

BISD 7th Grade Student Orientation slated for August 27

There will be a special 7th grade orientation the first day of school after the general student assembly for incoming 7th graders and any parent(s) who wish to attend.

Topics to be discussed include procedures, class schedules, lockers, supplies, and athletics as well as a tour of the secondary campus and an opportunity to meet teachers.

Staff will also be answering any questions students or parents may have. On the first day of school, August 27th, everyone will meet in the auditorium at 8 am. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Timmerman, the Bronte ISD counselor at 473-2511.

ACT and SAT Test Deadlines noted

The ACT test will be offered at Bronte HS on October 27. The deadline to register for that test is September 21st. If someone is unsure which test to sign up for, please consult the high school counselor.

Students interested in taking the October 6, 2012, SAT Reasoning Test must register before September 7 in order to avoid late fees. Another SAT Test will be administered November 3 and the deadline to apply for that test is October 4. Registration may be done online at www.collegeboard.com or you may pick up a registration packet in the counselor's office.

Fee waivers are available to junior and senior students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. Call or see Mrs. Timmerman, counselor for more information.

Please keep in mind that the ACT and SAT tests will be offered several times throughout the spring semester. The ACT test is offered at Bronte High School in October, April and June. Free study guides are available in the counselor's office. The high school library has practice test preparation books available to students. The ACT and SAT websites also have free practice items available online.

For more information, please call the BHS counselor's office at 473-2511.

BHS Class of 2014 Fun Run slated

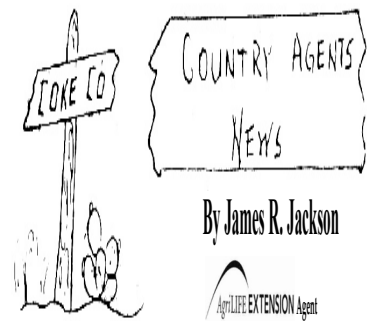
The Bronte High School Class of 2014 is hosting the Butterfield Trail Days Fun Run on September 29, 2012. Registration will begin at 7:30 am at Old Bronte Railroad Department, and the race is set to begin at 8 am.

There will be a 10K run, 5K run, and 1 mile run/walk. There will be an overall male and female winner, as well as top 3 male and female

winners in each group. The groups are under 19, 20-25, 26-44, 45-59, and 60 and up. Pre and post race refreshments and water stops are provided.

For more information please contact Jerita Taylor at 473-8966 or 473-5551 (Jerita.taylor@bronteisd.net) or Tammy Thorn at the city offices at 473-3501.

Disclaimer must be signed by parents for minors to run. No dogs will be allowed on the course.



As we leave summer behind and move into fall and the hunting seasons are growing near, land managers begin to think what they could have done different to manage the wildlife populations to improve chances of having that trophy hunt this year. In many cases, now is the time to start the management practices to move your operation towards an intensive management practice.

As Dr. Dale Rollins says "the key to wildlife management is know your plants and knowing how to manipulate them". An easy way to manipulate the plants is known as discing, by dragging the disc through the land you are causing a soil disturbance and are moving the land from grassland to increasing the forb production. The three main species of wildlife that we all love here in Coke County are the deer, turkey and quail. All benefit from a small area of increased forb production.

For example when you increase forb production you also increase insect abundance in that area. The quail and turkey consume insects as a large part of their diet when they are available, which is due to the increased protein content of the insects. When you increase forb production you also increase the amount of seed producing plants. This provides more food for the quail, dove and turkey when the insects are not available.

The discing benefits the deer by increasing forb production in a small area of the pasture. Even though the deer do not consume insects or seeds they benefit by consuming the forbs. As a general rule the forbs are higher in protein content than the grass. And the deer will prefer to browse on the more nutritious plants that will be growing in the disc area.

The species of forbs that come up in a disc area can be determined by the time of year that you disc. For example when you disturb the soil in October you receive a mix-



Dust Devils Are Dangerous Too! Kay Gotthard advises customers to her store, Main Street Market in downtown Bronte, to be careful with the door. On Tuesday, August 14, a dust devil came up the street blowing her door open, breaking the glass and taking it right off its hinges!

ture of forbs that contain ragweed, sunflower and other various forbs when you disc in December you receive more of a monoculture of sunflowers. If your goal of wildlife management is to increase seed and insect production for quail, turkey and dove then December will be the best time to cause the soil disturbance. If you want to focus more on multispecies management you can benefit from causing a disturbance in October.


To learn more about wildlife management, attend the Coke County Quail Appreciation Day September 14 please RSVP to the County Extension Office by September 10.

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