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Over 30% of Coke County is "In The Black"! Before the Wildcat Fire, the average Coke County citizen may not have known what the phrase "in the black" meant. It is the phrase firefighters and emergency personnel use to describe land that's been burned. The Texas Forest Service, the United States Forest Service and numerous volunteer fire departments joined with the Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer units to battle the blazes, all of which were located in extremely rough terrain. Many of our county officials, employees, private contractors and volunteers put in over 24 hours at a time fighting these fires. The cost to Coke County for the Wildcat Fire was \$96,830.08. Of this, hopefully 75% will be reimbursed. All of the expenses for the Dos Amigos and White Hat Fires are as yet not calculated. New tires and numerous repairs are needed or have already been done for the local emergency vehicles and equipment. Fortunately, Coke County does not have to pay for flight time or the fire retardant used for Air Attack. Coke County Judge Roy Blair is the County's Emergency Management Coordinator. In the last two fires, Incident Command was kept localized while fighting in or near Coke County. It was either handled by Coke County Sheriff Wayne McCutchen, Chief Deputy Randall Jacks, Deputy Brandon Neal, Deputy Trey Davis, Deputy Emmett Crisp, or Ed Zimmerman of RLVFD. The County is currently looking into appointing a full-time Incident Commander. Due to the heroic efforts of the firefighters, no primary residences were lost in any of these fires.

Holiday Closings posted

The Coke County Courthouse, and the Bronte and Robert Lee City Halls will be closed Monday, July 4. The office of the Observer/Enterprise will also be closed on that day.

Residents are reminded that NO FIREWORKS are allowed in Coke County this year due to the dry conditions. To be specific, no one may buy, sell, use or possess any fireworks in Coke

County.

Bake Sale to benefit Robert Lee VFD

A Bake Sale, benefitting the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, will be held Friday (today) July 1, beginning at 9 am at Robert Lee State Bank.

Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the sale is welcome to do so.

Genealogy meeting set

The next Coke County Genealogy Society meeting will be July 18, 2011, at 6 pm

at the Coke County Library in Robert Lee. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Robert Lee Baptist Church to hold Vacation Bible School

"Beach Blast" is this year's theme for Vacation Bible School at Robert Lee Baptist Church. It will be held Monday through Thursday, July 11-14 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Children in grades PreK-6th are encouraged to attend.

Longhorn Golf Club open meeting slated

Longhorn Golf Club will hold an open meeting Tuesday July 5, at 6 pm, at the Bronte Community Center. A progress report will be presented at the meeting, which will include a cov-

ered dish supper.

Pee Wee football sign-up to begin

If any parents are interested in their childrens participating in Pee Wee football (2nd grade - 6th grade), please call C.R. Tijerino at 656-3822.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Please see Page 8 for information on this weekend's events and activities.

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Obituaries

McDonald
 John Doughty McDonald, 50, was born on November 26, 1960, and passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Funeral service was held at 9 am Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with Corey Cornutt officiating. Burial followed in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery. Pallbearers were Donnie Pace, Marty Boyd, Johnny Moore, Shawn Cason, Reid Clark, Callen Clark. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.
 Doughty was born to Maxine and Pete McDonald in Bronte, Texas. He graduated from Central High School and went on to Angelo State University. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business and Finance. Doughty worked as trust officer at Central National bank for twelve years. After leaving the bank, he decided to begin ranching which he greatly enjoyed. Some the best times of his life were spent fishing with his two sons.
 He is preceded in death by his parents.
 Doughty is survived by his wife, Emily Robbins McDonald; his sons, Mario DeLaRosa, and J. D. "Bear" McDonald II all of Bronte; his cousins, Jimmy Rawlings of Bronte, Patty Rawlings of Dallas, Kathy Meador of Abilene, Nancy Poe of Kaufman, and many other cousins.
 The family would like to thank Karla Clark, Leah Rosson, Sherry Barnett, Luni Smith, and Chandra Graves for all of their love and support that they have shown the family.

