the basics of the free enterprise system and government.

“At YLC our youth will establish lifelong friendships with other high school students across Texas,” John Ross Copeland said. “Each year Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau sponsors students to attend YLC, because we believe in the future of our community and our state. We believe in helping our students better themselves with activities that help build character, confidence, and more.

If selected, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau will cover the expenses and registration. A student does not have to be a Farm Bureau member to attend.

Students who are Farm Bureau members and participate in YLC are eligible to apply for a college scholarship and able to participate in the Free Enterprise Speech contest the following fall.

Additional details and registration forms can be found online at <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>.

Applications will be accepted through May 4, 2018.

Farm Bureau shares learning opportunity with local teachers

Coke County and Sterling County teachers who are looking to get their hands dirty, have, and earn professional development credit this summer are urged to apply today for Texas Farm Bureau’s Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI).

“The Summer Agriculture

Institute isn’t like other continuing education courses,” John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau president said. “It’s an excellent opportunity for teachers to see firsthand what agriculture means to everyone, so they can share that information with their students.”

Teachers who attend SAI will receive new curriculum-aligned lesson plans on water, plants, careers, and Texas regions. They’ll also receive engaging handouts on beef, corn, cotton, dairy, and other products grown or raised by Texas farmers and ranchers.

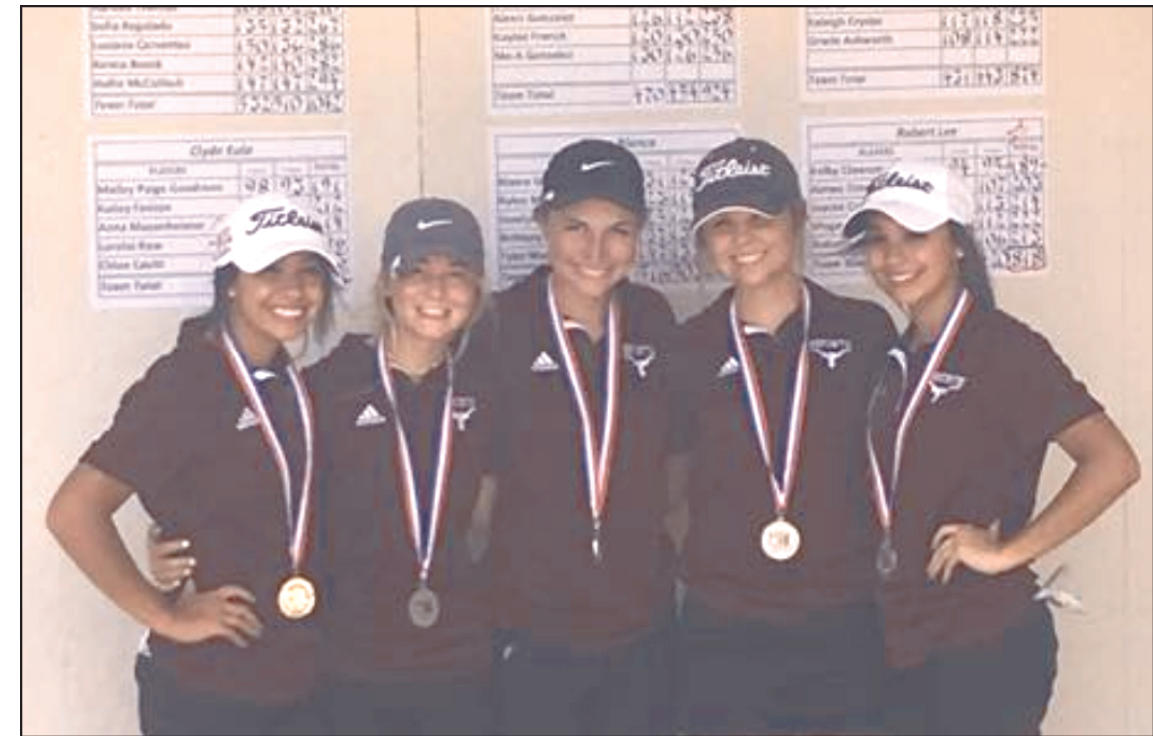
“We want to make agriculture fun for students in our community,” John Ross said. “We help teachers find ways to incorporate information about our crops and livestock into their lesson plans in a way that really engages students.”

The four-day professional development seminar is scheduled for June 4-7 at the Texas Farm Bureau Conference and Training Center in Waco.

The event will showcase Central Texas agriculture and will include hands-on activities, field trips and tours, presentations by experts in their fields and lesson plans correlated to TEKS and STAAR.

Teachers will be eligible for up to 36 continuing professional education hours upon completion of SAI.

Interested teachers are encouraged to contact Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau at (325) 453-4505. Applications are also available online at <https://txfb.us/SAI-18>.



State Bound! Both Robert Lee High School and Bronte High School Girls golf teams enjoyed a successful regional golf tournament. The Robert Lee girls (top photo) were named Regional Champions, with the Bronte girls following as the Runner Up team. Robert Lee team members include (from left to right) Kelby Clawson (3rd place individual medalist), Megan Grantham, Jaycee Crisp, Aimee Zimmermann, Autumn Ramon, and Coach Gartman. Bronte team members include Darby Duncan, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Payton Arrott, India Chumney, and Coach Rawls (not pictured). Both teams will compete at the state golf tournament to be held in Austin on May 21 - 22. Good luck ladies!

txfb.us/SAI-18.

Scholarships for lodging, meals, curriculum, resources, field trips, and other associated costs are available.

Applications are due May 10, 2018.

Additional information about SAI can be found online at <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/ag-in-the-classroom>.

...Commissioners Court Minutes

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Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the minutes for March 27, 2018, as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve Accounts Payable for Payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Agent Kandice Everitt presented her report. Agent Morgan Runyon was headed to Waco.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collector’s Report was presented by Tax A/C Josie Dean.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Judge Blair presented Constable Precinct 1 Marty Boyd’s report.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Jackie Walker’s reported was presented by Judge Blair.

The DR Report was not available. Judge Blair reported that three (3) applications had been picked up.

The Trapper’s Report for October 2017 through January 2018 was presented.

Commissioner Robertson moved to reinstate the burn ban. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Steven Dewolf gave the Court a Status Report on the Grape Creek Wind Energy Project.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and opposed by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

No action was taken on the rental agreement of Coke County RV spaces.

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