

New Title! Lauren Altom, 8 years old, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Altom and granddaughter of Jimmie and Patty Byrne, has earned the prestigious title of the 2013 National American Miss Texas Jr. Pre-Teen at the state pageant held July 26-27 in Dallas, Texas. Lauren also won 1st runner-up in the optional casual wear modeling contest.

She will be attending the National Pageant to be held in Anaheim, California, at Disneyland during Thanksgiving week, representing the great state of Texas, where she will have the opportunity to win her share of over \$500,000 in cash and prizes!

The National American Miss Pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leaders." The pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise, presentation, and offers an "All American Spirit" of fun for family and friends. Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future!

Lauren's activities include academy soccer, volleyball, "A" honor roll, "Cross the Line" student, and exceptional citizenship.

Account established for Vaughn

An account has been set up at First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte for Janel Vaughn to help defray medical expenses. A trip to MD Anderson in Houston is scheduled.

RLISD sets Pre-K, Kindergarten pre-registration

Robert The Independent School District will hold Pre K -Kindergarten pre-registration on Monday, August 19, 2013, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Elementary School O f fice. Prospective Pre-K students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2013, to be eligible for the 2013-

Kindergarten – 6th grade are encouraged to attend. Required documentation the Sterling County for enrollment must include Birth Certificate, Social Security Card and current Immunization Records. Registration packets may also be picked up at the Elementary office Consortium. Monday - Friday (8:00 -4:00).

For additional informa-Lee tion, please feel free to tium to serve all sectors of call the elementary school the energy industry and the office at 453-4555.

Garage Sale set to benefit Street Affair

A garage sale is going to be held in September benefitting the Robert Lee Street Affair. Items are needed for this sale. Please call (325) 453-4317



Champion Shooter! Skeete Smitha of Spring Branch, Texas, won the National Skeet Association Shoot World Junior Championship last month. He shot 395 of 400. Skeete won the 12 gauge by shooting a straight 100; tied for first place in the 20 gauge and won the shoot-off with 99; tied for first in the 28 gauge with a 99; and tied for first in the 14 gauge with a 97. The children competing in this bracket are between 10 and 14. Skeete turned twelve this week. Event organizers believe he is the youngest person to have ever won this title. Skeete is the son of Jerry and Gay Smitha, grandson of Wallace and Jerry Colburn, and the great-nephew of Jackie Walker. Shown are (from left) Alex Ahlin, Skeete Smitha, and Mikey Galo.

New Name selected for Cline Shale Consortium

On Tuesday, July 30, at Community Center, the Planning Task Force, formed to develop a plan and structure for the Cline Shale Consortium, selected a new name for the The new name, West Texas Energy Consortium, reflects the broad vision of the consornumerous communities directly or indirectly impacted by the increased exploration and potential production in the Cline Shale and other shales as well as other energy sectors. Planning Task Force

Chair, Sterling County Consortium. Judge Ralph Sides said: "The new name more accurately reflects the consortium's goal of bringing West Texas business and community leaders together to address the needs of the energy industry, support community development and preserve a high quality of life."

The Planning Task Force Board, at 325-795-4304. also recommended formation of five committees: Business and Industry, Education and Workforce Development, Infrastructure and Natural Resources, Health and Public Safety Industry, and Community and Economic Development. A steering committee will also be formed to guide coordinate the and

Individuals interested in participating on one or more committees can find more information about the West Texas Energy Consortium at www.work forcesystem.org.

Questions may be directed to Steve Collins, Business Resources Consultant, for the West Central Texas Workforce