Nicholas
 Inella Bruton Nicholas of Bronte passed away Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the age of 90. Inella was born November 17, 1920, in Fannin County in East Texas to Everett and Neva Bruton. The family moved to Coke County when she was four along with little sister, Cloreta. Inella graduated from Bronte High School in 1938. She married the love of her life E.O. "Speck" Nicholas in 1942. They took their honeymoon to the state of Washington and stayed a year. They also lived in San Angelo and Abilene.
 Inella loved her family and friends. She was a sweet and kind person to everyone. She always cooked favorite foods and desserts for all the family for birthdays and holidays. She was a great cook to the day she passed away, making lunch for her sister and great-great-niece, Madison.
 Inella is preceded in death by her parents and husband.
 She is survived by her sister, Cloreta Spoons of Bronte; her

niece, Linda Massingill and husband Roy of Bronte; nephew, John Spoons and wife JoEtta of Ft. Worth; great niece, Stephanie Price and husband Chris of Virginia; great-great nieces, Madison Price of Bronte and Kristen Price of Virginia; cousin, John L. Bruton and wife Janie of Midland; many nieces and nephews on the Nicholas side whom she loved dearly.
 Special thanks to Darrell Sowell and Larry and Gwen Dyess for their quick response in this emergency. Coke County is blessed to have people like you in time of need.
 Inella has made her final arrangements and the family will honor her wishes with no service. In lieu of flowers, make donations to the Coke County Fire Department or Bronte Volunteer EMS. Arrangements were made by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Therefore, the Robert Lee City Council has initiated the next step of Stage 3 Water Shortage Restrictions. As of July 1, there will be no outside watering (household use only). Violators will be fined up to \$500.00 for each offense. If a 35% reduction is not achieved, the next phase will be a pro-rata allocation of water per customer with a surcharge of five times the normal water charge for water deliveries in excess of the monthly allocation.
 These steps may seem severe, but the extended drought, three major fires, and extreme heat and wind conditions have taken a toll on area lakes. The water well field that the Upper Colorado River Authority is developing is moving forward but not at a rate that is keeping up with conditions. The City of Robert Lee is also working with the Texas Division of Emergency Management to seek help with an interconnection with another water

system or other water source. For further information call City Hall at 453-2831.
Ladies Water Aerobics held in Bronte
 The Water Aerobics are being held on Monday and Thursday evening at 6 pm at the Bronte swimming pool. Come and join these ladies as they have fun and improve their body. Don't worry about your figure. You're all beautiful.
Emergency Grazing for CRP
 Coke County has been approved for emergency grazing on certain CRP acres. Some of the CRP practices are not eligible to graze. Producers with CRP acres need to come in to the Coke County FSA Office to see if their CRP acres are eligible for this emergency grazing. Producers will be required to give up 25% of their 2011 annual CRP payment. Please contact Coke County FSA for more information.

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4-H Camp slated for July 7-8
 2011 4-H Multi-County Camp will be July 7-8, 2011. Any child who has completed 3rd grade through 8th grade may attend.
 Please call the Extension Office at 453-2461 to pre-register. When you call please make sure that we get what size shirt you need so we can place the order.
City of Robert Lee to further restrict outdoor watering
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Upcoming Fire Fighters Benefit set

Local ranchers, farmers and businessmen have joined together to host a Volunteer Fire Fighters Benefit to help over 25 area volunteer fire departments. This benefit consists of a ranch rodeo, auction, raffle and feast. Everyone is invited to attend, including all fire-fighters and their families.

The event will be held Saturday, July 9, 2011, in the 1st Community Credit Union Spur Arena in San Angelo. Those teams interested in participating in the ranch rodeo, please contact 325-234-8420 for information.

A raffle for a new John Deere Gator is underway with each volunteer fire department selling tickets. Area donors have underwritten the Gator so the fire-fighters will receive 100% of the ticket sales. There has never been a doubt as to the importance of our volunteer fire departments. It is time we, as a community, take care of them. Everyone mark your calendar for a fun filled day Saturday, July 9, 2011.

The Ranch Rodeo starts at 10 am, the meal at 12 noon, and the live auction at 2 pm. After the auction, the ranch rodeo will resume.

Red Hat Society to meet July 7

The Red Hat Mamas (Red Hat Society) will meet at 11 am Thursday, July 7, at Cruisin 277 in Bronte. We will each be ordering from the menu.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. What a fun group we are! Red Hat is one of the things that we really look forward to -- no dues, no rules, no business except to decide where to go the next month, no nothing really, but lots of good fun, food and fellowship. Hope to see you there. Ladies under fifty usually wear at least one thing lavender and wear a pink hat. At or over 50 we usually wear at least one thing purple and wear a red hat. You can't miss us. Don't have a hat? Come join us anyway. For more info or directions call Janet Wommack 473-5388.

Robert Lee Adult/Child Golf Scramble continues

On Wednesday, June 22, 2011 was the 2nd week of the 5 Week, 6-Hole, Adult/Child Scramble at Mountain Creek Golf Course.

The kids from the previous week came back, along with new kids to enjoy the scramble. These young golfers were excited and many will be back next week. We encourage the parents to stay and watch their golfer enjoy this experience.

