



**Carr Scholarship Signing Ceremony!** Representatives from Angelo State University were recently on the Bronte High School campus to recognize eight seniors who were awarded Carr Academic Scholarships. The Carr Foundation has provided more than \$72 million to help over 28,000 students pay for their education at Angelo State University. The Foundation was made possible by Robert G. Carr and his wife, Nona K. Carr, who willed their interest in oil, gas, and other minerals from producing properties in West Texas. Last year alone, ASU offered \$142,000 to the graduating seniors from Bronte High School. The students who are pictured above signed a letter of intent to attend ASU and accept their CARR Scholarship. In addition, they received a certificate and an ASU t-shirt. Pictured from left to right is Marley Braswell, Jensen Reed, Jessica Arthur, Lance Burns, Crystal Bilbrey, Stacia Emfinger, Addison Rosson, and Colton Herzing. In the picture, the students are making the ASU Rams spirit sign with their hands. After the ceremony, the students, parents, and guests attended a reception.

**Farmers consider brackish water**

With a limited amount of freshwater available for municipal, industrial and agricultural uses, farmers and ranchers are considering brackish water supplies, said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. “There’s a finite amount of fresh water available,” John Ross Copeland said. “Brackish water is much more plentiful and all Texans need to take a look how we can best use it.” Brackish water has been found in 26 of the 30 aquifers in Texas with an estimated total of 2.7 billion acre-feet. That’s enough to cover Texas in 15 feet of water. To qualify as brackish water, it must contain 1,000 to 10,000 parts per million total dissolved solids. Total dissolved solids are dissolved salts such as magnesium, potassium, calcium, sulphur, boron and sodium in the water. “Brackish water will play an important role in supplying Texas’ water needs in the future,” John Ross Copeland said. “It is very important that Texans consider how to best use this resource and respect the property rights associated with it.” Delegates at Texas Farm

Bureau’s last state convention voted to protect landowners’ rights by including brackish water as part of their right to capture a fair share of groundwater beneath their property. **U.S. House moves to stop WOTUS implementation** The U.S. House of Representatives recently took action to stop the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) implementation of its proposed Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) plan, an action applauded by Coke County Farm Bureau. “It’s time to ditch this rule, for Texas’ sake,” said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland. John Ross Copeland said EPA is moving forward with the proposed WOTUS plan, which could greatly limit what Texas landowners are able to do on their property. The rule would greatly expand federal jurisdiction to include very small water bodies, flood plains and land that is not even wet most of the time. Farmers and ranchers, including those in Coke County, have voiced opposition. “We want clean water,” John Ross Copeland said. “But that’s not what this is. This is an

attempt by EPA to control what we do on our lands. The move by the U.S. House is a step in the right direction.” Additional information on Ditch the Rule can be found at <http://ditchtherule.fb.org>. **... Save the Park** (Continued from page 1) c. replace tiles within the pool near ropes that have fallen off. and has created sharp edges that can cause lacerations. d. Fix road/access. \* Add playground equipment a. Update current equipment b. Imagination Station in Ballinger. Used Leathers & Associates. Area kids designed it and volunteers built it in 5 days under the direction of engineer from Leathers & Associates (they send 2 guys out to be the project managers during those 5 days). Total cost 145k. 3k down payment to even start. Not wood, strong plastic. Great quality. All supplies come with total cost but equipment has to be donated by the community. Ballinger sold each post for extra money. Community could buy these and put 25 letters on them; kids name, in memory of, etc. Made 40k from that alone \* Develop the creek dam area a. Create a space that is not a hazard \* Community Center: Needs updating. Organizers urge community members to come out and bring all the friends and family – especially the kids!

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