

## BOSOM BUDDIES JOIN RACE



Pictured are 12 team members of the Emerald Bay Bosom Buddies who participated in the 1K portion of the Tyler Komen Race for the Cure on May 12. Back row, from left, are: Antoinette Jackson, Sandy Brown, Diane Mendenhall, Cindy Watson, Marion Darr, Liz Bonner, Joan Henness, Jane Brief, Carol Miller and Dick Watson; front row, from left, are: Joshua Watson and McKenna Watson. This year, 35 family members and friends ranging in age from 5 years to 90 years, made up the team. The two youngest to participate were Joshua and McKenna Watson, ages five and seven and the "most mature," was 23-year-breast-cancer survivor, Marion Darr. It was the largest team to date assembled by the Emerald Bay support group.

## BH PROBLEM SOLVERS



While studying the Renaissance, Patti Eden's History/English class at The Brook Hill School used some of Leonardo Da Vinci's plans for flying machines, and built some of their own. Afterwards, the class went outside and experimented with how well they flew. Many of the students began testing different ways of designing the machines to see how well they could improve on Da Vinci's ideas.

Pictured, top right, Abbi English; above, Dan Mehling; right, Matt Seamands and David Eichelberger; and below, Abbi English, Savannah Blair and Kirby Vinson.



## Salute

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A group of boy scouts stepped up to the microphone - one by one - to recite quotes from leaders such as Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson.

The event featured guest speakers who read letters from the Civil War all the way to the Iraqi War.

The most poignant speech came, however, not through a letter but through a speaker of his own experiences in Vietnam. The speaker's name was not listed on the program - he said he wished to remain anonymous.

"We were young kids, and times were different," he said. "We said yes sir and yes ma'am and we meant it."

"The worst thing that happened at school was that someone got caught smoking a cigarette behind the gym."

These, he said, were the kids who put on uniforms to serve in Vietnam.

"We knew nothing about politics, and we didn't care," he said. "We went to do our jobs - what we were asked to do by our country."

"But there was a downside. I left my wide-eyed innocence there," he said. "I gave it to people who didn't want it, and came home to a country who didn't want us either."

He went on to say how much the American flag meant to him.

"What makes it so beautiful is the soldiers who have

fought and continue to fight for it, and we need to give them what those of us in Vietnam didn't get - and what we need - and what we still need - a pat on the shoulder, a welcome home."

Wayne Jones, commander of the Douglas' Texas Battery, read a letter from the Civil War.

Donnie Barron read a letter from an Iraqi soldier and Sharon Roy read a letter left at the Vietnam Memorial - from a mother to her deceased son.

State Rep. Chuck Hopson was on hand and spoke to the almost 200 people in attendance.

"Today, too, Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of those serving, because again, many of our sons and daughters are in harm's way," he said.

He then quoted Gen. Omar Bradley.

"The heritage of freedom must be guarded as carefully in peace as it was in war. Faith, not suspicion, must be the key to our relationships. Sacrifice, not selfishness, must be the eternal price of liberty. Vigilance, not appeasement, is the byword of living freedoms."

Hopson ended with a challenge to everyone.

"Let us always remember how much we owe to the valiant men and women of the Armed Forces, those who have served and those who are serving now," he said. "Let us

always remember them and what they stand for and what they do.

"When you see a veteran, look him or her in the eye and say thank you."

U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert relayed a story about the recent death of an American soldier who sacrificed his own life to save four of his fellow soldiers. Gohmert attended the funeral, he said, because two of the men he saved were from the East Texas area.

As everyone finished speaking, the band Nearly There led the audience in "God Bless America," as local pilot Darren Davis - with the help of his father, Bill Davis Jr., Randy Long, J.D. Daniels and Michelle Bright - flew T-34s, ex military trainers across the skies in Bullard.

The ceremony concluded with Lauren Miller - who recited the Gettysburg Address.

Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May.

The day was created in 1949 as a result of the consolidation of the military services in the Department of Defense.

The day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May, and Armed Forces Week begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May.

The purpose of Armed Forces day is to honor Americans serving in the five services - the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

## Dog

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Axe is about five years old, and the department acquired him from Lackland Air Force Base.

"He was supposed to be a bomb-sniffing dog," Johnson said. "But he's easily spooked on tile floors, making it impossible for him to sniff out bombs."

"But he's perfect for us." And the department doesn't want to lose him, either.

"I think it's a great thing,"

said Bullard Chief Gary Don Lewis, a dog lover himself. "Seeing kids getting involved in a project like this really makes us feel good."

But Coach Dennis Beavers isn't all that surprised.

Beavers any Coach Ryan Tomlin have been teaching leadership classes for the past four years, and Beavers said this is just one of the messages they're sending their students: how to give back to the community.

The girls publicly announced the project during "Red Ribbon" week, a week where educators try to raise awareness about the dangers of drugs and to empower them with the ability to say no.

Ashley said the vests range from \$600 to \$1,500, but they feel a medium-range vest would adequately protect Axe.

And, the girls said, they may expand the project to other K-9 units - perhaps beginning in Smith County.

### Public Notice

The City of Bullard is currently holding an auction via [auctioneerexpress.com](http://auctioneerexpress.com) of its surplus equipment. Included are city vehicles, front-end loader backhoe, ditch witch trencher, and much more. Visit [auctioneerexpress.com](http://auctioneerexpress.com) Anyone interested in bidding should follow the instructions. The auction is under way will at 11 a.m. May 30.

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