We had 15 young golfers and 15 adults in attendance

for this scramble. The adults who have given their time to these young golfers are greatly appreciated.

This week's teams consisted of Jesse Flores and Sandra Flores, Darin Clawson and Brady Clawson, Scotty Jackson and Jake Jackson, Jeff Brisbin and Bethany Coppedge, Robert Wink and Billy Coppedge, Randy Flanagan and Wade Allen, Shawn Cason and Rani Coppedge, Bobby Joe Longoria and Mariah Munoz, Douglas Roberts and James Roberts, Jack Yanez and Blaine Yanez, Tommy Antilley and Aimee Zimmerman, Joel Percifull and Garrett Knight, Dick Sims and Kelby Clawson, Jimmy Skinner and Megan Grantham, and Jessie Cerritos and Haley Grantham.

For more information call 325-453-2317.

USDA/FSA Program signup for ECP & LEP deadline is July 1

The deadline to sign up for the ECP program is July 1, 2011. This program is for cost share assistance for fence loss due to the wildfires.

Coke County became eligible for the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) April 19, 2011. This program provides payments to producers for losses suffered in 2011 due to dry conditions. To be eligible, grass acreage must be covered by a NAP policy or Rainfall Insurance. At the time of signup, you will need to provide proof of insurance, copies of leases and livestock

numbers. Qualifying livestock must have been owned 60 days prior to April 19. Producers have until January 30, 2012 to make an application.

Contact the Coke/Sterling FSA office for an appointment to apply for this program. 325-453-2751.

Long receives Ford/FFA scholarship

Mason Long, a 2011 graduate of Sterling City High School-FFA, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Ivey Motor Co., Inc. and Ford Motor Company. Long's parents are Scot Long and Shelli Long of Sterling City. Long plans to study Agricultural Mechanization at Texas Tech University.

The Built Ford Tough - FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

The scholarship is one of 526 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2011, or current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five National \$1,000 BFT - FFA Scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Trucks as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

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Mason Long and Billy Wayne Roe

was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. To date, the program has awarded \$6,586,000 in scholarships to 6,586 FFA members throughout the country. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 523,309 student members as part of 7,487 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of stu-

dents by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st United States Congress, and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more information visit www.ffa.org, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and FFA Nation.

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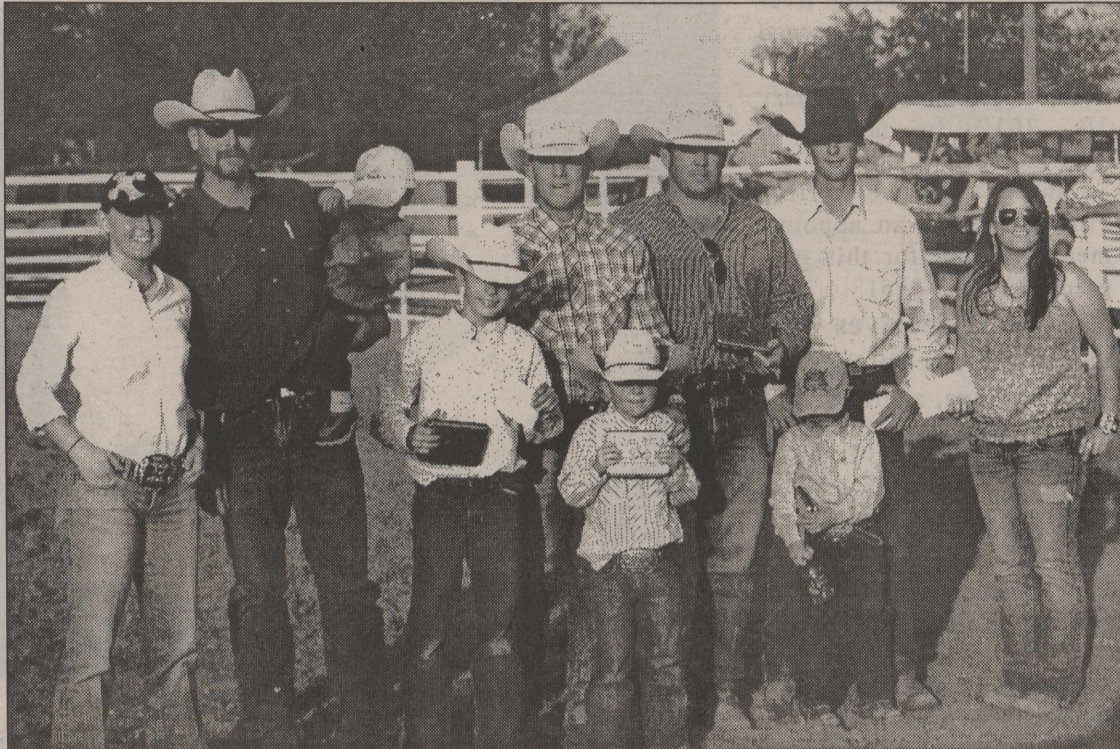
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20th Annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo Winners! For the very first time in Coke County Ranch Rodeo history, one ranch won every event and the overall average - the Bird Ranch of Sterling County. Team members include Will Foster, Dustin Miller, Mark Foley, and captain Colby Frizzell. They are shown with their children and Rodeo Secretary Morgan Webb and Ashley McCuichen, timer. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Murray, Rodeo Secretary.

