

Education

Pacesetter becomes Apache Belle

Abigail Wing auditioned and has earned a position on the Diamond Line of the internationally renowned Tyler Junior College Apache Belles dance and drill team.

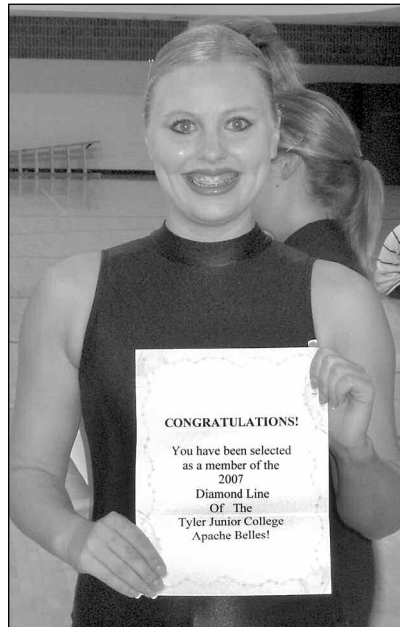
The Belles perform at TJC football and basketball games and are known for their technical dance routines and precision high kicks well above their heads, according to information from the school. The Belles have performed for audiences from presidents to Super Bowl Game crowds.

In 2008, the Belles will be cele-

brating their 60th year and plan to perform at several European venues during spring break.

Abigail is an honor graduate of Wylie High School where she was a four-year member of the Wylie Pirate Pacesetter Drill Team and served as captain for the 2006-'07 school year. She will attend Tyler Junior College while concurrently pursuing a degree in education from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches.

Abigail is the daughter of Greg and Dede Wing of Wylie.



Abigail Wing shows off the letter acknowledging her acceptance as an Tyler Junior College Apache Belle.

Burnett teacher awarded fellowship

Scott Roach, eighth grade U.S. History teacher at Burnett Junior High School, has been awarded a fellowship by Horace Mann Educated Financial Solutions to attend the Abraham Lincoln Fellowship Summer Institute July 8-13.

He will join 51 other educators in Springfield, Ill., to study the life and legacy of the 16th U.S. president.

The institute is the collaborative effort of Horace Mann, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

The purpose is to bring together exceptional educators from across the country to study the life of Abraham Lincoln and to develop strategies for



From left, Charles Rothermel, Scott Roach and Burnett Junior High Principal Kyle Craighead.

applying historical content to the classroom, said Charles Rothermel, senior account executive for Horace Mann.

Applicants were selected based on their resumes, essay questions and

letters of recommendation.

"I am honored to participate in the program," Roach said. "I look forward to sharing the lesson plan I develop with my colleagues and students here in Wylie."



Photos courtesy Wylie Education Foundation

From left, Wylie Education Foundation directors Pasty Robertson, Tina Stelnicki, Anita Collins, Betty Stephens, Lindy Cairns, Mike Tibbals and Red Byboth brainstorm ideas for the foundation at a planning retreat held earlier this month.

Wylie Ed Foundation retreats for planning

Group hears from philanthropy experts

Wylie ISD Education Foundation held its annual meeting and retreat at Southfork Ranch earlier this month.

The all-day event included two guest speakers. Darrell Slabaugh, the executive director of the McKinney Education Foundation, spoke about education foundations becoming the center of philanthropy in communities. Slabaugh is recognized on the state and national level as an expert on education foundations.

Brenda Jean Patrick, a master consultant, addressed the group with a motivational speech entitled "I Hope You Dance."

"Patrick is a highly sought-after speaker and was sponsored by Region 10 Education Service Center for the foundation retreat," said Jenna Lawson, WISD Education Foundation executive director. "She speaks throughout Texas and presents quality training for business and educational organizations."



Consultant Brenda Jean Patrick was the motivational speaker at the Wylie Education Foundation retreat.

A&M Corps of Cadets Association donates 'Texas Aggies Go to War' to every Texas high school

When their country calls, Texas Aggies go to war. To honor the thousands of Aggies who have served and sacrificed in all branches of the military over the past 100 years, Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets and the Corps of Cadets Association have donated a copy of "Texas Aggies Go to War" to every high school library in the state of Texas – a donation totaling nearly 1,800

books. "Texas Aggies Go to War," by Henry C. Dethloff with John A. Adams Jr., celebrates the school's distinctive Corps of Cadets and its military contributions while honoring the individual sacrifices of its members. Those students who read its pages will find a comprehensive account of the distinguished war record of Texas A&M, Dethloff said.

The stories in the book include the experiences of some of the 87 Aggies who were stationed at Corregidor and Bataan on Dec. 7, 1941; the perils of five Aggies who participated in the raid over Tokyo with Jimmie Doolittle; the heroics of the seven Medal of Honor recipients from Texas A&M during World War II; James Earl Rudder's leadership of the Ranger assault at Normandy on

D-Day; and examples of support and devotion to duty given by Aggies in Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East.

In the foreword George H. W. Bush states, "Since the university's founding in 1876, Texas Aggies have provided exemplary leadership and service to their state and their country in peace and in war ... 'Texas Aggies Go to War: In Service of Their Country' is a remarkable story, one

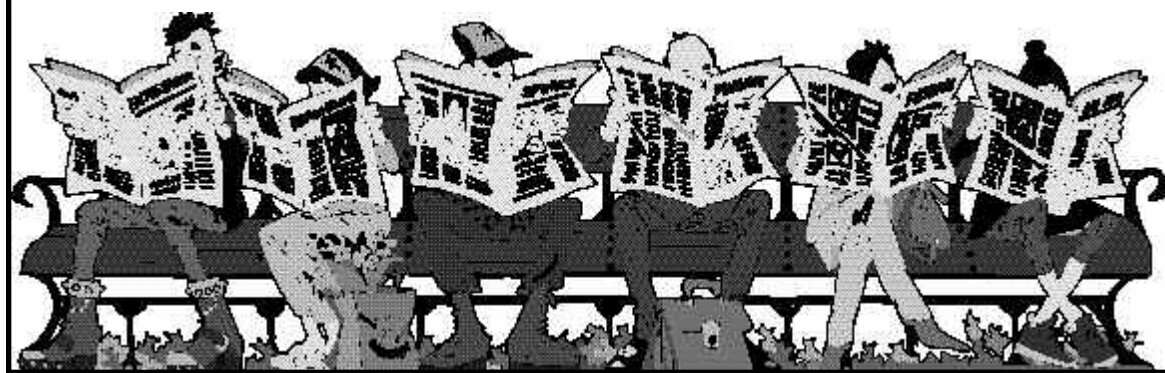
that makes me value and admire my adopted university all the more."

The donation of these books will ensure that students across the state

can be inspired by these Aggies' stirring stories of selfless service, integrity, excellence, loyalty and leadership, Dethloff said.

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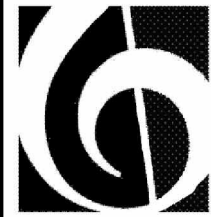
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