

flips, twists, and inward cuts from thirty feet above the pool is crazy. I have only jumped off a real high dive and it caused my stomach to flip-flop. To try triple flips from those heights really impresses me. Does the sound of a belly flop hitting the water from those heights bring back days of trying new dives off the board at the local swimming pool bring back some memories of pain? The same thing could be said for pole vaulters and falling twenty feet onto a thick pad is crazy. I am old enough to remember when those high jump and pole vault pits were filled with sawdust. Those wood scraps were supposed to keep you safe? You ever get that sawdust in places where sawdust is not supposed to be? Not Fun. All these athletes have my industrial strength respect. Can't wait for the opening ceremonies in Paris, and watch as many events as time will permit. I attended the winter Olympics at Grenoble, France

in 1969. I will offer some of those memories in future Stuff articles. The weather has been crazy hot lately. Let me offer a method to cool your vehicle quicker. First, open all the doors of the vehicle, or just open the driver's door and step back for a few seconds. When that initial heat blast has subsided, then get into the vehicle and leave the doors open. Start your vehicle and turn on the air conditioning. Let that hot air in the vents get moved out, but keep your air on. When the air feels cool keep it running for ten seconds and then close the doors and roll down all the windows a couple of inches. This will leave room for the hot air to exit and not make the AC work so hard. After the vehicle starts to get comfortable, then roll up the windows and enjoy a cooler ride. Let the hot air out and don't cool the hot air. That's it in a nutshell. Let me know if it works for you or if it really even matters. Keep praying for rain. We are far behind our average

for the year and our earth is becoming parched once again.

Be Well, Gary K.

### Bronte student-athlete makes LSC Honor Roll

More than 160 Angelo State University Rams and Rambelles student-athletes, including Katelyn Bohensky of Bronte, have been named to the Lone Star Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll for their academic performance during the spring 2024 semester.

To be eligible, student-athletes must have a minimum 3.30 GPA for the semester and be on an active roster. Participants on all 19 LSC championship sports and five non-conference sports, as well as athletic training and athletics performance student staff, are included among the spring 2024 honorees.

Bohensky is majoring in Civil Engineering at Angelo State.

See more details at [angelosports.com](http://angelosports.com) and on the LSC website.

Brianne, Kaiden and Kinsley Long all of San Angelo; Samantha, Hunter, Jos and Jela Rathke; Jenny Barton and Braden Green all of Kerrville; Betsy (Harmon) Baker of Buchanan Dam; Lauren, Alyssa and Emma Rozell of Thorndale; James and Blanche Harmon of Benbrook; Rick and Cheri Mashburn of Salado; Sharon Rohmfeld of Rowena; Jeanette Lea (Harmon) Boyd and Lucey Hilley of Anna; Troy and Susan Millican of Sterling City; Cayla (Millican), Jerrod, John Crea and Lyla Holt of Big Lake; Clint, Sharon and Kamryn Harmon of Midland.

Shirley (Sparks) Thomas of Bronte and Carol June Dennis of San Angelo were there representing the Sparks families.

Everyone enjoyed a lot of visiting, eating, picture taking, playing horseshoes and of

course the kids enjoyed playing on the new playground equipment at the Robert Lee Coke County Park and swimming at the Robert Lee Pool!

The next reunion will be held sometime in June 2025.

### Texas students can "Farm from School" in fall 2024

By Emmy Powell

This fall, kindergarten through fifth grade students across Texas can once again virtually visit farms and ranches right from their classrooms through Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Farm From School program.

"Farm From School gives students the opportunity to see the diversity of Texas agriculture through a live, virtual visit where they 'meet' with a farmer or rancher," said Jordan Bartels, TFB associate director of Organization Division, Educational Outreach. "Most students might not realize that Texas farmers and ranchers grow so many crops and raise a variety of animals."

Each visit will showcase a different commodity and Texas farmer to give the students a look at Texas agriculture.

The program helps students, who are often several generations removed from the farm, understand where their food, fiber, fuel and other items come from.

"Agriculture plays a vital role in everything everyone does. The students who engage with this program are the next generation of consumers and leaders who will make important decisions in their communities," she said. "Our goal is to connect students to agriculture in a way that helps them realize that agriculture is in every aspect of their lives, including the topics and

concepts they learn each day."

The fall semester is the eighth semester of the program.

Farm From School is popular within public, private and homeschool classrooms. In fact, more than 2,300 teachers and over 44,000 students connected with farmers and ranchers throughout the spring semester.

Classrooms connect virtually with the farmers and ranchers once a month from September through December. Students can ask questions throughout each session, by submitting via the Q&A function on the virtual platform.

The program is open to public, private and homeschool educators who teach kindergarten through fifth grade.

"The Farm From School program is free to educators and includes the virtual visit and free materials to easily incorporate the topic into their classroom content," Bartels said. "Teachers who have participated with their students in previous semesters continually share that the program offered their students a unique opportunity to learn, make connections and think outside the box."

TFB will also provide TEKS-aligned lessons, activity books and other companion resource materials for the virtual farm visits.

Interested teachers can sign up on TFB's Agriculture in the Classroom webpage at [texasfarmbureau.org/aitc](http://texasfarmbureau.org/aitc).

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## Harmon-Sparks Family Reunion held

The families of the late Joe Cephus and Clara Belle (Sparks) Harmon and the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King (Taylor) Sparks gathered at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall, Saturday, June 8, 2024, for their 83rd Annual Reunion. There were 74 relatives and friends of the family present.

The late Thomas (T.R.) Harmon was the son of Joe Cephus and Clara Belle Harmon. The late Amanda (Mandy Sparks) Harmon was the daughter of the late Mathew Marion and Almeda King Sparks.

The families of these early day Coke County residents present for the 83rd reunion were:

Lawana (Harmon) Askins; Jeffie (Harmon) Roberts; Suzann (Burns) and Richard Johnson, Olean Stricklan; Crystal, Ryan, Kamryn and Kallie Stanford; Douglas and Denise Roberts; Kacee and Luke Sellers; James, Kassie, Arya and Dakota Roberts; Ardie Harmon; Sid Burns; Jeremy Burns; Doug and Marlane Burns; Bill and Linda Burns; Ernest, Linda and Amanda Burns; Marshall and Sheri Millican all of Robert Lee; Dorene (Harmon) Mashburn; Rena (Mashburn) and Lewis Conner; Sheila (Roberts) Farrar; Darlene (Harmon) and Jackie Boyd; Jerrel and Lavelle Harmon; Brint, Robin and Logan Harmon; Kelcie Harmon and Andrew Newton; Seth,

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