Robert Lee City Council post minutes of meetings

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on June 13, 2011. Mayor John Jacobs presided. Member(s) Present: Janie Munoz, Richard Johnson, Sid Burns, Tommy Roach and Jeanette Meeks. Member(s) Absent: None. City Staff present, Kay Torres, E. R. Roberts, Justin Brickey. Sign in sheet is on file.

Mayor Jacobs announced a public hearing for citizen comment regarding the completion of the Texas Community Development Block Grant project. Construction activities included: replacement of four filters & media including granular activated carbon, sandblasting and painting, seven filter troughs, and installation of water line from the water tower to the existing connection to the distribution system. Total project cost \$360,445.00 which included a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the Texas Community Development Block grant program and City funds in the amount of \$160,445.00. There being no public comment, hearing closed.

Mayor welcomed new members, Tommy Roach, Jeanette Meeks and incumbent Janie Munoz. Janie Munoz was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.

The bills to be paid and the minutes of the May 9, 2011 City Council meeting were approved.

A request from Coke County Water Supply Corporation for consideration of an adjustment to their water bill due for the period ending April 21 2011 was denied.

Mayor Jacobs presented

information received from the weekly water supply report issued by CRMWD. John Grant, General Manager, CRMWD, stated on news media that CRMWD would stop pumping in two weeks. There will be a teleconference call on Wednesday, June 15th at such time more information will be received. Mayor Jacobs reported that the divide well field is progressing and #4 drill test was very productive. Consideration has to be given to the static level without jeopardizing adjacent landowners. Mayor reported that he met with the Regional Liaison of the Texas Emergency Management Team to discuss the critical water supply issue at Spence Reservoir and request assistance with an inter-connection line with another water supply. Further restrictions to the outdoor watering were discussed. In accordance with the city's drought contingency plan, Stage 3 should be implemented, restricting any outdoor watering. Daily demand should be dropped at least 35%. Currently the daily demand is reported as 250,000 to 275,000 gallons per day. Following further discussion, members voted unanimously to cease all outdoor watering.

There was no report presented by the Animal Control Officer.

Code Enforcement Officer gave his report for the month of May, 2011. Report was accepted.

Outdoor burning restrictions were discussed. In accordance with the adoption of the International Fire Code, guidelines are set forth with rules and precautions for welding and open flame barbecue pits within the City.

The date of the July 11th council meeting was

changed to July 18th since the city secretary would not be present to take minutes.

The audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 as prepared by Eckert & Company was accepted.

Mayor Jacobs reported that further research indicated that chlorine dioxide as a disinfectant protocol would not be effective removing bromines which is an indicator impacting the high TTHMs. At this time the City will not be pursuing a lease purchase agreement with Siemens Company. Another disinfectant, powder activated carbon, is being pursued at this time. Water Samples were drawn by Ana Lab of Abilene. Results will be received in a couple of weeks.

Justin Brickey, operator reported on activity at the WTP with regards to the remaining items of the mCPE CAP. Lagoon project: One lagoon closed off to dry out. WEB will excavate and clean out the lagoon removing the sludge. Sludge when dried, will either be hauled to Bronte for land application pending approval of a permit modification or hauled to the San Angelo Landfill. Sump pump: An extension has been added so that the pump sits above floor level. A backup has been purchased. Standard Operating Procedures: Additions/Corrections have been made and final draft will be sent to TCEQ prior to July 1st. Disinfectant protocol: Researching powder activated carbon. Lab results should be received within a couple of weeks. City Secretary reported as to the finance of the corrective actions taken to comply with the findings listed in the mCPE CAP. As to date, total amount

expended is \$184,255.88. Expenses and projects remaining: Engineer Fees \$25,722.29, WEB fees for cleaning, removing and hauling sludge, Implementation of new disinfectant protocol.

Municipal Judge contract with George Brickey was terminated. Contract for Municipal Judge will be with Coke County Justice of Peace, Jackie Walker.

Mayor Report: Jacobs reported that the well field is progressing and #4 drill test was very productive. Consideration has to be given to the static level without jeopardizing adjacent landowners. Met with the Regional Liaison of the Texas Emergency Management Team to discuss the critical water supply issue at Spence Reservoir and request assistance with an inter-connection line with another water supply. Justin Brickey passed his Customer Service Inspection test and has obtained his CSI license.

City Secretary report: Vacation July 5-12. Reminded recently elected officials of the open government training requirement and handed out the DVD. Handed out Appraisal District Proposed 2012 Budget and the Estimated Taxable Value worksheet.

Water Superintendent report: Current water usage average is 250,000 gallons per day which is down from last year from 275-300,000 gallons per day. Reported of Work orders completed and repairs.

Ana-Lab is currently running test on the proposed PAC disinfectant protocol. Results in two-three weeks. The 10" inch pinch valve has been removed to be rebuilt. Mountain Creek Golf Club outdoor watering is now all irrigation from the effluent pond water received from the wastewater plant. The pump at

Spence is too small, only pumping 90-100 gpm and pulling 330 gpm, from Mountain Creek at the same time. Obtaining prices to go to a larger pump.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The Robert Lee City Council met in Emergency Session on June 17, 2011. Mayor John Jacobs presided. Members Present: Janie Munoz, Richard Johnson, Sid Burns, Tommy Roach and Jeanette Meeks. Staff present: Kay Torres, E.R. Roberts and Justin Brickey.

An emergency meeting was called to discuss unforeseen action to be taken by CRMWD effective immediately that will drastically affect the already critical supply conditions at Lake EV Spence reservoir creating a potential health and safety issue for the community.

Mayor Jacobs called the emergency meeting following a conference call on June 15, 2011. CRMWD informed that they were not going to stop pumping as previously planned and of their intent to place a portable diesel pump in the large pool near the morning glory and pump an additional five foot.

Projections based on this new information revealed a remaining elevation of 1,814.89 foot. If CRMWD stops pumping following the five foot, projections with evaporation, restrictions and other considerations projected water supply to the early spring of 2012. A letter has been mailed to John Grant, General Manager, CRMWD asking for a written assurance that they will stop pumping following the additional five foot.

Jerry Huffman, Regional Liaison, Texas Department of Emergency Management has been contacted and will be issuing a report regarding the critical

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water supply and requesting emergency assistance for Robert Lee. Contact will also be made to Senator Duncan and Representative Darby.

Mayor Jacobs reported that the well field is progressing as previously reported; however, projected for the late fall of 2012.

A water line from Bronte to Robert Lee was discussed whereby Bronte will sell treated water to Robert Lee on an emergency need. Bronte city council will schedule a meeting to discuss this issue. Proposal is for Bronte to allocate approximately 200,000 gallons of treated water per day. Bronte is not capable at this time to provide raw water. Estimated cost of this project is \$800,000.00.

Possible funding options to fund the transmission line was discussed. An application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a STEP grant that may allow a maximum of \$350,000 and an Urgent Need program that may allow a maximum of \$200,000 was discussed. It was suggested to contact the Governor's office and request an emergency declaration.

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned.

Check Out Coke County Library

Two more readers are winners in the Coke County Library weekly drawing. Khadi Kahutek and Jade Mitchell will get a free shaved ice treat at Rhonda and Judy's. All names of readers who return books during the summer will be placed in a drawing for a supreme pizza from the Pizza Barn at the end of July and those readers will also be eligible for the Friday drawings.

Students who read in the summer don't lose any ground in reading proficiency before school starts in September. It's not too late to get the gray cells active. Studies show that television and games are good for "popcorn" thinking, but long-range thinking is most important for decision making and reading trains the brain for that life skill.

Several boxes of really good books have been donated lately. The books are ready for browsing. Crafts, cooking, healing, are some of the subjects.

The heat and television get worse every day. Reading is a good alternative. Reading is one of the cheapest and

most efficient means of escape. Readers don't even have to leave the couch to escape into a book.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

What is a Good Citizen?

[Editor's Note: This article first appeared in the June 6, 2011, issue of Entrepreneurship, Rural Development, Rural Politics. It also appeared to www.ruraltopia.com.]

by Trent McKnight

What is a good citizen? Is it someone who recycles? Votes? Gives to the needy? Is it a dutiful employee who does more than is required? Is it a businessman who builds a factory, a service or a company that improves the quality of life for countless others? Is it a housewife who lovingly cares for her children and her home? Is it a well-informed person who attends rallies and symposiums for justice and equality?

In a word, a good citizen is responsible. Unfortunately, this concept has eroded from the American landscape. This is quite evident in our foreign policy, federal deficit budgets, personal credit card debt, and yes, even our rural communities. Responsibility is the duty that accompanies a position, gift or privilege. Some responsibilities are clearly defined: a mother is responsible for her child. But what are the responsibilities of a good citizen? Who is responsible for helping the stranded traveler with a flat tire? Who is responsible for picking up litter in the bar-ditch? Who is responsible for recruiting young entrepreneurs to town?

We all catch ourselves deferring responsibility to someone else—usually to the vague and elusive: they. "I wish they would fix our school." "I wish they would do something about that problem over there." "I wish they would cleanup our town." But really, it's not their problem, it is our problem—my problem; and I must assume the burden of leadership to make a change.

Our small towns need face-lifts; but nothing will change unless we—unless I recognize that it is my responsibility to elicit change. Community change comes in small increments not colossal revolutions. It begins with one person picking up trash on the side of a road. It begins with one person



Depot's 100th Anniversary! Arlie Lammers, Jimmy and James Coalson were the only descendents of James C. Lammers who were able to attend the 100th anniversary celebration of the Bronte depot June 18, 2011. James C. Lammers was the stone mason responsible for its construction.

organizing a group of concerned citizens. It begins with one person giving a few dollars to a worthy cause in town. Slowly, the fetters of apathy will begin to fall and what began with one good citizen will evolve into a revitalized, responsible community of good citizens.

Are you a good citizen?

Bronte ISD posts board minutes

The Bronte ISD School Board met on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 7 pm in the library. Present at the meeting were Paul Williams, President, Ericka Knight, Shane Kelton, Ray Barnett, Wayne Coalson, Kay Styles, Doug Tounget, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present at the meeting were David Bedford, Donna Poehls, Nancy Cooper, Gina McCutchen, Sujane Schoenfield, and several visitors.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, and David Bedford, Secondary Principal, gave preliminary TAKS test results. The Board approved changes in the dress code. Tattoos must be covered. Five voted in favor; Paul Williams voted against; and Ericka Knight abstained. Females may wear earrings in any part of the ear and the maximum of 2 per ear has been eliminated. All were in favor. Athletic or gym shorts may

be worn in Elementary. All were in favor. The Board approved to keep the current graduation plans. All were in favor.

The Board approved waiver applications for low attendance days and missed instructional days for the 2010-2011 school year. All were in favor. Approval was given for the Burl Lowery CPA engagement letter. All were in favor.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a financial update and the budgets for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 were reviewed.

The Board approved selling a water storage tank to Robert Lee ISD. Six voted in favor. Doug Tounget abstained.

The Board accepted pro-

posals on carpet, exterior painting, and repairing/replacing gutters. All were in favor.

Student accident insurance was approved with a 4-3 vote. Paul Williams, Ericka Knight, and Doug Tounget voted against.

Approval was given for CAS/Workers' compensation renewal and the Board approved an Energy contract with GLO for 48 months starting January 1, 2012. All were in favor.

A discussion was held on the reduction or elimination of the optional 20% local homestead exemption. This matter was tabled.

A discussion was held on the TASB/TASA fall conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

WHO IS JESUS !

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the dead: • *Romans 1:4*

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; • *1 Timothy 2:5*

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. • *John 14:6*

In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God. • *John 1:1*

All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. • *John 1:3*

Who His ownself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to our sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed. • *1 Peter 2:24*

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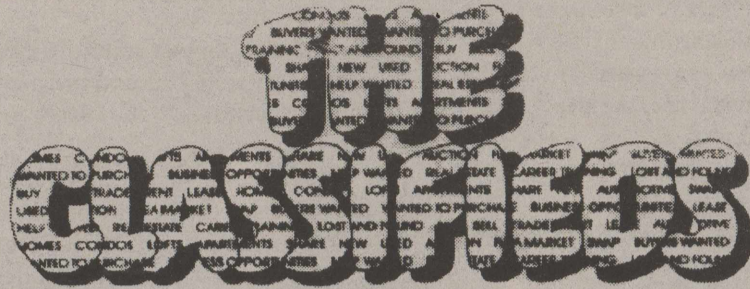
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Thank You,
Milton "Bill" Harmon
50-1tp

NOTICES

COKE COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION PUBLISHES WATER QUALITY REPORT

In accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, a Consumer Confidence Report has been prepared for distribution to customers of the Coke County Water Supply Corporation. This report is available at CCWSC, 10390 Hwy 158, Robert Lee, beginning 7-1-11.

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Coke County; and

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of May, 2011, the Commissioners Court of Coke County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Coke County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Coke County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Coke County.

A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with

sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Coke County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.A. Dept. of Trans. (TEX.OCC.CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C. Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 23rd DAY OF MAY, 2011, BY THE COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Roy Blair
County Judge

Attest:

Mary Grim
47-4tc

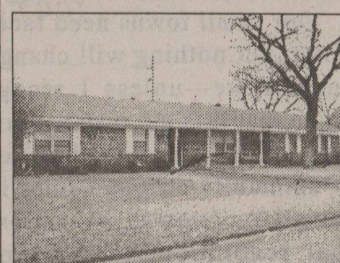
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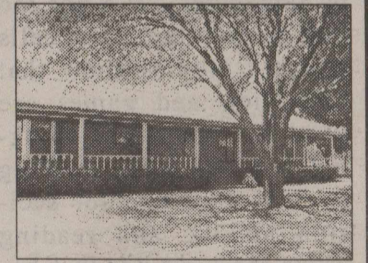
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DECLARATION OF DISASTER AND ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING FOR COKE COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, Coke County, has been affected by recent wildland fires and continues to be threatened by high or extreme wildland fire hazard. This threat is caused by abundant fuel and extreme dry and windy conditions across the State of Texas and in Coke County, and ;

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect and/or rehabilitate property;

NOW THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE COKE COUNTY JUDGE BY SECTION 418.108 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH DISASTER AND DIRECT THAT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS BE IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THAT DISASTER:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Coke County pursuant to Section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for seven (7) days unless extended by the Coke County Commissioners' Court and then for so long as such conditions.

3. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Coke County.

4. Pursuant to Section 418.108 (d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Coke County Emergency Management Plan.

5. The purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Coke County, Texas for the duration of the declaration;

(1) Actions Prohibited:

(a) All outdoor burning of any combustible material is prohibited. A person violates this order if he burns any combustible material or

orders such burning by others.

(b) The sale and use of all fireworks.

(2) Actions Allowed

(a) Any propane cooking, and outdoor cooking fires as long as they are under the supervision and control of an authorized Volunteer Fire Department.

(3) Enforcement:

(a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.

(b) As soon as possible, a duly-commissioned peace officer shall be sent to

the scene to investigate the nature of the fire.

(c) If in the opinion of the officer at the scene and/or the Fire Chief, the goal of the order can be attained by informing the responsible party about the prohibitions established by this order, the officer may, at his discretion, notify the party about the provisions of this order and request compliance with it. In such instances, an entry of the notification shall be made into the dispatchers log containing the time, date, and place of the warning, and the name of the person receiving the warning.

(4) At the discretion of the peace officer and/or Fire

Chief, subsequent or flagrant violations of this order may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be enforced by any duly-commissioned peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of this order will be the Justice of the Peace Court, Coke County, Texas.

This Declaration and Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and continue for a period of seven (7) days unless extended by the Coke County Commissioners' Court with the exception granted to fire-

works under Section 418.108 (i) of the Government Code unless ratified and extended by the Governor of the State of Texas.

Those restrictions that exceed the restrictions authorized to counties in Section 352.051 of the Local Government Code, which are contained in the Declaration of Disaster and Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for Coke County, Texas, issued by Roy Blair, County Judge of Coke County, on June 21, 2011, are extended through 7 am on July 5, 2011.

DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS THE 21st DAY OF JUNE 2011.

Hon. Roy Blair,
Coke County Judge
49-2tc

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Mulligans: T Box Only, 1 Per Round on #1, #7 or #16. If you hit a mulligan, you must use it.

First half of remaining players with best scores posted will be paired with the last half of the players and payout placing will be determined by a bingo draw for a "Partner" Payout

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First 5 Low Scores are	You must register before tee off and pick up rules	Individual & Partnership
Individual Winners	Must be at least a threesome (UIL 9 applies)	play on July 2nd & 3rd.
1st) \$150, 2nd) \$125,	Keep individual score card (neat and clean)	1st) \$200, 2nd) \$175, 3rd)
3rd-5th) \$100 ea.		\$125, 4th -8th) \$100 ea.

July 4th One Day SHOOTOUT!

Must have played July 2nd and/or 3rd to qualify.

July 4th SHOOTOUT

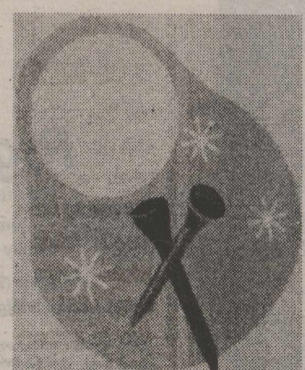
(You do not have to be a member to play in Monday's Shootout.)

TOP 36 Who played Saturday or Sunday • July 2nd and/or 3rd

8:30 am Tee Off Time

18 Holes • 1 Mulligan

1st Place	\$200.00
2nd Place	\$150.00
3rd Place	\$125.00
4th Place	\$100
5th - 10th Place	\$50
11th - 18th Place	\$20.00



July 4th Weekend Activities

Bronte Health & Rehab to celebrate July 4th

The Bronte Health & Rehab Center and the Bronte Health & Rehab Auxiliary will celebrate the 4th of July on Friday, July 1, starting at 6:30 pm.

There will be free hot dogs, followed by a live auction. There will be no fireworks this year due to lack of rain. A much larger fireworks display is planned for next year.

All proceeds will go to help the center's residents have a happier and better quality life during their stay at Bronte Health & Rehab.

All activities will be held indoors Friday evening.

BBQ and Dance to benefit Robert Lee Street Affair

By Sue Sickler

Robert Lee Street Affair Dance is celebrating the 4th of July on July 2, starting at 8 pm in the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

"We wanted to have the dance in a place where people could enjoy themselves," said Toni Rainwater, head of the organizing committee.

"It's just too hot to be outside right now," said Lupe Torres.

The dance will feature Rough Creek, well known local band. Members Randy Flanagan, Douglas Roberts, Dave Sheldon, Scott Smith and Steven Myers will be on hand to play such crowd favorites as "Mustang Sally," "Big City," Luckenbach, Texas," "Texas Angel," "Time Marches On," "Margaritaville," and many more songs to dance to.

The doors open at 8 pm. BBQ plates, drinks and setups will be available at the Concession Booth.

All proceeds from the dance go to benefit the

Robert Lee Street Affair, October 1.

Blackwell July 4th Celebration to include parade, BBQ and dance

July 4th activities in Blackwell begin with a parade at 5 pm.

The Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual barbecue at 5:30 pm at the fire station. All proceeds from the dinner will go the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department.

At "dark thirty", the evening's final activity will begin. The Tommy Alverson concert and dance will be held at the Blackwell Riding Club AMA/Tehtel Pavilion on the hill by the arena on FM 1170 on the eastern edge of town. It is sponsored by the Blackwell Riding Club. Concessions will be available.

Raffle to benefit Blackwell VFD

The Methodist Quilting Club of Blackwell will raffle off a quilt to benefit the Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department.

Tickets can be purchased at Husky Feed Store or at City Hall. The drawing will be at the Annual Fire Department Barbecue on July 3rd.

Cookoff and Street Dance set for July 2 in Rowena

The 6th Annual Rowena Lions Club "Meet You at the Square" BBQ Cookoff & Street Dance will be held Saturday, July 2, 2011, in Downtown Rowena Texas.

Chicken, Pork Ribs, Beans and Margarita contests. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies in the food contests and 1st and 2nd place in the Margarita contest. There is a \$250 overall grand prize.

The entry fee qualifies a team to participate in all the categories.

The Street Dance will be held across the street starting at 9 pm and running through 1 am. (Come rain or shine) Music to be provided by Four Barrel. BYOB and lawnchairs (no glass beer bottles please.) BBQ sandwiches, cokes, water and ice will be sold throughout the day and during the dance. For more information, call

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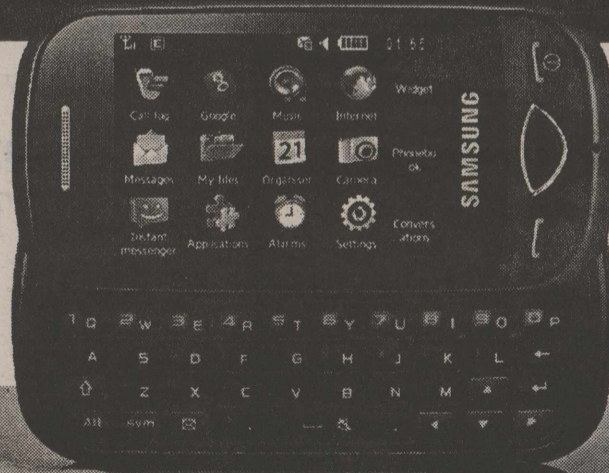
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